Holy Half Marathon draws more than 900

University community runs 13.1 miles to benefit New Orleans relief organization

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

Over 900 runners, including students, faculty and staff and residents of the South Bend area, covered a 13.1-mile course around campus Sunday morning for the sixth annual Holy Half Marathon.

The course, which began on South Quad in front of South Dining Hall, included two laps of a 6.5-mile route that weaved around campus and around St. Mary’s and St. Joseph’s lakes.

Race organizers said they were pleased with the amount of runners who participated.

“We had 305 people alone register the morning of the race, which was such a great surprise,” junior and race-director Gabby Tate said. “We completely ran out of everything, but people just wanted to run, which was wonderful.”

Tate, along with junior Sean Kickham, was responsible for ensuring the course was ready and adequately equipped with water stations, flags and volunteers.

“We’re there to oversee registration, direct the volunteers and answer any questions that the runners might have,” she said. “It’s definitely a fun and crazy day for everyone.”

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The Observer wins ICPA awards

Observer Staff Report

The Observer won third place in the Division 1 “Newspaper of the Year” category, and former Editor-in-Chief Jenn Metz won the Brook Baker Collegiate Journalist of the Year Award at the Indiana College Press Association (ICPA) awards ceremony, held Saturday at Ball State University in Muncie.

The Observer staff won an additional nine awards, including three first places. Other University publications represented at ICPA were: Scholastic, which won “News Magazine of the Year,” Dome, which won second place in “Yearbook of the Year,” and The Juggler, which won third place in “Literary Magazine of the Year.”

Metz is the second Notre Dame student to win the Brook Baker Award, which was first awarded in 1999 and is named in honor of the late Vincennes University student.

Metz was recognized especially for her role in leading The Observer in-depth, breaking coverage of controversy over Jenkins’ invitation to President Barack Obama to deliver the 2009 Commencement address. The statement on the defense of life reads: “Consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church on such issues as abortion, research involving human embryos, euthanasia, the death penalty and other related life issues, the University of Notre Dame recognizes and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. According to the University’s Initiative on Adult Stem Cell Research and Ethics, Notre Dame does not engage in embryonic stem cell research, but scientists currently conduct research related to adult stem cells.

University spokesman Dennis Brown said under the principles on charitable activity, Notre Dame will not contribute to or support organizations that engage in research that conflicts with Church teaching.

Brown said Notre Dame does not anticipate any “dramatic changes” resulting from the new statement.

“The statement and principles affirm what always has been the case at Notre Dame, that the University fully supports Church teachings on the sanctity of human life,” Brown said.

Awareness week begins today

StaND Against Hate Week

Monday
“StaND Against Hate Week’ opens the spring awareness event encouraging students to take a stand against discrimination and participate in healing dialogue.

Tuesday
Professor Dominic

Parrott Presentation

Wednesday
“Sexuality” talk

Thursday
StaND T-shirt distribution

Friday
Day of Silence

Family to match class gift funds

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Looking to encourage student participation in the donation process, the Class of 2010 Senior Legacy has joined forces with class of 2010 parents Thomas and Laura Woodward to form the new Senior Legacy Challenge.

For every 20 percent of the senior class that makes a donation to the fund, the Woodwards will make a donation of $10,000 to the Class of 2010 Hexburgh Libraries endowment.

One hundred percent participation will result in a $50,000 donation.

For Ian Secviar and Emily Everest, co-chairs of the Student Development Committee for Senior Legacy 2010, the greatest benefit of the Woodwards’ donation is that it encourages students to donate, regardless of amount.

“It’s really cool because we have always emphasized participation,” Secviar said. “This way, we can show even small gifts make a difference because of the matching money.”

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: ARE YOU EXCITED FOR GLEE TO START AGAIN ON TUESDAY?

Andrew Anderson
freshman
Kough

"No, The lip syncing is horrible."

Katie Pryor
freshman
Meglion

"I would cry with joy but I had my tear ducts surgically removed."

Mary Kate Valdivia
freshman
Welsh Family

"I am excited to see what happens between Finn and Rachel."

Rachel Chisaiusky
freshman
Meglion

"No, I am morally opposed to TV because it kills your brain and sucks away your soul."

Yiting Zheng
freshman
Meglion

"If E – double hockey sticks – Z yeah!"

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IN BRIEF

The University Counseling Center is sponsoring a free self-improvement program titled "Peace of Mind: The Art of Mindful Relaxation," which will take place today at 12 p.m. in the third-floor conference room of St. Liam Hall.

Visiting professor Michael Wizel will give a lecture titled "Out of Africa: Tracking Early Mythologies by a New Approach, Historical-Comparative Mythology" today at 4:15 p.m. in the Andrews Auditorium of Geddes Hall.

The School of Architecture will hold a lecture titled "Preserving the Heritage of 1960; Specificities and Challenges" today at 4:30 p.m. in 104 Bond Hall. The lecture will be followed by a free reception.

The leader of the Knights of Columbus will sign books and give a lecture titled "Faith, Hope & Charity: Pope Benedict’s Prescription for Catholic Living" today at 8 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo Hall.

The baseball team will face Chicago State at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday in the Eck Baseball Stadium. Adult tickets are $5, senior and youth admission is $3, and children under 3 are free.

The Department of Film, Television, and Theatre’s production of Noel Coward’s "Blithe Spirit" opens Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the DeMoiselle Stage Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

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Saint Mary’s invites siblings to campus

Lil’ Sibs Weekend draws nearly 250 people to campus; events include petting zoo, games, magician, Mass

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
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One of the hardest parts of going away to college is leaving behind younger siblings. To help alleviate that difficulty, Saint Mary’s Residence Hall Association (RHA) organized Lil’ Sibs’ Weekend so students could bring their younger siblings to campus to participate in events and get to know their older sister’s home away from home.

Sophomore Catherine Moore, co-chair of the event, said she and other co-chair senior Andrea Firth started thinking of themes at the beginning of the school year before finally settling on “Saint Mary’s County Fair,” which brought close to 250 people to campus.

“Our theme is very special to me, because my older sister used to bring me to a county fair every year,” Moore said. “So I definitely wanted to have something to do with that, and I also wanted to have a petting zoo, because that is one of my favorite ways to spend time away from home.”

The weekend’s events began Friday in the Student Center where participants registered and received T-shirts, followed by an ice cream social.

On Saturday, the younger siblings were taken to a county fair where there were animals at a petting zoo including sheep, calves, lambs, baby goats, alpacas, emus, rams and a potbellied pig. In addition, there was a Moon Bounce, an inflatable obstacle course and a ball toss game.

Saturday afternoon there was also a magic show for the children, Moore said.

“The weather was beautiful and it was a perfect day for this,” Moore said. “At the carnival we had a magician perform. He had too funny things that kept everyone stunned and entertained.”

Each of the residence halls on campus provided its own activity Saturday. The Hall Councils on campus also provided an activity for in which everyone could participate at the carnival.

“Le Mans Hall had flowers to plant in cups and you could decorate the cups,” Moore said. “McCandless brought a tug-of-war rope, Holy Cross Hall had buzz buckets and prizes to win and Regina Hall put on a pie eating contest.”

That evening RHA held a show- ing of the movie Barnyard in Carroll Auditorium.

The weekend came to a close Sunday when a Mass was held at the Church of Loreto. Junior Grace McClurkin participated for the first time this year with her seven-year-old sister. She said the timing this year worked out well for her sister to come and the two enjoyed all the events.

“I think Lil’ Sibs Weekend is an important event to show off their school to their siblings and family,” Moore said. “The siblings get to see what Saint Mary’s is really all about from an insider’s point of view.”

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Life

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Margaret Brinig, law profes-
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ing a written statement, rather than simply an unstated policy, was important to both reaffirm and make explicit the University’s commitment,” Brinig said. “As a Catholic institution, we felt it important to re-articulate the centrality of our mission and its connec-
tion to the Church.”

A document with criteria for the implementation of charitable activity based upon the principles in the statement is forthcoming, a University press release said.

“I am grateful to the task force for recommending the creation of these documents and for helping us compose them,” Jenkins said in the release. “The new principles provide standards for the University and its representa-
tives in making determinations on giving in a way consonant with our beliefs.”

Brinig said she also does not foresee any large changes as a result of the new statement.

We do not anticipate dra-
matic changes to University life since this statement simply re-affirms and makes explicit our standards so that we can apply them consistently,” she said.

“Both documents reaffirm what always has been Notre Dame’s institutional position: We unequivocally support Church teaching on the sanctity of human life,” Brinig said.

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Plane crash shocks government

Poles grieve loss of president, move quickly to maintain political order

Associated Press

SAVINGS, Poland — Poland’s government moved swiftly Sunday to show that it was staying on course after the deaths of its president and dozen or so other military and religious leaders, even as tens of thousands of Poles expressed their grief over the plane crash in Russia that shocked the country.

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Poland is a young democ racy, adopting its constitu tion in 1997 after decades under communism, but political scientist Kazimierz Kik of Kielce University said he was confident it would remain stable.

“The democracy is pass ing the test, there is no doubt about it,” he said.

“This tragedy does not threaten the state in any measure, Poland’s institu tions are strong, but there is the trauma of the nation.”

Among the dead were Poland’s army chief of staff, the navy chief commander, and heads of the air and land forces. At the Field Cathedral of the Polish Army in Warsaw, hundreds gathered for a morning Mass and left flowers and written condolences.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If al-Qaida acquired nuclear weapons it “would have no compunction at using them,” President Barack Obama said Sunday, in the eye of a summit aimed at finding ways to secure the world’s nuclear stockpile.

“The single biggest threat to U.S. security, both in the intermediate-term and long-term, would be the possibility of a terrorist organization obtaining a nuclear weapon,” Obama said. “This is something that could change the security landscape in this country and around the world for years to come.”

“If there was ever a detonation in New York City, or London, or the Hague, the ramifications economically, politically and from a security perspective would be devastating.”

“We know that organizations like al-Qa’ida are in the process of trying to secure nuclear weapons or other weapons of mass destruction, and would have no compunction at using them,” Obama said.

The Nuclear Security Summit of more than 40 world leaders in Washington this week is aimed at securing “loose nuclear material,” Obama said. He was holding one-on-one meetings Sunday with several of those leaders.

He said other world leaders have offered “very specific approaches to how we can solve this profound international problem.”

Obama singled out South Africa for giving up its nuclear program, and said it has “been a strong, effective leader in the international community on non-proliferation issues. South Africa has special standing in being a moral leader on this issue.”

South African President Jacob Zuma was among the leaders Obama met with Sunday at Blair House, across from the White House. Others included Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev.
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... to Everett.

"Up until the last few years participation has been good, but the last few years have gone down and we want to get them back up," she said. Secviar said the highest recent participation rate was the Class of 2005, with 56 percent. Last year's Class of 2009 was the lowest in recent years, with only 22 percent of graduating seniors donating.

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Secviar said the partnership with the Woodward family was one primary way the committee hoped to boost involvement in the Senior Legacy 2010 fund. "This is the first year we've ever had a challenge and we hope that it boosts participation and rewards participation like never before," he said.

Timothy Ponsick, assistant to the Student Development Committee for Senior Legacy 2010, said that the program conceived the idea first, and then looked for a partner in the Challenge. "We worked with our Major Gifts Department to see if the Woodwards would be interested in something based on participation and raising more funds for the Class of 2010."

Everett said the deadline for the Challenge was set to coincide with graduation. "You can make a donation or pledge before May 15 that will give some money before December 31, and that will still count to the Challenge," she said.

Emily Everett, Student Development Committee co-chair, said, "We really think that the Hesburgh Library Endowment is a really worthwhile cause, but if students want to contribute to any area at Notre Dame it will still count to the Woodward Challenge and Senior Legacy," he said.

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**BRUSSELS** — Trying again to halt a debt crisis that has hammered the euro, fellow eurozone governments tossed struggling Greece a financial lifeline Sunday, saying they would make 30 billion in loans available this year if Athens asks for the money.

The International Monetary Fund stands ready to chip in another 10 billion, said Olli Rehn, the EU monetary affairs chief.

"I am convinced that it will help Greece to contin-

uously vigorously correct pub-

lic finances imbalances and to deliver the neces-

sary structural reforms," Rehn said.

Rehn said the loan deal will be "the clarification that the markets are wait-

ing for." Those markets, however, have so far ignored repeated EU claims of sup-

port for Greece causing commercial lending rates for Athens to go to 7 per-

cent and more in recent weeks.

European governments will offer 30 billion Euro backstop if Athens makes request

**In Brief**

Regulators close failed S.C. bank

WASHINGTON — Regulators on Friday shut down a bank in South Carolina, marking 42 bank failures in the U.S. so far this year amid mounting loan defaults, especially in commercial real estate.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. took over Beach First National Bank, based in Myrtle Beach, S.C., with $585.1 million in assets and $516 million in deposits. Bank of North Carolina, based in Thomasville, N.C., agreed to assume the assets and deposits of the failed bank.

In addition, the FDIC and Bank of North Carolina agreed to share losses on $497.9 million of Beach First's loans and other assets.

It was the first failure of an FDIC-insured bank in South Carolina since 1999. The resolution of Beach First is expected to cost the deposit insur-

ance fund $130.3 million.

The bank, which registered triple-digit percentage increases in profit during the real estate boom, suffered a net loss of $24 million for the first nine months of 2009. Beach First invested heavily in the real estate boom in the coastal area, dotted with oceanfront condominiums and upscale projects, and was hit when the market fell.

Obama advertises tax breaks

WASHINGTON — Just ahead of Tax Day, President Barack Obama is urging Americans to take advantage of tax credits for first-time homebuyers, college students and others.

Obama used his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday to promote some of the tax benefits that are due to expire at the end of this year.

"I know that not all of you's tax bills are, " Obama said. "Instead, they're targeted relief to help middle-class families weather the storm, to jump-start our economy and to bring the fundamentals of the American dream — making an honest living, earning an education, owning a home and raising a family — back within reach for millions of Americans."

In an emergency video conference, the finance ministers of the 16-euro-

zone nations agreed on a complex three-year financ-

ing formula to create an interest rate of "around 5 percent."

This is less than common market rates — which have soared above 7 percent on Greek 10-year borrowings in recent weeks as the debt crisis deepened — but more than bene-

ficiaries of IMF usually pay.

European Central Bank president Jean-

Claude Trichet, who is also the German Chancellor Angela Merkel have insisted that Greece not get below mar-

ket interest rates amounting to an EU subsidy for its past bad behavior.

"This is certainly no sub-

sidy" to Greece, Rehn told a news conference.

"We need to make a push to make the 2010 census found 33.9 million people in the state. It is estimated that the population will have to increase by 38 million in 2010.

Residents have until April 19 to mail back their census forms. After that, their answers will be collected by census workers going door to door at considerable expense.

Alameda County has one of the state's hardest to count populations because of its diversity, its pockets of poverty, and the language barriers faced by its varied immigrant groups.

But this year, Stewart said, there is only $50,000 for outreach there, compared with about $250,000 in 2000.
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‘Core Council Eddie Velazquez said the council hopes to bring the problem of discrimination to the attention of the Notre Dame community during this week’s events and provide opportunities for students to ask questions and heal.

“It’s important that the community realize that there are certain situations where LGBT students are treated unfairly,” he said.

For the past three years, StaND Against Hate Week has included a film screening, Velazquez said. Tonight at 7 p.m. the Core Council will present “The Laramie Project,” a 2002 film that documents the effects of the murder of Matthew Shepard on the citizens of Laramie, Wyo., in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library. Shepard, a 21-year-old gay man, was tortured and murdered near Laramie in 1998. His trial brought national attention to the reality of hate crimes and discrimination against the LGBT community.

The film will be followed by a question and answer session facilitated by the University Counseling Center to examine questions — both emotional and psychological — for people that face anti-LGBT harassment, Velazquez said.

“We start of the week immediately considering what happens not just to those directly involved (in acts of discrimination and violence) but also the people around them,” he said. The week will feature two new events this year: a guest lecturer and a coffeehouse.

Psychology professor Dominic Parrott from Georgia State University will present a lecture titled “Homosexuality Under the Dome: Past Struggles and Present Solutions” at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Carey Auditorium. Parrott’s research is focused primarily on violence against LGBT people, Velazquez said.

The lecture will be followed by a panel featuring alumni and members of the Core Council discussing the experiences of LGBT students on campus and how relations have changed over the years.

A coffeehouse in the Coleman-Morse Center Thursday evening is perhaps the ”most important to take note of,” Velazquez said. Students will be given the opportunity to bring in artwork that represents love, hate, prejudice and healing to “share their responses to things like discrimination artistically,” he said.

“The coffeehouse provides the student body a chance to really engage themselves and other students in tackling the difficulties in dealing with LGBT harassment,” he said. “It gives people a creative outlet to deal with situations.”

Other events include a talk called “Sexuality,” part of the Gender Relations Center (GRC) Signature series. The Core Council collaborates with the GRC every year during StaND Against Hate Week, Velazquez said.

On Friday, free StaND Against Hate Week T-shirts will be distributed at Fieldhouse Mall beginning at 11 a.m. Velazquez called the T-shirts one of the highlights of the week, and Sr. Sue Dunn, co-chair of the Core Council and Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, encourages students to wear the T-shirts in solidarity with the National Day of Silence.

“It’s a wonderful opportunity for our Notre Dame students and community to stand against hate,” she said.

The week will conclude with a prayer service in the Coleman-Morse chapel to reflect followed by an ice cream social.

Velazquez said he observed an increase in support for LGBT students on campus and he hopes the support will be reflected in event attendance.

“It will be refreshing and encouraging to see how much participation we can get,” Eddie Velazquez, co-chair Core Council said.

We’ll work to keep that awareness alive at Notre Dame.”

Velazquez said this year’s events have even more relevance as The Observer published an offensive comic earlier in the semester.

“It had some really positive outcomes,” he said, including raising awareness of discrimination against LGBT members of the Notre Dame community and rallying support for the Core Council.

“The Core Council absolutely and endlessly appreciates the support of the student body and the increase of support we see on a yearly basis,” Velazquez said.

“We look forward to seeing people at the events and welcome all students to support the Core Council in an environment where everyone can feel welcome, especially LGBT students.”

The week’s first event, an Ally Pledge and Day of Silence Banner Signing, will take place today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at both dining halls and LaFortune. Students will have the opportunity to sign pledges and banners until Wednesday.

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variety of things that we have to do.”

The event kicked off Saturday evening with Mass in the Dillon Hall chapel and a pasta dinner in the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

Senior Cynthia Curley was recognized as the first female to complete the race at 1:27:00 and was followed by freshman Alison Podlaski, who finished in 1:29:00.

Nick Bouwman, a student at nearby Goshen College, was the first male to cross the finish line, with a time of 1:15:21. Freshman Ian Montiolo finished a close second at 1:16:41.

According to Tate, 815 of the 935 registered runners, including an area third grader, finished the race. Freshmen Annie Wehry and Aishbean Thinnes said they felt a sense of accomplishment as they crossed the finish line with a time of 1:56:03.

“We finished in under two hours, which was our ultimate goal,” Wehry said.

“We’re both really happy with how we did.”

A team of seniors Sierra Smith, Matt Panhans, Megan Shaughnessy, Aaron Pierre and graduate student Stephanie Nienaber ran the entire 13.1-mile race dressed as Waldo, the famous character from the children’s book series “Where’s Waldo?”

“It was a perfect day for running,” Smith said. “Doing the half marathon with the rest of the Waldo gang made it even better.”

The five friends agreed they appreciated the enthusiastic crowds of supporters during the race.

Tate and Kickham both said they were grateful for “an amazing crew of volunteers” that assisted them with the production of the race.

Hosted by the Class of 2011, this year’s Holy Half raised $20,000 for The Broadmoor Improvement Association (BIA) that works to rebuild New Orleans and provide relief to area victims of hurricanes Katrina and Gustav.

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Mine victims remembered

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PURIS, W.Va. — A pair of tall black boots and a lunch pail sat near the altar Sunday at the New Life Assembly church — a memorial to the 29 men killed in the worst U.S. mining disaster since 1970. The memorial, a thank-you to those who make their living inside the mountains.

This day, the first Sunday since last Tuesday when a coal mine explosion killed 28 workers and a contractor at Massey Energy Co.'s Upper Big Branch mine in Montcoal, was for many a time to honor the profession. Tears of mourning fell, and arms swayed in worship among the 50 people gathered at the church.

Pastor Gary Williams, who has worked at Massey Energy mines for 18 years, knew many of the victims. On his way to church Sunday morning, he heard Ricky Workman's name announced early Saturday morning that the four had apparently died instantly.

A team of federal investigators will arrive Monday as officials try to figure out what caused the blast. Virginia-based Massey has been under scrutiny for a string of safety violations at the mine, though CEO Don Blankenship has defended the company's record and disputed accusations that he puts profits ahead of safety.

Authorities have said that high levels of volatile methane gas may have played a role in the disaster. Massey has been repeatedly cited and fined for problems with the system that vents methane and for allowing combustible dust to build up. Millard Mittelstadt, a miner at a mine in Onslow County, N.C., died March 20.

Crews worked Sunday to remove the bodies of several of the victims. On his way to church Sunday morning, he heard Ricky Workman's name announced early Saturday morning that the four had apparently died instantly.

"I know his child. I know his wife. He's a part of my life," Williams said, tears falling. "He's a part of my life."

"These men are not going to be forgotten," Williams said. "They have done something that doesn't amount to diddly," Barbour said. "I don't really see what to say about slavery, but anybody that thinks that slavery is a bad thing, I think that goes without saying," Barbour said.

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Biking away from car culture

As of the 1990 Census, 46 percent of Americans lived in suburbs. Our generation grew up in this paved paradise, this transportation system built for cars, supermarkets and super-sized, super-value anything. Their car-friendliness makes suburbs pedestrian wastelands and biking hazards.

In the past 20 years, several forward-thinking cities have built complex bike paths as a way to combat traffic and pollution problems. These bike paths serve fewer individuals in the suburbs, making them sometimes cost-prohibitive in sprawling areas.

Despite the expense, we need to undertake the admittedly gargantuan task of transforming our car-accommodating towns into biking- and walking-friendly areas for our health, our quality of life and our environment.

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As members of the faculty and staff at "Notre Dame," we signed the University's mission statement, which says, "The University seeks to cultivate in its students not only an appreciation for the great achievements of human beings, but also a disciplined sensibility to the poverty, injustice and oppression that burden the lives of many. The University aims to be a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice." We signed it in recognition of our responsibility to help students learn about the world in which they live and to encourage them to be good citizens of that world, so that "learning becomes service to justice." Some Notre Dame students recently passed out information on campus regarding what they believe are practices of the HEI Corporation that result in poverty, injustice and oppression. Their actions were peaceful and not disruptive, yet their informational leaflets were confiscatated by Notre Dame security police and they are now being subject to disciplinary action.

We believe that these students were acting in the best traditions of Notre Dame and living up to the ideals expressed in its mission statement. We do not think that they should be disciplined by the University for doing so. We call upon Father Jenkins to cancel these disciplinary actions.

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Students uphold Notre Dame mission

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Scientific basis for homosexuality

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This weekend, “Saturday Night Live” returned after a four-week break with an impressive lineup. “SNL” alumna Tina Fey hosted and teen heartthrob Justin Bieber was the musical guest — the ingredients for what was sure to be an entertaining episode.

Fey made an appearance in each skit, save Fred Armisen’s opening parody of President Barack Obama that detailed the fear of privacy invasion surrounding the 2010 Census. Armisen went through the “simple, straightforward” questionnaire with inquiries like “If some member of this household had to die, so that others might live, who should that be?”

Though hilarious, Fey’s following commercial was on a whole other level of funny. Advertising for “Brownie Husband,” Fey flaunted an easy man-shaped dessert to satisfy any lonely, middle-aged woman. 120 calories-per-serving, 500 servings-per-man, Fey’s companion could appeal to “cravings in your mouth and your soul.”

Soon after, Fey assumed her striking Sarah Palin persona to discuss all the new shows to be aired on the upcoming Sarah Palin Network. Exaggerating fears of the actions of the Obama administration with shows such as “My Daughter Only Sprained her Ankle, You Can’t Seriously be Considering Euthanizing Her” and “Tea Party Wheel of Fortune,” Fey’s Palin impression was comedic gold. As “SNL” sarcastically promoted a network with “All Palin, all the time!” the audience should have been chanting “All Tina, all the time!”

Some of the last skits included a weaker Al Roker parody by Kenan Thompson, where Fey appeared as the crazy Dina Lohan to promote “Checkles,” her new chest-freckle concealer, the prom of a nerdy teenage (Nasim Pedrad) obsessed with her mom (Fey), and a bar scene about Lolene, a nine-inch tall hooker (Fey). Bieber’s musical performances were predictable, with backup dancers twice his age embarrassingly jumping around behind him as he sang “Baby” and “U Smile.” He’s pretty cute, but there is not much more to say about this him as a musical guest. However, he did well for a 16-year-old, maintaining composure in the two skits he was able to participate in.

Overall, the show was a refreshing change with the addition of Fey’s strong female presence. Currently, male cast members like Andy Samberg and Seth Meyers tend to overshadow the less tenured females on “SNL,” with the exception of Kristen Wiig, who holds her own against the men in her fifth season on the show. But Fey stole the show Saturday, as she superbly performed each less-than-perfectly written skit she was given.

Check out these URLs, and catch some of the best moments from Saturday night’s show!

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Going into The Roots/Mike Posner concert Saturday, I didn’t really know what to expect. I had never heard of Mike Posner before he was announced as the opener, so I didn’t know a lot about him. I liked The Roots a lot, but many of my favorite songs by them are collaborations or feature substantial guest performances, so I was wary that their live set may not be as good as their production sound.

I showed up late and missed the first few songs of the Mike Posner concert, but what I saw was good. He worked the crowd, encouraged participation and did everything a good entertainer should do. Honestly, however, it just wasn’t memorable. I remember having a good time during his set, but there were no specific moments that I remember because of him — I remember Notre Dame concert security, but that’s for later. Again, it wasn’t a bad concert: it was entertaining, but I probably won’t remember much from it a week from now.

The Roots’ set, however, was epic. The band didn’t really adhere to a set list; instead, they took a much more “jam band” attitude towards the show. They interspersed in their songs short covers of other songs, individual musician showcases and just pure jamming. They were able to control how the crowd felt at nearly all times, taking the room from just chilling and bobbing their heads to raging and bouncing in a matter of seconds. The Roots are known for their amazing live sets, and now I know why this is their reputation.

Also, their after-show demeanor — namely, the way they catered to the fans by coming out at the end to throw memorabilia into the crowd — was some of the best I’ve seen at a concert.

The only major issue I had with the whole experience was the setting. Notre Dame does not know how to host concerts. I’ve been to concerts at home and concerts at other schools, and both the crowd and the concert security at Notre Dame were both such downers — it was the same for the Matisyahu concert. Some people in the crowd did not even seem like they wanted to be there, and even more were hostile to many actions that I find essential to the concert experience: jamming out, singing, shouting, crowd surfing and moshing, among other things.

Concert security wasn’t any better. In fact, their main purpose seemed to be to quash any attempt to do anything besides stand stationary, maybe allowing a bit of headbobbing and quiet talking to those around you. If this is your idea of what a concert should be, go to a jazz club or lock the dorm to your room and listen to a CD by yourself in the dark. I like to go to real concerts, not ones that make me yearn a concert thrown in Chicago, at Madison or a junior college.

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White Sox throw Hardy out at the plate to preserve victory; Halladay throws complete game to outduel Oswalt

Associated Press

White Sox 5, Twins 4

J.J. Hardy was nailed at the plate for the final out when he tried to score on pinch-hitter Jim Thome’s long drive, and the Chicago White Sox held off the Minnesota Twins Sunday.

Hardy singled with two outs against Twins reliever Jose Valverde in the eighth inning and took off when Thome hit a shot into the left-center field gap. Leadoff man Alexei Ramirez retrieved the ball on the warning track and threw to third baseman Mark Teahen.

Teahen’s relay to catcher A.J. Pierzynski arrived in plenty of time, and Hardy was beaten by so much that he didn’t slide or try to break the slide.

Pinch-hitter Andruw Jones singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth. Mark Buehrle (2-0) pitched eight innings and Jenkins held on for his first save.

Paul Konerko hit a two-run home run, and Mark Kotsay and Gordon Beckham had solo shots for the White Sox, who opened a four-game losing streak.

Joe Mauer was 2 for 4 with two doubles against the Twins, who finished a season-opening trip against the Rays. Buehrle threw two innings and struck out one of the batters he faced.

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Posada promptly greeted the Twins with a tying homer in the ninth, the lefty’s first of the season. The Twins had runners at third and first when Andruw Jones hit a deep fly to center.

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Halladay threw 111 pitches, issued just one walk and struck out eight batters over only three innings. It was the first time in his last seven decisions against Chicago.

Rollins drove Oswalt’s second pitch into the right-field seats, giving the Phillies a 1-0 lead.

Oswalt shut down the high-powered Phillies’ offense after that, allowing only three run batters and striking out 11. The Astros loaded the bases with one out in the eighth, but J.R. Towles hit a weak grounder back to the mound and pinch hitter Jason Michaels struck out swinging.

Halladay breezed through the eighth inning on only 10 pitch-es, striking out Bourn and Kepinger and retiring Sullivan on a groundout.

Carlos Lee just missed hitting a tying homer in the ninth, hammering Halladay’s first pitch into the left-field seats — the second out of a four-run rally.

The Twins loaded the bases with one out in the eighth, and Oswalt retired the last four batters for the final out of his first NL complete game, allowing five runs, eight hits and four walks.

Roy Halladay was congratulated by his pitching coach after throwing a complete game to outduel Arizona Diamondbacks ace Randy Johnson Sunday.

the season. Denard Span led off the third with a double, and scored one out later on Mauer’s double to right. Mauer scored on Cuddyer’s single to put the Twins up 2-2. Carl Crawford couldn’t hold the lead again.

Kotsay homered with two outs in the fourth against Chicago White Sox reliever Hector Macias, who gave up his first strike of the sixth inning.

Phillies 2, Astros 1

Roy Halliday struck out eight in his first NL complete game, leading the Philadelphia Phillies to completed a sweep of the win-
New York starting pitcher CC Sabathia delivers a pitch in the fifth inning of Saturday's game against Tampa Bay in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Sabathia rides no-hit bid for 7 innings

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — CC Sabathia was going to lose his no-hit bid one way or another.

Former batterymate Kelly Shoppach made Yankees manager Joe Girardi’s decision a whole lot simpler, lining a sharp single to left with two outs in the eighth inning of New York’s 10-0 win over the Tampa Bay Rays on Saturday.

“ar makes it easy now. But there would have been fighting out there on the mound,” Sabathia said. “Shoppach said after learning Girardi planned to remove him regardless of what Shoppach did because of a high pitch count (111).”

“I felt good, but I understand where he’s coming from at the same time, too,” Sabathia said. “It’s the second start of the year.” Sabathia added, “It would have been a good discussion.”

With a large contingent of Yankee fans among the Tropicana Field crowd of 29,892 chanting “Let’s go, CC!” Shoppach’s hit on a 1-2 pitch fell cleanly in front of left fielder Brett Gardner and ended the closest call of the big lefty’s career.

“There was no visible reaction from the Yankees, even though Sabathia (1-0) and his former teammate in Cleveland exchanged glances after Shoppach reached first base.”

Typical looks,” Shoppach said. “You can read faces.”

Girardi immediately bounced out of the dugout to remove Sabathia, who walked two and struck out five. The left-hander threw 69 of his 111 pitches for strikes and benefited from spectacular defensive plays by Mark Teixeira, Alex Rodriguez and Robinson Cano.

But Girardi said he had no intentions of allowing Sabathia to pitch beyond the haters box thinking “OK, it’s gotta be me.” to end the bid for what would have been the first Yankees no-hitter since David Cone’s perfect game in 1999, caught by Girardi.

“Watching that pitch count go up and up and up, that was what was on my mind the most,” Shoppach was his last hitter on no matter what,” Girardi said. “He didn’t know that going out. I told him when he came out. It’s not something you want to do, but you have to think big picture.”

“The big picture was the month of October. You have to think ahead. You can’t be short-sighted,” Girardi continued. “I would have loved to see him walk out with no hits and eight innings. I would have loved to see it, but it didn’t happen. It made it real easy to get him.”

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Pennsylvania’s Crosby scores 50th and 51st goals

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Sidney Crosby scored his 50th goal again — and this time it will stick.

The Pittsburgh Penguins captain hit the magic milestone for the first time in his five-year NHL career when he scored a power-play goal Sunday against the New York Islanders with 2:57 left in the first period to give his team a 3-0 lead.

The 22-year-old superstar, who netted the Olympic gold-medal winning goal for Canada at the Vancouver Games, thought he had his 50th of the season Thursday night at home against the Islanders.

He was stripped of that one long after the game when a video replay showed it was scored by Bill Guerin.

Crosby added his NHL-leading 51st goal 55 seconds into the second period on Sunday to push the Penguins in front 4-1.

Replay review proves grand slam, Nats beat Mets

NEW YORK — Josh Willingham wound up with a grand slam off Johan Santana after a wild sequence in the first inning capped by an instant replay review, and the Washington Nationals went on to beat the New York Mets 5-2 on Sunday.

Willingham’s bases-loaded drive hit the wall in left-center and was initially ruled in play. He tried to stretch his triple when the ball got away from catcher Rod Barajas and was tagged out, leaving both players sprawled across home plate.

After checking the replay, the umpires ruled a home run. Willingham followed his fifth career grand slam with an RBI double in the third inning, helping the Nationals beat Santana (1-1) for the first time since June 9, 2007.
Bonds ‘proud’ of steroid admission

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Home run king Barry Bonds said he is “proud” of slugger Mark McGwire for returning to baseball as the St. Louis Cardinals’ hitting coach and for admitting his use of performance-enhancing drugs.

“I have a really good friendship with Mark McGwire. I’m proud of him,” Bonds said Sunday. “We’ve had a great relationship throughout our entire lives and throughout our career. I’m proud of what he did. I’m happy for him.”

While Bonds didn’t rule out also going into coaching one day, his six-minute session with McGwire lasted after the question about McGwire.

In 1998, McGwire ended more than a decade of denial and evasion and finally acknowledged he used steroids and human growth hormone during his career, including in 1998 when he hit 70 home runs and broke the record for most in a single season.

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Bonds later got in the broadcast booth. This winter in Florida, he worked with Phillies slugger Ryan Howard on his swing.

“I coached him a little bit and he’s doing very, very well and hasn’t said one thing about me yet,” Bonds said with a chuckle. “But I love him and I’m glad he’s doing well.”

He appeared to be in great shape and said he is down to about 225 pounds from his playing weight of 238.

“I’ve just been working out a lot, that’s all. I work out all the time,” Bonds said. “It’s been in my genes my whole life. I just don’t work out as hard anymore. I don’t lift heavy weights anymore to be bulky. I don’t know. I’ve got that Hollywood look.”

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“I know that’s going to be out there,” Coby Karl said after working out with center Brian Butch, who was also signed.

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“I was just looking forward to it,” Coby Karl said. “It’s a generous gesture, for sure. But Coby Karl is hoping to show that he earned this spot, and it’s more than just a gift to his father.”

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It’s been an arduous ordeal for George Karl, who had to have a feeding tube inserted into his stomach because the efforts to kill the tumor caused mouth and throat sores that made swallowing food too painful. He’s also dropped weight.

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And while there’s no timetable for George Karl’s return, there’s still the remote possibility he may be back in the postseason.

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DETROIT — The NCAA hockey championship trophy is headed back down Commonwealth Avenue.

Led by goalie John Muse, Boston College won the national title for the second time in three years, beating Wisconsin 5-0 in the final of the Frozen Four on Saturday night.

Muse made 20 save to improve to 8-0 in tournament play, including the national title run he made as a freshman in 2008.

When it was over Muse’s teammates tossed their sticks and helmets into the air then swarmed the junior goaltender.

Johnny Muse was clearly on the top of his game,” BC coach Jerry York said.

BC won its fourth title and third since 2001, best in the nation over the last decade. The Eagles’ top rival, Boston University, took home the championship trophy is.

Jerry York said.

Four on Saturday night.

5-0 in the final of the Frozen Four Championship game. The Eagles beat Wisconsin 5-0.

Seattle hockey’s version of the Duke-North Carolina basketball rivalry, BU and BC are located just a few miles away from each other on the Green Line trolley that runs along Commonwealth Avenue.

This championship for Muse came almost a year after hip surgery, and the grueling rehabilitation that followed.

“There wasn’t much pain, but it was long and tedious,” he said. “I did it for these guys. I wanted to be back.”

Cam Atkinson scored two of the Eagles’ four third-period goals to back Muse.

Atkinson’s first and Chris Krieder’s goal came 2:02 apart early in the period and turned a one-goal game into a rout.

“We wanted to attack and be aggressive,” York said. “We don’t like to sit back and change our style of play with the score.

That mindset has helped put this season to help Wisconsin enter the game with a nation-high 171 goals — averaging four a game.

Boston College tops Wisconsin to win title

Geoffrion, grandson of Hockey Hall of Famer Bernie “Boom Boom” Geoffrion, was shut down in Saturday afternoon’s Hobey Baker Award as college hockey’s top player.

Geoffrion scored 28 goals this season to holp Wisconsin enter the game with a nation-high 171 goals — averaging four a game.

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Specifically, he was named in sections on BALCO — the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative — as having obtained “the clear” and “the cream” from trainer Greg Anderson. Benard was also subpoenaed to appear before the Mitchell Report.

Former teammate and home run king Barry Bonds was also in the house — complete with the slugger’s usual entourage and security force.

Benard was not asked what he thought of his former team. He was also in the house — complete with the Mitchell Report.

Former Giants player admits to steroid use

Former San Francisco Giants outfielder Marvin Benard admitted he used steroids during the team’s 2002 World Series season to deal with a nagging knee injury.

Benard acknowledged his steroid use to The Associated Press on Sunday, when he was in the Bay Area for a reunion of the Giants’ 2002 NL West champion team. He said he was coping with his troubles: surgery would repaired left knee at the time and thought steroids would help him stay on the field.

“Yes, I did,” Bernard told the AP when asked if he took steroids. “It was what it was.

I did some stupid things. I should have never done them.

At the time you think you’re doing the right thing for the right reason, then you realize you made a mistake and it’s too late and you can’t take it back.”

“You’ve got to move on. It’s not going to change anything.

There’s nothing that can change it, make it better or make it worse than what happened,” he said.

Benard first told the San Francisco Chronicle earlier Sunday he had taken steroids in ’02. He spent all nine of his major league seasons with the Giants, retiring after 2003. He underwent three surgeries on his left knee, one on his right during his career and later had a back operation.

“I think people are doing it with the thought. They think they could go back and ask people if they would change it, they wouldn’t. It’s easy to say.

I’d change it because you got caught. It is what it is.”

Benard appeared in only 65 games during the 2002 season and wasn’t on the playoff roster because of the knee problems.

Asked what he thought of Mark McGwire’s offseason admission he used performance-enhancing drugs, Benard said, “I don’t want to go down that road.”

Benard admitted he used steroids, he said he was “completely shocked.” At the time, Baker had asked Benard if the allegations were true, and Benard confirmed them, but said he had stopped, the report said.

Before then-Giants manager Dusty Baker, with whom Benard was close, learned of the allegations that Benard had used steroids, he said he was “completely shocked.” At the time, Baker had asked Benard if the allegations were true, and Benard confirmed them, but said he had stopped, the report said.

Benard said his son had been approached by kids at school that his dad had taken steroids, to which the boy said at the time, “My dad would never do that.” When Isaacs told his father that, Benard nearly broke down in tears.

That was the hardest thing for me, ever,” he said. “I really don’t care who says what about me. They can call me any name in the book.”
Masters

Mickelson wins Masters

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Even sweeter than Phil Mickelson slipping into a green jacket, as he was seeing his wife waiting for him behind the 18th green at Augusta National, was tears streaming down her face.

Amy Mickelson, with her long blonde hair behind her, was poised to give Asia successive majors following Y.E. Yang's win at the PGA Championship last month.

Mickelson became the eighth player with at least three Masters titles, and it was the fourth major of his career, breaking out of a pack of players that had included Ernie Els, Padraig Harrington and Vijay Singh from this generation.

“Phil offsets a few signature moments with some poor putting, none more shocking than a three-putt from 6 feet on the 14th hole.”

“I finished fourth. It’s not what I wanted,” Woods said in a terse interview with CBS Sports analyst Peter Kostis. “I wanted to win this tournament. As the week went on, I kept hitting the ball worse.”

“Ask the question,” he said. “Joe is the smartest man in the room.”

For Mickelson, it’s a celebration. “It’s something we’ll share for the rest of our lives.”

“I’m not sure if she was going to be there,” Mickelson said. He shared a long embrace with his wife behind the 18th green as he walked to the scoring trailer to sign for the lowest score at Augusta National, a single tee trickled down his cheek to his lip.

“We’ve been through a lot this year. It means a lot to share some joy together,” Mickelson said.

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“Whatever doubts there are in your mind,” Castroneves said. “I felt like I had a better car than Marco but unfortunately, I just couldn’t pass him.”

Castroneves deftly managed both tasks and held off Scott Dixon to win the inaugural Indy Grand Prix of Alabama on Sunday, coasting to the finish line after coming off caution with two laps to go.

Two-time world champion Dario Franchitti was third. Will Power had won the first two races and was dominant in qualifying and practice but had to settle for fourth, still comfortably hanging onto his points lead. He came in with a 32-point lead.

“Until that point, I didn’t have anything in mind,” Castroneves said.

“Easier spots to pass and makes fuel strategy as important as any daring on-track maneuvers.”

“The only thing you can do is try to push the guy as hard as you can and drive as long as you can.”

“Dario Franchitti was third. Will Power had won the first two races and was dominant in qualifying and practice but had to settle for fourth, still comfortably hanging onto his points lead. He came in with a 32-point lead. Castroneves earned 50 points to move into second place, ahead of Franchitti, Justin Wilson and Dixon. He had to scout for a suitable fence to scale before the race after a fan asked him in his hotel elevator Sunday where he’d do his trademark move.

“No. 9 and No. 10, then pulled Mackay into the pit with seven laps to go.

“Toward the end, we just had a yellow flag. I didn’t ask for that, especially when you have Scott Dixon and those guys behind you. I just decided to make sure not to give any opportunities for those guys, and that’s what I did.”

Castroneves then treated the new IndyCar venue to his “Spiderman” move, climbing a chain link fence in front of the grandstands and pumping his fists to the fans. He had to...
The Irish men's javelin event featured a distance of 5.00 meters and junior Justin Elise Knutzen in the women's race in 59.29 seconds, senior Joanna Schultz, who represented Nevada Sorenson with a time of 5,000-meter race, freshman Hoosierland vs. The University of Notre Dame with a time of 2:10.01 and 2:10.12, respectively.

"I mostly focus on my goals and how far I can throw each day." - Elise Knutzen, Sophomore javelin

"My teammates were great and helped a lot throughout the race." - Molly Hirt, Sophomore runner

"I'm always trying to win, but I mostly focus on my goals and how far I can throw each day," she said. "I'm just trying to build on each meet to get ready for Big East and Regionals."

"The Irish won five top-three finishes, making a large impact for the team, but not enough to overcome the Kentucky teams, who won 103-99."

Junior Kelly Langhans and Natalie Johnson took second and third in the women's 800-meter race, finishing almost one-tenth of a second apart at 2:10.01 and 2:10.12, respectively. Freshman Rebecca Tracy came in second in the women's 1500-meter race at 4:20.18, only one-hundredth of a second behind the winner, Indiana's Molly Beckwith. Junior Kali Watkins followed teammate Sorenson closely in the 100-meter hurdles, finishing third at 14.90. On the field, junior Jasmine Williams took third place in the triple jump at 11.60 meters.

The Irish men also had five top-three finishes in various events. Sophomore Jack Howard and junior Kevin Labus came in within one hundredth of each other in the men's 800-meter, taking second and third at 1:50.94 and 1:50.95. Senior Daniel Clark took third in the men's 1500-meter at 4:35.24. Junior Deens Veres took second in the men's 3,000 meters and sophomore Mitchel Gormley took third in the men's hammer throw at 54.47 meters.

The Irish continue this week with a busy schedule, heading to Walnut, Calif., for the Mt. SAC Relays, West Lafayette for the Purdue Rankin Invitational and to Austin, Texas, for the Texas Twilight.

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Women's Golf

Irish place eighth in Florida Invitational

By MEGAN FINNERAN

Sports Writer

The Irish took eighth out of 15 teams this weekend at the University of Florida's SunTrust Gator Women's Golf Invitational, finishing 63-over par at 903 strokes.

"We unfortunately had a few too many missed opportunities where we should have capitalized, particularly around the greens," junior Katie Conway said.

Senior Annie Brophy once again led the Irish, as she continued her best finish of the season with a 74. Brophy tied for 11th overall, ending the tournament at 219 strokes, nine-over par. In the 31st round Sunday morning, she finished fourth-over par with four birdies, but was brought down by two double bogeys and a triple. Brophy has finished in the top-15 in four of her nine competitions this season with her 11th place finish showing her best finish of the 2010 spring campaign.

Sophomore Becca Huffer and junior Soo Joo Im tied for seventh place with an 83-over par 77s. Huffer concluded the weekend tied for 11th with 22 strokes, 11 over par. She ended Saturday's fourth place finish at the head of the Irish lineup, but bogeys in the final round hurt her position. However, she did have pars on the day and closed with a birdie on her final hole of play. Park's final round score ensured all three of her weekend rounds to be counted towards the Irish team score (she had back-to-back 79's in the first two). Park's final score included 12 pars, five birdies and six bogeys, being tied for 55th at 25-over par for a total of 235.

The Irish men's final round of 80 rounded out the Notre Dame team scoring. They totaled 232 strokes for the weekend to tie for 46th, at 22-over par. It will be a high note, ending the first round at par, marking her best finish of the season, matching her lowest stroke total in her career. Her Sunday round included two birdies, seven pars, six bogeys, a double and a triple. She had eight birdies on the weekend.

Junior Kristin Wetzel rounded out the Irish play. Her final round score of 246 put her 36-over par and tied her for 73rd place. She began the tournament well with 81 and 78 strokes in the first and second round, but had difficulty toward the end, concluding with 87 strokes.

This weekend's competition marks the start of the regular season for Notre Dame. The Irish are now preparing for the Irish Open Championship, which will be held on April 18 in Palm Harbor, Fla.

"We are definitely looking forward to a strong finish in Florida this weekend and finishing the Big East title down at Inisbrook Resort in a few weeks," Conway said.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles look to bounce back against Chicago

By ANDREW OWENS

Sports Writer

Coming off of a hard-fought 6-3 loss to Calvin last week, the Belles look to get back on the winning track tonight when they travel to the University of Chicago.

The Maroons are ranked third in the nation, providing a challenge for the Belles (8-4, 2-1) in their second-to-last non-conference match of the season. "We’re hoping to play pretty well," junior singles player Kate Grabarek, an Observer sports writer, said. "The University of Chicago is a talented team. We know they are good, and that is shown by their ranking. They’ll be solid up and down the lineup."

With the MIAA championships to be held in less than three weeks, matches like the one Saint Mary’s will be participating in against Chicago will give team experience against tough opponents. "We’re bonding pretty well and getting ready for the MIAA conference championships," Grabarek said.

"We need to work on doubles and stay focused on singles. This time of year is busy because school is winding down and the tournament is approaching."

The match at Chicago is the first of three contexts this week for the Belles. They will travel to Albion, Wednesday and to Kalamazoo Saturday for two conference matches concluding this week. "We can’t train as hard as we normally do because of the three matches this week," Grabarek said. "Usually Monday is our day off, but we took Sunday off this week because of our final round, so it gives us only one day to prepare for Albion, which will show us where we are as a team."

With the end of the season in sight, the Belles have been working especially hard on their final match on last year’s conference finish of fifth in the consolation round.

The Belles will face the Maroons at 6 p.m. in Chicago.

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"We need to work on doubles and stay focused on singles. This time of year is busy because school is winding down and the tournament is approaching."
Inches short loses the game in extra innings

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More than 1,000 fans were on hand to watch the series finale Sunday between Rutgers and Notre Dame and can attest to one of baseball’s oldest adages — it’s a game of inches.

Tied at six, junior shortstop Mick Doyle belted a deep drive to left field that could have been the game-winner in the bottom of the ninth, but the ball fell just inches short of the fence, into the glove of an outstretched Rutgers’ Pat Biserta, to send the game into extra innings. The Scarlet Knights scored in the top of the 11th to secure a 7-6 win and a series victory.

“When you hit a line drive and it ends up being an inch from ending the game and give us some dramatics, that’s just something that hasn’t happened for us this year that could turn it (season) around,” Irish coach Dave Schrage said. “We haven’t had that.”

Although luck may have been on the Rutgers side of the ball, Notre Dame (11-19, 2-7 Big East) had several opportunities to come away with a victory. Senior pitcher Eric Maust (0-3) gave the Irish a chance from the mound with his best start of the season, allowing only five runs in eight innings, but picked up the no decision. He had two strikeouts and zero walks.

“That was more of how Eric is capable of pitching,” Schrage said. “He hasn’t pitched like that all year. That’s what he’s capable of doing. He kept the ball down, his mechanics were good, and that’s the Eric Maust we know.”

Notre Dame jumped on the board early following home runs from senior center fielder Brayden Ashdown and junior catcher Cameron McConnell in the second inning. Rutgers (17-13, 7-2) retook the lead in the fourth inning, but freshman third baseman Adam Norton doubled to left field to tie it in the bottom half of the frame.

With Maust dealing on the mound, senior left fielder Ryan Connolly hit a three-run home run with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning that looked to make the difference in the game.

Yet Rutgers would not be denied, mounting a come-back in the eighth and ninth innings to tie the game for a second time.

“I thought we were going to win the game,” Schrage said. “I don’t think the ball bounces our way. I don’t think they exactly hit rockets in the ninth inning to get their hits, but the ball falls where it’s going to fall.”

The Irish had a golden chance to put the game away in the bottom of the seventh inning when senior first baseman Casey Martin and Ashdown reached base with two outs. Senior right fielder Billy Bookford singled to center, but Martin was thrown out on a close play at the plate.

“Your kids are only so resilient,” Schrage said.

The guys are feeling snake bitten. I can understand that. We need something good to happen to build off of, and we’re still waiting for it. As a coach you got to keep positive and get to keep them thinking they’re going to win.”

The Irish return to the field Tuesday to take on Chicago State with a 6:05 p.m. start.

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Despite the loss, the Irish will continue to move forward and are working to get better every day, Corrigan said. The team’s schedule does not get any easier, however, as it will face Providence, St. John’s and No. 3 Syracuse in upcoming games. “I don’t expect to see any difference in our approach,” Corrigan said. “I don’t want to see any decrease in our work ethic either.”

Other than Krebs’ career-high performance, senior Neal Hicks, sophomore Nicholas Beattie and junior Zach Burenman each had one goal and an assist. Freshman Steve Murphy added a goal and an assist. Sophomores Max Pleifer and Sean Rogers each tallied an assist.

Senior goalkeeper Scott Rodgers started for the Irish, making four saves in the first half. Freshman John Kemp finished the game and made six stops between the pipes.

Although the Irish have had their ups and downs this season, Corrigan said he remains focused on the team’s work ethic and improvement.

“We need to go be best team we can be,” Corrigan said. “The job is what it is. Our job is to get the best out of our players.”

The Irish return to Arlotta Stadium Saturday to face Providence in a noon game.

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On a weekend when the warm weather and sunny skies stole the headlines at Notre Dame, the softball team did a little heating up of its own. The Irish stretched out their current winning streak to five after sweeping South Florida in a triple-header, including a one-hitter by junior pitcher Jody Valdivia Sunday.

The wins also kept the Irish undefeated both in games at home and in Big East play. "South Florida is a fun team for us to play," Valdivia said. "Our rivalry with them really got us fired up to play."

The Irish continued to hit the ball impressively, beating the Bulls 4-2, 10-1 and 2-0 over the course of the weekend. They registered eight hits in their first two wins and three in the third.

"We did a great job of jump-testing on their pitchers," Valdivia said. "We always took away the moment by scoring runs when we needed to."

The Irish also showed off some impressive defense throughout the weekend’s series. Valdivia pitched the bookend games of the weekend, including an impressive one-hit performance Sunday, and she improved her record on the year to 22-3 on the season. Freshman pitcher Britney Maksimcuk also contributed with a one hit, one run performance of her own to seal up the Irish’s 10-1 victory late Saturday.

Despite impressive performances from the mound, Valdivia contributed much of the team’s defensive success to their play in the field.

"Everyone made phenomenal catches," she said. "There were some really great plays. Our outfield robbed them of hits and our infielders robbed them of their short game. We really kept them off balance."

In addition to their on-field success, the Irish used this weekend to promote breast cancer awareness and raise money for research with their "Strikeout Cancer" promotion. "It always feels really good to do our breast cancer game," Valdivia said. "We get to wear our pink jerseys, and we love to put on those pink jerseys."

Notre Dame will stay home this week to face Georgetown Wednesday and Cleveland State Thursday before heading to Louisville this weekend.

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 scouts and coaches from the Rams, Seahawks, Vikings and Browns, among others. The Rams hold the top pick in the NFL Draft, the first round of which will be held on April 22, and head coach Steve Spagnuolo said he saw positive things in the workout he wouldn’t have picked up on in Clausen’s film. “He [looked healthy] to me,” Spagnuolo said. “I like the way he acts with teammates, and you can’t see that on film.”

Comments similar to Spagnuolo’s vagueness about Clausen’s form have been the norm, Clausen said. “The teams don’t really say much,” he said. “Some teams throw things out there to offset other people and other teams.”

Experts have predicted Clausen to be drafted anywhere from the fourth pick to the 29th, but he said he has not paid attention to the guessing games. Instead, he has focused on regaining the form he had before the injury. “I definitely do know [the injury] changed the way I threw the ball,” he said. “I had to overcome a lot of my arm, using more of my arm and not being able to push off,” Clausen said. “Like you said today, I was able to push through my throw.”

He completed 57 of his 59 passes to a receiving corps of former Notre Dame players James Aldridge and former Irish receivers Golden Tate, David Grimes and Bobby Parris, including five out of the shotgun formation and three out of five deeper than 30 yards downfield. Both incompletions were deep balls intended for Parris — one of which Parris dove for, with no pads on the artificial turf in the Loftus Sports Center, and barely missed catching. “It was just a little far, so I laid it out for it,” Parris said. “Usually I can bring that in. If it’s out there and I think I can catch it, then I’m going to go get it.”

Both Parris and Tate said Clausen’s body language and throwing strength had changed since the football season now that he is throwing off of two healthy feet. “He had a little zip on it today,” Parris said. “There was a pretty good difference. Jimmy looked like a completely different quarterback today, just his body build and his velocity on his throws.”

Clausen said his doctor expects him to be 100 percent by the NFL Draft. “I’m a competitor.”

Tate shines as well

Despite being billed as a Pro Day for Clausen, some scouts in attendance assuredly took note of Golden Tate’s performance as much as they did Clausen’s.

He twisted his body in mid-air to pull in two passes near the sideline during Clausen’s workout, and toward the end blazed down the field to pull in a few 40-yard bombs, earning appreciation from his former teammates in attendance. “I think I did pretty well,” Tate said. “I obviously have some work to do on my route running, but overall I think I did a good job.”

Aftershocks, a representa- tive from the Colts talked with Tate for close to 15 minutes. “[NFL teams] like the way I play. They see I’m a competitor,” Tate said. “Obviously my height is kind of an issue, but I’m a playmaker, so hopefully someone will pull the trigger.”

Just as they have with Clausen, the Rams and other teams for Tate’s draft day fate have varied, but he said where he is picked is not his concern. “I’m just hoping I go to a team that fits me,” Tate said. “[A team] who thinks I can come in and help them right away, and hopefully take them to a playoff and eventually a Super Bowl.”

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coach Tony Alford said Friday the scrimmage could help distinguish some players. “There’s a couple guys who are starting to show up a lit- tle more than others. But that’s the way it goes. You see that time. We’re only six practices in,” Alford said.

Defensive backs coach Chuck Martin also said it would take more time to evaluate players. “I like all my top eight to 11 guys,” Martin said. “I think they have shown signs that they can be pretty pro- ductive players at Notre Dame. I can probably put clips together to tell you on any of them, but I could also put a clip together or two and say that they can’t play anybody in the country. “We’re not really worried about the big picture evalua- tion yet, we’re just trying to get better.”

However, Kelly said the staff is on its way to deter- mining whether any players will land on the depth chart.

“Today was move day for a few days,” Kelly said in reference to players relative to positions, he said. “We’re all saying, ‘Alright guys, can’t we move him again? Here’s where he is, he stays where he is, and nobody is going to that other position?’ I think it’s pretty obvious what this scrimmage is, to really make some final decisions on personnel.”

Now halfway through the 14 spring practices leading to the NFL Draft on April 22, and head coach Tony Alford said the Irish are beginning to show positive develop- ments.

“We’ve still got a long way to go,” Kelly said. “But again, I think they guys understand how to practice. Today was lively, no injuries, nobody put in a compromising position so they’re learning how to practice, which is really step one for us.”

Martin said learning is a main objective as practices continue. “I think our goal with all our groups, our defensive group is to just keep getting better,” Martin said. “Learn our sys- tems, learn the guys we have together, become more cohe- sive as a unit — coaches and players alike.”

“We’re level one out of a whole lot of years to go, but we’re heading in the right direction,” Kelly said.

Note: Martin, who is also Notre Dame’s recruiting coordina- tor, said his staff is hard at work finding next year’s class of recruits. “We started from scratch, particularly nationally, and I don’t think the whole lot of kids in the country that we don’t know about, haven’t identified on film, and haven’t evalu- ated,” he said. “I think we’re obviously just at the beginning of it, it’s a long way to next February, but we’re excited.”

Coach Kelly said it’s a pretty easy sell, so we’ll just keep working at it, try to find 17, 18 kids who want to come football for Notre Dame.”

Tight end recruit Nick Vettickel, who went to Ohio, visited practice Friday.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Irish take out No. 19
Bulls in home match

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The third-ranked No. 1 Irish doubles team of sophomore Kristy Frilling and senior Kali Krisik won the 10th straight match in Notre Dame’s 7-0 defeat over South Florida Friday.

“South Florida is a very good team,” Irish coach Julia Scaringe said. “They are a lot better than they were last year and I was thinking it was going to be a much closer match than it was.”

The No. 6 Irish extend their overall record to 17-3 while the No. 19 Bulls received their sixth loss of the season.

South Florida brought a very different team to South Bend than Notre Dame saw last sea- son, as their top three players have moved up in the lineup past last year’s top singles play- ers, Janette Beckova. The No. 2 doubles team, senior Cosmina Ciobanu and Shannon Mathews, were the first to finish doubles play as they defeated their Bulls oppo- nents, 8-3. Then Frilling and Krisik clinched the doubles point with an 8-6 victory. The No. 3 doubles team of junior Kristal Rafael and freshman Christis McGaflan shut out their opponents to finish the doubles competition for the afternoon.

The girls look like they’re starting to gel with each other on doubles,” Scaringe said. “I think our goal was the direction our doubles teams are going.”

At Notre’s first singles competi- tions were easy victories for the Irish as two-set victories from Mathews, Krisik and McGaffigan grabbed the win. Ciobanu won the fourth singles competition and was forced to quit due to an injury.

“South Florida was kind of a tough one,” Scaringe said. “They have a very tough set on singles play a lot,” Scaringe said. “The girls went out there a lot on their own.”

Though both of the remain- ing singles matches headed into the third set, No. 18 Frilling at No. 1 singles and Rafael at No. 6 singles each pushed through for an Irish sweep.

With only two matches left before the Big East tournament and the NCAA Championships, the team has just a few more practices to perfect their game and prepare for the most important events.

“We’re going to get a lot of individual play in this week in practice,” Scaringe said.

The Irish will return to the courts Friday to take on DePaul and South Florida at Notre Dame’s Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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FOOTBALL

Clausen returns to campus for Pro Day

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Jimmy Clausen looked like a changed quarterback Friday as he worked out in front of representatives from more than a dozen NFL teams.

Throwing for the first time in public since foot surgery repaired torn ligaments that slowed him for most of the 2009 season, Clausen said the operation has left no lingering effects, and he is about “75 to 80 percent” of his full potential.

“My toe feels great, it is just the top of my ankle,” Clausen said. “From being in the boot for eight weeks, putting a lot of pressure on it, it is still weak.”

Clausen said because of his ankle, he did not attempt any significant movement in the workout in front of various representatives from NFL teams Friday.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Team upsets rival Syracuse

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After splitting a pair of close contests on the road at Georgetown and Loyola, the Irish returned home to turn in two of their most complete performances of the year, taking out Villanova Friday and upsetting No. 7 Syracuse Sunday.

Sunday’s match was a rematch of last year’s Big East semifinals. The Irish (8-4, 4-1) dominated from over Villanova from the outset of Friday’s match. They stormed to an 8-0 lead before the Wildcats could even muster a shot against freshman goalkeeper Ellie Hilling. From there, the rout was on as the Irish clamped down defensively on route to a 16-0 record-making victory. The win was the first shutout victory in Notre Dame women’s lacrosse history and the first-ever shutout in Big East conference play.

The Villanova game was just an amazing performance,” Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. “It was just a great defensive performance from everybody on our team.”

Senior attack Gina Scioscia led the Irish attack Sunday with two goals and an assist in Notre Dame’s 6-5 win over Syracuse.

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MEN’S LACROSSE

Irish not able to hold on to strong first half

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After a stellar first half, the No. 19 Irish were not able to follow through in the second half, falling 11-8 to Big East foe and No. 9 Georgetown Saturday in Washington, D.C.

The loss can most certainly be blamed on the disparity in performances between the two halves. Before the game, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he wanted his team to play solid lacrosse for 60 minutes. Unfortunately, that did not happen.

“We played a great first half and a terrible second half,” Corrigan said.

The first half saw Notre Dame (5-5, 0-3 Big East) hit the back of the net eight times, including a career high four goals handed in by senior Grant Krebs and a strong defensive performance against the athletic Hoyas.

“we’re trying to evaluate where that best is. Experimenting, I guess, is one way to look at it,” Irish coach Brian Kelly said. “We’re not really sure what’s going to get us there. I think we’re still in that period. I think this scrimmage allows us to get away from the evaluation and say, ‘OK, here’s where we believe his strengths to be.’

Few positions are set in stone at this point in the spring, and wide receivers continued to assess the play of the position and say, ‘OK, here’s where we believe his strengths to be.’

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