

Student Affairs issues diversity goals

Division shares 21 recommendations to promote diversity, inclusion at Notre Dame

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI
Editor-in-Chief

The Division of Student Affairs issued a list of 21 Diversity Recommendations this week, working within the President's Oversight Committee on Diversity and Inclusion chaired by University President Fr. John Jenkins.

Vice President for Student Affairs Erin Hoffmann Harding said the initiatives came out of research conducted by Matthew Storin, senior project specialist for Student Affairs. His work consisted of 138 interviews

conducted this year, including 97 with students. Storin's research was prompted by survey data on student satisfaction with campus life, Hoffmann Harding said.

"Our undergraduate seniors tell us that they have a terrific overall undergraduate experience, better than [at] our peer [institutions] which are some of the most selective in the country, and that is a result that you see regardless of ethnicity," she said. "We're very proud of that from an institutional standpoint."

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Diversity and Inclusion Recommendations from the Division of Student Affairs

GROUP 1

Improve the presence and readiness of Division of Student Affairs staff to serve a diverse student body.

GROUP 2

Augment the services offered by Multicultural Student Programs and Services with targeted programs across the Division of Student Affairs.

GROUP 3

Create a comprehensive, cohesive system for supporting students with high socioeconomic need.

GROUP 4

Demonstrate visible commitment to diversity through communication, facilities and measurement of programs.

STEPH WULZ | The Observer

Campus chapels host Stations

By CHELSEY FATTAL
News Writer

Saint Mary's Office of Campus Ministry began the Easter season with a campus-wide Stations of the Cross event Wednesday in the Sacred Heart Chapel of Holy Cross. This event was the first in a series of weekly Stations of the Cross devotions, which will occur in various locations across campus in the weeks leading up to Easter.

Regina Wilson, director of Campus Ministry, said these days are the most important in the Liturgical Year.

"Stations of the Cross is a centuries old devotion that Christians observe as a way to join their earthly journey of faith to the journey of Christ, particularly the final days of his life on earth," she said.

Kelly Gutrich, ministry assistant for residence life, said Saint Mary's hosts three celebrations of the Stations of the Cross during the Lenten season. Other Lenten events at

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Scientist analyzes disease prevention

By HENRY GENS
News Writer

As part of the Notre Dame Forum on Women in Leadership, Dr. Rita Colwell, distinguished university professor at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, gave a lecture titled "Oceans, Climate and Human Health: the Cholera Paradigm."

Colwell prefaced her talk on cholera by borrowing Hippocrates view, which

stated that in order to understand medicine, one must understand the seasons of the year.

"In other words, the environment plays a major role in human health, and I think that is the underlying theme of my talk tonight," Colwell said.

Cholera is often referred to as pandemic, but it is actually a very local disease in terms of how it arises, Colwell said. The cholera bacteria is found in aquatic systems — from

rivers to oceans — the world over, although she said a deep understanding of the bacteria's habitat was not present until work done by her lab in the 1970s.

"In fact, it was considered 150 years ago that miasma — bad air — was the cause of disease," Colwell said. "This is before we understood that bacteria and viruses actually cause disease."

"And so you talked about miasma. Washington D.C. was rife with yellow fever, typhoid

fever, malaria, cholera, until 1900. In fact, it was known as a miasma swamp."

Unlike many other pathogens, the cholera bacteria is intrinsically linked to environmental processes, Colwell said.

"Not only does it have the ability to cause disease when ingested in large numbers by humans, but it has a role in the environment," she said. "Ten percent of strains we've

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Justice Education drive helps Dismas House

By RONI DARLING
News Writer

The Justice Education Department of Saint Mary's College conducts its first clothing drive from March 17 to April 17 and will sell donated clothing at a "Just Shop Boutique" on April 25. All proceeds from the boutique benefit the men and women of the Dismas House.

Junior Meredith Mersits said the Dismas House is an organization in South Bend that serves both men and women who are former offenders.

"The house enables them to

get back on their feet after incarceration and learn skills to apply after leaving Dismas House," she said.

Mersits said the organization not only helps support individuals, but also promotes key moral values.

"We are giving all of monetary proceeds to Dismas to further directly support the population of former offending individuals because people deserve second chances, as well as justice, dignity and worth," she said.

Mersits said there are

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Image courtesy of Meredith Mersits

Donation boxes for clothing, shoes and accessories will be located in residence halls, academic buildings, the Angela Athletic Facility and the student center.



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How many puddles have you walked through today?



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"Twenty."



Ian Hall
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"One."



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senior
Lyons Hall
"Zero."



Louise Gallagher
freshman
Walsh Hall
"Seventy-eight."



Eliza Nagle
senior
off campus
"Two hundred."



Ryan Nichols
senior
Keough Hall
"Fifteen, plus the ocean next to the dining hall."



EMMET FARNAN | The Observer

With room picks season underway, the men of Sorin College spent Tuesday evening planning their living situations for next school year. The variety of room layouts in Sorin make for plenty of options and competition for these students.

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Thursday

Poetry Slam

Snite Museum of Art
5 p.m.-7 p.m.
Held by Spoken Word ND.

Loyal Daughters & Sons

Hesburgh Library
9:30 p.m.-11 p.m.
Tickets \$3.

Friday

Art Therapy

St. Liam Hall
1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
Stress buster Friday.

Glee Club Concert

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.-9 p.m.
Annual spring concert.

Saturday

Women's Softball

Melissa Cook Stadium
12 p.m.-4 p.m.
The Irish take on Pittsburgh.

Saturday Vigil Mass

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

Sunday

Zen Meditation

Coleman-Morse Center
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Open to all.

12 Angry Men

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
3 p.m.
Part of the Classic Films series.

Monday

Lecture: "Casta Paintings"

Information
Technology Center
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Frank Cahill Lecture in Business Ethics

Mendoza College of Business
4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Open to the public.

Lenten Chapel Crawl enhances student faith

By JACK ROONEY
Associate News Editor

With the season of Lent in full swing at Notre Dame, the Notre Dame Lenten Chapel Crawl, sponsored by Howard Hall, provides students with a unique opportunity to bolster their faith lives while exploring different spiritual communities on campus.

Sophomore Cara Lucas, Howard's liturgical commissioner and one of the Chapel Crawl organizers, said the event features Mass every day of Lent in a different campus chapel.

"It's a chance for students throughout campus to visit all the other dorm chapels," Lucas said. "We think it's a thing that's on a lot of people's bucket list, so we kind of offer

it as a chance to cross something off your Notre Dame bucket list.

"Doing it during Lent gives people the chance to do something extra instead of giving something up."

Lucas said hosting the event during Lent also gives students an opportunity to relax and pray as their schedules become hectic.

"I think having it during Lent is a good time to reflect," she said. "Some of the homilies are really helpful to hear, especially when school gets stressful. So instead of wasting an hour on the internet, I like the opportunity to spend that hour in Mass with fellow students."

Sophomore Grace Maginn said she plans on attending all of the Chapel Crawl Masses as

a way to enrich her faith life during the Lenten season.

"I wanted to pick one Lenten resolution where I gave something up, and another where I actually went out and did something," Maginn said. "The Chapel Crawl gives me an opportunity to try and attend daily Mass more often."

"I try and go a couple days a week, but the chapel crawl posed a new kind of challenge for me, going to Mass even when I feel like I don't have time for it."

Maginn said the Chapel Crawl offers a community similar to Sunday night dorm Masses, but with a fresh change of scenery.

"The chapel crawl is kind of like a travelling Sunday dorm Mass community," she said. "It's a big enough group that

you feel like the volume levels should be those for a Sunday Mass, so it isn't your typical daily Mass experience in that sense.

"On the other hand, the group is still small enough that I feel like by the end of it I will have made a friend or two."

Although she acknowledged social and prayer life at Notre Dame can grow too comfortable and monotonous, Maginn said the Chapel Crawl allows her and others to leave their comfort zone and encounter new people and faith communities.

"The chapel crawl gives me a chance to go to dorms I would never normally visit because, among a number of typical excuses I give, they're too far away, it's too cold outside or I don't know anyone who lives

there," she said. "The chapel crawl allows me to see so many different sides of campus."

Lucas said approximately 70 people attended the kick-off Mass in Howard, and she hopes to see a strong community continue throughout the entire season of Lent.

"Last year, toward the end [of Lent], there would only be like two or three Howard girls at Chapel Crawl Masses, so this year we put up posters and made a Facebook page to try to make it a more campus-wide thing," she said.

Lucas said students can find a schedule for Chapel Crawl Masses on the event's Facebook page and on the Campus Ministry website.

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Archbishop reflects on Pope Francis's teachings

By JACK ROONEY
Associate News Editor

Cardinal Francis George, archbishop of Chicago, came to Notre Dame on March 6 to lecture on mercy in the teaching and ministry of Pope Francis and how the Pope's Argentinian origins inform his leadership in the Vatican.

"The three themes or

attitudes that surround his teaching on mercy and flesh it out are dialogue as encounter, poverty and 'Deus Semper Maior,' [which translates as] 'God is always greater,'" George said.

George focused on these three themes, and said the Pope's emphasis on mercy grew out of his own personal experience.

"The topic is not very difficult to research because ... every talk he gives comes back to mercy as the root of his own experience and has shaped his pastoral approach, and to some extent, his theoretical teaching," he said.

"The emphasis on this virtue is rooted in the personal experience of young Jorge Bergoglio in Buenos Aires.

At the age of 17 on his way to meet with friends, he decided to stop in a church. Upon entering, he met a priest whose spirituality moved the young man to confession. That moment was a critical experience in his young life."

George said dialogue, which he called "the methodology of the Second Vatican Council," is an essential aspect of Pope Francis's vision of mercy, though Catholics often struggle to initiate and execute effective dialogue.

"Referring to the modern historical events in Argentina, Bergoglio states that we must create a 'culture of encounter,'" he said. "So often, however, we bring obstacles that do not permit a fruitful dialogue, obstacles such as domination, not knowing how to listen, noise in our speech, preconceived judgments and so many others."

George said the Pope's efforts to live a life of poverty also heavily influence his vision of mercy in the Church.

"His choice of the name Francis reveals the Pope's sense of closeness with St. Francis of Assisi and their shared dedication to the poor," he said. "He's no stranger to poverty and the needs of the poor. He walked the slums in the neighborhoods in which he lived, he met with victims of human trafficking and encouraged his Jesuit students to understand that the center is the periphery."

Pope Francis's own actions provide an example for Catholics to live a life of poverty and serve the poor, George said.

"His zeal for serving the poor is reflected in his own simple lifestyle, and the first few days of his papacy were

filled with a number of papal firsts," he said. "He paid his own bill at the hotel, took the bus with fellow Cardinals and called the newspaperman in Argentina to cancel his subscription. Through his actions, the Pope is offering us a true example of love for the poor."

George said the Pope also encourages Catholics to blend the dialogue and poverty and make an effort to know the poor.

"There is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor," he said. "For those of us accustomed to assisting the poor through financial means, the Pope encourages us to know the individuals we help on a more personal level. He also invites us to simplify our lifestyles."

"[Pope Francis] says the culture of prosperity deadens us, and trickle-down theories of economic growth have not proven reliable. A life of poverty will help to identify what is truly important in life."

George said Pope Francis aims to put mercy at the center of the Church and craft a message of salvation for sinners through the joy of the gospel.

"The Pope's conviction from his experience and in his teaching is that God's mercy must be the reality which fundamentally shapes Catholic life, and particularly evangelization, offering the Gospel with joy to the entire world," he said. "The joy of a sinner experiencing God's mercy and having been forgiven by someone who is always greater and capable of love ... is a very beautiful thing to realize."

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Cholera

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tested are luminescent, many of them fix nitrogen, they play a role in the carbon cycle — so they have a very important role to play.

“We know that it’s unlikely that we can eradicate cholera because it’s part of the natural environment. But you can prevent cholera by providing safe drinking water.”

Colwell found over the course of her research in places like India, Bangladesh and Haiti that the above-average temperatures and rainfall combined with poor water systems and large social events, such as religious festivals, significantly contribute to outbreaks of cholera.

This has particular implications for climate change, Colwell said. During the past few decades, she said her team has demonstrated that as sea surface temperatures have risen, so have cholera bacteria populations in those regions.

Highlighting the span and diversity of her research, Colwell also talked about DNA profiling of individuals to construct microbiomes, or genomes of bacteria and other microbes that live inside humans, of different regional populations.

She said her team found a huge discrepancy between healthy Indian and healthy western microbiomes, with the Indian samples having a much larger percentage of pathogens despite the comparable well-being of the individuals from which the samples were taken.

When certain bacteria are present along with cholera bacteria, Colwell said they actually produce more toxins. Hence, there are insidious implications for individuals that contain a mixture of seemingly innocuous bacteria in their microbiome.

Colwell said her lab also investigated different methods and paradigms of providing safe drinking water for communities in a cost-feasible manner. One method targeted copepods, a small crustacean about 300 micrometers in size, which carries the cholera bacteria.

“So if we could eliminate the copepods and the debris from the water, we should be able to reduce cholera,” she said. “So we did the experiments in the laboratory, we tried all kinds of really inexpensive stuff — sari cloth that the women wear, men’s t-shirts that they would wear in Bangladesh — and we found that if we folded used sari cloth about 4 or 5 times, you could get a 20 micrometer mesh filter and that would trap all the particulates and the copepods and all of the other little critters. And you could reduce the numbers of cholera bacteria by 99 percent.”

When Colwell applied for a grant from the National



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Dr. Rita Colwell, a professor at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, discusses cholera research as part of the Notre Dame Forum on Women in Leadership.

Institutes of Health she was initially rejected because they did not believe men would drink water filtered from a sari — even though, as Colwell found, they were already using

sari cloth to filter flies from their beer.

“So young scientists and young discoverers, when you get that rejection, don’t go in a corner and cry; just read

it, revise it and resubmit it,” Colwell said.

In the end, Colwell’s team was able to get funding from the National Institute of Nursing for the study and

found that villages taught to use the inexpensive sari cloth filter reduced cholera incidence by 50 percent from control.

She said this method worked better than the plastic mesh filter costing a month’s salary, which was provided to members of other villages. A follow-up five years later found that 75 percent of women were still using the cloth method, and former control villages could not be used as a comparison because they had heard about the technique and began using it as well, Colwell said.

“I really like the words of John Muir, founder of the Sierra Club,” Colwell said. “He said ‘when one tugs at a single thing in nature he’ — and I would add ‘she’ — ‘finds it attached to the rest of the universe.’”

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"However, we do not stack up as competitively with our peers in any ethnic group for satisfaction with the climate for minorities on campus, according to our students. ... But surveys only tell you so much, so I asked Matt Storin to take on a special project this year to really get behind those numbers."

Storin said the most concerning finding to come out of his research was the indication that many minority students feel like they are the "other" on campus.

"[Minority students] often feel that they are not having the same full, enjoyable experience that they feel the white majority students are having, those who might have been raised in a Notre Dame tradition and always wanted to come here," he said.

Many white majority students interviewed in the study expressed support for the concept of diversity and an increasingly diverse student body, but said they were not actively engaged with the issue or engaged in getting to know students different from them, Storin said. He said there were "inspirational" exceptions, however, of students in the white majority who felt passionate about improving the situation.

The most optimistic conclusion to emerge from the

research was the sense of community built into the Catholic and academic environments at Notre Dame, Storin said.

"The figures show that we could probably make an argument that we have the strongest sense of community of any campus in the country," he said. "So that's a good foundation on which to build if we're going to have programs and initiatives to direct more attention to engagement with people not like ourselves."

"With that and the sense of social justice which is quite evident on this campus ... there's a lot that we can do ... I'm pretty optimistic that, eventually, students are going to enter Notre Dame and realize right from the beginning, for those who don't already, that whether someone looks like the picture of the leprechaun or not, that we're all Irish and we're in this one for all in a way that builds on our best traditions."

Hoffmann Harding said the 21 recommendations from Student Affairs fall into four groups, and responsibility for acting on each recommendation has been assigned to a member of her senior team who will report directly to her.

The first group focuses on internal training within Student Affairs to be ready as a staff to serve a diverse student body, she said. This will include recruitment, retention and development efforts within the Division, with the goal of providing students

with role models in the administration who might share their backgrounds and staying attentive to the diversity of the Division staff.

The second group is aimed at students and addresses ways to augment and supplement support the work done

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Matt Storin
senior project specialist
Student Affairs

by Multicultural Student Programs and Services.

"One of the things I'd highlight that we heard very frequently in Matt's interviews is orientation," Hoffmann Harding said. "It's the first impression of students when they come to campus, and I think it very importantly sets the stage for how we expect to interact with one another and

the values that we hold here on campus."

The third group of recommendations will seek to create a more effective support system for students with high socioeconomic need, including revised advising, parameters and available resources in the Rector Fund and evaluating the level of support needed for students staying on campus for breaks.

"We need to do a little more benchmarking ... to design some programs that will be very intentional and thoughtful about the communication and the services that we provide," Hoffmann Harding said.

The fourth group will seek ways to demonstrate a visible commitment to diversity on campus with symbolic reminders, facilities and communication strategies.

"[We need] to think about this not just in terms of programs that we do but also in what we say both verbally as a Division ... and what we see here on campus," she said. "I've been struck often by how readily apparent it is that Notre Dame is Catholic. We have a crucifix in every classroom. We have the beauty of the Grotto, the beauty of the Basilica.

"How can we use this as an occasion to celebrate places and symbols on campus, so it's clear not only in the things that we do but in the things that you all see as students that diversity is an important value to us?"

More immediate goals within this group include having a diversity statement posted in every residence hall by the end of the semester and instituting a new Student Affairs undergraduate leadership award recognizing commitment to diversity and inclusion, beginning this year.

Hoffmann Harding said while the project began with a focus on ethnic diversity and minority student experiences, she hopes the project will engage all students and foster appreciation for each individual's contributions to campus.

"I think it's a misconception in many ways [to say] that there is one difference that defines us, like race," she said. "I think each and every individual student brings a different set of talents, a different set of interests and a different set of experiences to campus.

"And I think as a Catholic

institution, it is our obligation and responsibility to engage and think about what we can learn from others."

Storin said the recommendations involve everyone on campus because "if you go through four years here without branching out culturally, it's a missed opportunity."

"I think we all understand [that] you cannot shove inclusion down the throats of people. ... It has to be an evolving process," he said. "[We need] conditions in dorms and in freshman orientation that lead people to get together."

He said the complexity of the issue means that it won't be solved immediately, but conversation and feedback, particularly from students, will ensure continued progress. Hoffmann Harding said she and her colleagues would remain open to student feedback.

"Any time you put a plan in place, it should not be something that lives on a shelf but should continue to morph and improve," Hoffmann Harding said. "We have benefitted in putting together these recommendations already from student work — several of the suggestions on here came directly from Diversity Council and student government in a joint resolution that they passed."

Hoffmann Harding said she and Storin presented the recommendations to the President's Committee and this set of initiatives is just one dimension of the work done by the different subcommittees.

"This effort is so important to our mission as a University and for all of your experience as students," she said. "It's something that we take extraordinarily seriously and that we think really does derive from our mission to have every student feel welcome, to have a great experience here and to feel safe and comfortable coming to us.

"I welcome feedback and conversation on this topic ... and we're going to give it our best to make a positive difference and to create the kind of climate that we all want together."

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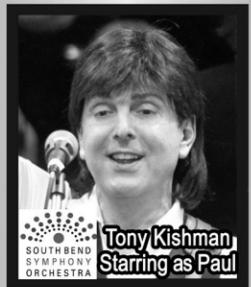
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Senate discusses campus diversity, inclusion

By **MARGARET HYNDS**
News Writer

At Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting, diversity and inclusion were the main topics of discussion, as Erin Hoffmann Harding, vice president for student affairs, presented her diversity report summary and proposals at the meeting.

Based on answers from a survey conducted among graduating seniors over the past several years, Hoffmann Harding said no group of students is satisfied with the current level of diversity on campus.

"The difference between us [in this regard] and other universities is substantial," she said.

At the start of the year, the Division of Student Affairs conducted a campus-wide survey to evaluate student, faculty, staff and alumni opinions on how the University handles issues regarding diversity and inclusion, Hoffmann Harding said.

The survey, which was conducted by senior project specialist for Student Affairs Matthew Storin, involved almost 100 students, 50 faculty and staff and a handful of alums, she said.

"[The result of the study] was really reassuring," Hoffmann Harding said. "Our campus is one that values diversity and students are enthusiastic about it. Storin didn't find any evidence of prevalent or deeply-seeded ill intent in anybody involved in our campus community."

However, Hoffmann Harding said some students demonstrated a lack of interest in taking action on the issue.

"In most of the students [Storin] talked to, what he heard was that diversity is a great thing, but not something that's really important to my Notre Dame experience," she said.

Hoffmann Harding said the Division of Student Affairs has identified a list of four groups of focus for the future as a result of the survey.

"We want to improve presence and readiness of Division staff to serve a diverse student body, augment MSPS [Multicultural Student Programs and Services] for targeted programs across the Division of Student Affairs, create a comprehensive, cohesive system for supporting students with high socioeconomic need and demonstrate visible commitment to diversity through communication, facilities and measurement of programs," she said.

Hoffmann Harding said emphasis is on helping students with high socioeconomic needs in the upcoming future,

especially with regard to rector funds and availability of meal-plan accessible dining options during breaks. In terms of rector funds, the Division of Student Affairs plans to evaluate their use and determine if there are sufficient funds to help students appropriately.

"In our world today, I feel like it's our obligation to welcome all and to care about the human dignity of each and every individual," she said. "And it's our goal for every student to feel as though they belong here and to have a wonderful experience both inside and outside the classroom."

At the meeting, an amendment was also proposed to update the non-discrimination clause within the Student Union Constitution, but it was tabled until next week pending further discussion to improve the amendment's language.

An amendment stating that all amendments to the constitution must be submitted to the director of the Department of Internal Affairs at least 72 hours prior to deliberation was passed, however.

The SUB executive board was also approved on Wednesday, including Brianna Leon, Alex Ignacio, Caroline Schuitema and Morgan Brennan as Directors of Programming, Christina Senger as Director of Publicity, Harmona Abera as Director of Operations and Stephen Cray as Director of Finance.

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Drive

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currently donation boxes located throughout Saint Mary's campus, including in Spes Unica, Madeleva, Moreau, Angela Athletic Facility, the Student Center, ECDC, Admission Office and the Welcome Center.

Beginning April 7, residence halls will also have boxes accepting clothing for both men and women and individuals of all ages, she said.

"Please wash all clothes and make sure they are in good condition," Mersits said. "We would also really appreciate professional clothing to serve the former offending women population."

Mersits said the Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and South Bend community are encouraged to come to the "Just Shop Boutique" in the Student Center's A, B and C conference

rooms. According to Mersits, the boutique will have clothing, accessories and shoes, and sales will be based on donations.

Besides aiding the organization financially, Mersits said the Justice Education Department also hopes to spread awareness of injustice by educating students.

"Justice Education is about advocating and bringing awareness to topics that do not get light shed on them and also pursuing a change," she said. "Another aspect of Justice Education is not just talking about what we could do, but going out and doing it."

Mersits said this call to action is reflected in the goal of the organization to support a population of offenders who do not necessarily receive justice after gaining freedom.

"These men and women go through rough situations even before incarceration, especially women who experience sexual and domestic abuse," she said.

"Also, in many cases, most crimes that incarcerated women commit are not the most dangerous crimes.

"After incarceration, offenders face a harsh world with the

"It's great that our community is able to encourage and help the residents get a second chance."

Mairead Zigulich
freshman

inability to vote, apply for SNAP [food stamps]. They have to find housing, most likely in a rough area, [and] sometimes their children are not returned to them. [They may have] no job, no source of income."

Mersits said excess clothing from the drive is donated to Good Will, which also supports former offenders by offering a

work program to help them get back on their feet.

Freshman Mairead Zigulich said she recently donated items to the clothing drive.

"It felt really good to donate knowing that I was able to be a part of someone's progress and growth, even from a small action," she said. "It's great that our community is able to encourage and help the residents get a second chance."

Zigulich said the boutique benefits those who otherwise could not afford some of the items and will sponsor increased community engagement on campus.

"I think that by integrating Saint Mary's and Notre Dame along with the South Bend community will spark further volunteerism not only with the Dismas House, but other local organizations as well," she said.

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Stations

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Saint Mary's and Notre Dame include Easter Vespers, Paschal Vespers and Notre Dame's campus-wide Stations of the Cross.

"Celebrated every Wednesday night from 8 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. is an intense service of prayers, themes and readings, in order to reflect before Easter," Wilson said.

Wilson said Stations of the Cross is a way for students to experience prayer. As a faith community, she said it is important to invite students into a way of prayer that helps them deepen their relationship with Christ and share their Lenten journey with one another.

Office of Campus Ministry director Judith Fean said Stations of the Cross honors the life of Jesus.

"It is a form of night prayer that celebrates the time where, in the earliest centuries of the Church, Christians in Jerusalem walked the path that Jesus walked as a way to show their devotion to Christ and to take up their own crosses of life," she said.

As part of this year's celebration, Gutrich said a different campus chapel will celebrate Stations of the Cross each week. She said the locations of the events are available on bulletin boards and the Campus Ministry Facebook page.

"Lenten events provide us with great community experiences as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus," she said.

Each week, Wilson said Campus Ministry will incorporate a new theme. These themes include "Scriptural Stations," "Eco Stations: Bearing the Cross of Christ during Climate Change," "The Traditional Jerusalem Stations," "No Greater Love" and "Solemn Stations of the Cross: Walking with the Women Followers of Jesus."

In offering different themes, the Office of Campus Ministry hopes to invite participants to participate in different forms of prayer and understand human struggles.

In addition to the weekly Stations of the Cross at Saint Mary's College, Wilson said there are opportunities to pray the "Way of the Cross" in parishes and communities all over the South Bend area.

"One important devotion, I believe, for Saint Mary's community is that the charismatic aspects of the Holy Cross is devotion to the cross," Wilson said. "And so the 'Way of the Cross' becomes another way to remind ourselves of the call to cling to the cross of Christ."

"Our only hope as a community of faith, who follow the ideals of Basil Moreau is 'Ave Crux, Spes Unica [Hail the cross, our only hope],' the very motto of Saint Mary's College."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Music and memories



Allison D'Ambrosia
Photographer

Over spring break, 55 of my closest friends and I went to France. I'm part of the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir, and every other year, the choir goes on an international tour. This year: France. We went to many cities including Beyeux, Chartres, Le Mons and Paris. I don't know how to pare down all the stories, laughs, walks, metro rides, singing and breath-taking moments that happened in just one week — but I shall try.

We began as five moms, one dad, two directors, three grad student conductors, one priest and 55 college students all sitting at O'Hare airport, equipped with our four blue things: passport, plane ticket, choir robe and tour binder, filled with the music that will ring in my head for many weeks to come. This was the very beginning of our adventures and the snapping of pictures that never seemed to end over the next week.

I only have time — and room — to name just a few of my favorite memories from the trip.

A tradition of the choir is to have a community "Tour Journal," which is passed around during the week for people to write down stories, quotes, experiences, etc. they want to share and remember. As we were riding from site to site, I loved sitting on the bus reading people's thoughts and stories.

One entry in particular struck me as this entry was alike my own feelings. We sang at a Carmelite convent church in a town that was very affected by the air raids of World War II. After we sang for mass, we gave a brief concert. One of the pieces we sang is Mendelsohn's "Richte Mich, Gott." I was shocked by how overcome I became while singing this piece, which we had rehearsed 100 times and had already performed eight. But singing in German in a place that had experience so much suffering and trauma at the hands of the Germans, I felt incredibly uncomfortable. Some of the audience members seemed a tad taken aback by our song choice as well, yet we kept on singing.

In a sense, the beauty of the piece and the emotion with which we sang it overcame the awkwardness of the location. I feel like we were able to portray the hurt and devastation — even if it was only by a minuscule amount — by our performance, which somehow ironically removed the gap between audience and performer. The lyrics, from Psalm 43, made sense in the context. We sang: "Rescue me from those who are deceitful and wicked. You are God my stronghold." This, for me, was one of the most moving performances during our entire tour.

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Church doctrine denies equality

Bianca Almada

This is Real Life

At the risk of sounding obsessive, I dare to open up the controversial, often-discussed but never completely-resolved question: Why can't women be priests?

I have been a member of the Catholic Church for my entire life. Similar to many modern Catholics, I maintain my Catholic identity and possess a strong sense of belief, but continue to question or disagree with certain aspects of the Catholic Church as an institution. The role of women in the Church — their power, their socially-accepted roles and lack of official leadership — is a subject that frustrates me immensely.

To be fair, devout Catholic women are capable of attaining certain positions of important, sacred nature within the Church. Women can become nuns, prioresses, missionaries, parish council members and leaders of religious ministries, among other things. These positions come with great responsibility and require admirable levels of faith and dedication, and they are important in their own right.

However, there are no positions available to women in the official Church hierarchy — priest, bishop, cardinal, monsignor, pope or even deacon. Only those in these positions partake in the Church's hierarchy of power, and only those who reach the highest levels of the hierarchy have the authority to make decisions regarding the Catholic faith as a whole. Only members of the hierarchy have the authority to perform the Liturgy of the Eucharist, to give Confession and to facilitate the Sacraments.

On a grander scale, only the highest level of authority has the power to write

encyclicals, deliberate the Church's position on social issues, clarify the interpretation of scripture and establish the focus of the Church as a whole. These responsibilities lie only with men.

If women make up half of the membership of the Catholic Church, why are they denied any real power within the institution? Why are their insights excluded? Why are they considered not good enough, or blessed enough or capable enough to partake in the critical discussions and decision-making processes that define the direction of the Church?

People offer a variety of answers to these questions. One such response is the argument that no one in the Church has the authority to alter a sacrament, and allowing women to be priests would inevitably alter the Sacrament of Holy Orders. I ask the question, however: What exactly are the most important, fundamental aspects of this sacrament? Are they personal sense of calling to vocation, dedication, and service, and the ability to follow through on sacred vows? Or are they biological circumstance and outdated convention?

Moreover, previous popes, because of the doctrine of papal infallibility, have made equally "radical" declarations regarding Church teaching, including official interpretations regarding the assumption of Mary and the existence of purgatory, which are not implicitly stated in the Bible.

Another response is the argument that Jesus was a man, so naturally all leaders of the Church must also be men. I find this response to be a bit more absurd. Given the time period and location that Jesus walked the earth, and the customs and culture surrounding that setting, a female would not have been taken seriously as a religious leader, let alone a revolutionary.

However, the times have since changed dramatically. Besides the historical context, one must seriously ask what the most important qualities of a priest, or other hierarchical leader, are. If a person feels called to devote his or her life to God and the Church, and is willing and capable of being a leader in the Church due to religious education and profound faith, why should that person be denied the opportunity because of gender?

People also argue that God created men and women to possess different roles in society. On a certain level, this may be true. However, those roles, as the Church claims to interpret them today, are meant to be equal, though they may be different. One gender is certainly not meant to dominate the other, and for one gender to possess sole decision-making power over the other in any household or organization is inherently unequal. Why does the Catholic Church hierarchy perpetuate this exact kind of inequality?

It is easy to brush off this issue of fundamental inequality as unimportant. The Church offers various rationalizations as to why this inequality is permissible, or even worse, why it is not really a case of inequality at all. The fact of the matter is, however, that the fate and direction of the Catholic Church on earth is decided solely by men. And women are, if even unintentionally, labeled as unworthy, incapable or unfit to take on a leadership role in their own religion — and it is not right.

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Just (don't) do it?

Amanda Peña
The Bubble

Studying abroad through a non-Notre Dame program has been one of the greatest experiences in my life — not simply studying abroad, but breaking out of the Notre Dame bubble while doing so. The friendships I am building with other students from schools like Vanderbilt, Tulane, USC and West Point have been gratifying and eye-opening as I learn about Greek life or various cultural and socioeconomic differences for college students within the States.

I must admit though, it has been incredibly difficult communicating the kind of place Notre Dame is to students who do not understand the atmosphere beneath the Golden Dome — especially when it comes to social interactions and gender relations.

Through conversation and debate, I am beginning to see a real flaw in Our Lady's University. It isn't South Bend's lack of a thriving night scene or how our single-sex dorms contribute to awkward gender relations — although those issues warrant their own discussion — but the lack of sexual health education or resources available to students. To be clear, I'm not asking Notre Dame to install condom dispensers in our restrooms or start handing out birth control pills with the Eucharist. Rather, I am referring to how our concern

for sexual health is stigmatized and virtually ignored.

Notre Dame is asking its students to abstain from sexual activities and is even fighting the government on its contraceptive policies. As a Catholic university, Notre Dame is entitled to hold these positions on sexual and reproductive health, but sexual health encompasses far more than sexual intercourse and contraception topics most can easily forget about.

According to the World Health Organization, sexual health “is a state of physical, mental and social well-being in relation to sexuality [that] requires a positive and respectful approach to sexuality and sexual relationships ... [and] the possibility of having pleasurable and safe sexual experiences, free of coercion, discrimination and violence.” Now, it's pretty easy to sift out the key words Notre Dame would eliminate from this definition if it were to implement a sexual health program for the student body, but let's look into this a little further.

To have a strong position on sexual health, Notre Dame needs to strengthen its position in the other areas that don't necessarily pertain to birth control and abstinence. While sexual health is important at every stage in our lives, not just our reproductive years, puberty is probably the easiest to talk about when we're young, and once we're older, the conversation changes to gynecological and testicular cancers. But how exactly can a

Catholic institution reach its students in their reproductive years?

Last semester, my friend was turned away from St. Liam's when he asked to be STD-tested because he wasn't raped and didn't show symptoms of a disease. A close friend didn't know she had ovarian cysts until she found herself in a life-threatening situation. I made a friend in an eating disorder therapy group with a sexual addiction that served as one of her triggers. One of my friends was diagnosed with PTSD from constant harassment by an ex-boyfriend who stalked her around campus for a year. I'm a victim of sexual violence but was too afraid to seek mental or physical treatment without being blamed for what happened to me.

There's the stigma my friends in the LGBTQ community have to endure when it comes to questions about their sexual health, and what about those who are unknowingly or knowingly infected with STIs or STDs but lack the community to discuss their concerns or with which to find meaningful, long-term relationships?

Of course, you can always discreetly consult Internet communities like healthcentral.com for sexual health information, positivesingles.com for dating-with-disease advice or aftersilence.org regarding surviving sexual violence, to name a few, yet where are our communities at Notre Dame? All these things considered, and still, heaven forbid you get spotted at Planned Parenthood for a

reason other than holding a protest sign.

These issues are incredibly important and unfortunately very easily tossed aside for the sake of debating one's position on abortion and birth control. My study-abroad friends mention the advertisements at their universities for free STD testing or daycare centers for students with unplanned pregnancies. They have health staff administering routine gynecological and testicular exams and offering diagnostic services, evaluation and treatment in a non-judgmental clinical setting, regardless of sexual orientation.

There are a lot of emotional, mental and physical factors to consider when crafting a sexual health program for a Catholic university, and if we have to exclude methods of practicing safe sex, then we seriously need to give students more resources and support other than an anti-Nike approach like: “Just [don't] do it.” Not to get into another controversial subject, but maybe we should be investing \$400 million into student health instead; after all, our health is integral to academics and athletics anyway.

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Watch what you tweet

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Niner Online

Playboy magazine founder Hugh Hefner was pronounced dead on June 11, 2011. Within minutes, thousands of alarmed fans shared the news of the sudden passing of an international icon. Comments and condolences filled our Twitter timelines as we eagerly passed along news of this unexpected development to our friends and followers.

“RIPHughHefner” even became a trending topic, with over half of the Twitter population concurrently discussing the death. No one was more surprised at this news than Hefner himself, who responded to the rumor by tweeting, “I'm happy to see how many people are pleased that I'm not dead. I'm pleased too.”

You may be asking yourself how such a deadly rumor could travel so fast. How could a totally fabricated “news” story be so easily consumed, believed and recycled? The answer is simple: Twitter.

Originally termed “microblogging,” Twitter allows its users to post and read statements, limited to 140 characters, known as “tweets.” It has been useful for communicating short notice adjustments to schedules, informing us when the season premiere of Housewives of Hollywood is airing or announcing Justin Bieber's latest arrest.

Some educators have even started using Twitter as a way to update students on class changes. The service's convenience makes it an invaluable asset to our daily lives. However, incidents like the one involving Hugh Hefner are not uncommon and point to a societal trend that is rapidly evolving into a societal concern.

As newspapers go out of business and journalists struggle to find work, many critics point to today's generation as the culprit. The deliberate unwillingness to pick up a newspaper or turn on the 6 o'clock news is exactly why more convenient sources such as Twitter emerged as new leaders in timely information. Tweets take a second to write and a second to read, drastically cutting the time it takes to

consume larger messages. Twitter news is credible when it comes from some of the trusted news networks like CNN, ESPN, the Associated Press, NPR and others. However, news from credible sources can be so easily changed and adjusted that one can't help but wonder where the line between the truth and a lie is.

I do not agree with critics that blame today's generation for being increasingly picky about what they spend their time reading. In fact, being particular about what one chooses to read and believe may be the remedy for issues like the Hugh Hefner incident.

Twitter is proven to be a useful news source in many ways, but one must learn how to filter what information they believe and, most importantly, repeat. It's important to be a responsible consumer of news. Students seldom present arguments in an essay unless they have indisputable facts and references to back them up; the same attitude should be taken towards spreading Twitter news.

As society becomes progressively sophisticated due to the increasing

availability of news, so must our sophistication in filtering what information is newsworthy and what requires further investigation before passing it on. This is basically the modern rendition of “Don't believe everything you see on TV.”

Instead of eliminating Twitter from our lives altogether or using it as our sole news source, we should incorporate it into a plethora of news sources to help alleviate the stress of trying to distinguish the real from the fabricated. Many news sources, like CNN, have created smartphone apps that deliver news straight to the device's home page.

If we learn to increase the credibility of the news we pass along, we will undoubtedly increase the credibility of ourselves.

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WHAM! BAM! POETRY SLAM!

By CAELIN MILTKO
Scene Writer

Considered the revival of the performance aspect of poetry, slam poetry gives poets a chance to present their pieces vibrantly and actively and gives audience members the chance to engage in the performance.

A movement that started in the 1990s, slam poetry was generated as a mass of poetry meant to be spoken, not read. Thursday, members of the South Bend community will have the chance to witness and participate in this poetic movement.

Hosted by the University of Notre Dame Creative Writing Program, the Snite Museum of Art and the Spoken Word club of Notre Dame, the second annual “Wham! Bam! Poetry Slam!” will take place Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Contestants have been allowed to register since March 3, and the final group of 12 competitors will be chosen at the event. In addition, a group of judges will be randomly selected from the audience to provide each contestant with their score.

There will be two rounds of performances, and each poet has less than two minutes to present an original creation. They are not allowed props, costumes, musical accompaniment or memorization aids. They are, however, allowed to make use of a variety of oral and visual performance methods. Slam poets have been known to sing, dance and beatbox, and the presentation of their poetry is entirely up to them.

Competitors at the “Wham! Bam! Poetry Slam!” may come from the University of Notre Dame, St. Mary’s College or the South Bend community. All were encouraged to apply in order to provide a

wide variety of perspectives in the poetry presented.

Slam poetry is known to deal with a wide variety of topics, from challenging an authority system to dealing with personal issues. One of the contestants last year presented her poem in the form of a letter to her 17-year-old self, and another competitor incorporated singing into his performance. The videos of these performances can be found on YouTube.

The form has been criticized for its submission to public opinion, as poets are forced to entertain the audience if they want to do well at the competition. At the same time, one of its goals has always been to open up poetry to public critique and engage the audience more fully in the art form.

Slam poetry is not your run-of-the-mill, strictly-structured poetry, intended to be read quietly in a classroom. The

form intends to draw in the audience through whatever performance techniques poets feel are effective and use this to get their messages across.

Slam poets can be angry, calling out societal injustices dealing with racial, economic, and gender issues they see in the world.

The “Wham! Bam! Poetry Slam!” will have two masters of ceremonies: Peter Twal, a second-year MFA student in the Creative Writing Program, whose poetry has been published in various journals, and Marc Drake, the president of the Spoken Word club of Notre Dame.

Doors will open at 5 p.m., with the Slam officially starting at 5:15 p.m. Admission is free. The event is part of the Snite Museum’s Third Thursdays program.

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HOW LIL WAYNE GREW UP



Miko Malabute
Scene Writer

Whether you were a fan, a passive listener or an adamant opponent, there was no way a week would pass during the latter half of the 2000s that you or your colleagues didn’t at least mention Lil Wayne.

You would probably be hard-pressed to remember a time you, your friends or even your parents weren’t mentioning the wildly-successful rapper, making sure to stress the “Lil,” and not making the pop-culturally-inept mishap of pronouncing it “Little.”

An artist that seemed to defy the rise and fall of trends, Wayne dominated the early 2000s in terms of relevancy and commercial success. He managed to keep in touch with the youth of America, perpetually staying intimately connected with tweens and young adults alike, despite his own advancing age.

In fact, Wayne affirmed the height of his own popularity and success in music with his mid-2009 release of the song “Kobe Bryant,” a song that not only established where his loyalties lay — with the then-dominant Los Angeles Lakers — but

also allowed him to draw a parallel between Kobe Bryant — the consensus best player on the face of the world at the time, who dominated the post-Michael Jordan era of basketball — and himself.

Like Bryant, Wayne dominated the post-Tupac, post-Notorious B.I.G., post-any-other-rapper era, and he didn’t mince words with his assertion: “I’m the best yes, and [Bryant] the best yeah / Don’t worry LeBron [James], you next year.” And, of course, this was during a time that James was considered a close second to Bryant’s first, in terms of best players in the league.

What separated Bryant and Wayne from their peers were their relentless drives to success and uncanny ability to continue to put themselves in positions for success. It was widely publicized that both had insatiable desires to be the best in their crafts. Despite a number of years passing, the two remained the unquestioned alpha dogs in their respective domains. Wayne, just like Bryant, kept getting better with age — that is, until he didn’t.

With news of Wayne’s final solo album, “Tha Carter V,” set to be released on May 5, it finally seems to be dawning

on Wayne that his career is almost over. Since the close of 2009, Wayne has found himself on the decline, in both relevancy and rapping prowess.

This decline, interestingly enough, coincided with the rise of Drake, who was perceived as Wayne’s pupil and right-hand man in music.

Finally, it seems the longevity of Wayne’s career is setting upon him. After mixed reception to his releases of “Tha Carter III” and “Tha Carter IV,” it almost seems that Wayne’s early-career ambition to dominate the music industry seemed to fade into the past, just like his career.

However, what goes by unappreciated is that with Wayne’s decision to let go of his obsession with being the best, Wayne matured — so much so that his younger audience failed to understand him. Interestingly enough, this did not seem to bother Wayne.

On the contrary, nowadays he seems to be at an understanding with himself, fully delving into his love for making music, as evidenced by his insistence that this was the hardest he’s worked on an album in a long time, and the opportunities his successful career has afforded

him: the comfort he can provide for his family and friends, his passion for skateboarding and, of course, watching his celebrity peer Bryant reach the twilight of his own career with the Lakers.

This approach to the end of Wayne’s career may be found in Bryant’s journey to the end of his own career. On Dec. 8, 2013, Bryant made his return to the court following a devastating Achilles’ tear, and though his play was rusty — gently put — he couldn’t help but betray his elation of how happy he was playing again, knowing that his reign over the basketball landscape was coming to an end.

Wayne, like Bryant, asserted his dominance before by insisting he was the best, and that he’d stop at nothing to maintain that status quo.

However, he cemented his place in greatness by finally letting that go and growing up, appreciating his place in history and success and enjoying the twilight of his career.

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Scene Writer

Paris may not be cool enough to have the sound “Buddha” in it, but it doesn’t have the word “pest” in it, either. The essential word in Paris is “par,” since Paris sets the par for all other European cities. Before you disagree, just taste the yogurt. A spoonful of Parisian yogurt is like a spoonful of silk, since it is made with whole milk and coconut flecks. You’d better enjoy it, since it costs six euros, but the high fat content outweighs the exorbitant cost. Since you can only afford to eat six ounces of yogurt for lunch, it better have 20 grams of fat, or tourists will mistake you for a starving artist on the Seine.

When I first arrived in Paris, I was not privy to these gems of knowledge, and the Parisians did a thorough job of letting me know that I was not one of them. Confuse the lunch menu with the dinner menu? No water for you, even if you ask three times and throw in a “s’il vous plait?” Little did I know that asking for water was a faux pas, since anyone who was old enough to order for themselves was supposed to drink wine. In fact, saying “faux pas” was a faux pas, since apparently no one says that anymore.

Soon enough, I realized Rosetta Stone had betrayed me. Only bumbling tourists exclaim “bon appétit!” and pay 15 euros for cheese at the Fromagerie. Seasoned Parisians serve their meals without fanfare and purchase their groceries at MonoPrix, a sort of French Wal-Mart. Disappointed and disillusioned, I was finally encouraged by a quintessential French scene: a young artist painting on the bridge.

I stood there and admired her dramatic brush strokes, only to be honked at by a moped that was blasting Beyoncé’s “Run the World (Girls).” I jumped out of the way, not about to let the girls who run the world also run me over.

As the week continued, my willingness to speak in French diminished as quickly as my bundle of euros. I wasn’t even pick-pocketed at least, as far as I know. At this rate, I would be mute and in desperate need of money in two days. No wonder mimes thronged the streets.

So far, the city of Paris was nothing like I had imagined. Where were the croissants and cross-dressers? I only saw flocks of tourists snapping photos. I knew, though, that Paris was magical. It must be magical

— It had a sparkling Eiffel Tower for goodness’ sake. A glance down at my hipster Toms reminded me that I would never experience the true Paris if I stuck to the mainstream Seine. I took a deep breath, broke away from the river, and ventured into the untraveled streets of Paris. Untraveled except for the people who live there, that is.

The problem is that Paris is pretty hard to navigate without the help of glass pyramids and arcs of triumph. I was not exactly eager to ask the youths smoking in the streets for directions, so I assumed a pensive air and wandered. I was not lost, just ambling, and what a wonderful city in which to amble. Every block displayed a new treasure. Look: a balcony covered in vines, and a forlorn, shriveled rose. It was the most romantic, historical walk I had ever taken, and it was made even more romantic by the fact that I was walking by myself.

However, one can only amble for so long, and after two hours, I was tired of convincing myself that it was cool to trip over the cobblestones that Napoleon tripped on years ago. According to the pyramid of needs, I could only appreciate the history of Paris once I had sampled the food it had to offer. The smell of freshly-baked baguettes wafted my way, and I contemplated pulling a Jean Valjean and nabbing some “pain.”

Unfortunately, I am a soprano and couldn’t hit Valjean’s note in “Who Am I?” So, I cast myself as Gavroche and pressed my nose up against the frosted window. The bread looked delicious — even yumier than the waiter who was wiping down the tables. He could tell I liked the bread more than him, so he spitefully pulled down the shades. Hubris.

Parisians: I strongly disliked them, but I also wanted to be them. I was back in high school, enviously eyeing the cool kids’ table. This time, though, the cool kids were eating foie gras. Paris is cool, and it knows it’s cool. When you hang out with it, you feel its coolness transferring to you, before you realize that its coolness only heightens your inferiority. Social climbers who come to Paris: beware. If you try to scale the walls of Notre Dame de Paris, you will end up looking like a hunchback.

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Daniel Barabasi
Scene Writer

In the cold winter of 2013, “Business Insider” named Budapest, a place you probably haven’t heard of, the hipster capital of Europe.

Following the “Book of Hip,” such an act would immediately discredit any underground-ness the capital of Hungary would hold. Instead, the irony of “Business Insider” having any claim to make such a statement only emblazoned the avant-garde spirit of this pearl of Eastern Europe.

You might be wondering how this forgotten city became the center of what you should not have heard of, but clearly, you have to thank the Turks and the Soviets.

Wait, what? That’s right, the current highlights of the city and culture draw their roots in the two largest conquerors of Hungary. The Turkish threat explains the structure of the current city, with the majestic castle of Buda overlooking the Danube, as well as the Turkish baths where locals and tourists relax on hot summer days and dark winter ones alike. The Soviets, on the other hand, kept the city under a firm rule, releasing over 40 years of repressed creativity and repairs with their withdrawal.

Now, if that doesn’t excite you, here’s something that will: The best recommendation I have for those coming to Budapest is to come “hungary.” Unlike the mainstream tourist destinations in Western Europe, Budapest offers three-course gourmet Hungarian meals for under ten dollars. I’m talking soup or salad, a full entrée and dessert, all for the price of a burrito at Chipotle.

Oh, and did I mention it’s socially acceptable to have dessert with every meal? The pastry and coffee shops of Budapest hosted Nobel Prize-winning poets, writers and photographers in the early 20th century, so clearly dining there will also make you world-renowned. Croissants are so overrated — Instead, complete your European experience with a krèmes — custard cake — at the Ruszwurm.

Now, this all might sound more like an affordable European destination rather than the hodgepodge of art and creativity “Business Insider” promised. So why indeed is there a migration of

black-rimmed-glasses-toting immigrants to the city?

The answer unfolds in Pest’s District VII, not to be confused in the slightest with the one in Panem. Over the past few years, abandoned, run-down buildings were bought up and renovated by skinny-jeaned entrepreneurs. The product: “Ruin Pubs.” Inside, you can find live bands, hookah bars, dance floors and movies over projectors, all while relaxing under old computer screens and Christmas lights. The pubs tout almost everything available at a thrift shop, with the most popular seating being an old Trabant car and a bathtub.

Now, to get in, of course you’ll have to fit in, and that means perusing the local shops during the day. Secondhand and vintage stores in the center of the city pick out the best of the Soviet fashion, which, considering the strictness of Communist rule, is quite popping. If pre-worn clothing isn’t your style, the local shoe brand, and of course Communist-inspired, Tisza Cipo has made a revival, and costs the same as your average high-end Converse.

If amidst all this eating and wandering you have an urge to kick back as well, the Turkish baths offer a social way to wash of the grit. Locals lounge about multiple indoor and outdoor pools, then sometimes disappear for massages in the heart of the baths. Of course, on summer weekends, the outdoor basins grow speakers and DJs, in this way offering an incentive for youths to visit with pool raves.

At the end of your trip, after hitting all the places mentioned above and then some that have opened since this article got published, you run one big risk. You might not leave your friends back here with their jaws hanging when you brag about your trip to Budapest. But the joke’s on them: While they wiggled through camera-happy tourists in Western Europe, you got to fill your belly and soul at a fraction of the price.

Just please, please, don’t ask about the appetite of the locals.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

How to earn your one billion



Alex Wilcox
Sports Writer

Kudos to you for making it this far into the paper! As much as us writers don't like to admit it, we know that The Observer is mostly read casually-at-best by people sitting alone or waiting for a friend at the dining hall.

But you did it! You made it all the way through the sports section and here you are at my article. To reward you for your support and in a shameless effort to get more people to read my article, here's a reward for you: one billion dollars.

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So how do you claim your prize?

Well you may have heard Warren Buffet is offering the same amount to whomever fills out a perfect bracket for this year's NCAA Tournament. Of course, no one has ever accomplished this feat, but then again, no one has ever listened to my unsolicited college basketball advice either.

So, dedicated Observer reader, today is your lucky day, as I am about to give you the tips you need to make this the easiest billion dollars you'll ever make.

The Ultimate Upset.

March Madness is all about the upsets. Recently, we've seen Florida Gulf Coast knock off perennial basketball power Georgetown and reach the Sweet 16, Wichita State reach the Final Four and Butler reach the national championship - twice!

Lehigh, a No. 15 seed, knocked off Duke, a No. 2 seed, in what I see as the beginning to a trend. Clearly, recent history suggests when an unheard of 15-seed goes up against a basketball behemoth in the 2-seed, the 15-seed defeats Goliath and becomes basketball's newest Cinderella.

With that in mind, look for Milwaukee over Villanova or Eastern Kentucky over Kansas.

But picks like that are too tame for a billion dollars. No one has ever made a perfect bracket, just as no 16-seed has ever beaten a No. 1 seed. Correlation? I think so. This is the year of the perfect bracket, and this is the year a top seed goes down. As bold as it would be to pick any of the No. 1 seeds to lose their opening game, it takes the boldest of the bold to win a billion dollars. Don't take Coastal Carolina over Virginia, that's too easy. Instead, go all the

way: Albany over the overall top seed, the Florida Gators.

Sure, Florida has only two losses all year, boasts a balanced lineup of experienced players and a championship coach and currently own a 26-game winning streak, but how does that compare to the scrappy Great Danes, a team that just missed the 20-win mark but won the America East Conference and then won their play-in game over Mount St. Mary's? They even have the word "Great" in their nickname; how can you not expect them to pull off the greatest of all upsets?

Don't Listen to the Experts

If you've even turned on ESPN since Selection Sunday, you have undoubtedly seen everyone in the sporting world jump on the Michigan State bandwagon. During one bracketology special, every single analyst predicted the Spartans would be cutting down the nets in Dallas. "Barack-etology" followed suit, as President Obama also chose Michigan State in his annual Presidential bracket. Famed political blogger and numbers guru Nate Silver has taken his analytical prowess to college basketball and dubbed Louisville as his champion, with a whole 15 percent vote of confidence.

But 15 percent won't get you a billion dollars.

Sure, Nate Silver may have correctly predicted every presidential election in our lifetime, and maybe every expect and the leader of the free world thinks Sparta is going to run the table, but neither Jay Bilas nor President Obama has ever had a perfect bracket.

Be different, be bold, be a visionary. Choose a small school in the middle of nowhere, champions of a mediocre conference, whose best player is a 22-year-old white guy. Choose Creighton.

So there you have it. My advice to our loyal readers consists of unheard of upsets, complete disregard for expert opinion and an unlikely champion. Follow my advice and you just may become the laughingstock of every pool you enter, or you could be the one laughing at the rest of your peers who seriously thought Wichita State was going to keep that perfect intact. Just remember me when you cash that billion-dollar check.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Obama picks Spartans

Associated Press

President Barack Obama is picking Michigan State to win the NCAA men's basketball championship over defending champion Louisville.

In what has become an annual March Madness tradition at the White House,

Obama filled out a bracket in a segment broadcast on ESPN Wednesday.

Florida and Arizona rounded out Obama's Final Four picks. But he said the talents of Michigan State coach Tom Izzo made him pick the Spartans to go all the way.

Obama said he knows his

pick aren't imaginative but expressed hope they'd help him win his pool this year. He noted that he hasn't had a lot of luck with his picks in the past.

Last year he correctly picked Louisville to play in the championship game, but wrongly said the Cardinals would lose to Indiana.

MLB | YANKEES 7, BRAVES 0

Nova, Yankees best Braves

Associated Press

Ivan Nova pitched two-hit ball while working into the seventh inning for the first time this spring, and the New York Yankees beat the Atlanta Braves 7-0 Wednesday.

Nova didn't walk a batter and didn't allow a runner past second base. He said he felt like he could have kept going until he was pulled after allowing a double to Ryan Doumit.

"I expected to pitch six, but not into the seventh," Nova said. "I left feeling strong. This was a good day. I felt really comfortable."

Nova struck out five in 6 1-3 innings and lowered his ERA to 3.66 in his fifth start this spring.

Carlos Beltran had three hits and drove in two runs and Adonis Garcia raised his spring batting average to .423 with two RBIs.

David Hale went 4 1-3 innings, allowing three runs and walking three. With injuries to several starters, Hale is in the mix for one of the final two spots in the rotation. He has a spring ERA of 5.11

STARTING TIME

Yankees: Nova was asked if he feels like a veteran because he leads the team with five starts. He laughed at that one.

"I guess I've been here a while but do I feel like a veteran? No, no, no," Nova said. "But I have been here long enough to know what I am doing."

Yankees manager Joe Girardi said he had no problems letting Nova pitch into the seventh inning.

"He was getting batters out. I thought he looked great," Girardi said.

Braves: Hale knows he's under close scrutiny as the Braves try to scrape together a starting rotation. He was excited about facing much of the Yankees regular starting lineup.

"I grew up watching Derek Jeter," Hale said. "That was fun."

What wasn't fun were the walks. Hale had only walked two batters all spring but he was concerned after walking three against the Yankees.

"I know I have to cut down on the walks," Hale said. "I figured out what I was doing wrong and I need to make some corrections. Right now, I am absolutely where I want to be."

With a shot at one of the open spots in the rotation, Hale said he is trying to stay focused.

"You never want to see anyone get hurt, but it has given me an opportunity," Hale said.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Yankees: Outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury was out of the lineup for a second straight day nursing a sore right calf. Girardi said he is still day to day.

Braves: Kris Medlen had Tommy John surgery on Wednesday to repair his ulnar collateral ligament in his right pitching elbow. He is out for the season. ... First

baseman Freddie Freeman returned to the lineup and went 0 for 3. He has been struggling with a bruised thumb.

McCANN RETURNS

Yankees catcher Brian McCann returned to the Braves' complex at Walt Disney World for the first time since signing a five-year, \$85 million deal during the offseason. McCann spent nine years with the Braves, making seven All-Star appearances. He has fond memories of his time in Atlanta.

"I didn't come here for any reason but it was good to see the guys," McCann said. "I came to catch Nova. I am very grateful to the Braves. They made me the player I am today and I loved my time here."

Girardi said McCann is making a difference on and off the field.

"He goes out of his way to help the pitching staff," Girardi said. "He spends time with them off the field. You can learn a lot about a guy that way. He's becoming a leader to that staff."

TO THE RESCUE

The Braves signed Erwin Santana to a one-year, \$14.1 million deal last week to fill the void in the starting rotation. After pitching several bullpens, Santana will make his first start in a Braves uniform on Thursday in Port St. Lucie against the New York Mets. Santana went 9-10 with a 3.24 ERA for the Kansas City Royals last season

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NHL | WINNIPEG 5, COLORADO 4

Jets outscore Avalanche in overtime thriller

Associated Press

Blake Wheeler scored in overtime on a shot through the crowd to give the Winnipeg Jets a 5-4 win against the Avalanche on Wednesday night.

It was the fourth time in five games this season between the Jets and Avalanche that went to overtime. The loss let Chicago slip by Colorado into second place in the Central Division.

"Both teams had good chances," said Avs coach Patrick Roy after Colorado's second loss in a row. Roy's homecoming to Montreal ended in a 6-3 loss to the Canadiens Tuesday night.

At the end they made a great play. Wheeler I thought made a really good play and scored a nice goal."

Ryan O'Reilly, Gabriel Landeskog, Nick Holden and Cody McLeod scored for Colorado. Rookie goaltender Reto Berra made his first start since he was acquired by Colorado from the Calgary Flames at the trade deadline.

"I think he made some huge saves in the third when we really needed it the most," said Landeskog, who scored the tying goal for Colorado at the end of the first period to make

it 2-2.

Andrew Ladd scored twice for the injury-depleted Jets. Eric Tangradi and Evander Kane also scored.

Ladd's second came on a power play at 4:58 in the third period when he was poised near the inside edge of the faceoff circle and caught Wheeler's pass from the boards to make it 4-3.

Wheeler has 35 assists and team-leading 24 goals, cementing his position as the Jets' scoring leader with 59 points.

It was a big night for the Jets as they gained a little more ground in their uphill climb to the playoffs. They are still sit two points behind Dallas and four points behind Phoenix, which now holds the eighth and final wild-card berth.

McLeod scored his third goal of the season on Al Montoya to tie it up again for Colorado at 10:23.

Wheeler ended it at 1:42 of overtime with a shot from near the boards that slashed through traffic.

O'Reilly's first goal came just 20 seconds into the game on a sharp-angled shot that slipped past Montoya but the Jets responded with serious pressure.

They had four shots to Colorado's two as Ladd evened things up at 3:15 with his 20th of the season, racing in on Reto Berra's stick side. It was Berra's first start since he was acquired by Colorado from the Calgary Flames at the trade deadline.

Tangradi put the Jets ahead with his first goal since November and only second of the season as Wheeler swept around the Colorado net, slipped the puck across the crease and Berra didn't even have time to react before it was over the line.

Colorado came back with several good chances but it wasn't until 17:47 that Landeskog shoveled in Andre Benoit's rebound to tie the game going into the second period.

The second period was all Jets. They had outshot the tired-looking Avalanche 8-1. Kane scored at 12:02 as he snapped one from the net side of the left faceoff circle.

But some weak defensive play in their own end in the final minutes finally cost the Jets as Holden flipped a soft one in at 19:29, although Winnipeg outshot Colorado 11-5 in the second period.

NBA | NEW YORK 92, INDIANA 86

Phil Jackson introduced at MSG

Associated Press

Long after Phil Jackson acknowledged the cheering fans with a thumbs-up and then a wave, there was one more standing ovation inside Madison Square Garden.

This one went to the Knicks, a far cry from the way they were treated at home earlier this season.

Carmelo Anthony scored 34 points and New York opened the Jackson era by beating the Indiana Pacers 92-86 Wednesday night for its season-high seventh straight victory.

With their new team president watching from a midcourt seat, the Knicks dominated the first half, then pulled away after the Eastern Conference leaders finally got untracked in the second.

"With a guy like that around it creates a winning mentality, it creates an atmosphere that's pretty golden and we've got to capitalize on that," Knicks forward Amare Stoudemire said.

Fans stood for Jackson in the first quarter and were on their feet again in the final minute to watch the Knicks beat the team that knocked them out of the playoffs last year.

"There's energy in the city. Bringing Phil back is huge for this franchise I think," coach Mike Woodson said. "But I've got to give a lot of credit to those guys in the locker room too, because again, we're battling. We've dug a hole and we're trying to dig our way out of the hole."

Lance Stephenson had 21 points and nine rebounds for the Pacers, who had their four-game winning streak snapped and failed to extend their three-game lead over the Miami Heat, who lost to Boston earlier Wednesday. Roy Hibbert scored 20 on 8-of-10 shooting, but All-Star Paul George missed all six first-quarter shots and finished 4 for 17 for his 17 points.

"We haven't grown our IQ as a team into improvising when teams try to throw little wrenches into our offense and that's where we've got to grow offensively," George said.

New York's previous six wins had all come against non-playoff teams, but this was against a team that seemingly had returned to form after dropping a season-worst four in a row.

"The teams that we play, we feel like they're in our way. That's our motto right now. They're in our way and we don't want to let nothing stop that," Anthony said.

Stoudemire added 21 points and Tyson Chandler grabbed 14 rebounds for the Knicks,

just 16-20 at home and four games behind Atlanta for the final East playoff spot.

Jackson met with coaches and players earlier Wednesday, then watched the game from a seat above center court, receiving loud applause when he was shown on the overhead screen during a first-quarter timeout.

The 11-time champion as a coach also was on the Knicks' only two title-winning teams as a player, and there was a different energy in the building during what's been a hugely disappointing season until recent days.

Woodson said before the game he wasn't angry that Madison Square Garden chairman James Dolan had originally talked to Jackson in December about the coaching job, adding that "the city should be buzzing" over his return. (Not all of it is; a group of fans frustrated with Dolan's leadership of the franchise went through with a previously planned protest outside the arena before the game).

Hibbert scored 14 points in the third quarter to help Indiana wipe out nearly all of a 16-point deficit, and it was just a one-point game early in the fourth when George made just his second field goal. But the Knicks answered with eight in a row, going ahead 75-66 on Stoudemire's basket with 7:57 remaining, and Anthony spun for a dunk and knocked down a jumper for consecutive scores after Indiana trimmed it to five with under 4 minutes to go.

"In the first half we tried to do it ourselves and only had two assists," Pacers coach Frank Vogel said. "In the second half we played much better. Shared the basketball better, we screened better, but we fell short."

Woodson improved to 45-16 in March and April as Knicks coach, but New York faces an uphill climb to dig out of the hole a 2-11 February created.

New York ran off 12 in a row to open its biggest lead at 39-23 on Stoudemire's basket midway through the second quarter, and the Pacers could only trim that to 47-35 at halftime

NOTES:

Andrew Bynum will be out the rest of the week resting his sore right knee. The center aggravated his troublesome knee after playing Saturday against Detroit, his second appearance since signing with the Pacers. He has averaged 11.5 points and 9.5 rebounds thus far. ... Indiana won both earlier meetings and was trying to sweep the series for the first time since 2007-08.

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Softball

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According to Irish coach Deanna Gumpf, having a loaded starting staff is a blessing, especially for the Irish batters.

"I just think it gives them confidence and consistency," Gumpf said. "And when we have confidence and consistency, we give our hitters a chance to relax. When hitters can relax, they can be at their very best. Pitching is very important for that."

The trio has been on a tear both in and out of conference play, combining for 14 complete games, seven shut-outs and a combined ERA of 2.06. Nasland has also added two saves, as the team's only relief pitcher.

What makes the group effective, according to coach Gumpf, is their varying array of styles.

"They're all different," Gumpf said. "Laura is great because hitters don't really know what to expect from her. She's kind of a shock pitcher. She'll throw a pitch and they will react like 'Whoa, what was that?' She has a shock factor. Allie has a great off-speed, so that they will always have to think when Allie is pitching because she has such a great off-speed. And Rachel is awesome because she can jam up hitters really well. Her strength can jam hitters up, and that is what she does best."

Though all three have been instrumental to the Irish success this season, the linchpin of the group is Laura Winter. The senior is 13-3 on the season, with an ERA of 1.87, and leads the team in innings pitched (105) and strikeouts (124), while only walking 16 batters this season.

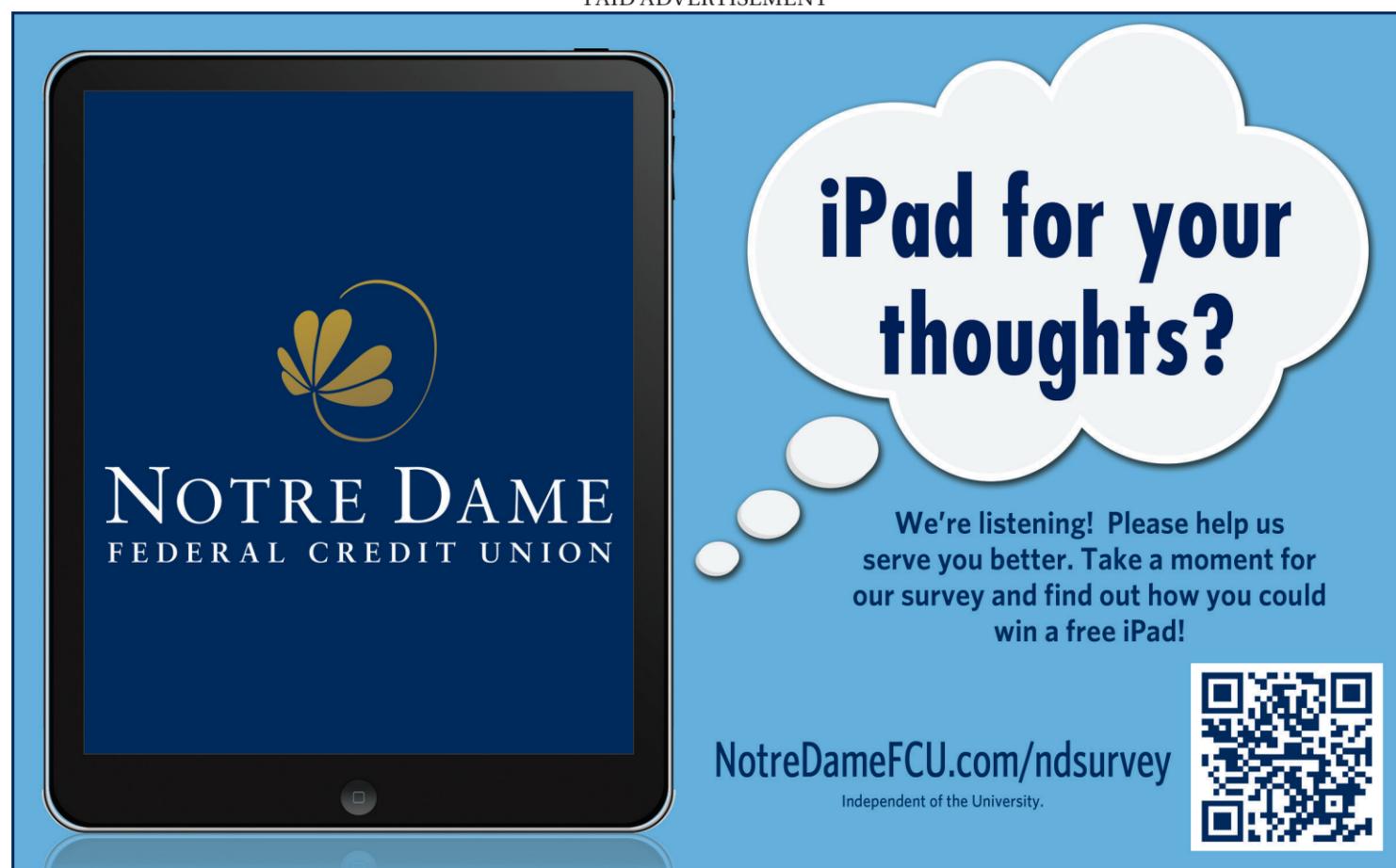
The 2013 Big East Conference Player of the Year, Winter is also the only player in program history to win back-to-back conference Pitcher of the Year awards as well. She earned the award in both 2012 and 2013. Winter is currently tied for the all-time school record for career wins with 96, and earlier this season set the all-time record for career strikeouts. Her strikeout total now stands at 934.

Gumpf said she recognizes just what a privilege it has been to have Winter on the team.

"To coach Laura is rewarding because of the success that she has," Gumpf said. "She makes me very proud because she always does what you ask her to do. She's a competitor, and she wants to win for her team. That's really important because she leaves it out there. It means so much to her to be able to win games for her team."

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SMC TENNIS

Belles aim to build momentum

By ALEX CARSON
Sports Writer

Looking to carry forward the momentum from a spring break trip to Florida, where the Belles went 3-1, Saint Mary's heads to Olivet, Mich., on Sunday to take on Olivet in its first conference contest of the season.

The Belles (4-3) lost to Wheaton but snagged their first three wins of the spring season on the trip as they defeated Cornell (Iowa), St. Scholastica, and Illinois Wesleyan. Belles coach Dale Campbell said his team is on a roll coming off the trip.

"I think we have momentum and we want to keep getting better every match," Campbell said.

Sophomore Andrea Feters moved from No. 6 singles to No. 5 singles during the trip south last week but maintained her winning record. Feters leads the team at 5-1 in singles matches during the spring season with the lone loss coming via a third-set tiebreaker.

"[Feters] is a fighter and works real hard," Campbell

said. "She has great movement, which keeps her in all of her matches and her confidence just keeps growing."

When Sunday rolls around, the Belles will begin their journey through conference play with a goal of finishing in the top four during the regular season, as only four teams go to the conference tournament. Saint Mary's finished tied for the final tournament spot last year but missed out via a tiebreaker. Campbell said that the opening conference match will be key for the team's entire season.

"The opening match is real big," Campbell said. "We have beaten Olivet in past years and we have to try and win all conference matches. I think we are a little behind schedule, but we can get [into the top four] if we work hard in practice."

The Belles currently hold a double-digit win streak against the Comets (0-1, 0-1 MIAA), and will look to keep it going Sunday at 1 p.m. in Olivet, Mich.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish dive into NCAA championship races



ZACH LLORENS | The Observer

Junior Emma Reaney competes in the breaststroke at the Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 31. Reaney holds the No. 1 seed in the 200-yard breaststroke headed into the NCAA championship meet.

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

Eight Irish swimmers begin competition at the NCAA championships Thursday at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Min.

By bringing eight swimmers, Notre Dame ties its program record for most swimmers in to travel to the national competition. Of the Irish competitors, six

are competing at the NAAs for the first time.

In preparation, the Irish have been following a strict workout plan, according to junior Emma Reaney.

"We have pretty much been doing a plan of 'one day on, one day off,'" Reaney said.

Reaney enters the meet ranked in the top five in all three of her events, taking the No. 5 spot in the 200-yard individual medley, the No. 4 in the 100-yard breaststroke and the No. 1 spot in the 200-yard breaststroke. Reaney enters the meet with the national record in latter event with a time of 2:04.34, a record she set at the ACC Championships two weeks ago.

Reaney said she hasn't yet felt the pressure from possessing the national record in her event.

"I still don't feel like the girl that people are coming after," Reaney said. "I'm just here to swim fast and have a good time, just like I was last year."

Freshman Katie Miller matched Reaney's event count as she qualified in the 400-yard individual medley and was invited to compete in two events, the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard backstroke. Junior Bridget Casey was an automatic qualifier in the 200-yard butterfly and was invited to compete in the 400-yard individual medley.

Rounding out the individual performances for the Irish is senior Christen McDonough, who qualified in the 100-yard breaststroke and was invited to compete in the 200-yard breaststroke.

In addition, freshman Catherine Mulquin, senior Kelly Ryan, and juniors Courtney Whyte and Suzanne Bessire will be participating in the three Irish relays.

Reaney said preparation for the championships hasn't solely been about swimming.

"We went to the Chicago suburbs to Kelly Ryan's house this past weekend to have a mini spring break since we didn't get a real one," Reaney said. "It was fun to relax with all the girls and eat home-cooked food away from campus for a couple of days."

Reaney said much of the Irish preparation has involved relaxing and enjoying the ride.

"For us, it's just a goofball city," Reaney said. "We are already having so much fun just being here and seeing old friends. We're all feeling pretty great in the water and can't wait to get started tomorrow."

Reaney said the Irish are focused but won't get overly wrapped up in the competition.

"We obviously want to move up in the standings in everything and [get to the finals] in the relays," Reaney said. "Other than that, I'm just looking for best times. I think as long as we keep having fun and stay relaxed, we will do amazing things."

The Irish dive into NCAA competition Thursday, with the first round of trials beginning at 11 a.m. and finals beginning at 7 p.m.

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Selner, Burke drive Belles to four-game win streak

By **JOSH DULANY**
Sports Writer

The Belles will bring the momentum of a four-game win streak into their matchups this weekend against Wheaton at home and against Dominican in Rosemont, Ill.

Belles coach Kelli Zache said this run of victories had her feeling good about her team's prospects for this weekend and beyond.

"I'm happy in that we won the last 5 out of 6 down in Florida," Zache said. "We were able to get most of the butterflies out and make adjustments that can help us for the season."

During this recent run of wins, the Belles have gotten strong performances from their pitching duo of senior Callie Selner and sophomore Sarah Burke. Selner has a 1.98 ERA on the season, and in her past two starts, has allowed just one run, while recording 20 strikeouts.

"Callie had an awesome week," Zache said. "She is now the school record-holder for wins."

Selner has strong numbers from the plate to complement her pitching dominance. She has batted .409 so far this season, and during this four-game streak, she has batted in four runs and scored four more.

Meanwhile, Burke has racked up 15 strikeouts in her last two starts, to go along with her 3.32 season ERA.

The Belles have gotten further hitting contributions from sophomore catcher and first baseman Jillian Busfield. She has seven RBIs on the year and



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Senior pitcher Callie Selner delivers a pitch March 28, 2013, against Defiance. Selner has a 1.98 ERA so far this season.

hit the team's only home run of the season in the Belles' win over Bethany Lutheran on March 12.

Zache sees her team's success as stemming from its balance and depth.

"I can't pinpoint just one or two players," Zache said. "Everyone has contributed to the team at one point or another. I think showing that team contribution early on is a good indicator."

Both of this weekend's opponents come in with momentum of their own.

Wheaton (9-1) started the season hot and has won seven straight games while Dominican (8-4) is on its own four-game win streak. The Stars have outscored opponents 40-2 during that four game stretch.

Despite the tough competition, Zache remains confident her team has the experience and ability to get good results out of the weekend.

"We have won some big games," Zache said. "I think that has built our confidence and will help us compete with these good teams. The girls have a tremendous amount of focus, precision and execution."

The Belles play their first home game of the season against Wheaton on Saturday at 1 p.m. and travel to face Dominican in Rosemont, Ill., at 5 p.m. EST Sunday.

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SMC LACROSSE

Bad weather plagues Belles

By **REBECCA ROGALSKI**
Sports Writer

After a series of tough road losses over spring break, the Belles (0-4) look to redeem themselves in their upcoming match-up against Aurora on Thursday afternoon.

Despite the team's struggles so far this season, Belles coach Amy Long says she is optimistic the team will recover by improving its midfield transitions and building up its offense.

"In games, we would make a great stop on defense or our goalie would make a great stop and then we couldn't get back down to the other end of the field," Long said. "We would create a turnover somewhere in the midfield. So getting that transition down will be incredibly important for us."

Long said she expects freshman midfielder Aubrey

Golembieski to have a significant impact for Saint Mary's against the Spartans (0-3).

"As our leading scorer, [Aubrey] has been doing great on the draws, and has taught her teammates the importance of slowing down on offense instead of taking forced shots," Long said. "We haven't made the best of defensive decisions in our first four games, but I believe that Aubrey will continue to be a standout for us and help improve our offense immensely."

Weather conditions might present a problem for Saint Mary's. The Belles have held the majority of their practices inside, and cold temperatures are in the forecast for Thursday's game.

"These past few days were our first times practicing outside, and the girls' reactions to the temperature definitely had an effect on the way they played,"

Long said. "Once the girls get used to it, though, I'm sure we'll have no issues."

Overall, the Belles' key to success against Aurora depends on their ability to control ball movement, Long said.

"As we move forward, we really just need to take care of the ball. From the defensive end to the offensive end, we need to not force passes," Long said. "If the girls can make accurate passes downfield and catch the ball in order to move it down the field, we will without a doubt be more successful and hopefully achieve victory."

Both the Belles and Spartans will try to grab their first wins of the season tonight at Vago Field in Aurora, Ill. The game is scheduled to begin at 5:30 EST.

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seasons as an assistant coach for a Stanford program that advanced to consecutive national

championship games in 2009 and 2010.

While at Stanford, Romagnolo helped to recruit three Hermann Trophy winners and six other all-Americans. She comes to Notre

Dame along with 11 freshman who have been ranked as a top-five recruiting class.

Romagnolo began her coaching career at Stanford as a volunteer assistant in 2002, then

spent the next five years as assistant coach at San Diego. During her tenure, San Diego advanced to the NCAA tournament three times and was ranked in the top 10 nationally in 2007.

As a player, Romagnolo played for Washington, won a Pac-10 title and was named all-Pac-10 four times before spending three years playing for the San Jose CyberRays in the WUSA.

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sophomore attack Michele Phillips brought the score to 4-1. Junior midfielder Caitlin Gargan finished out the half with a goal with 1:20 remaining. A last ditch effort by the Golden Eagles wasn't enough and they finished out the half at 5-1.

The Irish kicked off the second half with a bang. Fortunato notched her second goal of the game at the 27-minute mark. Ten seconds later, McMullan took the assist from freshman midfielder Casey Pearsall and brought the Irish score to 7-1.

Notre Dame continued to dominate on offense until the final seven minutes of the game. With the score at 12-2, Marquette managed three goals in the final 4:21 of the game to bring the final score the 12-5.

Of the 12 Irish goals, six involved assists, an area Halfpenny said Notre Dame has been trying to improve upon.

"That's how we know we're coming together," Halfpenny said. "On our free position we went 5 percent, another area we've really been focusing on. We want to make that a 70 percent outing for us. That's improvement from that last game. That's really our focus."

Freshman goalkeeper Liz O'Sullivan, who played the first full 60 minutes of her college career due to junior goalkeeper Allie Murray's injury, had 11 saves in the game.

"Liz O'Sullivan stepped in and what an outing to step in and play

your first 60 minute full-collegiate game as a rookie, with 11 saves and only giving up five," Halfpenny said. "Kudos to her and a huge round of applause for the defense in front of her."

Next, the Irish will make their fifth road trip of the month to take on Villanova on Sunday at 12 p.m.

"Villanova (4-3) is now on a third year with their new head coach," Halfpenny said. "They like to possess the ball. They have a strong goalkeeper between the pipes and they have had some close matchups so far this year. We're excited to continue to travel and improve and push the fast breaks that we saw today."

The Irish will head to Villanova without junior defense Barbara Sullivan, who is officially out for the remainder of the season with an injury.

"It's really unfortunate to lose someone of Barbara's caliber," Halfpenny said. "She's certainly a game-changer. But kudos to our team to come out and win on the draw, which is really where Barbara's been helping us out."

Halfpenny said Sullivan's role will not be diminished on the sideline.

"She'll be stepping in as a player-coach now and so we're really excited to see her grow in her game," Halfpenny said.

The Irish are back in action on Sunday in Villanova, Pa., when they take on the Wildcats at 12 p.m.

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Sophomore linebacker Jaylon Smith zeros in on the ballcarrier in the Oct. 26 game against Air Force.

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and dime packages. Smith, moreover, is being utilized as more of a defensive weapon too, according to Kelly.

"We're overloading him, quite frankly, with a number of different looks," Kelly said. "We don't want offenses to know where he is. We're going to play him in a number of different positions. He can be inside, outside, but we're moving him all over the place."

In certain sub packages, Smith lined up next to Turner as linebackers with the first defense. A former safety, Turner is listed as an outside linebacker this year.

Kelly said during the Indianapolis native's recruitment, the Irish loved Turner's skill set as a long, athletic player. For whatever reason, Kelly says, it didn't translate. Turner didn't play as a freshman and logged four tackles in 13 games as a sophomore on special teams.

"We think that with the position that we're looking at him right now, it seems to be clicking a little bit for John," Kelly said. "Coach VanGorder really likes what he's doing right now and for whatever reason sometimes a change does a guy good. He may be the beneficiary of that change."

"But I think more the benefit is the position in the sub-package takes advantage of the long kid that's almost a tweener. He's almost a 'backer. He's that big [at 6-foot-0.5, 217 pounds]."

Carlisle stepping up in the slot

On the other side of the ball, senior Amir Carlisle was active and involved with the offense out of the slot position, whether he was making

catches or motioning into the backfield and taking hand-offs. Carlisle, who is listed as a receiver and running back this season after playing solely running back in 2013, rushed 47 times for 204 yards and caught seven balls for 30 yards last year. But all of Carlisle's receptions and 73 percent of his rushing yards came in the first three games of the season.

"I don't know that I would say that he lost his confidence [as a pass-catcher]," Kelly said. "His role diminished as the season went on as [sophomore running back Tarean] Folston kind of picked his game up. And he may have felt like he was less involved in the game plan, but he looks pretty confident right now."

Offensive line update

Graduate student offensive lineman Christian Lombard suffered a sprained wrist during Wednesday's practice, per Kelly. Senior Conor Hanratty filled in at right guard. The rest of the first-team offensive line, from left to right, was still junior Ronnie Stanley, sophomore Steve Elmer, senior Matt Hegarty and sophomore Mike McGlinchey.

Pro Day on Thursday

Sixteen former Irish players will participate, to varying degrees, in Notre Dame's Pro Day on Thursday at the Guglielmino Athletics Complex and the Loftus Sports Center: George Atkinson, Carlo Calabrese, Dan Fox, Mike Golic Jr., Bennett Jackson, TJ Jones, Zack Martin, Troy Niklas, Louis Nix, Tommy Rees, Kona Schwenke, Prince Shembo, Nick Tausch, Stephon Tuitt, Robby Toma and Chris Watt.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish challenge top-25 competition

By **BRIAN PLAMONDON**
Sports Writer

The Irish will face a tough field including ranked opponents this weekend in Baton Rouge, La., where they will compete in the LSU Golf Classic.

Notre Dame will square off with No. 4 Arkansas, No. 16 UCF, Kentucky and No. 17 LSU, among others.

The Irish are coming off a second-place finish this past weekend in Arizona at the Clover Cup, a tournament they hosted. They finished with a three-day total of 889, just one shot behind Louisville. At the Clover Cup, senior Kristina Nhim turned in one of the best performances of her career. She came in first overall with a three-day score of 213, three under par.

"[Christina] played a golf course that she's had the opportunity to play for three years now," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "She knows the course well. It's kind of tricky and has a lot of tricked-up holes on it. I think that her experience on the course really paid off for her. She had really solid, consistent rounds, and

I was really happy for her that it all came together."

Aside from Nhim, junior Ashley Armstrong and freshman Jordan Ferreira finished strong, each carding a 72 on Sunday. The whole team benefited from spring break, escaping frigid temperatures in South Bend for an eight-day trip to Arizona. With the poor weather and snow into March, the Irish have not been able to practice or play nearly as much as they would like.

"We were finally able to get outside for an extended period of time," Holt said. "We got in some really good, quality practice, got to know the golf course playing it a few extra times. We were able to get out consecutive days, get a rhythm going, really benefited us."

Although Holt does not like to schedule tournaments on back-to-back weekends due to schoolwork and travel, she thinks it will help her team's consistency.

"I think it's really going to be advantageous for us, since the weather is still bad," Holt said. "We're turning right around and competing this weekend, which will get us back outside, which is very

important this time of year as we're heading into the conference championship."

The Irish will be moving from a course they know extremely well to one that only three golfers—Nhim, Armstrong and junior Kelli Oride—have played before. The forecast at The University Club in Baton Rouge is calling for temperatures in the low 70s.

Notre Dame will rely on a balanced group of golfers, with five girls' scoring averages between 74.40 and 76.14. Armstrong, Oride and Nhim all have top-ten finishes so far this season, while sophomore Talia Campbell leads the way with five top-25 finishes.

"Our goal this spring is to be competitive and get better every time out," Holt said. "Every day of every tournament improve. We had a nice steady improvement this last time out, which I was really pleased with."

The Irish begin play at the LSU Golf Classic at The University Club in Baton Rouge, La., this Friday.

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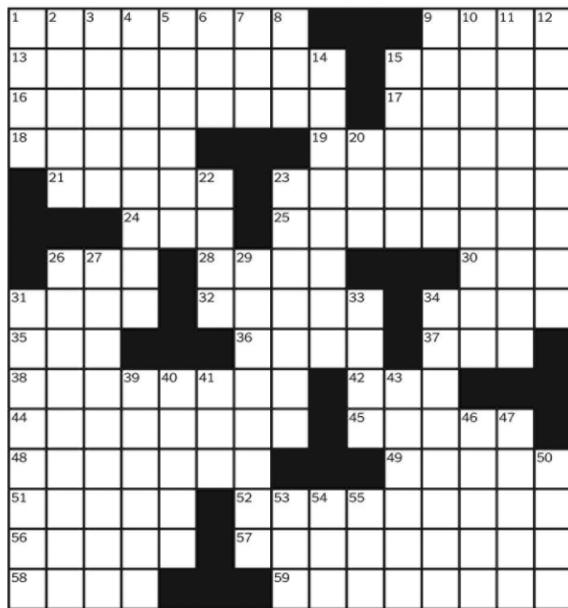
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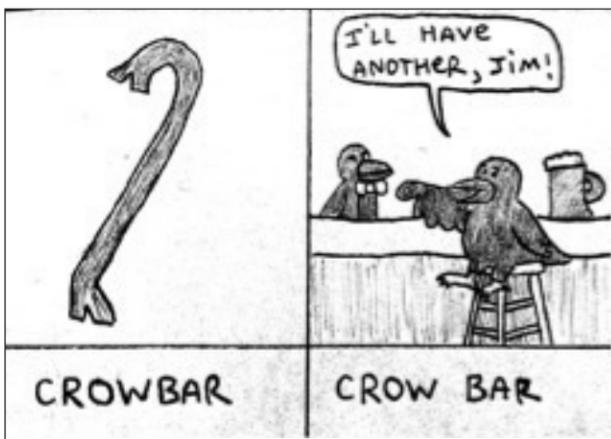
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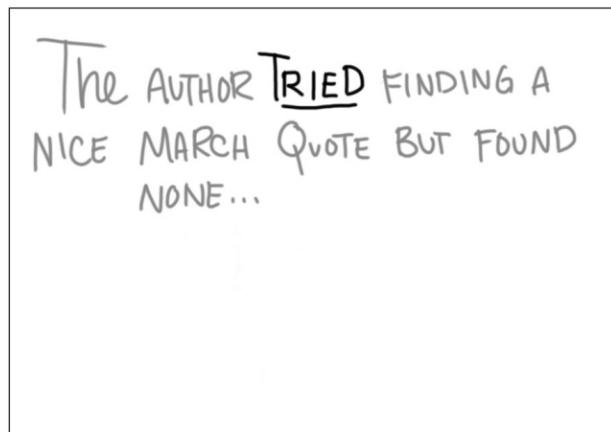
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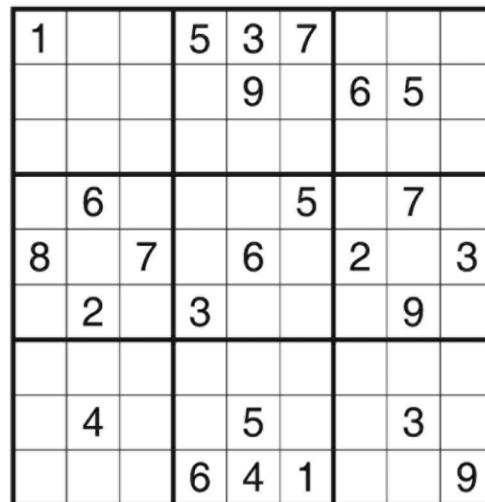


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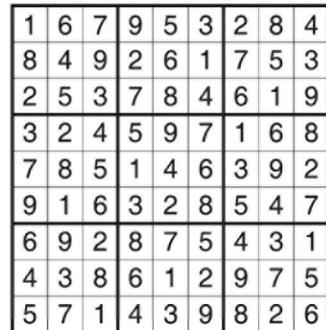


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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get active. Take part in community events. Share your ideas and offer suggestions. Take time to help a friend, relative or neighbor. Don't let personal criticism cause you to make unnecessary changes. Avoid unpredictable situations. Love and romance are highlighted. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Being talkative is fine, as long as you stick to the truth. Don't mislead someone who is counting on you at work or at home. Getting involved with someone from work or in a situation that is detrimental to your job must be avoided. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't worry too much today about what others do or say. Follow your heart and your intuition when it comes to conversations and making plans. A remarkably unexpected change must not upset you, you must remain strong. Look for the positive in every single situation and you will be on your way. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Visiting unfamiliar places or making new acquaintances will initiate an important decision regarding the direction you want to take. A contract will add to your security and make you feel more at ease. Get what you want in writing. ★★★★★

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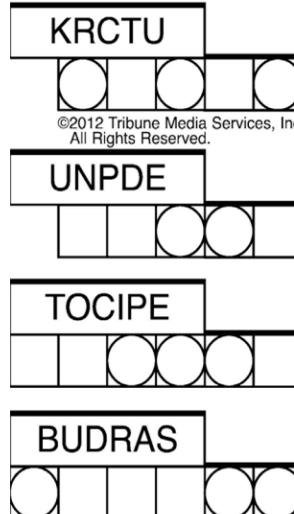
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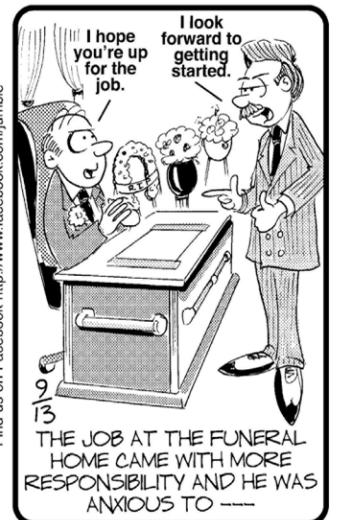
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By **KATIE HEIT**
Sports Writer

Coming off a loss to No. 2 Maryland, the No. 6 Irish blew past Marquette, 12-5, in their first game played in Arlotta Stadium this season.

"This is exactly what we thought we would see," Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said. "They are a second-year program, so they're still young. This is probably one of the games in the country where you're seeing the most sophomores and freshman combined. The aggressive early double team was exactly what we thought we would see."

Notre Dame (7-3, 1-3 ACC) started off quickly with two goals in the first five minutes of the game from sophomore attack Kiera McMullan and freshman attack Cortney Fortunato.

Fortunato snuck past the defenders again during the 14th minute and knocked one in to bring the score to 3-0.

After some back and forth, the



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Freshman attack Cortney Fortunato surveys the field during Wednesday's game against Marquette.

Golden Eagles (3-4) were able to pick up some ground, scoring their first and only goal of the first half with 9:34 remaining in the period.

The Irish were able to shut down

the Marquette offense while taking control of the ball. With 4:11 remaining in the first half,

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FOOTBALL

VanGorder takes center stage

By **MIKE MONACO**
Senior Sports Writer

The loudest and most constant voice was that of Brian VanGorder.

The new defensive coordinator's presence was certainly felt during the media-viewing portion of Wednesday morning's spring practice at the Loftus Sports Center. In the third of 14 spring practice sessions leading up to the Blue-Gold Game, Notre Dame focused on defensive sub packages and third-down work — uncharacteristically early in the spring for Irish head coach Brian Kelly.

So with a lot of moving parts, a lot of players being evaluated in different positions and a lot of roles to be determined, VanGorder's booming voice of instruction typified the still-materializing process.

"We're trying to find roles in a lot of sub packages," Kelly

said after practice. "Because we're going to be using a lot of sub packages, we wanted to start to evaluate some of those players. That was today."

Kelly said there's roughly a half-dozen defensive players — the likes of senior Matthias Farley, sophomore Cole Luke, junior John Turner, graduate student Austin Collinsworth and senior Eilar Hardy — for whom roles are still being determined. Kelly noted how multiple players have the flexibility to move around to different positions defensively, which will be helpful when fast offenses tighten the substitution window.

Sophomore linebacker Jaylon Smith, for instance, lined up all over the defense — split out over inside receivers, positioned at his typical outside-linebacker post and aligned in the heart of nickel

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Romagnolo named new Irish coach

Observer Staff Report

Nearly three months after the resignation of Randy Waldrum, athletic director Jack Swarbrick named Theresa Romagnolo, the head coach at Dartmouth and former assistant coach at Stanford and San Diego, as the new women's soccer head coach Wednesday.

Romagnolo, the fourth head coach in program history, takes over after Waldrum, one of college soccer's all-time winningest coaches, resigned in January in order to coach the Houston Dash of the National Women's Soccer League. Waldrum left Notre Dame after guiding the Irish to eight College Cups and two national championships in 2004 and 2010 over the course of 15 seasons.

The Irish finished last season ranked 14th in the nation with a record of 13-8-1 and advanced to the third round of the NCAA tournament. Seven starters, including two all-ACC selections, return for Notre Dame.

"I look forward to building upon the legacy that [former head coaches] Chris [Petrucci] and Randy [Waldrum] have created and continuing to compete for national championships," Romagnolo said in an official press release.

Romagnolo spent the past three years coaching Dartmouth, culminating in 2012 with a 13-4 record, the most wins by the Green Wave since 2000. Before Dartmouth, she served three

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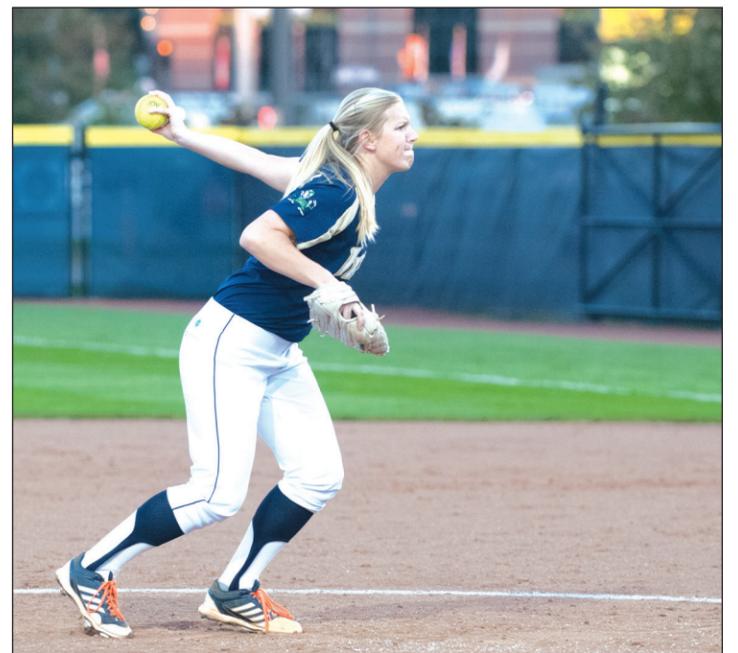
Pitching keys Notre Dame's success

By **MIKE GINOCCHIO**
Sports Writer

With a win against Virginia Tech on Sunday, Notre Dame staved off a sweep by the Hokies, breaking a three game losing streak and moving the Irish to a record of 19-7 on the season.

Though it was their offense that led the Irish (19-7, 3-3 ACC) to a 9-5 victory over the Hokies (13-12, 4-4), the staple of their success this season has been their pitching. The trio of senior Laura Winter, sophomore Allie Rhodes and freshman Rachel Nasland have accounted for every Irish victory this season.

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Sophomore pitcher Allie Rhodes faces down a batter in a game Oct. 9. Rhodes is second among Irish pitchers with a 2.20 ERA.

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Women's Lacrosse vs. Marquette

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TODAY'S EVENTS

Women's Swimming NCAA Championships All Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hockey vs. UMass Lowell

Friday

Baseball vs. Virginia Tech

Friday

Women's Swimming NCAA Championships

Friday

Men's Tennis vs. Clemson

Friday

Women's Tennis vs. Virginia

Friday

Women's Golf at LSU Golf Classic

Friday