

Student government leadership changes

Vidal, Devine take office, offer vision for upcoming year

By LESLEY STEVENSON
News Editor

Four years ago, Lauren Vidal and Matthew Devine never would have guessed they would be students at Notre Dame, but now the incoming student body president and vice president, both juniors, recognize that many once-insignificant decisions led them to where they are now, Devine said.

"We were just reflecting on how important choices are," he said. "You make one decision, and we never would be sitting here today."

Vidal said she had not considered applying to the University until the

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Incoming and outgoing student body president, vice president and chief of staff (left to right) Shannon Montague, Matt Devine, Lauren Vidal, Alex Coccia, Nancy Joyce and Juan Rangel.

Photo Courtesy of Brian Lach

Coccia, Joyce reflect on their time in office, bid farewell

By JACK ROONEY
Associate News Editor

As their term in office comes to an end Tuesday, student body president Alex Coccia and vice president Nancy Joyce said they only wish they had more time.

Although his term as president is over, Coccia said he believes incoming student body president and vice president Lauren Vidal and Matt Devine will pick up right where his administration left off.

"We just really wish he had more time to continue working on things, but Lauren and Matt have been very gracious in looking at some of the

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ND names honorees

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame will honor seven leaders in business, the Church, community outreach, education, engineering and the arts as recipients of honorary degrees from the University at its 169th commencement ceremony May 18, according to a University press release.

Retired oil executive W. Douglas Ford and Harvard University professor Evelyn Hu will receive honorary doctor of engineering degrees, and biologist and higher education leader Sally Mason and Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley, archbishop of Boston will receive doctor of laws degrees, the release stated.

Notre Dame will also honor choreographer Judith Jamison with an honorary doctorate of fine arts and surgeon and activist Ray Hammond with a degree in humane letters, according to the press release. They will join principal speaker Christopher

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Scholar confronts stereotypes

By RONI DARLING
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) hosted Fulbright Chinese teaching assistant Zhenman Ye to present a discourse on the cultural differences and stereotypes of the East and West on Monday.

Ye said when she was initially asked to give a presentation, she had many ideas she wanted to bring

to light because China is such a diverse nation.

"There are so many aspects that interest people about Chinese culture such as calligraphy, painting, music, dance, art, Chinese food and well, Chinese everything," Ye said.

Much of her discourse was inspired by illustrations from the infographic portrait book, "East Meets West," by Yang Liu.

"[Liu] drew pictures to show the cultural

differences between East and West," Ye said. "I'm showing [these] pictures now because they involve every aspect of our differing lives."

"In each picture she tries to express or show an idea."

Ye displayed illustrations from Liu's book and asked the audience what they thought Liu was trying to portray. The first illustration showed a thin straight line on the west

side and a jumbled up and complex line on the east side.

"This is how we express ideas. The western way is more direct or straight-forward when it comes to communication, whereas the eastern way has many other aspects involved," she said.

"For example every time my friend and I go to the dining hall, I ask her if

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Student arrested following break-in

By LESLEY STEVENSON
News Editor

Police arrested Notre Dame freshman Brian McCurren early Sunday morning for allegedly breaking into and vandalizing a South Bend wellness facility, Therapeutic Indulgence, Saturday night, according to a WSBT report and McCurren's attorney Stan Wruble.

"It would be premature to [comment] at this time since

the investigation is ongoing," Wruble, an adjunct law professor at Notre Dame, said in an email to The Observer on Monday night. "...I can confirm that Brian was arrested Sunday and released from the county jail late this afternoon."

"It is my understanding that no formal charges have been filed as of yet, despite other media reports to the contrary. I would expect



Photo Courtesy of Kim Miller

Damage to South Bend wellness facility Therapeutic Indulgence occurred after a bizarre, alleged break-in and vandalism Sunday.

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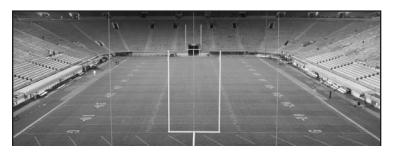
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In the March 27 edition of The Observer in the article “DSLС workshops address intersectionality, diversity,” speaker Kevin Powell was misidentified. Powell is a political activist. In the March 31 edition of The Observer, the Club Coordination Council’s club divisions were misnamed. They are academic, athletic, cultural, performing arts, special interest and social service. The Observer regrets these errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY:

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Josh Dempsey
sophomore
Duncan Hall

“Lathering myself in tanning lotion and then sometimes tanning.”



Mollie Effler
freshman
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“Outdoor concerts.”



Madison Faller
junior
Cavanaugh Hall

“Playing waterpolo.”



Erin Foldesi
freshman
McGlinn Hall

“Something behind a boat.”



Laura Powderly
senior
off campus

“Reading outside.”



Arielle Sims
freshman
Pasquerilla East Hall

“Lying in the park.”



AMY ACKERMANN | The Observer

With the recent advent of nice weather, Notre Dame students repopulate South Quad with gusto. It's almost too good to be true, and it largely is — monsoon-like conditions will sweep through South Bend later in the week.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

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Tuesday

Michiana Oil Pipelines

Eck Visitors Center
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Panel discussion.

Seven Wonders of the Muslim World

Montgomery Auditorium
5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
Documentary screening, free pizza.

Wednesday

MFA Reading

The Pool, Central High Apartments
7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
MFA students read.

Perks of Being a Wallflower

Hesburgh Library
7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
Lecture by author Stephen Chbosky.

Thursday

Zen Meditation

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

Forum on Women in Leadership

Mendoza College of Business
7 p.m.-8 p.m.
Lecture on women in the life of the Church.

Friday

Islam Week Lecture

Hesburgh Center
4 p.m.-6 p.m.
Dr. Mahmoud on Jesus and Mary in Islam.

I Was Born for This

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
5 p.m.
Opening of the titular art exhibit.

Saturday

Men's Lacrosse

Arlotta Stadium
12 p.m.-2 p.m.
The Irish take on the Duke Blue Devils.

Parseghian Cup: ND Rugby vs. Arizona

Stinson Rugby Field
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
\$25 will be donated to NPC research for every attendee. Be there.

Habitat builds 20th home

By EMMA BORNE
News Writer

Notre Dame Habitat for Humanity is committed to building one home every year for a needy family in the South Bend area.

This year, the club built a home for James and Janice Plump, their daughter and grandson. Pat Laskowski, senior economics and applied mathematics major and co-president of Notre Dame Habitat for Humanity, said the Plump family has never before owned a home.

Laskowski said his favorite part of Habitat is being able to work with the family all year.

"After a whole year of working with somebody, you get to know them so well," Laskowski said. "They are just so overwhelmed with joy and happiness to finally have this home and you're there to share it with them. That's an experience I cannot match with anything else."

A unique part of Habitat for Humanity is the involvement of the family, Laskowski said. The family has to put in 300 "sweat hours" working on their own homes and the homes of other Habitat families. The family works alongside twenty volunteers from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross during each build, according to the Habitat website.

This year's home is located in southwest South Bend among several other Habitat houses,



Photo Courtesy of Pat Laskowski

Student volunteers for Habitat for Humanity proudly display their progress on their housing site during the November build.

Laskowski said.

"It's actually in the neighborhood of Habitat homes which is actually really exciting," Laskowski said. "You can be there and you can say 'Oh, I remember that Habitat build and that Habitat build.' It's a great community of people who love their homes."

Laskowski said each home costs \$60,000 and the club has to finance over half of the money to the St. Joseph County Habitat for Humanity affiliate. To do so, the club spends most of the year fundraising.

Laskowski said the club does a "Jail'n'Bail" where you can pay for a friend to get arrested and bailed out of a "jail" on South Quad. Part of the funds from Keenan Hall's Muddy Sunday event also goes to the club. Their next fundraiser is

a pizza eating competition in two weeks.

Though the build for last Saturday was cancelled, Pat said the house would still be officially completed May 3rd, when it would be blessed and handed over to the family.

Notre Dame Habitat for Humanity is special, Laskowski said. It is unlike any other college Habitat program and he hopes to see that continue for years to come.

"We are the longest current running collegiate chapter in the United States," Laskowski said. "This is our twentieth house in a row, so twenty years, twenty houses. ... I'd like to see us continue that and to never see that falter."

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Nurse connects spirituality, health

By EMILIE KEFALAS
News Writer

On Monday, professor and director of nursing Linda Paskiewicz discussed the distinctions and connections between spiritual concerns and healthcare. The lecture was part of the weekly Spirituality Monday series at Saint Mary's, director of the Center for Spirituality Elizabeth Groppe said.

"[Spirituality Monday's are] an opportunity for faculty, staff and students of Saint Mary's to gather together to reflect on the relationship between spirituality and different academic disciplines and professional practices," Groppe said.

In a clinically-based and regimented area of study such as nursing, the lines can be blurred when it comes to the distinctions between spirituality and clinical healthcare, Paskiewicz said. An understanding of both develops over time.

"I use myself as an example," Paskiewicz said. "When I was in high school, there were not a lot of career trajectories that were available for women. Women could go to a nursing program or 'nurses training,' as it was called then. Women could go to beauty school. Women could become teachers, or women could get married."

"Well, I decided if those were going to be my choices, the one I would pick for myself would be nursing. I just thought, 'I think this is where I need to be.' I had no sense ... at that point of the spirituality, the big concept of spirituality, although I went to church and Sunday school. That sense of this spiritual self was not part of myself at all."

Paskiewicz said she was first introduced to the nursing profession after she graduated high school at the age of seventeen.

"I worked as a nursing assistant at an inner-city hospital [in Chicago]," Paskiewicz said. "I knew nothing about nursing except for Cherry Ames books."

One of her first patient connections was with a

woman who resembled her grandmother. Paskiewicz said she used to stop by and chat with the patient even when not assigned to her room. Over time, Paskiewicz started to build relationships and to understand nursing on a more spiritual level.

"I think, very early on, not fully understanding the experience, I got to be friends with people like the chaplain who was there and spent some time just trying to talk through my feelings about working with patients," Paskiewicz said. "And, very slowly, I began to have a much better appreciation of the whole mind, body [and] spirit connection."

"I like to think my beginning sense of understanding connectedness helped me to earn an award for the best clinical nurse in my class, but somehow, in hindsight ... I thought maybe I am different, and maybe this is affirming to me that my way of thinking and being with people is different."

Paskiewicz said she then examined her own spiritual development through the lens of childbirth, a division of nursing in which she spent much of her career before she became involved in education.

"I think that the spiritual connection can begin to develop between women and their babies long before the baby is born, and so to minimize the time the baby is in the womb is a great mistake," she said. "It's an expansion of the mind and creation into a new life that is important."

In order to organize her thoughts, Paskiewicz laid out her five spiritual steps she uses when practicing nursing. Her steps include meaning, the idea of becoming and connectedness.

"It's very fun to see other nurses here as well, so they can contribute because I think that each of us come to develop ... the importance of spiritual connection not only to ourselves but to others we serve," Paskiewicz said.

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Students promote Islam

By **EMILY McCONVILLE**
News Writer

In order to fight misconceptions about the Muslim faith and educate people about specific aspects of Islam, the Notre Dame Muslim Students Association (MSA-ND) is hosting its first Islam Awareness Week from Tuesday to Friday of this week.

S.M. Moududul Islam, MSA-ND secretary, said the organization began planning the week last semester, using other universities' Islam Awareness Weeks as models. He said the goal of the week, which is funded by a Graduate Student Life grant, Campus Ministry, the Islamic Society of Michiana South Bend Mosque, the Center for Social Concerns and the Kroc Institute for International Studies, is to provide a series of unified events that allow the Notre Dame community to ask detailed questions about the Muslim faith.

"The idea of Islam Awareness Week is to have multiple events within a week so that we can draw the attention of the people here on campus and let them know about Islam, and also to let the people ask questions," Islam said. "We are having different talks and different ... events at which there can be close interaction between the audience

and the speaker. It is good to have that forum where you can ask questions."

MSA-ND vice president Md. Itrat Bin Shams said the week would also be an opportunity to learn about certain facets of Islam, such as the pilgrimage to Mecca and the concept of the hijab, in more detail.

"[The goal is] to let people know about specific aspects of Islam, some things that are maybe known to us but not to people who believe in other faiths," Shams said.

The week will begin with two events focused on Hajj, the fifth Pillar of Islam, in which Muslims make a pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca. On Tuesday, there will be a screening of the documentary, "Seven Wonders of the Muslim World," which features seven mosques in the Islamic world and tells the story of seven pilgrims' journey to Mecca.

On Wednesday, during Campus Ministry's regular "Prayer from Around the World," Dr. A. Rashied Omar, a research scholar of Islamic Studies and peace building at the Kroc Institute, will give a talk on Hajj.

"We always see the image of the Kaaba in Mecca on TV, but we don't exactly know any people who are non-Muslim who know what is going on there," Islam said. "So the idea

is to have a lecture, and in addition to the lecture we are having a video demonstration on the pilgrimage to Mecca ... [Dr. A. Rashied Omar] will be discussing the spiritual aspect as well as the rituals."

Directly following Omar's lecture will be a dinner titled "I Believe In . . ." which will consist of small-group discussions of each participant's faith.

On Friday, MSA-ND will provide transportation for 12 students to the mosque at the Islamic Society of Michiana for a prayer service.

"Some students from Notre Dame can come with us to see how we perform our prayer and also, there's a speech just before the prayer by the imam, the leader in the mosque," Shams said. "They can see the whole picture. The mosque, for us, for Muslims, is not only the place for the prayer, [but] it is [also] a community center, so they can see how these things connect with each other."

The week will culminate with a lecture by Hisham Mahmoud, an instructor of Arabic at Harvard University and prominent scholar of Islam on Friday evening. Mahmoud will discuss the importance of Jesus and Mary in the Islamic tradition.

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Degrees

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Patten, chancellor of the University of Oxford and chair of the BBC trust, to receive their recognition, the release stated.

Ford, a retired executive in the oil industry and member of the Notre Dame class of 1966, worked as chief executive of refining and marketing for British Petroleum (BP) and provided the funds to establish the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity at Notre Dame, according to the press release. He currently serves on Notre Dame's Board of Trustees.

A professor of applied physics and electrical engineering at Harvard University, Hu researches nanoscale electronic and photonic devices, according to the press release. She has developed products from her research by co-directing the California Nanosystems Institute and co-founding Cambrios and Siluria, two startup companies that develop novel materials for electronic devices.

Mason, the 20th president of the University of Iowa, researches developmental biology, genetics and biochemistry of pigment cells. She has supported sustainability initiatives and fought to increase enrollment and retention at Iowa, the release stated.

Dedicating his pastoral outreach to Latino and Haitian immigrants, O'Malley, the archbishop of Boston founded the Centro Catolico Hispano in Washington D.C. He currently serves on a council of eight cardinals appointed by Pope Francis to assist with Church governance and this year joins the inaugural Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, according to the press release.

Artistic director emerita of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Jamison led the company for 21 years, starred in a Broadway musical and founded her own dance company. She succeeded Ailey as the director of his company and established the group's permanent home and international tour circuit, the press release stated.

Hammond, "a Harvard-trained surgeon and urban community leader," founded Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, where he serves as pastor, the press release stated. Hammond has held leadership positions with outreach groups in Boston and written papers and articles focusing on social concerns, including academic achievement and violence prevention.

Patten will deliver the commencement address and receive an honorary degree, according to a Jan. 15 University press release.

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Coccia

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projects that we have still been developing and that they'll want to continue," Coccia said.

Joyce said she felt her and Coccia's administration started important initiatives that will continue after they leave office.

"I think the only regret would be that we really can't see some of [our projects] all the way through," she said. "I think we've laid the groundwork and have set it up for next year."

Coccia said one such issue he wanted to progress more is medical amnesty for students, particularly with regard to alcohol consumption.

"I think issue-wise ... I wish we could have pushed [the discussion on medical amnesty] a little bit further, but we are happy to see where the conversation has progressed," he said.

"Where we're coming from as representatives of the student body is that our first priority ... is student safety and students getting the medical attention that they need if they so need it.

Joyce said in a more general sense, she felt her and Coccia's administration made student government more accessible and pertinent to student life.

This past year student government achieved smaller, more concrete goals, Coccia said, but they also confronted problems more directly concerning all students, most notably the issue of sexual violence.

"There's obviously the tangible successes like the coffee cart in DeBartolo," he said. "I think we also realize that student government could address larger student life issues than just something like the coffee cart.

Coccia said he is proud to have spearheaded the One is Too Many campaign, a student government initiative aimed at sexual assault prevention and healing, which mobilized the student body and brought the issue to the forefront of student discussion.

"I think the One is Too Many Campaign was important because ... it touched, very directly, at least over 3,000 people," he said. "We recognize that the pledge itself is not enough, but our hope was that it would raise the level of awareness and dialogue about the issue of sexual violence and about what our role in prevention is."

Both Coccia and Joyce said they will live and work in Washington, D.C. following graduation, Coccia working with either a non-profit organization or government agency through the Truman Scholarship, and Joyce with defense consulting firm Avascent Group.

Joyce said she wanted to extend her personal thanks to the student body for their engagement over the past year.

"It's really been a pleasure," she said. "I have enjoyed this experience and the opportunity to represent some of the best and the brightest in the country."

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Arrest

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formal charges to be filed soon."

WSBT reported Monday that police arrested McCurren on charges of burglary, vandalism and underage drinking.

Kim Miller, esthetician at Therapeutic Indulgence, told The Observer that massage therapist Natalie Harling arrived Sunday for an appointment at the facility and discovered the break-in.

"[Harling] showed up at 8:30 or 9 o'clock and noticed that our front door was kind of messed up and our side door was pretty banged up as well, and when she did get in there was powder all over the ground," Miller said. "... The police went upstairs and they found the guy in the kitchen passed out where he was surrounded by Hot Pockets and

Drumstick ice cream.

"He had gotten into our freezer and just had a heyday. He was apparently very

"I think that we were just blown away by how bizarre it was. We've all been laughing about it because it's just so insane."

Kim Miller
esthetician
Therapeutic Indulgence

hungry. There was a frozen dinner in the oven that was burning and the smoke detector was going off."

Miller said the intruder attempted to enter the business, which is located in a "historical house," from multiple access points.

"He eventually got into the house because he tried all of our entrances and couldn't get through," she said. "Our Jefferson Boulevard entrance — he took a 100 pound concrete flower pot, threw it through the glass door and entered our enclosed porch.

"There's a second door, and we lock that, so he couldn't get through the second door. He decided to take a hammer and beat his way through the wall, an interior wall to get into the place, so that whole wall is just completely obliterated."

Miller said the intruder sprayed a fire extinguisher throughout the building but left the business's valuables unmoved.

"He didn't damage anything as far as our computers; he didn't try to get our money," she said. "Our desk is completely untouched. Basically it was like a

rampage. He went on a destructive rampage."

Miller said the man whom police escorted from the building was "completely messed up" and "wasn't aware of what was happening."

She said the employees of Therapeutic Indulgence had conflicting reactions to the alleged break-in and vandalism.

"I think that we were just blown away by how bizarre it was," she said. "We've all been laughing about it because it's just so insane, absolutely crazy, completely pointless, just mindless destruction."

Miller said Therapeutic Indulgence will continue to operate but may relocate temporarily to the second floor of the Emporium building in South Bend.

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Vidal

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day before the application deadline. She said other schools recruited her for athletics but she ultimately based her decision on Notre Dame's strong community.

"I applied the last day [the application] was due," she said. "I was going a different route. I was being recruited to play sports.

"I was about to go to go elsewhere. I was basically going ... I got here for Spring [Visitation, a weekend recruitment program for prospective minority students], and it just changed the game."

"The community was really, really impressive and I thought, 'If there's one place that's going to bring me a little closer to the person I really want to be, this whole person, it's going this institution,'" she said.

Devine said he had "no connection" to Notre Dame except one football game until his visit to

campus for a scholarship finalist weekend left him with a lasting impression.

"I remember leaving the press box, and it was really late at night, and I ended up wandering over to the grotto," he said. "So did about 10 of the other people that I was with, and people just kept coming ... and, no joke, three in the morning, it's freezing outside, and all of us are holding candles praying that we'll just end up when we're supposed to end up."

The pair's vision for the coming year incorporates their experiences with the Notre Dame community, Vidal said. Devine said they want student government to be accessible to every student and to incorporate ideas from across campus.

Vidal said she and Devine see Notre Dame as an institution with a breadth of knowledge and resources that student government can and should use to facilitate dialogue and action on issues that the student body considers

important.

"You think of an issue like sexual assault on campus, so you think of it as a very student-led conversation in terms of student leadership trying to solve [it] ... but it's unique when you step back and you think, we are at a premier university," Vidal said.

Devine said he and Vidal will focus first on "visible initiatives" such as founding the Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol (SNAP), a supplement to the SafeWalk program, and initiating quad markets, which would bring food products and crafts from farmers markets to Notre Dame's quads.

He said acting as a representative of the student body presents a unique challenge to faithfully serving the campus community.

"The thing I'm most excited about is also the thing I'm most afraid of too: representing the student body's opinion, especially the atmosphere at the time," he said. "[I will be] able to use that

voice, express students' opinions effectively and give a very accurate temperature of the discussion of the time."

Vidal said she and other members of her administration had met with the administration of former student body president Alex Coccia and former vice president Nancy Joyce, both seniors, to facilitate the transition process.

"They've been great," She said. "Obviously we need to attribute a lot of credit to them. They've been good at catching us up to speed and giving us information on issues as opposed to just logistics, so they've really involved us in the conversation, and we're really grateful for that."

Devine said he and Vidal expect to hit the ground running when they take office April 1.

"April 1 is not the start date; it's just a continuation," he said.

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Stereotypes

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wants something to drink, ice cream or dessert. My asking her shows that I am the one who actually wants it."

Ye said this is a way for her to be polite and humble by putting others needs before her own.

"Being direct can sometimes be good, but most of the time [it] is offensive," she said.

The next illustration Ye showed was a single person on the west side and a group of people on the east. She said this represented the individualism western cultures have and the collectivism the Chinese have.

"We are very group-oriented people [in China]," Ye said. "We value collectivism and group work very much."

Another illustration Ye used represented the differing authoritative roles between east and west.

"Since westerners value individualism, they often like to be the center of attention, but since easterners so much value collectivism, we try to minimize ourselves," she said.

Another aspect Ye finds unique to the west is the dynamic between students and teachers.

"At first, I was shocked by the interaction [between] students and their teacher. Students challenge the teacher, whereas in China, students are submissive because they want to show respect to the teacher," she said.

Other cultural differences Ye brought to light were the significance of the weather on peoples' moods in the west, and the amount of noise westerners enjoy while eating.

"Our fancy restaurants [in China] are very noisy, [but] it is the opposite in America," she said.

Ye also noted how many easterners view beauty much differently than westerners.

"In China, we have the opposite notion of beauty," she said. "We think the paler your skin is, the more beautiful you are. You will find self-whitening products instead of self-tanning."

The major thing Ye will miss about living in America is the fresh air and enthusiasm for environmentalism. Although many people may judge others based on these stereotypes, it is important to be compassionate towards all cultures and aspects of humanity.

"You need to show your respect and understanding of different cultures," she said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Hipster backpack



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My photo editor and I had a talk the other week about his backpack. It wasn't something special or unique, in fact, it was a red Herschel backpack, a growingly common sight on the Notre Dame campus. However, even though it has become a common sight, I still didn't quite understand why people bought this backpack. Wei, our photo editor, was telling me that it was a normal backpack and that he bought his backpack before it became popular on campus. Popular on campus — hipster much? That makes sense, I mean Wei is as hipster as any student at Notre Dame can be. But this acknowledgement led me to question: "Exactly what does it mean to be hipster?"

Wei and I talked a little bit more and we finally concluded that being hipster is similar to playing "The Game" back in middle and high school. If you, for a moment, think that you are a hipster, then you most certainly are not. By the way, you just lost "The Game".

Urban Dictionary has an alternative definition I will sum up for you. They say hipsters are pretty much people with an actual physical appearance of tight pants and shaggy hair.

I always felt like that definition was rather archaic, since fashion changes all the time. Tight pants became fashionable after my sophomore year in high school and I definitely remember Chad Michael Murray pulling off the shaggy hair in Freaky Friday with Lindsay Lohan. Those people in my high school were definitely not hipsters, no matter what definition was applied to them and Chad Michael Murray played a janitor in high school, which is not hipster.

Reddit has its own definition of what a hipster is and how to define hipsters. In a meme, Redditors describe a hipster by the unique activities that they do, for instance, bringing a typewriter into a Starbucks, having crazy tattoos or working as a barista.

In the end, there are just too many definitions of what a hipster is for the general population to unanimously agree upon one definition. This ambiguity in the definition of a hipster is particularly interesting because being a hipster seems rather intrinsic to all of us. This conclusion has led me to the belief that it doesn't matter what the definition of a hipster is, especially since hipsters don't like being defined. What matters is that my local barista "hipster" will hopefully be serving me coffee tomorrow morning.

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Minimum wage not two-sided

John Sandberg
Sandman's Musing

Often, political battles in Washington seem to continue on with no possible compromise in sight.

The minimum wage is not one of those battles.

Sometimes, the political issues of one week's news cycle are so abstract they make you wonder whether they will really affect your life.

The minimum wage is not one of those issues.

And many times, D.C.'s debates are so frivolous, they make you wonder why the topic even deserves the ink that's used to write about them.

The minimum wage is not one of those debates.

The minimum wage debate is a consequential one, a debate whose outcome will affect the economy and the everyday lives of many Americans. And it's a debate that, perhaps most surprising of all, is conducive to compromises that will offer something to those on both sides of the issue.

The problem thus far has been that neither Republicans nor Democrats are interested in listening to what their opponents have to say on the issue; they're concerned more with the party talking points than finding common ground.

It begs the question — if two sides are talking, yet neither side is listening, is it really a debate at all?

On the Democrats' side, President Obama has pushed for a minimum wage hike from its current level of \$7.25 an hour to \$10.10 an hour for several months now.

"It's time to give America a raise," the president is fond of saying, as if it were that easy. He's also fond of saying that no person who works full time should have to raise a family in poverty, a statement that is harder to disagree with.

What Democrats and the president won't address are Republicans' concerns that the minimum wage hike they're asking for could cost up to 500,000 American jobs, as the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office reported last month.

Democrats are all too eager to paint Republicans as insensitive to the realities and struggles of working class Americans. Yet it falls on deaf ears when Republicans insist that they do care about hard working Americans, which is precisely why they want to save a half a million of their jobs.

The GOP's concern that a minimum wage hike will lead to an increase in unemployment in an economy where unemployment remains stubbornly high is a genuine one. As many Republicans have said, the issue can be boiled down to simple economics: as the price of something (employment) becomes more expensive, you are able to offer less of it. The GOP is right to be concerned over higher unemployment in a still fragile economy.

Still, the conversation does not end there and cannot end there, as much as some members of the GOP might like for that to happen. Republicans in Congress have largely ignored the reality that \$7.25 is not a living wage in America today. Boosting the minimum wage by nearly three dollars might not be the answer, but allowing an individual in the world's richest nation to work full time and make \$15,000

a year is not an acceptable alternative either.

Of course, there are real alternatives to keeping the minimum wage at its current level and boosting it to \$10.10, although it's often hard to remember that, given Democrats' and Republicans' insistence that it's their way or the high way.

One common sense option is a smaller minimum wage hike to \$9.00 an hour, as Neil King's article in the Wall Street Journal suggested on Feb. 24.

A \$9.00 minimum wage would lift nearly 300,000 people out of poverty while raising the incomes of 7.6 million people and would constitute the largest minimum wage hike in nearly 40 years, all while causing virtually no pain to the economy, according to the article.

Another alternative to the \$10.10 minimum wage is promoting the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to target low-wage workers, an option Conor Durkin detailed in his Viewpoint piece on Feb. 19 ("Finding a better solution than \$10.10").

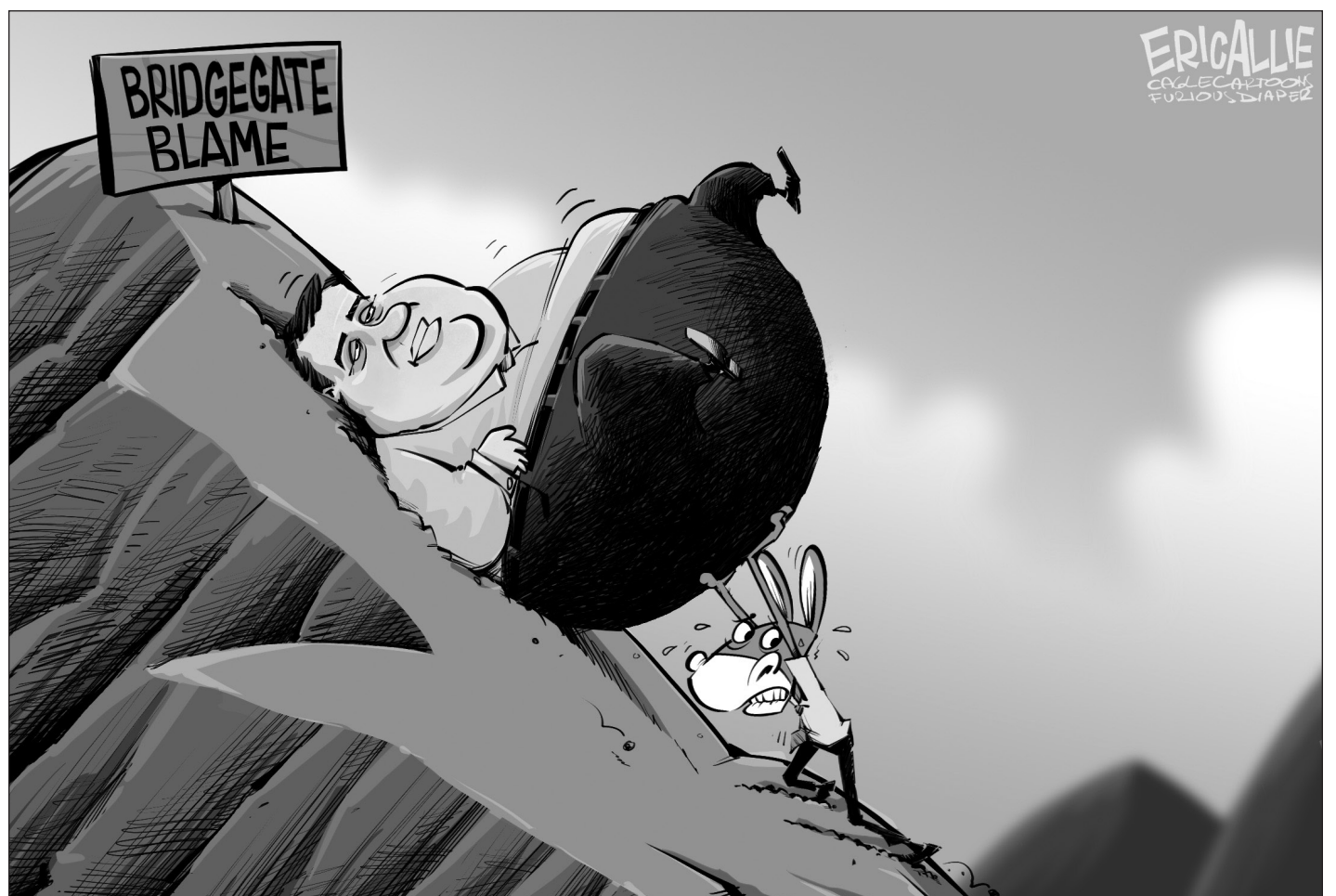
There are alternatives out there that offer something to both parties. However, as long as both parties continue to stick to their talking points and refuse to engage in a real debate, those alternatives will never be realized.

The minimum wage is not a two-sided issue. Republicans and Democrats alike would be well served if they stop acting like it.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



Putting on a show for prospective students

Bianca Almada

This is Real Life

This past weekend was Spring Visitation Weekend, in which over 200 high-achieving prospective students from ethnic minority backgrounds take part in an all-expenses paid visit to the Notre Dame campus. This past weekend also featured two excellent Notre Dame events that celebrate diversity, multiculturalism and the talents of the student body — Latin Expressions presented by the Latino Student Alliance (formerly known as La Alianza) and the Black Cultural Arts Council (BCAC) fashion show.

It is no coincidence that all of these events are always planned for the same weekend. The prospective students are taken to the shows en masse, gaining exposure to the minority communities at Notre Dame during their recruiting trip in hopes of making Notre Dame a more appealing college option for them.

Both Latin Expressions and the BCAC Fashion Show showcase and foster appreciation for the diversity present among the students at Notre Dame, featuring portions including

dance, music, poetry, fashion and more. Most notably, the two events serve as capstones for each organization. As two of the largest events of the year for the Latino Student Alliance and the Black Cultural Arts Council, they highlight the talent and importance of their members and offer an opportunity for members to celebrate their community and show the rest of the student body and visitors how special it can be. Prospective students are introduced and welcomed into the beautiful and diverse cultural communities on campus, which is usually a very positive experience for them.

However, I fear that the structure of such minority recruitment events, specifically Spring Visitation, provide prospective students with a false image of what the Notre Dame experience is actually like for minorities. Spring Visitation students visit campus during what is arguably the biggest weekend of the year for these minority organizations. The celebration of diversity on this particular weekend is huge and atypical of most other weekends on campus. Though Notre Dame's minority organizations and communities are wonderful and growing, they are

nowhere near as larger-than-life and prominent among the rest of campus as the events of the weekend make them out to be, which is extremely unfortunate. Spring Visitation makes Notre Dame out to be a campus with a thriving minority population and with a student body that celebrates it on a regular basis, but that is, frankly, not the case.

Anyone who looks at University statistics or even just glances around campus can see that Notre Dame has a low amount of diversity — minority students account for less than 25 percent of the student body. Minority students often speak out about the tinges of racism that they have experienced on campus from other students. Social groups are often unofficially formed along racial lines, with many minority students forming their own communities apart from the “mainstream” Notre Dame culture. Culturally related events are most often attend by only the minority students themselves and their friends, while the rest of campus remains either unaware or apathetic.

It is absolutely necessary for the University administration to attempt to improve the diversity issue, and

it is great to see that events such as Spring Visitation Weekend are aimed at doing just that. However, I fear that presenting a less-than-true image of the University to prospective students in order to persuade them to attend may only lead to their unhappiness later on after they commit, as they realize that the “real” Notre Dame is not the Notre Dame of Spring Visitation Weekend. Obviously, it is the job of recruiters to portray the University in a positive light. And, obviously, a school with a smaller diversity student population and poorer integration relations will not be attractive to many minority students for a number of reasons, especially when these high achieving students are considering other schools of equal or greater caliber with better diversity statistics and relations.

So what is the solution?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Gentlemen's Dorm

I would like to take this opportunity to again say thank you to the men of St. Edward's Hall. No matter how bad my morning starts off, whether I am running late or have spilled coffee all over myself, it gets better when I see the smiling faces of the students and hear them say, “Good morning, Maem.”

They always treat me with respect, as I do to them, and they help me get through my day. I care for each of the students as if he were my own son. They are true gentlemen and have been since I started here.

Beyond the wonderful student residents of St. Ed's, another man I would like to give thanks to is Fr. Ralph

Haag. He is truly a blessing in my life and my family's life. Did I mention he is one of the best rectors on campus?

While I have thanked you before in previous years, I would like to thank you once more, gentlemen of St. Ed's and Fr. Ralph, for letting me be able to say that I enjoy waking up each day to go to work. Thank you for all

you do for me and for giving me the strength to not to give up.

God bless you.

Maem Detaksone
Notre Dame employee
St. Edward's Hall
April 1

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Failure to intervene in North Korea is a crime

Seth Dorman

The Maine Campus

“[North Korea] is a human paradise in which Jesus would have nothing to do even if he came,” according to an article on North Korea's state-run website. Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, it adds, embraces his people in “ever shining arms of eternal life and happiness.”

But the United Nations Human Rights Council disagrees, as evidenced by a report filed recently describing prison camps throughout the nation that rival those of Hitler and Stalin in their scope and brutality. On Friday, the council called for action to be taken against North Korea, submitting a resolution which, if successful, would hold North Korean government officials liable to arrest outside their borders. According to World

Magazine, “Thirty member nations of the Human Rights Council voted in favor the resolution, and 11 abstained. China, Russia, Cuba, Pakistan, Vietnam and Venezuela voted against it.”

North Korea's United Nations ambassador So Se Pyong told the council, “In [North Korea] we have a proverb saying ‘Mind your own business.’ One needs to see his or her face in the mirror to check how nasty it is before talking about the others.”

In situations such as these, minding our own business would be a crime, Mr. Pyong. China, Russia, Cuba, Pakistan, Vietnam and Venezuela are wrong in their treatment of their citizens. Of course there are times when minding our own business is exactly what we ought to do. There are times we didn't mind our own business and ought to have. We cannot police the world — any organization with

power and authority to do so is too powerful and too authoritative and will inevitably become more corrupt than those it polices. This, however, is one of those instances when it is wrong not to act: many are calling it “the worst human tragedy in the world.” Starvation is rampant. Timothy Kang, who escaped from the prisons, described prisoners that looked like “skeletons barely covered with skin.” Inmates catch rats and snakes and ask their guards for permission to eat them. Some mothers are malnourished to the point where they cannot feed their infants, and the babies die. Forced abortions and infanticide is common. One female inmate was raped by a platoon leader; after the baby was born, the mother and her newborn were locked in a detention house. The mother soon went missing. The infant was fed to dogs. These and numerous other atrocities have

been reported by over 300 escaped witnesses. In light of this, we are obliged to act.

“Thou shalt not kill” does not only forbid: by implication, it demands. It requires that we do all we lawfully can to preserve life. The United Nations must recognize this and take action, or it will become complicit in the crimes. Now that our knowledge of crimes we have guessed at for decades is certain, failure to intervene is tacit approval. To know what is happening, to be able to intervene, and then to abdicate this responsibility is to be guilty of murder.

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WES ANDERSON'S GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL A GRAND TIME

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Senior Scene Writer

You had me at “Wes Anderson.”

One of last fall’s highlights on Saturday Night Live was a sketch featuring the fake trailer for “The Coterie of Midnight Intruders,” which parodied Anderson’s movies and their idiosyncratic and stylistically-unique nature. It featured a one-off joke quoting a fake New York Times review of the film, saying, “You had me at Wes Anderson.”

I hate to say it, but going into Anderson’s latest actual movie, “Grand Budapest Hotel,” I shared the mindset. It was a Wes Anderson movie, and therefore I would like it. I may like it less than other Wes Anderson movies, but I will still enjoy the film.

My bias aside though, it’s safe to say that this is one of Anderson’s most accessible, funniest and most spectacular films, with a story and style that reaches beyond the familiar Anderson quirks.

The quirks are there, no doubt — overhead shots; bright, crayon-y colors; symmetrical framing; precocious children; dysfunctional families; and, above all, a whimsical, deadpan sense of humor that doesn’t always make you laugh but can always be recognized as funny, either in the moment or in retrospect.

But “Grand Budapest Hotel” feels like, if not the least Andersonian of his films, then at least the most movie-like of his movies. The plot moves between decades, as an aging writer in the present recalls his time as a young writer in 1968 meeting an old man in a once-famous hotel, the Grand Budapest, recalling his time as a boy in the

then-famous hotel in 1932.

Okay so yeah, the movie is pretty Wes Anderson-y. But the movie delves deep into its characters and plot, as the eccentric and anachronistically proper concierge of the hotel, Monsieur Gustave H. (Ralph Fiennes, in one of the funniest roles of his career), becomes wrapped up in the murder investigation of one of the hotel’s best clients and a close confidant of his, a rich and equally eccentric old woman.

We follow the mystery through the eyes of the young Zero Moustafa, a young and precocious immigrant and lobby boy in the hotel, who adores Gustave and follows his every order, no matter how ridiculous.

The movie runs through a string of ludicrous and vibrant characters, from the overmatched executor of the old woman’s will played by Jeff Goldblum, her vulgar jerk of a son played by Adrien Brody, the understanding and rational German officer played by Edward Norton, the bruising enforcer played by Willem Dafoe, the conniving prisoner played by Harvey Keitel and, of course, appearances from Bill Murray, Jason Schwartzman and Owen Wilson.

Despite all these famous faces and instantly memorable characters, though, the central conflict of the film rests in the efforts of Gustave and Zero to escape the forces chasing them down and hold onto a priceless painting they stole from the old woman’s estate. Well technically it was willed to Gustave, but it’s a whole thing in the movie.

During their time on the run, with Gustave constantly trying to get back to his beloved hotel and Zero trying to get back to the young girl he loves and has promised

to marry (another precocious child, played by Saoirse Ronan), Anderson gives us insight into the intense loneliness and that accompanies Gustave and his lifestyle. Zero adores him, but we can see what total devotion to servitude, mixed with endless vanity, can lead to in life. Zero devotes himself to his new love, but we find out even that can’t promise endless joy.

The most powerful moment, for me, comes at the very end, as a rebuttal to a point made in the opening minutes of the movie. At the beginning of the movie, the writer recalls seeing the old man, who we find out later to be Zero, in the hotel, and though all the people in the hotel are alone, he is the first one to seem truly lonely. Anderson shows us at the end of the film though, that sometimes loneliness is the price to be paid for love and happiness, and mushy and sentimental as that may sound, heck, I liked it.

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“Grand Budapest Hotel”

Wes Anderson

Fox Searchlight Productions

If you like: Awkwardness coated in saturated colors.



RUNNING TOWARD GOALS A HOLY HALF MARATHON TALE



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Editor’s note: This is the final installment in a series of columns chronicling the journey to the Holy Half Marathon on March 29.

Three weeks ago, I was making plans to run away for this past weekend.

I knew the Holy Half Marathon was Saturday, and I had decided that, despite several weeks of preparing, I was not going to run it. I had spent most of those weeks unwilling to train in the freezing temperatures, unable to bring myself to run inside and discouraged by on-and-off shin pain.

When I wasn’t running, I was frustrated. When I was running, I was still frustrated. Upon realizing that I grimaced every time someone mentioned running, the Holy Half or anything even tangentially related to athleticism, I decided to take a step back. The race had transformed from a fun and challenging goal to a source of feelings of inadequacy, and so it had become no longer worth it.

In accordance with my tendency to be too hard on myself, I was not-so-secretly bitter about the situation. Until

four days beforehand, I was so determined to escape the entire event that I looked into flights home to New Jersey for the weekend.

My dad, however, was having none of it. As parents are wont to do, he reminded me that running away from my problems (no pun intended) would solve nothing.

“What is it that will really define your success on this project?” he asked me.

Angsty 20-something that I am, I reacted by refusing to speak to him for several days. It wasn’t until I learned that the Holy Half committee was looking for volunteers that I returned to his question.

What would define my success on this project?

As I had known deep down all along, planning my escape from South Bend certainly wouldn’t do it. But maybe giving of myself in another way could.

I signed myself up to volunteer at the race, and for an hour and a half Saturday morning, I stood about a quarter of a mile from the finish line, pointing runners toward the end and cheering louder than I knew possible.

I watched hundreds of people run by: classmates, co-workers at this newspaper, roommates of past and present, former dorm-mates and people who looked vaguely familiar — some of my closest friends and many other people whom I may never meet.

I smiled as people in costumes passed me — shout-out

to the guy in the pig suit; you were my favorite. I laughed when people reacted to my “You’re almost there!” with “Thank God!” And I’d be lying if I said I didn’t tear up a bit when a man and two little boys started running alongside a woman whom I presume was their wife and mom for the last leg of the race. At some point, I started to equate their success with my own.

I didn’t run a single step Saturday morning, unless you count the part of volunteering when I skipped around in circles to keep warm. (I refuse to be ashamed about that.)

Still, the half marathon proved valuable for me in ways I couldn’t have predicted.

I recognized how much good comes from urging other people on as they pursue their goals and ambitions.

I learned that sometimes we are meant to be the runners and other times, we are meant to be the cheerleaders yelling until we lose our voices.

I realized that there’s nothing wrong with deciding that one aspiration no longer serves you and pursuing another instead.

As it turns out, what ultimately matters is that instead of running away from things, we run toward them.

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TYLER BRYANT & THE SHAKEDOWN SHAKE THINGS UP

By **Meghan Cleary**
Scene Writer

Everybody has a strategy to get through his or her Mondays. Perhaps there is also a tactic for Tuesdays, Wednesdays or just the week in its entirety. In order to keep self-morale at its peak, my strategy is to keep my headphones in my ears at any moment possible. Getting from Haggar Hall to DeBartolo Hall requires a well-paced metronome of tune and a mood-setting melody.

Without a doubt, whilst crossing quads, my favorite playlists are filled with songs that put a smirk on my face and a pace to my step. The selection of music sends one message reverberating through my body: “You have today in the palm of your hand; nobody can mess with you.” Over the past few months, these playlists have been filled with gritty hip-hop and ominous glitch-hop instrumentals. The search in a promising change of pace seemed hopeless — until Saturday night at Legends, when Tyler Bryant & the Shakedown came to town. Their performance catalyzed a full-blown delve into their repertoire that has officially taken claim of my intimidation-factor, get-me-through-the-day playlist.

Legends’ venue laid the perfect set-up for Tyler Bryant & the Shakedown. This band reminded me of the value of intimacy between the performer and audience. Often, big names lose connection to their fan base through barriers such as front-row ropes and little

contact with the audience — for example, just driving through a set and taking no time to share their story. Tyler Bryant & the Shakedown encouraged one philosophy: A true shakedown doesn’t take kindly to barriers.

The full set touched upon my favorite variations of rock music. “Downtown Tonight” and “Poor Boy’s Dream” kept the swing and heart of blues alive and well. Songs like “Don’t Come Cheap” and “Lipstick Wonder Woman” combined this feel with a style of classic rock that is incredibly rare to come by nowadays. This combination of musical style, along with their unique and energetic presence, made for the perfect performance.

All four of the band members took the opportunity to get just inches away from the people they were playing for. Tyler Bryant, lead vocalist and guitarist, introduced each group member, which prompted each member to perform a memorable and remarkable solo.

Noah Denney, bassist, pulled strings throughout the entire performance that notably led each song’s sense of emotion. The emotional output was on a wide spectrum; Denney laid down the perfect foundation for each and any circumstance. Needless to say, Denney’s bass solo took on an emotion of its own, provoking the inevitable response hip sways and head nods.

Graham Whitford, guitarist, took solo to a new level. Remember that intimidation factor I mentioned earlier? This guitar solo embodies that. The movement in Whitford’s hands, and the sound emitting from his guitar, was completely entrancing. True talent on such

a complex instrument is not easy to come by — but was palpably present in Whitford.

Next was Caleb Crosby, drummer for the band. Crosby did not take the backseat for his solo. Crosby brought his drum front and center, lifted his arms and took the stage with his incredible capacity to build music. Any section, piece or part of the drum was an opportunity to make music. After giving the audience a pseudo-ending to his solo, Crosby headed for the audience and jumped to the floor, hitting his sticks against the linoleum, dropping the audience’s jaws at the quick-paced and creative continuation.

Tyler Bryant & the Shakedown brought a phenomenal performance. Their musical content is powerful. The sounds they take hold of shed light of performers such as Stevie Ray Vaughan and The Steepwater Band. Listeners could let their hair loose and throw their hands around. Riffs on the guitar would make listeners turn to each other and nod in extraordinary approval. Aside from my time as a live music enthusiast, and having built a steady list of live performances outside of the University, I am a nightclub staff member at Legends. This has allowed me to see a great deal of musicians. Tyler Bryant & the Shakedown’s show was hands down the best rock performance I have seen live in years. To see this group again would be a real treat, and I recommend everybody take the chance to do so at least once.

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BURESS’S BANTER CONSISTENTLY DELIVERS

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Hannibal Buress has been having the year of his life. The writer, comedian and actor currently stars in two critically-acclaimed cable series (“Broad City,” “The Eric Andre Show”), has a role in the upcoming Seth Rogen movie “Neighbors” and may have his own pilot picked up by Comedy Central this spring. It is among these dizzying surroundings that Buress follows up his previous two excellent stand-up specials with “Hannibal Buress: Live from Chicago.” Despite his extensive work in the industry, in “Live from Chicago” nothing seems to faze his notoriously collected comedic demeanor.

Hannibal Buress takes all his jokes at a very even level, treating the absurd and mundane equally, finding humor in each. Sometimes he restrains his more absurd stories with rational analysis, once out of the moment. It sounds like a backwards premise, to present comedy beginning in the absurdity and gradually scaling back to look at it sensibly, but Buress’s ability to discover practical reactions in his very relaxed façade is it’s own kind of ridiculousness. The best way to describe his comedic style might come from Buress’s own words, as he explains his thought process when he’s high: “When I’m on weed, I over-analyze everything.” Though probably not to the exaggerated extent

as when he’s under the influence, you can tell Buress really breaks down and examines all of his talking points.

This course of direction lends itself heavily to Buress’s story-telling-centric brand of stand-up. He dissects his life experiences, mining the minutiae — including scrolling through Facebook and interacting with fans on social media — for little, common ticks on which to riff. In so, a lot of Buress’s funniest moments on “Live from Chicago” come from dialog-based punch lines resultant from his experiences; he previously worked as a writer on “30 Rock,” and his voice, though not as outlandish, sometimes parallels the show’s tone in having the perfectly fitting witty response for seemingly everything.

Other standout bits have Buress confronting a bar owner about a rat in their bathroom and explaining how in New Orleans you can hire a band to walk around the streets behind you. “That’s the best iPod ever,” he claims as he elaborates that you would quickly find yourself in your own parade, with people just joining your police-aided route around the city. His analysis is quite logical and, as a result, his realizations are as funny as the jokes he tells while getting to them. His total deconstruction of professional boxing’s procedural nature compared to viral videos of impromptu fights, for instance, intertwines the two aspects completely. In some cases he even dissects his own jokes after or as he tells them — which, rather than detracts

from, heightens their effectiveness.

Though these conventions comprise most of the “Live from Chicago” special, Hannibal Buress mixes in a couple unpredicted, inventive gags in between. Varying from standard storytelling, Buress sets a punch line to a musical cue and lip-synchs one of his own bits, as homages to rappers and performers who hype their own pre-recorded music at concerts. There may be something to say about the infatuation some stand-ups have with rap, or perhaps even parallels to draw between the two mediums, but as these bits stand, they are simply clever, admiring pokes — and really funny at that.

In his closing material, Buress details his personal experience with a commonly covered premise, the timeshare presentation trap, to slightly underwhelming results for a finale. Still, his insight and calm delivery never falter. Just as in his best material, his apt conclusions make it so that you just want to hear whatever it is he has to talk about — mesmerized by the unpredictable, yet reasonable, things prone to come from his brain.

The uncut and uncensored special “Hannibal Buress: Live from Chicago” is available for streaming and download for \$5 at direct.cc.com

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Not up to NCAA to pay players



Vicky Jacobsen
Sports Writer

Last week, the National Labor Relations Board ruled that players on the Northwestern football team were employees of the university — not just student athletes — and they therefore have the right to form their own labor union. Right now, the College Athletes Players Association, which is being funded by the United Steelworkers, is pushing for better medical coverage for former and current student athletes, as well as a cut of commercial sponsorships and aid to help former athletes graduate.

Although the CAPA is not currently asking for salaries for student athletes, many commentators see the recent decision as a step toward paying college athletes beyond the scholarships they currently receive. Although the idea of paying players (legally, not just in the form of fake campus jobs and free cars) has been tossed around for years, it is clear that athletic departments across the country will not be able to ignore the issue for much longer.

As is often the case when two factions fight over money, both groups risk coming out of this legal fight looking rather bad. The NCAA, which remains a strict and capricious enforcer of amateurism, is so dysfunctional and draconian that even Mark Emmert's mother could not give the organization a positive review. College athletic departments surely do not want to spend the coin to pay their players if they do not have to, but it is hard to believe so many are hurting for money when we see shiny new weight training facilities and basketball coaches making more money than governors.

The student athletes — the same ones we all cheer for Saturday afternoons — might initially seem more sympathetic, and anyone who's watched ESPN in the past year or so knows that much of the sports media complex has sided with the players. But we should remember that most citizens in this country do not have their own sports talk radio show, and many of them spend a lot more time worrying about their own children's college tuition payments than about Big 12

basketball. These people might be casual sports fans, but I doubt they will be able to muster much sympathy for athletes who are already getting a college education for free.

But there are two parties who have managed to stay out of the fray, despite the fact that they are largely responsible for it: the NFL and the NBA. Sure, the NBA technically has the D-League, but pretty much any athlete who enjoys a successful career in professional football or basketball gets a few years of training in a college program. The NCAA can tout the virtues of amateurism, but it is more than happy to let universities function as a minor league for both the NFL and NBA.

I love college sports as much as anyone, but even I have to admit that it makes no sense to force a talented cornerback to pretend he wants to study sociology for three years before he can move on to the NFL.

In nearly every other system, leagues are charged with training their own talent. Most soccer clubs around the world have teams for each age group and promote players through the system when they are ready to advance. In North America, baseball and hockey players can choose between the minor leagues and a college program. Most of the very best take large signing bonuses and the promise of a quick promotion to main club, while the more academically-inclined might hedge their bets by getting a college education while improving their skills and hoping to grow a few extra inches.

The NFL and NBA might be taking advantage of colleges as a training ground for their future stars, but the NCAA is hardly an unwilling victim. There's media attention — and money — in the stars of tomorrow. All the same, the NCAA has been very clear that a full scholarship is the maximum reward student athletes can receive. If a young athlete prefers paychecks to books, that is fine, but it should be the NFL and NBA that should find a place for him, not the NCAA.

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MLB | WHITE SOX 5, TWINS 3

White Sox take down Minnesota Twins

Associated Press

Alejandro De Aza hit two homers, and Jose Abreu had two hits in his major league debut to back Chris Sale and lead the Chicago White Sox to a 5-3 season-opening victory over the Minnesota Twins on Monday.

Sale got the win, pitching five-hit ball into the eighth.

Paul Konerko got a loud ovation before what was likely his final opener, although he wasn't in the lineup. The White Sox started the season with a win after losing 99 games last season.

Abreu doubled on the first pitch he saw leading off the second inning against Ricky Nolasco and scored on De Aza's two-run homer to give Chicago a 2-0 lead.

He also drove in the go ahead run with a single during a two-run third after Minnesota's Kurt Suzuki tied it with a two-run single in the top half.

De Aza made it 5-2 with a solo shot just over the right-field wall

in the sixth inning for his first career multihomer game. It was also the first for Chicago on opening day since Jim Thome at Cleveland in 2008, and the first by a White Sox player in a season opener at home since 1960, when Minnie Minoso hit two against the Kansas City Athletics.

That was enough for Sale, who allowed three runs and struck out eight and walked one. The two-time All-Star came out with a 5-2 lead after giving up a leadoff double to Aaron Hicks in the eighth and striking out Eduardo Escobar.

Ronald Belisario allowed a two-out RBI single to Suzuki before Donnie Veal retired Joe Mauer on a grounder.

Matt Lindstrom came on in the ninth after being announced as the closer by manager Robin Ventura before the game. The right-hander gave up a one-out double to Chris Colabello before striking out Trevor Plouffe and retiring Oswaldo Arcia on a grounder

to the mound for his first save since April 2011 when he was with Colorado.

Nolasco took the loss in a shaky debut with Minnesota. One of the top free agent pitchers last winter, Nolasco gave up five runs and 10 hits in six innings.

The Twins are trying to pick themselves up after back-to-back 96-loss seasons and dropping a staggering 291 games the past three years.

There was a glitch before the game with their replay system as two blown fuses disabled a pair of monitors in the Minnesota clubhouse. That was fixed in time for the first pitch, but things didn't get much better for the Twins.

The White Sox, who believe they are poised to make a jump this year, struck early and answered quickly after Minnesota tied it.

Abreu, signed to a \$68 million, six-year deal in the offseason, and De Aza provided the big hits.

MLB | CARDINALS 1, REDS 0

Home run gives St. Louis opening day win over Reds

Associated Press

Yadier Molina's homer broke a seventh-inning tie and drew another round of loud boos while he rounded the bases on Monday, leading the St. Louis Cardinals to a 1-0 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

The Reds were blanked on opening day for the first time since 1953, ending the second-longest streak of scoring in at least one run in season openers in major league history. The Phillies went 62 years without being blanked in an opener from 1911-72.

Adam Wainwright used his refined sinker to finally get the best of the Reds, who have hit him like no other team. Wainwright allowed three hits in seven innings, fanning nine.

St. Louis escaped a threat in the eighth. Trevor Rosenthal retired all three batters in the ninth, finishing a three-hitter for the defending National League champions.

Bryan Price lost his managing debut with Cincinnati, which opened the season with eight players on the disabled

list, its most since 2007.

During pregame introductions, Molina got by far the loudest boos from the crowd of 43,134 — the second-largest for a regular-season game in Great American Ball Park history. Fans still haven't forgiven the five-time All Star catcher for a 2010 brawl at home plate with Brandon Phillips.

They were booing again after his first-pitch homer in the seventh, his second career off Johnny Cueto. It was one of only three hits off Cueto in seven innings.

The combination of Wainwright and Molina was enough.

Wainwright won 19 games and finished second in the NL Cy Young Award voting last season, when he had his biggest trouble with the Reds. He went 1-3 in four starts with a 7.77 ERA against Cincinnati, getting knocked around so much that he called it a "head-scratcher."

Wainwright (1-0) refined a sinker in spring training and was in control on a breezy, 64-degree afternoon. He fanned new Reds leadoff

hitter Billy Hamilton four times.

The Reds' best chance came in the eighth, when the Cardinals committed two errors. Phillips became the first Reds runner to reach third base, but was caught in a rundown on Jay Bruce's grounder. Carlos Martinez fanned Todd Frazier for the final out, stranding a runner at third.

Cueto's third straight opening-day start was a reminder that it's a matter of staying healthy. He was on the disabled list three times last season, limited to 11 starts. He changed his delivery slightly to try to avoid injury, and was on the mark on opening day until Molina connected.

There were no close plays that merited replays.

One noticeable change: Price will do more defensive shifting. When lefty Matt Adams came to bat, Frazier moved from third base to the second baseman's normal position while Phillips moved into short right field. Adams went the other way, getting a single and a double in his first two at-bats — the only hits off Cueto (0-1) through six innings.

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MLB | BREWERS 2, BRAVES 0

Milwaukee tops Atlanta in Braun's return

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Ryan Braun stepped into the batter's box, admittedly a bit anxious. The sellout crowd at Miller Park quickly put him at ease, showering him with a standing ovation.

First day back on the job after a drug suspension was already a day to remember for the Brewers slugger. Then he added another unique footnote to his career.

Braun went 1 for 4 and stole a base that helped set up a two-run inning, and later was ruled out in the first call overturned under baseball's expanded replay system as Milwaukee beat the Atlanta Braves 2-0 on Monday in a

season opener.

The former MVP was returning from suspension for the final 65 games last year in the Biogenesis doping scandal. Played his first game as a right fielder, too.

What a way to start the season.

"It was special. It was an emotional moment for me," Braun said.

Braun said the ovation affected him. He flied out to left.

"Swung at some pitches that I typically don't swing at, but it's something that I'm very thankful for and very appreciative," Braun said.

Among the 45,691 people in attendance was

Commissioner Bud Selig. Two years ago, Braun became the first MLB player to get a suspension for performance-enhancing drugs overturned. Originally banned for 50 games, he

"Fans are fans. That's the way it's supposed to be. He's their hometown player and it was a wonderful reaction. I wish everybody well."

Bud Selig
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I wish everybody well," Selig said.

Later, Braun had his infield single to lead off the sixth overturned to out after the call was challenged by Braves manager Fredi

"I had a pretty good idea that I was out," Braun said, drawing laughs. "For all of us, we just hope they get it right, and they did get it right."

Yovani Gallardo (1-0) tossed six shutout innings for the win. He allowed just four hits in becoming the first pitcher in franchise history to make five straight opening day starts.

A Braves lineup being relied on to help overcome the adversity to the injury-plagued pitching staff was silenced. Andrelton Simmons finished with two hits.

"You go up there, your third at-bat and (Gallardo) will throw you something completely different," said cleanup hitter Chris Johnson, who went 1 for 4 with a double. "Where did that come from? ... He's one of the tougher guys in the league."

In a bit of a surprise, Francisco Rodriguez struck out two in the ninth for his 305th career save. The veteran righty looked fine about two weeks after accidentally stepping on a cactus during spring training.

Manager Ron Roenicke said he turned to Rodriguez because Jim Henderson, who had 28 saves last season, was having a little trouble of late with his stuff. He hoped a couple outings outside the ninth would help Henderson get straightened out.

With injuries to pitchers including Kris Medlen and Brandon Beachy, Atlanta started Julio Teheran (0-1) after a nice spring. He allowed seven hits in six innings.

"For his first start, for his first opening day, I thought he did a terrific job," Gonzalez said.

But all eyes in Miller Park were on Braun to start after the 2011 NL MVP played his first game since July 21. He was banned the next day.

It seemed like all was forgiven for most in attendance.

Braun's hit and steal set up a two-run double by Aramis Ramirez in the fourth.

"It's special, we all know what he went through last year," Ramirez said. "For the fans to do that, it was very special."

Braun and Ramirez also missed time last season because of injuries.

With their third- and fourth-place hitters back, the Brewers like their chances with an offense that also features the speedy Carlos Gomez and Jean Segura at the top of the order. If the rest of the starting rotation throws like Gallardo, Milwaukee could challenge St. Louis, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh in the NL Central.

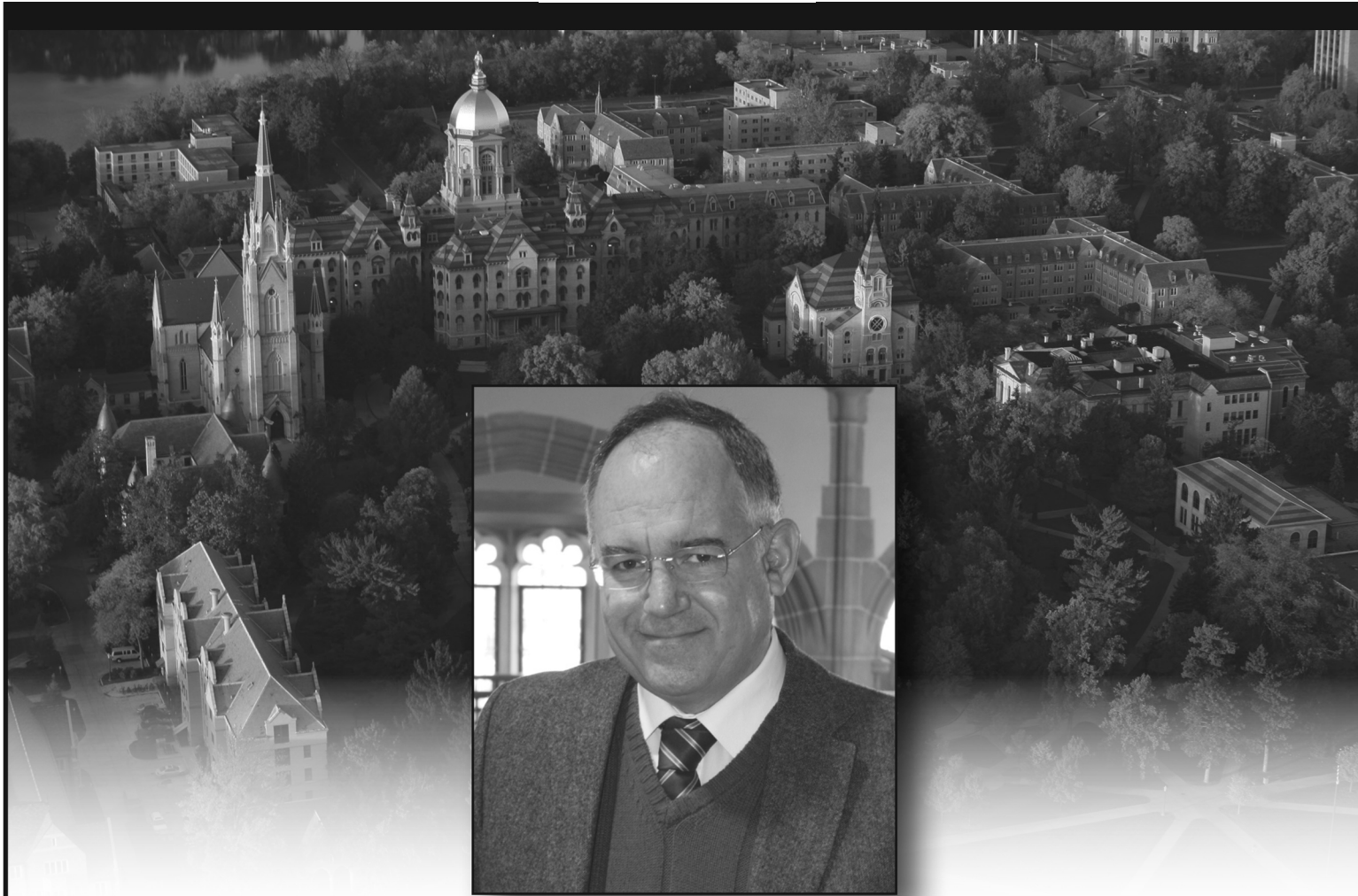
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MLB | PHIL 14, TEX 10

Phillies outscore Rangers

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Jimmy Rollins had a grand slam during his memorable opening day for the Philadelphia Phillies, who needed a lot of runs to get usually reliable ace Cliff Lee a victory in his return to Texas.

Rollins hit his 200th career homer and pinch-hitter John Mayberry Jr. had a tiebreaking two-run double that put the Phillies ahead for good in a wild 14-10 victory over the Rangers on Monday.

Rollins matched Cal Ripken's major league record by starting his 14th consecutive opener at shortstop for the same franchise. He also became the 19th player in major league history with at least 400 doubles, 100 triples and 200 homers.

"J-Roll, with the big pop early, just really set the tone and got things going," Phillies manager Ryne Sandberg said. "I think it was contagious after that."

The Phillies had 17 hits and their most runs in a season opener since 1900. It was more than enough to make up for a rough outing for Lee (1-0), who was unable to protect a 6-0 lead after Rollins homered in the second inning.

Rollins, whose wife is expecting their second child, flew to Texas on Sunday, a day after the rest of the team did.

"I didn't want to come here and then have to fly to Philadelphia," Rollins said. "The baby has let me go out and play ball for a few more days."

Marlon Byrd and Cody Asche also homered for the Phillies, who beat the Boston Beaneaters 19-17 in their 1900 opener.

Converted Rangers reliever Tanner Scheppers gave up seven runs over four innings. But the game was tied when Scheppers threw his last pitch.

Mayberry, a first-round draft pick by the Rangers in 2005 who never played for the big league club and was traded three years later, got his tiebreaking hit in the fifth against Pedro Figueroa (0-1) for a 9-7 lead.

Lee matched his career high by allowing eight runs and struck out only one, but the left-hander made it through five innings in another less-than-stellar opener for him in the Rangers' home ballpark.

"I don't like being on the pitching side of that, but fortunately we outscored them and got the win, the main thing," said Lee, who had a solid spring. "Jimmy hitting that grand slam busted it open. And we kept adding it on and we needed it, as it turned out."

SMC TENNIS | SMC 8, TRINE 1

By CORNELIUS McGRATH
Sports Writer

Over the weekend, Saint Mary's triumphed 8-1 over Trine in its second MIAA match of the spring season.

The Belles (6-3, 2-0 MIAA) began Saturday's contest by winning all three of their doubles matchups. The junior pairing of Audrey Kiefer and Shannon Elliott led the way with an 8-2 win. The sophomore pairing of Margaret Faller and Andrea Feters quickly followed suit with another 8-2 victory, while senior Mary Catherine Faller and junior Kayle Sexton captured an 8-3 win of their own in the first doubles position.

"All of the doubles teams

looked better," Belles coach Dale Campbell said. "The doubles wins were all convincing."

"Margaret Faller and Andrea Feters are now 4-0 in doubles and the No. 1 and No. 2 teams are both improving. We have worked more on doubles in practice, and it seems to be paying off."

Saint Mary's was nearly as successful in the singles portion, winning five out of a possible six matches. Mary Catherine Faller suffered the only loss for the Belles on the day, falling 6-1, 6-0 in the one singles match of the afternoon. At the two spot, Sexton won in a super tiebreaker, 6-2, 2-6, 1-0 (10-5). Belles junior Jackie Kjolhede earned a win

in the three singles by dropping just two games on her way to a 6-2, 6-0 victory, and Elliott took a 6-1, 6-2 decision at four singles. Feters won a 6-1, 6-0 match at number five singles and Kiefer won in the sixth spot, 6-2, 6-2.

The Belles will return to action against Indiana Wesleyan today after last week's non-conference contest against the Wildcats was postponed due to weather. Campbell said the tilt with Division-I Indiana Wesleyan would not be an easy matchup.

"It is always tough playing a team that has players on scholarship," he said. "They are ranked nationally and a perennial power in their conference. We want to win,

but the main priority is getting better for our conference battles"

The Belles' next conference match will take place on April 9 against Albion, last year's third-place conference finisher.

"Albion is always strong and will be a tough opponent upcoming, so our focus is improving every match in doubles and continue to hit more quality shots every match, every point," Campbell said.

"It will take a concentrated effort every match and every practice we have over the next 25 days. The season moves really fast for us at this point."

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SMC SOFTBALL

Weather prevents weekend games

Observer Staff Report

The Belles postponed their second double header in a row Sunday, adding two games against North Park to the pair of contests against Manchester already on the rescheduling list. It has been over a week since the Belles (8-4) have seen action. They swept Dominican on March 23.

Saint Mary's has two more non-conferences game before beginning conference play on April 5. The Belles return to action today against Carthage (6-4). Carthage, ranked No. 22 in Division III by National Fastpitch Coaches Association in the preseason, won its last game against Colby College, 4-1. Early this season, the Lady Reds are being led by freshman pitcher Darian Pelsor who leads Carthage in batting average of those who have had at least 15 at-bats, doubles and total bases and is tied for the team league in slugging percentage. In addition, Pelsor has made four appearances and two starts on the mound this season.

In the last meeting between the two teams, Carthage swept the Belles in the 2012 season, racking up a run differential of

20-5 in the two games. This season, the Belles have opened up a six-game winning streak that includes a .350 team batting average and only six earned runs allowed.

Senior pitcher and captain Callie Selner has been the leader of the Saint Mary's team so far, leading the team in batting average (.448) and doubles (8). Selner has made her mark in the Saint Mary's softball record books both batting and pitching. Selner is fifth in career RBIs with 93, and is only nine RBIs behind Laura Richter (1993-1996) for the program's second spot in the category. She also ranks first in career wins (41) and second in career strikeouts (327). Selner broke the record for most wins in a single season with 17 in 2012. Sophomore outfielder Jillian Busfield has also made her mark on the Belles team ranking fifth on the all-time hom-erun rankings, and last season as a freshman, Busfield broke the single-season record for most home runs with 11.

Now with four games yet to be rescheduled, the Belles will compete against Carthage in Kenosha, Wisc., on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.

MEN'S SWIMMING | NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Irish wrap up season with NCAA championships



ZACH LLORENS | The Observer

Irish senior swimmer Colin Babcock competes during the Shamrock Invitational at Rolfs Aquatic Center on Jan. 31. Babcock competed in four relays at the NCAA championships.

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame's season came to a close Saturday at the NCAA championships, as the Irish finished 30th out of 48 teams.

Despite the low team finish, the Irish managed to compile 14 points during the championship meet, the second-most for a Notre Dame team at the NCAA finals in program history, behind only the 2012 team's showing of 15.

The conclusion of the meet marks the conclusion of head coach Tim Welsh's tenure with the program, after a period of 29 years coaching the Irish. During Welsh's tenure, a total of 23 qualifiers traveled to the NCAA championships, with 20 of those bids coming since the 2011 season. In addition, Welsh has helped six Irish swimmers

earn All-America honors during the previous four NCAA championship meets.

The Irish received several strong individual performances over the weekend. Irish senior Frank Dyer set a program record in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:17.13 and earned All-America honors with his time in the 200-yard freestyle. Dyer finished with a time of 1:33.43 in the event, which was good enough to place fifth overall at the tournament. Dyer finishes his career holding the Notre Dame program records in the 50-, 100-, 200-, 500- and 1000-yard freestyle events, along with the 100-yard butterfly. He is also a member of four different record-holding relay teams.

Irish freshman Joe Coumos finished off his first collegiate

season as only the third men's diver in Notre Dame program history to qualify for the NCAA meet. Coumos finished 19th in the 1-meter dive with a score of 324.10.

The Irish also received strong showings from a pair of junior All-Americans, as well. Zach Stephens finished his season in the 200-yard breaststroke, an event in which he had previously set a new program record with a time of 1:53.34 during the ACC championship meet last month. Stephens would touch the wall at the NCAA championship meet with a time of 1:55.74, which was good enough for 26th place finish. John Williamson put together a strong showing in his signature event, as well, the 200-yard butterfly, with a time of 1:44.01. Williamson placed 24th in the event.

SMC LACROSSE

Illinois Tech game moved

Observer Staff Report

Originally scheduled to square off this past Sunday afternoon, Saint Mary's and Illinois Tech will instead play this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. after their game was postponed due to unplayable field conditions.

The cancellation came after a week of cold weather and heavy rain hit the field at Saint Mary's.

Before they take on the Hawks (0-7), the Belles (0-6) will travel to Kalamazoo on Wednesday to face the Hornets (2-4) in their first conference matchup of the

season.

In its first year as a varsity program, Saint Mary's will continue to search for its first win against Kalamazoo on Wednesday and, conditions permitting, against the winless Illinois Tech squad Saturday.



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TRACK & FIELD | TEXAS RELAYS AND VICTOR LOPEZ INVITATIONAL

Outdoor season begins with Texas meets

By CASEY KARNES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame opened its outdoor season with a pair of meets in Texas this past weekend, putting up strong showings at the Texas Relays in Austin, Texas and the Victor Lopez Invitational in Houston.

The Irish faced some adjustments in their first outdoor competition, but according to freshman hurdler Conner Stapleton, the weather more than made up for it.

"It was different because we've been training inside, and indoor tracks and outdoor tracks are just different in length," Stapleton said. "The coaches try to prepare us as much as they can, to simulate how it feels on an outdoor track, but there's only so much you can do. But it was nice, beautiful weather in Houston. I mean, I couldn't imagine any better weather."

At the first meet, the Texas Relays, 18 Irish athletes made the trek to compete against opponents from the likes of Penn State, Texas and Duke, among other schools. The main event over the meet's first several days was the men's decathlon, where Notre Dame senior Ted Glasnow finished in seventh place out of 15 competitors. His score of 7,299 was enough to give him the top-10 finish he needed to qualify nationally. Glasnow's position was particularly bolstered by his first-place finish in the pole vault section of the

decathlon (4.40 meters).

Other standouts at the Texas Relays included both genders' 4x400-meter relays. The women's team of junior Jade Barber, senior Michelle Brown, junior Amber Lalla and sophomore Margaret Bamgbose finished second with a time of 3:35.91. Freshman Harvey Smith, junior Chris Giesting, senior Patrick Feeney and senior Jarrod Buchanan took fourth place in the event after finishing in 3:08.60. After they achieved All-American status in the indoor season, Stapleton said the 4x400-meter relay team, particularly Feeney and Giesting, have become the example the entire team hopes to replicate.

"Chris [Giesting] and Pat [Feeney] have probably turned in their best seasons," Stapleton said. "The two of them kind of just lead the team, and we just try to pick up the pieces where we can. We try to train as hard as they train, and follow what they do."

Meanwhile, at the Victor Lopez Invitational, the Irish were able to find success in some events new to the outdoor season. In the women's discus, sophomore thrower Lena Madison came in fifth place (41.11 meters), and freshman thrower Indi Jackson was close behind, finishing in seventh (40.56 meters). In another women's field event, senior thrower Amanda Chamblee's javelin toss of 40.49 meters was good enough for second place.

Back on the track, the



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Irish senior Patrick Feeney competes during the Notre Dame Invitational in the Loftus Sports Center on Jan. 25. Feeney was part of Notre Dame's fourth-place 4x400-meter relay team at the Texas Relays this weekend.

Irish managed a one-two finish in the men's 400-meter hurdles, and a victory in the women's 400-meter hurdles as well. Sophomore Michelle Rotondo claimed victory with a 1:00.75 time, while Stapleton (53.64) and sophomore Aaron Dunn (54.04) paced the men's event. The race marked

Stapleton's first college victory, but the freshman said it was only a single step on the path to his ultimate goals.

"It feels good," Stapleton said. "I don't want to hype it up like I'm a big superstar now, cause I'm not. I know I have a long way to go. I ran a conservative race and just

did what I can. I hope to improve off that time, which I think I will."

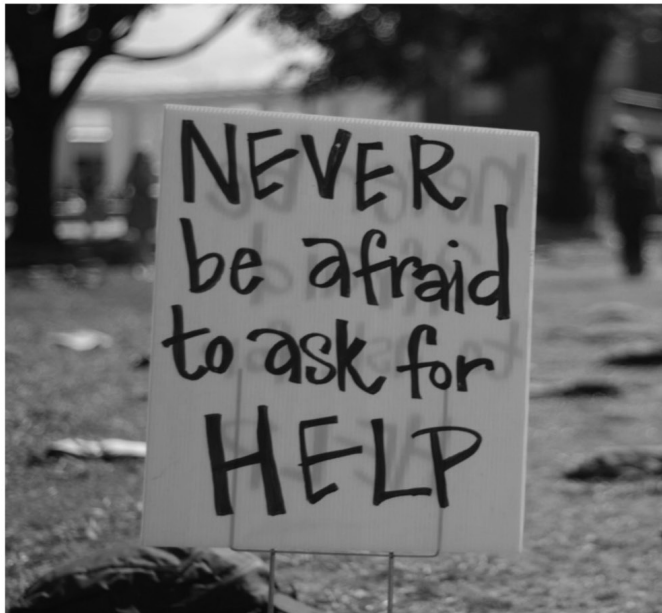
The Irish will return to the track next weekend, when they travel to the Stanford Invitational in Stanford, Calif.

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something we'll always have that we got to share."

Will echoed his fathers' sentiments, adding that he embraces the chance to see him every day.

"He was always a role model for me growing up," he said. "Having him around every day is really great. I stop by the office almost every day to talk to him as a dad, not a coach, which is pretty cool."

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Will Corrigan

Irish junior midfielder

ing his dad as a coach has not come with some adjustments for the younger Corrigan, particularly when his teammates air complaints about the coaching staff.

"It's hard in the locker room when guys are saying, 'Why did coach make us do this today?' or 'Why did we run so much?'," Will said. "That whole aspect was challenging for me, but it's gotten a lot

better."

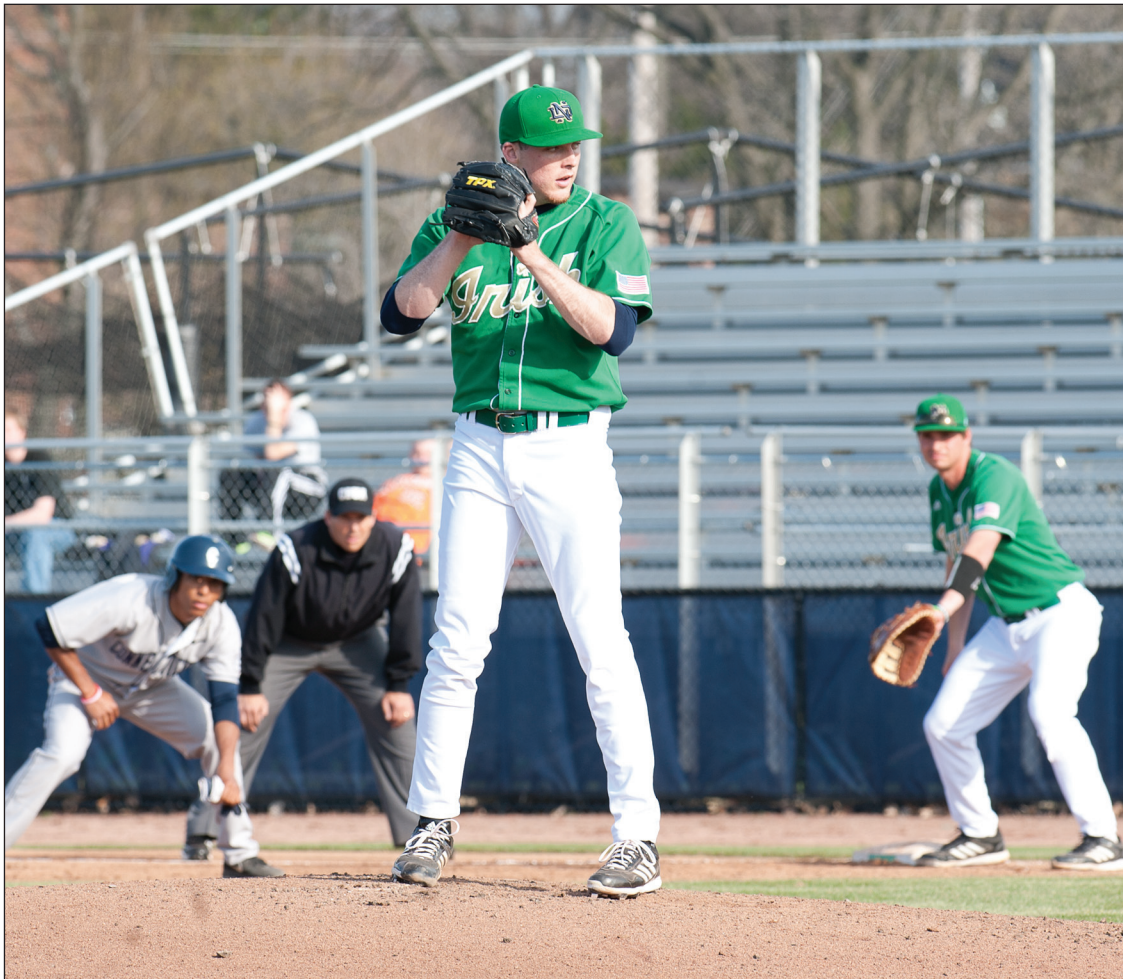
Coach Corrigan understands the difficulties that his son faces with his teammates. There is also the issue of where the line stops for him being a dad and where it begins for him as coach. The elder Corrigan said he has not found the issues to be difficult to resolve, however.

"When we're on the field, I treat him no different than anybody else," Coach Corrigan said. "That's not to say I treat everybody the same. You learn what guys respond to and what they don't, and while there's a certain amount of pushing and prodding you really tailor it to what a guy responds to — I think I do that with Will on the field the same as everybody else."

Since both are now trying to help the Irish win their first-ever national championship, lacrosse is always a hot topic at home during the summer.

"We talk about lacrosse [at home] but it's not like he forces me into it — I almost force him into it," Will said. "We've both always loved the game, so we try to figure out how can I get better and how the team can get better. The one thing I will say is it's not as fun when you're on vacation and your coach is with you and he knows if you're working out or not."

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Irish junior pitcher Pat Connaughton stands on the mound during Notre Dame's 12-2 home win over Connecticut on April 26, 2013.

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momentum and all that stuff begins and ends with the guy on the mound," Irish coach Mik Aoki said. "Nick did a good job last week of staying in the strike zone and making them earn their way on base. If we're able to do that, hopefully, we'll be in a good place."

The win over Valparaiso was just Notre Dame's sixth win in March. The Irish are 6-12 in the month.

This time around, Notre Dame will hand the ball to junior right-hander Scott Kerrigan. Kerrigan (0-1, 5.06 ERA) opened the season in the weekend rotation but has not made a start since Feb. 23 against Santa Clara.

"I think a lot of it is that he's earned his way back into it," Aoki said. "I think he's done an excellent job of kind of battling his way back into that role. He's pitched really well. He pitched well [Sunday] in that first game."

In his two starts in February, Kerrigan allowed 10 runs (five earned) on seven hits in just 3 1/3 innings. Since then, in appearances against Virginia Tech and Wake Forest, he has gone 7 1/3 innings and allowed one run on four hits.

"I thought he pitched really well last week against Virginia Tech," Aoki said. "I think any intrasquad games we've had, he's worked himself back into it. I think he's been throwing the ball really well so I think that's a big part of it."

Valparaiso will counter with

Valparaiso sophomore right-hander Ellis Foreman. Foreman (1-1, 4.24) took the loss against the Irish last week when he gave up four runs on nine hits in seven innings.

Last week, the Irish struck quickly against Foreman in the first inning. Just seven pitches in, the Irish scored on junior first baseman Blaise Lezynski's RBI single. Four pitches later, they added another when freshman second baseman Cavan Biggio drove in Lezynski with a sacrifice fly.

Freshman third baseman Kyle Fiala, sophomore left fielder Zak Kutsulis and freshman catcher Ryan Lidge all picked up two hits against Foreman.

The Crusaders have had nine games cancelled this season, including two Horizon League weekend series. Valparaiso has played just six games since March 9.

Tuesday's game, which will be played in Four Winds Field, was originally scheduled for 5:35 p.m. but has since been moved to 8:05 p.m. because of the South Bend Silver Hawks' media day and practice.

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Irish junior defensive lineman Jarron Jones looks to the sideline during Notre Dame's 35-21 loss to Oklahoma on Sept. 28.

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around the guys and making sure everybody's comfortable around each other, just basically overall building a unit that plays together."

Day said he knows his role on this year's defensive line will require him to take on more leadership responsibilities as an upperclassman.

"I feel like, with my play, I kind of set an example, or I hope that I do, and that people can follow me and kind of see what direction I'm trying to take this unit," Day said.

The necessity of adjustments means that some players will have to move to different positions on the line. Senior defensive lineman Chase Hounshell has shifted this spring to playing defensive tackle.

"I came in at the defensive-end position," Hounshell said. "Obviously, though, we were in a different defense last year, so this year, it's based on who we have, our personnel. We have [senior outside linebacker] Ishaq [Williams] at the end; we have [junior outside linebacker] Romeo [Okwara]. We got some other guys. We got [senior outside linebacker] Anthony Rabasa, early-enrollee [freshman defensive lineman Andrew] Trumbetti has been absolutely phenomenal, he's been great, so [defensive tackle is] kind of where the team needed me. So I said, 'All right, let's do it.'"

At least one thing is certain for the defensive line, and it is a principle that has molded the line over the past few years,

according to Day: the line will learn to communicate best by spending a lot of time together away from the field.

"I feel like it's definitely been carried on throughout the years, especially with Kap [former defensive lineman Kapron Lewis-Moore] kind of bringing me under his wing, Tyler bringing me under his wing, Louis, Tuitt, just guys like that, always just trying to get around each other, maybe grab something to eat, always trying to communicate with each other," Day said.

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Final Four, but when Skylar graduated, I don't think anyone expected that we would be back," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I think it says a lot about this team and their mental toughness and the grit that they got together and had this unbelievable season."

The Irish celebration was somewhat tempered by the uncertain status of senior forward Natalie Achonwa, who was taken down by a hard foul from Baylor sophomore forward Chardonae Fuqua' and left the game with an injured knee with 4:51 remaining in the second half.

"It sucked the air right out of the room," McGraw said. "We don't know what it is yet. That was just a really hard foul, one of many hard fouls in the game, and you hate to see a player go down like that."

McGraw said Achonwa will have an MRI on Tuesday to determine the extent of the injury. But Achonwa has proven she can be useful to her team when she's not playing as she stood up from the floor to head to the locker room, she caught the attention of her teammates and forcefully reminded them they were playing to protect their home court. The Irish (35-0, 16-0 ACC), who were leading by 11 at the time of the foul, finished out the game with a 13-5 run.

Although the home crowd helped the Irish jump to an early lead against Oklahoma State on Saturday, the Lady Bears (32-5, 19-2 Big 12) did not show jitters in the opening minutes Monday night. Junior forward Sune Agbuke and senior guard Odyssey

Sims scored the first baskets of the night, which were soon followed by a layup from Achonwa and a jump shot from sophomore guard Jewell Loyd. The two teams traded the lead back and fourth until Loyd tied the score at 21-21 at 8:44 with a layup that marked the start of a personal eight-point run.

"I was just trying to get something going, find some energy," Loyd said. "I kind of took what the defense gave me, and I credit my teammates for finding me and pressing me enough to take those shots."

As the first half wound down, the Irish stretched the lead to as many as 13 points, in part because they hit 11 of 13 free throws. The Lady Bears, who were called for 13 fouls in the first half, went to the line only three times in the first period. The Irish committed only five first-half fouls, but because senior guard Kayla McBride was called for two of them, she spent all but four minutes of the first half on the bench. With McBride looking on, Loyd scored 21 points she finished the night with 30 and Notre Dame went into the locker room leading 44-32.

"It doesn't surprise me at all," McBride said of Loyd's offensive outburst. "It's something that I expect of them; they're talented players, and it just says a lot about this entire team that when I'm out I don't really have to worry about it because we have so many players who are willing to step up."

But the Lady Bears showed signs of life early in the second period. Sims scored nine points in four minutes to open the half, including a 3-pointer that narrowed the

lead to 46-41. Sims finished the night with 33 points and six assists.

"She's good," Loyd said at the post-game press conference, eliciting a laugh from her coach. "She knows how to split a defense, and I think it was a team effort tonight to stop her, and I think we did a pretty good job."

"Our goal was to hold her under 40," McGraw added.

Although the Lady Bears pulled themselves back into the game in the second half, at 13:30 Baylor coach Kim Mulkey took issue with a foul called on Sims and grabbed the ball as it rolled to the bench. The referees issued a technical foul on the bench, and Mulkey had to be restrained by players and assistant coaches. McBride took and made both free throws to put the Irish up, 55-46.

But the Lady Bears were not quite done. With 7:30 remaining in the game, Sims stole the ball and passed it to sophomore guard Nina Davis, who threw in a layup to cut the Irish lead to 65-60. Just a few plays later, however, Irish freshman guard Lindsay Allen got a steal of her own and raced down-court. Sims wrapped her arms around Allen and was called for her fourth foul of the game. Allen hit both free throws to put Notre Dame up by nine, and the Irish never looked back.

Notre Dame will head south to Nashville, Tenn., for the national semifinal game Sunday at Bridgestone Arena. The Irish will face either fourth-seeded Maryland or No. 3 seed Louisville, who play for the Louisville Regional championship Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

Who said girls play nice?

It took about 35 minutes of rough-and-tumble play for No. 1-seed Notre Dame to break away from the second-seeded Lady Bears, but when all was said and done, the Irish claimed an 88-69 win and their fourth-straight trip to the Final Four.

"When [former Irish guard] Skylar [Diggins] came in, people expected that we would be in the

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Irish sophomore guard Jewell Loyd dribbles the ball during Notre Dame's 88-69 over Baylor in the Purcell Pavilion on Monday night. Loyd scored 30 points in the win.

BASEBALL

Host ND looks to end skid

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Senior Sports Writer

Notre Dame will try to snap a three-game losing streak Tuesday night when it hosts Valparaiso for the second time in less than a week.

Wednesday the Irish (9-17, 1-11 ACC) topped the Crusaders (9-11, 1-2 Horizon), 4-1, behind six strong innings from sophomore right-hander Nick McCarty. McCarty picked up his first win of the season by allowing just three hits and a run while striking out five.

"I think in this game,

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FOOTBALL

Defensive line takes new shape

By SAMANTHA ZUBA
Assistant Managing Editor

Right now, the Irish defensive line is a unit in flux. But the flexible mentality of a group adjusting to new faces and the graduation of seniors fits right in with the philosophy behind a 4-3 defense.

With its emphasis on reactions and dynamic adjustment, the new 4-3 defensive scheme allows Notre Dame to showcase its versatility and athleticism, junior defensive lineman Jarron Jones said during player media availability Friday.

"I think it's better for us because we get to pin our ears back and attack the gap," Jones said. "It's pretty much a bunch of responsibility and more reaction, and it actually lets us show off our actual talents. Not to say that being in a 3-4 that wasn't the case, but playing in a 4-3 is more of a looser defense than a 3-4. A 3-4 is more disciplined because you have to play two gaps, whereas with the 4-3, you only have to play one. You only have one rush lane. It's a lot more on blitzing concepts. It's a lot more

fun."

The Irish defense played in a 4-3 defense before former defensive coordinator Bob Diaco transitioned Notre Dame to a 3-4 for the 2010 season. This spring, current defensive coordinator Brian VanGorder has worked on bringing the Irish back to the 4-3 set.

"It's definitely been a good time," junior defensive lineman Sheldon Day said. "Coach VanGorder is doing a great job with making sure that we're learning the defense, just trying to make sure everything we do is kind of up-to-par, and I definitely feel like he's doing a great job."

As Notre Dame's defensive line adjusts to the different scheme, it must also adjust to a new unit dynamic. Several key players, including former defensive linemen Stephon Tuitt and Louis Nix, declared for the draft after the conclusion of last season.

"In my case, I feel like it's about building another unit," Day said. "We lost Tuitt and Nix to the draft, and it's just about building the chemistry again, just getting

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Corrigan develops in his father's program

By BRIAN PLAMONDON
Sports Writer

Growing up in Indiana, Irish junior midfielder Will Corrigan never faced a particularly high level of competition when it came to lacrosse. He actually was better at tennis in middle school, being told that he could certainly pursue that sport in college. By the time high school rolled around, however, he realized he enjoyed playing lacrosse even more — and he wanted to play for his dad, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan, now in his 26th season with the program.

"Neither of us thought I could play at [Notre Dame's] level," Will Corrigan said with a laugh. "He said if I want to come here, I have a spot, but I probably won't play for a few years. Kind of worked out for both our benefits that I was better than we expected."

Will has since become a reliable and versatile player for Notre Dame, making smart decisions with the ball while contributing to the team's offensive output. In 39 games (16



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Irish junior midfielder Kevin Corrigan runs during Notre Dame's 8-7 loss to Penn State at Arlotta Stadium on Feb. 22.

starts) his first three seasons, he has scored 11 goals while adding 11 assists. Part of his success can be attributed to his familiarity with the team and coaching style, spending countless hours around them as a kid. His father certainly thinks so, and he has also enjoyed every minute having his son on the team.

"I'm coaching a young adult," Kevin Corrigan said. "I'm not coaching a little kid — there's no real drama for he and I. And that I get to be a part of his college athletic experience is a pretty neat thing, because it's something that he and I care a lot about and its

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