

Blue-Gold Game relocates to LaBar

Notre Dame's annual spring football game switches venues this year due to stadium renovations

By **KATIE GALIOTO**
News Writer

The 86th Blue-Gold Game will be held at LaBar Practice Complex this Saturday, marking the end of the spring football season.

The Blue-Gold Game is a football scrimmage between Notre Dame's offense and defense. John Heisler, senior associate athletics director, said the game is the last of Notre Dame's 15 practices permitted during the spring and serves as a way for coaches and fans to see how the team is doing.

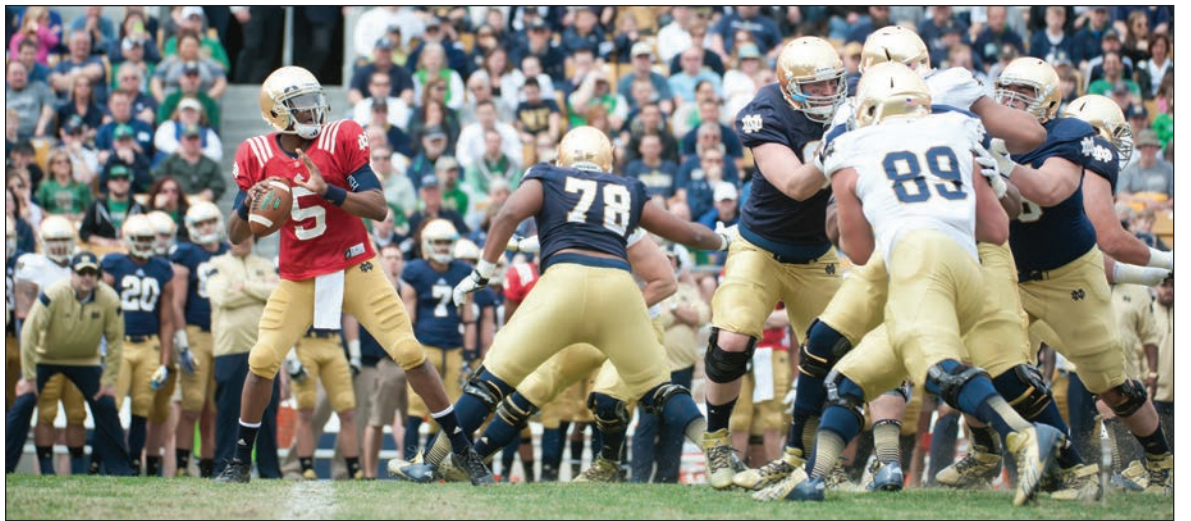
"In the past, it's been a great opportunity for families to bring their kids and see how our football team

is coming along," Heisler said. "For our fans, young or old, it's an opportunity to see some players that they haven't seen before. This is kind of the first look into next season, in terms of the personnel."

Sophomore receiver Justin Brent said he is excited for his family to be able to come watch him play football again.

"There's only one time in the spring when our families get to come see one of the main reasons we're here at Notre Dame," Brent said. "I'm excited for them to see all the hard work we've been putting in. It's a time for my teammates

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Graduate student quarterback Everett Golson, pictured in red, looks to pass during last year's Blue-Gold Game. Saturday, the football team will compete in a friendly matchup in preparation for the 2015 season.

Sexual assault reported

Observer Staff Report

A sexual assault was reported to a University administrator Tuesday, according to the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) crime log from Wednesday.

The alleged rape occurred on Jan. 17 in a North Quad men's residence hall, according to the crime log.

Unlike in other cases this year, however, students did not receive an NDSP crime alert email detailing the

allegations. The Jeanne Clery Act, originally known as the Campus Security Act, is the federal law that details how and what universities and colleges disclose in terms of crime on campus, according to the Clery Center for Security on Campus.

The crime alert emails the Notre Dame community receives are sent out because of regulations in the Clery Act. According to the Clery Center, the act requires universities and colleges to "issue

timely warnings about Clery Act crimes which pose a serious or ongoing threat to students and employees."

Clery Act crimes that are reported a significant amount of time after they occur may not qualify as timely. However, the Clery Act does not dictate the amount of time that disqualifies an incident from requiring a warning in the form of a crime alert.

Therefore, NDSP judges on a

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Madeleva lecture discusses women's role in Church

By **HALEIGH EHMSSEN**
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Saint Mary's Director of the Center for Spirituality Elizabeth Groppe introduced the 30th annual Madeleva Lecture, created in honor of former president of Saint Mary's Sister Madeleva Wolff, on Thursday. The lecture included many speakers, all looking specifically at the Voice of Young Catholic Women project

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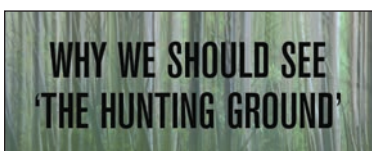


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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What is your favorite dorm tradition?



Luis Young
freshman
Zahm House

"Messing with my roommate, Brickner. It's basically a tradition."



Josh Chiu
sophomore
Zahm House

"Zahm Independence Day."



Tim Moriarty
sophomore
Zahm House

"Torquemada."



Jeff Marino
sophomore
Zahm House

"The Shake."



Austin Bosemer
junior
Zahm House

"Studying in LaFun at midnight the Sunday before finals."



Devin Butler
sophomore
Zahm House

"Oo-ga-cha-ka."



CHRIS COLLINS | The Observer

Outside Breen-Phillips Hall, this tree has finally bloomed, showing that spring has sprung on campus. Students can now study outside in the warm weather, as the temperatures for the weekend are expected to range from low 50s to high 70s.

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Friday

Labor Café

Geddes Hall
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Higgins
Labor Studies
Program.

ND Relay for Life

Compton Family Ice
Arena
6 p.m.-11:55 p.m.
Fundraiser.

Saturday

Run Forrest Run 5K/10K

Campus-wide
8:30 a.m.-11 a.m.
Benefit for wounded
veterans.

Blue-Gold Game

LaBar Practice
Complex
12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Streaming online.

Sunday

Strikeout Cancer Softball Game

Melissa Cook Stadium
12 p.m.-2 p.m.
Notre Dame vs.
Syracuse

La Misa en Español

Dillon Hall
1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
Weekly Spanish
Mass.

Monday

Asian and Pacific Islander American Mix and Mingle

McNeil Room
11:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
Lunch with faculty.

"How Dante Can Save Your Life"

DeBartolo Hall
5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Lecture.

Tuesday

Softball

Melissa Cook Stadium
4 p.m.-6 p.m.
The Irish take on
DePaul.

Four:7 Catholic Fellowship

Cavanaugh Hall
8:15 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Weekly meeting.

Carroll to host first annual music festival

By **SELENA PONIO**
News Writer

This Saturday at 1 p.m., Carroll and Badin Halls are hosting Carroll Lakeside Music Festival, an event that will showcase various musical student acts from across campus. This outdoor festival will also consist of giveaways, games and food.

Mary Howard, sophomore and resident of Badin Hall, helped organize this annual event. She said Carroll's lakeside location, with its unrivaled view of the dome, is perfect for this musical event.

Howard said Carroll has been planning this event since last year. Badin got involved at the end of last semester and has had weekly meetings about the event since the end of January. Several of the student groups performing at the event are The Undertones, Frances Luke Accord, Nick Lindstrom, Be Goode, Erin Klaus, DJ Jhin and The Jersey Chasers, Howard said.

"The most challenging part of the event has been building the hype of the event and making our name for ourselves since it is our first year," she said.

Howard said the collaboration between Badin and Carroll has been key to making the event possible. The two dorms have participated in regular meetings together and have had residents from both dorms involved in planning the logistics of the festival.

According to the event's Facebook group, all proceeds from the event benefit the Boys and Girls Club of St. Joseph County, which has the mission of creating a safe space to help 1,500 children reach their full potential while having fun, according to its website.

"The GRC has provided funding for us, so with the motto of the GRC and the Boys and Girls Club in mind we are hoping to provide a great place for all students to come together and enjoy themselves and each other's company," Howard said.

Tyler Belin, freshman and resident of Carroll Hall, said there are several highly anticipated acts that are performing and he thinks the event is a great opportunity for the Notre Dame community to come together.

"It's going to be a great time for a

great cause," Belin said. "It's a cool chance to see all the student talent we have here at Notre Dame."

Howard said students should grab their blankets, sunglasses and lakeside tanks and soak up the rare South Bend sun while enjoying the music talent of their peers.

"I hope in the coming years we are seen as a sister to the Fisher Regatta — we kick off Antostal on one side of the lake and they close it out on the other," Howard said.

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SMC students to discuss 'The Hunting Ground'

By **HALEIGH EHMSSEN**
Saint Mary's Editor

On Monday, the Saint Mary's Justice Education Program, along with the Gender and Women Studies Department, will host a student panel discussion about CNN's documentary "The Hunting Ground" from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Student Center Atrium.

Junior Bri O'Brien said eight students will share their reactions to the film and to the Saint Mary's administration response and will also suggest what needs to be done by students and administration in response to "The Hunting Ground."

Bri O'Brien said the idea for a student-led panel on the documentary was brought up in a discussion

after her Feminist Philosophy course taught by Dr. Adrienne Lyles-Chockley.

"Some students expressed discontent and disappointment with how [last Thursday's] panel was conducted and the administration's responses to student questions," Bri O'Brien said. "Many questions that were asked during this after-class discussion were able to be, at least partially, answered by fellow students."

"Because students have different experiences and perspectives at Saint Mary's, we can often turn to one another for answers, advice and opinions, especially in those times when our administration fails to adequately address and answer our questions. Furthermore, we realized the need for students

to have their voices heard by not only fellow students but also by the administration."

Director of Media Relations Gwen O'Brien said Saint Mary's has a long history of fostering dialogue on important issues.

"We are glad to know that our students are continuing the dialogue started last Thursday night when the College screened the film," Gwen O'Brien said. "Students need to talk about this heartbreaking issue."

Senior Elizabeth Maloney will moderate the panel, Bri O'Brien said.

Maloney, also a student in Lyles-Chockley's Feminist Philosophy course, said it is important for students to speak out because the issue of sexual assault is "ours."

"We are affected by this and must start to speak up," Maloney said.

Maloney said since the panel last Thursday only had one student on it, the students in Lyles-Chockley's course wanted to provide a safe space where students could discuss more of the issues brought up by the film.

"As Dr. Davis pointed out during the April 9 administration-led panel, students hold the power to move forward on these issues," Maloney said. "With everything we have learned, discussed and questioned in Feminist Philosophy this semester, many of us felt it to be our responsibility, as women with the ability to do something, to do something."

It is necessary for the panel discussion to be student-led because often college employees — not just at Saint Mary's — are led to censorship because they are employed by the university administration, Bri O'Brien said.

"Whether or not this is the case at SMC, the motives and interests of administrative members may not be in the best interest of students," she said. "Additionally, administrative members are employed by the College, which obliges them to censorship. While students also have vulnerabilities, a collective discussion led by students, for students is significantly less vulnerable to censorship and undesirable consequences than the statement of an administrative member is."

Aside from issues of censorship and vulnerability, Bri O'Brien said, the student perspective on the issue of sexual assault is the most important one.

"We choose to attend this institution, we pay to attend this institution, and we do so under the mutual agreement to receive an education, feel supported and safe on campus and express academic freedom in exchange for our tuition and participation," she said. "Therefore, it is appropriate for students to address the concerns of students."

Gwen O'Brien said the president and administration knew "The Hunting Ground" did not portray Saint Mary's in a positive light, but they felt, because of the subject matter, it needed to be shown at Saint Mary's last Thursday.

"The evening was an important

step for our community to acknowledge the frustrations with the legal and college/university disciplinary systems," Gwen O'Brien said. "Together we will work to understand what each other is saying — students, faculty and administration — and improve procedures where needed. Our students should feel respected, supported and empowered."

According to Bri O'Brien, the students who will speak on the panel are highly qualified and representative of each class year.

"They have personal experience with sexual assault, encounters with administration of similar natures, knowledge of relevant policy issues such as Title IX [and] holding a leadership position on campus," she said.

The panel discussion seeks to voice the concerns of students through an academic and justice-focused perspective, Bri O'Brien said. It is important to distinguish this event from responses that originate outside of the Justice Education program.

Bri O'Brien said Monday's panel discussion will allow students to speak out and be heard by fellow students and take advantage of the sisterhood at Saint Mary's.

"We — the students — need to be heard and this is the way we are choosing to have our voices heard. The sisterhood among Belles is so unique, and it is because of this sisterhood that we must converse with each other, understand each other, and advocate for each other," she said. "That's what we are doing — we are women advocating for women. This is not to say that SMC does not advocate or support its students. It is to say that students should express their concerns the same as administration did on April 9."

Gwen O'Brien said it is important to note that, even though Saint Mary's and Notre Dame are separate institutions, many policies and procedures have changed for the better at both schools over the past five to 10 years.

"Student voices helped bring about some of those changes, and we appreciate their voices now," Gwen O'Brien said. "Dialogue always makes a difference."

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ND celebrates 400th anniversary of 'Don Quixote'

By **MEGAN VALLEY**
News Writer

Throughout April, Don Quixote's Ventures at Notre Dame will encompass several cultural events to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the publication of Miguel de Cervantes's widely-known novel. According to the Nanovic Institute's website, Notre Dame will be celebrating the anniversary with a series of events "exploring the impact of this influential work of literature from the Spanish Golden Age."

Throughout the month, the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures will be hosting a variety of events including readings, films and an academic symposium. Encarnación Juárez-Almendros, associate professor of early modern Spanish literature, said the events are important for promoting Hispanic culture on campus.

"These events bring awareness of the literary and cultural importance of the best-known Spanish author and work to the greater Notre Dame community," she said. "This intellectual undertaking underlines the relevance of the Hispanic cultural tradition as part of the University of Notre Dame's global and multicultural commitment."

On Friday, undergraduate students in beginning Spanish courses will participate in QuijoteaND — Becoming Quixote. According to the Nanovic Institute website, starting at 2 p.m. the students will be reciting key passages from "Don Quixote" at various locations around campus, ultimately meeting up at the Grotto at 3 p.m.

The Quixote Film Series will have showings of Jorge Alí Triana's film, "Bolívar soy yo," on April 20 and Alejandro González Iñárritu's Oscar winning film, "Birdman" on April 28, according to the Nanovic website. Both films will be shown at Andrews Auditorium in Geddes Hall at 7 p.m. and are open and free to the public.

Students from Juárez-Almendros's graduate seminar will present papers in 118 O'Shaughnessy Hall on April 23, 3:30 p.m. Students presenting include senior Mayra Almeida-Trejo, graduate students Alejandro Castrillon, Laura Fernández, Thomas Mann, Paola Uparela-Reyes and Leila Vieira de Jesus Gemelli, and Ph.D. candidates Marisol Fonseca-Malavasi and Natalia Rios-Puras.

The final event is an academic symposium April 24, sponsored by the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures and the Nanovic Institute for European Studies.

"Four invited internationally recognized early modern Spanish scholars will lecture on diverse aspects of this complex novel," Juárez-Almendros said. These scholars include Frederick de Armas of the University of Chicago, Anne Cruz of the University of Miami (Fla.), Edward Friedman of Vanderbilt University and Luciano Garcia-Lorenzo of the Board of Governors of Scientific Research in Madrid.

The symposium will take place at Gillseppe Conference Center at Saint Mary's College from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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and I to really display everything we've been working on this spring."

Heisler said a unique scoring system is designed for the game to award points for both offensive and defensive plays.

Sophomore Nick Jones said the Blue-Gold Game represents the start of a new Notre Dame football season for fans.

"While it doesn't carry the clout of an actual football game, the scrimmage gives those who want it a look at new players, formations and plays," Jones said. "For those who don't care for football strategy, it's a reason to cheer and be excited about the upcoming season."

"It's a really cool way to see where the team's headed and who's playing what position," freshman Mary Shea Kelly-Buckley said. "I think Notre Dame is for sure going to win this one."

Heisler said this year's game had to be moved from Notre Dame Stadium to the team's outdoor practice facility, LaBar Practice Complex, because of Campus Crossroads construction. This change of venue significantly limits the number of people able to attend the game.

"We're going from an 80,000-seat venue to something we've kind of built from scratch around our practice fields because there really is no permanent seating there," Heisler said. "We've managed to build some temporary seating for about 4,000 people to

be utilized by the University and the football departments. That'll be the biggest difference about this year's game."

The University considered hosting the game at a variety of venues, including some off-campus locations, but ultimately decided to use LaBar Practice Complex in order to minimize expenses, according to Heisler.

"We looked at some other options, but if you go somewhere else there's obviously some potential significant costs involved," Heisler said. "Maybe it's not perfect because we aren't able to offer the public the access that everybody's used to, but it just seemed to make the most sense in terms of what we could do in terms of the event itself."

Heisler said this year's Blue-Gold Game will be broadcast on NBC Sports Network as in years past. Additionally, a live telecast of the game will be shown in Purcell Pavilion for football fans on campus that are unable to watch the game in person.

Jones said he was disappointed he would not be able to attend this year's Blue-Gold Game.

"While I understand that the new construction makes the stadium an impractical venue for the Blue-Gold Game, I wish that they had chosen a venue that allowed students and fans the opportunity to attend the game, such as Soldier Field in Chicago, as had been rumored earlier this year," Jones said.

Brent said the game will be different without most of the student body.

"It's not as fun as being on the

practice fields, of course, but it's for a good cause because they're trying to expand the stadium," Brent said. "I know a lot of people want to go and be a part of the game. I feel bad for them, but hopefully we'll get this out of the way, play on the practice fields right now and return to the stadium where all the students can enjoy it."

Heisler said he is not sure if Campus Crossroads will affect next year's Blue-Gold Game.

"We certainly knew this was going to likely be the situation based on these several years of construction," Heisler said. "We could be facing the same decisions a year from now. There are no guarantees what will happen."

Heisler said he hopes fans will show their support for other Notre Dame sports teams this weekend, almost all of which will have free admission.

"There's a lot happening on campus this weekend," Heisler said. "We've eliminated admission charges for most of the home events. With the understanding that the general public isn't really going to have access to the Blue-Gold Game, we're thinking maybe people will watch it in Purcell in between attending other Irish athletic events."

An email sent to students Thursday night said there are a limited number of tickets for the Blue-Gold Game. Tickets will be distributed on Friday beginning at 9 a.m. at the LaFortune Information Desk and Box Office.

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Location: 118 O'Shaughnessy Hall at 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Academic Symposium (April 24)
Location: Gillseppe Conference Center, Saint Mary's College at 2 - 6 p.m.

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in August 2014. According to Groppe, many young women are abandoning Catholicism, and this disaffiliation is a great loss to the Catholic Church.

The Voices of Young Catholic Women project invited women to write to Pope Francis about women’s issues in the Church, expressing both their love and their suggestions for the Church, Groppe said.

Bishop Kevin Rhoades of the diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend was able to get a papal audience in November 2014, Groppe said. Rhodes, College President Carol Ann Mooney and two Saint Mary’s students delivered 235 letters in Rome last fall.

Questions such as “What do we cherish about the Catholic faith?” and “What is it like to be a Catholic woman today?” were given as prompts for young women across America to write about in their letters.

Groppe said while the number of letters represents a small percentage of young Catholic women, the personal notes offer something that statistics cannot display — young women’s voices.

Vice president for Mission Judy Fean spoke about Mary Magdalene as the first woman to see Jesus and said all baptized women are called to be part of the Church.

Fean also said the courage of the young women to write letters to Pope Francis will open the doors to recognize the challenges they face today.

Insights from the letters

Malea Schulte, class of 2014, said while 35 percent of millennial women disaffiliate from the Catholic Church, it is important to remember 65 percent stay committed to the Catholic faith.

Schulte said many letters addressed the value of Catholic tradition and the ways the church cherishes the beauty of life.

Schulte read one letter that said, “I love the church because I believe there is truth there. ... I see the Church as an unrelenting seeker of justice for all people.”

Another important theme in the letters was community and its connection to the Catholic faith, Schulte said.

She read from a letter written by a Saint Mary’s student who wrote, “Saint Mary’s laid the foundation for my

spiritual journey.” Sophomore Kaleigh Ellis presented excerpts from letters written on the way women are portrayed in the media and the social pressures of contemporary society.

She read from a letter that mentioned the contemporary issues of bullying and self-esteem.

“We look at other girls and look for their flaws. We dislike each other, we bully and belittle ourselves — too many girls have been driven to self harm,” the letter read.

Ellis said another young woman wrote, “As a woman, I have been put in degrading situations. I can’t help but wonder, where is God in all this?”

The contemporary issue of divorce was also confronted in a letter one young woman wrote regarding parents going through a divorce and annulment. The Church became a reminder of the brokenness of the young woman’s family, Ellis said.

Ellis said the themes in the testimonies can seem daunting. However, many of these women provided heartfelt suggestions to Church leaders in their letters, including suggestions for national Catholic media initiatives.

Delivering the letters in Rome

Rhoades said he has a great appreciation for the Voices of Young Women project and has had an opportunity to meet many faith-filled student leaders at Saint Mary’s through his involvement.

“As the project unfolded, I was moved to joy by the love of the Lord,” Rhodes said. “I was also moved to sadness when reading of the sorrow of many women.”

Rhoades said Catholics are part of the universal church, which includes many other cultures, languages and races. The letters are also representative of the voices that are silenced, he said.

Mooney said the reason for going to Rome was what thrilled her about the project.

“It gave me great pride that a group of women at Saint Mary’s decided to do something in response to the great number of young women leaving the Church,” Mooney said.

Mooney said the Voices of Young Women project is uniquely appropriate today, and she couldn’t think of a place better than Saint Mary’s to take the initiative to discuss the needs of young Catholic women.

“Saint Mary’s women

brought the voices of young American Catholic women, and we did so in hope and confidence that with insight, the Church would result in change.”

Senior Kristen Millar said going to Rome as a representative for young Catholic women will always be a vivid memory of her Saint Mary’s education.

Millar said she remembers being in the first mass at Saint Mary’s and hearing Sister Madeleva’s quote, “We promise you discovery: the discovery of yourselves, the discovery of the universe, and your place in it.”

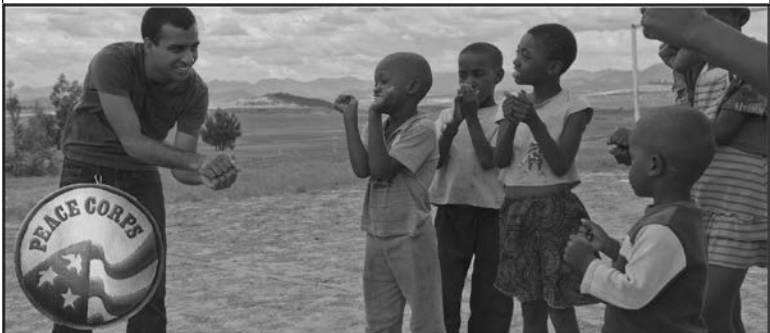
“As a senior I find Sister Madeleva’s words to be true, and [at Saint Mary’s] I have been mentored by wonderful Catholic women mentors. Saint Mary’s has prepared me to become the Catholic woman I am.

“I have been honored to be a voice and to share the voices of young women,” Millar said. “The Pope cannot hear unless we speak.

“I invite all women to ask God for courage, strength and wisdom and a continuation of this conversation.”

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Relay

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“This year, we can expect a more devoted crowd of participants,” Romero said, “Since we have shortened the event ... we really hope this will encourage students, faculty, staff and community members to stay throughout the event. Of course, you are free to come and go, but we have planned some really great events and ceremonies.”

According to the Relay for Life website, doors will open at 5:30

p.m. Friday, followed by an opening ceremony and kickoff of the relay’s first lap led by survivors, caregivers and the Notre Dame Marching Band at 6:30. Activities throughout the night include the silent auction, balloon twisters, inflatables, a basketball shoot-a-thon, ice sculpting, a Zumbathon, karaoke, broomball and an open skate. A luminary ceremony will be held from 9 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., in which candles in decorated paper bags will be lit in honor of victims, survivors and all community members affected by cancer. Closing ceremonies will begin at 11:45 p.m., and the event

will officially end at midnight.

“You can just come with your friends and have a good time,” McCurdy said.

Students can pre-register for the relay or sign up at the door on the night of the event. Registration costs \$10 and is payable by cash, check, credit or Diner Dollars. More information and updates on the event can be found on the relay’s twitter, @NotreDameRelay, Facebook page or website, relay.nd.edu.

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Assault

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case-by-case basis whether or not the reported incident necessitates an alert based on its timeliness and whether or not the offender in question poses a threat to the community at large.

Because the sexual assault in question was reported roughly three months after it took place, NDSP determined it was no longer a timely threat, Keri Kei Shibata, deputy chief, said.

Information about sexual assault prevention and resources for survivors of sexual assault are available online from NDSP and from the Committee for Sexual Assault Prevention (CSAP).

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INSIDE COLUMN

The revered room

Austin Taliaferro

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As human beings, life has many critical decisions we must make. One such decision made for us our entire life is our need to use the bathroom. Because of this necessity, we have constructed sanctuaries for this most instinctual act where we may spend a few minutes a day performing such activities as: contemplating our being, calling our mom, dropping a mixtape, swiping on Tinder, writing this very article you are reading, etc. With researchers showing we spend on average a year and a half on the toilet in our lifetime, these activities can add up. Because of this large amount of time, it is important to spend it in the right environment.

Many factors make up the ideal bathroom, a location that is equivalent to the Fountain of Youth for us bathroom enthusiasts. Some may argue that making a system on which to base all bathrooms is completely subjective as people have different preferences, but I believe there are six factors that everyone looks for in a bathroom: smell, color scheme, layout, cleanliness, comfort and ambience.

Using these six factors, I used every bathroom on Notre Dame's campus and discovered which were the best and worst on campus. To start off, every bathroom at Notre Dame immediately loses a few points when it comes to comfort because they all use the infamous one-ply toilet rolls that make sandpaper seem soft. I plead to you Notre Dame, hit up Charmin, get a sponsorship deal going and give the people what they want.

Starting with the worst: Rockne bathrooms. In terms of color scheme and floor layout, Schindler's List seems more colorful. In terms of smell and cleanliness, there is not enough bleach in the world to cleanse them. The Rockne is hands down the worst and in terms of experience is about on par with getting an enema. Honorable mention goes to DeBartolo, which makes a Buc-ee's Beaver Truck Stop look like a germaphobe's dream.

Now for the Dolce & Gabbana Gold Rooms of Notre Dame bathrooms: the Main Building and the McKenna Conference Center. Winner of the 2002 Cintas' America's Best Restroom award, the Main Building highlights Stovax Victorian tile floors that are imported from Europe and refurbished original oak doors that are mounted to marble partitions. Mixed with 19th century lighting, this bathroom makes the whole experience one to remember. McKenna's bathroom makes a strong first impression the second you walk in, with a pleasant smell of wildflowers and lavender that fills the room. The Versace Mansion doesn't have porcelain thrones such as the ones found here.

I hope this article has been a helpful informational experience.

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The decent thing to do

Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

Farewell "decent" senior class.

It is fast approaching that inevitable time when warming spring days beguile the final scholastic semester and prompt seniors to prepare for graduation. The looming seasonal ritual not only includes seniors about to cross the academic threshold into "the real world," but also ensnarls wise, experienced and successful public figures who must offer advice with an eye towards constructing a memorable inspirational speech. Unfortunately, by the next commencement cycle, most of the wise pearly pronouncements soon slide into a forgotten basement, even when the most notable of speakers attempts to convey the magical formula for living a decent life.

This year's senior class is in many ways like every senior class that has proceeded and will follow — decent individuals who are academically brilliant, spiritually generous, but sometimes limited in life lessons. Depending on the venue, many commencement speakers regurgitate the party doctrine used to define a particular school's character, e.g., Notre Dame is defined by "service, Catholic character, community."

Commencement speakers attempt to convey a buffet of thoughts during a limited time on stage. They challenge the graduates to strive for greatness while sharing how they achieved success. They may pepper their remarks with humor but ultimately are remembered for "blah, blah, blah," followed by decades of memorable cricket chirps.

My personal Notre Dame commencement memories are long faded unless I peek at my commencement brochure. I only remember that iconic author and nationally syndicated journalist, Carl Rowan, received an honorary degree with me. My speaker was the University of Minnesota president, an intellectual who never personally stimulated my curiosity.

On the other hand, I vividly remember my sister's 1979 Notre Dame commencement, when Helen Hayes accepted the Laetare Medal from then-University President Fr. Theodore M. Hesburgh. I do not remember exactly what she said but rather how she spoke. Hayes exuded such enthusiasm that she brought the only fun into an otherwise dull and onerous afternoon.

Humor columnist Art Buchwald created a so-called "rule of one" standard for commencement addresses. He oftentimes told graduating students that his only goal was for them to remember one thing about his speech — that they had laughed. With that in mind, 2015 graduates should set a standard going forward of guiding their lives with a question, "What would be the decent thing to do?"

This year is replete with many "WWBTDTTD" examples at Notre Dame. The multitude of remembrances at Hesburgh's funeral gives pause and exemplifies how grand iconic personages

of our time set great, decent standards. My favorite story is one retold in the spring edition of Notre Dame Magazine. The Catholic roommates of a Jewish student at Notre Dame belittled and bullied the Jewish student to the point that he left the University. Hesburgh, after learning of their unchristian — and youthful, stupid — intolerance called them into his office for a sit-down. Hesburgh ordered them to travel to the Jewish student's home and convince him to return to Notre Dame. Hesburgh said that if the Jewish student did not return, the Catholics could not return either. Fortunately, all of the students returned together and graduated from Notre Dame.

Living decent lives need not be reserved for those entrusted with managing huge institutions. Those in the public's specter affect others by leading through example. Notre Dame men's basketball seniors Jerian Grant and Pat Connaughton acted decently by playing during their senior years. As one of them noted during a television interview, his loyalty lay with fulfilling his commitment to the University on the terms he accepted. In turn, they were rewarded with a NCAA tournament appearance, failing just a basket from advancing to the Final Four.

Graduating seniors demonstrate daily that they are caring, decent beings when they generously pay forward at a restaurant just for the fun of it. Living a decent life is one that sidesteps greed and a worship of wealth in favor of well wishes to others who would normally not expect consideration. During Christmas week, I vacationed in Aruba, where at my resort, I mistakenly canceled my daily towel allotment by not swapping out my first day's towel. The towel attendant spent special time correcting my error for me. I felt ashamed when I witnessed a college-aged guest bring her a traditional Dutch Christmas cake — just a decent thing to do during the holiday — which cost about \$8 U.S. equivalent. Surely I, the knucklehead who canceled my towel allotment on day one, should have offered her something as well.

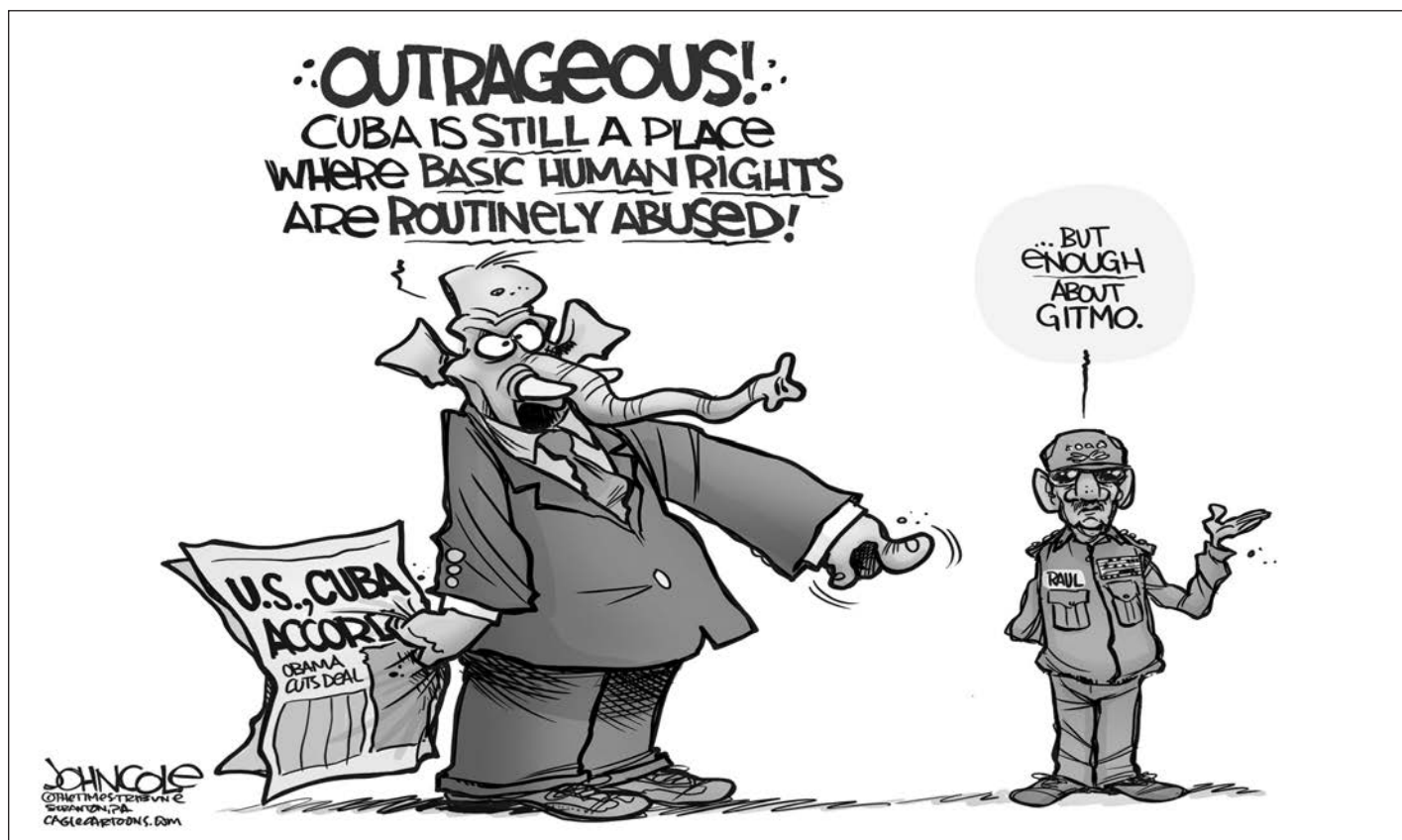
The lesson I learned turned even harsher on me when I heard the attendant thank her patron. She said, "I live alone and am going to save this to share with my daughter, who is about your age. She will visit on Christmas Day. Nobody ever gave me anything before. You are so kind to think of me."

With similar thoughtfulness as a standard, this class of graduating seniors will be good, decent stewards of our society during their generation's political and religious rein in history. After all, it is the only decent thing to do.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



Why we should see ‘The Hunting Ground’

THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

It’s Friday in South Bend, the end of another week in a city with five colleges and universities and countless activities for students. There are parties to attend, friends to see, Netflix to watch and perhaps, for the truly ambitious, papers to write and books to read as the semester winds down.

But amid the parties and papers, we as an Editorial Board would like to offer the Notre Dame community an important alternative to these diversions. At 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Friday, “The Hunting Ground,” a CNN documentary about sexual assault on college campuses around the nation, will screen in the Browning Cinema at DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The film features Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s, among other colleges and universities, as well as the institutions’ responses to previous allegations of sexual assault. A panel discussion featuring both students and faculty will follow both screenings.

Not every member of the Editorial Board has seen “The Hunting Ground” yet, but we will be at DPAC on Friday, and we urge you, students, faculty and staff, to do the same. Regardless of how the film portrays Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s, past allegations of sexual assault on these campuses or responses from the administrations, “The Hunting Ground” is already and will continue to be a catalyst for a conversation that must happen.

Nationally and globally, sexual assault — especially on college campuses — is a problem that has increasingly drawn public attention and outcry. It is a problem we cannot hope to address without greater awareness of the facts, but too many in the world of higher education are reluctant to discuss what happens to about one in five women and one in 16 men during their time in college.

We hear of allegations at other schools, including Florida State, Harvard and North Carolina, all of which are also featured in the film, and recognize Notre Dame is not immune. Every year, we receive emails from Notre Dame Security Police informing us of incidents of sexual assault. Just this Tuesday, the NDSP crime log included another student-reported rape on campus, though the alleged incident took place in January.

These emails are always quickly followed by messages from our student government leaders, inviting us to prayer services at the Grotto to help comfort those whose lives have been affected by sexual assault and to pray in solidarity with them. Prayers certainly aid in the healing of sexual violence survivors, but dialogue is just as important. We ask our fellow students to attend the screening of “The Hunting Ground” to encourage these

exchanges. Do not shy away from the film or the ensuing discussion because the topic or the way it might portray Notre Dame or Saint Mary’s makes you uneasy.

Film critics have both praised the documentary’s subject matter and raised questions regarding the comparative lack of interviews with college administrators; The Observer cannot yet offer an opinion on the film’s merit in this regard. Rather, we choose to view “The Hunting Ground” with an open, attentive mind. We will be more informed, more aware and better prepared to engage in constructive dialogue and action by seeing it.

It is the responsibility of each member of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s community to create an environment where everyone feels safe, welcomed and included. As the White House’s campaign against college sexual assault, which the Notre Dame student government has adopted, has taught, “It’s On Us.”

We hope this film, and its screening at both Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame, will be the beginning of a new, candid, productive conversation about sexual assault in our community and around the country. The Office of Student Affairs will host a panel discussion entitled “Beyond the Hunting Ground” to address “Notre Dame’s prevention initiatives and care responses regarding sexual assault” on Monday evening at 7 p.m. in the Remick Commons of Carole Sandner Hall. We hope the dialogue that began last week with the screening at Saint Mary’s and continues Friday night will only continue to grow at Monday’s event and in dorm rooms, dining halls and classrooms across both campuses in the weeks and months to come.

We applaud College President Carol Ann Mooney for attending and speaking at last week’s screening of “The Hunting Ground” at Saint Mary’s. We thank Mooney for her candor in addressing the film’s reference to her involvement in one of the sexual assault cases. We hope the Notre Dame administration can do the same. We invite University President Fr. John Jenkins to follow Mooney, join us and become a leader in the dialogues to follow.

The motto of Our Lady’s University, the very creed by which we live as a college community is Vita, Dulcedo, Spes — Life, Sweetness, Hope. It is also a reminder of the environment we should strive for. Attend the screening, start conversations, and be a driving force for change. It is our collective duty to care for everyone who comes to Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s. This is a chance to ignite discussions that will better our University and College and prove Ally Week and Sexual Violence Awareness Month are not themes fit only for a part of the calendar year.

Go. Ask questions. Challenge and be challenged. Join the conversation.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Astonishment and admonishment

Dear Carol Ann Mooney, Saint Mary’s College and Administrative Personnel,

This letter is our response to the screening of “The Hunting Ground” on April 9. We want to begin by recognizing that Saint Mary’s College offers support resources to victims of sexual assault and, when necessary, reports the assault to the appropriate Title IX coordinator.

There are aspects of the screening that concern us, including insufficient panel responses and comments from President Mooney. Her demeanor when introducing the film was suspect based on her refusal to acknowledge that, although she may respect student privacy, she values the financial status of the College more. That was made clear by her reluctance to be interviewed on film and by the stories featured in the film about Saint Mary’s women.

As students, we pay thousands of dollars to this institution. This commitment creates an obligation on the part of our College to advocate for, support and protect us. Because of its failure to uphold this responsibility, we are extremely disappointed in this College and President Mooney. As opposed to answering questions briefly and in ways that protect the institution, President Mooney should be more receptive to students’ criticisms of her demeanor as uncaring.

Moreover, we are extremely upset that, because of the media presence, our questions appeared like they were being censored in the hallway outside of the auditorium. This attempt to maintain a good image is disheartening in so many ways. Obviously, once again, College officials are putting our concerns second. Additionally, although Professor Frances Kominkiewicz showed deep empathy and compassion for our students, she went along with this censoring because Ashley Hall was seen pointing out which parts of questions were acceptable to ask the panelists — as opposed to reading the full comment card.

Furthermore, even when answering the questions that were actually posed to the panelists, there was a refusal to fully or directly answer those questions. For example, when a question was asked regarding President Mooney’s refusal to appear on film due to privacy concerns, Connie Adams was expected to answer this question

— something she would clearly be unable to do in her position at the College. And the person responsible for answering that question, Mooney, chose to maintain her silence and sit in the audience.

Saint Mary’s advocacy for its students is lacking. The reporting and investigative processes are completed only to the minimal requirements by law: Our administrators appear to feel no further responsibility to their students after informing Notre Dame’s Title IX coordinator, Mark Kocovski, of an assault against our students on his campus. Officials at Saint Mary’s have a duty to ensure students a proper and thorough investigation. The College claims to be a legally separate institution yet does not pressure Notre Dame to perform a just and complete investigation due to some perceived obligation to the institution across the street.

Both Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s are bold, proud, Catholic institutions. All administrators representing these schools need to uphold the Catholic faith’s values when acting on behalf of these institutions. Sexual assault is an affront to the fundamental beliefs of the Catholic Church and demands sufficient investigation and punishment, which is presently absent.

In conclusion, our College has neglected to adequately advocate for us. As future alumnae, we cannot continue to financially support an institution which has so unequivocally failed to uphold its duties to its patrons as a Catholic institution. At this point, we would like to end our letter.

We offer the following recommendations as opportunities for the College to fulfill its duties to its studies:

Be more critical of the Title IX process, which disadvantages us as a single-sex institution.

Further, until administrators fully and publicly support our students by being critical of Notre Dame, our institution should ensure that students who wish to seek legal recourse are able to do so by providing us with adequate legal counsel.

Push Notre Dame to disclose the number of reported sexual assaults on its campus, especially regarding our students, and the outcomes of such reports.

Devote more resources to preventative measures as

opposed to treating later sexual assaults as administrative issues.

If changes are not made by the administration, we suggest that Saint Mary’s fully sever ties with Notre Dame (e.g., no student tickets, no Domerfest, no Co-Exchange) so that we are actually two separate institutions.

We would also like to add that if Saint Mary’s does not move toward making these changes, some of which feature minimal expectations needed to promote justice and uphold our Catholic dignity as humans, and others which will be more maximal recommendations, then we, as future alumnae, will be unable to financially support this institution as donors and will encourage all signees to do the same.

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ORBIT MUSIC

By **MARC DRAKE**
Scene Writer

Vinyl is making a comeback.

Though the resurgence in popularity may come as a surprise to some, the change has been long coming. According to a study done by Nielsen SoundScan, 14 million LPs were sold in 2014, compared to one million in 2001. Sales have grown exponentially within that time period, and one of the driving factors behind the resurrection of the LP has been Record Store Day.

Record Store Day began in 2007 after a few record store owners got together and decided that their stores needed to be celebrated in the same way comic book stores were with “Free Comic Book Day.” What initially was conceived as a day to highlight local independent record stores has flourished into something much larger; record stores from all around the world host parties to acknowledge the special role each record store plays in the community, and artists release special limited edition vinyl that can be found only at participating stores. Record Store Day occurs on the third Saturday of every April, and this year that Saturday falls on April 18.

Orbit Music, Games & Movies, located at 805 W. McKinley Avenue in Mishawaka, offers a wide variety of goods ranging from CDs and records to DVDs and VHS tapes and is one of the sponsored Record Store Day venues. Living up to its name, there is truly something otherworldly about Orbit

Music; aside from the foam balls hanging from the ceiling and displays of the solar system, Orbit manages to take patrons back to the past. Older visitors will be reminded of childhood days spent carefully flipping through rack after rack of new records and the “eureka” moment experienced when the perfect album is discovered. Younger patrons will experience firsthand the magic of holding something tangible and potentially connect with music in a new way by experiencing the physicality of a record.

“We opened up in July 1989, and I collected records. I wanted to open a record store, I thought that would be the greatest,” store owner Doug Zimmerman said over the sounds of Led Zeppelin blaring in the background. What originally began as the fulfillment of a dream proved to be difficult as the face of the music industry began to change.

“Now it’s so easy to download music, and people don’t even have to pay for it. It’s really tough to sell new CDs,” Zimmerman said. But the advent of events such as Record Store Day has certainly assisted in creating business for independent record store owners, and Zimmerman is no exception.

Zimmerman’s business has exploded over the past three years, and Record Store Day has definitely been influential in getting the word out about the store.

“It’s the busiest day of the year for me now, more so than Christmas or any of that stuff,” Zimmerman said. He has been

involved since day one and has found Record Store Day has really helped “mom and pop” shops like his own.

Record Store Day was created to celebrate the impact of independent record stores on the local community, and I was overwhelmed by how tangible the spirit of community was in Orbit Music. While I was speaking with Zimmerman, patrons came in on multiple occasions to sell back records they had recently discovered or were willing to part with. Patrons who arrived as strangers bonded over shared musical tastes and discussed the extent of their record collections. Parents brought their children, and children brought their parents. Orbit Music seemed to be a place where collectors of vinyl and music lovers could coexist regardless of age.

Zimmerman said a wide variety of genres are represented in the store, and a cursory glance at all of the different sections confirms this. However, Zimmerman admits certain artists do sell better than others.

“I do really well with alternative music, Mumford and Sons and Bon Iver — that type of stuff. And then classic rock,” he said.

Building a record collection can be a daunting task. Unlike many of my peers, I had nothing passed on to me from my parents (thanks Mom and Dad) and a limited supply of money that has prevented me from buying everything that catches my eye. Wishing to capitalize on the advice of an expert, I asked Zimmerman what five

albums everyone should have in their record collection: The Doors “Strange Days,” Captain Beefheart “Bat Chain Puller,” Gang of Four “Entertainment!,” Pink Floyd “Animals” and Rush “2112” were his recommendations.

Although Record Store Day is almost unequivocally positive for owners, Zimmerman did acknowledge some drawbacks: “They’ve got the list, and you order what you hope you will get. However, you don’t always get what you want.” When I asked about one of the releases I was most excited about, a special Record Store Day, 7-inch-edition of “Kim’s Caravan” by Courtney Barnett, Zimmerman informed me that unfortunately he wasn’t able to get any copies of it. Still, Orbit Music certainly boasts an impressive collection with a couple hundred different items in preparation for the day, encompassing about half of the 400 different artists on the list.

Orbit Music opens at 10 a.m., but patrons wishing to buy some of the special releases are advised to arrive sooner.

“People will be lined up. I’m sure the line will wrap all the way around. ... We’ll be doing a 20 percent discount off everything, except for the Record Store Day special releases,” Zimmerman said. With a forecast predicting sun and a high of 77, showing up a couple of hours early this Saturday should be no problem. Maybe I’ll see you in line.

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EXECUTIVE'S CABINET



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Election season is upon us once again, and with it comes the whirlwind of articles praising and decrying the battlefield of candidates who hope to become the most powerful person in America. Fortunately, I am not a Viewpoint writer, so I am not interested in trivial points such as candidates' stances on economic and foreign policy, but rather the matter of greatest importance: their fashion sense. If we can't trust a candidate to dress while under stress, how we can possibly trust them with the presidency? Here are the highlights of 2016's candidates:

Hillary Clinton

The current frontrunner for the Democrats is also a frontrunner in D.C. fashion, as she has been making waves with her no-nonsense style for quite some time. Hillary has rocked the pantsuit since her husband was president, and does not appear to be willing to change this look anytime soon, thereby

showing her strong traditional and conservative values. She also has been seen a number of times wearing dark sunglasses inside, a move that increases her mystique in the eyes of the fashion community. What could she be hiding? Is it another private email address? Whatever it may be, Hillary is unafraid to experiment new hairstyles in public, rocking everything from hairbands to scrunchies on the campaign trail. Just as Hillary is basically unopposed for the Democratic nomination, she is unopposed in fashionability.

Jeb Bush

Although he hasn't officially declared his presidential bid yet, the younger Bush brother is one of the better dressed contenders for the Republican nomination. In his most recent video about Clinton, Bush can be seen wearing a simple, classic navy polo shirt and glasses. With this style, Bush makes it clear that he's not an elitist, uppity D.C. politician, but rather an elitist, uppity Florida governor pretending to be an average American and not part of a political dynasty. This

is a look Bush has been trying to develop for some time, as a number of his Twitter posts show him embracing the "suit with no tie" look, a style that also shows Jeb Bush is a modern man and a visionary who is in touch with citizens. While the younger Bush may not have his father's amazing fashion sense (have you ever seen his socks?), he's far from being the worst dressed Republican candidate.

Ted Cruz

The worst dressed Republican candidate. The man who shut down the government also appears to be a man who shut down any desire for style. As was pointed out in a recent Jezebel article, Cruz does not seem capable of wearing any clothes that fit him whatsoever. If he's not capable of dressing himself, how can he possibly be capable of running the country? It gets worse though: Cruz has in fact worn cowboy boots with his suit in public. Is Cruz trying to get the Republican nomination or a role in the next Clint Eastwood film?

Rand Paul

As noted by Mother Jones, Rand Paul is a turtleneck aficionado. In spite of this tragic styling decision, Paul has somehow managed to rock dad jeans in a way no other candidate seems to be capable of. Dad jeans are an important tool in any candidate's arsenal and show a commitment to comfort over all other factors. For this firm decision to stick by his values of comfort in the face of hardship, Rand Paul receives my support.

Marco Rubio

Marco Rubio has a very good shot at being the Republican candidate, and his fashionability only enhances his opportunity. Rubio very rarely diverges from the traditional dark suit with a bold tie, just as he very rarely diverges from his Tea Party views. Simple, classic and presidential, Rubio's style represents a man who is ready to take on any and all contenders. Unless, of course, he gets thirsty.

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'UNFRIENDED' REVIEW

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Trapped. Confined. Imminent demise. These four words sufficiently characterize the upcoming movie "Unfriended." As the title conveys, the plot concentrates on social media in stereotypically cheesy fashion. Similar to all horror stories, the film follows a dramatic plot line stuffed with revenge, secrets and, of course, murder. Based entirely on social media, the story takes place within Blaire's — one of the main females — computer screen. The audience, therefore, realistically experiences events exactly as Blaire would perceive them. That being said, the action pursues a clichéd, yet certainly suspenseful sequence of events, which revolves around Laura Barns' — a recently deceased high school girl — revenge.

On the anniversary of her death, Laura avenges her suicide by haunting

a group of teenagers through a variety of social networking sites. In the midst of an evening Skype chat, the friends notice something strange about their computer screens: they all bear an unusual, blank icon signifying "unknown party" within their group chat. For about 25 minutes, the group tries to rid their screens of the intruder, only to receive strange messages from a girl claiming to be the deceased Barns. All of a sudden, Laura posts humiliating pictures and degrading comments from one friend's profile to the next, leading to distrust and eventual panic. Since each of these high school students has engaged in some aspect of Laura's cyber-bullying and eventual death, their resistance to her awful vengeance only causes more and more agony. After refusing to let them hang up their phones or close their laptops, Laura, whom the audience never actually meets, tortures them mentally, emotionally and, of course,

physically. Unable to escape the brutality, the gang also suffers through mindgames that trick them into spilling dark secrets. Similar to the trite horror film, the ending of "Unfriended" certainly does not bode well for the teenagers, since Laura attacks each and every one of them in different manners. Ladies and gents, if you're in need of a happy ending, please save your money for something other than the world's unhappiest genre.

Though its climax does not yield a pleasant result, the film intrigues by presenting integral problems to the modern day. Social media sites have grown exponentially through recent years. Though the mobility of modern technology provides great advantages for communication, its disposability comes at a price. Cyber-bullying, a recent and ever-present mode of picking on people, is quite prevalent within society. Typically occurring between adolescents, cyber-bullying carries serious, and possibly even

lethal, ramifications for all involved. While the movie portrays the effects cyber-bullying to its utmost extremities, it certainly reflects the weight rumors and ugly posts/videos bear on a person. Each of the teenagers within the film carries responsibility for posting horrifying videos and comments of an intoxicated Laura — videos and comments that lead to her suicide. Interestingly enough, these pictures, videos and comments would bear absolutely no effect on Laura's livelihood without the presence and apparent abuse of social media. That said, the clichéd horror film presents itself as quite satirical to the world of social media. This satire provides an empathetic, realistic perspective on Laura's feelings and the friends' remorse and pain, which makes "Unfriended" all the more suspenseful.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Where does Peterson fit in?

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Since taking the torch from LaDainian Tomlinson with his famous 296-yard performance against the Chargers in Week 9 of the 2007 season, Adrian Peterson has been virtually undisputed as the best running back in the NFL. After a year's suspension amid child abuse allegations, the NFL announced his reinstatement yesterday, immediately giving him back the figurative crown.

There's still some debate over whether he should return, but the NFL is a league of second chances, and Michael Vick before him has shown that a player can change, show remorse and be welcomed back.

When Peterson does step back onto the field though, there's no guarantee it will be for the Vikings. With a huge contract and rumors he wants out, where Peterson plays the 2015 season is still up in the air.

Signing Peterson might seem like a huge risk. Sure, there are downsides, but remember just who we're talking about. Peterson's been the top running back in the game for years: in 2012, he rushed for over 2,000 yards, despite opponents setting out to do nothing but stop him. And he did it coming off an ACL tear. That season, he dragged the Vikings to the playoffs despite a terrible secondary, an injury to their only useful receiver and the atrocious Christian Ponder starting at quarterback. No other non-QB in the league right now, not even J.J. Watt, can single-handedly have that kind of impact on a team. He might be 30 years old, usually over the hill for a running back, but Peterson's body defies all rules. There's no doubt he has more elite seasons left in the tank. Yes, there's a strong 2015 draft class of running backs, but none of them can provide Peterson's level of instant impact. If there's any chance of getting Adrian Peterson, teams need to try.

So what teams should make a move for the best running back in the league? Here are three of the best fits.

Dallas Cowboys

The Cowboys surely make the most sense as a landing spot for Peterson. Losing DeMarco Murray, the league's leading rusher last year, to the divisional rival Philadelphia Eagles opens up

a spot in Dallas's backfield. The Cowboys did sign Darren McFadden, but he's not a player you can count on to stay healthy.

Tony Romo proved last year he can play at an elite level, but he will be 35 years old when the 2015 season starts, and he doesn't have long at the top. A major win-now piece could be just what Jerry Jones's franchise needs. The Cowboys' offensive line is almost certainly the best in the NFL, and behind the likes of Tyron Smith and Zach Martin — while Romo and Dez Bryant keep some attention away from him — Peterson would be perfectly set up to succeed. Sure, Cowboys fans can claim they don't make flashy moves any more, but this move makes sense.

Arizona Cardinals

The Cardinals have one of the best defenses in the league, and if Carson Palmer can stay healthy, they could be a genuine Super Bowl contender. An elite running back though, especially one who can run hard between the tackles like Peterson, would be a game-changer. Keeping attention away from Palmer would turn the Cardinals offense from pedestrian to electric, while Andre Ellington would provide the perfect complement. Even if Palmer goes down again, Peterson can be depended upon to keep Arizona in games without great quarterback play and turn a quietly strong team into an elite one.

New England Patriots

It might be a bit of a long shot to see Tom Brady handing the ball off to Adrian Peterson, but it might just make sense. The Patriots definitely need a running back, Bill Belichick doesn't seem to have much confidence in any of his options, and it would take a bit more heat off Brady, letting him perform at his best a little longer.

The Patriots have regularly gone for big-name trades and free agents before to complete the team, and Peterson would instantly make the Patriots look like an unstoppable force for 2015. Just one year of Adrian Peterson in New England would be enough to make a fifth ring for Tom Brady look like a near-certainty.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish set to begin postseason in Greensboro

By SEAN KILMER

Sports Writer

After a tournament in which they improved their score every day, the Irish will play in the ACC championships this weekend.

The Bryan National Collegiate, Notre Dame's last tournament, featured similar grass and similar competition to what the Irish will see at ACCs. In that meet, they finished tied for seventh but only nine strokes back from first place. The squad's worst showing came Friday, when Irish head coach Susan Holt said her players did not adjust well to the conditions. However, they posted the lowest round of the field Saturday, and Holt was pleased with their response.

"It was really windy [Friday]," Holt said. "The golf course we played was one of the tougher ones we played with all year, and we didn't deal with the wind very well. On Saturday we had a nice comeback, and it came down to attitude and fighting through conditions. We talked

about that on Friday night, and I think they took it to heart."

The ability of the Irish to play well in tough conditions may come into play this weekend, as rain is in the forecast at Sedgefield Golf Club in Greensboro, North Carolina — the site of the ACC tournament. Rainy conditions tend to make the course longer because the ball won't roll out as much, and it also increases the likelihood of losing footing during a swing, Holt said.

Despite the rainy conditions, Holt said she was very confident in her team's chances to take home the title. Notre Dame has beaten many of the teams in the field at least once this season, and Holt said she believes her team is just as talented as the other top ACC teams.

"Conditions are going to be wet," Holt said. "It's going to rain tomorrow, and we will be fighting rain throughout the weekend. It's the same for everybody though, and at this point throw talent out the window. We are competitive. We have beaten

Virginia, Florida State, just not Wake Forest. Even Wake Forest, we have beaten on certain days, just not entire tournaments. This isn't about talent, but about the teams that deal with the conditions the best. Talent-wise we are right there. The winner is going to be the team who can deal with the conditions the best."

Overall, Holt said she and her squad are enthusiastic simply to be in the ACC and play against top-tier competition.

"We're excited to be here," she said. "We're excited to be in the ACC. It's a great golf conference. There are six teams in the top 32. If you are winning ACC championships, you're also competing for national championships. There are five of six teams that really have a shot of winning this thing, and it should be a great weekend of golf."

The Irish will play today and through the weekend in the ACC championships in Greensboro.

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Saint Mary's dominates Albion with a no-hitter

Observer Staff Report

With two conference wins, including a combined no-hitter, Saint Mary's reached 20 wins for the first time since 2012 with 8-0 and 10-0 victories yesterday over Albion.

The Belles (20-8, 7-3 MIAA) beat the Britons (4-22, 0-12) in five innings in both games. In the first matchup, the Belles offense hung eight runs on Albion's sophomore pitcher Monica Brugnani.

Saint Mary's junior pitcher Sarah Burke continued her season with four innings of shutout ball to move her record to 8-2. The Belles' offense warmed up early and scored a run in the bottom of the first. Freshman infielder Jamie Young led off the game with a single and advanced to second on an illegal pitch. Then the Belles took advantage of a lucky break to push a run across. While trying to throw out freshman outfielder Cassie Young, Brugnani threw the ball away, and Young was allowed to score all the way from second.

In the third inning, the Belles tacked on two more runs. With two outs and a runner on first, Saint Mary's manufactured two runs after freshman pitcher Morgan Raymer was hit by a pitch. Brugnani threw another wild pitch to advance Raymer and junior catcher Jillian Busfield to second and third, respectively. Sophomore infielder Caitlyn Migawa came up with a two-out bases clearing single to extend the lead to three.

The next inning, the Belles sprung the game open with five runs. After multiple errors and fielder's choices gave the Belles two runs, the Belles were waiting to deliver a knockout punch. Migawa again delivered when she doubled to right-center to bring home two Belles and extend the lead to eight runs.

In the second game of the day, the Belles' pitchers again delivered a gem. This time, they pitched a combined five-inning no-hitter. Freshman pitcher Emily Najacht started the game for two innings and was relieved in the third

by Raymer. Raymer pitched three more no-hit innings to pick up her fourth win of the season.

Saint Mary's again got on the board early and notched two runs in the top of the first. After Jamie Young led off the game with a fly out to center field, junior outfielder Sarah Callis singled up the middle to get the rally started. Cassie Young singled in Callis and advanced to second on the throw. Young then scored from second on a wild pitch to finish the scoring for the inning.

The Belles exploded for six runs in the third on seven singles. Raymer and junior second baseman Angela Dainelli each had two-RBI knocks in the inning.

The lead was stretched to 10 runs in the fourth, and the mercy rule was called in the fifth to end the game.

Saint Mary's has its Senior Day this Saturday against Hope in another league game. The seniors will be honored before the game, which will start at 1 p.m.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish to host ACC foes

By **RYAN KLAUS**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will host No. 12 Wake Forest in its second straight home match and penultimate regular season contest Friday at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The Irish (13-9, 5-5 ACC) will follow that match with their final match of the season tomorrow against North Carolina State.

"I think the last three four or weeks, we've been playing pretty well," Irish head coach Ryan Sachire said. "Certainly, to get a win over a good Clemson team like we did last week has continued that momentum, and we are really excited about the opportunities this weekend."

Following their recent victory,

the Irish welcome No. 12 Wake Forest (18-6, 8-3 ACC) today. The Demon Deacons have won five straight, most recently taking both matches of a home double-header against North Carolina and The Citadel last Sunday. Sachire, however, said he thinks his team's tough schedule this season has them well prepared for the challenge.

"Clearly tomorrow, we're not going to see anything that we haven't seen this year," Sachire said. "It's not like we're going to be in an environment or playing against an opponent that is beyond what we've had on our schedule this season. That's why we scheduled so tough out of conference, to prepare ourselves for these matches. I think we're confident enough to

handle what Wake Forest is going to have. We just need to go out and execute and play well."

Despite their stellar overall record, Wake Forest's road record this season is only 3-4, which could be an advantage for the Irish, who have been 9-4 at home to this point.

At No. 1 singles, Irish junior Quentin Monaghan, who is ranked 9th nationally and has won 11 straight matches, is set to face No. 10 junior Romain Bogaerts.

Both schools also boast highly ranked doubles pairs. Notre Dame junior Alex Lawson and Pecor are ranked 12th nationally and will likely be opposed by the No. 10 doubles duo of freshman Skander Mansouri and redshirt freshman Christian Seraphim.

After taking on Wake Forest on Friday, the Irish will finish regular season play Saturday afternoon at home against North Carolina State (15-9, 4-6 ACC). The Wolfpack are below .500 in wconference play but have had success on the road this season. NC State will head into Saturday's contest with a 8-2 road record.

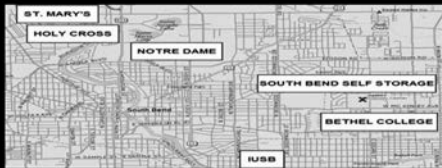
The Irish and Demon Deacons are set to begin at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Courtney Tennis Center. Notre Dame and North Carolina State are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

ND to take on Clemson, Duke



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Irish freshman Allison Miller returns a shot against Stanford on Feb. 6. The Irish are 14-7 on the season.

By **BEN PADANILAM**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is set to play its final two matches of the season this weekend, first traveling to Clemson, South Carolina, to take on No. 21 Clemson on Friday before returning home to take on No. 23 Duke at Courtney Tennis Center on Sunday.

Following a loss to No. 16 Miami at home this past Friday, the Irish (14-7, 8-4 ACC) are looking to end their regular season on a high note and head into the ACC tournament with two more wins over nationally ranked conference foes.

The Irish will first travel to Clemson to take on the Tigers (14-8, 9-4 ACC). Coming into Friday, the Tigers have won four of their last five matches in conference play. They are led by junior Joana Eidukonyte and senior Romy Koelzer, who are ranked No. 15 and 33 nationally, respectively.

Following the matchup with the Tigers, the Irish will then return home to take on the Blue Devils (14-8, 9-3 ACC) on Sunday at Courtney Tennis Center. Duke enters the match coming off a 4-1 loss to undefeated No. 1 North Carolina on Wednesday, but the Blue Devils still sit in fourth place in the ACC standings.

With these two matches representing the end of the regular season for the Irish, junior Quinn Gleason said she believes both matches provide an opportunity for Notre Dame to gain momentum going into the postseason.

"The matches against both Duke and Clemson will be very good tests for us this weekend," Gleason said. "Both matches will be great opportunities for us because they are ranked ahead of us, and a win against either team would be huge for us right before the ACC tournament

next week."

Despite having to travel to Clemson, for Friday's matchup before making the quick turnaround for the Duke match back at home on Sunday, Gleason said she and the team are excited to have the opportunity to end their regular season at home.

"For me, I always seem to play my best at home, so I'm excited that we get to play Duke in South Bend," Gleason said. "The extra traveling is worth it to play the Blue Devils on our home courts."

With both opponents ranked ahead of the Irish, Gleason said it will be important for Notre Dame to take the doubles point in both matches to establish momentum for the singles matches.

"I think getting the doubles point in each match will be very important for us," Gleason said. "The doubles point creates momentum going into singles and is undoubtedly a major factor in which team comes out on top."

As the postseason approaches for the Irish with the ACC tournament next week, Gleason said the team is poised to make a run down the stretch.

"I think we're a dark horse in the ACC tournament as well as the NCAA tournament, but there's no position I'd rather be in," Gleason said. "I know, personally, I always play my best when I feel like I'm the underdog and have nothing to lose. We have been able to compete with the very best teams in the country; I know that as a team we are right there with them."

The Irish will duel Clemson at Hoke Sloan Tennis Center in Clemson on Friday at 2:30 p.m. before returning to Courtney Tennis Center to take on Duke on Sunday at 12 p.m.

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TRACK & FIELD

Split squads head to Georgia, Virginia

By **ANDREW ROBINSON**
Sports Writer

About a month removed from the indoor season and another away from the ACC outdoor championships, several Notre Dame athletes will look to hit their stride this weekend as they split up between Charlottesville, Virginia, for the Virginia Challenge and Atlanta for the Georgia Tech Invitational.

Last weekend at the ACC/Big Ten Invitational, Notre Dame took a large, somewhat young squad to Louisville, Kentucky, where the team experienced mixed results.

"For some of [the underclassmen], it was a great opportunity and a stepping stone so they can continue their season well as they get to these bigger meets," Irish head coach Alan Turner said. "A few didn't work out as well ... but many of them really stepped up."

This weekend, the Irish distance runners — many of whom sat out at Louisville after running in back-to-back meets the two weekends before — will face a strong field at the Virginia Challenge. Eight men and five women will face runners from 35 invited schools, primarily from the East Coast, but also including Big Ten schools such as Ohio State, Michigan and Michigan State.

"There's a pretty good field lined up out there at Virginia

for distance running," Turner said. "We'll look for our distance runners to improve on their [early-season] marks."

The remaining squad of sprinters, jumpers and throwers will compete at the Georgia Tech Invitational. The Irish will bring 18 from the women's side and 16 from the men's to face a smaller but similarly strong field including the fifth-ranked Georgia women's squad, as well as ACC competitors Clemson, Duke and Georgia Tech.

Turner said he hopes Notre Dame will hold its own and post impressive scores at both Georgia Tech and Virginia.

"The whole purpose of this weekend, when you look at mid-April, this is a time when everyone should be really hitting their stride," he said. "After this weekend I'll really know 'This person is doing well in their event, and they're probably going to score for us at the ACC' or 'This person — eh, we may need to try something else in the latter half of the outdoor season.'"

Freshman Parker English will look to follow up her first-place finish and personal best of 23.71 seconds in the 200-meter dash at Louisville when she runs the 400-meter this weekend. Turner said both English and senior Amber Lalla, who won the 400 at Louisville, have a



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Freshman Hunter Holston vaults the high jump during the Blue-Gold Meet on Dec. 5. Holston would go on to win the event at Loftus Sports Center.

chance to crack the 54-second mark in that race.

In throwing events, freshman Greg Bombara will be competing in the javelin again after winning the event last weekend, while senior Dominick Padovano will throw the discus coming off a second-place performance.

Turner said he will be watching to see if senior thrower Emily Morris can replicate her indoor success this weekend, as well as if sophomore Emily Carson can reach the 20-foot mark in the long jump after winning in Louisville.

After giving them a breather last weekend, Notre Dame will also return several

veteran standouts and All-Americans such as senior Chris Giesting in the 400, senior Jade Barber in the 100-meter hurdles and junior Margaret Bamgbose in the 400.

"After three meets, we've gotten a pretty good idea how strong we're going to be as a team and who's going to be strong in what areas and in what areas we think people will develop," Turner said. "We're right on schedule [with where we need to be] for the season."

Irish athletes will compete in their fourth meet of the outdoor season today and Saturday. The distance runners will be in Charlottesville

for the Virginia Challenge, while the sprinters, jumpers and throwers will head to Atlanta for the Georgia Tech Invitational.

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on the Orange staff and 59 more innings than the combined total of the rest of their staff.

Coming into this weekend's series, she is 12-14 with a 3.41 ERA. She's managed to befuddle opposing hitters throughout the year to keep the Orange in games, compiling 199 strikeouts and holding opposing hitters to a .248 average.

However, Notre Dame's lineup has been just as effective this season, especially during its 20-game winning streak.

As a team, the Irish are hitting .334 with 42 home runs this season.

They've also been able to create runs on the base paths, having stolen 67 bases on 75 attempts.

As a result, the Irish are scoring 6.4 runs per game this season, an output increasing to 8.2 runs per game during their winning streak.

In order to come away with three more victories this weekend, Gumpf said

her team needs to remain focused and execute in all aspects.

"We have to keep this game really simple and really make sure we're doing the little things really well," Gumpf said. "When we're playing so many games like we do, we tend to forget about the little things that make us so good. We have to continue to focus on the little things that make us a great team. That's the main thing we have to do."

In addition to the three conference games, this weekend will include the team's fifth annual Strikeout Cancer Weekend.

This awareness initiative serves as a fundraiser for South Bend's Memorial Children's Hospital and children throughout Indiana who have been diagnosed with cancer. The event started at Notre Dame in 2011 as a way to spread awareness about leukemia, the type of cancer Gumpf's daughter was diagnosed with in 2010.

It has been held annually ever since and is of great personal importance to both Gumpf and the team, Gumpf said.

"This weekend signifies so many things," Gumpf said. "The important thing is that we're playing for more than just ourselves this weekend, and to see those kids come on that field and to see what they're really battling with is a good reminder of how lucky we are. We have our daily battles, but seeing these kids battling for their lives kind of puts things in perspective really quickly. It's a good reminder that there are a lot more important things than this game sometimes that we forget about, and it's really important that we give back to those who need it. We come to Notre Dame to do something special, and I think this is one of those things that we can really hang our hats on."

The Irish will begin the three-game series with Syracuse at Melissa Cook Stadium on Saturday with a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m. and will conclude with the third game Sunday at 12 p.m.

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Baseball

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Irish saw their eight-game winning streak snapped Wednesday night, when they fell 5-0 to Toledo in nonconference action. After being swept in its first two conference series at home, Notre Dame turned the tides with a sweep of then-No. 7 Florida State last weekend.

North Carolina State, meanwhile, will make the trip to Frank Eck Stadium having lost five of its last seven games. The Wolfpack lost two of three games to North Carolina last weekend.

Despite the Wolfpack's recent struggles, they will still bring in a tough pitching staff, Aoki said. North Carolina State's pitching staff ranks 25th in the nation with a 2.99 overall ERA.

"We've faced good pitching all year long in the conference, and we'll face it again," Aoki said. "We'll face talented players up and down their lineup."

Aoki cited North Carolina State's youth as one of the team's biggest strengths. Sophomore infielders Preston Palmeiro and Andrew Knizer rank second and fourth, respectively, in batting average on the team. On the mound, sophomore right-hander Cory Wilder and freshman left-hander Brian Brown have combined to start 17 of the Wolfpack's 36 games, with both pitchers holding sub-3.00 ERAs.

"They're a little younger than they've been the past couple of years," Aoki said. "... The [College World Series] team two



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Senior Robert Youngdahl fires a pitch against Central Michigan on March 18. The Irish sit at 24-11 on the season, 9-9 in ACC play.

years ago and last year, they had a disappointing year, but it's not like the talent level went down, just that their talent level is a little bit younger than it was.

"With youth, sometimes comes a little bit of growing pains, but if we don't come in here and get ready to control the things we can and be engaged, we'll have our lunch handed to us."

Notre Dame deviated a little bit from its usual starting pitching rotation last weekend, as sophomore right-hander Ryan Smoyer started Friday and freshman right-hander Brad Bass started Sunday. The only certainty for the weekend is that freshman right-hander Brandon Bielak will make his scheduled start Saturday, Aoki said, but he is hopeful Friday's usual starter, senior right-hander

Scott Kerrigan, and Sunday's starter, junior right-hander Nick McCarty, have made enough progress in recovering from injuries to possibly compete this weekend.

"Scotty threw [Wednesday], and he felt pretty good," Aoki said. "We've got to see where McCarty is. I don't think it was anything too terribly serious, so I would think that he should be OK, so he should be back into it."

North Carolina State and Notre Dame will meet this weekend in a three-game series at Frank Eck Stadium. The first pitch of the series opener is scheduled for tonight at 6:05 p.m. Saturday's game is scheduled to start at 2:05 p.m., and Sunday's first pitch will be at 1:05 p.m.

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Junior midfielder Brie Custis races forward for the ball against Detroit on Feb. 15. Custis and the Irish are 9-6 this season.

W Lacrosse

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game. Gargan completed her hat trick on a goal assisted by sophomore attack Heidi Anaheim before junior attack Rachel Sexton put Notre Dame ahead 7-6 with 18:23 left to play.

A recurring trend then started to develop. Northwestern tied the game at 7-7 when Craig scored her second of the night but less than a minute later, Anaheim scored an odd goal to put the Irish back ahead.

While Northwestern senior goalkeeper Bridget Bianco initially saved Anaheim's shot, the ball bounced off her body well into the air, coming back to earth, bouncing and spinning into the net for the Notre Dame goal.

This time, it took five minutes for the Wildcats to draw level, as redshirt senior attack Kara Mupo beat Irish sophomore goaltender Liz O'Sullivan with 11:12 remaining to restore parity to the affairs.

O'Sullivan finished with nine saves on 19 goal-bound Wildcats shots, a mark above her save percentage (41.7%) entering the game.

"Liz O'Sullivan had a great night, man," Halfpenny said. "She came up with nine huge saves when we needed them."

Notre Dame took its final lead of the game 39 seconds later when junior midfielder Stephanie Toy scored an unassisted goal off a rebound, but once again, could not hold on to the advantage in the game's final 10 minutes.

Craig finished her hat trick with 4:56 to bring the Wildcats level at 9-9, setting the stage for Nesselbush's goal to win the game.

Notre Dame had chances late but ultimately could not beat Bianco, who finished with nine saves.

"She's a good goaltender. We've seen her now four years in a row," Gargan said. "She

has a little bit of an unorthodox style that we're not used to seeing, so we don't get that look every day in practice."

While the two teams were statistically similar in most areas on the night, Northwestern dominated the draw controls, securing 8 of 10 in the first half en route to a 13-7 edge overall.

"We had a really off night," Halfpenny said. "[We had] 20 turnovers. I hadn't seen 20 turnovers from this team in a while. ... The reality is, you've got to credit Northwestern, they did a great job winning the draw control battle and we knew that would be something that would really push the game one way or the other."

The Irish are straight back in action Sunday, however, when they host No. 14 Louisville in the final game of the regular season.

The Cardinals (9-6, 1-5 ACC**) have lost three straight games including a 16-8 loss to No. 9 Syracuse yesterday, however, Louisville may have an advantage on the draws; junior midfielder Kaylin Morissette is second nationally, averaging 11.3 draw controls per game.

"They have an outstanding draw control specialist ... she's really, really strong," Halfpenny said.

With a win, Notre Dame would finish the conference slate with a winning record and get positive momentum back heading into the conference tournament.

"It would be huge for us to win going into the ACC tournament," Gargan said. "Last year we were kind of linking in to the ACC tournament so I think it would be a huge boost to our confidence ... And I think we want it. It's our last home game."

"We know what's at stake." The first draw between the Irish and Cardinals is scheduled for noon Sunday at Arlotta Stadium.

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him in attack Jimmy Bitter (31 goals, 65 points), attack Joey Sankey (26 goals, 57 points) and midfielder Chad Tutton (28 goals, 33 points).

"[Bitter, Sankey and Tutton] have been mainstays in their attack for four years," Corrigan said. "But I was really impressed with how many plays [Goldstock] was making without detracting from what those other guys are doing. He's just playing off of what they're doing so effectively."

The Irish have a more balanced offensive attack, led by Tewaaron Award watch list member and junior attack Matt Kavanagh (17 goals, 39 points) and freshman attack phenom Mikey Wynne (26 goals, 28 points). Kavanagh, who totaled 74 goals over the last two seasons, hasn't been the prolific scorer he has been in the past but has taken on more of a leadership role in the Notre Dame offense.

"He's making sure that everybody's involved," Corrigan said. "I think he's got a great IQ for the game, and he's a great competitor. He does within the game what he thinks he needs to be doing, and I'm very confident in his judgment in that."

The Irish may need an exceptional day defensively from juniors Matt Landis and Edwin Glazener, as well as sophomore Garrett Epple, to stifle the Tar Heel attack. Corrigan has praised his defense all year, especially Glazener, who he said entered the year as somewhat of a question mark. There are a host of other unsung heroes of the Irish squad this year, Corrigan said.

"I think there are a lot of guys that you could probably say aren't getting a lot of attention, but frankly, we're not really concerned with that," Corrigan said. "We're concerned with our team being the best we can be. And I think those guys are perfectly happy as long as our team is successful, and we're doing the things we should be doing as a group that we don't care about the attention."

With such a big game, Corrigan said he knows his team will come under a lot of scrutiny. Even so, the Irish squad is simply going to go out and play its game, Corrigan said.

"There's nothing that we're doing that poorly, frankly, that we could take some great leap forward in that area of the game," Corrigan said. "But we can get a little bit better in a lot of areas. And I think if we get a little bit better in a lot of areas, then we're going to be a significantly better team."

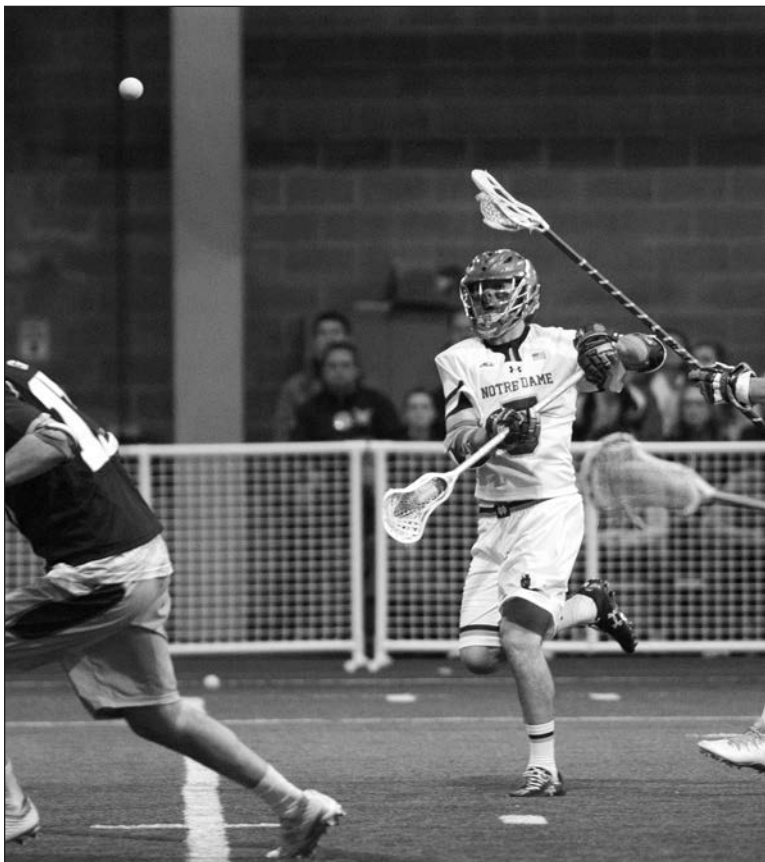
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Junior defender Thomas Stephan handles the ball against Georgetown on Feb. 14. The Irish are 8-1 on the season.



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Graduate student Jim Marlatt fires a pass against Georgetown on Feb. 14. The Irish are undefeated in the ACC at 3-0.

Loyd

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"My family has been prepared for a situation like this for a long time," Loyd said. "It was the right timing for me, and everything set it up really well."

"I had to figure out what was best for me, and it just sucks that it was after that game, but at that point, I didn't have much of a choice."

Loyd ended her Notre Dame career fifth on the all-time scoring list, second in career points per game and tied for first in program history for highest scoring game, with 41 points against DePaul on Dec. 10 this season. She was named All-American twice, one of four Irish players to accomplish the feat.

She is also the fourth straight Irish player selected in the top three of the WNBA Draft — Devereaux Peters, Skylar Diggins and Kayla McBride were taken third in 2012, 2013 and 2014, respectively. With Loyd's selection, Notre Dame becomes the first program in the 19-year history of the

draft to have a player selected as a lottery pick (top four) in four straight years.

The Storm finished tied for the worst record in the WNBA last year (12-22) but loaded up on talent Thursday night with the first and third picks of the draft. Two slots after Loyd, Seattle took former Connecticut forward Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis, putting the two college rivals on the same side after three years of head-to-head competition.

"I love playing with Kaleena," Loyd said. "She's a great sport. ... She brings a lot of fun, and we've been friends on and off the court for quite a while, and I'm excited to officially become her teammate."

Loyd's salary in the WNBA is expected to average around \$50,000 in her first few years, with the potential of more money coming abroad, as many players travel to Europe or Asia, where salaries are higher. Loyd said she has not made a decision about whether she will play outside the WNBA.

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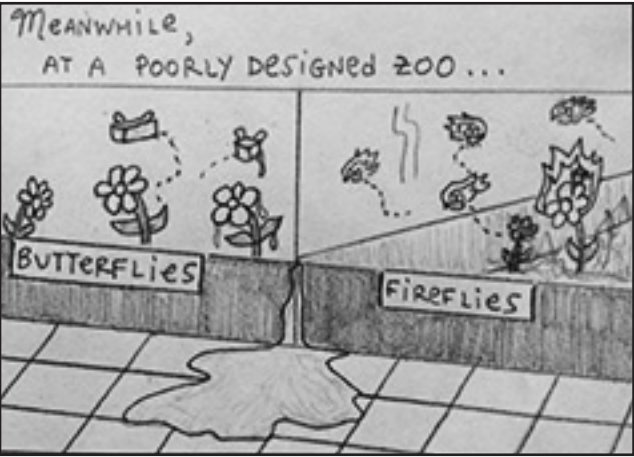
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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Loyd selected first overall

By GREG HADLEY
Editor-in-Chief

One last time, Jewell Loyd made Notre Dame history, one year earlier than expected.

When Loyd's name was called by the Seattle Storm in the WNBA Draft at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Connecticut, on Thursday, she became the first No. 1 pick in program history. She also became the first player from the Irish to ever leave for the pro ranks before her senior season.

"It's a great feeling to have your name called and to look up and see the number one by your name," Loyd said. "Hard work does pay off."

Just a day after Notre Dame lost to Connecticut in the NCAA title game for the second straight year in Tampa, Florida, Loyd announced she would forgo her final year of eligibility to play in the WNBA. She



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Former Irish guard Jewell Loyd poses with WNBA President Laurel Richie. The Seattle Storm picked Loyd first overall Thursday.

told Irish head coach Muffet McGraw and her teammates in the hours after that loss but said she knew she would

leave Notre Dame before the defeat.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

ND prepares for Tar Heel rematch

By BRIAN PLAMONDON
Sports Writer

If Saturday's showdown between No. 1 Notre Dame and No. 2 North Carolina is anything like the last one-two matchup at Arlotta Stadium, fans will get their money's worth and more.

Just three weeks removed from a thrilling home victory over top-ranked Syracuse, Notre Dame (8-1, 3-0 ACC) finds itself as the higher-ranked team this time — and with the ACC regular season title on the line.

North Carolina (12-1, 3-0) enters the game coming off three straight wins over top-10 and ACC teams, Duke, Virginia and Syracuse, scoring 42 goals in the process. In the matchup between the Tar Heels and Irish last year, the Irish rallied for an 11-10 victory, their first ever in the ACC. This year,

North Carolina will mark the seventh straight ranked opponent Notre Dame will face; still, Irish head coach Kevin Corrigan said he is not worried about a letdown.

"Our guys have been really good this year [getting up for each game] — it's been a matter of the maturity of our group overall," Corrigan said. "Monday's work on Monday, Saturday's work on Saturday. That's really important to managing a season. I think it speaks to the amount of experience we have and the leadership that [our seniors] show."

The Irish will have to halt a Tar Heel offense that scores 15.08 goals per game, good for fourth best in the nation. They are paced by sophomore attack Luke Goldstock (39 goals, 54 points), who has an experienced trio of seniors behind

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Squad falls to Northwestern

By ALEX CARSON
Associate Sports Editor

Sophomore midfielder Sheila Nesselbush scored with just under four minutes left to give No. 7 Northwestern a 10-9 win over rival No. 11 Notre Dame on Thursday at Arlotta Stadium.

The Wildcats (10-4, 2-1 Big Ten) jumped out to an early lead on the strength of their leading scorer, as a trio of quick goals from freshman attack Selena Lasota helped put the visitors ahead 4-1 just 10:45 into the game.

Irish sophomore attack Cortney Fortunato scored her first goal of the game unassisted with 13 minutes left in the first half to cut into the lead, but Northwestern junior midfielder Kaleigh Craig answered nearly four minutes later, restoring her team's three-goal advantage.

From there, the Irish (9-6, 3-3 ACC) started chipping away.

With 5:28 left in the half, Notre Dame sophomore attack Grace Muller scored to make it 5-3. The Irish kept knocking and got one more goal before halftime, when senior midfielder Caitlin Gargan tallied her second of the night with

just 1:07 left in the half.

Gargan, who finished the game with a hat trick, said Northwestern's focus on other targets helped her get scoring opportunities.

"I was just able to exploit — they keyed on Cortney, they keyed on [sophomore midfielder] Casey [Pearsall] when she was in the game, they were paying attention to her, so my teammates getting a lot of attention really helped me out tonight," she said.

In the second half, neither team was able to pull away. The game was tied on five occasions, with neither team holding anything but a one-goal advantage the rest of the way.

Fortunato scored her second goal and 50th of the season on a goal assisted by Pearsall just 5:26 into the second half to tie the game at five.

But Lasota, who also passed the 50-goal mark Thursday, got on the scoresheet for the fourth and final time two minutes later to give Northwestern the advantage.

Then the Irish answered, scoring twice in 55 seconds to take their first lead of the

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BASEBALL

Notre Dame readies for UNC

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Senior Sports Writer

Notre Dame will begin the start of what Irish head coach Mik Aoki called a "12-game season" this weekend when it hosts North Carolina State at Frank Eck Stadium for a three-game series.

The Irish (24-11, 9-9 ACC) still have 20 games left on their schedule, but they have just 12 more

opportunities to better their position in the crowded conference standings. Notre Dame is one of five ACC teams with an in-conference winning percentage of .500.

North Carolina State (20-14, 8-9) is not one of the teams tied with the Irish, but the Wolfpack sit just a half-game behind Notre Dame in the conference's Atlantic division. Despite the competitiveness of the

conference race, Aoki said the Irish would not be doing anything different to prepare for the Wolfpack.

"It's just as important as every other weekend series," he said. "... This hopefully gives us the opportunity to get off to a good start for a 12-game season."

Notre Dame will enter the series having won eight of its last nine games. The

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish look to stretch streak

By BEN PADANILAM
Sports Writer

No. 25 Notre Dame welcomes Syracuse this weekend for a three-game series at Melissa Cook Stadium during the team's fifth annual Strikeout Cancer Weekend.

Earlier this week, the Irish (34-11, 13-5 ACC) defeated Bowling Green on Tuesday, 8-2, and then fought for a 3-2, walk-off win over Northwestern on Wednesday to push their win streak to 20 games. This weekend, they welcome the

Orange (17-22, 1-10 ACC) for their penultimate three-game conference series of the season.

Despite their poor record in the ACC, the Orange pose a challenge to the Irish in two big ways this weekend, Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf said.

"Their record is very deceiving," Gumpf said. "Syracuse is always a good team, and they have a very good left-handed pitcher who really does a nice job of tricking hitters a little bit. So we have to be prepared for that and make sure we're

hitting hard ground balls.

"They also have a lot power in their lineup. So those are the things that really are their strengths: their power in their lineup and [junior Jocelyn Cater], who's been a really good pitcher for them. She's kept them in a lot of ball games, and she's really their person to win them ball games."

Cater has been the go-to pitcher for the Orange, throwing 156 innings this season, 102 innings more than any other individual

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