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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**‘Earmuff Girl’**

Here at Notre Dame, there is a league of students that exist in a league that is all their own. They walk among us, and unlike snobby secret societies, they march boldly to and from DeBartolo and in and out of the dining hall. You know them. Notre Dame people-watching is defined by them. They are our beloved campus caricatures.

You don’t know what I’m taking about? Well, it’s just a problem of terminology. A campus caricature is someone who has so perfectly and accurately defined their external behavior that they can be universally recognized and identified on campus. You may know them as Tex or Daisy Duke. Or you may know them as “the chick who always wears cutoffs” and the “the guy in cowboy hat.” And these are just a few. The point is, you might not know their name, dorm, major, or hometown, but you undoubtedly recognize them. And everyone else does too.

While I always had a fond appreciation for our campus caricatures, I never agreed to their lofty heights. But as Shakespeare wrote, “Some men are born great. Some achieve greatness. And some have greatness thrust upon them.” I guess I can attest to my own caricature title — Earmuff Girl.

Earmuff Girl! All my friends, we call you slightly drunken classmate) exclaimed “It’s my favorite caricatures, I never aspired to their lofty heights. But as Shakespeare

Warming, inordinately fuzzy and furry and...
Despite the devastation of the Jan. 12 earthquake, Haiti is a beautiful country with a rich culture, three panelists said Monday.

A discussion, “Windows on the World of Haiti: Politics, Culture and Faith Perspectives,” was held Monday afternoon in Stapleton Lounge at Saint Mary’s.

The discussion was sponsored by the Justice Education Program, the Office of Civic and Social Engagement and Campus Ministry.

The panel included Dr. Karen Richman of Notre Dame’s Kellogg Institute, Dr. Marie Denise Milord, a native of Haiti and fellow with Notre Dame Haiti Program and Sr. Mary Louise Gude, vice president for Mission at Saint Mary’s College.

The panel discussed the importance of learning more about understanding Haiti and its needs. The panel discussed why extreme poverty persists in the country and that we need to continue to assist Haiti in their current time of need.

“As an anthropologist I have been involved with Haitians for more than three decades,” Richman said.

Richman examined the history of the country of Haiti dating back to Columbus and looked at how the island came to be inhabited and how it has changed. She said that today, just like in the past, there have been misconceptions about the Haitian people.

“Thinking about Haiti, we have to put aside a lot of our stereotypes,” Richman said.

Milord, a native of Haiti, looked back on the country of her childhood.

“Looking back, we had a beautiful, peaceful country. Back then there was no insecurity. We grew up being proud of being Haitian. And we still are proud of being Haitian but things have changed a lot,” Milord said.

Milord also spoke about health and the spread of diseases in Haiti. She said lymphatic filariasis, commonly known as elephantiasis, is widespread in the country.

Mosquitoes spread lymphatic filariasis from person to person. “We still have a lot of people to treat,” Milord said. “We have partners that are committed to fight diseases.”

Gude said the priests and sisters of Holy Cross have made significant progress in their missions in Haiti, and she said the order has fared well in the aftermath of the earthquake.

“All three women said they are hopeful that all the money going into the country will assist those in need. “I hope also that this money that is available will use the indicated avenues to reach the people,” Milord said.

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work with the city, the county and the University to establish plans and obtain funding.

Schmidt said he also plans to launch an off-campus housing Web site, rent.nd.edu, to help improve off-campus safety. “It’s like an NDI today for off-campus housing and sponsored by the University,” he said. “We want students to know where the safe spots are to go and the legitimate places to live.”

Schmidt and Weber said they will also prioritize improving the community at Notre Dame, including efforts to create a more inclusive atmosphere for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) community. “A lot of people are concerned with the acceptance of gay and lesbian members of the community and we are continuing the have conversations about that,” he said. “That is something that is definitely on our radar.”

Though acceptance of the LGBTQ community will be an ongoing issue, Schmidt said he hopes to make significant changes before April 1. I can say that there will be conversations on ways in which we will garner much more student input when it comes to gay and lesbian representation on campus,” he said.

Schmidt also hopes to pass a medical amnesty resolution at Wednesday’s Student Senate meeting. This medical amnesty policy would protect a student who has been drinking from_deterring from helping someone else in an emergency situation,” he said.

Additionally, Schmidt and Weber said they will work to improve the Notre Dame community by working on student relationships with rectors, finishing the Global Water Initiative and giving recommendations for revisions to the LaFortune. Schmidt said they will also work on academic issues during the remainder of their tenure and named discussing the cancellation of the Economics and Policy Studies department as a priority.

“There has been thought that the econometrics side should be focused on much more than the policy side,” Schmidt said. “But there are students who have thought that the classes that are offered on the policy side are extremely important in having a well-rounded education.”

“We are huge advocates for not dissolving that department. Other plans include more student involvement in the selection of the commencement speaker, a continued effort to work with the Transpo bus and taxis to provide safe transportations and recommendations for next year’s pop rallies. “Overall, I think a lot of our big issues are pushing for a change throughout the University.” Schmidt said. “And we hope that student government can continue to be that channel.” Schmidt said he will also work to make the transition for the incoming administration as smooth as possible.

“Especially now that we have a month and a half, a lot of these projects are not meant to be extremely visible. We just want Catherine and Andrew to be as successful as they can be,” Schmidt said.

Cluster

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tions around the cluster’s perimeter. There will also be furniture in the middle of the cluster so students can bring their own laptops and work individually or in small groups. A window will also be installed in the door that separates the cluster from the adjoining East Lounge to connect the two rooms visually.

Burchett said the room will be more cheerful as well as more eco-friendly. “I think that before it was really dark. I think it’s got a much happier color scheme,” Burchett said. “The lighting is bright and the lighting is also much more energy efficient now.”

The plan to renovate the LaFortune computer cluster began in the spring semester of 2008. Burchett and other OIT staff members worked with architecture students on the project. “The things the students came up with were really awesome designs. We had to cut out some of their aesthetic ideas,” Burchett said. “We kept as much as we could but some of the things they wanted to do just would have driven up the cost of the project. I think we kept the essential things — the group work space and reclaiming some of the wasted space.”

Burchett said working with the students was a success and he hopes to bring more students in to help with renovation and design projects in the future. “Working with the architecture students was really a lot of fun and its the sort of thing we’d like to do again, whether its an architecture class or an industrial design class,” Burchett said. “I think it adds a certain energy to the people when we can bring in the students in that fashion.”

According to Burchett, the furniture in the cluster had not been upgraded for 18 years, making the renovation a top priority. “I think when it’s all put together its going to be a much happier place to work,” Burchett said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Irish bishops urged to admit blame

ROCHESTER — A top Vatican prelate has told Irish bishops at an extraordinary Vatican summit with Pope Benedict XVI they must admit their own blame in cover-ups of generations of sex abuse of minors, or risk losing the faith of Ireland’s Catholics.

But the U.S. Republican presidential hopeful who helped expose the scandal doubted that any real hierarchy housekeeping would result from the two-day talks behind closed doors in the Apostolic Palace.

Benedict’s top aide, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, delivered a stinging homily at a Mass before Monday’s talks decriing the “particularly abhorrent deeds” of some in the Irish church hierarchy, although he didn’t name any names.

Trains collide in fatal crash

PHOENIX — Volunteer Fire Company, also said snow and ice in the past week and a half. Justin Shawley, assistant chief of the Rostraver Central Volunteer Fire Company, since 1993, said the past 10 days, “We believe a laminated wood truss has staked out solidly conservative positions. McCain has however been skeptical of McCain, in part, for working with leftist agenda and offer the conservative solution we need to get our country moving again,” Hayworth said, as he positions himself to run in 2010.

National News

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Snow leads to roof collapse

PITTSBURGH — A roof in an industrial building in the Pittsburgh area has collapsed, possibly from the weight of snow, leading to the serious injuries of two officers, a fire official and the building’s owner said.

“We believe it was excessive weight from the copious quantities of snow that had over the past 10 days,” Jim Murphy, who has owned the Rostraver Ice Garden since 1993, said Monday. “We believe a laminated wood truss broke and that caused two others to go and the roof to pancake that area.

The region has gotten more than two feet of snow in the past week and a half. Justin Shawley, assistant chief of the Rostraver Central Volunteer Fire Company, also said snow and ice buildup may have contributed to the collapse.

Local News

Hoosier Motor club sees layoffs

INDIANAPOLIS — The AAA Hoosier Motor Club has announced that it is laying off 65 workers at its Rostraver Ice Garden since 1993, said Monday. “We believe a laminated wood truss broke and that caused two others to go and the roof to pancake that area.

Sen. Evan Bayh will not seek re-election

WASHINGTON — Sen. Evan Bayh, a centrist Democrat from Indiana, announced Monday that he won’t seek a third term in Congress, giving Republicans a chance to pick up a Senate seat.

“Too Put it in words I think most people can understand. I love working for the people of Indiana, but helping our citizens make the most of their lives, but I do not love Congress,” Bayh said at a news conference in Indianapolis, where he was joined by his wife and two sons.

The departure of Bayh, who won the seat to the Senate in 1998, attributed his decision to the bitter partisan divide that has dominated Congress in recent years, though he praised his colleagues as hard workers devoting to serving the public.

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Qatar

Clinton: Iran a ‘military dictatorship’

DoHa — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday that Iran is becoming a military dictatorship, a new U.S. accusation in the midst of rising tensions with the Islamic Republic over its nuclear ambitions and crack down on anti-government protesters.

Speaking to Arab students at Carnegie Mellon’s Doha campus, Clinton said Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps appears to have gained so much power that it effectively is supplanting the government.

“Iran is moving toward a military dictatorship,” she said. “That is our view.”

Last week the U.S. Treasury Department announced that it was freezing the assets in U.S. jurisdictions of a Revolutionary Guard general and four subordinates of a previously penalized construction company he runs because of their alleged involvement in producing and spreading weapons of mass destruction.

The Revolutionary Guard has long been a pillar of Iran’s regime as a force separate from the ordinary armed forces. The Guard now has a hand in every critical area, including military development, armed forces, resources, dam building, road construction, telecommunications and nuclear technology.

It also has absorbed the paramilitary Basij as a full-fledged part of its command structure — giving the military greater funding and a stronger presence in Iran’s internal politics.

Asking if the U.S. is planning a military attack in Iran, Clinton said “no.”

The U.S. is focused on gaining international support for sanctions “that will be similarly aimed at those enterprises controlled by the Revolutionary Guard, which we believe is in effect supplanting the government of Iran,” she said.

Meanwhile, a semi-official news agency quoted the head of Iran’s nuclear program as saying the country received a new proposal last week from the United States, Russia and France. The three of the countries trying to rein in Tehran’s uranium enrichment program.

Iranian said that it was studying the joint proposal purportedly made after the country announced last week it had begun enriching uranium to a higher level than previously acknowledged. The ILNA news agency quoted Ali Akbar Salehi as saying various countries have also offered Iran proposals on a nuclear fuel swap, adding that Iran is reviewing all the proposals. He did not provide any more details.

The Obama administration is trying to “send a message to Iran — a very clear message” that the U.S. is still open to engagement “but that we will not stand idly by while you pursue a nuclear program that can be used to threaten your neighbors and even beyond,” Clinton said.

Later, as she boarded her plane for the next stop on her Middle East trip, Clinton said, “The civilian leadership is either preoccupied with its internal political situation or is ceding ground to the Revolutionary Guard.”

She told reporters traveling with her that it appears the Revolutionary Guard is in charge of Iran’s controversial nuclear program and the country changing course depends on whether the clerical and political leadership begin to reassess themselves.

She added: “I’m not predicting what will happen but I think the trend with this greater and greater military lock on leadership decisions should be disturbing to Iranians as well as those of us on the outside.”

Clinton said the Iran that could emerge is “a far cry from the Islamic Republic that had elections and different points of view within the leadership circle. That is part of the reason that we are so concerned with what we are seeing going on there.”

In her Doha appearance, Clinton also said she foresees a possible breakthrough soon in stalled peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

President Barack Obama’s short list of vice presidential candidate prospects in 2008, continues a recent exodus from Congress among both Democrats and Republicans, including veteran Democrats Christopher Dodd of Connecticut and Patrick Kennedy of Rhode Island.

The announcements have sprung up in rapid-fire fashion amid polls show a rising anti-incumbent fervor and voter anger over Washington partisan- sship, high unemployment, federal deficits and lucrative banking industry bonuses.

Obama thanked Bayh for his years of public service.

“During that time, he has fought tirelessly for Indiana’s working families, reaching across the aisle on issues ranging from job creation and economic growth to fiscal responsibility and national security,” Obama said in a written statement. “I look forward to continuing to work with him on these critical challenges throughout the rest of the year.”

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In these three explanations, parents belittle their own accomplishments and respond to their children’s mistakes. The child perceives this response as rejection, he said. "Many psychologists contend that a normal perfectionism exists," Lapsley said. "However, large differences exist between this normal and neurotic perfectionism."

Several scales of perfectionism, developed by various psychologists, attest to these differences, he said. Donley discussed her experiences with perfectionism in the Counseling Center. I see a difference between a goal-oriented person and a perfectionist," she said. "The goal-oriented individual studies hard for a test and is happy with the grade they receive, while the perfectionist crams with anxiety and disappointment to their own children’s mistakes. The child perceives this response as rejection, he said. Many psychologists contend that a normal perfectionism exists," Lapsley said. "However, large differences exist between this normal and neurotic perfectionism.

Donley said many students base their self-esteem on what they do or accomplish and, in turn, place a great deal of pressure on themselves. Students need to realize that they can’t do it all and learn to cut themselves some slack, she said. "In my mind, perfectionism sucks the joy right out of life," Donley said. "In the end it is our connection to other people and our quality of life that is the most important."

Byrnes focused on the value of meditation in coping with perfectionism and competition. "Mindfulness is a potentially refreshing and restorative approach," she said. "It is the idea of being present in the moment."

According to Byrnes, more than 40 percent of Americans of all faiths practice meditation at least once a week. She led a meditation exercise to demonstrate that virtually all forms of meditation require only four things: a quiet place, a stable posture, a non-thinking attitude and a focus on breathing. "Meditation aids in recognizing the moment-to-moment reality," Byrnes said. My students have been involved with Friends of the Orphans, and this group is doing excellent work in Haiti.

Call said the College has had several fundraisers to benefit the relief efforts. In January, a benefit concert was organized and held by members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s Friends of the Orphans group. Donations were accepted for entrance to the concert, and the funds raised benefitted orphans in Haiti.

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Additionally, Call said Saint Mary’s has hosted several Masses where funds were gathered during the collection to benefit Haiti. "It’s important to keep providing relief to Haiti because they are in dire straits. They have the labor force to begin rebuilding, but they need resources," Call said. "We can provide those resources.

The Athletic Department at the College has also helped to collect funds for Haiti relief. A portion of money collected from concession and ticket sales was donated to the relief efforts. Call said Friends of the Orphans has also set up a variety of collection jars around Saint Mary’s campus to collect spare change for donation.

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Helps International, a nonprofit organization that works in Latin American, Lakusta said. "I felt drawn to the crisis in Haiti. Eyes on Africa has an incredible network of socially-conscious people who understand the power of getting involved — our trouble was coming up with a unique way to help," Lakusta said. "People only want to donate so much. Nonprofit wine groups help people direct their purchases to a cause."

The wineries will continue donating proceeds through the end of April. Indiana wineries donating a portion of the sales are Bacchus Imports, Cecchetti Wine Co., Lion Nathan USA, Precept Brands and Rainer Wine. "Essentially, Eyes on Africa Helps Haiti allows people a new way to help in an incredibly worthy cause," Lakusta said. "We’ve gotten some flak for branching out in response to the earthquake, but in the true spirit of Ubuntu, it only makes sense that we would respond to the crisis."

"Ubuntu," or the interconnectedness of humanity, is the core philosophy of Eyes on Africa. Lakusta founded Eyes on Africa in 2007 after a trip to South Africa. Lakusta and other college students have since used the organization as a springboard to develop and fund aid projects in need areas of Africa. "Eyes on Africa felt drawn to leverage its base of support in an effort to help those affected by the earthquake in Haiti," Lakusta said.

Eyes on Africa also recently won a $25,000 grant from Chase Community Giving, a competition hosted on Facebook by JP Morgan Chase Bank. Eyes on Africa competed against more than 500,000 other charities to land in the top 100.

Please recycle The Observer.
PORTLAND — Like his father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Victor Niklas feels the quickening of spring as the season ramps up at his wholesale nursery in a farming community south of Melbourne, Ore. Niklas and his workers busily package plants for shipment.

These days, his flowers and vegetable seedlings have fewer places to go, as the housing bubble burst and the state and national economies flattened.

Just three years after reaching a record high of almost $1 billion in sales, Oregon's nursery industry has plummeted into an historic slump. Nurseries are laying off employees, cutting costs and foregoing new buildings and equipment.

A few, like Niklas' Clackamas Greenhouses, have gone bankrupt.

"The family has poured money into it as we tried to restructure it and make new markets," said Niklas, who had to file bankruptcy after losing almost half his sales when his primary retailer was bought out. "Commercial lenders aren't talking to me because I'm coming out of bankruptcy." 

"They aren't even talking to GM, so why would they talk to a little nursery?"

Across the country, the nursery and landscaping trades are also facing tough times.

"You have to eat, but you don't have to plant ornaments," said Terry McElroy, a spokesman at the Florida Department of Agriculture.

Florida, which produces 80 percent of the houseplants grown in the United States, had about $44 million in sales of nursery stock in 2007 — the last year figures were available. California, the largest producer, reported $988 million in nursery stock sales in 2007.

Both states did not have more recent figures, but officials said they had seen a decline in business. They expect the industry to slowly recover, but they also expect the belt-tightening to remain, with fewer purchases, less expansion and fewer employees.

"We know, just by tracking sales in general, that it's down but we don't know how low," said Jennifer Nelis, spokeswoman for the Florida Nursery Growers Association. "It's the life cycle of home construction. Plants are some of the last to go in, so the industry is the last to bounce back.

"Things are starting to get a little better, but it will always lag."

In Oregon, the downturn was swift and stunning.

The rich soil and mild climate of Oregon’s Willamette Valley is ideal for growing plants. And for 18 years, starting in 1990, the nursery industry steadily grew, reaching $988 million in sales in 2007. The nursery commodity outpaced cattle, then ranked second, by as much as $500 million that year.

Then the industry slammed into a swarm of trouble: the halt of home and business construction, high transportation costs, financial lending woes and a depressed national economy. Sales plunged 17 percent to $820 million, in 2008. State leaders expect a similar drop for 2009.

Back in the heady days, Niklas could count on $4 million in annual sales at his nursery in Aurora. Bankruptcy knocked him down and, just as the nursery began to recover under Chapter 12 restructuring, the nation’s economic downturn handed a sucker punch.

Niklas’ annual sales plummeted to under $2 million. He hasn’t found a commercial lender to help him refinance. He and other nursery owners worry that two tax measures passed by Oregon voters earlier this year — raising the state income tax on upper income individuals, and hiking the corporate minimum tax and taxes on corporate net income greater than $10 million — will push them closer to the financial edge.

Market Recap

IN BRIEF

Toyota may increase warranties

ORLANDO — Toyota Motor Corp. may offer incentives or increase the length of its warranties as it tries to recover from an embarrassing safety-related recalls. The initiative would require a two-thirds, or super-majority, vote before local governments could create a new form of public power known as “community choice aggregation,” or CCA. These public power entities, made possible by state legislation passed in 2002 after the terrorist attacks, now serve 15 million customers in northern and central California, has already spent $6.5 million on records. The company is the sole source of the nursery stock that water agencies and residents another choice for buying their nursery and landscaping trades. A new market is expected to open up for the nursery stock that water agencies and residents have fewer places to go, as the housing bubble burst and the state and national economies flattened.

SAUDI ARABIA

Saudis brace for peak in oil demand

Associated Press

JEDDAH — A top Saudi energy official expressed serious concern Monday that world oil demand could peak in the next decade and said his country was preparing for that eventuality by diversifying its economic base.

Mohammed al-Sabhan, lead climate talks negotiator, said the country with the world's largest proven reserves of conventional crude oil was working to become the top exporter of energy, including alternative forms such as solar.

Saudi Arabia was among the most vocal proponents of proposals during the climate change talks in Copenhagen. And al-Sabhan criticized what he described as efforts by developed nations to adopt policies biased against oil producers through the imposition of taxes on refined petroleum products while offering huge subsidies for coal — a key industry for the United States.

Al-Sabhan said the potential that world oil demand had peaked, or would peak soon, was an “alarm that we need to take more seriously.” As Saudis chart a course for greater economic diversification.

“We cannot say put and say ‘well, this is something that will happen any way,’” al-Sabhan said at the Jeddah Economic Forum. The “world cannot wait for us before we are forced to adapt to the reality of lower and lower oil revenues,” he added later.

Some experts have argued that demand for oil, the chief export for Saudi Arabia and the vast majority of other Gulf Arab nations, has already peaked. Others say consumption will plateau or, in particular, in developed nations that are pushing for greater reliance on renewable energy sources.

With oil demand now starting to pick up after it was pummeled by the global recession, some analysts say consumers may have learned to live permanently with a lower level of consumption.

In Brief
In memory of Ralph McNerny

Ralph McNerny, a member of the Notre Dame philosophy department since 1955, died on Jan. 29. Author of more than 40 scholarly books, Dr. McNerny was justly regarded as the preeminent exponent of Thomistic philos- ophy of St. Thomas Aquinas. He also wrote over 300 articles, poems and poetry and more than 80 novels and mysteries.

The many testimonies by friends and colleagues, available at this website, recount Ralph’s life and achievements. They acknowledge his as a glimpse of his personal side. Ralph McNerny, a man of total integrity, was a kind and happy guy with a droll sense of humor, a master of the pun and a family man devoted over 49 years of marriage to Connie who was his match and whom he would occasionally introduce as “my first wife.”

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Spooning for solutions

This letter is a response to Brendan Keeler’s letter (“Cloudy with a chance of meateaths,” Feb. 7). Really, it’s North Dining Hall and its employees. You guys really do a great job providing us with such a wide selection of food every day.

However, like Brendan Keeler, I am not happy about the placement of the spoons. Last year, they were together with the forks and knives. All the utensils were right there. Since the spoons were moved, there have been complaints. The spoons are oddly separated. If confused the heck out of me, and nobody I talked to agreed with it. It just did not make sense to anybody, and it still doesn’t.

Well, I tried to get to the bottom of this problem, so I talked to an NDH student employee. He told me the spoons were moved so less people would use them and NDH would save money on dishwashing. Apparently, a lot of people were taking spoons and not using them.

Kevin Eller
Stanford Hall
Feb. 15

Conference’s courageous dialogue

I would like to second Ms. Healy’s applause (“Truth, Identity, and Edith Stein,” Feb. 15) for the organizers of the Edith Stein Conference that occurred this past weekend. This conference, which has been an annual event since 1998, brings together scholars and students from various religious backgrounds to discuss the life and work of Edith Stein. The conference is held in her birthplace of Munich, Germany, and the 2019 edition took place at the University of Notre Dame.

Dan Keeler, one of the organizers of the conference, was moved by the way the participants engaged with the material and each other. “Ms. Healy’s letter leaves the reader with the impression that the protestors were dismissed by NDN or otherwise ‘taken away’,” he said. “The Conference organizers and attendees opened their doors and invited all those who wanted to participate.

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Reinstate spoons

Hats off to Mr. Brendan Keeler for his chilling expose of the glaring inadequacies that plague North Dining Hall (“Cloudy with a chance of meateaths,” Feb. 12). Most pressing to both me and the majority of the University is the unnecessary and punitive segregation of spoons from the general utensil popula-

James Kachadoorian
Seigfried Hall
Feb. 15

The Observer West Virginia University
Oh the weather outside is frightful, but the fashion magazines are so delightful! Since we’ve no place to go, open them up and get the spring style down low! Spring is right around the corner — or maybe the block — but regardless, it’s time to start planning because, as my roommate likes to say, “prior preparation prevents poor performance,” and there is no room for error this season!

Four essentials are a must for stocking your closet this spring: flowers, zippers, trenches and wedges. These items are key for the ladies who want to blossom like those gorgeous tulips lining the Grotto in April. This year, floral doesn’t necessarily have to mean literal flower details. Marchesa shows this best with her blooming textured tops and gowns, which bring the princess version of every woman’s grungy Cinderella to light with every twist and turn of fabric. Marchesa’s tucks and folds of silk and wool in deep hues will have you panting for the spring rains if they mean that sunshine and Marchesa’s designs are on their way.

Floral accents in and of themselves will also brighten any outfit. Try extravagant headbands, necklaces or full patterns on sweeping dresses for a soft feminine look. When going for a floral look on a full-length dress, stick to pastels and save the bright jewel tones for a solid piece to avoid being too over-the-top. Forever 21 is stocked with pieces in each genre to bring this vision to life.

The fall gave birth to the zipper, winter saw its teen years, and come spring, the zipper will finally reach adulthood. It’s a fantastic statement maker, especially when strategically placed, and will give an edge to even the softest of outfits. For a touch of irony, pair a motorcycle jacket with a floral blouse, skinny jeans and heels and watch men become even more confused and entranced by the creature that is woman.

Zippers don’t just have to stay on clothes. Heels, rings and even sunglasses — check out Alexander Wang for Linda Farrow Zipper Sunglasses — will feature these details in spring 2010 so make sure you’re on your game when you hit the streets.

Bright — colored trench coats screamed spring last year, but this year it’s all about muted tones in nudes, blacks and whites. These jackets will look great with a class pair of rain boots, so make sure to invest in one for both practical and fashionable reasons. Once the snow melts and the ladies emerge from their cave-like dorms this year, expect to see campus awash with Audrey Hepburn look-a-likes. No matter which way you slice it, wedges are in this spring. Tall wedges will be parading down South Quad once the sun comes out, but they won’t be marching alone. Expect to see new additions of saddle leather and black sueded to the mix for an exceptionally bold taste of the wide variety soon to adorn female feet.

For the in-between stage of winter and spring, feel free to match a pair of chunky neutral-tone socks with thick-heeled sandals. InStyle suggests sticking to thin fabrics with dainty patterns to avoid overdoing the look.

Brighten those obnoxiously gray skies hanging over campus by exploring the upcoming trends. There’s only 17 days left until Spring Break (but who’s counting) so utilize your shopping time wisely. Treat yourself to a little ring this spring and you won’t regret it!

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It’s no “Love Actually,” but director Gary Marshall’s “Valentine’s Day” is a heartwarming film with multiple interconnected stories about love. A star-studded cast comes together to portray Los Angelinos trying to navigate love. But just like any box of assorted chocolates there are a few bad ones in the bunch.

Ashton Kutcher and Jennifer Garner are absolutely fantastic as the arguable leads of the film, and on-screen best friends. Kutcher’s Reed is a hopeless romantic and florist who proposes to his workaholic girlfriend Morley, (Iesha DaCruz) but things are not as picture perfect as he thinks.

Meanwhile, Garner plays Julia, a lovable teacher who is head over heels for her heart surgeon boyfriend Dr. Harrison Copeland played by Patrick Dempsey. Unfortunately, this doc is no McDreamy, and drama and humor ensue. Kutcher and Garner are charming and endearing. They are the best parts of this film, and deservedly spend the most time on screen.

Supporting actors that shine are the always lovely Anne Hathaway and the goofy but adorable Topher Grace as a couple struggling with their new relationship. Hathaway is hysterical as an adult phone entertainer.

Meanwhile, Kutcher holds his own with romantic comedy queen Julia Roberts as two people who share a plane ride. It is refreshing to have Roberts back in the rom-com sphere, but sadly she is only on the screen for all of six minutes. The pair are natural together, and it is nice to see Cooper play a good guy for once.

But with the good comes the bad. In the case of the Taylor Lautner-Taylor Swift duo, the very, very bad. Lautner doesn’t do much. He mostly stands there, next to an hyperactive Swift. She just like any box of assorted chocolates there are a few bad ones in the bunch.

Sure, the film is predictable at times, but any viewer should expect that heading into the theater given the title and trailer alone. What they might not expect is the surprising well-done job of portraying the varying emotions that one might feel when February 14th rolls around. Love, lust, bitterness, joy, regret and deceit are all on the menu. The characters range from those who are deeply in love, to those who think they are in love, to lying cheaters who never deserved any love. But that’s the beauty of this mosaic of different stories. There is something for everyone to enjoy, even if it just to see Swift be ridiculous.

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By CAITLIN FERRARO
NBA

Slumping Mavericks shuffle roster with trade

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks would like to host another NBA event this season. So they made some changes.

With the record-breaking All-Star weekend in their back yard this year, the Southwest Division-leading Mavericks will begin the final 30-game stretch of this regular season Tuesday night looking much different than they did when losing five of seven games before the break.

A seven-player weekend trade brought two-time All-Star guard Caron Butler, 7-foot center Brendan Haywood and guard DeShawn Stevenson to Dallas from Washington. Often promising and disappointing Josh Howard was sent with Drew Gooden and two others to the Wizards.

Now I don’t know how many of you out there are going to pick us in a seven-game series against the Lakers, but our opinion the guys in that locker room have changed.

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The Mavericks also envision using Dampier and Haywood together to match up against other teams using two big men.

Howard had spent his entire career with Dallas playing 431 games since being the 29th overall pick in 2003. The team’s second-longest tenured player behind Nowitzki, Howard played only 31 games with nine starts this season after being limited the first three weeks of the season while recovering from offseason surgery on his left ankle.

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### NBA

Associated Press

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Olympics

Bruised Vonn sets quickest pace in training runs

Associated Press

WHISTLER, British Columbia — The bumpy and jarring downhill training course didn’t do Lindsey Vonn’s badly bruised shin any favors.

Calling it “probably the worst course for my shin,” the American Alpine star finished the more testing upper section in the fastest time of the training runs Monday — 1 minute, 30.75 seconds, or 0.39 seconds faster than teammate Julia Mancuso.

Skiing the much shorter bottom section after the men’s downhill finish, Vonn finished in 18.52 seconds, good for 20th and 0.73 seconds behind Sweden’s Anja Paerson.

Vonn, a top rival and good friend, “It’s just a fight from the top to the bottom, and that’s not so much fun. But everybody has to do it. I hope they maybe get it a little bit smoother for the race.”

U.S. skier Stacey Cook was 20th after the top section, 1.89 seconds behind Vonn, but that was secondary to her. “But just knowing that it happened and knowing to go back out there and do it again, it was so hard,” said Cook, who’s from Mammoth, Calif. “My body feels fine. I can work through all that, and there was so much adrenaline. Just mentally, I was so nervous in the start.”

In the shorter afternoon run, Cook had a solid performance, finishing 0.09 seconds behind Paerson’s time.

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South Korean to keep from and Ohno thought he might then it's not over. line — and, sometimes, even ish of Olympic sports, it's never been by a U.S. Winter Olympian. turn, allowing Ohno to tie night when two South Koreans pulled out a silver medal in the Korea still got the gold, which and out of the trouble that gob- decorated American male at the skated the unforgettable image of American, who is practically a cheering for the 27-year-old winning away. Carl Edwards made it three-wide behind them to time the pack, and, give Earnhardt a chance to make some eye-popping moves there. Earnhardt, a 12-time Daytona winner, dodged and darted his way through traffic. He showed his Chevrolet to have been the clean air. McMurray, who had put some space on the pack, suddenly had Earnhardt breaking down on his bumper. Greg Blake saw his shot at victory wiped out by the first of two late cautions, setting up a green-white-checkered over- time attempt. Kevin Harvick moved Truex Jr. to the lead, then he backed off in the field when he darted in front of Blake for his own attempt at the win. The second late cau- snatched Harvick's near- win away, and set off a sequence of racing that left seasoned NASCAR viewers prancing a pink puddy-like filler at the television. Telescope viewers across America changed their chan- nels, while fans in attendance streamed toward the gates. They had every right to turn away.

But they’re probably regret- ting in fourth.

Tuning out of Sunday’s sea- son-opening race meant miss- ing a finish that will go down as one of the best in NASCAR his- tory. Ohno, a short-track fan, makes attempts to run a two-lap sprint to the finish, and the race? Maybe. "The thing that really sets him apart is his huge heart rather than his feet," said Earnhardt. "I'm in a very, very good place." Ohno said. "When I saw him coming, I was like 'is he on the lead lap?' Where's he coming from? My point being, he came from nowhere, and put himself in contention. Earnhardt, mired in a hor- rordumb slump that has tested his confidence and frustrated his enormous fan base, ran out of gas with 15 laps to go. McMurray and had to settle for second. The joyous McMurray, embarking on a second chance of sorts with Ganassi, twice broke down in tears in a show of raw emotion that clearly defined the nature of real NASCAR and capricious drivers to express this season. Did the unbelievable sequence of on-track racing and off-track excitement save the Daytona? Is it enough to overlook the pothole that nearly ruined the race? The next few weeks are criti- cal for NASCAR, which is work- ing overtime to re-energize the fan base through a series of tweaks both on and off the track. NASCAR officials have made competition adjustments to answer driver complaints about the car, and there’s been a series of rule changes that are clear responses to fan frus- trations. The most notable recent change came just last week, when NASCAR recognized that finishing races under a caution flag was far from satisfying to a fan who had invested several hours into an event. The exhibi- tion in his first meet since an opened Speedweeks ended with Harvick coasting to the finish under yellow, protected from having to hold off a last-lap challenge. So NASCAR adjusted the rule, agreeing to allow up to three opportunities to finish the race under green-flag conditions. The new rule was tested Sunday, twice, and undoubtedly helped script the finish. NASCAR deserves a pat on the back for making the right calls, including the one to do everything possible to patch the Daytona hole so the race could run the full 500 miles.

Problem is, though, casual fans probably aren’t considering the big picture. Instead, they are left with the image of a pothole being repaired in the middle of NASCAR’s showcase event. To those fringe followers, it was amateur hour. Again.

NASCAR has certainly made its share of mistakes over the last decade, and there are crit- ics who are simply unable to forgive and forget. Some of those gaffes have created a stereotype that NASCAR is some sort of three-ring circus that, try as it might, just can’t get anything right.

This isn’t one of those cases, though. Foreseeing a pothole was impossible, and ignoring it once it developed wasn’t an option. NASCAR could have simply called it a day after the first patch failed, sending everyone home 39 laps short of a com- plete race. Instead, it stood strong during an unfortunate circumstance and refused to waver in an embarrassing moment for the sport.

The end result was one heck- uva race.

Sorry if you missed it.
NCAA Men's Basketball

Henry helps Kansas defeat Texas A&M

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Xavier Henry scored 12 points, including several free throws drawn down the stretch, to help top seed Kansas escape with a 59-54 win over No. 24 Texas A&M on Monday night.

It's the 11th consecutive victory for Kansas (25-1, 11-0 Big 12) and the third straight against Texas A&M (18-7, 7-4), including a 78-64 victory last season.

Kansas trailed for much of the second half and was behind by four going into a 7-2 run, capped by a free throw by Henry, to take a 55-54 lead with 3 1/2 minutes remaining. The Jayhawks pushed the lead to 57-54 moments later when Bryan Davis was called for goaltending on a shot by Cole Aldrich.

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Juniour midfield Shayln Blaney was recently named one of this season's captains. Blaney earned second team All-American honors last season.

No. 8 spot in a preseason national coaches poll and team weight expectations for the season to come.

The Irish will be tested this spring, as eight of the teams they face are in the top 20 in the nation.

 Associated Press

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NCAA Women's Basketball

Huskies win 65th straight

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Tiffany Hayes scored 20 points, Maya Moore added 16 and Oklahoma beat Texas A&M 69-56 on Monday night, extending its longest winning streak for Texas A&M (18-7, 7-4). The Sooners had just won the game.

Sooner coach Sherri Coale called timeout immediately after that, moved the ball to the corner and the Huskies had an unbeaten streak to 65 straight games.

Making their last foray outside Big East play before the postseason, the Huskies (26-0) are ranked in the top 20 for the season to come.

Oklahoma (18-7) rallied back from a 14-point, first-half deficit and won with 16 minutes left before Connecticut clamped down and started forcing the Southerners to settle for jump shots.

Kemba Walker scored a game-high 20 points, Maya Moore added 16 and Oklahoma held Texas A&M (18-7, 7-4) to 45.5 percent compared to just 29.2 percent in the first half. Monte Morris and Aldrich added 12 points apiece for Kansas.

Texas A&M was led by David Loubeau's 17 points and Donald Sloan had 15.

The Jayhawks let the Aggies hang around in this one because of two four-point runs and trouble with offensive rebounding. Kansas made just one of 10 3-point attempts.

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The Huskies hit the 48-point mark and broke a 16-game home

Also announced from seven recruits signed letters of intent during the early signing period, including one defender, one midfielder, one midfielder, one midfielder, two fielders and one attacker. All of the recruits save one hail from the traditional lacrosse hotbed of the East Coast. One recruit, a goalkeeper from the Northeast — areas in which Notre Dame has a strong recruiting presence.

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tus was her first honor of the kind after she finished 20-43 at the NCAA's to be Notre Dame's top finisher.

Connelly attributes Ferguson's success to her work ethic and dedication to her sport over the past four years. "She is the type of leader who inspires her teammates to do their best, and challenges her to work hard every day ready to work hard and get better, and challenges her teammates to do the same."

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coming off of a close game with Connecticut," McGraw said. "It was a really good match, and we didn't get it done. We have to make a huge effort." Ferguson responded to the pressure brilliantly, beating Kansas 7-0 and then taking what could be a season-defining victory from No. 16 Michigan. The Michigan match was a really good match for us," Louderback said. "We competed really well. It was good to see us compete in a way we haven't." Notre Dame pulled out a 4-3 victory after trailing virtually the entire match with a few gritty performances by Irish players to knock out the Wolverines. "We were behind pretty much the whole match," Louderback said. "Shannon Matthews especially hung in there after being down and Chrissie McGaffigan also pulled off a close match." Also winning for the Irish were senior Kali Krisk and sophomore Kristy Frilling. Frilling, the 30th-ranked player in the nation, improved her record to 6-0 this year and has been a staple at the top of the team's line up. She's always been so good, a real model of consistency," Louderback said. "As the Irish look ahead, they are hoping to use the momentum from the victory over Michigan and their time off to propel themselves into the busy string of home matches. Notre Dame will face Illinois at 1 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Doubles

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Announcing the Year 2010 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the 2010 annual competition for travel support for summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed $3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Siena, etc. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:
1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their course work at Notre Dame;
2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals;
3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow;
5) two letters of recommendation
6) a transcript showing all grades and courses completed
7) a budget outlining all sources of funding (being sought or confirmed) for the same project (i.e. Office of International Studies, Nanovic Institute, etc.)

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Across
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3. Restaurant chain whose logo features a western hat
4. Upper limb
5. Gemmy dessert to a five-year-old?
6. Platt of S.W.A.K.
7. Greek god of war
8. Any who you say you are
9. Bird known for making baskets
10. Breast Supporting Act for "Junior"
11. No hairy
12. Grab concerned around the dinner table?
13. Hard-core followers in politics

Down
1. "Like it, Vets"
2. "Enough, already!"
3. Your chicken skewers delicious for a salad bar
4. Endures
5. "Monkey's uncle"
6. Mango
7. "Art unit"
8. "Genealogy chart"
9. "Cry of discovery"
10. "Help from a fairy"
11. "Rodeo Horse"
12. "Start of a pinafore chant"
13. "Caught in a trap"

Nudge vs. Wides

16. Midwest bend since 1945
17. "Duker days' event"
18. "Tall bridge, connecting Manhattan, Queens and the Bronx"
19. "Mockingbirds"
20. "Prez on a porpoise"
21. "Air safety gap"
22. "Story shut during 'The Dance at the Zoo'"
23. "Sends an OMG or LOL", say
24. "Talio-based synthetizer master"
25. "68-"Garfield" canines"
26. "Good name for a fat, furred, human"
27. "Zord
28. "Prolet with phone"
29. "They're very needy, and help other little boys play"
30. "If not elipses, they at least giving up being funny"

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Horseosophy

Celebrities Born on This Date: Diantha Boyd, 34, Matt Groening, 56, Melissa McCarthy, 39, June Symonds, 39

Happy Birthday: You'll have an interesting year of approaching people and you will have your fair share of fun. You may want to think about buying for family and friends. Someone will come into your life who will bring about the changes you need to make in your life. You will enjoy any type of food and walk to give you energy. Your numbers are 5, 11, 17, 26, 37, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't get caught with your finger on the button. Do your best and when you can't resist a temptation, your ability to laugh at yourself to change it or improve it will assure you from the crowd.

TARQUIN (April 20-May 20): You may have many more people with prosperity. If you cannot offer your services in a discount. Then turn up and put your feet on the ground... you'll have to base your position. Knowledge = everything will be good.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You may have to do a lot of shouting to a storm. Don't be pushed your way through the pressure by trying to pin something or that it is not only partially. Your head up and move on.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Trust your own motor to make things work that will benefit yourself. Love is an art and making love for an enjoyable experience with cancer at will help you feel emotionally secure. Self-improvement projects will go well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Aggressive talk will help you establish your position and can work harmony into a program. A creative suggestion will enhance the people who want into this realm. Be honest about what you want to be in the world.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't wait for someone else to make a decision that will affect you. Things and make whatever adjustments are necessary to ensure your own success and happiness. If you don't speak up, you have nothing to complain about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your focus should be on no home, family and relationships. Don't let a change in work come in the way. Take care of your own responsibilities and you will be free to give your attention to the people in your life who really count.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Avoid faults, disputes and people who radiate. Concentrate on the creative, the exciting and whatever will lead to a new adventure. There is no paying attention in everything you cannot change. A love relationship can take on a new life if you throw a few promises in the mix.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Everything you say will be completed. Express your own views with Chinese accuracy, but as you resist before it is something that is to be questioned. If you make it, it may be to your benefit than to do nothing. Fire

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are unique. You are managing the best of your imagination and know how to arrive wherever you are. It takes time to make advance in the direction and the worst of the situation you may feel restrict your own freedom. With the right talent it is a valuable solution. If you try hard to make it work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Use your talent when it comes to money matters. With a good budget, you can still have your finances in order. Someone who works with a fire for every time you are fired for being too far out of line. Be ready to make hard work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A goal can be too strong a partner not to let you lay down some ground work and any way you can be the past behind you. A focus of emotions will help you gain confidence and assistance.

Birthday: Italy is an artistic, creative and unique approach to your project and people. You are reliable and thoughtful, affectionate and intuitive.

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So what are you giving up for Lent?

Well I was thinking I would give up beer, text messages on Facebook or some other time waste

I heard our neighbors up there were going to give up elipses

Oh yeah?

If not elipses, they at least giving up being funny

Jumble

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

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Tarf

Draace

Cashour

Ansv: A

Yesterday's Jumble: Yving Canal Muscle Appall

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Breaking the Storm

McGraw uncertain if Schrader will play, but they will bring her uniform to New York

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

As the No. 4 Irish prepare for one of the toughest Big East road games of the season against No. 22 St. John’s, the question on everybody’s minds is if senior captain Lindsay Schrader will be able to suit up for the Irish after spraining her left ankle Sunday.

“We are bringing her uniform,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said of the senior guard. “We are not sure if she is going to be able to play, it will be a game-time decision.”

If Schrader is unable to play, the Irish (23-1, 10-1 Big East) will miss her production, as she is the third leading scorer on the team with an average 11.3 points per game and the leading rebounder with an average 7.3 rebounds per game.

“I think we have a very balanced team, and we have a lot of different weapons, so we will just have to wait for game time and see what happens,” McGraw said.

What the Irish would really miss in Schrader’s absence is her emotional leadership on the court, a presence that McGraw does not take lightly.

“We are counting on having her out there, but I thought we did a nice job without her in the DePaul game,” McGraw said. “I thought the guards played very well. I thought [junior forwards] Devereux Peters and Becca [Bruszewski] and everybody stepped up and played well.”

What worries McGraw and the Irish is to have to rush into a game so quickly after losing Peters and Becca [Bruszewski] against DePaul Sunday in the “Pink Zone” game after spraining her ankle in the first half. It will be a game-time decision if she will play tonight.

ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Irish name captains, recruit new players, ready to start

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

The Irish have been busy over the last couple weeks as they prepare for the quickly approaching spring season. Notre Dame has already scrimmaged with the U.S. national team, added recruits for next year and named its captains to make for a strong campaign.

In late January, the team traveled to Florida for the Champion Challenge sponsored by U.S. Lacrosse. The Irish opened against the National Elite team, quickly falling behind 12-1 within 20 minutes en route to a 23-7 loss. The loss was highlighted by the strong debuts of freshman attack Betsy Mastropieri with one goal and freshman goalkeeper Ellie Hilling, who had 10 saves.

The Irish finished the weekend with a much more competitive 15-11 loss to the U.S. National Developmental team. Senior attack Gina Scioscia scored three goals, while sophomore attack Maggie Tamasitis and freshman midfielder Jenny Granger each had three-point performances in the loss.

Notre Dame showed its ability to score with nearly any player as nine different players scored at least once.

Prior to their trip to Florida, the Irish selected three seniors — defense- man Rachel Guerrera, midfield Maggie Zenigraf and Scioscia — and a junior, midfield Shaylyn Blaney, to serve as the team’s captains for the upcoming season.

None of the players has served the team as captain before, but all have led the team on and off the field. Scioscia and Blanny earned second-team All-American honors last year, while Guerrera was named All-region. Scioscia was selected as the 2010 preseason Big East offensive player of the year, while Scioscia, Blaney and Guerrera were preseason all-Big East selections.

Irish coach Tracy Coyne

Women’s Lacrosse

Women’s Track & Field

Ferguson leads on the track

By KAITLYN MURPHY
Sports Writer

After ending her senior cross country season finishing 30th at the NCAA Championships, Irish distance runner Lindsay Ferguson continues to record top marks in the indoor track season. Cross country and distance coach Tom Connelly spoke of Ferguson as a crucial component to the team’s success along with her personal accomplishments.

“[Ferguson] helped lead our team to the Regional Championship and a spot at the NCAA Championships, where she earned All-American status,” he said.

Ferguson’s All-American status...