University to evacuate Cairo abroad students

U.S. State Department recommends U.S. citizens leave Cairo; communication devices are shut down and riots continue

Observer Staff Report

The University will evacuate Notre Dame students from Cairo due to ongoing protests and violence in Egypt, according to a University press release. Notre Dame’s decision to evacuate the students was in response to a U.S. State Department recommendation. Twelve Notre Dame students are participating in Notre Dame’s study abroad program at the American University of Cairo (AUC).

“Notre Dame is collaborating with AUC and U.S. officials to have the students transported with other American citizens as soon as possible on government-arranged transport to safe havens in Europe, from where they will be assisted by Notre Dame to locations in which they will be able to safely continue their studies,” the press release stated.

In a Jan. 29 emergency website announcement, AUC stated that, “due to the circumstances in Egypt,” classes and activities were cancelled until at least Feb. 2.

The students in Cairo had
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Innovation Park looks toward expansion

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Editor

Rich Carlton, a local entrepreneur, attended the groundbreaking ceremony at Notre Dame’s Innovation Park in 2008 as a member of the Chamber of Commerce for St. Joseph County. At the time, Carlton did not envision himself participating in the Park, but today he is president and CEO of Data Realty, one of 30 client companies at Innovation Park.

“I saw it as an opportunity to be involved in a true community partnership between the community and the University,” Carlton said. "As a bridge, it’s not a final destination. People go from one side to the other.”

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Observer elects new top editor

The Observer General Board elected Sports Editor Douglas Farmer as the 2011-12 Editor-in-Chief Sunday.

Farmer, a junior Program of Liberal Studies major with a minor in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy, is a native of La Crosse, Wisc.

A resident of Alumni Hall, Farmer has led several sports beats, including football, men’s basketball, hockey, baseball, women’s soccer and men’s lacrosse.

“I look forward to the opportunities and challenges this new role will bring me. Fortunately, I know I will have a talented and dedicated staff working with me every step of the way,” Farmer said.

Farmer became Sports Editor in the spring of 2010 and led coverage of Irish football coach
Florida sandbar mischief continues

MIAMI — First, a baby grand piano mysteriously showed up on a Miami sandbar. A day after it was removed, a small table with two chairs, place settings, a bottle of wine and a chef statue appeared on the now-famous strip of sand.

The latest prank has officials worried the sandbar could become a target for more mischief and they are warning such activity is illegal. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission says anyone caught leaving items on the sandbar a few hundred yards from shore will be arrested.

A 16-year-old art student admitted that he put the piano on the sandbar in Biscayne Bay as part of an art project, and a crew removed it Thursday. The table for two has also been taken down.

Shooting and Manhunt deemed hoax

LOS ANGELES — A school police officer who triggered a massive manhunt by saying he had been shot in his bulletproof vest was regarded as a pariah Friday by authorities who deemed the shooting a hoax.

“A lot of people were inconvenienced that day, particularly given the fact that we now find out it was based on a fabrication,” Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck said. “I am extremely sorry about that.”

The Jan. 19 incident had the hallmarks of a brazen attack on law enforcement, when Los Angeles Unified School District police Officer Jeff Stenroos claimed he had been shot by a man with a gray ponytail who had been breaking into cars.

Hundreds of officers were dispatched to scour cars and yards as part of a massive dragnet.

Turns out, police said, there never was a gunman.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

Bill Anthus of Pitzer College will deliver his lecture “Edgar Heap of Birds at Home and Abroad: Ethics in a World of Strange Strangers” today at 4:30 p.m. The lecture will take place in 217 DeBartolo Hall.

Raul Zurita will give a poetry reading today at 5 p.m. in 100 McKenna Hall. The reading is free and open to the public.

The Nanovic Institute for European Studies will sponsor the presentation “How to Put Together a Research Project” today at 6 p.m. in the Hammes Student Lounge of the Coleman Morse Center.

The seminar, “High-performance Polymer Membranes in Fuel Cells and Gas Separation” is tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. The seminar will be conducted by Rulian Guo of Virginia Tech in room 129 of DeBartolo Hall.

The Career Center will host a Diversity Reception Wednesday at noon for more information visit career-center.nd.edu.

A library workshop, “Find it in the Newspapers” will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Hesburgh Library room 222. The workshop will be held by reference librarian Margaret Porter.

The Winter Career and Internship Fair is Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center. The fair is open to all undergraduate and graduate students from all majors.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer.na@gmail.com.

Know someone else for Monday’s Icebreaker? E-mail obsphto@gmail.com

Who is your celebrity crush? Hargis: Jessica Alba … before baby.

What’s your favorite part about Notre Dame so far? Hargis: Coming from sunny Nor-Cal I would have to say frozen nose hairs.

What are your spring break plans? Hargis: I am going to road trip through California universities.

What is your favorite TV show? Hargis: It’s between Dexter and Entourage. I love Dexter because it’s really awesome and I love Entourage because it is the ultimate life.

What is one of your nicknames? Hargis: JC … for reasons that should not be printed.

Monday Meltdown

Zachary Hargis
Freshman
St. Ed’s

OFFBEAT
Saint Mary’s joins Cristo Rey national partnership

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY
News Writer

The Cristo Rey Network announced Jan. 18 that Saint Mary’s College is among its list of 14 National University Partners. As a National University Partner, Saint Mary’s has teamed up with the Cristo Rey Network of 24 high schools across the country to ensure that low-income students have an equal opportunity of obtaining a secondary education. “The partnerships demonstrate Cristo Rey’s ongoing commitment to ensure that all of the graduates of its network high schools have access to the academic, social and financial support they need to complete a college degree,” Saint Mary’s media contact Gwen O’Brien said in a press release.

As part of this partnership, Saint Mary’s sends admission counselors to recruit at nearly all of the network high schools. “This means we work with the network, the high school personnel and other partners in opening doors to postsecondary education to their students,” Mona Bowe, vice president of Enrollment Management, said.

“But it goes beyond that,” Bowe said. “We participate in the annual Summit, where we can exchange ideas with the guidance counselors and learn from them about their students and their success stories.”

According to Bowe, Saint Mary’s alumna Janee Renteria is now the guidance counselor for one of the Cristo Rey High Schools in Tucson, Ariz. The college is very proud and honored to say they sponsored her to attend a national conference last fall.

Saint Mary’s involvement with the Cristo Rey Network stems back even before the Network’s launch in 2001. Bowe said she visited the original Cristo Rey High School in the 1990s. “As I learned more about the high school, and about the network as it was formed, I realized how close their goal and mission were to ours,” Bowe said. “In particular, these caught my eye: learning in a context of faith, rigorous Catholic secondary education and a real world Corporate Work ethic.”

Saint Mary’s Office of Admissions has enrolled a number of Cristo Rey students at the College, who have contributed their diverse views to the developing community.

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Businessman advises students on leadership

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

A visiting entrepreneur said his true passion is promoting business careers that have a social impact.

Dr. Mark Albion, one of the founders of Net Impact, a nonprofit business focused on global student leadership, delivered the keynote address for the Greater Good Lecture Series at the Mendoza College of Business Friday.

After watching his mother battle cancer and overcome a fatal diagnosis, he said he decided to seek out what his real purpose in life was. Throughout her battle, he said his mother continued to run her socially responsible textile mill.

“She’s never wavered and here her work and her impact was so phenomenal,” Albion said. “She knew what she was here — I didn’t yet know that.”

Albion has written seven books, some of which made the New York Times bestseller list, was a professor at Harvard University and has founded multiple businesses.

Throughout the lecture, Albion talked about what he considers a fundamental question of leadership. Business leaders should be asking themselves why are they here and what is their purpose as leaders, he said. Many people focus too much on what career they want rather than who they are and how they can use their passions to become a better business leader.

In Albion’s book “True to Yourself,” he writes about how leaders are there to serve others. He said that to be a good leader, three characteristics are needed: competence, commitment and compassion.

“A competent leader is an example of the values that you want to see your employees exhibit,” Albion said. “It does not mean knowing everything.”

He said business leaders are still human beings and they need to have a commitment to the growth of their people, not just their business. A compassionate leader has to look beyond their company’s impact on the industry and look at the impact it has on the world.

“You have to look beyond the borders of your own company and strive to do what is best for the world,” he said.

Albion talked about MBAs struggling with monetary desires and how to involve their passions with a business plan. He said he wants people to develop a destiny plan.

“Instead of being a conflicted achiever — that is, still trying to figure out who they are — you should be a passionate stiver that has combined their passion with a business plan,” he said.

Albion said figuring out who you are as a person and what you want to accomplish in life will create a better leader and businessperson.

“The way you make your way in the world is just by being you,” he said.

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What makes a grant proposal average, good, or great?

Undergraduate Research Grant-Writing Workshop

Session I – Proposal Reviewers’ Perspectives
Wed, Feb 2, 4-5 pm, Coffee House, Geddes Hall

Find out about
• the essential elements of a grant proposal
• what you need to know about research travel
• what opportunities are available for different majors

Featuring:
Prof. Susan Sheridan, Dept. of Anthropology
Prof. Yahya Kurama, Dept. of Civil Engineering & Geological Sciences
Prof. Umesh Garg, Dept. of Physics
Holly Rivers, Asst. Director, Kellogg Institute
Robert Zerr, Director, Risk Management

Coming Soon:
Session II – Hands-On Grant-Writing Workshop
Sun, Feb 6, 1-4 pm, Writing Center, Coleman-Morse
Bring your proposal drafts and get feedback from Writing Center staff.

Session III – Human Subjects Research and IRB
Wed, Feb 16, 3-4 pm, Location TBD
Could you talk about human subjects research and the Institutional Review Board process.

Featuring:
Dr. Darren Davis, Assoc. Vice President for Research, Office of Research
Dr. Tracey Poston, Compliance Program Director, Office of Research

Sponsored by Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement (CUSE), University Writing Center and the Office of Research
College hosts formal

By KRYSTINA HARcourt

Baby, it's Cold Outside" was the theme of Saint Mary’s College annual All School Formal, held Saturday night at the Student Center in downtown South Bend.

The December snow would be on the ground, especially in January, and we tried to think of the things that4

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Campus celebrates Christian Unity Week

By ADAM LLORENS

Christian Unity Week, a series of events hosted by Campus Ministry and the Department of Theology, works to help stu-
dents and staff embark on a communal journey to come together as a Body of Christ through conversation and prayer.

About 2.1 billion people claim the name Christian, but these followers of Christ are divided into a wide variety of denominations,” Karen Kirner, associate director of Student Life and Chair of the Catholic Campus Ministry, said. “Each group has different beliefs, and many of them live together in peace and harmony. The goal of the Christian Unity Week is to bring people together as one body of believers.”

Lamp said they made several changes this year, including increasing the number of attendees, the venue location and time.

“Some people may not come to the formal because of the formal will be held in the future,” Lamp said. “Since we had a larger budget to work with, we updated the venue and made sure every precaution was taken to ensure a safe and enjoyable event. The South Bend police were brought in to monitor students.”

A formal usually held at Palais Royale, but the committee moved the venue to the Century Center. Junior Julia Humphrey thought the decision was a good one. "It really enjoyed the change of location," Humphrey said. "It was a great experience for everyone at the Century Center. I also think that the bus system was more effective. Last year, it took forever to board busses and get to and from Saint Mary’s.

Senior Lisa Jaworski said she liked the changes. “I liked that the new venue was larger and had more space to move around,” Jaworski said. "The music and atmosphere this year was as well. The DJ had some really good music.”

The committee dealt with a few incidents dealing with intoxication and behavior, but overall, the event seemed to have fewer problems than last year, Lamp said.

“With everything that had happened last year, I decided to get involved and try to restore the formal’s original traditions,” Lamp said. “It’s my senior year and I wanted to make sure that this event continued to be a success in the future. I think our committee did great and the event turned out extremely well.”

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Kirner has helped organize several choirs for the Prayer Service. Five choirs from across campus will be leading the service in music, including the Celebration Choir, Voices of Faith Gospel Choir, Tutsi Tuns Band of Four: 7 Catholic Fellowship, musicians from Irish Sharpen’s Interdenominational Fellowship and Core Primo.

“Each group will be representing individually, and we’ll also sing several joint pieces together,” she said.

It’s important that members of the Notre Dame community share in all the similarities of Christian faith, have a chance to dialogue about differences with others and appreciate the nuances that each has to offer, Kirner said.

An easy way to participate is to attend the Thursday night prayer service at the Basilica, she said. The organizers of the Christian Unity Week hope that with the time spent examining beliefs, all Christians can unite as one people.

“We want students to realize that Christian Unity is something everyone can be a part of and working toward, even though it probably won’t be seen in our lifetimes,” Kirner said. “We want students to appreciate the validity of a wide variety of Christian expression, to be inspired by fellow students of different Christian expressions, and to write each other, and primarily to realize that we are all one in Christ.”

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Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — Foreign governments stepped up their warnings Sunday about travel to Egypt, with several urging their citizens to evacuate as soon as possible amid uncertainty over where the Arab nation is headed after nearly seven weeks of mass protests.

The fears of foreign tourists mirrored those of many Egyptians. Dozens of the means to do so rented jets or hopped aboard their own planes, little boost confidence in the future of a country long viewed as a pillar of stability in a restive region. Those leaving included businesswomen and celebrities.

The United States, Canada, Switzerland, Turkey and the Netherlands issued advisories urging their citizens to evacuate already in Egypt to leave and telling those who planned to travel soon to reconsider. The U.S. Embassy in Cairo said it was making arrangements to transport Americans who want to leave to "safehaven locations in Europe.

A growing number of countries, including China, Australia, France, Germany, Belgium, Finland, Russia and Poland — warned against travel to most, if not all, of Egypt's dozens of cities, including Iraq, either sent in jets or offered the option to transport Americans.

"If I had a visa to anywhere, I’d join them. But that's not going to happen," said Mohammed Khaled, a 28-year-old Egyptian doctor. "Right now, I'd settle for a gun, but I can't find even one of those.

Surging lawlessness on the streets after the much-reviled police essentially melted away prompted neighborhoods to form armed patrols. But crowds of men armed with shovels, sticks, clubs, chains, guns and even whips did little to project an image of stability.

Compounding the problem was a continued Internet outage. Security forces quickly shut down social networking sites and arrested several protesters’ ability to organize demonstrations against President Hosni Mubarak.

U.S. Embassy officials said they were unable to send text message alerts — which have been blocked nationwide since late Thursday — complicating efforts to distribute advisories.

The unrest is sure to affect Egypt’s vital tourism sector at least in the short-run. Tourism accounts for about 5 percent to 6 percent of GDP, making it one of the top four sources of foreign revenue.

Innovation Park provides advisory services for companies as they expand. These entrepreneurs have either worked with the University or hope to make connections with Notre Dame.

Ivie said the common laboratory with special equipment and non-profit social ventures, are startups. Brenner said he and his staff have learned to be flexible in advising each company.

"Without any definitive data to base it on, we really had assumed we would get companies in different stages of development but that there would be a number of them that would have common needs so it would be easy to shape programs," he said. "What we’ve learned is that we have 30 companies in different stages of development with different challenges.

Feedback from client companies is in constant evolution. Brenner said, and in the future Innovation Park could look to expand but it is not yet at full occupancy.

"We do have space here on this site for four buildings," he said. "It’s an open, active issue and we’re very pleased we have the space."

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ment about the recognition of AllianceND as an official club on campus,” Dewey said.

AllianceND, the proposed campus gay-straight group, has applied for official club status 14 times since the 1990s but has been rejected by University administrators each time, senior and acting vice president of PSA Julia Duranti said.

Past petitions have garnered over 2,000 student, faculty and staff signatures, Dewey said. PSA decided to include support for AllianceND in this year’s petition to make a more focused statement about the current environment on campus regarding sexual orientation.

“We realized that there hasn’t been a positive response from the administration in the past, so we were trying to think of new approaches,” Dewey said. “It’s a demonstration of support from a majority of students and faculty, but we’re mostly pushing for AllianceND to get official club status.”

Dewey said the large number of signatures in support of adding sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause demonstrates the need and desire of both students and faculty to have an informal outlet for discussion between gay and straight members of the Notre Dame community, ideally in the form of AllianceND.

“There’s a general level of discomfort for straight students in learning and talking about (sexual orientation),” Dewey said. “A lot of people don’t know what they think about it, so we want a space where people can meet each other and talk in a comfortable environment.”

Dewey said the University has countered the push to make AllianceND an official club by emphasizing the existence of the Core Council for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning students—a University committee made up of students and faculty.

“There are currently 12 council members,” Duranti said. “The University’s biggest argument against the recognition of AllianceND is the Core Council, but it’s not really a space for gay and straight students to meet, talk about issues and form friendships,” Duranti said. “Core Council is directly controlled by the administration, so AllianceND would provide an informal place for students to come together and break the ice about these issues.”

Without official club status, AllianceND doesn’t have access to University funding, can’t meet officially in public places on campus and can’t set up a table at Activities Night, Duranti said.

PSA also hopes to collect at least 3,000 signatures for the official presentation of the petition to the University administration at the end of March, president and PSA co-president Jackie Emmanuel said.

“While our most immediate goals for this campaign are changing, the nondiscrimination clause and getting recognition for AllianceND, the overall movement aims to create a more tolerant, accepting environment on campus for [lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender] students,” Duranti said.

Emmanuel emphasized the importance of the sexual orientation clause in creating a more comfortable environment for both students and faculty members.

“Currently, much of campus doesn’t realize the trials gay faculty and students go through every day,” Emmanuel said. “Untenured faculty members may hide their sexual orientations for fear of being rejected from campus or losing their jobs with no explanation, and closeted students may have to hide who they are from their friends for fear of being cast out of their friend groups.”

Boston College, Fordham University, Georgetown University and Saint Mary’s College, all Catholic universities, include sexual orientation in their respective nondiscrimination clauses.

Dewey said the proposal to change the University’s nondiscrimination clause should not be construed as an attempt to challenge Church teachings.

“There’s a misconception that we’re challenging Church doctrine, but it’s more of a question as to how strong the protections are for students who deal with harassment combined with an overall culture that isn’t the most accepting,” Duranti said. “We’re trying to hold Notre Dame to its Catholic ideals of nondiscrimination and universal love for all people, so Notre Dame has a long way to go to live up to that.”

Dewey said the changes proposed by the petition may seem small but could prompt significant changes in the future.

“It’s really not that controversial, and it’s a pretty small change, but it could go a long way in making a difference in campus culture,” Dewey said. “All of us love being at Notre Dame, so for most people the absence of AllianceND doesn’t matter much, but it’s important for LGBT students.”

Emmanuel said several other student clubs are in favor of the petition, including MECHA, College Democrats and Feminist Voice, all of which have been helping to pass out petitions and spread the word in general.

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A member of the Progressive Student Alliance speaks at a meeting focusing on the nondiscrimination clause.

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CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK 2011

JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 4

PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS ARE WELCOME

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Mon. Jan. 31 - Ecumenical Lecture
* Being an Eastern Catholic: A Challenge for Catholic-Orthodox Ecumenical Relations? * Fr. Yury Avvakumov (ND Theology Dept. and Byzantine Catholic Priest) * 7:00 pm, Coleman-Morse Lounge

Tues. Feb. 1 - Four:7 Catholic Fellowship * Speakers: Ryan Solava & Kaitlyn Kiger (ISI Co-Leaders) * 8:30 pm, Cavanaugh Hall Chapel

Wed. Feb. 2 - Ecumenical Lecture
* "Evangelicals and Catholics Together? Some Real Progress But Some Real Problems Too" * Profs. Mark Noll & Brad Gregory (ND History Dept.) * 7:00 pm, Oak Room @ South Dining Hall

Thurs. Feb. 3 - Prayer Service
* President, Fr. Joe Carey, CSC * Reflections: Mr. Tim O’Malley (ND Center for Liturgy) and Ms. Jennie Weller (Senior & ISI Member) * Music provided by: Voices of Faith, Celebration Choir, Coro Primavera, ISI Worship Team, Totus Tuus Band * 10:00 pm, Basilica

Fri. Feb. 4 - ISI / Four:7

Praise & Worship Service
* 8:00 pm, Keenan-Stanford Chapel

I pray... that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. John 17:21
**Haiti**

U.S. plans to continue aid

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The United States has no plans to halt aid to earthquake-ravaged Haiti in spite of the weekend's earthquake, which will be the nation’s next leader but does insist that the president’s chosen successor be dropped from the race, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Sunday.

Clinton arrived Sunday in the earthquake-ravaged Caribbean nation for a brief visit. She met with President Rene Preval and earlier met with each of the three candidates jockeying to replace him. Only two candidates can go on to the delayed second round, now scheduled for March 20. The U.S. is backing an Organization of American States plan that calls for the candidate from Preval’s party, government construction chief Leonewa Etienne, to be left out in favor of former Prime Minister Michel Martelly.

The top U.S. official at the United Nations, Susan Rice, said recently that “sustained support” from the United States requires the OAS recommend the plan, which Clinton implemented.

Many Haitian officials, including leaders of Preval’s Unity party and Martelly, interpreted that to mean the U.S. was threatening an embargo and cutting off aid.

Clinton flatly rebutted that suggestion. “I am not threatening any of that,” she said.

“We have a deep commitment to the Haitian people,” she told reporters. “That goes to humanitarianist, that goes to governance and democracy programs, that will be going to a choice treatment center.”

The fear, if there were any set of circumstances that would prompt Washington to cut off aid, Clinton said, “At this point, no.”

Still, she insisted that the United States would press the recommendations by international monitors after a disaster-damaged, fraud-ridden first-round presidential vote in Haiti, told news agency DAPD that Preval’s preferred successor, Célestin, finished last and should drop out. Célestin has yet to do so.

“We are not encouraging anyone to help the Haitian people,” Clinton said ahead of the meetings.

“One of the ways we want to help them is by making sure that their political choices are respected.

Haiti is in a deepening and potentially destabilizing political crisis. The announcement of preliminary results from the disputed first round led to rioting in December. Final results are expected to be announced Wednesday.

Just five days after, on Feb. 7, comes the constitutional end of Preval’s five-year term.

A law passed by an expiring Senate last year would allow him to remain in power for an extra three months, but it is not clear if his government would continue to be recognized by donor countries. But Preval has said he does not want to hand power to an interim government

**Netherlands**

Dutch freeze contacts with Iran after hanging

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The Dutch government has frozen official contacts with Iran to protest the hanging of a Dutch-Iranian woman, the Foreign Ministry said.

Iranian Ambassador Gharib Abadi was informed of the sanctions on Saturday after he confirmed reports that Zahra Bahrami, 38, was executed in Tehran on Thursday.

His embassy later said the hanging was an “internal issue” that should have no impact on diplomatic relations.

Iranian state television reported Bahrami was hanged for possessing and selling drugs. The report said she initially Bahrami was arrested for committing "security crimes," but it did not say what became of that case.

Bahrami had been jailed in Iran since December 2009 after protests against President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad’s re-election. Protestors took to the streets, saying the vote was marred by fraud and that opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi was the rightful winner.

The Iranian Embassy in a statement late Saturday described Bahrami as a member of an international drug trafficking ring, who traveled on Dutch, Iranian and Spanish passports with different personal information.

It said Bahrami — who was born in Iran, but gained Dutch citizenship after moving to the Netherlands — was accorded the legal rights of an Iranian citizen, but that Tehran does not recognize dual nationality.

Dutch Foreign Ministry spokesman Benc van Loosdrecht said Foreign Minister Uri Rosenthal was “shocked, shattered by this act by a barbaric regime.”

He added the hanging was especially shocking as Abadi had assured the Dutch minister on Friday that Bahrami’s legal avenues had not yet been exhausted.

Dutch diplomats had been denied access to Bahrami while she was in prison because Iran refused to recognize her Dutch nationality.

The Dutch government reportedly hired lawyers to defend her.

The diplomatic freeze means Iranian embassy staff are forbidden from meeting or having contact with Dutch officials without prior written approval, Van Loosdrecht said.

The Foreign Ministry also froze contacts with Iranian diplomats against traveling to Iran, as Dutch consular officials would now have no access to them if they are arrested.

Van Loosdrecht said Rosenthal would raise the issue next week when European Union foreign ministers meet in Brussels. The Netherlands will seek unspecified “collective measures” against Iran, Van Loosdrecht said.

**Germany**

Ten injured in train crash; death toll could rise

Associated Press

BERLIN — German authorities said Sunday that the death toll could rise from a head-on collision between a cargo train and a passenger train that killed at least 10 people, injured 23 others and left wreckage scattered across a forest-covered field.

The trains crashed in heavy fog late Saturday on a single-track line near the eastern German village of Hordorf, close to Saxony-Anhalt’s state capital Magdeburg, vauling the passenger train from the track and tipping it onto its side. The front part of the damaged car was crushed and several seats lay outside the train. Both trains caught fire, but most of the dead were killed on impact, police said.

The crash is one of the worst train accidents in Germany’s history.

“The crash was so strong that the passenger train was cata- pulted onto the tracks,” Armin Friedrich, the police officer in charge of the rescue efforts, said at a news conference in Hordorf, about 125 miles (200 kilometers) south-southeast of Berlin, capital. Nearly 200 police and rescue workers were sent to the crash site.

The cause of the crash was under investigation, and experts said they were still looking at all possibilities, including technical failure and human error. State governor Wolfgang Boehmer, who was on the site Sunday, told reporters one of the drivers may have missed a red traffic signal. Police said it was too early to comment on a possible cause.

“We are still speechless and shocked by the images and the level of destruction,” said Holger Hoevelmann, the interior minister of Saxony-Anhalt.

The passenger train operated by Harz-Elbe Express was on its way from Magdeburg to Halberstadt with about 50 passengers aboard, moving at a speed of 62 mph (100 kph). The single-engine freight train, which was going 50 mph (80 kph).

The cargo train, run by Peine-Salzgitter, was carrying calcium carbonate, often used as a calcu- lus substitute or antidote.

Neither train operator could immediately be reached for comment, but at the head of Deutsche Bahn, the national German railway, it was “deeply upset” by the accident.

“The weight of the collision is tremendous. We are making every effort to support all those affected by this accident,” Rudiger Grube said, adding that he had contacted Harz-Elbe-Express and offered help.

At the scene, mangled parts of the blue and yellow passenger train were scattered around the field. The dark imprints of some of the bodies that had been removed could be seen on the white frosty ground next to the crash site.

The noise of the collision was heard in the village of Oschersleben, more than four miles (about seven kilometers) away.

Due to the heavy fog, rescue helicopters were not able to fly to the injured to nearby hospitals and they had to be taken by ambulance instead. Most of the injured were so severely hurt that doctors feared the death toll could rise, Hoevelmann added.

Several German media outlets said an impact on a low overpass and a lack of an air conditioner caused the accident.

Oversleben was among the dead, but police did not confirm those reports.

Two bodies have been identified, but police did not want to release their identities before informing relatives. A phone hot- line was activated for family members and friends, and psychologists and ministers were on the scene to counsel rescue person- nel.

They said they were having trouble identifying victims because most of them were not carrying IDs.

Chancellor Angela Merkel expressed her condolences, saying she too was shocked.

**Police officers inspect an overturned passenger train after a train crash in Hordorf, near Oschersleben in eastern Germany Sunday.**
INSIDE COLUMN

Tradition

Tradition. A word so synonymous with Notre Dame it applies to discussions of football and graces numerous articles of memorabilia in the Hammes Bookstore. But these trivial examples of Irish “tradi-
dition” pale in com-
parison with the ubiquitous family traditions that pervade every cam-
pus residence hall and encompasses nearly the entire campus.

As an under-
graduate admis-
sion tour guide, it is my express responsibility to know myriad ran-
don facts about our beloved University, but an important statistic I fre-
quently repeat in response to questions from star-struck visitors involves the proportion of legacy students at Notre Dame. According to admissions coun-
selors, the University prefers to keep the proportion of legacy students at Notre Dame at about 25 percent of the undergraduate student body.

That proportion often seems grossly inaccurate when meeting people who can’t help mentioning that their grandfather, parents, uncles, cousins and siblings went to Notre Dame and that their love for the school began in the womb.

Not that I don’t buy into Notre Dame’s image as a university deeply rooted in tradition, especially in terms of Catholicism and football, but I honestly can’t think of another university to which whole generations of families flock, save for maybe Harvard.

Although my parents aren’t Donors, my grandmother is a proud alumna of Saint Mary’s, and two of her brothers once called the Golden Dome home. This relatively “distant” connection to the University turned my decision to attend Notre Dame into the continuation of a 50-

year-old “family tradition.”

Now that my younger brother became an official member of the Class of 2015 last week, the contiguous Notre Dame family tradition has lurched yet another sib-
ling to snowy South Bend. The fact that my brother turned down the possibility of receiving a substantial scholarship to Marquette and guaranteed admission into their dental school the future says something about the magnetic pull of Notre Dame. But what exactly attracts people to the University?

Obvious answers would include football (which will hopefully return to glory by the time I graduate), the University’s sta-
tus as the best Catholic university in the world and the No. 1 undergraduate busi-
ness school in the country. But these are simply the easiest reasons to put on

For Sarah Palin and all politicians, it is the immediate responsibility of the one who commits them, but they must also be viewed within the context of society and those who lead it. Crime will be more common in a society that makes it seem as though such actions can be tolerated. A better society, one in which crime will still exist but in which it is clearly not tolerated, begins early on with the sentiment, “I will not raise my child to kill your child.” Politicians should use the same logic. Violence and words insinuating violence cannot be a part of America’s political system, and the line should be drawn now. With great power comes great responsibility. For Sarah Palin and all politicians, it is the responsibility to influence those who listen to them to make America greater, not more violent.

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Shard of Glass

Alex Coccia

In the defense of her violent language that has been blamed for inciting the shooting of Rep. Gabrielle Gifford, Sarah Palin said: “Acts of monstrous criminality stand on their own. They begin and end with the criminals who commit them, not collectively with all the citizens of a state, not with those who listen to talk radio, not with maps of swing dis-

tricts used by both sides of the aisle, not with law-shid-

"Fame is a failure. Don’t do it."--Michel de Montaigne

"Nothing fixes a thing so intensely in the memory as the wish to forget it."--Michel de Montaigne

"Keep your broken arm inside your sleeve."--Chinese proverb

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gates the wrong choice for Commencement speaker

Last week’s editorial endorsing the selection of Robert Gates as this year’s Commencement speaker failed to take into account the gravity of the United States military presence overseas and Secretary Gates’ role in those operations. As a senior graduating in May, I am troubled by Secretary Gates’ selection. Although he has had an impressive career marked by a number of praiseworthy accomplishments, Secretary Gates’ role in recent U.S. foreign policy decisions makes him an inappropriate choice for Commencement speaker.

88,156 U.S. soldiers and civilian government employees have been killed or wounded in U.S. military operations in the Middle East as of Jan. 28, according to the Department of Defense. I, like many Americans, do not understand what purpose is served by our nation’s continued military presence in the Middle East, and I fear that our foreign policy does little to keep America safe. I would welcome a visit to Notre Dame by the Secretary of Defense, but the Commencement is not a venue for inquiry or debate. His role in the ceremony and the University’s endorsement of him will give the appearance of a tacit endorsement of the Bush and Obama administrations’ foreign policies, even if such an endorsement is not intended.

I look forward to reflecting on my experiences at Notre Dame in the last couple of years and reflecting on the value of higher education. The Commencement address is an opportunity to distribute its information through the media and distribution company that can inform and empower its community. We would do well to remember Jesus’ teaching, which lies at the heart of our University’s mission: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

Benjamin Linsey
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UWIRE

Merger risks press freedom

Throughout my higher education I have heard cyber-space referenced as a place where consumers wield a great deal of power. My professors have cited blogging and social networking as a means to ensure our Internet freedom. I have lived in this fantasy world, believing in earnest that maybe the power would shift from the hands of the producers to the consumers.

Those days are over.

With the FCC’s approval of the Comcast-NBC merger on January 18, any hope for net neutrality has been washed away with the sewage. Comcast owns more television channels than any other company and is the largest cable provider in the nation.

The company has been caught slowing down traffic and even prioritizing data and information on its servers. As a consumer, I am at the mercy of this company.

Comcast, as an Internet service provider, owns the framework and pipelines of the Internet in our country. The company is, in essence, a distributor and provider of the means by which we receive and transmit our information. This used to be a minor topic in our field of discourse, but now we have reason to be seriously concerned.

For example, take Tracy Record, who covers local news in the West Seattle neighborhood. In light of five major corporations owning the vast majority of the media in America, she asks questions that people have taken upon it themselves to cover local news in their neighborhood.

Tracy writes the articles, her husband, Patrick, sells the ads and their middle-school-aged son edits the photos. The family not only supports itself this way; they provide relevant news to their community supported by local advertisers.

In my bloggers, they use WordPress, an extremely cheap Web publishing platform.

Before this pinnacle merger, the family had a fair opportunity to distribute its information through the Internet. Using techniques like search engine optimization, they could inform and empower their community.

Well, now the West Seattle blog will have to compete with a merged media and distribution company that can prioritize information. Interestingly enough, the Federal Communications Commission insists this merger is in the interest of consumers.

When Comcast can silence its critics, it will be difficult for such a ludicrous statement to receive any backlash. Previous to this conjoining of two major media conglomerates, we had hope for freedom of information. Our free speech rights in the United States were something many countries in the world could hardly fathom.

I was astounded by the freedom of speech you have here,” said Zeddi Osi, a native of the West African nation of Togo. “You can talk about the government and still go to sleep at night before being afraid if you will not wake up in the morning. In my country, you can’t really say anything or do anything against the government. Unless you want to risk your life or your family’s, you constantly remain living in fear.”

We were a paradise for freedom of speech. Now that speech can be controlled, manipulated or even silenced. The internet was the “fifth estate.” It was a forum for watchdogs to keep our “fourth estate” media in check.

Techniques of web advertising were the Wild West, with technology entrepreneurs creating new markets for information on an hourly basis.

But now we are entering a new world of cyberspace: a world where NBC Universal will be the vehicle for promoting the economic interests of Comcast.

A world where bloggers can be suppressed, independent Web developers are imprisoned and information entrepreneurs are left fresh out of options.

And one government organization is to blame.

The FCC wielded a great deal of power of who speaks to it. It regulates satellite, radio and TV transmissions.

It controls ownership rules that most of the United States does not even know exist.

These laws regulate how many television or radio stations a single owner can own, or whether newspapers can own television stations, and how many.

These are regulations that are supposed to ensure diverse ownership of media, which subsequently encourages a fairness of ideas.

The concentration of media in the hands of fewer and fewer companies is not a new development, but the reforms in the last two decades have been astonishing.

In 1983, more than 80 percent of the media was controlled by just five companies. By 1997, that number had been more than halved to 14. By 2010, the overwhelming majority of the mass media was owned by only five corporations.

At this point, the FFC has relaxed ownership rules so much that fairness in media is nearly impossible. We must have a set of changes that will move us in exactly in the right direction.

Comcast-NBC can now dominate the dialogue of our community.

The Oregon Daily Emerald
Mark Costigan
Jan. 29

Improv standout

Dear Alvin,

This is a shout-out to say how awesome you were Saturday night. Man, things were getting pretty slow with the “President of Egypt” skit that 3033 Improv troupe was trying to pull off, and then after intermission, when they invited you on stage, I was so happy that you agreed to join them. I have to say that hands down, you made my night the best night with the humor artists ever. Your quick thinking and witty replies to the dialogue had me and my friends rolling in the aisles. For those not present, you began as the humble waiter for a skit, but then showed your true talents as a babysitter in the following act. As you and your brother and sister attempted to pick a movie to watch, you quickly devised a chocolate Domino’s pizza to resolve the situation! And when your friends were stuck in the short terminal due to bad weather, you cheerfully declared, “The weather’s clearing up!” and flew the plane to Miami yourself. The best part, by far, was the Marriott Murder Mystery Party, when you effectively identified the murderer with the needle soap. Alvin, you showed great promise and poise as an improvisational performer Saturday night, and for that, we thank you.

Your friend,

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Jan. 30

Pet controversy

Reading the recent article “Rectors’ pets call residence halls home” (Jan. 26) I was struck by the certain unfair quality inherent in the story. As a resident of Walsh, with a new rector this year, we did not have the good fortune of having a dog grandfathered in. By the new rule, we are now prohibited from owning one, much to the dismay of our entire community. All of those who live in our dorm. It seems highly unfair that we should be excluded from this privilege and opportunity solely on the basis of circumstance.

There are numerous benefits that result from owning an animal, many of which are especially relevant to college living. Having a dog in the dorm would encourage responsibility, healthy living and overall wellness while offering a relaxing outlet to students. From issues of depression to grief counseling, dogs have proved effective in reducing stress, homesickness and promoting well-being. In regards to allergies, being one of the oldest dorms on campus without much ventilation and totally lacking air conditioning, the addition of a dog would have a significant positive impact on the air quality. With all of the positive effects, such a minor hypothetical difficulty seems trivial.

Notre Dame has always strived to provide a multitude of resources to promote the health of its students, and it seems ridiculous that they should deny our dorms one of the possibly most beneficial.

They say that dogs are man’s best friend. Well, the women of Walsh are waiting.

Kat Leach
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Every recycled Observer saves a polar bear.
“Kiss Each Other Clean” is the fourth studio album by folk rock craftsman Sam Beam, the creative force behind Iron & Wine. After releasing a pair of albums and a few EPs that consisted largely of Beam’s acoustic strumming and hushed melodies, he teamed up with numerous other musicians for the politically charged “The Shepherd’s Dog,” released in 2007.

“The Shepherd’s Dog” was very well received by most critics, and began to slowly expand Beam’s audience. This was in large part due to the album’s closing track, “Flightless Bird, American Mouth” in the “Twilight” movie and best-selling soundtrack.

“Tree by the River” is a great example of this. It is a tale of adolescent romance, presumably set in the South Carolina countryside in which Beam grew up. “I recall the sun in our faces/Stuck and leaning on braces/And being strangers to change” perfectly describes what he is singing about, and gives the listener a sense of his meaning as well.

Iron & Wine’s first post-Twilight album comes on a major label for the first time. Despite this good news, the new label may be a cause of concern for longtime fans worried about Beam’s direction.

Still, veteran fans need not worry, as Beam is as good as he has ever been, if not better. Album opener “Walking Far from Home” has been floating around on the Internet for a few months and acts as a manifesto for the album’s thematic elements. It is almost certainly one of Beam’s finest melodies to date.

Beam has always had a distinctly vivid writing style, and that certainly has not changed on this album. “Kiss Each Other Clean” discusses themes of youth, faith and love in one fell swoop, with a conspicuously pastoral tone.

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Avid Iron & Wine listeners may be wondering how similar or different this new album is. “Walking Far from Home” should answer that question and quell doubts about the record’s quality within the first minute. For the first time in his career Beam made a record that sounds like it was actually made by a band, not just by someone with a guitar.

This record is very musically diverse, incorporating everything from horns to a harp. Beam also uses bizarre-sounding guitar effects and even some electronic elements on “Kiss Each Other Clean.” This may lead some listeners to draw parallels to fellow folkie Sufjan Steven’s latest album “The Age of Adz” released late last year, in which Steven also used electronic elements to compliment what was generally a folk rock album otherwise. Beam also has become a master at multi-tracking his own voice, in much the same vein as Bon Iver’s Justin Vernon.

Finally, there are moments on the record, such as the last part of seven-minute closing epic “Your Fake Name Is Good Enough for Me,” that go for a “fuzzed out” or “cluttered” feel, bringing to mind so-called “fuzz-folk” artists such as Neutral Milk Hotel or The Microphones that saw their heyday at the beginning of the last decade.

What makes this album great is undoubtedly Beam’s lyrics. A few lines from album highlight “Rabbit Will Run” shows what attracts listeners to Iron & Wine’s strange poetry: “We all live in grace at the end of the day/And we’ve armed all the children we thought we’d betrayed/And I still have a prayer, but too few occasions to pray.”

As the workload piles up and the free time dies down, priorities shift and it gets difficult to participate in a favorite past time—watching movies. This playlist, made up of songs from “How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days,” “(500) Days of Summer,” “Garden State,” “A Walk to Remember,” “The Graduate,” “The Notebook” and “No Strings Attached” can give you a dose of that movie bliss while you diligently tackle the homework, something both you and your professors can feel good about.

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NOTRE DAME style spotter

Sometimes when I’m in one place for too long, I get a little restless. The world starts to feel a bit claustrophobic. No matter how much I love Notre Dame, sometimes I just need to get away. I know that South Bend’s limitless array of exciting weekend activities is undeniable, but really, there are only so many busy, snowy and endlessly gray days I can handle in a row.

Also, I get bored of eating at the dining hall.

This semester, I will be writing a regular column for those of you who, like me, have a bad case of wanderlust and need some ideas for places to go. This is your source for nearby travel destinations worthy of walking all the way out to the D6 parking lot, hopping in the car and leaving Notre Dame in the dust for a day or two.

I will kick off this column with a three-part series on perhaps the most obvious local destination: Chicago. It always surprises me how rarely Notre Dame students go to Chicago because of its relative proximity. Chicago is a fantastic city with tons of things to do and really great food. Also, I swear it’s always a little sunnier there, and even if it isn’t, there’s just something invigorating about being surrounded by buildings and people. Though I encourage you to explore Chicago on your own, especially in the neighborhoods north of downtown, I will spend the next three weeks focusing on fun things to do from museums to cupcake shops.

First, Getting There

Chicago is easily accessible from Notre Dame by train or car. The South Shore Line ($10.95 each way) leaves South Bend Regional Airport five times daily and arrives at Millennium Station in downtown Chicago about two and a half hours later. Though two and a half hours might sound a bit daunting, the ride goes by quickly, especially if you have a good book or friends with you. If you’re not into public transportation, Chicago is about an hour and 45 minutes away by car via I-80 and the Skyway. Parking can add up pretty quickly, and driving around downtown can be a little scary if you’ve never driven in a large city before, but hey, if you want to, go for it.

Parking in Chicago

Finding parking in the city, especially reasonably priced parking, can be tricky. Many department stores have discounted parking (about $12) if you make a purchase at the store (Nordstrom, Bloomingdale’s and Fox & Oehler, for example). Otherwise, parking garage rates are generally between $20 and $30 per day. If you are in Lincoln Park, Wrigleyville, Uptown, etc. there are streets with free parking from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., as well as metered spots ($1.50 per hour during the day, free between 9 p.m. and 8 a.m.). If you want more information about parking rates and hours, www.chicagoparksandrec.com is a great resource.

Getting Around

Chicago’s train system (the CTA) is efficient and runs regularly, so is perfect for getting back and forth between downtown and north-side neighborhoods, or even just around downtown if the Windy City is too cold for walking. Single tickets are $2.25 and can be purchased with cash at kiosks in each of the train stations. If you won’t ride the train a lot, a daily pass ($5.75) is a good option. Refer to transitchicago.com for map and schedule information.

A Tourist in Chicago

I don’t want to spend too much time on touristy things to do in Chicago because they are easy enough to find on the Internet or in guidebooks. However, I do have a few recommendations if you’ve never been to the city before.

The Art Institute of Chicago ($12) is one of my favorite museums. The permanent collection is outstanding and the new Modern Wing is impressive, making the Institute a great way to escape the cold for a few hours.

A short walk from the Art Institute, Millennium Park is always a fun stop, even when it’s cold outside. In the winter, the park offers ice skating (free with a $10 skate rental) and features “The Bean,” a giant stainless steel mirror-like sculpture shaped like a jelly bean that never gets old. Finally, the Skydeck ($15.95) at the Willis Tower (formerly the Sears Tower) lets you see the city from 1,353 feet above street level, and you can even step into newly installed glass boxes that allow you to literally see the city beneath your feet — a bit scary, but fun.

When it’s warmer, a myriad of free or inexpensive activities are offered in Millennium and Grant Park from free yoga to free concerts and movies. See chicagoparkdistrict.com for fun things to do before heading into the city.

So this, my friends, has been my very brief introduction to Chicago. Keep a look out for more articles in the next two weeks with recommendations for foodies and shopaholics in Chicago and more. Until then, fellow Domers, keep wandering.

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Name: Sofia Llompart
Spotted: Working out at Rolfs

Sofia hits the gym with style! Her matching shorts and shirt are perfect for a jog or a spin on the stationary bike. Her red sweater adds color to her outfit and is great for the weather. Sofia definitely knows how to accessorize when she exercises! Her oversize bag and iPod are essential for a good workout.

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Wanderlust: Making the best of the Midwest

By MARIA FERNANDEZ
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Heat trio reunites in win over Oklahoma City

Associated Press
OKLAHOMA CITY — Miami finally had its Big 3 of LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh reunited, and Oklahoma City's top trio was at its best, too.

Yet none of those stars came away with the biggest shot of the game.

Eddie House hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with 22.2 seconds left, then added two free throws to seal the Miami Heat's 108-103 victory in a Sunday showcase in which their All-Star triumvirate played together for the first time in nearly three weeks.

"Any time Eddie raises and shoots, you think it's going in," Wade said. He's one of those guys that look for the moment.

Wade scored 32 points, James added 33 points and 13 rebounds and Bosh had 20 points — and coach Erik Spoelstra pulled the right string by putting House into the lineup during a timeout after Kevin Durant's jumper had put the Thunder up 103-102 with 34.3 seconds left.

Wade missed a jumper from the left wing, Mike Miller snagged the rebound and kicked it out to James, who passed it over to House for a jumper along the left baseline with 6.9 seconds left.

James walked back to the huddle saying confidently, "It's our ball" — and a replay proved him right. The ball deflected off Collison, and House hit two free throws to close it out.

"We don't take moral victories here. We wanted to win that game," Durant said. "We had the game won and we just didn't. Moral victories have been out of the door for two years now." Bosh had been sidelined four games with a sprained ankle and Wade had missed two of those game due to migraine headaches and a wrist injury. Before that, James missed two games, also with a sprained left ankle. It had been since Jan. 12 since all three played together.

"It felt good to have guys back. It threw us off a little bit early. We hadn't played with each other for a while. But with Chris coming back early too to get us out and go tonight, we needed just to get wins," Wade said.

"Hopefully, we can build on it.

The Heat had been scuffling, losing five of six before beating Detroit by a point Friday night on James Jones' disputed block of Austin Daye's dunk at the buzzer. Oklahoma City, meanwhile, had lost three of four and then needed overtime to beat Minnesota and Washington — both in last place — in their last two games.

Wade staked the Heat to their largest lead by spinning away from Westbrook for a jumper along the left baseline that made it 98-90 with 5:51 to play and finished a 13-2 run.

But Wade was still upset after Serge Ibaka blocked his layup attempt on Miami's next possession and drew a technical foul after Green got a fast-break layup at the other end that would start a 7-0 comeback for Oklahoma City.

Westbrook and Durant each had a pair of chances to cut the deficit to one, and the Thunder got a chance to go ahead after Bosh's missed jumper on a failed attempt to draw a foul against Durant — with the same rip move Durant uses frequently to catch opponents reaching in on him.

Durant came around a screen and connected on a jumper from the top of the key with 34.3 seconds left to put Oklahoma City up 103-102. It was one of only two shots Durant made in 10 second-half attempts, with most of his damage coming from foul line. He was 11 for 13 in the second half and finished 16 for 19.

NHL

Team Lidstrom comes back to win high-scoring All-Star game

Associated Press
Raleigh, N.C. — Sorry Team Staal, Team Lidstrom felt right at home in Carolina.

Eric Staal had the No. 1 pick in the inaugural NHL All-Star fantasy draft and the unconditioned support of his hometown Carolina Hurricanes fans behind him.

Still, he was left with a loss to a proven winner — Nicklas Lidstrom.

Danny Briere, Jonathan Toews, and Martin St. Louis scored during a four-minute span of the third period to lift Team Lidstrom over Team Staal 11-10 on Sunday in the NHL All-Star game.

Lidstrom can add this victory to the four Stanley Cup titles and six Norris trophies he has won with the Detroit Red Wings.

Maybe Staal's pick of Hurricanes goalie Cam Ward with the No. 1 selection in the fantasy draft wasn't such a good idea, after all. Tampa Bay's Steven Stamkos, the league leader with 38 goals, went with the second pick to Lidstrom, and Stamkos scored the goal that made it 6-6 in the second period.

Ward could hardly be blamed for the four goals he gave up in the first. Pittsburgh's Marc Andre Fleury also allowed four in the opening 20 minutes of a typically defenseless All-Star game.

One consolation for the Staals: Chicago's Patrick Sharp claimed MVP honors in a losing cause after he posted a goal and two assists.

With the team in white named after Staal, the Carolina fans decked out in red hardly seemed to care that Sidney Crosby and his Pittsburgh Penguins teammate Evgeni Malkin were missing because of injuries.

Staal's club had a 4-0 lead in the first, that was gone before the intermission, and an 8-7 edge after Kris Letang's second goal early in the third.

Then Lidstrom's club staged its second comeback and grabbed a late-third-period lead — only to have Team Staal attempt a rally.

After Rick Nash brought Team Staal within a goal with 4:49 remaining, Loui Eriksson sealed it by scoring into an empty net at 18:49. That insurance was necessary because Staal gave the RBC Center one more reason to yell when he made it 11-10 with his fourth career All-Star goal with 34 seconds remaining.

Philadelphia's Briere got one of the injury replacement spots and made the most of his damage coming from foul line. He was 11 for 13 in the second half and finished 16 for 19.

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NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

St. John’s dominates Duke in upset victory

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Teams that beat Duke have reason to celebrate. Teams that blow Duke out of the building should be able to party all night. So, how long will the St. John’s players allowed to celebrate Sunday’s 93-78 victory over No. 3 Duke—a game that wasn’t as close as the final score indicat-
ed? "Coach Lav said we had two hours to celebrate and then we have to get ready for Rutgers," senior forward Justin Burrell said, referring to first-year coach Steve Lavin and the Red Storm’s next opponent on Wednesday.

Two hours? It will take longer than that just to go over the highlight plays of a game that St. John’s had won by halftime. Those last 20 minutes were just a formality. "I felt like we were ready. The guys wanted to play this game," Duke guard Nolan Smith said. "We wanted to be here but they came out from the jump ball and kicked our butts." It wasn’t that St. John’s (12-8) beat the Blue Devils (19-2), it was the way it happened. St. John’s was finishing a stretch of eight straight games against ranked teams. This win gave them three wins in that span. It was enough to have Lavin waving his arms to the crowd at a media timeout in the span. It was enough to have them playing against the defending national champi-
ons.

The Red Storm, who had lost three straight and five of six, took control early and had a 46-25 lead at halftime. Duke, which came into the game shooting 40 percent from the field, missed its first 10 shots from behind the arc and made one of 13 in the half. The Blue Devils’ overall shooting wasn’t a whole lot better as they shot 29.6 percent (8 of 27) in the half—they entered the game shooting 48.1 percent from the field—and they were careless with the ball as well, committing 11 turnovers, one off their season average for a game. St. John’s had a lot to do with how poorly Duke played, using a three-quarter court trap to force the Blue Devils into low percent-
age passes that almost all seemed to either be stolen by St. John’s or just thrown away. "It’s not an X and Os thing today," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "I felt we were not ready to compete, we had blank expressions on our faces and guys weren’t talking and that’s my responsibility. Our pro-
gram didn’t do well today and that is all our responsibilities. There was plenty of praise to go around for the Red Storm, who gave the Big East a 6-1 record against teams ranked in the top 10 this season. They were 16 of 28 from the field (57.1 percent) in the first half, well above the 45.2 percent the Red Storm were shooting coming into the game.

Dwight Hardy had 26 points for St. John’s, while Justin Brownlee had 20 points, nine rebounds and six assists and Paris Horne added 15 points and six assists. St. John’s shot 58.2 percent for the game (32 of 55) and was 26 of 33 from the free-
throw line. "I thought our team from the outset executed with precision on offense and brought great intensity to the defensive end of the floor," Lavin said, "and we were able to maintain a high level of basketball for 40 min-
utes and that was the differ-
ence.

Duke’s loss continued the weekend of misery for members of the Top 25. On Saturday, four teams in the top 10 and 11 ranked teams overall lost. Smith led Duke with 32 points and Kyle Singler added 20. Duke finished 5 of 26 from 3-point range—they missed 21 of the first 22 attempts—and had 17 turnovers.

"To sum it up they got whatever they wanted and we just weren’t able to bounce back and match them," Singler said.

The sellout crowd of 19,353 at Madison Square Garden—about 3 Duke—a game that wasn’t as close as the final score indicat-
ed?—was cheering for St. John’s—seemed to be

"I was really excited," said Burrell who had eight points and five rebounds. "I’m one of those guys who really enjoys college basketball and I was excited to be a part of this." The Red Storm started their run against ranked teams with a 61-58 victory over then-No. 13 Georgetown. After losses to Notre Dame and Syracuse, they beat then-No. 9 Notre Dame 72-54 in a rematch. Losses to Louisville, Cincinnati and Georgetown preceded the win over Duke. All three wins were at Madison Square Garden.

This was an interesting stretch as a coach," Lavin said. "I don’t think it had ever hap-
pened. The mathematical proba-
bilities have got to be one in a zillion. ‘We’ve had to temper things with them and be mindful of that frustration. The concern was that our players realize this conference can be rough and you can lose five of six and not be playing bad basketball.’

Woods starts season slow at Torrey Pines

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Tiger Woods began a new year with his worst season debut. Woods failed to birdie a par 5 for the second time this week and closed with a 3-over 75 on Sunday in the Farmers Insurance Open, ending his five-
tournament winning streak at Torrey Pines with a middle-of-
the-pack finish.

"I have some work to do," Woods said. "There’s no doubt about that.

The biggest surprise of his 74-
75 on the South Course is that Woods had won seven times on this public course, including the 2008 U.S. Open. He had never finished out of the top 10 in the PGA Tour event at Torrey Pines. This week, he looked liked

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Woods won the Buick Invitational four straight times starting in 2005. He had never finished more than four shots out of the lead, but he was 13 out when he finished, the kind of deficit of deficit he experienced so much of last year.

Much more was expected con-
sidering how Woods finished last year, putting together three of his best rounds at the Chevron World Challenge until blowing a four-shot lead on the final day and losing to U.S. Open champion Graeme McDowell in a playoff.

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Djokovic wins Australian Open championship

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Novak Djokovic gave his old friend Andy Murray a sympathetic hug and a few consoling words, then got on with the real celebrations.

Djokovic walked to the middle of the court, tossed his racket into the stands, stripped off his shirt and shoes and fired up the crowd.

The 23-year-old Serb had plenty to celebrate after his 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 win over Murray in the Australian Open final on Sunday night.

Djokovic’s second Australian title made him only the fourth active player to win that championship.

He’s the most successful player so far in 2011, though, and that’s where he wants to go.

“Certainly this will give me a lot of confidence going into the rest of the season, because to win a Grand Slam at the start of the season is probably the most difficult thing you can ask for,” he said. “It means a world to me. I’m still 23. I still have a lot of time to go.”

Top-ranked Nadal came to Australia aiming to win a fourth consecutive major and complete a “Rafa Slam.” He lost in the quarterfinals to Andy Murray.

That means the title was Djokovic’s to lose.

“Something switched in my head,” Djokovic said. “It’s a mental battle, definitely. Bottom line is that this is a very mental sport in the end.”

That’s why he took his time to reflect after winning a 38-shot rally in the 10th game with a brilliant backhand that forced an error to set up set point on Murray’s serve. He closed his eyes tightly, clenched his fists and let out a scream of a satisfaction.

“I look at the tournament as a whole, it was excellent,” he said. “I don’t think anyone would say that reaching a slam final is a hud advantage.”

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ND Women’s Track

Irish runners earn three wins at Indiana Relays

By SAM GANS

The Irish had three first-place finishes to close out the Indiana Relays in Bloomington, Ind. Friday and Saturday.

Lynette Perry, who also had five second-place finishes, continued her dominance in Indiana, Michigan (Ohio), Missouri State and Southeast Missouri, among other schools.

The Irish did not come out on top in any of their relays, but made significant contributions to the defending champion and lost to Djokovic in the semifinals.

The loss for fifth-seeded Murray continued his horrid stretch in Grand Slam finals—he hasn’t won a set in three tries, including losses to Federer last year in Australia and at the 2009 U.S. Open. It also extended the longest drought for British men at the majors that dates back to Fred Perry’s titles in 1936.

Djokovic and Murray have been friends since they started playing each other at age 11 or 12, and often practice against each other.

“Rafa’s playing extremely well,” Murray said. “I’m still a bit disappointed with myself. I wish I could have done more throughout the whole week.”

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“It was a great game,” Jackson said. “I would assume the fans enjoyed themselves. It was back and forth all game long.”

A raucous sellout crowd of 2,957 was on hand Friday for “White-Out” Night. And the Notre Dame freshmen did their best to give them their money’s worth. Freshman wing Jeff Costello got the Irish on the board first in the first period and freshman center T.J. Tynan tied the game 2-2 after a RedHawk run and then complet-
ed a late comeback to tie the game at 5-5 with less than four minutes remaining. Freshman left wing Anders Lee earned three assists, while sophomore center Riley Sheahan and junior right wing Billy Maday each scored once.

“It was a fun game to be involved in as a coach, but it was a bit nerve-wracking,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. It looked bleak for Notre Dame when senior RedHawk center Andy Miele recorded his first goal and fourth point of the night with just 9:29 remaining to open up a 5-3 Miami lead. Sheahan’s goal merely two minutes later gave the Irish hope, and Tynan’s equalizer sent the home crowd into a frenzy. Despite not scoring in overtime and losing the shootout point, Notre Dame was encouraged by its resiliency.

“Any time you’re playing 65 minutes, if you don’t want to come out on top, Maday said. “But I think it was a step for us to show that we could come back from a two-goal deficit in that short of a time — it’s great character for our team.

It was evident that there was no love lost between the RedHawks and Irish, as there were multiple post-whistle scuf- fles and a total of 10 penalties over the course of the game. The penalties hurt Notre Dame, as Miami converted on three of its four power play opportunities.

“As long as we play with that physicality, it makes us a better team — as long as we don’t take unnecessary penalties,” Jackson said. “There were breakdowns that I didn’t like to see on the penalty kill.”

The energy of Friday night gave way to a more refined and controlled, but equally tight, Saturday evening affair. Freshmen led the way yet again for the Irish, as Lee scored two goals in a 2-2 tie and Tynan converted the only goal of the shootout to cement the 2-2 final score.

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ized Miami’s Reilly Smith, Carter Camper and Miele — three of Miami's best players — in a row and setting the stage for Tynan’s walk-off winner.

“Steven Summerhays did what he had to do in goal, which is really all we need — make the saves that you’re supposed to make and make a few that you’re not supposed to make,” Jackson said. “He did a good job for us tonight and that’s important for our team.”

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Sophomore defenseman Sam Calabrese celebrated with teammates after the Irish scored the shootout point in Saturday’s win over Miami.

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“I don’t think it was an elbow necessarily — from what I’ve been told. It’s unfortunate that we had to take a penalty in the third period, because it’s one of the biggest things, one of the most impor-
tant things about winning a game like this is to not take penalties, especially as the game progresses.

With the shootout win, the Irish close the weekend with 44 points in the CCHA, good for a one-point lead over Michigan, though the Wolverines have two games in hand on the Irish.

The Irish will now enter a bye week, while preparing to take on Bowling Green at home in two weeks.

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Doubles competition began with Rafael and Sabacinski in No. 3 dou-
bles, where they fell to the Bulldogs’ Elizabeth Epstein and Kim Szokol, 8-1. Frilling and Mathews secured the doubles point for the Irish after a successful 8-5 match against Vicky Brock and Lindsay Clark, pulling ahead after a 4-4 tie in the middle of the set. With the dou-
bles point in hand, Sabacinski and Rafael, McCagfin and Kelner’s 8-7 loss to Stephanie Kent and Annie Sullivan did not affect the overall score.

“Our No. 3 team lost last week at Illinois and we’re working hard on them a lot this week and they’ve played much better. They hadn’t played together before so it was a new experience,” Lorderbac said. “They played much better this week which was exciting.”

Frilling coached past Brook in the No. 1 singles, taking the set 6-1 and 6-2. McCagfin found her first vic-
tory of the season at No. 4, taking Sullivan 6-2 in two sets. Rafael closed out the match for the Irish at number three, defeating freshman Blair Seiderman, 6-1, 6-0.

With the victory already in hand, Mathews triumphed over Epstein, 6-0, 7-6, 7-6, Kelner took Sivi Petrelli 1-6, 6-2, 6-1, and Sabacinski closed out the day with 7-6, 6-3 against Szokol.

The Irish currently hold two singles that lost last week won today, which was good. It was their first match of the year so it was good for them to bounce back,” Lorderbac said of Saturday’s play.

Notre Dame will travel to North Carolina this week, where they will face the University of North Carolina Saturday and Wake Forest Sunday.

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**Men’s Tennis**

Irish split pair of matches at ITA Kick-Off Weekend

By KATE GRABAREK  Sport Writer

The No. 36 Irish went 1-1 this weekend at the ITA Kick-Off Weekend in Champaign, Ill., as they defeated No. 17 Ohio State Friday. After falling to No. 16 Illinois in the first round Saturday.  

“We played extremely well over this past weekend, the best we have played since the 2007 team went to No. 4 in late April,” Irish coach Bobby Bautista said. “In both matches we fought relentlessly and competed as well as anyone we could have hoped to.”

No. 1 Notre Dame jumped out to an early 3-0 lead against Oklahoma after clinching the doubles point early. Victories from the 1, 2 and 3 doubles teams -- seniors Stephen Havens and Tyler Davis, as well as No. 2 with junior Niall Fitzgerald and sophomore Spencer Talmadge -- secured the doubles point and allowed the third doubles match to go unfinished.  

In singles No. 122 Davis was able to earn a 6-2, 6-2 victory at No. 6 over John Warren. Fellow senior Dan Stahl earned the third Irish point at No. 3 singles with his victory over Laurentiu Gavrila, 6-3, 6-1.  

At No. 5 singles, junior Sam Keeton dropped the only completed singles match for the Irish in a hard fought battle losing, 6-1, 7-6 (8), to Tsvetan Mihov.  

No. 104 junior Casey Watt clinched the victory for the Irish with a victory at No. 1 singles over No. 26 Ionut Bolea.  

The Irish lost a hard-fought battle against the Illini, dropping the match 4-1 to round out the weekend.  

At No. 1 doubles, No. 47 Havens and Davis were defeated 8-1 by Dennis Nevolo and Johnny Hamu while the No. 2 doubles duo of Fitzgerald and Talmadge ran up a 6-0 lead before clinching an 8-3 victory to knot the doubles point at 1-1.  

“The doubles has been gratifying to see,” Bayliss said. “Fitzgerald and Talmadge have been a real strength for us. Davis-Havens and Watt-Andrews are quite good, with different styles. We need to keep building on this part of our team. We have played all matches to date without injured David Anderson (last year’s No. 5) and Billy Pecor, who had a strong fall.”

Watt and freshman Greg Andrews secured the doubles point for the Irish with a hard fought 9-7 victory at No. 3 doubles over Brian Alden and Stephen Hoh. Havens lost a tough match at No. 2 singles to KU Singh in three sets. Keeton also lost in three sets to Roy Kalmanovich.

Watt faced Nevolo and lost also in three sets, and Andrews lost the final match to No. 121 Abe Souza to clinch the match for the Illini.

The Irish will return home next weekend to host Duke at noon and Toledo at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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**ND Women’s Swimming & Diving**

Notre Dame wins two of four at Invitational

Squad earns wins over Denver and Iowa, fall to Ohio State and Northwestern at Shamrock Invitational

By VICTORIA JACOBSEN  Sport Writer

Notre Dame closed the Shamrock Invitational with a 2-2 split Saturday, beating Denver and winning over Iowa to lose to Ohio State on the women’s side.  

The Irish (4-7) defeated Denver by a final score of 253-117 and Iowa by a tally of 264-104, but Ohio State outscored Notre Dame 197.5-166.5, and Northwestern overwhelmed the Irish 193.5-176.5 for its second victory over Notre Dame this season.

Sophomore Kim Holden and senior Samantha Maxwell led the Notre Dame offensive in the pool.

Holden won both the 100- and 200-yard backstroke races and placed second in the 100-yard butterfly. She also swam legs in the first-place 400-yard medley relay and second-place 200-yard medley relay.  

“Kim is a superstar. She works hard every day, and it shows when she races. She goes out there and gives it everything she has and keeps it up and gets the job done every time,” senior Kellyn Kuhkle said. “We’re all really confident in her, and I think she’s definitely gained a lot more confidence. She’s just a good teammate, and we love to watch her race.”

Maxwell also put in an outstanding performance, winning the 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard breaststroke with NCAA B-cut times. Maxwell also swam in 400- and 200-yard medleys.

Freshman Kelly Ryan and junior Amy Prestinario finished out the 400-yard relay squad, while Holden, Maxwell and Prestinario teamed up with sophomore Lauren Scott for the 200-yard medley. The relay stood out as one of the most exciting events of the weekend, winning in a tie for second.  

“Lauren Parisi, Scott and I performed well, finishing in a tie for second. The 400- and 800-yard free relays showed a lot of potential. We had a lot of contenders in all of our relays, so it was very competitive,” Holden said.

Meanwhile, sophomore Jenny Chiang and senior Heidi Grossman dominated the diving competition. The duo took first and second, respectively, in the three-meter diving competition Friday with scores of 307.55 and 306.95. Chiang followed up the impressive showing with a second place finish in the one-meter, scoring 290.81 points. Grossman was close behind, finishing third with a score of 290.20.

“Chiang is a rockstar,” Kuhkle said. “I know she and Heidi Grossman always battle it out and come away with good performances.” The Irish aren’t going to let their losses to Ohio State and Northwestern discourage them as they head into the championship season. Instead, they say they are looking forward to a tough match against these competitors, only this time on a larger stage.

“Hopefully we’ll see a few of them at the NCAA’s,” Holden said.  

The Irish will take on Ball State in the season’s final home meet Saturday at 1 p.m.

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that relies a lot on their three-point shooting to just one three in each half … I think that may be the best defense we’ve ever played against them.”

Seniors Becca Bruszewski and Devereaux Peters guided the Irish defense, which has played an increasingly important role in the team’s success this season. Bruszewski had a team-high 10 rebounds, and Peters, nine, as each grabbed four steals.

“The defense came through very well, and I was happy with the three-point defense, in particular,” McGraw said. “That was something we worked on all week leading into the Villanova game, and everybody was great in guarding the three-point line.”

Peters shone again on offense with a team-high 20 points for Villanova, which had 10.

“I thought [Peters] was magnificent at Villanova and really had an All-America type of game.”

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

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ND MEN'S TRACK

Notre Dame records seven wins at relays

By JACK HEFFERNON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame continued its strong season by winning seven total victories at the Indiana Relays at Bloomington, Ind. The Irish showed their depth and toughness in both distance and middle distance events, as well as in field events.

Senior Devereaux Peters and junior Joe Miller stood out in the distance events as Carter took first in the 5,000-meters and Miller won the 3,000-meter race. The Irish claimed the top-three spots in the 600-meter race as senior Kevin Labus took first and was followed by fifth-year Jack Howard and junior Mitch Largesse.

Notre Dame’s 3,200-meter relay “B” squad took first while the “A” group came in second.

Junior Kevin Schipper took first in the pole vault, besting the field with a clearance of 5-2.0 and sophomore Joe Miller also found the top podium spot with his 18.12-meter shot put throw.

“I was pretty happy with my performance,” Hills said. “It was a good day for a few weeks now. It was nice to throw well, and to throw an indoor personal best was especially satisfying.”

Notre Dame’s depth will be tested over the last three meets of the indoor season, especially with the annual Senior Invitation taking place on campus next weekend. The Meyo meet is the last event before the Big East Championships, which the Irish took first last year. Hills said he is confident his team can pull through once again.

“We should have some big performances at the Meyo Invitational, because they’ve really goes really hard there,” Hills said. “After that, we’ll have Big East Championships, and that’s the one we really want. Hopefully we’ll repeat.”

Notre Dame’s Meyo Invitational will begin at 5 p.m. Friday at the Loftus Sports Center.

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"Our sabre girls set the tone for the weekend when they beat Northwestern’s squad 8-1 and made all the other weapons’ lives much easier,” he said.

Sabre assistant coach Ian Farr said the Irish took a slightly different approach this weekend.

“This weekend was more about getting a lot of new kids into competition,” he said. “Many of the starters didn’t fence much at all, so it was a real opportunity for some new faces.”

Among the new faces was Marta Stepien, who finished the day 12-0. Farr said she was extremely pleased with the performance.

"Marta stepped in and fenced very well,” he said. “She is emerging into some one who could really make an impact on the team.”

Kvaratskhelia was also impressed with the strong showing from sophomore Isabelle Reesee.

"Haley was dominant yesterday,” Kvaratskhelia said. “She is getting to the form we expected her to be in for this time of year.”

Other strong performances from the women came from Courtney Hurley and senior Ewa Nelip, who both posted 8-0 marks for the weekend. Senior Kate Heinzman (13-1) and freshman Andrea Camacho (11-0) led the Irish saborists, while junior Beatriz Almeida (15-2) and sophomore Alighaj Nicholas (15-2) led the epee team.

The men (18-1) also swept through the competition, competing Sunday.

Kvaratskhelia said the most important story for the Irish was the return of Teddy Hodges, who battied back from a heart transplant just over a year ago. Hodges posted a 15-4 mark over the weekend.

"Teddy is showing great fighting spirit," said Kvaratskhelia. "This was his coming out party and he proved it this weekend.

Senior epee captain Andy Devereaux defeated the squad’s performance over the weekend.

"I think I speak for everyone when I say we are at the top of our game," he said. "We get a lot of teams from this area, and you never know who will throw and upset our way, but we really hold our ground this time of year."}

Sophomore Grant Hodges and junior Nicholas Crebs (20-1) led a strong foil team for the Irish.

North Irish epeeists posted at least five wins over the weekend, with seniors Brent Kelly and Greg Schoolcraft each posting eight wins and sophomore Jack Plisko tallying seven. The Irish also created their starters and got a strong showing from freshman Carl Ianario (9-1) in its place.

"We should have some big opportunities this weekend," said Hodges. "This is the one we really want. Hopefully we’ll repeat."
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### Irish skate to two draws with Miami over weekend

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No. 9 Notre Dame and No. 13/11 Miami just couldn’t get enough of each other this weekend, with extra time needed in both games of a weekend series at the Joyce Center. The teams battled to a thrilling 5-5 tie Friday night, with the Hawks (14-9-5, 11-7-4-2 CCHA) earning the shootout point. Saturday night was a tense 2-2 affair, but the Irish (16-9-5, 13-6-2-2 CCHA) prevailed in the second shootout in as many days to cap an evenly battled weekend.

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While all of Notre Dame’s victories for the weekend came from individual performances, the team’s relays performed well in a series of close calls and season-best times.

“I thought all of our relays did exceptionally well this weekend,” Raycroft said. “I think all five relays had either season best or close to season best times, which is great for this time of year.”

The Irish team, following the lead of Irish coach Tim Welsh, has downplayed the importance of winning individual events and instead placed an emphasis on improving for the post season, especially the upcoming Big East tournament.

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### All tied up

Great position for Big Easts,

By MIKE TUDISCO
Sports Writer

Both the Irish men’s and women’s squads survived the Notre Dame Duels unflinched over the weekend, each posting a perfect 8-0 record.

The women’s team competed Saturday, improving their winning streak to 78 regular season matches, a new program record. Notre Dame registered victories over Lawrence (25-2), Detroit (27-0), Cleveland State (24-3), Florida (26-1), Air Force (21-6), Swarthmore (22-5), Wayne State (21-6) and seventh-ranked Northwestern (18-9).

Assistant Coach Gia Kvaratskhelia said the women’s squad, which helped establish Notre Dame’s dominance in the tournament with an early win over highly ranked Northwestern, is in a great position for Big Easts.

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