Students shave their heads for a cure

The Bald and the Beautiful event raises money for St. Baldrick's Foundation for Cancer Research

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

When freshman Brigid Halloran first saw the ad for The Bald and the Beautiful, she decided to shave her head in support of cancer research — and never thought twice about it.

“I lost a friend to cancer earlier this year. She was special to so many people and is missed dearly everyday,” Halloran said. “So when I saw the ad for The Bald and The Beautiful, I committed myself to shaving my head. It was a natural, very easy decision.”

The Bald & the Beautiful: ND Fights Cancer is a campus-wide event hosted by the Class of 2012 and sponsored by Fiddler’s Hearth. The event began Wednesday and will run until the Blue-Gold Game Saturday, raising donations for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation for Cancer Research.

Last year, 140 men and women from the Notre Dame community participated in the event to raise $26,500 for childhood cancer research.

Student body president Catherine Soler said she hopes to raise $30,000 this year.

“Currently, 90 people are signed up to shave their heads, but that’s not including the 25 walk-ins we had today and the 40 football players,” she said.

Soler said three of the 90 signed up are men.

Although many girls cringe at the thought of a head without hair to straighten or curl each day, Halloran knew her contribution to cancer research, as well as the opportunity to commemorate a dear friend, would make every last strand worth it.

“I am not nervous at all! It is, after all, just hair,” she said. “Over 160,000 children are diagnosed with some form of cancer every year. Their cause is certainly more important than my ‘daily do.’

Former Irish defensive back Mike Anello has also taken the cause into his own hands, MikeAnello.com. “I started doing [the blog] a month and a half to two months ago. I wanted to get a few episodes up first, so people could come to the site and watch more than one video,” Anello said.

The Bald and the Beautiful event taking place through Saturday. The organization is raising funds for St. Baldrick’s Foundation for Cancer Research. The Bald and the Beautiful: ND Fights Cancer is a campus-wide event hosted by the Class of 2012 and sponsored by Fiddler’s Hearth.

Students prepare for Earth Day festivities

By EMILY SCHANK
News Writer

Students looking to celebrate Earth Day will have numerous opportunities to do so on campus this year, from fashion shows to rock climbing walls.

“This is the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, so we wanted to make the celebration a good one,” said junior Regina McCormack, co-president of Students for Environmental Action (SEA).

“The major goal is to celebrate environmentalism at Notre Dame and increase awareness about environmental responsibility.”

Campus celebrations will kick off at 11 a.m. with an Earth Day Rally at Fieldhouse Mall, which includes a free climbing wall open to all students.

“Bringing a portable wall to campus seemed to be the perfect way to expose the Notre Dame community to something fun and exciting,” junior Brent Kelly, treasurer of the Notre Dame Climbing Club, said. “In addition to the physical and mental challenge of rock climbing, there is also a spiritual aspect that demands a respect and adoration for nature.”

ND SEED gives back to Guatemalan village

By KATLYN SMITH
News Writer

A group of six students will be giving back to a Guatemalan village while applying their engineering skills this summer.

Notre Dame Students Empowering through Engineering Development (ND SEED), a team of civil engineering students who have been fundraising and designing a bridge for a community in Palquí, Guatemala this year.

Partnering with Bridges to Prosperity (B2P), a non-profit organization seeking to fight global poverty by building footbridges in developing countries, ND SEED will finalize construction of the bridge in June.

ND SEED member Stephen Santay, a junior, said he got a positive reaction from the community when the group visited the site during fall break.

“They were very, very excited for us to be there and very humble that we were taking on the project,” Santay said. “They were very willing to help us out with whatever we needed and were very generous.”

According to the ND SEED website, the project fills a particular need for school children. During the rainy season, students cannot cross the flood-ed river Quebrada Palqui and have to walk an hour out of their way to reach the schoolhouse.

“In the rainy season, which is a significant portion of the year down there, the attendance at school drops by more than 50 percent,” Santay said. “So, I think that would be the main goal of our project is so that the kids can go to school to get an education year round.”

Sophomore Enrique Descamps, a native of Guatemala, said the community offered the group the head of a cooked chicken, a traditional honor, as a token of their gratitude.

Descamps said the bridge will address Guatemala’s infrastructure need, as most roads are unpaved and houses built on dirt.

ND SEED poses with Guatemalan families they visited in October. They will be traveling back to the country in May.
QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT GETS YOU THROUGH FINALS?

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Jeff Berryman sophomore 
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Marti McGraw freshman 
Pungburn
Nathan Lin freshman 
Sorin
Peter Baxter freshman 
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“Caffeine.”
“Napping, golf and lots of Ramen noodles.”
“My boyfriend.”
“Studying.”
“Singing.”

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com


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Le Point Verge: Mary and The Cathole Imagination” will be presented by Wendy M. Wright at 7:30 p.m. today in Carroll Auditorium at Saint Mary's College.

The Best of Acousticafe will be held today from 10 p.m. to midnight in Legends. The event will feature live student musical performanc- es. The event is free.

The Shirt Unveiling Ceremony will be Friday at 5:45 p.m. at the Hammers Notre Dame Bookstore. The event will feature remarks from Irish Coach Brian Kelly, and shirts will be available for purchase immediately after the ceremony.

The Notre Dame Bike Fest 2010 will be Friday from noon to 7 p.m. in front of the Rockne Memorial building. Bike registration, free tune ups, safety skills and bike clubs will all be available.

The Blue-Gold Game will be held Saturday at the Notre Dame Football Stadium starting at 1:35 p.m.

The 3rd Annual Father Ted Fun Run/Walk will be held Sunday starting and ending at South Dining Hall, with registration beginning at 1:15 p.m. and races beginning at 3:30 p.m. All proceeds go toward the Upward Round program, helping low-income high school students become first-generation college graduates.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
By MEGHAN PRICE

The Saint Mary’s Student Government Association (SGA) held its final meeting of the academic year Wednesday to discuss and vote on the bylaws and election policies for SGA.

The board decided it wanted to increase the number of candidates running for elected positions and also the number of students voting in those elections.

One of the concerns about the rules was the timing of elections. Sophomore class president Nicole Skirtich, junior Casey Cockerham, a sophomore, and Chapman, a freshman, said they had been held too close to finals.

“We're excited about this, but we know there are some issues,” Gans said. “The timing really diminishes involvement.”

Many board members thought that having the candidates commit to the student body to come together,” McShea said. “I think the rivalry is important but it’s a time for the student body to come together,” McShea said.

Regardless of the specific format, junior Casey Cockerham, chairman of the Committee on Campus Technology, said changes must be successfully communicated to the student body.

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“The average GPA at Saint Mary’s is 3.17,” junior Emily Skirtich, executive secretary, said. “The requirement is already below that and so I think it would be a bad idea to lower it further. We don’t want our representatives to be below average.”

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STUDENT SENATE

Group discusses plans for 2010 football pep rally

By SCOTT ENGLERT

Student Senate passed one resolution and discussed the new 2010 football pep rally format during its meeting Wednesday night.

The resolution states: “All commissioners shall be chosen by May 1 of the term they serve in their respective organizations.”

Sophomore Paige Becker, chairwoman of the Oversight Committee, said the resolution is not actually changing the current format of the selection of student union ethics commissioners but is proposing to install the current practice as an official amendment in the constitution. The resolution passed unanimously.

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Spring Break, which will make next year’s elections a bit earlier than those in the past.

SGA president Rachael Chesley, a junior, also said the board the candidates would be informed of the election rules and requirements two weeks before the election.

She said this would give candidates more time to prepare and the student body more time to learn about their platforms. The minimum 3.0 GPA requirement to run for office was also debated. Many of the officers felt the requirement should be lowered because it could get more students interested and involved in the election process. However, others felt this would be lowering the standard too much.

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with sheet metal and other materials vulnerable to mudslides during the rainy season. The students, under the direction of Descamps, saw a wide spectrum of the community involved in the project.

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Senior Angela Munich said the project will have a large impact on the community with limited resources.

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The Bald and the Beautiful will continue today and tomorrow from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Sorin and Dunne rooms of LaFortune. For more information about the event, or to offer donations, visit https://sites.google.com/a/nd.edu/nldclass/2.

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Anello rallied nearly 30 team members to shave their heads, as well as people across the country to donate to his cause. "It's been cool seeing that the idea has been coming from across the country," Anello said.

"I've had 9,000 people as well as people across the country have signed up for the shaving," Anello said. "And even those children was extremely thankful for their love and support.

"In this country, for one thing, we have 25 percent of our bridges in a state of disrepair because they haven't been maintained properly, so we do a bad job of this every single day," Kijewski-Correa said. "So for this particular project, we want to learn from the mistakes we've made in this country about leaving maintenance as a secondary thought, an afterthought until it's too late.

"The community is currently excavating the site and building the foundation alongside a B2P site supervisor until the students arrive.

"I think we are the community decides whether or not to finance labor," Kijewski-Correa said. "I imagine most of it they are doing it on their own time with the free labor power to get it done because they see the impact it's going to have on their lives," Kijewski-Correa said. For Kijewski-Correa, one of the biggest challenges is raising close to $20,000 for costs ranging from transportation to materials for the bridge. The economic climate and budget costs across universities departments have complicated fundraising.

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"I think we are so spoiled by an amazing and wonderful life that we take for granted how much we have to be thankful for," said Kijewski-Correa. "By every day until you go to some of these other countries and see how desper-care they are for a simple thing like a footbridge that's going to make it possible for them to get to other communities, neighboring communities and to have a better way of life, and we don't think twice every time we get into our car and drive," Kijewski-Correa said.

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He said the club chose to do this as a part of the Earth Day Rally to emphasize the majesty of the natural world and humanity's responsibility to it.

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South Bend area will also be at the rally giving out information about their work in the community. McCormack said.

"My hope is that the rally will teach students a little more about real-life environmental issues and what people are doing now to cope with them," she said. "It's really just a fun, outdoor cele-

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ASH CLOUD COSTS AIRLINES $2 BILLION

NEW ORLEANS — Rescuers in helicopters and boats searched the Gulf of Mexico for 11 missing workers Wednesday after a thunderous explosion appeared to be a blowout, sending hundreds of feet over the Gulf of Mexico as fires and smoke raged through the roughly 400-by-250-foot rig captured by evening.

A total of 126 workers were aboard the rig when it blew up. The Coast Guard said 17 were taken by air or sea to hospitals. Four were reported in critical condition with severe burns. Others suffered burns, broken legs and smoke inhalation.

Nearly 100 other workers made a direct question about — do you believe this? Do you believe that?” White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said. “I think the president will ask any nominee discuss how they view the Constitution and the legal principles enshrined in it.”

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Man finds kidney donor in mayor via Facebook

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Politicians long ago discovered the uses of Facebook. East Haven Mayor April Capone Almon found something else there: a constituent who needed her kidney.

Capone Almon, 35, had more than 1,600 “friends” on Facebook last year. She saw one of them, Carlos Sanchez, post a status update saying his friend and relative had been severely injured and couldn’t donate a kidney.

She knew him casually through activities and friends in the New Haven suburb of East Haven, but they weren’t so close that she had heard he was ill.

Sanchez, a 44-year-old father whose kidneys were failing because of diabetes, sent out the request on Facebook only hesitantly and on his doctor’s suggestion. He worried people might think he was acting out.

But Sanchez, Padden and Schafer say that they didn’t affect Lee’s case, however.

Lee drove a 1996 Camry. A limited number of those were subject to a recall for a problem with aftermarket cruise controls that caused sudden acceleration. However, Ramsey County Attorney Susan Gaertner announced Wednesday that Lee’s Camry had a factory cruise control and was not among those recalled.

Schafer and Padden say that Lee’s petition for a re-inspection was not among those reports, ”Gaertner said. ’I really felt from the very beginning that I was going to be a match and a donor. I didn’t know why, but I just knew it. Sanchee had no such certainty.

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Prosecutor: Camry in deadly crash not recalled

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The inspection of a Toyota Camry involved in a deadly crash that sent a St. Paul man to prison supports his claim he did all he could to try to stop before the 2001 collision that killed three people, attorneys and a participating expert said Wednesday.

The filamentation on the brake lights of Koushong Lee’s car “exploded,” indicating Lee hit the brakes at least a second or two before impact, said Jim Cook, an expert hired by the victims’ attorney, Mike Padden.

Lee’s defense attorney, Brent Schafer, began working to get the case reopened after Toyota recalled several newer models due to sudden acceleration problems. Lee’s accident was among a growing number of cases, some long resolved, to receive new attention after Toyota admitted its problems with sudden acceleration were more extensive than originally believed.

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HEADLINE

GM pays back $8.1 billion loan early
WASHINGTON — Fallen giant General Motors Co. accelerated toward recovery Wednesday, announcing the repayment of $8.1 billion in U.S. and Canadian government loans five years ahead of schedule.
The administration crowed about the “turnaround” at GM and fellow bailout recipient Chrysler LLC, saying the government’s unpopular rescue of Detroit’s automakers is paying off.

Much of the improvement comes from GM slashing its debt load and workforce as part of its bankruptcy-court-ordered reorganization last year. But the automaker is a long way from regaining its old bling. It remains more than 70 percent government-owned and is still losing money — $3.4 billion in last year’s fourth quarter alone. And while its car and truck sales are up so far this year, that’s primarily due to lower-profit sales to car rental companies and other fleet buyers.

Chrysler, now run by Italy’s Fiat Group SpA, said Wednesday it lost almost $200 million in the first quarter. But it said it boosted its cash reserves by $1.5 billion, reducing the likelihood that it will need more government aid.

Obama says value-added tax possible
WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama suggested Wednesday that a new value-added tax on Americans is still on the table, seeming to show more openness to the idea than his aides have expressed in recent days.

Before deciding what revenue options are best for dealing with the deficit and the economy, Obama said, “I don’t want to get in the business of trying to give the government’s action against
the SEC sued the bank but is expected to take questions on the case. The panel declined to comment.
Goldman’s willingness to answer questions in such a public forum suggests the bank is trying to get in front of the SEC case, said Christopher Whalen, managing director of Institutional Risk Analytics. “There’s no place to hide, so if I were advising Mr. Blankfein I would tell him to get out in front of the SEC story,” he said in a

Blankfein declined to comment on the report. Blankfein will answer questions before the Senate’s Permanent Sub-committee on Investigation, which is investigating the role of major banks in the sub-prime mortgage crisis, according to the person familiar with the conversation. After the Senate panel declines to comment, Blankfein agreed to appear before the panel before the SEC sued the bank but is expected to take questions on the case. The panel declined to comment.

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Fisherman loses control of vessel due to throttle

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — In less than 15 minutes, commercial fisherman Robert Jack went from steering a 75-foot boat across the Gulf of Alaska to a terrifying plunge into its icy waters.

Jack was one of four crew members on the Northern Belle, based in Seattle, which was hit by a swell and tipped on its side Tuesday night before sinking 50 miles south of Alaska’s Shoup Peninsula, near the mouth of Prince William Sound.

He and two other crew members survived.

Jack told Seattle’s KING-TV on Wednesday that the scene was chaotic as the crew fled the boat.

“The throttles wouldn’t shut down,” he said. “We were moving at 7 knots, rolling over on one side. There were lines, there were brailer bags, heavy pieces of steel flying everywhere.

“The造成 the scene had sus- picions that their vessel may not have been properly loaded. The skipper, he said, had expressed reservations that there was too much weight in the stern.

On Tuesday night, Jack said, the crew had just fin- ished dinner, and the skipper turned the wheel over to Jack and headed for his cabin.

“All of a sudden, the boat took a very large surge to the starboard side, and panic started happening,” Jack said.

The captain ran to the engine room as Jack tried to turn the wheel over to Jack.

Jack swam for about an hour and finally spot- ted a bundle of wood that had been part of the cargo. He climbed on and blew a whistle to get the attention of the only woman on board, a deck hand he referred to as Nicole.

“I managed to get Nicole over, pull her up, partially out of the water,” he said.

The two rode the wood bun- dle until rescuers arrived.

A C-130 airplane from the Coast Guard reached the scene in a little more than an hour from Kodiak.

“The first thing we saw was a debris field,” Francis said. Rescuers spotted the crew members on another pass- two on the wood debris and two in the water, three of whom were waving. The air- plane marked the area with smoke flares and dropped life rafts strung together by float- ing line. A helicopter then dropped a rescue swimmer, who helped hoist crew mem- bers into a basket.

The man who died showed no vital signs, while the three survivors suffered hypothermia.

Dr. Phil Hess at Cordova Community Medical Center said the crewman who died suffered a head trauma while exiting the boat, but that it was unclear if he died from the injury or hypothermia.

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Museum dedicated to Gonzales

MIAMI — When federal agents stormed a home in the Little Havana community, snatchéd Elian González from his father’s relatives and put him on a plane back to his father in Cuba, thou- sands of Cuban-Americans took to Miami’s streets. Their anger helped George W. Bush the White House months later and simmered long after that.

Ten years later, the Little Havana home — for weeks the epicenter of a standoff that divided the U.S. — is a museum dedicated to Elián’s brief time in this country, but visitors are rare. Almost no one involved in the interna- tional custody case wants to talk about Elián, who is now a teenage boy back in Cuba.

Even most Cuban- Americans have moved on.

“It was a very sour taste left in their mouths,” said Andy Gomez, a senior fellow at the University of Miami’s Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies.

“But, realistically, it was a battle to be lost,” said Gomez.

Elian was just shy of his sixth birthday when the fisher- man found him floating in an inner tube in the waters off Fort Lauderdale on Thanksgiving 1999. His mother and others drowned trying to reach the U.S.

Elian’s father, who was sep- arated from his mother, remained in Cuba, where he and Fidel Castro’s communist government demanded the boy’s return.

Elian was placed in the home of his great-uncle, Lazaro Gonzalez, while the Miami relatives and other Cuban exiles went to court to fight an order by U.S. immi-gration officials to return him to Cuba.

Janet Reno, President Bill Clinton’s attor- ney general and a Miami native, insisted the boy belonged with his father.

When talks broke down, she ordered the boy carried out April 22, 2000, the day before Easter. Her then- deputy, current U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, has said she wept after giving the order.

Associated Press photogra- pher Alan Diaz captured the drama, which became Elian’s surrogate mother during his U.S. stay. The Justice Department has never released the identity of the agent and did not imme- diately respond to questions sent through inter- mediaries.

Lazaro Gonzalez declined to comment, as did his daughter, Marisleysis, who became Elián’s surrogate mother during his U.S. stay.

Clifton, who was in Miami last weekend, said he would still make the same decision even if the case were to be reopened because it conformed with international child custody law.
Shipments of uranium seized

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The president of Georgia confirmed Wednesday that his country seized a shipment of highly enriched uranium, and blamed Russia for creating the instability that allows nuclear smugglers to operate in the region.

In an interview with The Associated Press, President Mikheil Saakashvili declined to divulge details of the seizure but said the uranium was intercepted last month coming into his country in the Caucasus region of southeast Europe.

Saakashvili’s government no longer controls two breakaway sections of Georgia, separatist Abkhazia and South Ossetia, which declared independence after the 2008 Russia-Georgia war, and the president said the smuggling is evidence of a security black hole in the area.

Such seizures have come “mostly from the direction of Russia,” Saakashvili said. “They are trying to annex the regions.

Only Venezuela, Nicaragua and the South Pacific island nation of Nauru have followed Russia’s example and recognized both regions as independent states, while the rest of the world considers them part of Georgia.

Russia has since established military bases close to the territories’ borders with Georgia proper, and Saakashvili said it has been building up its artillery there. He noted that Western support and involvement in the region are his country’s best defense.

“We are not asking for an American troop presence,” he said. “We are asking for an American political, economic and security presence.”

South Ossetia’s border is a mere 30 miles (48 kilometers) from Georgia’s capital, Tbilisi.

News of the uranium seizure emerged during last week’s nuclear security summit in Washington, which was hosted by President Barack Obama and that Saakashvili attended. It was first reported by Britain’s The Guardian.

Obama has pointed to Russian cooperation as essential to his goal of securing all of the world’s nuclear materials within four years.

But Saakashvili said Wednesday that under Russian control, the two breakaway regions have become havens for smugglers.

“If you are legally in occupation then you are responsible for controlling proliferation,” he said.

He pointed to a 2006 sting stemming from an investigation in South Ossetia as evidence of the smuggling problem in the breakaway republics. In that instance, Georgian authorities arrested four people accused of trying to sell a small quantity of highly enriched uranium.

Saakashvili also said that Russia’s military buildup in the breakaway regions are a threat to his country’s security, noting that Russia has “not only the ability, but the intention to depose our government.”

“Russia is involved in geopolitical games all around us,” he added.

In one incident in July that was never disclosed, Saakashvili said, a Russian commander upset over an officer’s defection from the breakaway territories to Georgia ordered Russian tanks 10 miles (16 kilometers) into Georgia proper.

Saakashvili also said that Georgia was still looking into Russia’s example and recognition in South Ossetia as evidence of a security black hole.

The international situation in this region cannot be static,” he said. “Either the West will expand eastward or hard-liners in Moscow will expand westward.”

OK Corral transcript surfaces in frontier town

Associated Press

PHOENIX — A missing handwritten transcript from a coroner’s inquest done after the legendary gunfight at the OK Corral has resurfaced in a dusty box more than 125 years after the most famous shootout in Wild West history.

The document had been missing for decades — last seen when it was photocopied in the 1960s. It was found when court clerks stumbled on the box while reorganizing files in an old jail storage room in Bisbee, about 20 miles south of Tombstone, the Arizona frontier town where the gunfight took place.

Stuffed inside the box was a modern Manila envelope marked “keep” with the date 1881. The inquest was done after lawmen Wyatt Earp, his two brothers and Doc Holliday confronted a gang of drunken outlaws, sparking a 30-second gun battle in the streets of Tombstone that killed Frank and Tom McLaury and Bill Clanton.

It made folk heroes of Earp and Holliday and inspired numerous movies about the untamed Old West.

Officials showed off just one page of the transcript on Wednesday — a thick sheet of paper with blue lines and sloppy cursive writing in dark ink. It appeared to contain the beginning of testimony by William Claiborn, identified as a friend of the three dead outlaws.

“I was present on the afternoon of Oct. 26th ‘81 when the shooting commenced between outlaw parties,” the testimony reads.

Court officials have turned the document over to state archivists. Experts will immediately begin peeling away tape, restoring the paper and ink, and digitizing the pages.

The first pages could show up on the library’s website for historians to review as soon as next week.

It’s unlikely the transcript will provide any startling revelations about the gunfight, since historians have already reviewed photocopies and the inquest was detailed in many newspaper accounts at the time.

Still, historians have long argued over who fired first and whether Tom McLaury was armed when he was shot. Earp and the other lawmen said they were defending themselves.

Friends of the outlaws called it murder. Wild West fans still argue over who was right, even though a judge and grand jury found insufficient evidence to try Holliday and the Earp brothers.

Material buffs said the transcript is enlightening nonetheless because it has the potential to clear up fuzzy passages and reveal small notes that don’t appear in the photocopies.


This Year for Priests invites the whole of the Church to take time to reflect on and learn more about the ministerial priesthood and its role in the Catholic Church. Come then and join the Congregation of Holy Cross in responding to the Pope’s invitation.

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Let’s take “What Would Jesus Do?” and apply it to finals week. Let’s also eliminate the possibility that, as the Son of God, he already knows everything. Let’s assume the ultimate human like us, this would be a stressful week for him. And that Jesus has to look at him as a model. So, then, what does Jesus have to teach us about handling the pressures of finals week?

I’ve always found it hard to pray during stressful days. I often find myself, on days when the heat is on and I’m behind, sending up anxious prayers of desperation — prayers that ultimately only feed my stress, and of course produce no paper-completing miracles. Days of performance-induced stress offer a particular spiritual challenge, and the way to meet that challenge is hardly clear.

Why is it so hard to glean from the life of Jesus how he handled stressful times? Perhaps because, though Jesus does offer us a way of peace, it is not a simplistic way. On the one hand, throughout his life, and especially when his disciples were losing their grip, Jesus continually offered words of comfort, like “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You trust in God. Then trust in me.” Or, “Come to me all you who are burdened, and I will give you rest.” And many other consoling words and actions — Jesus calms the storm, or — a ready-made finals week miracle — quiets the lunatic.

These words and acts of consolation, however, are not the entirety of Jesus’ response to stress. For every image of peace and calm we glean from his life, we also have record of Jesus’ sleepless nights, arduous itinerant preaching and the sleepless prayers of his Father. If you wish to find you life, you must be willing to lose it and to take up your daily cross.” While Jesus says, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You trust in God. Then trust in me.” Or, “Come to me all you who are burdened, and I will give you rest.” And many other consoling words and actions — Jesus calms the storm, or — a ready-made finals week miracle — quiets the lunatic.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Misrepresentations

In her April 21 letter “Not so friendly,” Emily Stetler criticizes the organizers of the “Family-Friendly Pettition” for relying “on inadequate theological paradigms” in their effort to encourage the University to provide better health care coverage for spouses and children of graduate students. What these “inadequate theological paradigms” may be is unclear, since the three examples that Emily Stetler offers do not reflect the actual opinions of the organizers, but positions that she attributes to the organizers by taking their statements out of context and making unfair inferences. As a consequence, in arguing against the supposed “inadequate theological paradigms” of the organizers, Ms. Stetler criticizes positions that no one, in fact, advocates.

In her first example of the inadequate theological paradigms, Ms. Stetler quotes Peter Campbell who says that graduate students who work long hours and also arrive to be good parents are “a perfect symbol of the kind of values that the University wants to instill in its undergrads.” From this, Ms. Stetler infers, based on what I do not know, that Mr. Campbell believes that the University should encourage students to “live compassionate and moral lives” only within the confines of marriage. If Peter Campbell had expressed this opinion, Ms. Stetler would have every reason to be upset, but, alas, Mr. Campbell said nothing of the sort. Ms. Stetler here is arguing less against a straw man than a chimera.

Ms. Stetler then quotes Jamie O’Hare who states that at Notre Dame many married graduate students “will be bearing children, or they’re not following Church teaching.” He argues that the University should help all of the students “will be bearing children, or they’re not following Church teaching.” In other words, Jamie O’Hare does not even obliquely suggest that the University should not discriminate against married students. And while Ms. O’Hare does not say one way or another, I hope that she would agree that the University should not discriminate against those married couples who do not have children, whether because of deliberate choice or biological limitations.

In her final argument, Ms. Stetler accuses Mr. Campbell of denying that Catholic moral teaching includes “ministering to the lonely, working for economic justice and respecting natural resources,” because Mr. Campbell claims that part of the Catholic teaching is that married couples should, if able, procreate. Yet Mr. Campbell, by stating part of the Catholic moral teaching, does not attempt to deny other parts of Catholic doctrine as Ms. Stetler supposes, anymore than Ms. Stetler herself intends to deny Catholic traditions concerning peace, charity and equality when she invokes the teachings on ministering to the lonely and economic justice. Rather, he is doing nothing more than highlighting one single thread of a rich tradition.

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Still, there is room for improvement in implementing them. While Notre Dame stands idly, two respected peers have expressed qualms about labor practices at HEI Hotels & Resorts. Brown President Ruth Simmons sent a letter to HEI expressing concern over alleged labor law violations. Yale, respecting Simmons’ judgment, committed to investigating the allegations against HEI and reconsidering the investment relationship. Notre Dame can appeal to Catholic identity when it wants to depart from its peers’ practices. But our unique adherence to Catholic principles should have made Notre Dame the first among them to press HEI for better wages, benefits and worker safety. How can we stay sanctimonious about the demands of Catholic morality when they run contrary to ourLady’s business relationships?

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What does an industrial design major do after graduation? Pursue an acting career, of course. When Kyle Carter, a 2009 Notre Dame graduate, realized the only time he felt alive and excited was on stage, he knew what he was destined to do.

“It was the middle of senior year... and we were at a design conference in Minneapolis, and I’m looking at everyone and how happy they were to be drawing, like ‘Yes I’m going to be a project designer for the rest of my life! This is what I want to do.’ And I’m just sitting there falling asleep,” Carter told The Observer. “The first thing I couldn’t wait to do was go to the Target Center because Britney Spears was playing that night.

“I realized that the only aspect of industrial design that I enjoyed doing was presenting my project to the company.”

Carter did not pursue a degree in Film, Television and Theatre at Notre Dame but did take on an Italian minor so he could participate in the theatrical performances. While at Notre Dame, he also acted in PEMCo. shows, taking the lead role in both “Ragtime” and “Kiss Me Kate.”

But it was not until the middle of this year that Carter finally realized he wanted to be an actor.

“I had kind of been wavering, not knowing what to do,” Carter said. “That all changed when Jason Robert Brown, writer of the Broadway musical “Parade,” visited Notre Dame’s campus to watch PEMCo’s production. One student asked him for advice on how to make it in the acting world and his response struck a chord with Carter.

“Jason said, ‘when I was a younger guy I used to come up with this elaborate answer, but in the end if you wake up in the morning and literally everything else sucks but performing, then you’re supposed to be a performer and you’re going to do what you need to do to become that,’” Carter recalled.

Carter recently auditioned to play Jafar in “Aladdin” on a Mediterranean Disney cruise ship. During his interview with The Observer, he still had a Jafar-esque skinny beard hanging from his chin. He won’t hear back from the audition for another month or two, but he said he wants to make sure he looks the part if he gets a callback.

“Auditioning is my favorite part of the process because no one knows anything about you yet,” Carter said. “They look you up and down, and from what I’ve heard from all the people in the industry, literally 95 percent of your battle is what you look like when you get to the audition because they will cast you just out of the fact that you look like what you want.”

If the Disney gig doesn’t work out, Carter’s got back-up plans. He created an audition tape for “Glee” (check out his facebook page “Kyle + Glee = Awesome”) and hopes his video will be shown to the Glee casting director.

Carter already has a film under his belt called “American Covet,” an indie picture about a South Bend girl who’s going nowhere and needs to get out. He heard about the film during his senior year and scored a role as a drug dealer who becomes the woman’s best friend. “American Covet” was shot in South Bend and is set for release in September.

He also won MTV’s “King of Spring Break” last year, singing “America the Beautiful” in Panama City Beach, Fla. His prize included a Rock Band game set signed by Kid Cudi, Asher Roth and N.E.R.D.

Carter hopes to model his career off actors Taye Diggs and Will Smith, to whom he bears a striking resemblance.

“Everyone says I’m ‘Hitch,’” Carter said. “If they ever do a biography movie about Will Smith, I could easily be his character. I’m almost exactly 20 years younger than him — I wish I could be his brother but unfortunately the world doesn’t work that way sometimes.”

Now, Carter is living in South Bend and working at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. He has also helped out with the PEMCo. shows “Company” and “Parade,” and coached the Howard Hall Ducks onto a football championship in the fall. He stayed in the area because it was cheap to live here, but he plans to move to Los Angeles at the end of this year if he doesn’t get the Jafar or “Glee” roles.

“In the end, Broadway is what I’d like to do more than anything else, but I really don’t care,” Carter said. “I’m the kind of person that as long as there’s a camera and an audience, that’s good enough for me.”

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Barrymore, Justin Long and celebrities like Jake Gyllenhaal, popping up all over the place.

By COURTNEY COX
Scene Writer
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Rachel McAdams, Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law and the “Sherlock Holmes” story, the film rises from the dead and resumes his marriage to his fiancé. Yet the two ness in anticipation of his impending Watson is ready to leave the busi-

ness. It’s a matter of time before they split, but the celebrities in atten-
dance just didn’t make sense, at least not for the venue.

A miss this year would have to be Whitney Port. While she does have enough style to land her a job at Diane von Furstenberg, she didn’t quite show it here. Wearing some kind of weird bathing suit top and extremely high waisted silk shorts, she looked as though she was trying way too hard. The outfit just didn’t make sense, at least not for the venue.

Good, bad or really ugly, Coachella had plenty to offer this year for the fashion conscious observer.

The Shirt Unveiling, Bookstore, 4 p.m.
The highly anticipated revealing of “The Shirt” will occur Friday evening. Festivities begin at 4 p.m. outside of the Bookstore. The unveiling is at 5:45 p.m., but before that several campus groups are expected to perform including the Notre Dame marching band, Glee Club and Harmonia. There will also be a special appearance by Office Tim McCarthys as well as an appearance by new football coach Brian Kelly. T-shirts will be $11 for students, but you may only purchase two. Be sure to come out with your friends, enjoy some free food and drinks and celebrate the kick off of a great new football season.

Parachute with the Carter Twins, Legends, 10 p.m.
A pop rock band hailing from Charlottesville, Va., Parachute released its debut album, “ Losing Sleep,” in May 2009. The album debuted at No. 40 on the Billboard Top 200, and nearly a year later the group is still going strong. The band’s most well known song, “ She Is Love,” will be familiar to pop rock fans. Parachute will be joined by the Carter Twins at Legends Saturday night. Comprised of two brothers from Akron, Ohio, the group has a country vibe and its single “ Heart Like Memphis” reached No. 54 on Billboard’s Hot Country Songs. Following the show, stick around for the infamous Hip Hop Night.

“Sherlock Holmes,” DeBartolo 101, 10 p.m.
Somewhat of a departure from the traditional “Sherlock Holmes” books by author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the most recent adaptation finds Holmes and his assistant, Dr. Watson, at a bit of a crossroads. Having successfully wrapped a difficult case involving a serial killer, Watson is ready to leave the business in anticipation of his impending marriage to his fiancé. Yet the two are back at it when the serial killer rises from the dead and resumes his killing spree. As with any chapter in the “Sherlock Holmes” story, the film is full of intrigue and mystery. It also stars an excellent cast, including Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law and Rachel McAdams.

Kirsten Dunst have attended the festival in recent years. That is what makes Coachella such a magnet for fashion. It’s three short days, but the celebrities in attendance know they will be photographed, so they dress to impress. What these famous faces wear defines what is chic enough for the following summer. These clips are just a sample of the fashions seen at Coachella this year.

Alexa Chung, seen here attending the Lacoste party, has shot into the fashion spotlight because her originality and her British charm makes her downright delightful. She sported a silk romper, espadrilles, a light shirt and an over-the-shoulder bag to this year’s festival. Her style can be emulated but never matched, and she clearly has the height of fashion in her blood.

Kate Bosworth, pictured here with Alexander Skarsgard, exudes that deep California vibe that Coachella is famous for. She chose to wear a loose-fitting tie-dye halter dress, gladiator sandals and a slouchy purse. Her outfit is the perfect blend of practicality and taste necessary for a music festival. Her style can be easily replicated because she hasn’t chosen to wear anything outlandish — just simple clothes that look good and are comfortable, which is all you can ask for during a scorching hot day in the desert.

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The Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival will present “As You Like It” in the Phlibin Studio Theatre at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Directed by visiting artist and renowned Shakespearean actor Tim Hardy, the show features Notre Dame students and members of the Michiana community. With a twisting plot full of “Banished brothers, wandering lovers, mistaken identities, an angry lion, and a wily clown,” the show is sure to be the height of Shakespearean entertainment. Tickets are $18 for the general public, $15 for faculty, staff and seniors and $10 for students.

The highly anticipated revealing of “The Shirt” will occur Friday evening. Festivities begin at 4 p.m. outside of the Bookstore. The unveiling is at 5:45 p.m., but before that several campus groups are expected to perform including the Notre Dame marching band, Glee Club and Harmonia. There will also be a special appearance by Office Tim McCarthys as well as an appearance by new football coach Brian Kelly. T-shirts will be $11 for students, but you may only purchase two. Be sure to come out with your friends, enjoy some free food and drinks and celebrate the kick off of a great new football season.

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**NBA**

**Thunder’s Brooks wins Coach of the Year**

Associated Press

**OKLAHOMA CITY —** Back when the Thunder were 3-29 last season, the notion of the playoffs coming to Oklahoma City any time soon was unimagined. But it was that same miserable stretch that made general manager Sam Presti confident that coach Scott Brooks was the right man to lead his team into the future. While Oklahoma City struggled to the worst start in the NBA, Presti was impressed by the way Brooks stayed the course and never tried to force immediate changes in hopes of making the Thunder better. He now has taken the youngest roster in the league and turned the team into a 50-game winner and a playoff team just one season after the horrid start.

For that best-in-the-NBA turnaround, Brooks was recognized Wednesday as the NBA’s coach of the year. He received 71 of 123 first-place votes and 480 points to finish ahead of Milwaukee’s Scott Skiles (26 first-place votes, 313 points) and Portland’s Nate McMillan (9, 107).

“He’s someone that I think is incredibly consistent as a person. He is unaffected through adversities and also through successes, and I think that’s an important quality we want to have as we move forward,” Presti said.

Even as he was receiving a statue of Red Auerbach, Brooks faced another daunting turnaround: an 0-2 deficit in the Thunder’s best-of-seven series against the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers, led by Kobe Bryant and coach Phil Jackson.

Game 3 is Thursday night in Oklahoma City.

“This is the first-time playoff experience for a lot of us, including myself, and you’re playing against one of the best coaches of all sports, one of the best players ever and a team that has a 1,000 (games of) playoff experience to ours,” Brooks said. “But we learn from playing against the best players and the best teams, and we’re going to keep fighting and figuring out ways to beat them.”

While the Thunder didn’t immediately start winning after Brooks took over for the fired P.J. Carlesimo, there were signs of progress. His decision to move Kevin Durant from shooting guard to small forward increased his production, and the additions of Thabo Sefolosha and Nenad Krstic plus defensive-minded assistant Ron Adams started to pay dividends, too.

“We were improved once he took over as the coach. We still lost some games that were tough but we were learning and we were getting better each day in practice,” said Durant, who developed into the NBA’s youngest scoring champion this season.

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**In Brief**

**Cubs’ Piniella puts pitcher Zambrano into bullpen role**

NEW YORK — Lou Piniella is tired of watching his relievers blow games for the Chicago Cubs, and, boy, is he ready to do something about it.

Piniella made a bold move Wednesday, inserting temperamental ace Carlos Zambrano into a shaky bullpen that threatened to derail Chicago’s season.

“You look at these box scores every day around baseball and these games, especially in the National League, they’re won in the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth innings,” said Piniella, in his fourth season as the Cubs’ manager. “There are few blowouts early. There’s some obviously but not (a lot).

“Look, this makes all the sense in the world.”

Chicago’s bullpen was 1-6 with a 6.15 ERA and three saves in seven opportunities heading into Wednesday night’s game against the New York Mets.

**Saints RB, former USC star Bush settles pending lawsuit**

SAN DIEGO — It appears Reggie Bush has reached an out-of-court settlement with a fledging sports marketer who is trying to recoup nearly $300,000 in cash and gifts the star running back and his family allegedly accepted while he was playing at the University of Southern California.

Depositions involving the two former marketers who sued Bush while he was at USC have been called off, attorney Brian Watkins told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Asked whether Bush was still scheduled to be deposed Friday, Watkins said: “I have no comment.”

A settlement could stymie the NCAA and Pacific-10 Conference investigators, who are trying to determine whether Bush and his parents took improper benefits. Bush has not met with NCAA and Pac-10 investigators, and has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing.

**Woods adds two tournaments to upcoming spring schedule**

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Tiger Woods added two more tournaments Wednesday to a schedule that is not much different from previous years except for the timing.

Woods entered The Players Championship and the AT&T National, which benefits his foundation.

It was the second straight week that Woods made an early commitment to a PGA Tour event, allowing it more time to promote his appearance. For years, the world’s No. 1 player waited until the last few days before signing up.

Last week, Woods beat the deadline by eight days for entering the Quail Hollow Championship, which starts April 29. He signed up for The Players Championship, which starts May 6, nine days ahead of the deadline.

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**around the dial**

**NFL Draft First Round Coverage**

7:30 p.m., ESPN

**NBA Basketball Lakers at Thunder**

9:30 p.m., TNT
Green returns to golf after losing leg in car accident

Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. — The first big step in Ken Green’s improbable return to golf came with a severe limp, just like every step since a horrific auto accident that took the lives of his girlfriend and brother and cost Green his right leg.

This was only a pro-am Wednesday at the Champions Tour, yet it carried so much uncertainty.

“All right, guys,” he said quietly to his amateurs as he stood over his opening tee shot. “I don’t know. This might be interesting.”

Even more beautiful than the flight of his tee shot were the ropes lining both sides of the fairway at the Savannah Harbor Golf Resort, indissoluble evidence that Green was back on the stage where some thought he might never return.

“I do want to have fun and enjoy it,” Green said. “Because I don’t know how many times I’m going to get the chance to do this again.”

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Bayliss, Irish to host Big East title matches

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

After a strong 7-0 victory at Navy last weekend to finish the regular season, Irish head coach Bobby Bayliss will oversee the tournament’s operations while trying to get his team to a conference title.

The challenge won’t be a new one, however, as he has hosted multiple NCAA championship rounds on the Notre Dame campus while his team was also competing in them. With the help of his staff, Bayliss is more than ready for the weekend.

“The challenges of hosting the Big East, at least for me, are greatly minimized because of the terrific support staff we have here,” he said. “Having this kind of support makes my job pretty easy.”

With the details planned, the courts prepared and his team’s needs met, Bayliss can focus on Notre Dame’s goals for the weekend.

“The goals for our team are twofold,” he said. “First come the performance goals and handle adversity with poise. Two: make good decisions as a team, whether to be aggressive and when to keep the ball in play. Three: at the appropriate time, be willing to pull the trigger.”

Being on their home courts will definitely make the weekend easier for the Irish, who have spent much of the season on the road battling a difficult schedule. Most of all, this weekend gives the Irish (13-11) a chance to continue their positive play at home this year, as Notre Dame has gone 6-3 on its own courts.

“The benefits of hosting are to be able to trim our own home courts and to be able to sleep in our own beds,” Bayliss said. “We expect a good crowd and believe that the crowd will help us to be at our best.”

Being familiar with all surfaces is certainly a plus. Not only are the Irish in familiar territories with the comforts of home, but they are also surrounded with well-known faces.

The Irish have won their last two matches, one at home against Ball State and most recently, at Navy. In both events, Notre Dame was able to grab the doubles point early in the match for a jump-start into singles competition. The Irish are 10-1 on the season when capturing the doubles point, which they know will be tough against Georgetown (10-11), their first-round opponent.

“I have not faced Georgetown play this year, but they beat Navy 5-2 recently, so we are familiar with that level,” Bayliss said. “They are well coached by Gordie Ernst, someone I have known for well over 30 or more years, so I expect a team with sound doubles preparation and a very feisty attitude.”

Notre Dame will face Georgetown at 9 a.m. in the first round of the Big East championships.

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NHL

Devils look to keep series alive

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — After only four games, Martin Brodeur shaved his playoff beard in an attempt to change the luck of the suddenly desperate New Jersey Devils.

About 90 miles down the turnpike, the fortunes of the star goalie and his rest of his teammates took a more tangible turn for the better on Wednesday when the Philadelphia Flyers announced that top forwards Jeff Carter and Simon Gagne would miss Game 5 due to right foot injuries.

Both players were hurt when struck by shots on Tuesday night during the Flyers’ 4-1 victory. Philadelphia general manager Paul Holmgren said the players would have surgery on Friday. Gagne’s recovery time is expected to be about three weeks. Carter, who recently returned from a broken left foot, will be on crutches for six weeks and is likely to be out for the playoffs.

Whether that will be enough to help New Jersey remain is still to be seen.

The Devils trail the first-round, Eastern Conference series 3-1 and need to win Thursday at home to extend the season. If they do, they will face elimination again Saturday in Philadelphia and will try to force the series back to New Jersey for Game 7.

If not, the No. 2-seeded Devils will have to deal with the reality that despite great regular-season success, they will have been ousted in the first round for the third straight year.

“We definitely are in a tough spot and we have to react accordingly,” Brodeur said after practice. “It’s double. You want to force them to try to close it out in their building. It’s tough to do. You start taking a game there and a game there, it gets a little tighter.

The Devils’ dressing room still had a pall over it as it did Tuesday in Philadelphia when the Flyers rallied from a 1-0 deficit to win to seize control of the series. New Jersey scored only three goals in the two road losses — none at even strength.

As big a concern for New Jersey is the fact that it has dropped eight of 10 games to the division-rival Flyers. The Devils will need to beat them three straight times to advance to the second round. The Atlantic Division-champion Devils haven’t won three consecutive games against anyone since a five-game run in December.

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Notre Dame hits the road

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

The Irish will compete at the Drake Relays and the Hillside Relays this weekend in what will be their final competitions before participating in the Big East championship next week at Cincinnati.

“The key to success this weekend will be staying focused,” sophomore thrower Michael Smigelski said. “Some members of our team are going to be free to spread out over a couple of meets, and some will be at home. It’s important for everyone to keep a good mind set for the Big East meet, even if the people aren’t necessarily competing this weekend.”

Smigelski threw 46.25 meters in the men’s hammer last weekend, and he is looking to continue the success he has had all season when he competes this weekend.

“I’m really hoping to get a personal record,” Smigelski said. “I’ve had a pretty good week of practice, and I feel like the weightlifting has been eased up so that we can finally perform at our best.”

Notre Dame has a successful weekend when it traveled to Purdue and the Mt. SAC Relays. Six Irish athletes picked up a first-place finish Saturday.

Freshman Rebecca Tracy won the women’s 800 meter competition and junior Marissa Treece picked up top honors in the women’s 1500. Senior Eric Quick topped the list in the men’s triple jump. Junior Miklos Szsebeny placed first in the men’s 100, senior Balazs Molnar won the men’s 400 hurdles and senior Joanna Schultz won the women’s 400 hurdles. The Big East championships will be held Friday through Sunday as the Irish hope to bring home another trophy in what has already been a rewarding season.

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Alexander’s Grill, He Went to Jared advance

By ALLAN JOSEPH and ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writers

In a thrilling contest, Street Ball Killaz pushed the top team in the Bookstore Basketball tournament to the brink of elimination before falling 21-19 to fail to advance past the round of 16.

Alexander’s Grill, composed of seniors Dan Crisman and Sean Reed along with juniors Sean Reed, Tim Andree and Nick Fessler, appeared to match up well with Street Ball in terms of size, with the 6-foot-8 Andree providing a suitable counterpart to Street Ball’s slightly taller sophomore Taylor Williams. Junior Adam Dobrzykowski and sophomore Zac Osok, Brad Kendall and J.T. Breveard rounded out the Street Ball squad, demonstrating an athleticism comparable to Alexander’s Grill, who expected a tough matchup.

“We knew these guys were tough — they beat a high seed the other night,” Crisman said. “We knew this was going to be a tough one coming in.

Street Ball started the game slowly, working the ball around on offense until Breveard could find an open man, while Alexander’s Grill pushed the ball down the court and looked for quick shots. Street Ball jumped out to an early 5-1 lead on the strength of some high-percentage shots. The lead stretched to 8-3 before Alexander’s Grill began to settle down, especially on the offensive end. The favorites began to be more patient with the ball and work for better shots, getting more of them to fall and beginning to close the gap. Street Ball, however, continued to shoot the ball at a very high accuracy and took a 11-7 lead and all of the momentum into halftime.

“They came out in the first half lights-out,” Crisman said. “I think they hit just about every shot they took.

The second half was dominated by an intense individual struggle between Reed and Breveard — each guarding the other on the perimeter and going point-for-point at times. Reed opened the second half with a bang, driving to the hoop and feeding DeMott for an easy layup. He followed that effort with two more scores of his own to quickly cut the Alexander’s Grill deficit to just one point.

Breveard, however, sparked another Street Ball run in which Alexander’s Grill could get nothing to fall while Street Ball continued its accurate shooting. Reed would not let his team fall too far behind. Feeling a sense of urgency on the offensive end to keep pace with Breveard’s torrid shooting, Reed cut the deficit to as little as one point on a banked-in, long-range jump shot. Street Ball appeared to have the game in hand at 19-17, when Breveard stole the ball from Reed and had a 2-on-1 advantage with Williams. Breveard fed his big man with an alley-oop pass. Williams caught the ball, stretched, and missed the dunk, with Crisman recovering the rebound for a huge Alexander’s Grill break.

The next Street Ball possession, Reed violently blocked Breveard’s shot to spark a fast break. This sequence of plays shifted the momentum completely to Alexander’s Grill, who promptly tied the game 19-19. Both teams locked down on defense while both offenses sputtered. Alexander’s Grill missed multiple free throws, while Breveard was called for traveling on an open breakaway. In the end, Andree and Reed were able to sink free throws at the end to push the top seed into the round of eight on the strength of Reed’s MVP performance.

Sean was huge. We knew he had a mismatch all day,” Crisman said. “He’s a tough guy to guard, no matter who you put on him.”

He Went to Jared 22, The Firm 20

He Went to Jared used a strong first half and a late push in the second to move on to the round of eight as an unexpected favorite.

He Went to Jared consisted of second-year graduate students Chuck Flynn and Brendan Bush, first-year graduate student Fritz Shadley, senior Alex Shadley and sophomore Chris Jung.

“We’re team He Went to Jared because Chuck just got engaged, and Chuck went to Jared,” Bush said.

The Firm fell behind 11-7 at halftime but played inspired basketball throughout the second half. The team was made up of sophomore Mike Renner and freshmen Gary Hunt, Matt Huber, Will Reising and Steve Conway.

Conway’s strong outside shot powered a comeback for The Firm. That, along with a more aggressive approach defensively, allowed them to eventually tie the game 16-16.

“We came out and played hard,” Reising said. “Our size kind of hurt us. Steve kept us in the game with some jumpers late in the game. It was our first experience in Bookstore and it was a good experience for us.”

The teams traded baskets all the way to a 20-20 score, forcing overtime. At that point, Shadley picked up a crucial offensive rebound and put it back up to give He Went to Jared the lead again.

After the biggest defensive stop of the game, He Went to Jared came back and clinched the victory with another lay-in after an offensive rebound. This time it was Flynn coming up with the big play.

Flynn was the most consistent player for He Went to Jared, as he had double-digit rebounds, several of which came on the offensive end.

“Our bread and butter is our defense. We had a sense of urgency when it was 20-20,” Bush said. “The other team played awesome. They’re fresh men, but they were tough.”

He Went to Jared advances to the next round and will play at 7 p.m. tonight.

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The Observer
Belles split with rival Hope in doubleheader

By KEVIN BALDWIN  Sports Writer

Quickly approaching the final stretch of the season, the Belles split a doubleheader at conference rival Hope Wednesday.

“They’re always a really tough team. They play hard every time,” Belles coach Erin Sullivan said of the Flying Dutch. “Their first pitcher was tough and they did a good job of adjusting to us. Game two was a real battle, they didn’t go out without a fight.”

The Belles (19-15, 8-4 MIAA) took the first game 8-4, capitalizing on a rally at the plate between the second and fourth innings that exhausted the starting Hope pitcher. Saint Mary’s held the Dutch on defense with great support form sophomore pitcher Monica Palicki, who notched her 10th win of the season. Sullivan said of the Flying Dutch, “Their first pitcher ran short in Game 2, as Hope notched her 10th win of the season, pitcher Monica Palicki, who had a consistent performance in the field, they struggled to keep up on offense and put runs on the board.

“It was one of those games where someone had to win, someone had to lose, it was such a battle,” Sullivan said. “The home runs hurt us — we left too many people on base. Angela coming out today … took a lot of mental toughness for her after last year.”

Sophomore Angela Gillis was out for redemption after pitching in both games against Hope last year, both of which the Belles surrendered.

Senior Ashley Peterson, who was recently recognized as the MIAA Player of the Week, added her name to the Saint Mary’s record books. Peterson belted two of her nine in the second inning, as well as six runs given up in the seventh for a single season homerun record. “Hope’s a great team. We would have preferred the sweep, but Oliver, Calvin — they’re the team’s we’re supposed to beat,” Sullivan said. Saint Mary’s will have a difficult time following up after last year. “I mean we have played as poorly as we did tonight, I would have preferred the sweep, but Olivet, Calvin — we’re the team’s we’re supposed to beat,” Sullivan said.

Hope in doubleheader
Belles split with rival

Irish fall to Michigan 13-1

By JARED JEDICK  Sports Writer

After playing Michigan to a close 3-2 loss in Ann Arbor Tuesday, Notre Dame was not able to get the momentum they had been building and dropped a clunker to Michigan at home.

“It is a shame that we played poorly as we did tonight, because we had played so well up until today,” Irish coach Dave Schrage said. “It really thought that we were gaining some momentum going into this weekend.”

Things started to go wrong for the Irish (15-21, 5-7 Big East) in the first inning, despite sophomore starter Steve Sabatino striking out the first two batters he faced from the Wolverines (24-12, 12-2 Big Ten). When Michigan junior outfielder Ryan LaMarre reached base after an errant throw to first base resulted in an error, first baseman Kirk McCarty couldn’t handle the ball, and an unassisted error was charged to Notre Dame. That error was followed up by two Wolverine singles to score a run and put two runners on for senior first baseman David Carey stepping off the bag. Six runs, including two earned, came unglued for Notre Dame. That error was followed up by two Wolverine singles to score a run and put two runners on for senior first baseman David Carey stepping off the bag. Six runs, including two earned, came unglued for Notre Dame.

The tough outing continued with two more runs given up in the sixth inning, as well as six runs given up in the seventh for a score of 13-0. The Irish sent out six pitchers and two relievers this weekend. “It definitely can happen,” Schrage said. “That is all we have to play for right now.”

The Irish are now shifting their focus to conference play, as they take on Cincinnati (19-16, 4-8 Big East) this weekend. “We have been focusing on the conference to be honest with you,” Schrage said. “Last weekend we were totally focused on getting back in the race.”

Schrage said his team was beginning to focus on the conference tournament as well. “We have been focusing on the conference tournament as well,” Schrage said. “That is all we have to play for right now.”

The Irish host Cincinnati for a three-game series starting Friday at 6:05 p.m.
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Kubinski said. “They just did a great job. They fought so hard, showed so much heart and guts, and they just hung in there. I was really proud of the way we finished.”

Entering the final round of play in fifth place, eight strokes behind Georgetown, the Hoyas mounted a tremendous comeback just to put themselves in position to take home the title. Led by sophomore Tom Ushe’s 2-under 69, Notre Dame turned in the lowest score of the tournament at 286.
The comeback was necessitated by a dismal first round score of 299, a product of heavy rains and soggy turf that plagued the first pairings of the day.

“It was a tough break getting paired in the early pairing by a blind draw on Sunday,” Kubinski said. “We played almost nine holes in pouring rain. After that we played better than anybody. It was just dumb luck, just chance that we went out early in the rain and they [Hoyas] didn’t have to do that, and they beat us by one.”

Despite the setback, the Irish went on to card the lowest scores of the tournament over the next 36 holes at 289 and 286, respectively. But the Hoyas responded to the pressure like champions.

“I give them a lot of credit because on the last hole they made five tremendous pars,” Kubinski said. “Three great up-and-downs, and a really clutch putt by Salina, the eight-footer to win it. You got to tip your cap to them.”

Several Irish players keyed the two-round rally at the Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club. Sophomore Max Scodro (73) finished at 2-over Tuesday after turning in the lowest score of the tournament through 54 holes. While seniors Josh Sandman and Doug Fortner turned in their best scores on the final round, Kubinski said a victory would have been the proper way to cap their exceptional careers.

“I just feel bad because it’s a little bittersweet,” Kubinski said. “They’ve done so much for our program and I know they didn’t get to go out the way they hoped to. They battled hard yesterday, and they really left everything they had out there for Notre Dame.”

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Women’s Lacrosse

Irish set to renew rivalry with Ohio State

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

The Big East has been kind to the No. 12 Irish, who are 5-1 in conference play this season following a three-game conference win streak. But Notre Dame will have to contend with the region rivalry and it’s always a fight against them,” Scioscia said. “They’re a scrappy team, so we need to come out ready from the first whistle.”

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Kelly said the special teams play would be the only main difference in rules. All punts will be fair catches, and field goals and extra point attempts will not be blocked. Additionally, each drive will start on the 30-yard line rather than having a kickoff to play. “That’s the last thing I’ll say,” Kelly said, it will be like a nor-

malf game.

“We want to run the first half as a game situation, we’ll go in at half and we’ll assess where we are at that point and then come out in the sec-

ond half,” he said. “All things will be the same, the differ-

ence maybe we may run the clock third or fourth quarter depending on where we are.”

Quarterback Dane Crist, who was questionable for the Blue-Gold Game due to his continuing recovery from knee surgery, will play “every sin-

gle snap,” Kelly said. However, Crist and the rest of the quarterbacks will wear red jerseys, which indicate that they are not to be hit.

“Check it out where we are right now, we need all hands on deck,” Kelly said. “And we’re moving some peo-

ple around on the offensive line, so I need to be judicious and not set these guys up for

some hits that they really shouldn’t take, so the quarter-

backs will not be live.”

Overall, the game will be lit-

tle more than an extra prac-

tice for the team, which will not have another chance to work together until summer session begins in June.

“For me to be in the Stadium on the spring game will be pretty cool,” Kelly said. “But other than that it’s really about giving these guys anoth-

er chance to be on the field and learn about what we’re trying to do here. We’ve made really good progress.”

Note:

Sophomore guard Chris Watt spent time at the center posi-

tion Wednesday, delivering snaps for the first time in his career. Kelly said he was keeping his options open for the center position.

“Anybody else is interested in snapping the football, one of the things in our offense is we’re always looking for cen-

 ters,” Kelly said. “We’re just trying to get some technique when we go into the summer, it’s another skill that he can work on. He’s a tough physical kid. He’s got a low center of gravity. He may be a center down the road, he just want-

ted to give him something to work on going into the sum-

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said. “We were not looking to take them for granted because they have put up some good numbers this season, and they backed it up. We did a good job at focusing on the task at hand and making sure to take care of the win.”

Notre Dame was leading 6-5 heading into the seventh

inning, but Strickland notched an RBI with the bases loaded to tie the game. But freshman Jackie Bowe stopped any thought of a Crusader comeback by closing the inning to earn her first career win.

Valdivia began the game from the mound for the Irish, giving up a leadoff single in the first to Strickland, the sixth leadoff hit allowed by Valdivia in 30 starts. Phalen hit a two-run

home run to snap Valdivia’s 36-inning scoreless streak in the circle. Irish coach Deanna Gumpf utilized her bullpen in the win, relying Valdivia after she gave up five hits and four earned runs in two innings. Freshman Brittany O’Donnell came in for four one-third innings of relief, allowing six hits and two earned runs.

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FOOTBALL

Airing it out

Defense limited, offense to take center stage

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Saturday’s Blue-Gold Game will be fun for anyone who likes an offensive showcase. Irish coach Brian Kelly said Wednesday:

“We won’t do a lot defensively. You won’t see much,” Kelly said. “And you’ll probably have going, ‘wow, our defense didn’t get the kind of progress we were hoping.’ I’m just preparing you for it right now. This is going to be set up for offense from that standpoint. We want to get out there and show some exciting football. We know at the end of the day our defense has made great progress this spring.”

The Irish have now completed 13 of their 14 spring practices leading up to Saturday’s Blue-Gold Game. Friday’s practice will simply be a walk-through for the scrimmage Saturday, Kelly said.

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ND SOFTBALL

Tean earns victory with walk-off

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The No. 23 Irish had to fight to keep their successful home season going Wednesday, but they did it with a 7-6 win over Valparaiso with the help from a home run and four RBIs from Dani Miller.

Miller hit a walk-off sacrifice fly to score junior Katie Fleury and secure the victory for Notre Dame. “The light is what really helped the win today,” junior pitcher Jody Valdivia said. “We kept competing and didn’t check out even when we got behind. Picking up the win was the most important thing we were looking to accomplish for today.”

The game ended after two ties and five lead changes between the Irish (35-7, 12-1 Big East) and the Crusaders (7-2 Horizon League). Valparaiso stranded 11 runners on base, but saw multiple hits from Sara Strickland, Kelsey Phalen, Lisa DelBruzzi and Jessie Marinec.

“Valpo came out swinging, that’s for sure,” Valdivia said.

ND WOMEN’S GOLF

Irish battle elements, take third in tournament

By TIM SINGLER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame placed third in the Big East championship, held amid rain and otherwise poor golfing conditions in Palm Harbor, Fla.

The Irish, who finished 72-over with a final score of 936 against a seven-team field, improved their score in each round of play. During the three-round tournament, the team carded scores of 320, 313 and 303, respectively. The final-round score of 303 was the lowest score of the tournament.

Despite being one of the favorites to win the tournament, the Irish did not play to their potential. Irish coach Susan Holt said the results of the tournament will serve as a reminder to the Irish that mistakes are costly in the postseason. “It needs to be a wake up call,” Holt said. “This time of year we need to be playing better.”

The Irish received solid contributions from a number of players. Focusing the Irish throughout the week was senior Annie Brophy, who finished in second place individually with a 10-over 226. She finished six shots back of Louisville’s Sara-Maude Juneau, the top

MEN’S GOLF

Hoyas edge Irish for title

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

The difference between first and second place can often be traced to one shot over the course of an entire match that dictated the final outcome. For Notre Dame, that moment came on a final putt at the 18th hole in the last round of the Big East championship.

With the title on the line, Georgetown’s Vincento Salina drained an eight-foot par putt to give the Hoyas a one-shot victory and seal a second-place finish for the Irish.

“Obviously a tough, tough finish down there at Innishook,” Irish coach Jim Brophy said.