Students prepare for St. Patrick’s celebrations

By IRENA ZAJCKOVA
News Writer

Notre Dame students will celebrate their Irish heritage — real or invented — this St. Patrick’s Day.

Many students, like sophomore Ashley Amarosa, have been looking forward to this day for weeks.

“I’ve definitely planned my entire day around celebrating St. Patrick’s Day. I just hope my classes don’t interfere,” Amarosa said.

Faculty members talk homosexuality

By KATIE PERALTA
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Four Notre Dame faculty members from different fields of study defended the recent Mobile Party comic controversy and addressed campus attitudes toward homosexuality in a discussion titled “Gay Penguins and ‘No Homo,” held Tuesday in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library.

“Many among the faculty were as upset as students and staff about the cartoon earlier this year,” professor of American Studies Heidi Ardizzone said. “We are not done talking about issues of humor, homophobia and gender identity. We are here to shape our ideas and knowledge.”

Assistant professor of psychology Michelle Wirth opened the panel discussion with an overview of biopsychology and the natural causes of sexual orientation.

“Our sexual orientation is a feature of our brains,” Wirth said. “Our brain is changing all the time as we learn things.”

Wirth detailed the brain’s involvement in sexual orientation, citing the influence of certain hormones in a baby’s brain development.

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News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed proposed changes to the Notre Dame football student seating and ticket procedures while also reviewing a proposed Student Senate resolution requesting student involvement in the Commencement speaker selection process at its meeting Tuesday.

Junior Kevin Doyle, the student government representative to the athletic department, said he has worked with the department on an issue concerning graduate student seating at home football games.

Under the current policy, University graduate students are seated between the sophomore and junior classes at games. Both Doyle and student body president Grant Schmidt said concerns have been expressed about this seating arrangement.

“We believe that the undergraduates are the most passionate at the games,” Doyle said. “However, there is no standard to go off of. It varies from school to school.”

Schmidt said the focus should be maintaining the unity of the undergraduates.

“The first priority should be that all the undergraduate students are together,” he said.

Schmidt said student government would continue to work with the athletic department about potentially changing the seating arrangements at home football games.

Schmidt brought up other ongoing discussions with the athletic department concerning the away football game ticket lottery. He said the current process is one student government is looking at improving.

“I would like to see a lottery that is simple,” Doyle said. “We want to explore options that make the whole thing as fair and as effective as possible.”

Schmidt said under NCAA regulations, the Notre Dame student body is allocated a maximum of 300 tickets to each away football game. Student Union Board (SUB) is responsible for judging how many of those tickets they should purchase in order to sell to the students.

“SUB takes a risk every time they do this,” Schmidt said. “If they buy all 300 tickets and only sell 200, they would be financially taking a huge bit financially.”

Schmidt asked COR members for suggestions to see what could be done to make the lottery an easier process so Notre Dame students feel more inclined to buy tickets to away football games.

“We’ve suggested allowing the lotteries to occur earlier,” Doyle said. “There would be an upper limit of students to get their travel plans together.”

The majority of COR members agreed allowing students to participate in the ticket lottery earlier would only help increase student sales, but also make the entire process easier.

Schmidt brought to COR’s attention a proposed resolution currently under review in Student Senate. The resolution asks the Senate to include a student body representative in the selection process of the commencement speaker. The current process asks for no student input.

Schmidt said the resolution would ask the selection committee to include a student body representative for input on the potential speakers. He said the representative would provide input on the student body president or the senior class president.

There were also concerns involving confidentiality issues, but we think that a student representative would be a part in this process,” he said.

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By LIZ O’DONNELL
News Writer

The MBA Marketing Club will sponsor the 4th annual Marketing Symposium March 25-26 at the Mendoza College of Business. The Symposium will emphasize the growing importance and implications of the use of social media in the modern business environment.

Club president Jack Johnson said the event will be a bit different this year because it is free and open to undergraduates.

“We’ve been doing Symposium for four years and in the past it always was focused toward MBA students,” he said. “This year we were able to open it up to undergraduate students as well. We also used to charge admission and this year we actually will have sponsorship from DIF Solutions, which partners with big consulting companies.”

Johnson said the sponsorship enables students to register online for free to attend lectures as well as enjoy free food throughout the Symposium.

Listed among events for the Symposium include an opening reception at Legends as well as a number of guest speakers and a Web Case 2.0 competition, which is open to both MBA candidates and undergraduates.

The competition is an opportunity for students to propose solutions to a real-world business application, Johnson said.

“A couple of the programmers, designers and salesmen will come in and give registered teams a brief demo of what the application they can do and examples of how other companies have used it. Teams will have a week to come up with a way to take this application and bring it to market,” Johnson said.

The competition is open to students from any academic background, and students are encouraged to draw on their experiences to draft a short proposal solving a specific issue. Teams of three to five students are encouraged to register by today. A panel of judges will assess the submitted proposals, and the chosen top teams have a chance to win $6,000 in prizes, Johnson said.

“Students are competing for a $3,000 grand prize, there is also a bonus that it’s free thanks to the sponsorship, so Notre Dame students their use of the social media.”

Johnson said the Symposium usually has a turnout of 150 people, but he expects more this year because of the inclusion of undergraduate students.

“If you want to network, meet some Domers and get free food on Friday, then you should register for the Symposium,” he said. “It’s also a bonus that it’s free thanks to the sponsorship, so we don’t have to charge the students.”

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By CAROLYN SMITH
News Writer

Media expert Callie Crossley discussed the ways of color have been portrayed in the media during her lecture “Race and Media: Everything Old is New Again” at Saint Mary’s on Tuesday night.

“Media representations of people of color have not changed though out the years,” said Crossley, the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow. “This is how to create a single story about a group of people, to show these people as one thing and then show that one thing over and over again.”

Crossley hosts a daily talk show on WGBH-FM Radio, “The Callie Crossley Show.” The show covers topics such as current events, local happenings, arts and culture.

“I got into this business to make a difference,” said Crossley. “My whole career has been about telling the stories right and truthfully,” Crossley said.

Crossley shared personal experiences she has come across during her work. She spoke about racism toward her and her co-workers.

“Post-racial or not, the racial stereotypes have not gone away but have been revised for modern times. Everything old is new again,” Crossley said.

A current survey about the racial society in the media showed many people still believe there is not enough diversity in the newsroom, and there is still a lack of acceptable coverage of racial issues.

“Every time we see it, it feels like a slap in the face,” Crossley said.

Crossley said she hopes more change will come in future generations, but she is aware action needs to be taken now. “We need to keep challenging and question what we see. That is why I’m doing what I’m doing,” Crossley said. “We need to keep challenging and question what we see.”

Crossley is an award-winning broadcast journalist, documentary filmmaker and television and radio commentator who offers regular commentary on a number of television programs.

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researchers with experiment design, data analysis and statistical modeling.

Statistics, applied mathematics and computation "play an increasingly important role in disciplines such as economics, sociology and biology," Crawford said. Statistics' "applications to social justice, economics, business, community, good and ethical decision-making already indicate the department's strong engagement in Notre Dame's Catholic mission," he said in the proposal.

Concerns about DACMS

The Faculty Senate asked Crawford in a statement released March 2 to delay presenting the DACMS proposal to Academic Council until he received more input from faculty members. The Senate did not question Crawford's assessment stating Notre Dame needs to heighten its focus on statistics.

"The Faculty Senate agrees with the need to increase the footprint of applied mathematics, computational mathematics, and statistics at Notre Dame," the statement said.

"I think everyone agrees that increasing the statistical footprint on campus is a good idea," said Keith Rigby, chair of the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs committee. "The mechanics could've been better if we had more time."

Rigby said he was specifically concerned with the relationship between DACMS and the existing Department of Mathematics.

"I could envision course conflicts, particularly if there were a relatively large number of courses that would serve both programs," he said. "I also wonder how easily a student could transfer between the two departments."

Despite the Faculty Senate's call to delay formally establishing DACMS, Rigby is not opposed to the new department in principle.

"Increasing the statistics capability on campus is a good thing," he said. "We would hope that in the future, we would be partners rather than being asked to sanction a decision after the fact."

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A few months of planning, renovations and setbacks, the LaFortune Student Center computer cluster, a popular workspace for students, reopened this week.

Some of the most notable renovations to the space include new carpet and color scheme. "The new wall colors are calming and less depressing," sophomore Carlos Zaraza said. "It should be better for stressful last minute studying and working on projects."

LaFortune's computer cluster had not been updated in 18 years, Brian Burchett, manager of Classroom and Cluster Services for the Office of Information and Technology, said.

"I really like how it's so open now," he said. "When there were more computers but the open space more than makes up for it." Zaraza said. "I guess it makes sense, as most people have laptops nowadays."

The plans for the project began in spring 2008 but were not funded until recently. The first expected completion date was Feb. 1 and a more recent report indicated students could expect access to the cluster by the first week of March, in time for midterms.

Delays with some of the materials for the project postponed the finishing of trim work and furniture delivery, putting back the completion of the cluster significantly.

"One of the things that delayed the project was getting the carpet from the manufacturer," Burchett said. "It wasn't really the fault of anyone at Notre Dame... the carpet manufacturer just had a later delivery than we thought."

Burchett said students were helpful in the renovation process, and he hopes to bring students in on future projects.

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Bishops shocked by abuse cases

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Miss. Those thieves also cut through ceilings and sometimes used trapeze-style rigging to get inside and disable the main and backup alarms. In some cases, they sprayed dark paint on the lenses of security cameras; in others, they stole disks in the security recording devices.

Enfield police and the FBI would not comment on whether some of these techniques were also used in the Eli Lilly theft.

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Restaurants make grades

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York City's 24,000 restaurants — from its internationally known eateries on down to its most modest pizza counters — will have to display large letter grades near their entrances indicating how clean they are under a system approved Tuesday.

The best will get an A, according to the system approved by the city Board of Health.

Officials say the system is designed to give instant information to potential customers.

"The grade in the window will give you a sense of how clean the kitchen is, and it will give every restaurant operator an incentive to maintain safe, sanitary conditions," Health Commissioner Thomas Farley said in a statement.

Some other cities use similar rating systems or are considering them. A bill was introduced last year in Washington D.C. to require them.

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Fisher said she will probably wear green to class, but she will be studying.

"I'm forced to hear about everyone's plans for the festivities and I can't participate," Fisher said.

Junior Kate Mullaney said she also has obligations requiring her to cut her St. Patrick's Day celebrations short.

"I have a mandatory choral rehearsal. I don't know how much celebrating I'll actually get to do," Mullaney said. "It'll be a bit greener to class and get Irish dinner at the dining hall.

Some students, like senior Adam Woodruff, have midterms Thursday but plan on spending most of their time celebrating St. Patrick's Day anyway.

"I have a midterm on Thursday, but I don't think I'll be studying much," Woodruff said. "I'll probably be spending the whole day celebrating St. Patrick's Day."

Senior Keith Ruehlmann said he enjoys St. Patrick's Day but is planning on wearing green to class.

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HONDA RECALLS 410,000 VEHICLES

Detroit automaker looking to work on problems in Element, Odyssey models

Associated Press

Honda said it is recalling about 410,000 Odyssey minivans and Element small trucks because of problems with the brake pedals.

In Brief

Construction rates fall in Feb.

WASHINGTON — Housing construction fell in February as winter blizzards held down activity in the Northeast and South. The decline highlighted the challenges facing builders as they struggle to emerge from the worst housing slump in decades.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that construction of new homes and apartments fell 5.9 percent in February to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 572,000 units, the strongest showing in 14 months. Economists were expecting January activity to be revised up to a pace of 622,000 units, the strongest showing in 14 months.

The weak housing report “puts less pressure on the Fed to raise interest rates,” said Peter Hooper, the Chicago-based company at about $9 a share.

Traffic Safety Administration has reported three crashes due to the problem with minor injuries and no deaths.

Martin said Honda supplied NHTSA of the recall on Monday.

Honda has traced the problem to the device that powers the electronic stability control system, which selectively brakes each of the wheels to keep the vehicles upright during an emergency situation.

When the device, called a “vehicle stability assist modulator,” tests itself when the vehicles are started, it always turns on. If it finds an air bubble in the lines can cause a loss of braking power, and require that the pedal be pushed further toward the floor than normal to stop the vehicles, Martin said.

“Although not all vehicles being recalled are affected by this issue, we are recalling all possible units to assure all customers that their vehicles will perform correctly,” Honda said in a statement.

Under the recall, which Honda said it volunteered to do, Honda said that owners should wait to get a letter from the company before scheduling a repair because the parts are not yet available. Lettters should go out toward the end of April.

Drivers who fear that they’ve lost braking power should have their dealer check the brakes sooner, said Martin. The dealer can “bleed” air bubbles out of the hydraulic lines, which should fix the problem until the parts arrive for the final repair, he said.

Honda technicians will put plastic caps and sealant over two small holes in the device to stop the air from getting in, Martin said.

The automaker is still preparing a list of affected vehicles. After April 19, owners can determine if their vehicles are being recalled by going to www.recall.honda.com or by calling (800) 999-1099, and selecting option number four.

The safety recall is Honda’s second in the past two months. In February it recalled 952,118 vehicles globally due to air bag problems.

It comes on the heels of Toyota Motor Corp.’s spate of safety recalls that include more than 8 million vehicles worldwide for braking and sudden acceleration problems.

One of the Toyota recalls is a braking software problem that causes the pedal of the Prius gas-electric hybrid to momentarily drop toward the floor.

Ford Motor Co. had a similar software problem with its Ford Fusion and Mercury Milan hybrids. The company told owners of 17,000 cars to bring them in for a software update because a glitch can give drivers the impression that the brakes have failed when they haven’t.

The automaker called the repairs a “customer satisfaction program” and said it was not a full-fledged recall.

Simon weighs new General Growth bid

LOS ANGELES — Simon Property Group Inc. is considering raising its $10 billion buyout offer for rival shopping mall owner General Growth Properties Inc. as early as this week, two people familiar with the matter said Tuesday.

Simon sent a letter to General Growth Wednesday this week saying it anticipates boosting its offer above the $13 a share proposed put forth by General Growth and three of its largest stakeholders last week, said one of the sources on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter.

That means a new Simon offer would have to value General Growth above $13 a share. Simon’s initial offer valued the Chicago-based company at about $9 a share.

General Growth, the nation’s second-largest shopping mall operator, sought shelter from creditors last April. It was the largest real estate bankruptcy in U.S. history.

Despite being in Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection for nearly a year, it finds itself in the unusual position of courting buyout offers that promise to pay off creditors in full and give shareholders a premium over the current stock price.

Indianapolis-based Simon went public last month with its bid for General Growth, but it was rebuffed. General Growth is looking for a higher offer and has put forward a plan to exit bankruptcy with an investment from Warburg Pincus.

General Growth also plans to ask the court to approve so-called bid protections that would compensate the investor group should General Growth sell the company to another bidder. The company has previously outlined compensating the stalking-horse bidder with warrants to buy 60 million shares of General Growth at an exercise price of $15 a share.

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development in utero may influence sexual orientation and, therefore, gender identity," Wirth said.

The hypothalamus additionally plays a significant role in sex and reproduction.

Wirth said a part of the hypothalamus area affects homosexual men and heterosexual women similarly and also heterosexual men and homosexual women similarly. Wirth continued with a description of the sexual activity of homosexuals, primes closely related to humans.

"They use sex to diffuse conflicts," she said. "They have sex about once an hour with same-sex and opposite-sex partners."

Dr. Agustín Fuentes, professor of anthropology and Director of the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (ISLA), continued the discussion with an examination of the social nature of sex.

"Penguins will just pair up if they don't have a partner," he said. "Some societies engage in homosexual behavior until marriage — every culture is different."

Fuentes said our culture has different expectations of the representations of male and female bodies.

A fully naked woman, he said, can be portrayed in an R-rated movie, while "a fully erect penis is an automatic NC-17." Carlos Jerez-Farran, professor of Spanish and fellow of the Nanovic Institute For European Studies, continued the discussion with a psychoanalytic examination of sexuality, especially in light of the January Mobile Party cartoon that appeared in The Observer and featured a reference to violence against homosexuals.

A joke, Jerez-Farran said, is a story of a teller, a listener and an object of the joke. "Jokes like the ones made on the expense of a third party are made for the benefit of male bonding," Jerez-Farran said. "The hypothetical reader bears witness by his laugh."

Jerez-Farran explained how the heterosexual male feels the need to overcompensate for fear of being homosexual through acts of hypermasculinity and violence.

"The feared other is inexorably in and around him," he said. "We all have homosexual tendencies; most of us repress these tendencies."

Society tends to tip toe around masculinity, he said. "When you defame masculinity, unfortunately it's a lot worse [in our society] than when you defame femininity."

Ardizzone concluded the panel discussion with a family account of homosexuality.

"My first experience was in the 1980s with a family coming out to a family whom were Catholic," she said. "Each generation of the family responded differently. My grandparents were curious, while his parents and my parents were nervous and shocked but have pressed to find explanations."

As time has progressed, she said, society has become more receptive to open dialogue about homosexuality.


Still, homosexuality was something that was "scarier for fear of being homosexual through acts of hypermasculinity and violence."

"Homosexuality was something to be stigmatized and feared," Ardizzone said.

My family was fearful for my cousin because they knew what was coming for him."

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The panel concluded with an examination of what the University is to do next about continuing dia
gogue about homophobia.

Graduate student and sociology major Andrew said, he has been com-
ingled with the presence of fine arts photography work, but much of it has recently come under attack. "It's by Nature University for its "queer nature."

"Pieces that they deem most troubling might he taken out," he said.

The news was Tuesday's panel discussion and dialogue like it are good ways to initiate public discussion about homosexuality, especially in light of its presence at a Catholic University, he said.

"This is the problem with gay culture," he said. "The more sex-sensitive a society is, the more homopho-
ic it is."

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Runaway Toyota prompts inquiry

NEW YORK — Toyota's investigation of sudden acceleration in some of its cars is shifting to suburban New York, where a driver said her Prius sped up on its own and slammed into a stone wall.

Technicians from Toyota will join investigators in Harrison, N.Y., on Wednesday to inspect the car. Toyota plans to examine an interrogator, a device that documents the moments before and after a crash.

The company will use equipment to determine how many times the driver hit the brakes and gas. It used the same tools earlier this week to cast doubt on a California driver who claimed his Prius sped up to 94 mph before a patrol officer helped him stop it.

In the Harrison case, authorities have said there is no indication of driver error. A helicopter pilot told police the car sped up on its own as she eased forward down her road. She hit a wall and became unconscious.

Toyota recalled more than 8 million cars because their gas pedals become "snagged" by floor mats. In addition, the government is looking into complaints from at least 60 drivers who say they got their cars fixed and still had problems. Toyota is checking these complaints as well.

The investigations reflect challenges faced by the company and government. Dealers and experts have had trouble dealing with episodes of sudden acceleration, and Toyota says tests have failed to find other problems beyond the sticking gas pedals and floor mats. Some safety experts have said electronics, not simpler mechani-
cal flaws, could be causing the problems.

Toyota has found no evidence of problems with its electronics but is studying the issues.

"It's not the old garden-variety defect investigation, where you have a broken part and the vehicle is disabled. It's an intermittent problem," said Allan Kam, a former senior enforcement attorney for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration who now directs a private consulting firm.

Toyota officials said they did not know how long the New York investigation would take. The company plans to release the results to Harrison police but not to the media because the police are also investigating.

The Prius is not on Toyota's list of problems. However, the 2005 hybrid faced the most scrutiny in the New York case. However, the 2005 hybrid had an electronic control on the gas pedal.

On Monday, Toyota held a press conference in San Diego to chal-
gen the story of James Sikes, who claimed his Prius sped up on its own and had control of the freeway last week. The company said its own tests had found problems with the car, and said Sikes had apparently pressed the brakes and gas pedals.

Jason Vines, who was Ford Motor Co.'s top public relations executive when the company faced scrutiny over massive recalls, told The Associated Press in 2000, said the San Diego case would prompt similar interest in the New York case.

"They've gotten themselves into another box because of doing it one time in San Diego and now not doing it (in Harrison)," Vines said. "It's just going to create more confusion."

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Since we are in college, I think that it is pretty safe to say that St. Patrick’s Day is one of the best days, if not the best day, of the year. What if, however, I could tell you that it gets even better? God has granted us the perfect two-day follow up to the best day of the year, and it comes in the form of even more adrenaline and excitement than St. Patty’s Day. This event will cause people to skip class for the rest of the week, and for the dedicated students who will actually attend class, their attention will likely be consumed by it. (As a warning to any professors: if anyone has their laptops open in class on Thursday or Friday, they aren’t taking notes. They aren’t even paying attention to you at all.) Many, including myself, would say that these next two days are the best of the entire year. Yes, March Madness has finally arrived.

The NCAA Tournament has universal appeal. People of all ages and walks of life can’t get enough of the three-week basketball extravaganza. It is estimated that approximately $1.8 billion worth of productivity is lost in the American workforce due to workers constantly filling out and checking on their brackets. When I was in college, because we had television monitors in our school cafeteria that played a continuous loop of a slideshow of school announcements all year long, that is, of course, except for the past two days of the NCAA Tournament. On those days, the excitement and pressure built up in CBS, allowing students to follow their brackets during their lunch period, and prompting hundreds of “bathroom brackets” from other students who happened to be in class on Thursday and Friday...

On Feb. 20, a group of concerned Notre Dame students gathered outside the Joyce Center before a Junior Parsons game and announced their support for the student body and the rest of country in the freshman year in the first round, there are teams that seemingly come out from nowhere to upset the favorites. Most of the time, they win once and are bounced immediately in the next round. Sometimes, though, we find a team like George Mason in 2006, a No. 11 seed that was supposed to lose handily in its first round game but instead won four games in a row to make the Final Four, inspiring a school and the rest of the country in the process.

For me, though, the emotion and excitement of the tournament are unparalleled in any other sporting event all year. The kids that play in the tournament want so badly to win, and they will eventually have they out on the floor to do so. Every March, we see amazing individual performances and last-second buzzer-beaters. And with those, we see plenty of hugs, tears of joy and beaming smiles, along with the requi- site tears of disappointment and heartbreak for so many of the losers. The look on a players face (and his team’s reaction) after hitting a game-winning shot is one of pure, unadulterated joy, something some profoundly and so intense, it is hard to find anywhere else. So, as you nurse your hangover tomorrow morning and wonder if your headache is ever going to go away, just turn on CBS. I think you’ll find the cure for St. Patrick’s Day is a little March Madness.

Andy Ziccarelli is unsure as to whether he will leave his coach behind to switch to another sport. Probably not. He is a junior majoring in accounting. If you would like to contact him, you may reach him at azicarell@nd.edu.

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Most, if not all, of us make progress in the faith. We make our way toward God, not by leaps and bounds, but by stutter-steps: slowly and incremental-ly. The historical record — the lives of the saints — ver- ifies this. Even those saints who had a remark- able or extraordinary experi- ence of divine grace spent the vast majority of their life moving slow- ly toward God, with bumps, potholes and obstacles along the way, and many of these self-imposed. In the wake of what is perhaps the most famous “conversion story,” an experi- ence of grace in a Milanese garden, St. Augustine (340 A.D.) later tells us that the resolution achieved there was only partial, and that, even as a bishop, he backslid often, always backsliding to the sins of his past. So we mustn’t imagine that this otherwise nameless Samaritan woman in John’s Gospel who was shacking up with her para- momour, been to hell and back, was suddenly, toddered on home and never sinned again. That encounter with the Living Water was but one moment in grace, not the end of the story, in many ways, it was just the beginning, those who have participated in the RCIA can tell you, baptism isn’t the end of the process; it’s just the begin- ning of another, longer process of daily assimilation to Christ. So if you find yourself struggling — struggling to pray, struggling to keep our life, it’s more like a virus which infects our whole operating system. Our fallen nature and over time have dried moment of grace. In fact, it is this impatience with our human nature. All of our sins, our external bad acts, but symptoms of a more profound internal pathology, a psyche that is distorted by pride, by what St. Augustine calls superbia, the absence of self-perceptive induced by our self- absorption. We commonly think of self-pride with arrogance, but that’s just one of its more noticeable expres- sions. Pride is more deeply rooted in us than we might imagine. Most of us don’t roll out of bed looking for trouble, but when we look into the bathroom mirror and say “I am the center of the universe.” No, it’s far more insidious than that. Pride isn’t one more icon on the screen of our life, it’s more like a virus which infects our whole operating system. This pride formats — that is, dis- torts — the very way we perceive real- ity, including ourselves. Other people then become either a means we use to get what we want or, to the exercise of our will, an obstacle we must either overcome or circumvent. Our very thought processes, all our calcu- lations and scheming, reflect the will-fulness and self-referentiality which is pride: “It’s all about me,” after all. And so the healing and elevation of our nature, which is what conversion means from God’s perspective, is the work not of one evening, one mission, one retreat or one confession; rather, it is the work of a lifetime. Far from being a reform school, the Church is more like a convalescent home, where the medicine and healing of grace — through the sacraments — are to be found and applied. And I might sug- gest that the one, common antidote for all the deadly sins, whether pride, avarice, lust, anger, envy, gluttony or sloth, is charity, if every sinner of our being is infused with God’s love, if we’re check-full of charity, there’ll be no room for sin. So in your daily struggles to overcome sin — whether you’re greedy or lustful or lazy or con- sumed with jealousy or have a nasty temper — don’t begin by asking to have fewer impure thoughts, or for a weaker craving for material goods or for more control of your short fuse, always first be led by God to be healed with His divine love. And you’ll be amazed at how effective this is. And so if you’re struggling, don’t lose heart and don’t give up. It’s the Enemy of this Age, who wants you to equate the struggle with failure. Then he wins. And you lose. Rather than give up out of frustration or discouragement, re-frame your understanding of struggle, and you’ll be precisely in terms of this slow, daily, incremental assimilation to Christ. And remember, as Thomas Aquinas is said to have taught, “It is far better to limp along the right road than to run headlong towards the ditch.”

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South Bend’s Logan Center will host its second big event for Disability Awareness Month Thursday with a free concert by the band Flame at 7 p.m. in the Century Center downtown.

Flame, a cover band that has released three CDs and plays about 90 shows a year, is made up of 11 musicians with physical and developmental disabilities. The group originated in upstate New York in 2003 as a recreation program at a center for people with disabilities, and the band now tours internationally. It performs from a catalogue that includes over 100 classic rock, country and blues songs.

The concert follows “Spread the Word to End the Word” Day on March 3, a national campaign that asked people to pledge to stop using the R-word. Nichole Maguire is the volunteer coordinator at the Logan Center, which this year celebrates 60 years of providing resources and recreation for people with disabilities.

“I think this is going to impact our community quite a bit especially following ‘Spread the Word,’” Maguire said. “I really like the aspect of bringing the community and Notre Dame together and learning about disabilities and that they’re not as debilitating and life-ending as people think they are.

“Doors at the Century Center open at 6:30 for the 7 p.m. show. Tickets are free, and the first 100 students in attendance will receive free t-shirts.

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**This Week’s Mix – Luck of the Irish**

by Jordan Gamble

1. “The Blood of Cu Chulainn” - Jeff & Mychael
2. “The Saints are Coming” - U2 & Green Day
3. “Rakes of Mallow” - Notre Dame Marching Band
4. “In the Kitchen” - Umphrey’s McGee
5. “Falling Slowly” - Glen Hansard & Marketa Irglova
6. “I’m Shipping Up to Boston” - Dropkick Murphys
7. “C’est La Vie” - B*Witched
8. “Linger” - The Cranberries
10. “Paranoid Android” - Radiohead
12. “Drunken Lullabies” - Flogging Molly

From the music from “The Boondock Saints” to girly pop band B*Witched, Irish artists, songs and influences are all over iTunes. It’s supposed to be a sunny St. Patrick’s Day, so open your windows, crank up your computer speakers and relish your (real or imagined) Irish heritage with this list of tunes.

You can find the whole playlist on the Observer website, www.ndsmcobserver.edu
If you’re reading this, you’re at least 10 hours into St. Patrick’s Day by now. The celebration is in full swing and you’re taking time from it to read the newspaper?!? Here at Scene, we’d never abandon you on Notre Dame’s second favorite holiday — the first being the football home opener. To help you through the rest of the day and deep into the night, here’s a handy little guide on what to expect from the Feast of St. Paddy’s here at Notre Dame.

The lovely green grass is complemented by a few extra green shirts around campus, and if you really have the luck of the Irish, maybe even a shamrock or two.

What's the tune blaring from your neighbor's room? The Dropkick Murphys' traditional Irish hymn, "I'm Shipping Off to Boston." On repeat. For hours. Beginning at 6 a.m.

Even Yankee fans pretend to like Boston. No one pretends to like Yankee fans.

St. Joe's Lake and its year-round sickly green hue becomes not only tolerable, but festive. Still, don't swim in it. Trust us.

Did you know there are no snakes in Ireland? St. Paddy drove them out. Did you know there are no snakes on this plane? Samuel J. drove them out.

It doesn't matter who you are or where you're from, you're 50 percent Irish, at a minimum.

Finny's is packed on a weekday.

You begin the night by skipping the college-approved Keystone in favor of a Guinness. Twenty minutes later, you're right back with your old friend Natty.

Your noon appetizer? Candy from a pot distributed by an overly excited stranger on the steps of the dining hall.

What's that interrupting your afternoon nap? Bagpipes. It's almost like football season.

Potatoes and cabbage boiled until they're devoid of both color and flavor? It helped my ancestors get through the famine so sign me up.

Digger Phelps showcases a vibrant green tie and highlighter combo on Sportscenter.

That water bottle in front of you probably isn't water.

Pinching becomes socially acceptable for the non-grandmothers among us.

You and half of your 100-person lecture at 5:30 p.m. share a "I immediately regret this decision" look. First and foremost among them, your professor.

The proper response to "Top o' the morning to ya" is "And the rest of the day to you!" No matter how much you consume today, remember this:

You wake up, the sun seems sunnier, colors more colorful, smells are smellier and the people are people-ier.

The dining halls serve the traditional "Lucky Charms and skim milk in a plastic bowl."

Green eye shadow seems like a good idea.

Deep in your heart you know that students are every other college are green with envy.

You wonder how the trinity would work if Patrick and gotten lucky and picked a four leaf clover.

Even the trees are dressed accordingly.

Your one goal for the day is finding a pot of gold. And that's before you start drinking.

"Kiss me, I'm Irish" is used by every guy on every girl with a surprising success rate.

Being Catholic is a reason to drink.

Protestants believe in Saints for one day.

So laddies and lasses go out there into the wild green world and celebrate! This is our holiday. Be safe, be fun and remember. Today, everyone is Irish.

Here's to the wine we love to drink, and the food we like to eat.

Here's to our wives and sweethearts, let's pray they never meet.

Here's champagne for our real friends, and real pain for our sham friends.

And when this life is over, may all of us find peace.

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Dungy guided the Indianapolis Colts to the Super Bowl win in 2007 — the first black coach to do so — then left the league after one more season to focus on his family and mission. The football analyst spent the morning speaking to inmates at three facilities in the Broad River Correctional Complex of the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

The last gathering was for about 550 minimum-security prisoners in their new experimental, worn-down softball field not far from the prison’s entrance.

A choir and band from the Center Church of God in Charlotte, N.C., played inspirational songs before Dungy’s group arrived.

Dungy told the crowd he’d often visited South Carolina’s capital city to search out prospects as a pro and college coach. This time, he came to let those locked up know it’s not too late for positive, lasting change.

“It really doesn’t matter about your past,” Dungy said. “It’s about your future and what you’re going to do.”

Dungy got involved in prison ministries while head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1996. ‘I’m nervous about meeting inmates today,” he said, with the same misgivings many have about those behind bars.

Dungy discovered many prisoners were filled with hope about their future, something he’d been actively involved in nearly 10 years ago. The Colts visited with the public for his crimes. “There was no hesitation in doing that. He’s gotten better each outing. The ball is coming out of his hand really good. He’s feeling great. He’s going to have his ups and downs, but right now he’s throwing well,” Acta said.

Lincecum, who followed up his Cy Young season in 2008 by winning another award last season, allowed four runs and five hits in five innings. He walked four and struck out four. His line was consistent. His pitches were not.

“I was just throwing strikes with all my pitches, getting ahead and pounding the zone,” the 32-year-old said. “I was able to do that. I was being very aggressive and when I’m aggressive and throwing strikes it makes all of my pitches that much bet- ter. For me right now, it’s just fine tuning my command.”

Westbrook hasn’t pitched in a major league game since May 28, 2008, but that didn’t stop Acta from picking him to open the season on April 5 in Chicago.

“I can’t take it back any- ways,” Acta said with a laugh. “I made my decision based on what I know about how good he was in the past when he was healthy, he was healthy, there was no hesitation in doing that. He’s got a lot of good stuff inside of him. He’s got a lot of big-game experience that he has to rely on.”

“I felt fine,” he said. “I had a couple rough innings. You want to get those out of the way before the season starts.”

It was Choo’s first home of the season and just the seventh in 11 games for the power challenged Indians, who hit 161 last season — 83 less than the league-leading New York Yankees.

Hafner hit a three-run dou- ble in the third to make it 7-1. It was Hafner’s first extra-base hit, and the fact that he had a second double was consider- able encouragement for the Indians, who are hop- ing he can find his power stroke after hitting just 16 home runs last season.

“It’s good to see, but we like that he’s taking pitches,” Acta said. “He’s seeing the ball well and he’s very confident with his hands and shoulders. If he’s 100 percent healthy, he’ll produce for us.”

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If you are pregnant, you need to make a decision about what you want for your future. Have you ever heard the saying, “It can take me. One day, back in 1896, I was taking something away from someone I don’t know. You wouldn't think he'd remember. You know, I wouldn't have taken it if I didn't want to. But I had to have it, and now it's yours!”

Go Irish, Beat Monarchs and Vikings!
Woods set to return for Masters on April 8

Associated Press

PALM HARBOR, Florida — For Tiger Woods, this figures to be a Masters like no other.

Woods said Tuesday he will play at Augusta National after a four-month hiatus because of a sex scandal.

In this 1997 photo, Masters champion Tiger Woods receives his green jacket from the previous year’s winner Nick Faldo.

In a statement Tuesday, Woods said he will play at Augusta National after a four-month hiatus because of a sex scandal.

“Woods last competed Nov. 15 when he won the Australian Masters in Melbourne. Twelve days later, he rammed his sport utility vehicle over a fire hydrant and into a tree outside his Florida home, an accident that set off sordid tales of extramarital affairs. Woods announced Dec. 11 that he would take an indefinite break to try to save his marriage. "The major championships have always been a special focus in my career and, as a professional, I think Augusta is where I need to be, even though it’s been a while since I last played,” Woods said.

“I have undergone almost two months of inpatient therapy and I am continuing my treatment,” he said. “Although I’m returning to competition, I still have a lot of work to do in my personal life.”

Augusta National chairman Billy Payne said the club supported Woods’ decision to make his return at the Masters, adding that “we support and encourage his stated commitment to continue the significant work required to rebuild his personal and professional life.”

PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem also said he was pleased to learn of Woods’ return.

Hawks’ Campbell has broken collar bone — Chicago Bulls defensemen Brian Campbell will miss seven to eight weeks with a broken collar bone and a fractured rib, the result of a hit from Washington Capitals’ star Alex Ovechkin.

Blackhawks team doctor Michael Terry said Tuesday that Campbell will likely avoid surgery and is expected to make a full recovery. The Blackhawks’ regular season ends April 11.

Ovechkin said he was “disappointed” by the NHL’s decision and was sorry for the injury that came on what he thought was “just a little push.”

Ovechkin said he will miss games Tuesday at Florida and Thursday at Carolina.

White Sox’s Mitchell to miss rest of season — CHICAGO — Chicago White Sox outfielder Jared Mitchell will miss the 2010 season after surgery on his left ankle.

The team said Tuesday that the 21-year-old prospect is expected to make a complete recovery.

Mitchell was injured Friday when making a spectacular, against-the-wall catch on a drive off the bat of Juan Rivera in a split-squad win over the Los Angeles Angels.

The 21-year-old Mitchell is among the club’s top prospects despite minimal experience in the minor leagues so far after being drafted out of Louisiana State. He batted .296 with 12 doubles, two triples and 10 RBIs in 34 games last year for Class A Kannapolis of the South Atlantic League.

Mitchell was taken by Chicago 23rd overall in last June’s amateur draft. The surgery was to repair a tear of the tendon on the inside of his ankle.

In Brief

Arenas: I deserve to be punished for gun prank

WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas says he deserves to be punished for bringing guns to the locker room.

The suspended Washington Wizards guard told Esquire magazine that he wasn’t using “longevi- ty thinking” when he took out four guns in what he says was an attempt to play a prank on team- mate JaVairis Crittenden in December.

Arenas pleaded guilty to a felony gun charge in January and will be sentenced next week. He has been suspended until the end of the sea- son by the NBA.

In the Esquire interview, which hits newsstands next week and was obtained by The Associated Press in advance, Arenas says he has “messed up” the legacy of Wizards owner Abe Pollin, who died in November.

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NHL Suspension for hit angers Ovechkin

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SUNRISE, Fla. — Washington Capitals star Alex Ovechkin on Tuesday said he was disappointed by a two-game suspension issued for a hit on Chicago’s Brian Campbell.

In a brief interview with reporters in South Florida, the two-time MVP first said he was sorry that the hit resulted in an injury for Campbell and added that he was “disappointed” it resulted in a two-game suspension. He answered just three questions before a Capitals team official ended the session.

“I think it was like the heat of the hit,” Ovechkin said when asked if he was surprised by the league’s decision. “I think it was just as much as he was.”

Campbell is done for the regular season. He is expected to miss up to two weeks with a broken collar bone and a fractured rib, but Blackhawks team doctor Michael Terry said Tuesday that Campbell probably will avoid sur-

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EUGENE, Ore. — Ernie Kent, the winningest coach in Oregon history, was dismissed Tuesday after 13 seasons with his alma mater.

“You may find a better basketball coach, but I don’t think you’ll find anybody that has the passion and love that I have for this university,” said Kent, who had to pause for several moments to fight back his emotions.

Oregon went 16-16 overall and 7-11 in the Pac-10 this past season, finishing with a 90-74 overall loss to California in the conference tournament.

Kent, 55, leaves Oregon with a 235-173 overall record. But the Ducks have slipped in the past two seasons, going 24-39 and finishing 10th and ninth, respectively, in conference play.

Attendance has also dipped from an average of 7,922 in 2006-07 to 7,122 this past season.

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He played at Oregon from 1973-77, part of the so-called Kamazaki Kids under coach Dick Harter.

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DAYTON, Ohio — Arkansas-Pine Bluff finally found a road trip to its liking.

Allen Smith scored 14 points Tuesday night, including a pair of 3-pointers during the Golden Lions’ second-half surge to a 61-44 victory over Winthrop in the NCAA tournament’s opening game.

The Golden Lions (18-15) will play Duke, the No. 1 seed in the South Regional, on Friday in Jacksonville, Fla. — a place they somehow missed during a season-opening jaunt that nearly did them in. They spent the first two months playing some of the country’s best teams on the road, going everywhere and getting nowhere.

They dropped their first 11 games, losing at schools such as Texas-El Paso, Michigan, Oklahoma State, Georgia Tech, Missouri, Kansas State and Oregon. They cranked up their iPods and let their music soothe them during 13-hour bus rides across the heartland, ones that bonded them.

The basketball equivalent of boot camp hardened them for a Southwestern Athletic Conference season that would be much more kind. By the time their tournament rolled around, the Golden Lions were only one game under .500, nearly out of that 11-loss hole.

They swept through the conference tournament to get to Dayton. Their next destination is with history — a chance to soothe them during 13-hour bus rides across the heartland, ones that bonded them.

Winthrop center Andy Buechert pulls down a rebound in Wednesday’s NCAA play-in game against Arkansas Pine-Bluff.

These mirror-image teams settled in to sizzle one out on the NCAA’s big stage.

Midway through the first half, there were as many shots blocked as made. Bored fans started doing the wave. Arkansas-Pine Bluff’s Tavaris Washington missed two dunk attempts. Both teams shot under 30 percent from the field in the first half, which ended with the Golden Lions up 24-23.

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PGA Masters filled with storylines beyond Woods

Associated Press

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — The Masters is three weeks away, filled with story lines that now are sure to be ignored.

Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer will be paired together, if only to hit a ceremonial tee shot to start the tournament.

Angelo Cabrera is the defending champion. Europe, with five players among the top 10 in the world, has vastly improved its chances of having a Masters champion for the first time since 1999.

Brothers will be competing for the first time in 10 years — Francesco and Edoardo Molinari of Italy.

Oh, and Tiger Woods is playing.

That announcement Tuesday was all it took for the Masters to become about one player.

Minutes later, reporters flocked to the practice range at Innisbrook to find anyone willing to share any perspective about his return to competition.

The most awkward moment came when a reporter asked Rod Pampling, who frequently plays practice rounds with Woods at the majors, if he would seek him out at Augusta National.

“I’d love to,” Pampling said. “But I’m not in the tournament. Thanks for reminding me.”

It might seem that so much attention on one player would allow everyone else to be left alone to work on their games and get in the right frame of mind for a week that requires so much discipline.

“One problem,” Pampling continued. “It will have an affect on everyone because we’re going to have to talk about it a lot.” Jim Furyk said while surrounded by TV cameras. “I’m doing it right now. He’s going to be difficult to interview, so that leaves the rest of us answering a lot of questions.”

This is not the first time the Masters has been taken hostage by a single story on the road to Augusta National. Seven years ago, rarely a week on the PGA Tour went by without someone asking about Martha Burk and her campaign against the club’s all-male membership. When the Masters rolled around, everyone was waiting to hear the press conference of club chairman Hootie Johnson, who started the whole thing with his “point of a bayonet” letter to Burk. He took nearly three dozen questions without saying much of anything.

The upshot even overshadowed Woods’ effort to become the first player to win three straight years. At one point, Woods said the best way to get into Augusta National was by parachute.

But this is different.

Once the 2003 Masters began the focus returned to competition.

Woods figures to command figures to command attention as long as he’s on the golf course.

There was speculation that Augusta National did not want Woods to return at its halowwed tournament and create the biggest media spectacle in sports, although chairman Billy Payne appeared to welcome him in his statement.

“We support Tiger’s decision to return to competitive golf beginning at this year’s Masters Tournament,” he said. The timing of Woods’ announcement could not have been better or worse. Whenever he announced his plans, it was sure to become the biggest story no matter what was going on (the Transitions Championship, by the way, starts Thursday).

This was true of the case at Innisbrook and Bay Hill, and the Houston Open the week before the Masters. And don’t forget the Tavistock Cup, to be played this week at Isleworth, not far from where Woods ran over the fire hydrant and into a middle-of-the-night accident that began this sordid tale.

At least in the Martha Burk year, players were talking as they normally do, Simon Cavazos a lobbyist they didn’t know, and a subject out of their control.

Everyone knows Woods. Most are careful what they say.

TENNIS Roddick and Murray advance in California

Associated Press

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Andy Roddick defeated Thiemo de Bakker of the Netherlands 6-3, 6-4 on Tuesday to reach the fourth round of the BNP Paribas Open along with Andy Murray, while second-seeded Caroline Wozniacki advanced to the women’s quarterfinals.

Roddick, a semifinalist here last year, improved his record to 17-3 this season, all on hard-courts. He had an easier time with de Bakker than their first meeting, a three-set win at the Australian Open in January.

Roddick served 10 aces and saved the only service break he faced in the first set of a match played in nearly 90-degree heat.

“The points he was winning his was either having to play a pretty high risk shot, maybe go for an winner, or he was having to go deep into rallies,” Roddick said. “So if you do that over the course of a match, you’ll make all the shots you can make.”

The seventh-seeded American will next play No. 22 Jurgen Melzer, who advanced when Simon Gouin withdrew because of illness.

“Jurgon is always tough. He’s capable of playing a couple different ways,” Roddick said. “He’s capable of coming forward, attacking, really being the aggressor which is always a little bit uncomfortable. It’s important to hang on to your serve games.”

No. 4 Murray served seven aces and was broken just once in defeating American Michael Russell 6-3, 7-5. At 31, Russell was the oldest player remaining in the field.

“I don’t think I lost my concentration necessarily the game when I got broken, but he had break point, he had a great backhand,” Murray said. “I would have liked to have closed it out there 3 and 3, but I did well to stay composed at the end.”

James Blake joined Russell as another sidelined American, losing 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 to Nicolas Almagro of Spain. Roddick and John Isner are the lone Americans left, with Isner facing a tough match against No. 3 Rafael Nadal on Wednesday.

In fourth-round women’s play, No. 8 Vera Zvonareva of Russia defeated No. 17 Shahar Peer 6-2, 6-0, and No. 8 Samantha Stosur defeated defending champion Victoria Azarenka 6-2, 7-6.

Top-ranked Roger Federer was to play James Blake in the quarterfinals with a 6-3, 6-0 victory over 16th-seeded Nadia Petrova, whose career record against top-five players dropped to 31-42 with the loss.
Mueller’s two goals lead Avalanche over Blues

Kobasew extends Wild’s streak over Edmonton; Predators edge Flyers as Erat scores only goal of shootout

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Peter Mueller scored twice on a three-point game that matched his career best and Paul Stastny notched his fifth goal in three games with two assists, helping the Colorado Avalanche sweep the season series against the St. Louis Blues 2-0 Tuesday night.

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NBA

LeBron's slow start does not slow down Cavs

Jason Richardson, high-scoring Suns torch Timberwolves for highest point total since last March in 38-point rout

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — LeBron James was shaky early and spectacular late.

James had 29 points, 12 rebounds and 12 assists for his fourth triple-double of the season, lifting the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 113-101 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Tuesday night.

"Every point, rebound and assist was needed," Cavs coach Mike Brown said.

"I didn't know how we were going to do it, but we wanted to try to stop him because that's just too good," said Cavaliers' small forward Tayshaun Prince, who scored 15 points and 15 rebounds.

The first quarter ended with the Cavaliers leading 29-25, but James scored only 12 points in the second quarter and the Pistons pulled within three points three times in the first half.

"The guy's not human," said Detroit's Will Bynum, adding he thought James got away with a shot and made consecutive layups to seal the win.

"We were trying to redeem ourselves from last March," Richardson said.

"It's encouraging to see us compete like this, but it is still another loss," Bynum said.

Prince had 15 points and matched a season high with eight assists, Bynum had 12 points, rookie Jonas Jerebko scored 10 points and Maxell had 10 points and 15 rebounds.

The score was tied after the first quarter, the Pistons led by five points and 10 rebounds.

The Cavaliers led for the remainder of the game.

"We're just trying to gear up for the final period," Richardson said.

"We know we can play with any team in the league, and tonight proved that again," Bynum said.

"It was not the first time this kind of thing happened to Minnesota. The Timberwolves had matched a franchise record by giving up 146 points in a 41-point loss to Golden State last Nov. 9.

"We weren't making that effort. They were playing a lot harder than we were," Rambis said.

"With a team that is in sync the way that they're in, they understand how to move the basketball, the know where their options and their outlet passes are. They're just too good."
Saint Mary’s ties for second in N.C.

By TIM SINGLER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame fought through horrible weather Friday to claim first-place in the inaugural Brandon Dunes Championship in Bandon, Ore.

The Irish entered the tournament favored among the seven teams entered. The weather wreaked havoc upon play that the tournament was shortened from 54 to 36 holes. The Irish opened the tournament with a round of 317 Thursday, good enough to put the team in first place. A tournament-best round of 305 in the second and final round tied the record, with Notre Dame finishing 12 strokes ahead of second-place Wesleyan.

“I was proud of the way our team accepted the target on our backs and went out in ridiculously difficult conditions — rain coming in sideways, hail at times and wind gusting over 40-50 mph at times to earn a win,” Irish coach Jim Kubinski said.

The win marked the second title of season for the Irish and gives our guys that great feeling again,” Jim Kubinski Irish coach

To come back at this point in our season and earn a victory gives our guys that great feeling again.“

Fortner leads Irish to second title of season

By BY MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

Over a long Spring Break trip to Orlando, Fla., the Belles claimed four victories, while only dropping one match. Saint Mary’s (6-2) topped Ursinus, Carthage, Wartburg and St. Francis (Ill.) and lost to Wesleyan.

The trip not only allowed the Belles to work on those facets of their game that needed improvement, such as doubles play and shot-making, but the players were also able to develop a sense of “team” that was still in the making.

“I think a trip like this only makes the team stronger,” Belles coach Dale Campbell said. “We figure out ways to motivate each other on the court, and learn what helps our teammates the most. Our team is coming together as a unit the more they are together.

Heading into the trip, the Belles stood at 2-1, and Campbell stressed the importance of improvement in their doubles play and conditioning. By going 4-1, the Belles proved they have been hard at work in the off season.

“We are getting stronger in doubles,” Campbell said. “Our pairings are communicating better and improving as doubles teams.”

The Belles dominated Wartburg, 8-1, shut out St. Francis and Ursinus, 9-0, and won a close one over Carthage. One match was scheduled against Wheaton, but it was canceled due to rain. The one loss came in a close match to Wesleyan, 5-4, and Campbell made it clear the Belles want more out of themselves.

“I believe that our players want another chance at them, which is the attitude we need to have,” Campbell said. “To say that we are satisfied would not be correct. The Belles had a solid tournament all around as a team, but Junior Jillian Hurley stood out. Hurley went 10 matches without losing, winning all five of her individual matches at the No. 1 spot and all five of her doubles matches with partner Mary Therese Lee.

Despite having only one senior on the squad, Campbell said the Belles showed a great deal of maturity in quickly picking themselves up after the loss to Wesleyan to beat Wartburg.

“A veteran team seems to do a better job of taking each match individual-ly and getting up for those matches,” Campbell said.

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By Observer Staff Report

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Holly Shupe was Methodist’s low scorer, taking one fewer stroke than Matuszak, and Lauren Campbell paced Olivet with an 84. Playing as individuals for the Belles were sophomores Megan Ryan, who had a 91, and freshman Cara Kielty, who finished 18 holes in 95 strokes.

Saint Mary’s next competes in a week and half when it travels to Georgetown, Texas, to participate in the Southwestern Invitational, hosted by No. 12 Southwestern.

SMC Tennis

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

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Bayliss
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big first serve, penetrating ground strokes and countering better than he did even a year ago. More than anything he has a real presence on the court and great determination.”
The Irish fell behind early when USF (5-6) earned the double-point take an early 1-0 lead.
The Irish avoided the sweep with a win at No. 3 doubles as Anderson defeated Frank and Romain Berdridi, 6-2.
The loss to South Florida was difficult,” Bayliss said. “Casey Watt was unable to play, as he woke vomiting due to food poisoning. We had to move everyone up a spot, but still were in a position to win. David Anderson led 4-3 in the third set and we had chances to win at both No. 1 and No. 2 doubles.”
With Watt out, Havens fell at No. 1 singles by a score of 6-2, 6-3, to Wael Killani, while Adderley defeated Stahl at No. 2 singles, 6-3, 6-4.
Junior captain Tyler Davis was able to pull the Irish with in one with a three-set win at No. 6 singles, and then sophomore Sam Keeton tied the score at three with a win at No. 5 singles.
In the second round of the weekend, the Irish were able to defeat No. 19 Florida State (8-3) by a score of 4-1 after rallying from another 3-0 deficit. The Irish again dropped the doubles point and the No. 1 and No. 2 singles matches before taking the match.
“The doubles was exciting,” Bayliss said. “We came back from a break down at No. 1 to win 8-6. [Watt’s] presence made a huge difference.
Havens and Watt were able to earn a win at No. 1 doubles but that was the only win the Irish would earn in doubles for the day.
Stahl was able to defeat No. 55 Clint Bowles at No. 3 singles, 7-5, 6-4.
Anderson again played a key role in the match at No. 4 singles as he defeated his opponent in a tough three-set struggle over Conner Smith, a great ball striker,” Bayliss said. “That left things in the sub stan tial left hand of Sam Keeton, who showed remark able poise for someone in his position. He handled the pres sure very well, breaking serve three consecutive times to clinch. He played aggressively against each match and was able to finish at the net often.”
Keeton was able to clinch the victory for the Irish at No. 5 singles with another three-set victory.
The Irish will next travel to Montgomery, Ala. for the Blue Gray National Classic, with their opening match Thursday.
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Midwest
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two per event. This will be the third consecutive season in which the Irish have qualifies 12 fencers for the championship round. Other teams sending 12 or more on to the next round include Penn State, Princeton, Harvard and St. John’s.
The Irish shot a 310 in the first round on the course for the Betsy Rawls Invitational in Austin, Texas on March 26.
Notre Dame next takes to the court Saturday, hosting two top-25 opponents.
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ND Women’s Golf
ND finishes ahead of two top-25 opponents
By KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame continued to improve its game at the LSU Tiger-Wave Classic at English Turn Golf and Country Club in New Orleans over the weekend.
The Irish finished 13th in a field that included many of the country’s most talented teams, including tournament winner No. 3 Auburn.
The team’s performance is certain to help in the rankings as they came out ahead of No. 4 Purdue and No. 21 Illinois.
“We’re coming along,” Irish coach Susan Holt said. “We’ve certainly shown some talent and we’ve had some good individual performances.

The Irish shot a 310 in the opening round and followed it up with a 314 and 300 respectively for each of the following two days. Sophomore Becca Huff led the Irish, shooting 224 total for a 15th-place finish.
Senior Annie Brophy showed improvement throughout the tournament, leading the team with an even-par 72 per formance on the final day of competition.
The Irish have taken advantage of the recent mild weather in South Bend by holding their first outdoor practice of the year Tuesday.
With two tourna ments remaining before postsea son play, the players will look to sharpen their skills with more routine practice.
Notre Dame next takes to the course April 2-4 in the Big East Championship in Baltimore.
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Cal
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Tournament.
Coyne said the final 10 minutes of the Cal game hinged on the Irish’s execution, as will the rest of the season.
“At the end of the day, it’s all about executing,” Coyne said. “It doesn’t matter what you think or what you feel, you have to go out there and get the job done.”
The Irish return to the field when they travel to Boston to face Boston College Tuesday.
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scored in the first three minutes of the second quarter to open up a 5-2 advantage. Though the Pioneers added one shortly after, the Irish were no easier on the second Denver goalie, finding the back of the net twice more before halftime in order to head into the break with a comfortable 7-3 lead. Notre Dame came out of the locker room determined to keep its momentum and just that, slotting home two more goals in the first five minutes of the second half.
Before the Irish could run away with the game, Denver scored three times before the third period ended, and then once more early in the fourth quarter. Faced with a sud denly tenacious 10-7 deficit. Notre Dame reeled off four goals in just over five minutes to close the day’s scor ing.
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MEN’S LACROSSE

New home, more wins

Arlotta Stadium opens with three hat tricks

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

No. 3 Notre Dame christened Arlotta Stadium in style with a 14-7 win over Denver Tuesday, and in doing so, the Irish snapped their two-game skid. Seven different players scored for the Irish in a victory that was one of Notre Dame’s most comfortable of the season.

The Irish handled themselves. They were more composed and calmed down,” Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. “After the timeout, we played pinned the Irish up on the attacking end of the field, something that was problematic for us the way the defense and goalkeeping played against Cal. “We weren’t ready to play,” Coyne said of the loss. “(Dartmouth) came in really inspired.”

Despite being disappointed by a “flat” performance on the attacking end of the field, Coyne said she was happy with the way the defense and goalkeeping played against the Big Green. The adversity did not stop with the loss, as the Irish were forced to adjust to a different West Coast game at Cal. “We weren’t ready to play,” Coyne said of the loss. “(Dartmouth) came in really inspired.”

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Women’s Lacrosse

Notre Dame rebounds from loss with win over California

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

No. 11 Notre Dame dropped a 12-9 heartbreaker to then-No. 20 Dartmouth over break but rebounded with a come-from-behind 14-12 victory over California Saturday.

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Men’s Tennis

Irish record split over break

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The Irish split their two matches over Spring Break, as they fell to Big East rival South Florida before recovering with a victory over Florida State.

In the loss on March 13, Notre Dame (7-7) rallied from a 3-0 deficit to tie the match at 3-3 before junior David Anderson lost in Peter Frank 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, at No. 3 singles.

“David Anderson has come on strong for us as the season has progressed,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “He has added good all-court skills and can finish at the net, something that was problematic for him as a freshman. He has a

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Football

Blue-Gold Game will cap spring practices

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame announced the dates for Brian Kelly’s first spring football practices as Irish coach Tuesday. Notre Dame will practice 15 times over five weeks beginning March 26. Kelly and the Irish will practice every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday through the Blue-Gold Spring Football Game on April 24.

The team will have April 2-3 off due to Easter weekend.

Weekday practices will be at 3:15 p.m., and Saturday practices will be at 9 a.m. The 81st annual Blue-Gold Game will kick off at 1:30 p.m.

Included in the 15 practices is the 2010 Notre Dame Football Coaches Clinic, which will be held April 16-17. Participants at the clinic will watch the Irish in two practices, and participate in activities with Kelly and the Irish coaching staff.

Along with Kelly’s first coaching on a Notre Dame field, of particular interest to Irish fans will be the status of sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist. Crist suffered a torn ACL during Notre Dame’s 40-14 victory over Washington State on Oct. 31.