Freshmen participate in merit scholarship program

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
Nov 5 Writer

Two years ago, two Notre Dame graduates made a large gift to the University with the intention of creating an undergraduate scholarships program. This academic year, 25 freshmen became the first group of students to enter the University’s first merit-based scholarship program.

Mark and Stacey Yusko, classes of ’85 and ’86 respectively, donated $35 million in 2009 to create the Hesburgh-Yusko Scholarship Program.

The program selects 25 freshmen from each incoming class who demonstrate the characteristics of academic excellence, strong moral character, leadership potential and a sincere commitment to service, Mark Yusko said.

The scholars receive $25,000 toward their tuition each year, making the program Notre Dame’s first form of merit-based aid. They also receive funding for four summers of enrichment programs.

Each of the four summers, beginning prior to the student’s freshman year, has a different theme: wilderness leadership, social justice, global inquiry and professional venture.

Yusko said the summer experiences are more than an educational program.

“It is designed to take raw material and give it the tools and resources to develop into what we think are the platforms to become transformational leaders,” he said.

This idea of transformational leaders is central to the program, Yusko said.

“One of the important things about the program is that it is not a reward for past achievement, it is an investment in potential,” he said. “We want people who have true leadership character, a real passion for leading.”

Yusko said his idea for the program came from similar programs at other schools, such as the Morehead-Cain Scholars Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The formation of the Morehead Scholarships allowed UNC to attract the best students in the country by offering them such an incredible opportunity, Yusko said.

Green to reflect Irish landscape

By TORI ROECK
Nov 6 Writer

Current construction at Notre Dame’s Irish Green, which includes the addition of a new entrance inspired by Irish landscapes, will conclude in the coming weeks, University Architect Doug Marsh said.

The new entrance to Irish Green at the intersection of Angela Boulevard and Eddy Street will have stones and plantings based on natural Irish landscapes, Marsh said.

Other additions include a seating wall and a new sign.

“The setting of the Irish Green gives us the opportunity to introduce some beautiful natural materials unique to campus such as the Chilton limestone that comprises the new seating wall and monument sign,” Marsh said.

We really reinforce the message that you need to win with ethics,” Woo said.

“It is a responsibility,” he added.

After Bloomberg BusinessWeek’s March announcement of Mendoza as the No. 1 undergraduate business school in the nation for the second consecutive year, Mendoza Dean Carolyn Woo said this message holds true.

“We are most proud of the fact that a Catholic school that stands on this message is also recognized as the best business education. This is a tremendous blessing for us to stand for our mission, to be a witness on behalf of the mission,” she said.

The ranking was part of BusinessWeek’s sixth annual survey of “The Best Undergraduate Business Schools.”

After Notre Dame, BusinessWeek listed the University of Virginia, Emory University, the University of Pennsylvania.
**Question of the Day:** Where would you take a prospective student? 

Chris Trumbetta (freshman)
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“I would take a prospective student to the gauntlet.”

To the Notre Dame Stadium.

“To the dining hall so they can have fro yo and then to the grooto.”

“242 Siegfried Hall at 11:55 via the parietals door.”

“I would take them to a football game.”


**Students play frisbee and enjoy the start of spring on North Quad March 8. With the arrival of spring, students prepare for warmer weather, Spring Break and NCAA March Madness.**

**Offbeat**

Scientists: Oldest wild bird in US is new mother

HONOLULU — The oldest known wild bird in the U.S. is a new mother. A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist spotted the Laysan albatross that’s at least 60 years old a few weeks ago. It was with a chick at Midway Atoll, a remote wildlife refuge 3,000 miles northwest of Honolulu.

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American Bird Banding Program, said the albatross is the oldest wild bird documented by the 90-year-old bird banding program, which is run by the U.S. Geological Survey, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and Canada.

"She looks great," Peterjohn said in a news release Tuesday. "To know that she can still successfully raise young at age 60-plus, that is beyond words." A woman trying to pet moose in Alaska park gets kick

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A woman was attacked when she tried to pet it.

"I'm not a threat unless provoked, so people need to give it space."  

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**Question of the Day:** Where would you take a prospective student?

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

**In Brief**

The physics colloquium “Spin-orbit Qubit in a Nanowire” will be held today at 4 p.m. in 118 Nieuwland Science Hall. Dr. Sergey Rokhlin from the Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands will head the colloquium.

Guest lecturer Heather K. Hunt will present a seminar on "Optoelectronics: Making a Material Difference" today at 4:15 p.m. in Derrillarto Hall, Room 13. Hunt is a postdoctoral scholar in the Mork Family Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science at the University of Southern California.

Professor Wai Chee Dimock will present the lecture “Literature as Public Humanities” at 5 p.m. today in the Eck Center Auditorium. This speech is the last day of the 2010-2011 Annual Ward-Phillips Lecture Series: “American Literature and the World.”

Dhiru Thadani will give the lecture “Urbanism: A Perspective Solution to the Global Crisis” today at 5 p.m. in 104 Bond Hall. A book signing of Thadani’s work The Language of Towns and Cities will follow the lecture in the Bond Hall Library.

The Class of 2013 will present the “Modern Stations of the Cross” tonight from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Sorin Hall. The event celebrates Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. Refreshments will be served following the event.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer.na@gmail.com
Saint Mary’s announces class election results
By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s announced the class board election results Monday for the 2011-12 term.

Maggie DePaola and Noelle Radko won class of 2012 president and vice president.

Torrie Thompson and Heidi Etzel would lead the class of 2013, and Elliott Miller and Rachael Bridgman won the positions of president and vice president for the class of 2014.

DePaola and Radko said they have high hopes for their senior year.

“We really want to unite our class and make this last year a memorable one,” DePaola said.

Radko said her experience on this year’s junior class board would help her to continue representing the class of 2012.

“Being on the board for the past two years [has] made me extremely passionate about the class of 2012, and the mark we hope to leave is not only on Saint Mary’s, but on the South Bend community as well,” Radko said.

DePaola and Radko would prioritize building on already-existing events for the senior class, rather than creating new ones.

“A very successful Senior Dads’ weekend is definitely our top priority,” Radko said. “We are currently planning Junior Moms’ Weekend, so we feel comfortable to accept this challenge. We also want to make sure our sophomore and junior class events are more approachable, highly interactive and unique.

The pair said they also hope to see more student feedback from the class of 2012.

“DePaola and I also plan to increase student input in senior activities, as we hope to make our final year at Saint Mary’s our best,” Radko said.

As leaders of the junior class board, Thompson and Etzel said they hope to increase involvement and foster relationships both on Saint Mary’s campus and between the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s communities.

“We hope to build on the foundation that was begun during the past three years,” Etzel said. “We are introducing new events such as our Notre Dame Boy Basket Auction and Class Picnic.”

The pair said they also look forward to leading the junior class in previously held activities. “In addition to these new ideas, we are excited to plan the traditional Junior Formal and Junior Moms’ Weekend,” Etzel said.

With our class board, we hope that our plans for this year will make it the best yet at Saint Mary’s.

Etzel said they would like to leave a memorable impact on the class of 2013.

“We ran for president and vice president of our class because we love being involved in the Saint Mary’s community,” Etzel said. “With our involvement, we hope to create strong bonds and sustain lasting friendships among our classmates while acting as a positive influence within the Saint Mary’s family.

As leaders of next year’s sophomore class, Miller and Bridgman said they hope to plan laid-back and frequent activities.

“Miller and I want to encourage more students to voice their opinions about hot topics at Saint Mary’s and plan more fun, informal events,” Bridgman said.

“We really want to unite our class because we love being involved and we hope to continue our school spirit and work hard,” Bridgman said.

“Bridgman and I have so many ideas,” Miller said. “We are both very enthusiastic about planning events for our classmates.”

Miller said she wants to generate pride for their class and the College. “As president of Saint Mary’s Class of 2014, I hope to represent and lead my classmates in such a way that encourages each woman to love [Saint Mary’s] as much as I do. I feel that [the senior class] is an opportunity to show students what the College offers.”

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CCAC discusses zoning law

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

A large number of students are currently renting off-campus residences against zoning laws, said Director of South Bend Code Enforcement Catherine Topple at Tuesday’s Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) meeting.

A 2004 zoning bill required all owners seeking to rent a residence to more than two unrelated people had to come before a committee for approval. City Council Member Ann Puzzello said. Many homes were grandfathered into exemption.

“I’ve been working on it in my office, all of these houses being used illegally, potentially hundreds that have too many students,” Topple said. “None of these houses have been grandfathered, these are just people blatantly skirting the law, there’s been one landlord in particular that has just been a huge problem.

Puzzello said records are often insufficient in identifying which houses have been grandfathered into the system. She is currently working on a bill to ensure consistent record keeping.

“Toppel said the offending residences would have to be resolved by the beginning of the next school year.

University Associate Vice President for Public Affairs Tim Sexton said it is important for students to ask landlords the next school year the rights and questions to use other resources available to them.

“The reality of it is, for the students, moving off campus is a right of passage,” he said. “Wouldn’t it make sense to have one designated area that won’t be disturbing to the neighbors, that you could build nice houses that would be up to code and could be a gated area with the students feel safe.

Local attorney and Notre Dame graduate Dick Secomb said it was an existing point but would likely meet resistance in the community.

“You’ve raised the issue and I think it needs to be discussed,” the attorney for the Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Organization, he said. “In all frankness, you’re not going to have a welcoming forum for it. Several members said there was no available location for such a project, but Kramer said renovating some areas of the city through such a project could benefit both students and South Bend residents.

“These houses are sources of problems for students and problems for the neighborhood. They’re vacant, they’re graffiti, and they’re sources of crime,” he said. “The Northeast neighborhood is going to be the winner as well. If it seems to me that [housing developers and city residents] could work in harmony.”

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Mendoza added and Cornell University in the top five schools.

According to a University press release, Mendoza raised in the top spot due to the school’s 98 percent placement rate three months after graduation. Notre Dame also received the highest rate of student satisfaction.

“Where we stand out is really the students’ experience, the quality of the teaching, the outreach of the alumni and the extraor-
dinary placement office,” Woo said. “We’re constantly trying to optimize our performance on the rankings. We just want our students to be very successful.”

In the past two years, Woo said the college introduced a new course called “Foresight for Business and Society” as a requirement for all juniors in the business school. The course looks at future trends in business and their implications for industry.

“It differentiates our stu-
dents from other business school students when they go interviewing [for jobs],” she said. “The way they talk, the topics they can shed light on, the way they can describe their interests are all at a different level.”

While the college excelled in several areas of the BusinessWeek survey, Woo said Mendoza struggles with over enrollment and a high student-to-faculty ratio. The current ratio is almost 20 students to one Mendoza faculty member, while private schools strive for an eight-to-one ratio.

Mendoza’s ideal enrollment is roughly 550 students per class year, Woo said, but the most recently enrolled sophomore class is around 640 students. “Our enrollment is going through the roof.”

“Right now the next step is really brainstorming about undergraduate curricula, what is the right size.”

Currently, Notre Dame freshmen can select any college and major. This year, Mendoza students were informed they might not always be able to pursue their first choice inside the college.

Woo said the finance major is capped at 250 stu-
dents, but 290 current sopho-
mores indicated finance as their first choice. The col-
lege will evaluate all these students using a formula or algorithm based on academic standing, and they will then select 250 students to fill the finance major. The other 40 students will need to choose another business major.

“We are right now brain-
storming about what we need to do,” Woo said. “I think strategically for the University of Notre Dame, having more distribution across the colleges and across majors is a healthier development than having a big concentration or cluster around one or two majors.”

Woo said the University has not reached a conclu-
sion about how to solve the problem. Despite the fact that we are completely overenrolled every year we graduate, including the graduate program, over 1,000 students, she said. “And so the idea of a major concentration of having over 1,000 students go into industry and carry this message of integrity and com-
industry good as a basis for suc-
cess really gives me a lot of satis-

Thanks Laura and Sam ... It’s been great.
Video

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Brown said. Three other XOS presented a proposal for the new system in January. Tuesday began the process of installing the cameras, which Brown said are the size of television broadcast cameras, on top of poles and raising the poles to full height.

The poles will remain on top of the poles in temperature-controlled units, the press release stated. A fiber-optic network will transmit video to a control room in the Guglielmo Athletic Complex for members of the athletics video services department to edit and produce for players and coaches.

“In bringing its tremendous technological expertise to the table, XOS has worked hand in hand with our football program to develop a partnership that now provides a new method for obtaining video material that our coaches and players utilize,” Notre Dame Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick said in the press release.

Both Notre Dame and the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration (IOSHA) are conducting ongoing investigations into the Oct. 27 accident. IOSHA’s investigation is still in progress, said Stephanie McFarland, spokeswoman for the Indiana Department of Labor.

“Even though progress is being made along the investigative line and there is nothing new to report at this time,” McFarland said. “They’re going to go into the organization and they’re going to essentially look at anything and everything within the scope of the investigation, not just the accident itself, allowed to look at in relation to the incident.”

IOSHA investigations result in safety orders when appropriate, McFarland said. These orders reveal findings and inform institutions of citations or fines.

Brown said she is unable to say when IOSHA’s investigation at Notre Dame will be complete.

“The law does not state anything specific on how quickly an investigation should be concluded,” she said. “They just take as long as they need to do the investigations properly.”

Brown said Notre Dame also does not currently have additional information to release on its own investigation.

Executive Director John Allbeck-Graves is overseeing the University’s internal investigation.

“We are committed to memorializing Declan’s zest for life and presence at Notre Dame in a meaningful and lasting way.”

Fr. John Jenkins University President

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Scholars

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and he wanted to see a similar effect at Notre Dame.

“One of the things I believed was we were still missing a cohort of great students, particularly great leaders, and great Catholic leaders who were being wooed away by Harvard, Yale, Princeton,” he said.

As the program grows, scholars can be nominated either by their high schools or Notre Dame’s early action admissions committee.

Hesburgh-Yusko hopes high schools will provide the majority of nominations in the future.

Based on the first class of Hesburgh-Yusko scholars, Yusko said he wants the program as a success.

“We class we brought in last year, we got half that class directly away from other schools where they were being wooed,” he said.

Freshman Kate Squiers, a Hesburgh-Yusko scholar, said she had not chosen a college when she received the scholarship offer, and it had a huge impact on her decision.

Squiers, who was involved in fine arts and service in high school, will be traveling to Pune, India for eight weeks this summer.

She will attend classes for two of those weeks, and then, based on her interests, will be placed with an NGO for the remaining six.

Morgan Benson, another freshman Hesburgh-Yusko scholar, is looking forward to spending the summer in Lesho, Africa, at a home for children who are malnourished or affected by HIV or Tuberculosis.

For their wilderness immersion last summer, both Benson and Squiers traveled to Washington and spent three weeks on a sea kayak trip and mountain and moun
taineering.

“We went by ourselves. It’s supposed to be an independent, experience,” Squiers said. “You travel with a group of about eight to 10 people, but no one from Notre Dame.”

While last summer’s adventure had to be canceled through the program, Benson said the scholars had a great deal of freedom in choosing their destinations for this summer.

“Last year we basically told us to write a grant proposal based on our interests and where we’d like to go and what we wanted to do, and then we had interviews to talk about our options,” she said.

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ND prof researches Irish mental health

Special to The Observer

Though exposure to any type of violence can cause anti-social behavior in children, a new study from the University of Notre Dame shows that political tension and sectarian violence can have additional mental health problems in children by creating insecurity about their neighborhoods and communities. The study was published recently in the Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology.

Notre Dame Psychology Professor Mark Cummings and colleagues studied the effects on children of sectarian violence between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland. The longitudinal study, which took three years to complete, examined 18 families (69 mothers and children) from working class neighborhoods in Belfast. Results showed heightened aggression and violence, revenge-seeking and insecure attachment in children who experienced this political violence, as well as elevated levels of depression, withdrawal, sleep disorders, fear and panic because of feelings threatened and hurt by people.

“Though exposure to both sectarian and non-sectarian violence are related to anti-social behavior, the emotional insecurity caused by politically-motivated community violence was more powerful than we had expected,” Cummings said.

According to Cummings, co-founder of Notre Dame’s Center for Children and Families and faculty fellow at Notre Dame’s Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

Non-sectarian violence is “ordi-

nary crime” that may be found in any community, regardless of political context, and is not specifically indicated between ethnic, religious or cultural groups.

Though the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement was reached in 1998, providing some inter-community cooperation, many neighborhoods and schools in Belfast remain highly segregated, a large percentage of adolescents in Belfast have experienced violence within their community, which reflects a social and psychological legacy of “The Troubles.”

Understanding and addressing the effects of political strife on communities, families and children is critical for any likelihood of sustained peace, according to Cummings, and his study is a promise for building a foundation for more effectively and prevent problems.

“The children growing up today will not be able to change the peace process forward in the years to come. For this reason, understanding children’s insecurity about sectarian tensions and violence on the long term should be seen as an important goal if lasting peace is to be achieved,” Cummings said.
Recently there’s been a lot of favor over the MIB and MR degrees, owing to a shocking expose by a SMIC chick who revealed that neither of them were actu-
al degrees. I have taken upon myself to provide a short, non-exhaustive list of other degrees that don’t exist but probably ought to be.

The ABC (Anything But Class) Degree — Given to the graduating senior who has skipped class the most times in their college career.

The Rudy-gee — An award given to the student or students who have watched the movie “Rudy” starring Sean Astin in the title role, the most times out of the senior class. Honorable mentions are given as follows: A Dork Award is given to those who have surpassed their classmates in repeat viewings of any movie from the Lord Of The Rings trilogy, which features Sean Astin as Frodo’s faithful sidekick Samwise Gamgee; and a Goon Award is given to those who have watched “Goonies” most out of anybody, which features Sean Astin as Mikey.

The Badian — Awarded to the science professor who has been most pedantic and nitpicky about units and significant digits. Also awarded to the undergradu-
ate science major(s) who constantly raise the hand in science classes to ask ques-
tions about — or correct the professor’s mistakes with — units and significant digits.

The Bachelor Degree — Awarded to the most eligible bachelor in the graduat-
ing class, for being so fine.

The Athlete’s Degree — Awarded to all athletes who manage to graduate, for their success in neither math nor humanities.

The Geographic Degree — Awarded to one who has lived in the Midwest, Midwest consisted of everything from “scoobies” to “quack-quack-seat-
back” (don’t ask me how either of those are pronounced). Also awarded to the undergrad-
ate studies major who constantly raised the hand in science classes to ask ques-
tions about — or correct the professor’s mistakes with — units and significant digits.

The BS Degree — Not to be confused with the Bachelor of Science degree (what an apt name, right?), this degree goes to the graduating senior who has prevaricated the most about his or her alcohol abuse, academic excellence, sexual exploits and/or prowess or any of said experiences which took place in high school and are therefore unverifi-
able. Awarded by a jury of hacker peers.

The MIB Degree — When you open your diploma, you will find a blank sheet of paper. Do not panic or mention this sheet of paper to friends, family or Father Jenkins. Simply walk over to the Hesburgh Library and mention to the security guards at the front desk that you need to see Father Hesburgh about your degree. You will be escorted to the 13th floor and shown into Father Hesburgh’s office.

Father Hesburgh will be in one of those brown, tail-backed swivel chairs, looking out over campus and puffing on a stogie with his back to you. He will rotate slowly, shift the cigar to one side of his mouth, plant his hands firmly on the desk, and stand to greet you.

After the preliminaries, he will tell you that you have been specially selected to join the Men In Black. He will explain that, far from being a private Catholic university, Notre Dame is actu-
ally an extraterrestrial missile defense site. He will tell you that the Dome con-
ceals a mounted array of 16 ant-

The Rudy-gee — Awarded to that one kid who always showed up to class ten minutes late with a cup of coffee and took their sweet time unpacking while the professor and everyone else in the class shot them dirty looks that went completely over their head.

The Lagree — My roommate’s last name, also not an actual college degree. If you see this on your diploma, could you take out the trash for once? Jerk.

The 98 Degrees — A boy band from the late nineties and early oughts, not an actual college degree. If you see this on your diploma, something has gone seri-
ously wrong.

The Tardy-gee — Awarded to that one kid who always skipped class the most minutes late with a cup of coffee and took their sweet time unpacking while the professor and everyone else in the class shot them dirty looks that went completely over their head.

The ABC (Always Been Crunk) Degree — Given to the graduating senior who has been, by popular acclamation, most often sloppily drunk over the course of their time at Notre Dame.

The Athlete Degree — Not to be con-

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Your, Frankly OFFEND ME.
Written by Mickey Gardella

We must face reality

I am writing this piece on behalf of the taxpayers across this country that are caught up in the debate over public sector union compensation. We are in very tough economic times, and workers, both in the private and public sector have had to make sacrifices in their personal and family budgets. It is evident that while taxpayers have had to make adjustments in their budgets, some public sector union bosses think they should be immune from necessary fiscal austerity measures. To be clear, I am directing my argument to the leaders of the public sector unions, not necessarily the rank and file.

Public sector benefits have been ballooning for decades with no regard for the taxpayers that have to pay for salary increases well above the rate of inflation and lavish health and pension benefits. The fact that alcohol is not an excuse for state or federal workers is axiomatic.

State and federal workers have had a more favorable pension system than it does women. Nevertheless, this is an issue with which I have a close personal relationship because I have had many conversations about it. I have two friends from home who have been victims of rape/sexual assault and, quite frankly, the conversations I’ve had with them are very different from the ones “College HAS Issues” tells us we ought to have.

We learn freshman year that the man is eternally at fault, regardless of the situation — easy for our women to accept, but not as easy for the men. While this is not always spelled out as explicitly, it seems quite often to be the case in our everyday interactions.

Now, don’t get me wrong, there are guys here who are guilty as he you charge them, but I’m not sure such a blanket approach is the most appropriate one. Nearly all talks I had following that seminar revolved around one question. “What if she says yes?”

Tradition says that if the female is drunk, then the man should know better, and I wholeheartedly agree. I despise the kind of man who would force himself on a woman — and I wholeheartedly agree. I despise the kind of man who would force himself on a woman.

Governors like Scott Walker among others have proposed necessary and prudent measures to lay groundwork for sound state finances in the future. The public sector unions, not understanding the structural problems that are plaguing state budgets, have stood in position. Walker and other governors, such as Chris Christie of New Jersey, have put forth a simple message: Public sector unions must contribute more to their health care and pension benefits if they expect those benefits to actually be there in the future.

The public sector, on average, pays considerably less than the private sector toward their health and retirement benefits. If we are to have any sense of fiscal sanity, public sector workers need to sacrifice and bring their benefit contributions into line with reality, i.e. the private sector, which cannot pass the buck onto taxpayers in these economic times, with taxes too high already, would be irresponsible and would not make states any better off. Benefit costs will continue to balloon if the system remains unchanged, and states will tax their citizens out of hope for future prosperity.

With respect to collective bargaining, several governors have or have proposed placing caps on the rate of salary increase for public workers. Rates of salary increase for public workers have been unsustainable high in many states, further crushing taxpayers in their state and local taxes.

Collective bargaining procedures have been heavily in favor of the unions, the taxpayer not having a seat at the table. Walker’s plan would cap the rate of salary increase at the level of inflation. Thus, to be overridden by voter approval. It makes sense that the people who foot the bill for public sector salary increases finally have an opportunity to have their voices heard.

By making tough choices today, jobs will not be saved and created. In Wisconsin, upwards of 10,000 public workers could be laid off if the wages and benefits systems are not reformed.

I am not arguing that reforming public sector wages and benefits are the only problems that states have in their budget, but in many cases they are a serious problem. Each state must face this concrete reality of crushing debt head on or risk financial collapse. Unlike the federal government, states cannot print money, so the matter is even more urgent. Sacrifice will not be easy or enjoyable, but it must be done so that future generations as well as current generations can attain prosperity.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Necessary dialogue

Thank you, Shea Streeter, for starting the conversation on sexual assault at Notre Dame (“Necessary conversations,” Mar. 7). As a great deal of rhetoric has been thrown around it, I believe it is necessary to have these discussions.

Hello. I am not a narrow-minded enough to believe that all rape and sexual assault cases proceed in this fashion, but I think that this specific case is especially relevant to college students. Now it is important to not to leach the dichotomy between the situation I describe here, and one where the female clearly says, “No.” I am not saying alcohol added to the mix, figuring out which situation is which can become nearly impossible. It’s a difficult situation no matter how you look at it, but in fairness to us males, I think it’s important to consider the following. Sexual assault is defined as any unwanted sexual contact. Is it sexual assault if it’s consensual by nature but a mistake in the morning?

Kevin Padden
Junior
Kessman Hall
Mar. 8

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Dear Citizens of Zahm House,

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Hi, PILLARS.

You didn’t have a contact email on your website, so I’m forced to write a letter to The Observer. Insufficient, I know. But it says on your website that “Education is Golden,” so I thought I’d address you as the most current poster campaign — the one where you compare the percentage alcohol in Listerine and Rubbing Alcohol to Everclear and the things that happen will happen if you drink Listerine. There are some problems with it.

You should address is a century old. Problem No. 1: Listerine isn’t made for human consumption. Problem No. 2: Rubbing alcohol isn’t made for human consumption.

Do you know what eucalyptol, menthol, methyl salicylate and thymol are? I didn’t either, but the Listerine website was really informative. Those fine chemicals are the active ingredients of Listerine, and also the reason why you shouldn’t drink it. Because they’re poisonous.

There’s a similar issue with rubbing alcohol. On the poster, you don’t specify what kind of rubbing alcohol you’re referring to. Let’s assume for a minute it’s isopropyl alcohol. Now, isopropyl alcohol isn’t ethyl alcohol, which is what you drink. The chemical difference is important — isopropyl alcohol is poisonous. And even if the rubbing alcohol in question was 70 percent ethanol, the makers are specially required by the FDA to add chemicals to it to make it safe for human consumption.

It’s like you’re trying to say we shouldn’t drink orange juice because it has ingredients in common with orange scented lysol, and drinking cleaning products kills. The symptoms list ed on your poster aren’t caused by the alcohol in these products; they’re caused by the additives — additives that were specifically added to prevent people from drinking them! That’s the whole point.

I appreciate your mission, PILLARS, but this is just nonsensi cal. Have some respect for the intelligence of your audience.

Katie Pieper
Junior
Pasquerilla West Hall
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To Zahm, with love

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Michael O’Brien
Sophomore
Knott Hall
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Defacing the University

Disclaimer: I want to make it clear that I am not addressing this letter to all of the residents of Zahm House. I have several good friends in Zahm and am sure that most residents are generally good guys. This is, as our rector Br. Jerome said, “a few rotten apples.”

We get it. Zahm has a very interesting reputation on campus and a few of you try very hard to maintain it. Also, I understand disappointment and anger in your team’s loss to Knot in the interhall hockey championship and our alleged possession of your grated mouse beard (it would like to stress, “alleged,” as I have no knowledge of the whereabouts of the mouse).

However, as I left for class this morning, I was disgusted to see a number of spray painted red “Z”’s on the outside of Knot. The line was crossed. You have not only disrespected all of the residents of Knot, but also (as Knot is the property of Notre Dame) everyone who attends or works for the University. It is my home and the home of my closest friends at school.

Although Knot is neither very aesthetically pleasing (despite my love for Beagan-era architecture) nor historically significant, I equate its defacement with that of any other building on campus.

Futhermore, the vandalism creates more work for the maintenance staff that tries so hard to keep our campus clean, safe and beautiful. I hope that the guilty parties will ‘fess up, but I doubt anyone capable of such shortsighted and disrespectful acts would possess the integrity to own up to their wrongs. I guess you can keep the fun runs, but to whoever did this, please grow up.

Peace,

Luke Murphy
Freshman
Knott Hall
Mar. 8

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3:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Kevin Padden
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By MARY CLAIRE O’DONNELL
Scene Writer
Sunshine spreads across Notre Dame campus. Temperatures approach 50 degrees. This can only mean one thing: spring is arriving. And with the arrival of spring comes one of Notre Dame’s oldest traditions — ring by spring. Loving and devoted sons of Notre Dame will fill the Grotto, the lakes and the Lyons Arch with the shine of diamonds as they prepare to spend the rest of their lives with their beloved Notre Dame or Saint Mary’s sweethearts. For those couples who choose to have children, they will undoubtedly want to share their children’s love of all things Irish, Hammes Bookstore stocks many options. From coloring books to A-to-Z manuals, there’s something for kids of all ages.

“Win One For The Gipper: America’s Favorite Football Hero” by Kathy-Jo Wargin

No self-respecting Notre Dame fan can get away with allowing their children to grow up ignorant of the legend of George Gipp — or Knute Rockne for that matter. This book chronicles the life of George Gipp as he traveled from Michigan to become one of the greatest college football players of all time. Wargin does not simply highlight the dominance of Irish football under Rockne’s leadership, through her focus on Gipp and his life, she also manages to insert morals for young readers to take away: self-sacrifice and perseverance.

The Gipper’s story has touched the hearts of all Notre Dame students and alumni, and “Win One” captures that spirit. From moving lines (“This is the day, and you and that team”) to bright, emotive illustrations, no child can walk away from this book without a profound admiration for Gipp and Rockne’s impassioned speech firmly planted in his or her mind.

“My First Notre Dame Words: GO IRISH” by Connie MacNamara

Although it’s unlikely that any children could master “leprechaun” as their first word, this book can help impress upon them important images from Notre Dame’s campus and history during memory development. And who knows, maybe they will manage “blue and gold” as first words.

“The Chicken Soup Game: 1979 Cotton Bowl, Notre Dame Fighting Irish vs. Houston Cougars” by Paul Kostolansky

This story not only details a historic game in Irish history, but also imbues children an appreciation of hard work and dedication. After a foreword by Joe Unis, the 8-3 Irish take the field in Texas against a 9-2 Houston team. Freezing temperatures stunt the game and halftime finds the Irish down 20-12. Quarterback Joe Montana almost doesn’t make it out for the third quarter, but feels inspired after a bowl of chicken soup, as prescribed by the team doctor. Montana makes it back on the field and cements his legacy as “The Comeback Kid.”

Kostolansky’s story puts a whole new spin on the old wise’s tale detailing the benefits of chicken soup. Montana and his team’s story teaches children the importance of never giving up and chasing dreams, important traits for Domers and non-Domers alike.

By MARY CLAIRE O’DONNELL
Scene Writer

No doubt you and your family will take at least one trip to Notre Dame for a football game and maybe a reunion with some college friends. Johnstone’s A-to-Z guide to football Saturdays can help introduce children to the wonder and chaos they will experience on campus during those magical days. Tradition constitutes a huge part of the lives of Domers past and present, and it is never too early to begin a child’s education.

From the lure of the green jerseys to the 1812 Overture, George Gipp to the Leprechaun, future Domers will seem like seasoned veterans when they arrive on campus for their first Notre Dame football game. Then they, too, will become part of the magic of game day because Y is for Youngsters here for their first game — like you.

And for your parents dreaming you’ll be Domers one day too.

“The Dream of the Echoes: The Four Horsemen of Notre Dame” by Brandon Crouch and Frank Corrigan

Theo and his trusty dog, Eddie J, narrate and guide this rhyming story of Theo’s dream of the October game that solidified the national fame of the Four Horsemen of Notre Dame. After waking up in 1924, Theo and Eddie J find themselves at Notre Dame’s game listening to The Rock give his opening speech, encouraging and exciting his players in a frenzy of motion. Believe in your talents. Be pure and be true. / Let all your gifts shine. / Up, down, and through.

Theo’s description of the game and all its excitement can whip up a frenzy of Irish enthusiasm in any young reader. The dialogue is quick, the rhyming neat and the pictures attention-grabbing.

Crouch and Corrigan, both Domers, drive home the beauty and excellence of Irish football, leaving all readers itching to take to the field and emulate their new heroes.

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“Learning the Legacy: The Next Generation’s Notre Dame Saturday” by Kristen Lefere Johnstone

To all of Notre Dame and beyond, there’s no better way to get into the spirit of the big game than through the eyes of the next generation.

Four-year-old Theo is excited to be on the Notre Dame campus again to cheer for his beloved Domers. When his best friend Eddie J. asks to go onto the field, Theo thinks it’s a prank. But instead, he finds himself on the field, living his dream of being a Fighting Irish football player. Theo and Eddie J. soon realize that the game is not just about winning or losing, but about the bond between friends and the love for Notre Dame.

“The Notre Dame Fighting Irish 123: My First Counting Book” by Brael M. Epstein

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By CLAIRE STEPHENS
Scene Writer

Preceded by the release of the now top 100 Billboard single “What The Hell,” Avril Lavigne’s new album “Goodbye Lullaby,” released March 8, is her first album since the 2007 release of “The Best Damn Thing.” The album starts with “Black Star,” (produced by Lavigne’s ex-husband Deryck Whibley), a simplistic piano piece. Poignant and inspirational, the song revolves around piano, pure and almost childlike vocals and pleasant harmonies. Immediately following this moving piece is the fun and fast-paced “What The Hell.” An upbeat and very summery song, it takes on almost a bubblegum-pop rock sound. Cheerful and catchy, the song can easily get stuck in your head and has gained popularity on the radio. Much like “Girlfriend,” it is a very singable, roll-your-car-windows-down song with fairly good vocals on Lavigne’s part. Different from much of her other hits and the rest of the songs on the album, “What The Hell” utilizes a bubbly techno background.

Though more pop than rock, “What The Hell” is definitely the most popular single of the album. Characteristic of Lavigne’s attitude, the lyrics talk about disregard for serious emotions, carefree partying and messing around, a song for both the high school and college crowd.

“What The Hell” is the only song of its kind on the album, though. The rest of the album takes a mellow, acoustic-sounding style with simple, airy vocals and more love-themed lyrics. “Push” continues in a somewhat upbeat, fighting-for-love type of song making good use of chorus. “Smile” sounds more like Lavigne’s characteristic aggressive attitude with a smattering of cursing and in-your-face vocals. The song becomes more of a happy, acoustic love song by the chorus however, matching the themes of most of the rest of the album.

Lavigne’s musical style varies throughout the album. “Stop Standing There” uses a chipper set of snap/clap beats, though the vocals are less impressive, and “Not Enough” has a noticeably acoustic focus with dramatic piano and background beats. “Wish You Were Here” and “I Love You” are both slower-paced, the latter with gentler sounds, airy harmonies and a swelling refrain.

The second half of the album consists of many songs the Canadian singer/songwriter wrote on her own (in contrast with the co-written tracks at the beginning of the album). “Everybody Hurts” resembles “Black Star” in its more universal message, while “4 Real” and “Darlin’” are more bittersweet, emotional soft rock. “Remember When” comes third from the end, and is, both vocally and musically, the most impressive of the love songs. Much like the other songs it has a piano and acoustic focus with a refrain that becomes dramatic, emotional and more rock-like, with a focal climax.

Seemingly the ending song of the album, “Goodbye” sounds very appropriate for a stirring album closer: repetitive airy vocals and symphonic instruments. It is pleasant and simple over all, and is appropriately named. There is an entire minute of silence at the end of the track before the extended edition of “Alice” begins.

For some reason, one of the best songs of the album is the hidden track at the end. “Alice” begins dramatically, with haunting heavy beats. The song establishes a fantasy, wonderland theme. It shows Lavigne’s most powerful and varying vocals on the album, and is an empowering “can’t stop me now” track.

“Goodbye Lullaby” contains simple, pure, clean and childlike vocals from Lavigne. The style is generally consistent: acoustic-based pop and medium-to-calm paced love songs with some raker/ chick attitude mixed in. Mellower and more quietly emotional than some of her other hits, “Goodbye Lullaby” resembles “Keep Holding On” more than “Sk8r Boi” and shows the controversial, tattooed Lavigne’s more dramatic side.

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‘Goodbye Lullaby’
Label: RCA Records
Best Tracks: “Black Star,” “Alice,” “What the Hell”

By ANKUR CHAWLA
Scene Writer

The duo from “Hot Fuzz” and “Shawn of the Dead” team up again for the sci-fi comedy “Paul.” Simon Pegg and Nick Frost play the roles of the two geeks on a pilgrimage to the home of alien conspiracy theorists — Area 51. Joining those two on screen are Seth Rogen, Sigourney Weaver, Jason Bateman and SNL cast members Kristen Wiig and Bill Hader.

While in America’s UFO heartland, Graeme Willy (Pegg) and Clive Goldings (Frost) meet an alien, Paul (voiced by Rogen), who has been hanging out at the military base. Wanting out of the base, Paul hires a ride with Graeme and Clive and hilarity ensues.

Chased by federal agents, Willie and Clive accidentally kidnap a young woman and hatch a muddled (at best) plan to get Paul back to his mothership.

Meanwhile, the two nerds and little alien have quite the adventures, reminiscent of Harold and Kumar go to White Castle,” except instead of burgers Paul chows down on a live bird.

The star-studded cast and proven pair of Pegg and Frost make “Paul” a sure bet for a movie over Spring Break. Directed by Greg Mottola (“Superbad”), Paul is undoubtedly going to be a must-see comedy. For more about “Paul” check out the trailer and more at www.whatispaul.com

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Film details
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## NHL

Contra scores late as Senators stun Devils

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — The New Jersey Devils have been winning so many close games in their frantic run toward the playoffs that sooner or later they would be bound to come up on the short end of one of them.

The surprise though was that it was the Ottawa Senators — the team with the NHL’s worst record entering action on Tuesday night — that got the best of the league’s hottest team.

Erik Condra scored his second goal of the game with 2:13 to play and the Senators defeated New Jersey 2-1, handing the Devils only their third regulation loss (20-3-2) in 25 games.

“We have been fortunate in the last so many games, and we’ve pulled them off the wall.” Devils goaltender Martin Brodeur said.

Condra, who deflected it past Greense and went to the rookie of New Jersey Devils’ defenseman Andy Greene, had an assist on Devils’ defenseman Andy Greene and went to the rook.

It turned out to be Condra.

He came off the bench and skated hard down the middle of the ice. Spezza sent a pass toward the goal that deflected off Devils’ defenseman Andy Greene, who got the puck into the Devils’ zone following a back-and-forth near the blue line waiting for a teammate to do something.

It turned out to be Condra. Condra’s fourth career goal was set up by Jason Spezza, who got the puck back and forth near the blue line waiting for a teammate to do something.

“We’re just starting to find ourselves,” Iguodala said. “Guys are starting to get comfortable. I know where Elton’s going to be, I know where Jodie’s going to be, and I know where I’m going to be. We’re all just feeling each other out.

Iguodala also shut down Indiana’s leading scorer. Danny Granger entered the game averaging 21 points, but he finished with 11 on 4 for 11 shooting.

Iguodala has averaged 14.8 points, 8.4 assists and 7.9 rebounds the past eight games.

“I don’t know what player out there is going to bring the defense he brings, the unselfishness he brings, and the ability to score that he brings.” Philadelphia forward Elton Brand said. “I can see the court. If he’s not scoring the ball, he’s seeing other guys, and he’s putting us in easy positions to knock the shots down.”

Philadelphia shot 51 percent and forced Indiana into 20 turnovers. All five 76ers starters scored at least 12 points, and seven players scored in double figures.

Tyler Hansbrough led Indiana with 26 points, one short of his career high. He shot 11 of 14 shots as a reserve.

“Hansbrough was unbelievable.” Philadelphia coach Doug Collins said. “That guy is a really, really good player. He’s really good.”

Roy Hibbert scored 13 points, and rookie Paul George had a season-high 10 rebounds for Indiana.

The Pacers started 7-1 under interim coach Frank Vogel, but now have lost four straight and six of seven.

“Our guys have to do better,” Vogel said. “They understand it, I understand it. We’re not getting it done defensively and not moving the ball enough.”

Indiana trailed by 21 points in the second half, but a pair of free throws by Hansbrough cut Philadelphia’s lead to 86-76 early in the fourth quarter.

The 76ers extended their lead to 96-80 on a layup by Holiday, but Indiana rallied, and a jumper by Hansbrough cut Philadelphia’s lead to 100-91 with 2:42 left.

The Pacers trailed 100-93 and had the ball. Indiana’s A.J. Price missed a 3-pointer, but Hibbert rebounded. He looked for a teammate, but threw the ball right to Holiday, and Meeks hit a 3-pointer at the other end to push the lead back to 103-98.

“It was that kind of night,” George said. “It seemed like they were hitting about everything. Offensively, we just didn’t have it going.”

The 76ers jumped out to a 22-9 lead in the first quarter, and shot 59 percent in the first half to lead 65-53 at the break. Brand said the team was aware that Indiana was five games behind them in the Eastern Conference playoff race.

“We didn’t want to be lackadaisical,” he said. “We wanted to make this game more important to them, and we came out and did that.”

The Pacers sabotaged their efforts to come back early in the second half with turnovers. Philadelphia’s Spencer Hawes hit back-to-back baskets, then Holiday dunked an alley-oop pass from Iguodala to give the 76ers a 77-58 lead and force the Pacers to call a timeout.

Indiana rallied late in the quarter and trailed 84-70 at the end of the period, but Philadelphia finished strong in the final minutes.

“We’re riding high right now,” Brand said. “We’re playing very well. Against the good teams, we’re playing well, even if we lose. We feel like we can beat just about any team.”

Notes: Indiana F Jeff Foster sat out with a sore back... Indiana G Dahntay Jones was called for a flagrant 1 foul in the second quarter when he made contact with Evan Turner as Turner drove to the hoop. Philadelphia shot 60 percent in the first quarter... Granger has shot 34 percent from the field during Indiana’s losing streak.
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**Associated Press**

**SURPRISE, Ariz. —** Dontrelle Willis continues to make a case for a spot in the Cincinnati Reds’ bullpen.

Willis pitched two perfect innings, striking out three, and Drew Stubbs hit a two-run home run. The Royals could not get runners on base in nine innings against 1976.

**MINNEAPOLIS —** The down-and-dirty Timberwolves faithful rose to their feet and roared like they rarely have done all season, saluting Kevin Love for being one of the few reasons to keep coming to Target Center during another long, miserable basketball winter in Minnesota.

Love raised his hand and thanked the crowd, who delivered a standing ovation Monday night when he recorded his 51st consecutive double-double.

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**NBA**

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Doubles teams lead Notre Dame to victory

By KATELYN GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Solid play from the doubles teams helped the Irish to defeat the No. 4 Illini at the Eck Tennis Pavilion Tuesday. The Irish opened the match strong with wins at both No. 1 and No. 3 doubles.

Irish senior Stephen Havens and junior Casey Watt swept down Illinois senior Connor Roth and sophomore Stephen Bobb at No. 2 doubles. Irish senior Tyler Davis and freshman Greg Anderson beat Illinois senior Bruno Abdelnour and redshirt freshman Brian Alden by the same score at No. 3 doubles.

Irish junior Niall Fitzgerald and sophomore Spencer Talmadge did not finish their match against their opponents at No. 1 doubles. The doubles point was already decided, but were leading seniors Alex Brown and Christian Elings 5-4 when play was suspended.

“By beginning singles play with a 1-0 lead it means that if we split the singles we will win. This takes a lot of pressure off our guys to start singles,” Irish coach Bob Bayliss said.

Sophomore Blas Moros came out ahead of Roth 6-0, 6-1 at No. 1 singles to give the Irish a 2-0 lead.

Irish senior Dan Stahl defeated No. 65 Souza 6-4, 6-1 at No. 3 singles. Illo hitting got Illinois’ second point by sweeping Sophomore Andrew at No. 4 singles in three sets, 6-7, 6-4, 7-6.

Fitzgerald had a tough fight at No. 5 singles, winning the first set in a tiebreak 7-6, then dropping the second set 6-3. He rebounded to win the third 6-2.

“We had the top positions can be very difficult for anyone,” Bayliss said. “Match after match you are going to face the other teams’ best players, so the strength of our schedule that means our guys are going to play many of the best college players in the country.”

This was Watt’s second straight No. 1 singles win after he defeated Joshua Hamui 5-4 when play was suspended.

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last four outings. He is the fourth Irish player to take home the award, preceded by Pat Garrity, Troy Murphy (who won the award twice) and Luke Harangody.

Irish coach Mike Brey was selected as Big East Coach of the Year by his conference for the second time in his career.

Tory Jackson to graduation after the 2009-2010 campaign, Brey’s squad far exceeded expectations by recording a 25-5 season. Brey also earned the award in 2007 and 2008 and is only the third active coach to have received the award multiple times, joining Syracuse’s Jim Boeheim and Connecticut’s Jim Calhoun in that category.

The selections mark the third time the Irish have taken home both the conference Player of the Year and Coach of the Year awards. Notre Dame most recently did so in 2008 with Harangody and Brey.

Senior forward Tim Abromaitis was honored for the second consecutive year as the Big East Scholar Athlete of the Year, becoming the third player in league history to win the award in back-to-back campaigns. Abromaitis was recently named to his second consecutive first-team Academic All-America honors; he was also named to the all-conference third team.

Team, after hitting the road again to face Kentucky.

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Women’s Lacrosse

Irish return from break to take on Ohio State

By MATT DEFRANKS
Sports Writer

The last time the No. 11 Irish took the field in a regular-season game there was still snow on the ground. Thursday, a fresh Notre Dame squad takes on regional rival Ohio State in their first game in nine days.

“Very great to have a break and focus on things that needed improvement with coach Tracy Coyne,” said “We had a couple of off days to give some players with injuries some time to recover.”

In their last game, postponed a day because of weather, Notre Dame pulled out a come-from-behind victory over Dayton, 12-10 in Pittsburgh. Six Irish players scored in the win, led by senior midfielder Shaylyn Blaney’s three goals and three assists.

During the layoff, both Blaney and senior defender Jackie Doherty were named to the watch list for the Tewaaraton Trophy, college lacrosse’s premier individual award. Both have excelled All-Big East First Team and have been instrumental in helping the Irish to a 2-2 start. Blaney is second on the team in assists while Doherty leads the Irish in draw controls and turns.

The Buckeyes (3-3) defeated Canisius in their last game by domination, 22-7. Ohio State, a 1-2 road team, is led by junior midfielder Hayley Markowski’s team-high 10 goals and 10 assists. The Buckeyes defeated Marquette, 16-13, in their first game this season, allowing nearly 16 goals per game in losses and five goals per game in wins.

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double-team her, but we just didn’t get down there in time and she was a little too much for us in the post.

Moore, who was named the tournament’s most outstanding player after the game, finished with 22 points on 9-of-20 shooting while playing all 40 minutes for Huskies coach Geno Auriemma.

“She [Moore] hit some real daggers in us on the second half,” McGraw said of the senior’s 12-point second half performance.

Notre Dame trailed by one heading into the half and Auriemma said it was the Huskies who felt fortunate to see the score at 32-31.

“To go up one after the way we played in the first half, I was shocked,” Auriemma said.

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**Men's Golf**

No. 26 Notre Dame kicks off season against Yale

By CONOR KELLY Sports Writer

After a fun and competitive weekend at the Alumni Matches in Scottsdale, Ariz., the Irish will open their intercollegiate spring season in Greensboro, Ga., Monday on the Great Waters Course at Reynolds Plantation against Yale University. The No. 26 Irish head south into the matchup with the unranked Bulldogs with high expectations.

“Yale should be a good test for us,” Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. “We’ve recruited against them a fair amount the last few years, and with us being ranked, they’ll be extra motivated to add something to their season. It will be good to get our feet on the ground in Georgia.”

Though the match is early in the season and not in conference play, it will be important for another reason. Notre Dame squad stays in Georgia next week for the Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational, which begins March 19 at Forest Heights Country Club in Statesboro. The 15-team meet will give the Irish an opportunity to compete against some of the top out-of-conference teams in the country.

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**SMC Golf**

Belles anticipate spring season

By MEGAN GOLDEN Sports Writer

Hamilton said he expects the Belles’ two seniors to take the initiative and lead the teammates by example.

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“There are 300 teams in the country, and only nine are automatic qualifiers, so it’s a very impressive accomplishment.”

That time was good for the ninth-best seed time in the NCAA entry, but not up against the best teams in the country. The Belles have to run even faster if they want to bring home a national championship.

“If they want to win a national championship, they’ve got to win the race, and it won’t be easy,” Plane said. “Oregon is terrific, Arizona’s great, and they’re going to be tough to beat. John’s going to have to go out in 2:53.5. Pat will need another 48 [seconds].”

While that may be a tall task, Coach Plane believes that the experience of his older runners will be apparent, and that younger runners will learn on the fly.

“Jeremy runs in a bunch of big meets, and Jack ran at nationals last year, so they should help us there. For John Shawel and Pat Feeney, this will definitely be great for them. You can only learn from experiences like this.”

While the DMR will be the only Notre Dame team to compete at nationals, they were not the only qualifier for the Irish. Bae also qualified for the men’s 1500, but he will forgo that event to focus on anchoring the relay.

“We didn’t enter Jeremy in it,” Bae said. “[Rosie and I] will just be running to get the guys fresh.”

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“Our offense has gotten a lot of good looks at the cage in the first three games,” Irving said. “It’s a question of really hearing down and shooting at the right place and putting the ball in the net. We took a lot of shots, and we missed the cage, and that’s the final piece.”

Despite recording victories against three talented opponents, Ridgway said the Irish have yet to put together an undefeated record. He said the team has high hopes for something greater than last season, and they are not finished growing.

“I think everyone’s very happy being 3-0, especially because we lost a few weekend without [senior midfielder] Zach Brenneman. It should give us a different score,” Ridgway said. “We’re not the only one playing, we were here last year, and we lost. Everyone has the same goal, and because of that, it’s just a matter of staying hungry throughout the whole season, and that’s what we’re trying to do.”

The Irish take the field in Denver at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

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**Belles anticipate spring season**

The Belles worked hard all winter on improving their short game, an area that may determine their success.

“We’ve been chipping and putting, and that’s really helped our season,” Hamilton said. “We want to have our short game at a high level right away. It takes a lot of time to work on, but you still have to work on it. By the time you get to nationals, you’re already working on it.”

Boyce said she and fellow seniors Rosie Benedict and Amanda Young are very close, and the Belles begin competing in the George Fox Invitational on Friday, March 18.

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JAMES SOLITTO, CODY ECKERT and JOHN FLATLEY

Tuesday Variety Show

Laura McGinn

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Answer: What the math teacher did when he wrecked his car — HE TOTED IT

Thursday Crossword

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Third strike

No. 7 ND falls to No. 1 UConn 73-64

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. — The third time was out the charm for the No. 7 Irish Tuesday as they dropped the Big East championship game to No. 1 Connecticut 73-64 in front of more than 10,000 fans at the XL Center in Hartford, Conn.

The Irish (26-7, 13-3 Big East) kept up with the Huskies (32-1, 16-0) in the first half and led by as many as seven, Connecticut, however, remained unfazed due to the strong play of senior forward Maya Moore and freshman center Stefanie Dolson.

The Irish had no answer in the low post for Dolson, who finished with 24 points and nine rebounds. The freshman was named to the all-tournament team.

"Dolson really hurt us again," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We thought we were going to see PIANE/page 14

Irish sophomore guard Skylar Diggins and freshman forward Natalie Achonwa look for the rebound during Notre Dame’s 73-64 loss to Connecticut Tuesday.

ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Notre Dame faces tough matchups with renewed focus

By MATT ROBISON
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While some students may be heading to warmer climates to soak up the sun during spring break, the No. 14 Irish will be heading to Tampa, Fla., for work, not play. It will be no easy vacation as Notre Dame (8-2) will face South Florida, No. 3 Duke, and No. 18 Tennessee over the weekend.

The Irish fell to No. 7 Baylor this weekend, but sophomore Chrisie McGaffigan said the team has a new focus and will set its sights directly on the challenges ahead, rather than heartening back to the loss.

"We play three top teams and we are looking forward to some very good tennis," McGaffigan said. "We are training hard and fine-tuning our games so we will be prepared to play."

Duke (10-2) will likely be the toughest task for the Irish as they come in with their only losses to No. 2 Florida, one in a home matchup and the other in the National Indoors in Charlottesville, Va.

Tennessee (7-3) enters the event with all three of their losses coming in the latter part of the season. McGaffigan said: "Coming out with three wins would really boost team confidence especially heading into the latter part of the season."

So far, the Irish have not played outside of the Eck Tennis Center at Notre Dame this season, and the trip to a warmer climate will offer an opportunity to play outdoors.

"It’ll be tough because it’s a lot of matches in a short span of time," Frilling said. "But it’s also good because we’ll finally be getting to the outdoor season and I think we are definitely more of an outdoor team."

Notre Dame’s first match is Tuesday at 11 a.m. against South Alabama. Irish will then face Duke March 17 at noon and Tennessee March 19 at 10 a.m.

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MEN’S LACROSSE

Irish look to extend win streak

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Although the No. 3 Irish had some fans on the edge of their seats due to their defensive-minded game plan last weekend, they remain confident in their ability to work together and adjust to any challenges that obstruct their vision of a national title.

Senior defenseman Kevin Ridgway pointed to communication as a key for the Irish (3-0) to rebound from their defensive struggles and extend their winning streak against No. 14 Denver (3-1) Saturday.

We were a little loose on our communication this weekend, which led to little spurts of the other team scoring.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Irish earn top honors for Big East

Observer Staff Report

No. 4 Notre Dame earned some recognition from the most competitive conference in the country Tuesday when it picked up three major awards at the Big East’s annual awards ceremony at Madison Square Garden.

Senior guard Ben Hansbrough was named Big East Player of the Year on the heels of his unanimous selection to the first-team all-conference squad Sunday. Hansbrough was the only unanimous selection to the all-league top-five and finished as the third-highest scorer in the conference, averaging 20.7 points in his conference matchups. Hansbrough closed the season on a particularly strong note, pouring in 20 points or more in each of his last four games.

Track and Field

Distance relay team to compete at Nationals

By JACK HEFFERON
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Championships are often the products of months of hard work, but this weekend, the Irish will be trying to claim titles in the sport of just ten minutes.

The NCAA Division I Track and Field Championships will take place this weekend in College Station, Texas, and one Notre Dame relay team will be making the trip.

The Distance Medley Relay (DMR) of junior Johnathan Shavel, freshman Patrick Feeney, graduate student Jack Howard and sophomore Jeremy Rae will be the only Irish representatives in Texas, but they hope to come home with the ultimate collegiate prize.

The team waited until the last minute to earn their berth in the championships, qualifying at the Alex Wilson Invitational last weekend. All four runners posted impressive splits, and their time of 9 minutes, 31.99 seconds was good enough for an automatic NCAA qualification.

"It’s a really big deal," Irish coach Joe Piane said.

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