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INSIDE COLUMN

Draft Day Blues

Growing up, spring meant many things to me: Little League baseball, another summer quickly approaching, March Madness and all its excitement, and the NFL Draft. For 99 percent of NFL fans, the draft offers hope. The Falcons quickly turned around their franchise when they selected quarterback Matt Ryan (from our little brother out east) with the third overall pick in the 2008 Draft. The team won seven more games the next season and made the playoffs.

On the other end of the spectrum, the ineptitude of some teams each year on draft day simply continues the cycle of turmoil for a franchise. Selecting quarterback Tim Couch with the top overall pick will set your franchise back a couple years (that is even possible for the Browns).

Unfortunately, the draft habits of my Detroit Lions tend to align with the latter.

Following a nightmarish 5-27-2001 during the 2001 and 2002 seasons, the Lions used their picks, third and second overall, respectively, to select the dynamic duo of Joey Harrington and Charles Rogers. There was finally some hope for football fans in Detroit. Harrington to Rogers would someday invoke as many memories as Aikman to Irvin does.

Unfortunately, Rogers’ collateral damage did not hold up (nor did his resistance to drugs), and it quickly became apparent that the star Michigan State receiver would not produce in the NFL.

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Although injuries weren’t Harrington’s problem, “Joey Blue Skies” also failed to bring respect to Detroit. During his four seasons quarterbacking the Lions, he threw 60 touchdowns compared to 62 interceptions.

Harrington and Rogers are out of the picture, while Williams and Ernie Sims all find themselves on different rosters, while Roy Williams, Kevin Jones, Mike Johnson (2007), Gosder Cherilus (2008) and drafting repeatedly are not smarting.

In the 2009 first round, the Lions selected quarterback Matthew Stafford. Although Stafford’s work ethic and maturity has been questioned in recent weeks, he will be given a chance to prove himself in Detroit.

The jury is still out on Stafford. He has been successful in the NFL and in college, but has to prove himself.Gambling on a quarterback in Detroit may or may not pay off.

Students swarm South Quad in front of O’Shaugnessy Hall in hopes of receiving a free Antostal T-shirt. The giveaway, presented by the Student Union Board, allowed students to tie dye their T-shirts.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Andrew Owens at owens2@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

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In Brief

An exhibition titled “All Art is Propaganda” will be open today from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The exhibition will be presented in Hesburgh Library Special Collections Room 102. The event is free and open to the public.

Photographer Caroline Chiu’s exhibit “Polaroids as Chinese Ink Painting” will be open today from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The exhibit will be presented in the Miller and Fritz Kaeser Mestrovich Gallery of the Snite Museum of Art. The event is free and open to the public.

The Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering will be presenting a seminar titled “Combustion Dynamics in Propulsion Systems” today at 3:30 p.m. The seminar will be held in DeBartolo Hall Room 138.

A lecture titled “Sustainability: The Key to Today’s Food Revolution” will begin today at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held in the Food For Thought Film Series and Lectures. The lecture will be presented in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The Creative Writing Program will hold a “Poetry Reading Tag Team” tonight from 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. The event will feature Notre Dame students and faculty and will be held in the Hesmues Bookstore. The event is free and open to the public.

To submit information to be included in this section of the Observer, e-mail detailed about an event to observer.questions@gmail.com
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**Professors join group discussion**

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Two professors joined Campus Life Council (CLC) to discuss aca-
demic engagement outside the classroom and hear Council
members present ideas for build-
ing a greater intellectual environ-
ment on campus.

Professor Kevin Barry, associ-
ate director of the Kaneb Center for
Teaching and Learning, was also in attendance, and he said
ideas from the meeting will con-
tribute to discussion in the ad-
ministration about how to
build greater intellectual engage-
ment.

Former senator Elise Jordan
said intellectually stimulating
conversations can take place in
many places.

“The more conversations can
spark in different groups of friends, in
people who have a passion for
what they are studying and want
to bring it to the people they live
with,” Jordan said.

After brainstorming ideas for
how to inspire members of the
student body to expand upon cur-
rriculum within casual discussion
around campus, CLC members
focused on the residence halls as
opportunities to create open
intellectual environment.

Every hall already has an aca-
demic commissioner, and bring-
ing together those minds to find
out what works and what does not in the halls would be benefi-
cial, former Judicial Council pres-
ident Ian Secviar said.

These academic commissioners
could also create more informal
events centered on social gather-
ings with food and movies, mak-
ing intellectual discussions more
approachable and less formal,
former student body chief of staff
Ryan Brellethien said.

Secviar also said seniors have
the opportunity to present their
theses to members of their dis-
tricts.

Former student body president
Grant Schmidt said different styles of expression should also be
considered.

“Face-to-face conversation is
valuable,” Schmidt said. “But
writing can also help you express
yourself and your ideas.”

Schmidt said he is interested in
the idea of a blog-style debate
Web site for students to share
their thoughts in a written form.

Members also said broadening
the scope of discussion and shar-
ing fields of study is a matter of
helping student branch out com-
fortably.

“We do not go to certain lec-
tures because we feel like we will
look like idiots,” Jordan said.

“What might be interesting
would be for professors to give
introductory lectures for these
topics.”

Providing opportunities for stu-
dents to engage outside of their
comfort zone is important not
only to fill seats in lectures, but also to help classroom discus-
sions, Council members said.

“To cultivate conversation at
least initially at this school, [pro-
fessors] have to force somebody to talk,” former Council co-
chair Brendan McQueeney said.

Several members also said pro-
fessors need to challenge stu-
dents and push past their resist-
ance.

“We have a great culture of
extremely polite students here,”
Jordan said. “But many professors
want their students to be willing
and open-minded in order to be
equals in discussion.”

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**Talk debates “Chief” mascot**

The exhibit, entitled “Beyond
the Chief,” read “Fighting Illini:
Today Your Host Is...,” followed by the
name of one of the native tribes
that used to inhabit the state.

After the exhibit’s installation,
the signs were vandalized, bent
and even stolen, Warrior said
in response to the vandalism and
thefts. Heap of Birds returned
to the campus to have a dialogue
about the issue. The Community
Relations Service (CRS), a division of the Department of Justice also
became involved, as the acts were
demed hate crimes since they tar-
geted the Native American
community.

“The CRS was concerned about
escalation,” Warrior said.

Heap of Bird and the
Department of Justice’s efforts
proved insufficient to end the van-
dalism, as signs continued to be
damaged, resulting in a new
design for the exhibit, believed
by Warrior to be less easily damaged.

“The new signs, fabricated in
the style of highway signs and
under 24/7 surveillance, seemed to stop
the vandalism,” Warrior said.

The vandalism, Warrior said,
was caused by individuals’ disap-
proval and discomfort with a dis-
cussion of Native American issues,
and a widespread problem of
white privilege.

Warrior said the simple presence
of an exhibit dealing with Native American issues could be
construed as controversial and violent acts on cam-
pus.

“White supremacy, white privi-
lege, and racism... I see as syn-
onyms for our classrooms,” he said.

With regard to the continued move-
ment for the removal of Native American mascots on other
college campuses, Warrior said the
movements should be equally
branded.

“Things really work best when
there’s some kind of grassroots
effort,” he said.

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Bike the Bend looks for participants

By KRISTYNA HARCUORT
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Looking for something fun and athletic to participate in? Bike the Bend, a fun, non-competitive biking event, will take place around the South Bend and Mishawaka area on May 23.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will commence in rain or shine.

Peg VanNevel, event director for Bike the Bend, said anyone can register to participate in the event.

The goal of Bike the Bend is to provide a community with a family, friend-oriented event that allows everyone the opportunity to ride on trails and streets, side-by-side, creating new memories and seeing the beauty of our cities, parks, historical districts and colleges without motorized traffic,” VanNevel said.

The Louis Addicott and Georgina Joshi Foundation is sponsoring Bike the Bend. Addicott and Joshi died in separate plane crashes, and the Foundation wants participants to enjoy the city the same as they did.

VanNevel said the event was inspired by Addicott, who loved the outdoors.

“Louise enjoyed riding her bicycle to Farmer’s Market, Notre Dame and Potawatomi Zoo,” the Bike the Bend Web site said. “She loved exploring different South Bend neighborhoods and sharing those explorations with her husband (and children) on bike rides together.”

The route for Bike the Bend is an estimated 30 miles, but does not have a set start and end point.

“Riders are encouraged to start wherever they prefer, whether it’s closest to their home, or to strategically park their vehicle so they can enjoy a new section of our community,” VanNevel said.

Bikers of all ages and all experience levels are encouraged to register and participate. According to the Bike the Bend Web site, those who register will receive a wristband, access to all ride activities including the Post Ride Celebration at Kamm Island, a one-year membership in the Bike Michiana Coalition, and a Bike the Bend T-shirt.

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“We don’t know if that low percentage was because the question asked about first semester volunteering or if students volunteer infrequently,” Harding said. “Either way, that gives us quite a bit to think about.”

One figure the University and, more specifically, the Office of Information Technology (OIT), may be able to address in the short-term is student satisfaction with cellular reception on campus. According to the survey, 60 percent of respondents were either satisfied or very satisfied with cellular reception, whereas 28 percent were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

“OIT has asked our office for more data on this issue so they can really start to address it,” Harding said. “We will probably see some improvement in this area as an outcome of the survey results.”

Another area of relative dissatisfaction was with the Print@ND system. Fifty-six percent of respondents reported satisfaction with the system and 62 percent were interested in more public print stations on campus. These results could potentially lead to improvement in the near future, Harding said.

In addition, students may see more concrete improvements in RecSports in the next year due to the high percentage of respondents that listed the renovation or possible expansion of the Rockne Memorial Building as a priority.

Although over 80 percent of respondents were satisfied with fitness and instructional classes, club sports and intramural sports alike, the survey results will prove helpful in RecSports in seeing what they can improve over time, Harding said.

Other areas that demonstrate room for improvement are awareness of gender relations and multicultural student services, as well as the value for price of merchandise and textbooks at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. Harding said the Bookstore is considering implementing a textbook rental program in the future.

While the results of the survey will undoubtedly help the University determine which areas of campus services to improve upon and how to do so, these prospective changes are not finalized by any means, Harding said.

“We will have a more definitive list of improvements by next fall... By then, we hope to be able to communicate what changes resulted from responses to the survey.”

Erin Harding
associate vice president
Strategic Planning

Reach Out to...
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Election votes to be recounted
BAGHDAD — An Iraqi court on Monday ordered a recount of more than 2.5 million votes cast in Baghdad during the March 7 parliamentary election that could tilt the results in favor of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and inflame sectarian tensions. al-Maliki has already been a contentious figure.

The passage of time hasn't made it easier for many victims' family members to put their loss aside. "In 15 years, I would never miss it," said Moore. "I don't make it here every year. It's too hard," said Thomas. "In 15 years, I would never miss it," said Moore. "I don't make it here every year. It's too hard," said Thomas.

Top two al-Qaeda leaders killed
U.S. and Iraqi forces launch raid; Biden says deaths are a 'devastating blow' to terror group

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The U.S. and Iraq claimed a major victory against al-Qaeda on Monday, saying their forces killed the terror group's two top figures in this country in an air and ground assault on their safehouse near Saddam Hussein's hometown.

Iraq's Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki holds photographs of a man the Iraqi government claims to be al-Qaeda leader Abu Omar al-Baghdadi at a news conference in Baghdad.


National News

IRS begins to promote tax credits
WASHINGTON — The government is reaching out to more than 4 million small businesses and tax-exempt groups to make sure they know about a new tax credit offered as part of the nation's health care law.

The Internal Revenue Service on Monday began mailing postcards to get the word out. The tax credit takes effect this year, and the goal is to help those employers start offering health insurance coverage or better afford the coverage they already provide.

Activists push for gun rights
ARLINGTON — Carrying loaded pistols and unloaded rifles, dozens of gun-rights activists gathered on Monday in the nation's capital while still bearing arms and demonstrating their right to bear arms. "It makes it a little more bearable, but it heals nothing," Moore said. "I don't make it here every year. It's too hard," said Thomas. "In 15 years, I would never miss it," said Moore. "I don't make it here every year. It's too hard," said Thomas. "In 15 years, I would never miss it," said Moore. "I don't make it here every year. It's too hard," said Thomas. "In 15 years, I would never miss it," said Moore. "I don't make it here every year. It's too hard," said Thomas. "In 15 years, I would never miss it,” said her mother, Betty Lewis. "This is part of our lives. I would never miss it.”

Local News

Man killed in plane crash
LANCASTER — State police say an 81-year-old Lebanon doctor was killed when his single-engine airplane crashed in a field in southern Indiana.

The pilot killed in the Monday morning crash was identified as Dr. Henry Schirmer of Lancaster.

State police responded to the scene near Indiana 250 in Jefferson County about 11:30 a.m. Monday and found the dead pilot and the wreckage. A witness says the aircraft appeared to be climbing when it banked steeply and dived straight into the ground.
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A carnival will take place on South Quad Thursday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Other games will take place on both North and South Quads throughout the week.

Larson said AnTostal is good timing because it takes place at a time of year when students could use a break.

"Everyone's got a bit of senioritis and is really looking forward to summer," Larson said. "They're all outside though.

"I'm always too busy to do anything," Murphy said. "But it's nice to see things are going on.

Kirsch said she wondered why AnTostal did not bring speakers, like Christian Siriano, winner of Project Runway, who spoke at AnTostal two years ago.

"I loved Christian Siriano," Kirsch said. "Why didn't they get anyone else of that caliber?"

Sophomore Kristen Milliard said she is looking forward to the Parachute concert at Legends Saturday.

"I saw them in concert for the first time last year at Legends, where they opened for another act," Milliard said. "I really like their CD.

Milliard said AnTostal is not completely stress-relieving, though.

"It doesn't make me more light-hearted because I still have work to do," Milliard said.

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believe in respecting all people and all people have the right to dignity and respect.

"I think HEI isn't doing that and our University isn't doing that."

The strike began at 8 a.m. Monday morning and will continue through 5:30 p.m. Friday afternoon. Furman said 13 students will fast during the entire period, while others will participate in their own way.

"We have 13 people hunger striking all five days throughout the week and have a bunch fasting for the day or a few days," she said.

In a press release, Furman said the group's main goal of the strike is to call attention to the issue, prompting action by the University.

"We want the University to recognize that it must take seriously the commitment we have as Catholics to act justly, respect all people, and honor workers' rights not only on campus, but in our investments as well. If we are supporting a company accused of violating workers' rights, we should be concerned," she said.

University of Notre Dame Spokesperson Linda Brown said the University had no new information to add regarding its stance on HEI Hotels.

Furman said five campus clubs will submit letters expressing their views regarding HEI to University president Fr. John Jenkins throughout the week.

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ND to host religious women exhibit

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame will be the principal sponsor of "Women and Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America," a traveling museum exhibit on the history of Catholic women religious in the United States, when it visits north- ern Indiana in fall 2011.

The exhibit, a project of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), began a three-year nationwide tour last May in Cincinnati and is now at the Smithsonian Institution. It will be at the Northern Indiana Center for History from Sept. 2 to Dec. 31, 2011.

"Women and Spirit" includes photographs and items contributed by more than 400 communities of women religious, many of which have never before been placed on public display. Articles for the exhibit include handwritten letter from Thomas Jefferson, a 19th century cradle from Sisters of Charity New York Foundling orphanage, a replica of the first incubator, traveling trunks, journals and diaries describing the sisters' immigration experiences, pioneering healthcare devices, samplers, musical instruments, student work and miscellaneous artifacts associated with a number of saints.

The University archives held the archival records of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious. The archives also worked with the exhibit design team, offering research assistance as well as numerous photographs, films and videos for the display.

"I am thrilled that the University of Notre Dame's central administration will be underwriting a significant part of the cost of the exhibit," said Kathleen Cummings, assistant professor of American studies and acting director of the Cashwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism. "In attaching the name of the country’s premier Catholic university to ‘Women and Spirit,’ we are recognizing that the work of women religious has been integral rather than peripheral to church and nation.”

As part of the Undergraduate Admissions staff, the Admissions Counselor is expected to make an important contribution to the recruitment and selection of the first-year class by managing relations with prospective applicants, their parents, high school personnel and alumni in an assigned geographic territory.

Responsibilities include extensive planning, travel and communication within the geographic territory, assessment and evaluation of applications and conducting group/individual information sessions. Additional responsibilities, including the possibilities of diversity and international recruitment, will be assigned by the Assistant Provost for Enrollment and the Director of Admissions Operations.

Minimum Requirements: Candidates should possess a Bachelor’s degree and strong familiarity with all aspects of academic and student life at Notre Dame. Essential qualities include strong communication and organizational skills, enthusiasm, diplomacy and the willingness to work long hours, including many evenings and weekends.

Please Note: Interviews will be scheduled in late April.

Preferred start date is July 1, 2010.

Application Process: To apply, please visit http://ND.jobs and apply to job #10170.

The University of Notre Dame is committed to diversity in its staff, faculty, and student body. As such, we strongly encourage applications from members of minority groups, women, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and others who will enhance our community. AA/EOE.
Airline losses climb to $1 billion

Ash clouds in Iceland leave passengers stranded; industry demands compensation

Toyota recalls vehicles, will pay record fine

WASHINGTON — Toyota hurriedly ordered recalls of nearly 10,000 Lexus SUVs for possible rollover dangers Monday and agreed to a record $16.4 million fine for a slow response in its broader earlier recall, scrambling to fix safety worries that threaten the end of the day, the fines are similar to what could hurt Toyota Motor Corp.'s stability control system, which is supposed to help prevent rollovers. Toyota already had halted sales of new GX 460s and began tests on all new GX 460s and begun tests on all 27 European countries’ open-skies zone immediately over the ash cloud. A “no-fly” zone immediately over the ash cloud. “There isn’t a real risk … routes were safe to fly. The precautions that have been taken are certainly too restrictive.” European Union transport ministers reached a deal Monday to divide northern European skies into three areas: a “no-fly” zone immediately over the ash cloud; a “cloud-free” zone with some contami- nation; and a “green” zone where planes can fly subject to checks for engine damage; and an open-skies zone.

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“Now even as we speak, there are those who are preparing to divide us, the spin masters, the negative ad peddlers, those who embrace the politics of anything goes. Well, I say to you tonight, there is not a liberal America and a conservative America — there is the United States of America. There is not a Black America and a White America and Latino America and Asian America — there’s the United States of America... We are one people, all of us pledging allegiance to the stars and stripes, all of us defending the United States of America.”

I remember the first time I heard these words, as I’m sure many of you do, during the election of 2004 when then-Senator Barack Obama delivered the keynote address at the Democratic National Convention. Shocking though it may be, even I have to admit that Obama was right. Politics in this country have become incredibly polarized, thanks in large measure to politicians who capitalize on dividing our population along various social lines, such as liberal and conservative, black and white, rich and poor, and pitting these groups against one another in order to gain votes. Ironically, Obama’s stinging rebuke of such tactics was in the context of supporting the vice presidential candidacy of John Edwards, whose presidential campaign on the idea of two Americas — the haves and the have-nots — in hopes of galvanizing the lower classes in support of his election.

Of course politicians would not employ this tactic so often if it proved unsuccessful. As those familiar with sociological theory know, the existence of a common enemy provides a powerful unifying force among members within a given group by heightening their loyalty to the group and magnifying the characteristics of that group in contrast to the enemy. Politicians play on existing social boundaries within the population in order to drum up support for or opposition to public policies. Take, for instance, the recent battle over healthcare reform. Those who favored the legislation characterized detractors as greedy rich people who were unsympathetic toward the plight of the poor and middle class (economic divisions), while those who opposed the bill accused the other side of trying to turn America into a socialist nation (ideological divisions). By establishing this sort of “us versus them” mentality and demonizing the opposing group, politicians frequently achieve results, and thus have little incentive to abandon the strategy.

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Thanks to my Father, I learned the poem “If” by Rudyard Kipling from a young age. It seemed the poem could always provide comfort whether I had done poorly on an exam or was being bullied.

But after a time, the poem’s magic began to backfire. All the virtues and traits it expounded left me overwhelmed and bewildered. How could anyone stay true to these principles under every circumstance and never fall short? I later realized that the poem does not describe a reality but an ideal archetype for which one should strive but not necessarily attain. By obsessing over synching my young life with each suggestion, I had made the perfect the enemy of the good and missed the heart of the poem entirely.

Understanding the poem is more than comprehending each bit of advice it offers. Rather, the poem’s central message is found in its underlying theme: balance. When Mr. Kipling advises one be comprehending each bit of advice it offers, he is not to say America is anything but a great country and an amazing place to live. But to say the country does not currently face many serious issues is to be blind, deaf and dumb. Health care, financial regulation, foreign policy, education and infrastructure are all areas in which the next several years will prove crucial in determining America’s long-term strength and stability.

In short, the poem says being a man (the poem was written for his son) is about moderation and balance because the virtues are not found in absolutes but in the margins. Regardless of personal morality, the concept of moderation and balance is something which most people can easily embrace and yet is so often forgotten in contemporary American society. This is not to say America is anything but a great country and an amazing place to live. But to say the country does not currently face many serious issues is to be blind, deaf and dumb. Health care, financial regulation, foreign policy, education and infrastructure are all areas in which the next several years will prove crucial in determining America’s long-term strength and stability.

Each issue is deserving of its own column if not a whole book, but they can also be beneficially discussed as a cohesive group. Like Mr. Kipling’s poem these diverse issues share common threads like taxation, capitalism and liberalism. But the most important connective issue, as with the poem, is the concept of balance.

This may seem a simple idea but it is actually far more complex than one might expect. Foreign policy has to balance short and long term interests while also keeping a pulse on public perception. And financial regulation has to balance risk management with corporate efficiency. Leaving aside any technical terms, each issue boils down to a discussion of rights and duties and how to balance them.

Addressing the issue as all or nothing leads to drastic action that ends up doing more harm than good. For instance, many environmental groups are opposed to all drilling, nuclear energy and clean energy incinerators. They are not trying to balance the environment and maintaining economic growth.

Perhaps the best way to break down this concept of balance is to address the issue which is truly at the center of modern politics: the rights of the individual vs. the rights of the community. As contentuous as this issue is — or perhaps because of it — most people, regardless of ideology, miss the point and argue for one side or the other. Disputably, many of these so called “tea partiers” fall heavily on the rights of the community. But can the Tea Party be real hope for success in America’s long-term political issues, there must be compromises made between communal and individual rights. Frankly, this was the very basis for the American constitution which, unfortunately, has largely been forgotten today. Just as the few should be free from the tyranny of the many so the many should be free from the tyranny of the few.

Once one understands these must be compromises for the sake of long term stability, the question then becomes what these standards of compromise will be. Here too, Kipling’s poem may come in handy. Though the key virtue is temperance (balance), it also emphasizes modesty, humility, honesty, and fortitude. Certainly, remembering the virtues will not solve every political crisis or impasse but it will help keep everything in perspective. In a political arena where political ideals are too often advanced at the expense of practical solutions thus making the perfect the enemy of the good. Yet peace in the world is worth the effort. After all looking around demanding individual rights while Mr. Obama and his friends fell heavily on the rights of the community. Here not the women. In fact, the woman’s bathroom, the men’s bathroom should be close by, right? Well, whoever built Stinson-Remick didn’t think so! After looking around for a few minutes, I found a map, and it turns out the men’s bathroom is on the complete opposite side of the building— nowhere near the women’s bathroom. Not only that, but I had to go through a maze of hallways to find it. In the end, what should have been a routine trip to the bathroom turned into a 15 minute game of hide-and-seek. That’s valuable time you need to be bathroom! Also, Stinson-Remick don’t only buildings with bad bathrooms. Many other buildings do too, including Hayes-Healy/Hurley, Fitzpatrick and several others. In most buildings, bathroom locations make almost no sense. Now I know it would be near impossible to move bathrooms around in current buildings, but the next time a new building is built, could you please put the men’s and women’s bathroom next to each other and at least sort of easy to find?

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On April 11, Divine Mercy Sunday, there were two men ordained to the priesthood on campus. These men have given up their lives for Christ. Without the priests on campus Notre Dame would not be such a special place when you see a priest today, thank him for all he does to make your life have meaning and to keep you close to God through the Sacraments. Also, pray for Father Gerry and Father Kevin and all our wonderful priests in this year of the priests.

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During my time here, I have had a bit of a gripe with Notre Dame’s bathrooms. I had tolerated the issue, but it came to a head recently. The other day, I was working on a project at the brand new Stinson Remick building. I was there for a while, so inevitably I had to use the bathroom. I went out to find it, and found the women’s bathroom. Now, it would make more sense if you if you find the women’s bathroom, the men’s bathroom should be close by, right? Well, whoever built Stinson-Remick didn’t think so! After looking around for a few minutes, I found a map, and it turns out the men’s bathroom is on the complete opposite side of the building— nowhere near the women’s bathroom. Not only that, but I had to go through a maze of hallways to find it. In the end, what should have been a routine trip to the bathroom turned into a 15 minute game of hide-and-seek. That’s valuable time you need to use the bathroom! Also, Stinson-Remick isn’t the only building with bad bathrooms. Many other buildings do too, including Hayes-Healy/Hurley, Fitzpatrick and several others. In most buildings, bathroom locations make almost no sense. Now I know it would be near impossible to move bathrooms around in current buildings, but the next time a new building is built, could you please put the men’s and women’s bathroom next to each other and at least sort of easy to find?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Classes in residence halls

Classrooms in the residence halls do not work well. Faculty and students, who do not live in the residence hall, have to wait until someone who lives in the residence hall opens the door. This makes the students and faculty late. Also in some residence halls the “classroom” is in a public space, making it difficult when students walk through the class to get to somewhere else in the residence hall (Ryan Hall for example).

The University of Notre Dame needs another classroom building since classrooms have been changed into offices and other academic uses.

-- James Napier

Democratizing Democracy

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AnTostal began as an Irish tradition in the 20th century. Inaugurated in 1953, the event carried through until the 1960s when it fizzled out in Ireland. Initially, the celebration of Irish culture was an attempt to attract tourists during the Easter off-season.

Today, Notre Dame holds a monopoly over the term AnTostal, which means “the festival,” since it has become an annual campus tradition since 1967. Taking place during the last full week of class before summer, AnTostal is meant to help students relieve stress and let loose before they have to hibernate for finals.

However, the AnTostal of 2010 looks nothing like the uproarious festivals of the 1970s. Comparing the weekly schedules of this year to the AnTostal of 1977 illustrates the mellow and, quite frankly, boring nature of this year’s festivities. In 1977, the 10-year anniversary of AnTostal began on “Wicked Wednesday” with a bar crawl. If you bought a Happy Hour ticket, you were good for cheap (if not free) drinks at a number of local bars, including Fat Wally’s, Corby’s and Bridget McGuire’s.

This year’s “Wiggity Wiggity Wednesday” features games on South Quad and trivia in LaFortune. Hark to tradition, S.U.B. Take a note from 1977! 1977’s “Gentle Thursday” was jam-packed. A full-out circus act came to campus, you could throw your friend in jail for a quarter and at the annual Mr. Campus competition, President Jimmy Carter was rumored to be making an appearance. By the way, Bruce Jenner and Farrah Fawcett were invited too! And students had to be careful; at a random point in the day, 500 ping pong balls were going to fall from the sky as tokens for prizes. Flash forward to 2010’s “Thabulous Thursday.” A carnival is planned on South Quad and the best of Acousticafé is coming to Legends. We all enjoy a little jam session, but what about flying ping pong balls? Can’t President Barack Obama show up for a few minutes?

1977’s “Frivolous Friday” was comprised of some truly unique events that SUB should have no problem resurrecting in the future. The organizers planned an event centered on an attempt to break a record by fitting over 32 people in a car. Keg toss contests were invited to have a slumber party. This “Freedom Fridayside” is high-lighted by events like Howard Hall’s Cake Walk and the Battle of the Bands. Quite the lackluster line-up in comparison to the AnTostal Fridays of yore.

The rest of the weekend in 1977 must have been a strain on the Notre Dame student’s body. Beginning at 6 a.m. on “Sunday Saturday,” there was an athletic competition, a road rally, chariot races, mud volleyball, quad soccer matches and Bookstore Basketball. They capped off Saturday night dancing to disco at the Stepan Center at an Irish Wake.

Yes, that is a ridiculously large bottle of Seagram’s whisky held by a Notre Dame lady while partaking in a muddy AnTostal event. Yes, that is a frisbee thrown 4 p.m. Impersonation Contest in front of Alumni. But only one dollar off pitchers!

2010 schedule

Melodramatic Monday
11:30 a.m. T-Shirts and Ties in the Dome Center
5 p.m. Greek Food in the Dooley Room
7 p.m. Dorm Eating Contest in the Ballroom
12 a.m. Quarterdog Fridays

Freedom Friday
8 p.m. Battle of the Bands at Legends
Showtospin’ Saturday
1:30 p.m. Blue-Gold Game
8 p.m. Parachute and The Carter Twins at Legends

AnTostal used to include “The Ugliest Man on Campus” Contest. “Beppo” Guido won in 1977 with over 49,000 votes, an ND student campaign for Guide’s title.

- Jello toss
- Egg toss
- Break record by fitting 32+ people in one car
- Boys must play girls with boxing gloves, bags over their heads, or some other sort of handicap

For a few minutes? Can’t President PigTostal. Probably the biggest party of the year at Notre Dame, it’s a glimpse into an average spring weekend at a state school. Also, it’s probably a peek at what South Quad may have looked like during AnTostal in 1977— but it’s technically even a part of AnTostal celebrations at Notre Dame.

One cannot deny that this year’s plans do include some awesome charitable events such as “The Ball and the Beautiful,” where students will shave their heads for St. Baldrick’s Foundation, a cancer research non-profit. Additionally, college students never say no to free merchandise: T-shirts, sun glasses and food will be passed out throughout the week.

Yet even the number of events planned in 1977 was far greater than the arrangements made for this year’s AnTostal. A hit of drinking and danger was involved in their outrageous ideas, but if developers of the festival could minimize the risk and maximize the fun of old AnTostal plans, students might actually participate and get the stress relief they so direly need this last week before finals.

The voices expressed in the column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
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There will be a prescreening of Universal Pictures’ new movie “MacGruber,” scheduled for release in May, Thursday at 9 p.m. The prescreening is at the Cinemark 14, two miles east of campus and free for students. Tickets will be handed out at various campus events this week, but they do not guarantee a seat. Students should arrive at the theater early to make sure they are seated.

“MacGruber” is an adaptation of the Saturday Night Live (SNL) sketch starring Will Forte (MacGruber) and Kristen Wiig (Vicki St. Elmo). The sketches are parodies of the 80s hit TV show “MacGyver.” All the sketches involve a bomb with limited time to defuse it, odd household materials and MacGruber saving the team. The smart money says that all of these will be a part of this summer blockbuster.

In the movie adaptation, Washington D.C. is the target of a nuclear warhead owned by MacGruber’s arch nemesis, Dieter Von Cunth (Val Kilmer). MacGruber is called in for duty. He must stop Dieter and protect Washington D.C. from the missile. If you love explosions and sophomoric humor, this movie is definitely for you.

“MacGruber” is not the first SNL sketch to be turned into a Hollywood film. Hits such as “The Blues Brothers” and “A Night at the Roxbury” got their storylines from SNL and became timeless classics. However, SNL has also given us flops such as “Coneheads” and “It’s Pat.” It’s hard to tell where “MacGruber” will fall among these movies, but you can find out for free this Thursday or look for the review in Monday’s paper.

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**PGA**

Furyk cites mixed feelings about tournament win

Associated Press

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Jim Furyk hadn’t had many victories in his career as Verizon Heritage win.

OK, maybe he’d had at least one or two as strange.

Furyk won his 15th PGA Tour event and second since March, when Brian Davis ended their one-hole playoff by calling a two-stroke penalty on himself. Davis ticked a loose reed in a marshy area beside the 16th green and called in a ruling that ended the violation.

Furyk felt empathy for Davis, who did nothing wrong.

“[Davis] was there at Harbour Town as he worked for his first career tour win. Instead, Furyk was left wondering whether to celebrate as his childhood dashed the green.

“I’ve only had a win feel more awkward than that once in my life.”

Jim Furyk

PGA golfer

Furyk was a 27-year-old pro playing the Argentine Open. Furyk had tied Edwards Romero and was anticipating a playoff when “El Romano’s nickname, was disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard.

“We sat in the scorer’s tent 20 minutes waiting for a ruling and everyone else was speaking Spanish, and I had no idea what was going on,” Furyk recounted.

Finally, Furyk was told he won.

“Oh, okay,” he asked.

“Wow,” Furyk was so much as dumbstruck this time after Davis’ infraction, “Are you sure?” he asked his opponent.

“I know I did,” Davis responded, according to PGA Tour director of marketing, White. “I could not have lived with myself if I had not.”

What Davis lost on the course will be regained in his reputation for his honorable act, White said.

“That will come back to him.

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Davis also offered the Bobcats hope they could make a series turnaround.

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Goodell: Roethlisberger violated policy

PIITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger zipped passes to his wide receivers, exchanged jokes with teammates and smiled throughout his first workout since the Pittsburgh Steelers missed out on the playoffs.

Business as usual for one of the NFL's most accomplished quarterbacks? Absolutely not.

At the same time Roethlisberger was practicing for the first time this spring, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell was telling a radio audience Monday that the quarterback violated the NFL's personal-conduct policy with his "pattern of behavior" and "bad judgments."

Roethlisberger was accused of sexually assaulting a 20-year-old college student in a Georgia nightclub last month, although he will not face criminal charges. Roethlisberger does face disciplinary action by the NFL, including a likely suspension, following the release of documents outlining tawdry behavior by the two-time Super Bowl winner.

"The issue here is with respect to a pattern of behavior and bad judgments," Goodell said on the Dan Patrick radio show. "You do not have to be convicted or even charged with a crime to be able to demonstrate that you've violated a personal-conduct policy, and reflect poorly not only on themselves, but all of their teammates, every NFL player in the league, and everyone associated with the NFL. That is what my concern is, and I have expressed that directly to Ben, obviously, and I'll be making a decision as soon as I possibly can."

The Steelers are anticipating a suspension lasting as many as four games that could be announced next week. Goodell also could issue a conditional suspension, much as he did in the Michael Vick case, in which the length of punishment isn't determined for months.

Even if he is suspended, Roethlisberger could practice and take part in preseason games.

The Steelers didn't take action against Roethlisberger themselves to avoid a possible appeal from the players' union. However, several players said the club outlined to them, during a Monday meeting with coach Mike Tomlin, a newly adopted zero-tolerance policy in which unacceptable player conduct will be dealt with harshly and swiftly.

Cheruiyot wins Boston Marathon in record fashion

BOSTON — Let him be known from Hopi-pan to the Back Bay as "Robert the Younger," the second Kenyan named Robert K. Cheruiyot to win the Boston Marathon and the first person ever to run the legendary course in under 2 hours, 6 minutes.

Robert Kiprono Cheruiyot won the 114th Boston race Monday, finishing in 2:05:52 to shatter by 82 seconds the course record set by four-time winner Robert Kipkoech Cheruiyot, who's not related. American Ryan Hall, who finished third last year, missed another spot in the podium on by 2 seconds, but his time of 2:08:41 was the fastest ever for a U.S. runner in Boston.

"Today was a breakthrough day," said Hall, who was 6 seconds faster than Bob Kipkoinnen in 1994. "Guys are paving new territory, and that's good for us, too."

While Favre mulls future, Vikings re-sign QB Jackson

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The Minnesota Vikings re-signed backup quarterback Tarvaris Jackson on Monday as they wait for Brett Favre to decide if he will return for another season.

Jackson was a restricted free agent who was given a one-year tender worth $1.176 million.

He served in a backup role to Favre last season and appeared in eight games. The fifth-year team veteran has 19 career starts with 21 career touchdown passes and four rushing.

A second-round pick out of Alabama State in 2006, Jackson became the Vikings' first-string quarterback in 2007. He started all 12 games in which he appeared, missing the other four with a variety of injuries: strained groin, broken finger and a concussion. He also has had knee problems during his career.

Baylor Valero suspected in wife's death commits suicide

CARACAS, Venezuela — Former boxing champion Edwin Valero, who had a spectacular career with 27 straight knockouts and a tattoo of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on his chest, hanged himself in his jail cell Monday after being arrested in the fatal stabbing of his wife, police said.

Valero's 24-year-old wife, Jennifer Carolina Viera, was found dead in a hotel room hallway across the country Sunday, and police said the fighter emerged from their room telling hotel security he had killed her.
“My life was not a fairytale, but with friends, family and focus, I did it. You can do it, too.”

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Tebow attracts teams due to marketability

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tim Tebow's marketing power is already reaching its potential, even if his NFL future isn't quite so certain.

When Tebow strolled through a gym recently with a five-man entourage for an EA Sports video game photo session, the polarizing figure drew stares from people and clicks from cell-phone cameras. Toddlers jumped when he passed the day care center, nudging their noses against the windows. Even they seemed to recognize his appeal was something special.

This is the Heisman Trophy winner who some called the greatest college player ever. Now he is an NFL enigma, a big question mark when it comes to Thursday's draft because of his throwing motion and the offense he ran at Florida.

Still, he is easily the most marketable player in his draft class, which offers a rare but intangible quality that reaches beyond sports — and could improve his draft stock.

Tebow said in an interview with The Associated Press that he's not sure which one NFL team, expressing concern about his pro potential, even asked him. "Would I rather be the quarterback of their organization or the governor of the state of Florida?"

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"I'm very relational based," he said. "So if I feel great with them, I'm willing to bite just on his message."

Tebow sounded some might disagree with his personal views.

"I'm not the guy who's going to say, 'You're not right and you're going to be my slave.' "

No longer restricted by the NCAA, he has ventured into the marketplace. Just don't expect to see him pitching beer or male-enhancement pills any time soon. But he said he won't shy away from his beliefs.

Tebow will stick to companies that he deems a good, positive message.

"It's the marketplace, but you don't want to be a separation between what's good and what's not good as a faith-based brand."

Orlando executive Bob Ortenzio said Tebow "isn't a polarizing figure. He's an extremely positive, upbeat image with a two national titles make him an easy choice for companies." Tebow already has signed a deal with Nike that reportedly pay him $300,000. He's made paid appearances for Gatorade, pitched a much-talked-about Super Bowl commercial and is the cover boy for EA Sports' trademark college football video game — no split covers necessary.

"Tim was an obvious choice this year, and the selection process is not usually an obvious choice," said Tim Goedde, EA Sports vice president of marketing. "Frankly, that's why we switched to a one-athlete cover across all the game systems. There was nobody else who could do what he could do for us."

And if Tebow could gobble up so much attention in college, why not the NFL? That's a question swirling around NFL front offices.

Since his pro day workout, Tebow has had individual sessions several times, including Buffalo, Minnesota, Cleveland, Seattle, New England, Washington, Kansas City and New York. The draft is just days away, and is the Denver Broncos, the team he said he would love to play for in New England, expressed concern about his pro potential, even asked him. "Would I rather be the quarterback of their organization or the governor of the state of Florida?"

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"I'm very relational based," he said. "So if I feel great with the people that I'm working with, it if I feel that we're on the same page and that they have the same interests as me, that they're high character, that they're loyal and they believe in a positive message, then that's the type of people that I want to work with."
ASHBURN, Va. — Donovan McNabb looks strange in a burgundy and gold No. 5 jersey. His return to a Washington Redskins uniform. McNabb, who spent much of practice patrolling the field with arms folded and a scowl on his sun-baked red face as he embarks on the task of changing the culture of a team coming off back-to-back last-place seasons.

"It's a difference when you say 'commitment' and you want somebody to buy into a system that you really don't believe in," Portis said. "Having coach Shanahan here, you just believe in whatever he says. If he says I want to be traded and is hoping it happens before this week's draft. McNabb is unhappy about his contract, having lost his chance to become an unrestricted free agent because the league and union haven't completed a new labor deal.

"I understand and I can sympathize," Shanahan said. "But at the same time we're dealing with the situation at hand, and I'd like Rocky to come in as quickly as possible."

Portis expressed not a hint of surprise with the situation at hand, and he's the same drum. And if you don't, you're not very good."

The day's most surprising comments might have come from Shanahan's son, Kyle Shanahan, the new offensive coordinator. Even though the offensive line is considered the glaring weakness of the team — it'll be a major upset if the Redskins don't address it heavily in the draft — the younger Shanahan gives it a 50/50 chance of Haynesworth: "When he does something, he's going to make a whole lot of mistakes."

McNabb said he's already moved past the trade that brought him from the Eagles. He focused more on learning his new offense than expressing any peculiar emotions about wearing a burgundy and gold No. 5 jersey instead of a green and white one.

"I feel like a freshman just getting to college," McNabb said. "I spend a lot of time at night studying."

The absences of Haynesworth, linebacker Rocky McIntosh commanded as much attention as anything that happened on the field. Haynesworth is unhappy about the prospect of playing nose tackle in the Redskins' new 3-4 defense, while Shanahan is displeased that Haynesworth prefers to do offseason conditioning on his own.

"He's made a decision to do what he wants to do," Shanahan said. "I'm just hoping that he can come in here in great shape, come in here and prove me wrong."

Haynesworth's name comes up frequently in trade talks, but Shanahan sought to dampen the speculation with a denial that leaves quite a bit of wiggle room: "I'm not looking to trade anybody on our team."

Defensive coordinator Jim Haslett even made a public recruiting pitch of sorts, saying of Haynesworth: "When he does show, he's going to have to play all three positions" on the defensive line — instead of just nose tackle. Campbell, demoted by the acquisition of McNabb, would like to be traded and is hoping it happens before this week's draft. McIntosh is unhappy about his contract, having lost his chance to become an unrestricted free agent because the league and union haven't completed a new labor deal.

Expectations high as Redskins start minicamp


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repetition, repetition. The footwork we use enables the quarterback to get the ball out quickly, and a lot of these guys are a little bit elongated in their footwork. It’s just taking too long for them to get the ball out for us.”

On senior wide receiver Duval Kamara: “Duval, the last week, is really starting to look like a BCS football player. He’s starting to block.

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home runs and 38 RBIs. But Michigan has also been getting the job done on the defensive side, and is second in the conference with a .968 team fielding percentage.

Notre Dame will have to rely on its timely hitting, a factor that was missing for the better part of the season and which has returned at a critical point in the schedule.

There have been a lot of extra hitting, which always pays off,” Schrage said. “I think we’ve settled into a lineup, so guys are more relaxed. If anything, as the season goes on the hitters catch up to the pitchers. I think we’re definitely in that groove right now.”

The Irish will be without their top three starters, senior Eric Maust, junior Brian Dupra and sophomore Steve Sabatino, all who pitched in the weekend series against Seton Hall. Schrage said that the starting pitcher will be a game-time decision between sophomore LHP Ryan Richter and freshman RHP Adam Norton.

Notre Dame’s lack of depth in the rotation comes on the heels of an injury to junior ace Cole Johnson, who went down last month with soreness in his throwing shoulder.

“We hoped that Cole would throw last Tuesday, but he was playing catch and felt pain,” Schrage said. “He got relooked at again on Thursday and was starting to feel better. He’s going to try and throw a little bit in the bullpen, and we’ll see where his status is. Right now he hasn’t been able to overcome his soreness.”

Despite a disappointing start to their final season, the seniors have spurred Notre Dame’s recent success and have displayed a sense of urgency in the second half. Schrage said he expects them to rise to the occasion heading into a rivalry game against the Wolverines.

“A lot of them are playing, and they want to make something of the season,” Schrage said. “They have a lot invested in this program, and they want to make their last year special. I’m expecting them to step up again.”

First pitch Tuesday is scheduled for 6:35 p.m. in Ann Arbor. The two teams will meet again Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium with a 6:05 start.

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two strokes behind Matuszak’s overall score, shooting an 83 Sunday.

Senior Perri Hamma and junior Mary Kate Boyle both saw their scores improve on the second day as well. Boyle shot an 81 on the second day to improve her score by two strokes while Hamma cut six strokes off her Saturday score to shoot an 86.

Winning the tournament was DePauw University with a total score of 630. The Tigers’ Taylor Beatty was the first place finisher with a total score of 149.

Despite the relative unfamiliarity of the course, Matuszak said she felt the course was easy to adjust to on day one, which led to better scores for the Belles on the second day.

“This weekend I just tried to play smart, the course was not that difficult to shooting a decent score was very possible,”

Matuszak said.

Saint Mary’s will have the luxury of being able to host the final two MIAA qualifying competitions this weekend at Blackthorn Golf Club Friday and Notre Dame’s Warren Golf Course Saturday. Other than just being the weekend’s hosts, Matuszak said she is confident the Belles will be able to win the automatic birth to the national tournament.

“The next two rounds are at home for us, which is a huge advantage,” Matuszak said.

“We have all been working very hard as a team and we have the common goal to make it to nationals.

“I think we all just need to have confidence in what we can do as a team and believe in our skills.”

Saint Mary’s will attempt to overtake Olivet University for the automatic NCAA tournament berth this weekend with the second round teeing off Friday at 2 p.m. at Blackthorn.

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The Observer apologizes for the absence of Schad and Freude.
Making strides

Molnar says there is no game plan for Saturday

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

Irish offensive coordinator Charley Molnar certainly hopes his unit will put on a good show in Saturday’s Blue-Gold Game, but in terms of a game plan — well, there is none, he said.

“ ’It’s a practice session with a crowd, which brings the pressure up another level, and both sides of the ball are anxious to perform and make a move, ’’ Molnar said. “I think those are the benefits of having a spring game in front of a big crowd in the Stadium. As far as the actual play selection — that’s really secondary when the spring game comes.

The annual game in Notre Dame Stadium represents the end of spring practice, and Irish fans are anxious to get their first look at coach Brian Kelly’s squad — and especially at new starting quarterback Charley Molnar certainly wants his team to dominate.

Junior quarterback Dayne Crist and the offensive line practice in a 11-on-11 scrimmage Saturday.

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The offense has been “making strides” in getting where the coaching staff wants them to be.

For the most part, we really want to see our offense just master the base concepts that we have in the run and the pass game. If we can do that, we’ll come out spring ball feeling a lot better than we do right now."

Notes: Molnar on what the quarterbacks need: “Repetition, repetition, repetition, repetition — that’s really what we’re focusing on right now.”

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BELLES/Belles improve to take fourth at Spring Fling

By LUKE MANSOUR
Sports Writer

Although Notre Dame is still several wins away from reaching the .500 mark, a weekend sweep of Seton Hall has given the Irish (15-19, 5-7 Big East) a renewed confidence as they head to Michigan Tuesday for a non-conference matchup.

I was impressed by the team’s recent success,” Irish coach Dave Schrage said he believes his squad has weathered the storm to reach a turning point in the season.

“Well, we’ve won four games in a row,” Schrage said. “We have to look ahead though. Michigan is a top of the Big 10 team, and we just want to keep playing good baseball right now. Right now we’re trying to build off the momentum that we achieved over the weekend.”

Michigan (22-12, 6-3 Big 10) is currently tied with Ohio State for first place in the conference and has won six of its last seven games. The Wolverines are led at the plate by sophomore catcher Coley Crank, who paces the squad with six

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Belles improve to take fourth at Spring Fling

Professor Natalie Matuszak said, “Although we expected to place higher we did post good scores which I believe will give us confidence for next weekend.”

Matuszak finished with a total score of 159, leaving her tied for ninth place overall in the tournament. She was able to cut five strokes off her score on the second day, finishing with a 77.

“The scores the second day were better,” Matuszak said. “For me, I felt a lot more confident and knowledgeable of the course the second day, as I’m sure several of my teammates did.”

Junior Rosi O’Connor was