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

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ND reaffirms pro-life stance

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
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In response to a recommen-
dation of the University’s pro-
life task force, Notre Dame has issued an institutional statement to affirm its com-
mitment to the defense of human life, the University announced Thursday.

Notre Dame also clarified its position on charitable gifts in the principles on charitable activity, another recommenda-
tion of the task force.

The Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life was created by University President Fr. John Jenkins in September, partly in response
to 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 con-
duct research related to adult stem cells. University spokesman Dennis Brown said under the principles on charitable activi-
ty, Notre Dame will not con-
tribute to or support organi-
zations that engage in research that conflicts with Church teaching. Brown said Notre Dame does not anticipate any “dra-
matic changes” resulting from the new statement.

“The statement and princi-
bles affirm what always has been the case at Notre Dame, that the University fully sup-
ports Church teachings on the sanctity of human life,” Brown

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Family to match class gift funds

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Looking to encourage stu-
dent 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 Hesburgh Libraries endowment.

One hundred percent par-
ticipation will result in a $50,000 donation.

For Ian Secviar and Emily Everrett, co-chairs of the Student Development Committee for Senior Legacy 2010, the greatest benefit of the Woodwards’ donation is that it encour-
ages 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 dif-
ference because of the matching money.”

Participation in legacy programs the last few years has been lagging, according

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Awareness week begins today

Stand Against Hate Week
Monday “The Laramie Project”
Tuesday film screening Professor Dominic Parrott Presentation
Wednesday “Sexuality” talk
Thursday StaND T-shirt distribution
Friday Day of Silence

By JENN METZ
Senior Staff Writer

The Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students’ annual spring awareness event encourages students to take a stand against discrimination and participate in healing dia-
logue.

StaND Against Hate Week kicks off today and continues through Friday, the National Day of Silence, a nationwide movement to pledge a vow of silence against anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) discrimination.

Senior and co-chair of the

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Time at The Observer

Joseph McMahon
Associate News Editor

I first started working at The Observer during my freshman year. After high school, I wanted to try something new, and I figured the paper would offer me the opportunity to see all different parts of campus. During my first semester, I worked more on the newspaper than at my schoolwork. After listening to a quote so badly that the editors needed to publish an official apology, I decided to work harder and took on as many stories as I could.

But the initial enthusiasm I had freshman year slowly began to give way to total apathy. Most nights editing the paper can be long, and too much time in the basement of South Dining Hall can be soul crushing. After spending a semester abroad, I began to question why I would bother to spend so much time working at something that I hated.

But I still loved writing and reporting. I was afraid that the next semester would prove to be too much with my studies, and I wanted to do other things during my time at college.

But after a semester when I did not spend a lot of time working at the paper — especially compared to how much time I had spent working there in the past — I realized that The Observer is honestly one of the best opportunities on campus.

In addition to having the chance cover almost any story you want, you really have the opportunity to learn about Notre Dame’s history while still being able to see where its future is headed.

Sure, there are times when I really do wish that I did not have to write a story or spend a night editing the paper, and at times the extra workload can make a stressful life even more hectic.

But the rewards that I get from editing the paper, and at times really do wish that I did not have to write a story or spend a night editing the paper, and at times the extra workload can make a stressful life even more hectic. The reporting aspect allows me to explore different parts of the University and keeps me current on what is going on, while actually writing has helped improve my English skills.

However, one of the coolest aspects of The Observer is that it really allows you to meet the people that are involved in the day-to-day life of the University. From student leaders to administration officials to just people involved in the day-to-day life of the University, The Observer gives students the opportunity to meet the people who shape the “Notre Dame bubble.”

I really could never imagine Notre Dame without the Observer — my experience at the newspaper has completely shaped my experience at the University.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Joseph McMahon at jmcmahon@nd.edu

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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
Saint Mary’s Editor

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’ Sib’s 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 another 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. “Once we had the theme and dates down, Saint Mary's County Fair (and) April 9-11, thinking of things to have going on all weekend came a little easier,” Moore said. “We split up the work between us so we wouldn’t get too overwhelmed. Let’s just say I’m very good at multitasking and working towards a deadline now.”

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 two lovely acts 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 hoop buckets and prizes to win and Regina Hall put on a pie eating contest.” That evening RHA held a showing 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. “There were enough events that we always had something to do and look forward to, but it wasn’t super busy, so we still had time to relax and hang out,” McClurkin said.

“My little sister is seven, so she had a blast with the petting zoo, bounce arounds and face painting at the County Fair,” Moore said. McClurkin said she would bring her sister back next year if the timing worked out again.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Center-right wins big in Hungary**

BUDAPEST — Hungary’s center-right party reclaimed its grip on government Sunday, winning over 50 percent of the vote and handing the ruling Socialists a humiliating defeat. Extreme rightists backed by black-clad paramilitary troops took more than 15 percent of the vote.

While widely forecast, the strong win of the extreme right Jobbik party represented the greatest political shake-up of the election, shattering Hungary’s traditional post-communist status quo of a parliament dominated by the center right and the left.

**Skirmishes renewed at U.N. talks**

BONN, Germany — Climate talks nearly ground to a halt before they began in earnest Sunday, with delegates squabbling over how to conduct negotiations for the rest of the year on a new agreement to control global warming.

Talks about talks appeared at times on the verge of breaking down over procedural issues, but that reflected a deep divide on how to translate the hastily crafted political deal struck at the Copenhagen summit last December by President Barack Obama with other leaders.

The lengthy battle ostensibly was over the authorization of a committee chairwoman to draft negotiating text for the next meeting in June.

The split between industrial countries and the developing world is likely to continue characterizing the talks.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Earthquakes shake California**

SAN DIEGO — A cluster of moderate earthquakes near the U.S.-Mexico border is continuing to shake southern California one week after a magnitude 7.2 quake slammed the area.

The U.S. Geological Survey says a magnitude 4.4 earthquake struck at 9:42 a.m. Sunday, about 11 miles off the coast of Cape Mendocino.

At least 17 other quakes in the magnitude 3 range were also reported in the same area Sunday.

No damage or injuries have been reported.

Scientists say the increased seismic activity is part of a pattern following the magnitude 7.2 earthquake last Sunday.

**Divisions arise in Haiti adoptions**

NEW YORK — Logistical challenges and potential bitter disputes lie ahead as passionate advocates of adoption press for changes that might enable thousands of Haitian children to be placed in U.S. homes.

But even before those goals are pursued, the greatest political shake-up of the election, shattering Hungary’s traditional post-communist status quo of a parliament dominated by the center right and the left.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**Three fatally stabbed in home**

KOKOMO, Ind. — Central Indiana police say two women and a man found dead Friday in a Kokomo home were victims of multiple stab wounds.

Investigators also said Sunday they now consider 30-year-old Jeremy Blanchard a suspect in the killings of 57-year-old Rebecca Berg, her 28-year-old daughter Jessica Berg and 62-year-old David McPike. He was arrested Friday night in London, Kentucky.

The Bergs had been staying with McPike and were in town to attend a relative’s funeral.

**Poland**

**Plane crash shocks government**

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

New acting chiefs of the military were already in their place and an interim director of the central bank was named Sunday, with work running as usual, said Pawel Grzegorczyk, a government spokesman.

It was a rare positive note on a day wrecked by grief for the 96 dead and faced with reminders of Poland’s dark history with its powerful neighbor. The Saturday crash occurred in thick fog near the Katyn forest, where Josef Stalin’s secret police in 1940 systematically executed thousands of Polish military officers in the western Soviet Union.

President Lech Kaczynski and those aboard the aging Soviet-built plane had been headed there to honor the dead. A preliminary investigation showed the plane had been working fine, a Russian investigator said.

Tens of thousands of Poles softly sang the national anthem and tossed flowers at the hearse carrying the 60-year-old Kaczynski and his 60-year-old body Sunday to the presidential palace after it was returned from Russia’s Smolensk airport, the site of the crash.

The coffin bearing the president’s remains were met first by his daughter Marta, whose mother, the first lady, Maria Kaczynska, also died in the crash. She knelt before it, her head resting on the coffin.

She was followed by Jaroslaw Kaczynski, the former prime minister, and the president’s twin brother. He, too, knelt and pressed his head against the flag-draped coffin before rising slowly and crossing himself.

Standing sentinel were four Polish soldiers bearing brass. There was no sign of the twins’ ailing mother Jadwiga, who has been hospitalized. The president had canceled several foreign trips lately to be by her side.

The coffin was placed aboard a Mercedes-Benz hearse and slowly traveled several miles to the palace, watched by thousands of weeping Poles.

He taught Poles how to respect our traditions, how to fight for our dignity, and he made me his sacrifice there at that tragic place,” said mourner Boguslaw Siarom, 70. President Dmitry Medvedev declared Monday a day of mourning in Russia, and his country held two minutes of silence in memory of those killed in the crash.

Church bells pealed at noon and emergency sirens shrieked for nearly a minute before fading. Hundreds bowed their heads, eyes closed, in front of the presidential palace. Buses and trams halted in the streets.

No date for a funeral has been set and the Polish presidential palace has not yet said if Kaczyński will lie in state, though it is not a Polish tradition.

Kaczyński was the first serving Polish leader to die since exiled World War II-era leader Gen. Władysław Sikorski was killed in a mysterious plane crash off Gibraltar in 1943.

Poland is a young democracy, adopting its constitution 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 passing the test, there is no doubt about it,” he said.

“This tragedy does not threaten the state in any measure, Poland’s institutions 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.

Obama: Nukes pose greatest threat to U.S.

WASHINGTON — If al-Qaeda acquired nuclear weapons it “would have no compunction at using them,” President Barack Obama said Sunday on the eve 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 medium-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 Washington, the ramifications economically, politically and from a security perspective would be devastating,” Obama said.

“We know that organizations like al-Qaeda 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 secure 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 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 Saturday at Blair House, across from the White House. Others included Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev.

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President Obama's 2009 Commencement address.

“I’m very thankful for this award, and I think it reflects the work of the staff, not just my individual achieve-
ments,” said Sevciar. “I’m proud to have received this honor for The Observer.”

During Metz’s term, The Observer also redesigned its Web site and provided greater depth coverage of the Notre Dame football program’s head coaching change.

“Jenn did a tremendous job leading The Observer over the past year,” said current Editor-in-Chief Matt Gamber. “Her award and the one The Observer received this weekend are a testament to the continued hard work of the many members of our talented staff.

Gamber, the former Sports Editor, won first place in the “Best Sports Column” category for his article remembering Mike Locker, the Irish hockey radio announcer who died of a heart attack last March at age 43.

The Observer staff’s coverage of the University’s firing of head football coach Charlie Weis won first place in both “Best Special Issue” and “Best Staff Editorial.”

The eight-page special edition was published on Dec. 1, 2009, the day after Weis’ firing. Included in the issue were player and student reaction, analysis of potential replacements and a timeline chronicling Weis’ five-year tenure. The editorial, titled "Weis’ departure handled respectfully," ran on Dec. 4, 2009.

The Observer also earned second place in the “Best Special Issue” category for the May 15, 2009, “Senior Edition,” which included coverage of President Obama’s commencement speech and full news and sports recap of the Class of 2009’s four years.

Former Photo Editor Ian Secviar won second place in “Best Sports Photo” for an action shot of Irish wide receiver Michael Floyd making a tough catch in a game last fall.

Metz and Gavlick together won second place in “Best Breaking News Reporting Online” for a story and photograph about President Obama’s commencement speech.

On March 23, 2009, edition won third place in “Best Single Issue,” highlighted by its coverage of the breaking announcement that President Obama had accepted an invitation to speak at commencement.

The Observer also won third place in “Best Standalone/Pullout Section” for the May 12, 2009, “Controversial Commencement” edition, which covered in-depth the circumstances surrounding President Obama’s Commencement address.

The Observer’s Web site, ndsmcobserver.com, took third in “Best Overall Web site,” the first time the Web site earned an award.

The Observer’s award-winning submissions are available on its Web site.

Ruby said the partnership with the Woodward family was one primary ways 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 like never before, he said.

Timothy Poniscak, advisor 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 Legacy Endowment,” he said.

Everett said the deadline for the Challenge was set to coincide with graduation.

“You can make a donation or pledge before May 15 that you will give some money before December 31, and that will still count to the Challenge,” she said.

“We really think that the Legacy 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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Debt crisis in Greece worsens

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

European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs Olli Rehn addresses the media at the European Commission headquarters in Brussels Sunday.

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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.

Velazquez said he observed an increase in support for LGBT students on campus and he hopes the support will be relected in event attendance. "It will be refreshing and encouraging to see how much participation we can get," he said. "We'll work to keep that awareness alive at Notre Dame.

Velazquez said this year's events have even more relevance after 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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dered 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 lectur-
er and a coffeehouse.

Psychology professor Dominic Parrott from Georgia State University will present a lecture titled "Homo-/sexuality 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 stories 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. "Arives 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
Mine victims remembered

Associated Press

WILL STITZEL, 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 last Monday's explosion. There was a thank-you to those who make their living inside the mountains.

This day, the first Sunday since last Monday, April 12, 2010 page 9

Gray whale-watchers fear population dip

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Gazing past the rolling whitecaps in the middle of San Diego's whale-watching season, Captain Andrew Reese was dismayed by what he wasn't seeing.

"Where are the whales?"

Long held as an environmental success story after being taken off the endangered list in 1994, California gray whales draw legions of fans into boats or atop cliffs to watch the leviathans lumber down the coast to spawning grounds in Baja.

But whale-watching skippers became alarmed after sightings dropped from 25 a day in good years to five a day this season. Several conservationists and state officials worried about the whale's future, especially now.

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Va. proclamation sparks controversy

NEW ORLEANS — The dust-up over Virginia's proclamation for Confederate History Month seems like a lot of noise for something that "doesn't amount to diddly," Mississippi's governor said in an interview aired Sunday.

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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.

Once a haven for wealthy individuals who wanted to escape the cities, poverty rates in suburbs now rival city counterparts. In 2000, the nation's largest metropolitan areas grew over 25 percent between 2000 and 2008. By 2008, suburbs housed over 1.5 million more poor people than their respective metro areas. In these suburbs, getting to and from work, the grocery store or the doctor is nearly impossible without a car. In order to support a livelihood, one needs a car, yet, to support a car, one needs an even bigger livelihood. Buying a functioning car for less than $2,000 is difficult if not impossible — not to mention the costs of repairs and gasoline. The majority of those with a household income of less than $20,000 spend more than 25 percent of that on transportation costs.

Our infrastructure supports this car culture. We need to reorganize our poverty-stricken suburban communities to make them bike- and pedestrian-friendly in order to help individuals who cannot afford cars get around without a one. The average bike costs less than $200 — less than one-tenth the average car — and the only fuel bikes need is human caloric energy. Since most of America’s poor victim to obesity due to low costs of unhealthy food, biking could save them on both gas money and hospital bills.

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Fewer cars also mean less traffic, a contributing factor to low quality of life reported by many commuters. Reducing the number of cars during peak traffic hours by 10 percent would increase average car speed enough to reduce travel times up to 25 minutes. Bike cultures now exist for the wealthy as recreational options. Re-establishing bikes to a primary mode of transportation would help the poor in our suburbs more than any wealthy individuals. Heck, it could even help our industry, maybe GM could enter the bike-manufacturing market.

We need bike paths for better quality of life, less pollution and egalitarian transportation options. Shifting our suburban infrastructures to support bikes more than cars will take time, but it’s an investment we can’t afford not to make.

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Library will be fine under proper custodian

I wouldn’t say that our Library’s future “hangs in limbo,” for I believe the University leadership generally understands the issues and recognizes the large number of people who are engaged in the development and enhancement of our Library. What I believe we see is an interesting confluence of several issues that need to be dealt with. One is the issue of space. It is well documented that we need more space, but it is a very expensive and time-consuming issue. Another is the issue of funding, which is always a concern for libraries. Finally, there is the issue of technological change and its impact on the way we deliver information.

In terms of space, I believe the University has taken the right steps in recently allocating additional space for the Library. However, it is clear that more space will be needed in the future, and we need to start planning for that now. In terms of funding, I believe the University has a strong commitment to supporting the Library, and we have seen significant increases in funding in recent years. However, there is always a need for more funding, and we need to continue to work on this issue.

As for technological change, I believe we need to be proactive in adapting to new technologies. This will require a commitment of both money and people, the most important credential we should be prepared to pay for. In the end, I believe we will see a better, more efficient, and more user-friendly Library in the future.

The issue of library space is complex and will require careful planning and decision-making. The University needs to prioritize the allocation of space for the Library and work with the Library to ensure that its needs are met. In terms of funding, the University has shown a strong commitment to supporting the Library, and we should continue to work on this issue. As for technological change, the Library needs to be proactive in adapting to new technologies, and we need to continue to work on this issue.

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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!”

In the next sketch, Fey portrayed a teacher who had subconscious longings for one of her charming students, played by Bieber. The teacher couldn’t help but think Bieber’s “smile was like watching a baby hunny sniff a tiny flower” and, each time these thoughts crossed her mind, the classroom lights dimmed and Bieber broke out into a song-fantasy for Fey. He crooned ridiculous desires of the teacher — “I’ll buy you a Panini, and some Spanx to make you teeny” — and then she would snap back to reality. The punchline hit when Bieber realized the weird yearnings of his teacher and Fey defended herself with the excuse, “I’m very lonely and I would like to give you a bath.” Creepy? Completely, but it was another sidesplitting performance by Fey.

The classic “Weekend Update” followed, with appearances by the devil himself, who managed to find people more evil than himself in the world; Aunt Linda, the movie critic whose favorite recent film was Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson’s “The Tooth Fairy”; and Fey as the “Women’s News” reporter. During her stint on the “Update” Fey made a feminist statement against all of the cheaters in the world, insisting the “Oscar curse is just a lady curse” and criticizing men like Sandra Bullock’s husband Jesse James.

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 teenager (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 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 there seemed to be to quash any attempt to do anything besides stand stationary, maybe allowing a bit of head bobbing 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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Posada, Rodriguez lead Yankees past Rays

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

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — A.J. Burnett pitched seven strong innings and Jorge Posada drove in two runs as the New York Yankees beat the Tampa Bay Rays 7-3.

 Burnett (1-0) allowed two runs in seven innings. The Rays loaded the bases, helped by a walk and a wild pitch, in the first and third but Burnett worked a scoreless ninth inning in a non-save situation.

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around the dial

**MLB**

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 battermate 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.

“It makes it easy now, but there would have been nothing much to fight out there on the mound.” Sabathia 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,” Sabathia added. “It’s been 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 1-0 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, although 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 six. 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 end of his 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 no matter what,” Girardi said. “He did not 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 go get him.”

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**AVCA Division I-II Men’s Volleyball Rankings**

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1. Stanford
2. BYU
3. Pepperdine
4. Cal State Northridge
5. Hawaii
6. Southern California
7. UCLA
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9. Penn State
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**points**

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**IN BRIEF**

Ga. DA considers charges in Roethlisberger case

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. — A district attorney in Georgia plans to announce Monday whether he will file charges in a case of sexual assault accusations against Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

District Attorney Fred Bright said in a statement Friday he has reviewed all the investigation reports and will hold a news conference to announce his decision.

Milledgeville police Chief Woodrow Blue said Wednesday his department and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation had wrapped up their investigation into a 20-year-old college student’s claim that the two-time Super Bowl champion sexually assaulted her early March 5 at a club in Milledgeville.

Roethlisberger’s lawyer, Ed Garland, has disputed the assault claim and hired his own team to investigate.

Penguins’ 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 afternoon 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.
**MLB**

**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 reporters was stopped after the question about McGwire.

In the dugout, McGwire ended more than a decade of denials 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 held by Bonds.

Bonds, who topped that mark by hitting 76 home runs in 2001, has long denied ever knowingly using steroids, and has performed a series of Per-Form-enhancers in his pursuit of the career home run record — a mark that was not broken until 2007 in American sports.

Bonds was indicted on charges he lied to a federal grand jury investigating BALCO, the Bay Area Laboratory Cooperative, and obstructed justice.

McGwire was told of Bonds’ comments by the Associated Press, where the Cardinals were playing the Brewers.

“It’s very cool. Barry is a great player, was a great player, and when you see someone, maybe a MVP, they’re really cool to be back in the game,” McGwire said. “I’m a big boy, I understand that things happen in your life and you’ve got to confront them, and you also have to move on from them and learn from them.”

The 45-year-old Bonds, back in the Bay Area for a reunion at AT&T Park of the Giants’ 2000 NL West champi-
on team, said he doesn’t believe now is the right time to retire. Though he also insists he’s not in shape to play immediately if an interested club came calling.

“I don’t have any plans at all,” he said of trying to play again. “It’s tough to be away from the game at the moment (to retire). The timing isn’t that impor-
tant.”

**NBA**

**Nuggets add Coby Karl to roster**

Associated Press

DENVER — Coby Karl wants his chance with the Denver Nuggets to be more than a heartwarming tale.

The son of Nuggets coach George Karl, who is battling throat and neck cancer, was signed Sunday by Denver.

“It’s a generous gesture, for sure. But Karl is hoping to show that he earned this spot, and it’s more than just a gift to his silent dad.”

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

“But that’s the last thing I want it to be. As a basketball player, I’d like to think my skills have gotten me here.”

Still, he can’t wait for the day his dad returns to coaching, and sits him into a game.

“Now that will be something memorable.”

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Boston College tops Wisconsin to win title

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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 saves 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 the top of his game,” BC coach

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“We went for it with all we had,” York said. “This was the best game we’ve played this year.”

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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 didn’t like to sit back and change our style of play with the score.”

That mindset has helped put York in title company with four national titles, including one with Bowling Green.

Just two coaches have more championships — Michigan’s Vic Heyliger won six from 1948-56 and Denver’s Murray Armstrong had five from 1958-69 — and no one has more than York’s 33 wins in the NCAA tournament.

“I’ve been at it a long time, so that helps,” York said at the end of his 38th season as a head coach, and 16th leading the Eagles. “It’s always good to coach good teams and good players, and I’ve had a whole bunch of those.”

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Wisconsin forward Blake Geoffrion, grandson of Hockey Hall of Famer Bernie “Boom Boom” Geoffrion, was shut down a day before the Frozen Four.

Hobey Baker Award as college hockey’s top player.

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

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Benard said he regretted “the clear” and “the cream” from trainer Greg Anderson. Benard was also subpoenaed to appear before the Mitchell Report released in December 2007.

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

Amy Mickelson, with her long black-bob closed with a ribbon, had been diagnosed with breast cancer 11 months ago.

Her husband had not looked the same ever since.

A shattered world seemed at peace in the fading sunlight Sunday at the Masters, where Mickelson made one last birdie for a 65, then walked to the scoring trailer with the uncertainty of his behavior throughout the week.

His wife was not at the Masters for the first time, although Woods performed as though his five-month health scare had happened. He broked par all four rounds, closed with a 69 and tied for fourth with K.J. Choi, five shots behind the winner.

For Westwood, this was his best chance at winning a major, but he failed to make putts to stay in range.

“Phil being the champion he is hit some great shots coming down the stretch,” said Westwood, who closed with a 71 for his best finish ever in a major. “He’s been through hard times recently, and he deserves a break or two.”

Anthony Kim closed with a 65, the best score of the tournament, and finished alone in third.

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 that had included Ernie Els, Padraig Harrington and Vijay Singh from this genera-

Mackay then fell on his knees, elated.

Wood had three putts on the 17th green, giving him 1-over 73 and second place.

A would-be eagle at the second hole from the green made him feel good.

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

Phil Mickelson

PGA golfer

“Our family, Mickelson made two red balloons, one for his wife, one for his mother, put on a display of love and passion.

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He winched his car around the track and came in second place.

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“I didn’t really want to look back because I knew I’d get closed up if you saw her,” Mackay said. “It was great to see her there, for sure.”

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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 win in sight.

Castroneves then treated the 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 scout for a suitable fence to scale before the race after a fan asked him in his hotel ele-}

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The 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, taking eighth overall in 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 last 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 showing her best finish of the 2010 spring campaign.

Sophomore Beca Huffer and junior So-Yeul Kim tied for 17th, finishing with a 77-over par 77s. Huffer took third in the men’s 1500-meter at 4:20.18, only one-one hundredth of each other in 3:45.24, junior Denes Veres took second in the men’s shot put at 221 strokes, nine-over par. The Irish women 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 3:45.24, junior Denes Veres took second in the men’s hammer throw at 54.47 meters.

The Irish continue this weekend on the road. They will travel to Walnut, Calif., heading to Walnut, Calif., for the Pacific Invitational, finishing 63-over par. Huffer concluded the weekend tied for 17th with 221 strokes, 11 over par. She ended Saturday third in her fifth place at the head of the Irish lineup, but two bogeys in the final round had her finish fourth. However, she did have nine pars on the day and closed with a birdie on her final hole of play. Park’s final round score secured 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 an eagle, but was tied for 55th at 25-over par for a total of 235. The Irish women finished 20th overall in the final round of 80 rounded out the Notre Dame team scoring. She totaled 232 strokes for the weekend to tie her 46th, at 22-over par. The Irish will be back on the winning track tonight when they travel to their next conference, the University of Chicago. She said. “I’m just trying to build on each meet to get ready for Big East and Regionals.” The Irish women had five top-three finishes, making a large impact for the team, but not enough to overcome the Kentucky teams, who won 103-99. Juniors 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 men’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 14.00. 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 3:45.24, junior Denes Veres took second in the men’s shot put at 17.39 meters and getting ready for the Big East and Regionals.

“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

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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 give the 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 contests this week for the Belles. They will travel to Albion Wednesday and to Kalamazoo Saturday for two conference matches. “We can’t train as hard as we normally do because of the regular season,” Grabarek said. “Usually Monday is our day off, but we took Sunday off this week because of our match.”

With the end of the season in sight, the Belles have been working especially hard to prepare for the MIAA conference championships. “We’re looking forward to playing well and seeing how it goes,” Grabarek said. “We’re bonding pretty well and getting ready for the MIAA conference championships.”

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Inches short loses the game in extra innings

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

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 out-stretched 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 comeback 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 bounced 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.

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

“How are you 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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**ND SOFTBALL**

**Irish overheat South Florida**

By BOBBY GRAHAM

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 gets 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 jumping 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, when we needed to."

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Valdivia said. "We get to wear our pink jerseys, and we love it."

"Strikeout Cancer" promotion.

"We really knew what we needed to do," Guerrera said. "We really kept them off balance."

"Our outfield robbed them of some really great plays," 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 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."

No. 10 Louisville was able to pull out a win to wrap up the match, also winning in three sets.

"Blas Moros played more aggressively," Bayliss said. "He is growing before our eyes and it is rewarding to see. He served well at key times and didn't back down under pressure."

The Irish will next host Ball State in their final home match of the year Wednesday, with the first serve set for 3:30 p.m.

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**MEN’S TENNIS**

**Notre Dame falls 5-2 to Cardinals outside on, but they did manage to win at No. 3 doubles. The duo of seniors Daniel Stahl and David Anderson were able to defeat Louisville's Summit-Prahak Gupta and Robert Hall 8-5. "David and Dan returned very well at crunch time," Bayliss said.

Stahl dropped his match at No. 3 singles to give Louisville an early 2-0 lead over the Irish. Havens dropped his match (6-7, 7-6 (2)) at No. 2 singles to a 1-0 w Louisville to clinch the overall 1-0 match.

Notre Dame did come out with two singles victories on the day. Sophomore Sam Keeton got the Irish on the board with a win at No. 5 singles over Villanova knowing we were on the right track. Stahl stepped up with five goals of their own. The Cardinals did not back down under pressure.

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Bayliss was honored before the match began for recently earning his 700th career victory. He is now one of only four NCAA Division I coaches to hold that honor. Bayliss has been the head coach at Notre Dame, M1 and Navy, and has coached a total of 41 years. The Irish will next host Ball State in their final home match of the year Wednesday, with the first serve set for 3:30 p.m.

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Senior defensive captain Rachel Guerrera led the strong Irish defense effort.

"We really knew what we needed to do against Villanova," Guerrera said. "I think after winning at Loyola we went into Villanova knowing we were on the right track."

Notre Dame was able to translate their dominating win at Villanova into a signature victory over No. 7 Syracuse.

Just like against Villanova, the Irish defense was top on its league. They did not back down under pressure.

"Blas Moros served well at key times and did not back down under pressure," Bayliss said. "He is growing before our eyes and it is rewarding to see. He served well at key times and didn't back down under pressure."
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The Irish receivers Golden Tate, James Aldridge and former quarterback Jimmy Clausen.

The Irish are beginning to take shape as Clausen has been able to push off today, as Parris said. "Like you saw today, I was able to push through my arm and not feel the ball, I had changed the i

The Irish receivers Golden Tate, James Aldridge and former quarterback Jimmy Clausen. (Photo by Vanessa Gempis/The Observer)

Clausen showed off his improved healthy throwing strength to a slew of NFL coaches and former teammates Friday.

"Some teams throw things out to offset other people and other teams."

Jimmy Clausen
Former Irish quarterback

Clausen and Tate shine as well.

Despite being billed as a long stretch for Clausen, some scouts in attendance assuredly took note of Golden Tate's performance as much as they did Clausen. 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. "Obviously I have some work to do on my route running, but overall I think I did a good job."

Afterwards, 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 trig- ger."

Just as they have with Clausen, the Colts are looking 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," 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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Crossword

Across
1. Capuchin, as a noun
2. Tecumseh source
3. Raw material for a sled factory
4. Draws in
5. Home of the U.S. Air Force Academy
6. Adam and
7. Chimney grime
8. Perfect on
9. State that was once a republic
10. Letter after options
11. Vampire slayer of film and TV
12. Brit’s goodbye
13. Neighbors’ counterparts
14. Once around the track
15. Service change
16. Santa’s winds
17. Daisies or sombrero

Down
1. Show to be true
2. Watch with a flexible wristband
3. Comes into play
4. Writers of the O.K.
5. City in 21-Across
6. Big name in video arcade
7. Author of William Butler
8. Middle name
9. Mad Money network
10. Slam
11. Comedic inspiration for Robin Williams
12. Leave high and dry
13. Eroded
14. Take another sip of
15. Breed bakers’ boy

Answers to previous puzzle

Schad & Freude

Will Guappone & Bri Krafick

Jumble

Jeff Kurenek & Mike Argirion

T.I.N.D.

Dan Pohlmam

JIM SHORTZ

Horoscope

Eugenia Last

Celebrities born on this day: Tierra Hatcher, 36; Jennifer Esposito, 37; Mike Myers, 53; John Gacy, 65.

Hugie’s Birthday: Expect to make waves if you want to make a difference. If you turn to those around you, no matter how hard that path may feel, you’ll get support from those close to you. You’re likely to find new resources and skills that didn’t seem possible to you previously.

Aries (March 21-April 19): What you want is right in front of you. Use your imagination. Complement your skills with a helpful eye, a little savoir faire and a dash of ingenuity and you will move in a direction that makes your talents and strengths useful.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Do your own fact-finding instead of taking a leap of faith. Listen to what services someone offers - it might sound like it’s the right thing to do. But keep an open mind. Emotions may suggest you’re making a decision you will live to regret.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Don’t take chances. Speak directly to the people from whom you want information before you get involved in a project that only complicates matters and which could stretch your resources.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): A discussion regarding your current position, status and place in the community will help you make a decision that will serve your future. A business and personal proposal will lift some of the stress you are under. 

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You will have to make changes and decisions even if you want to keep moving forward. But you have a clear idea of what you have to bring to the table. Overall, you are making your value noticeable, whether you are in a valiant position.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get out and enjoy friends, family or places you find interesting. The friends in your life can distance you from problems or stressful situations you face. Tune up with someone special to find a closer relationship.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your power of persuasion will come in handy, especially when dealing with partners,6,7 or neighbors. If you are responsible for taking another look at an old project or hobby and you will be able to enjoy the turn and complete what has been left unfinished.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Trying to avoid situations that make you uncomfortable will cause more problems. Every personal and emotional situation needs an arm’s-length examination before you make the right thing. 

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look at your investments and put a little thought into them now. A reassessment of your current state will give you a bit of direction. Understanding fades, along with your doubts. Taking action will build your confidence and ensure a better future for you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take on any new challenge or multitask something that is important to you. Having your skills and getting involved in another project will bring you greater insight and more value than you can be successful in fulfilling new year’s resolutions.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Before you let anyone make you feel guilty for something you did not do, make sure it was right for you. Load all of your resources to help you out. Reorder will help you get a handle on goals that have greater potential to be successful in the new year.

Birthday Baby: You will not regret anything you believe needs to be said. You are trustworthy in matters and decisions you have to make your own or others. You are an idealist.

Jumbled words, scrambled sentences and the possible and impossible: as suggested by the above cartoon.

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FOOTBALL

Clausen returns to campus for Pro Day

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

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 ankle, he did not attempt any throwing for the first time in public since foot surgery repaired torn ligaments that slowed him for most of the 2009 season.

"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 best fit our football team. 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

WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Team upsets rival Syracuse

By LUKE MANSOUR
Sports Writer

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 (9-4, 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 en route to a 16-0 record-making victory. The win was the first shutout in Notre Dame women’s lacrosse history and the first-ever shutout in Big East conference play.

“The Villanova game was just an all-around 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.

Irish not able to hold on to strong first half

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

After a stellar first half, the No. 19 Irish were not able to maintain their momentum and fall 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 defense 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.

The loss leaves Notre Dame without a Big East win and hand the Hoyas a different story.

This loss also leaves Notre Dame without a Big East win in the inaugural season for the conference and brings the Irish closer to being knocked out of contention for a berth in the NCAA tournament.

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