Professor: Stay off ground in Libya

ND expert recommends ‘limited liability intervention’ for foreign troops in rebel conflict

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

As American and European forces battled Libya’s Muammar Qaddafi, the focus of professional political science Professor Michael Desch, chair of the department of political science, was the reasonable military action is to continue its “limited liability intervention strategy.”

“It makes sense for us to inter- vene in Libya, as opposed to other places we have in the past,” Desch said. “We can do so at a relatively low cost and indirectly through missiles and drones.”

Village declared in Libya in February when anti-government opponents rebelled against Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi. The nation is now in a state of civil war as the fighting escalated in recent weeks.

On March 17, the United Nations Security Council author- ized foreign military action by U.N. members in Libya. The council’s aim was to protect civil- ians as Qaddafi’s army approached Benghazi, a large Libyan city and strategic rebel camp.

American and European forces bombarded loyalist Libyan forces with warplanes and missiles but

Former ND student sentenced six years

Observer Staff Report

A former Notre Dame student charged with child molestation received a six-year prison sen- tence Friday after he engaged in sexual acts with a 12-year-old South Bend girl in April 2010, according to Indiana state law.

Ackled John, a senior at the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) officer nearby. NDSP then

A Libyan man poses with wreckage from a US F15 fighter jet. The aircraft crashed outside of

Irish language sees surge

By MARISSA IATI
News Writer

More people are currently embracing the Irish language than at any other time since the early 19th century. Notre Dame profes- sor Brian O’Conchubhair said, and those at Notre Dame are no excep- tion.

O’Conchubhair is an associate professor of Irish in the Department of Irish Language and Literature and a faculty fellow in the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies.

“Irish is currently undergoing a resurgence in comparison to what was happening in the nineteenth century,” O’Conchubhair said. “Before the Irish Potato Famine, there were approximately 6 to 7 million speakers of Irish in Ireland. Irish was a dominant language.”

According to recent reports by academic and deviant sexual conflict with a child under 14 years old is considered child molestation. The Observer will not name the girl because she is a minor and the victim of a crime.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** On a scale of one to ten, how would you rate yourself?

- **Evan Graham**
  - **Freshman**
  - **Knott**
  - **9.4**

- **Kevin Kho**
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  - **Freshman**
  - **Ryan**
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- **Mark Dean**
  - **Sophomore**
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- **James Baker**
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Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com

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**OFFBEAT**

**Man charged with drunk driving brings beer to hearing**

MONTICELLO, N.Y. — Authorities say a New York man appearing before a judge on a felony drunken driving charge arrived at court an hour and a half late, drunk and carrying an open can of Bush beer.

Sullivan County Undersheriff Eric Chaboty says Keith Gruber of Swan Lake had four unopened beer cans in his bag Monday when he tried to walk through the metal detector at the county courthouse.

The Middletown Times Herald-Record reports that Judge Frank LaBuda asked the 49-year-old Gruber if he enjoyed his “liquid lunch.” Gruber said he did, then said he was sorry. The judge revoked his bail and sent him to jail, where he remained Tuesday.

Gruber was arrested Dec. 27 in the town of Liberty and was out on $30,000 cash bail. He has prior DWI convictions.

The judge dismissed Gruber’s court-appointed lawyer Monday because Gruber refused to cooperate with him. A phone number listed for Gruber was disconnected.

Paramedics now able to administer pet first aid

DASHLUND, Ore. — Some Oregon firefighters and paramedics are now equipped and trained to give first aid to dogs, cats and other pets.

The Daily Tidings reports that Ashland Fire & Rescue firefighters were trained last week to do CPR on dogs, cats, ferrets, guinea pigs and even reptiles that have inhaled smoke. All five department engines now carry oxygen masks for pets.

Division Chief Greg Casey says rescuing pets involved in fires helps the entire family. Firefighters treat people first and will help pets if possible.

Veterinarian Dr. Alice Sievers says smaller animals can be placed inside the masks, while the devices can be fitted over the nose or beak of larger animals.

The department received equipment through a donation from Project Breathe.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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**IN BRIEF**

Today Student Union Board is hosting SIR Patrick’s Day. At 10:30 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. giveaways will be handed out side of DeBartolo Hall. A cookout with giveaways will take place on the fieldhouse mail from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and at 5 p.m. the winners of the golden nugget hunt will be announced. For more information see sub.nd.edu.

Starting at 10:30 a.m. a pair of talks will be given as a part of the Henkel Lecture Series by the Center for Research on Educational Opportunity. UCLA professors Patricia Gandara and Gary Orfield will speak on civil rights, educational policy, and minority opportunity in the Eric Visitors Center. This event is free and open to the public.

At 4 p.m. Professor Wolfgang Mitmacher from Michigan State University will give a talk as a part of the Physics Colloquium on Nuclear Power and Global Energy Problems. The talk will be held in room 118 in Nieuwland Science Hall.

At 4 p.m. Ramon A. Guerrero Professor of History and director of Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture at the University of Chicago will give a lecture about Reyes Lopez Tijerina and the Religious Origins of Mexican American Civil Rights Movement. The lecture will be held in McKenna Hall room 210-214.

At 7 p.m., a showing of the film “Fields of Dreams” will be held at Legends. After the film, a talk will be given by Professor James McKenna.

There will be free food for students.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews.nd@gmail.com
Librarian analyzes rare Bible

By CATLIN HOUSLEY
Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s Librarian Robert Hohl analyzed the College’s copy of the rare Saint John’s Bible during his Tuesday lecture in Vander Vennet Center.

The Saint John’s Bible is one of only 299 copies of the handwritten Benedictine Bible and is the first complete handwritten Bible of this scale created in the past 500 years, Hohl said.

Hohl said he visited the original Saint John’s Abbey in Minnesota in September. During his trip, he said he learned more about the intricate work of the Bible’s main calligrapher, Donald Jackson, and his mission in creating the Saint John’s Bible.

Hohl broke his discussion into three glimpses at the Bible — the “encyclopedic perspective,” the “living letter” and the “word conjoined with the Word.”

His first glance, the encyclopedic perspective, analyzed the knowledge preserved in the book through aesthetic details.

“While the text is central, much of our delight ... is found in the decorations and illuminations,” Hohl said.

The Bible is an illuminated manuscript, meaning it incorporates a gold finish that causes the book to reflect light, Hohl said. This gold represents God and his presence in the literary work.

“Even a square of gold or the tiniest fleck signals to us that God is present,” Hohl said.

In addition, the Bible includes flecks of platinum that reflected the reader’s image.

The detail and hand-drawn intricate graphics support the text and help the reader interpret the story, Hohl said.

Each book of the Saint John’s Bible reflects its medieval biblical precursor in regard to its drawings, incorporating imitations of plants and insects in a precise replication of the organisms. Hohl said in the first chapter of Matthew, Jackson even wove spires of DNA into a graphic representing Jesus and his ancestors.

In addition, much of the medieval biblical writings incorporated a sense of humus: In the Wisdom of Solomon, artist Chris Tomlin failed to incorporate a piece of dirt into its correct place, Hohl said. In order to correct the mistake, Tomlin included the text in a box at the bottom of the page and connected the box to a string on a pulley held by a bee. The bee was supposed to carry the dirt to the proper place.

His second glance focused on the “living letter,” or the continued scriptural tradition of the Bible.

Hohl said, “littera scripta manet, Aque civa — the written word remaines. And it lives.”

Each calligrapher, through their individual representation of the word, contributed to telling and preserving the word of the Lord for years to come.

In his final glance, Hohl examined the “word conjoined with the Word,” meaning the written text and its deeper meaning.

“The zeal of preserving and passing on the ancient word still shines through the written manuscript,” Hohl said.

The energy of the calligraphers emanates through the artwork, the style of the Bible, and helps breathe life into the Word, he said.

The Saint John’s Bible is a sum of time, treasure and talent, Hohl said.

The Bible was a gift from Saint Mary’s alumna Judy Rauschenberg Mahoney. It is available for viewing at Saint Mary’s Cushwa-Leighton library.

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College premiers online journal

By JILLIAN BARWICK
News Writer

Saint Mary’s Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) introduced its first journal published online March 7 to broaden the scope of discussion between scholars, researchers and community activists.

Catherine Pittman, associate professor of psychology, said the College established CWIL 11 years ago. Pittman is co-editor of the journal, along with French Professor Julie A. Storme.

Pittman said the journal is “really an opportunity for Saint Mary’s College to be on the cutting edge of providing information about how to be leaders in this diverse world.”

The organization is deeply rooted in the traditions of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

The editors of CWIL decided to launch the scholarly journal, the Journal for Women’s Intercultural Leadership, women’s issues, and leadership issues in the first journal published by the College.

The editors of the JWL, editorial board contribute to the journal from universities across the country.

Pittman said printing JWL in paper form was a possibility, but the decision to make it online would be more forward and visible to the public.

While JWL is primarily for faculty publishers, community activists, students and researchers, students are welcome to participate in discussion in the journal.

“JWL represents interdisciplinary research to our students, especially those involved in CWIL,” Storme said.

Pittman said she hopes people realize the JWL is, in a way to make Saint Mary’s a more avid promoter for CWIL and leaders across the world.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Council plans outreach to Japan after disaster

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (C0R) discussed student body outreach in response to the tsunami in Japan and the initial results from the University’s first student job board reform during its Tuesday meeting.

Chief of staff Nick Rauf spoke about student government’s initial plans for fundraising on campus for Japan.

“Right now student government is formulating a plan to do a student fundraising to support some missions in Japan,” he said. “We’re in the works to set up collections in the dorms ... a bucket for donations after mass, and we’re looking for other locations around campus to collect money.”

Student body vice president Andrew Bell said fundraising will be a concentrated effort.

“We’re setting up for Sunday afternoon to be the main collection time,” he said.

Representatives from the Notre Dame Japan Club and the Asian American Association informed members about their current fundraising plans. Japan Club President Nate Fang said the club plans to work with two local organizations, pending approval from the Student Activities Office (SAO).

“Japan Club has decided on the Japan-American Society of Indiana because we know all the money will go directly to Japan,” Fang said.

C0R also discussed the possibility of hosting an official event at which the College would be represented.

Fang said the club also plans to work with the University chapter of Volunteers in Service to Asia in Japan. She said the diocese was an appropriate choice since Sendai is the first city being aid working with a diocese is consistent with Notre Dame’s Catholic identity.

On campus, the clubs are planning three fundraising projects. They will be selling Japan aid t-shirts and wristbands, holding a dinner show, and will be offering origami birds for donations world in their Graes Project, Fang said.

Student body president Catherine Soler also gave members an update on the reform and the recommendations her administration presented to the Office of Student Employment.

She confirmed the link on the “current student page” of the University website, she said. C0R also said JWL online will be the search for the job board on the website will load directly there.

Soler said the office also changed the process of informing incoming students about employment opportunities. They will now send information along with the financial aid award letter earlier in the summer rather than in August. The office also changed the employment handout to make information more accessible to students at open houses and campus visits.

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ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL

Films show March 25-27

By JILLIAN BARWICK
News Writer

The Asian Film Festival will show March 25-27 in the wax factory on campus.

The festival will show films that focus on East Asia, and a panel discussion will take place after each screening.

Tickets are $6 for students, $8 for faculty and staff, and $12 for the general public.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 574-277-7008 or email asianfilmfestival@nd.edu.

The College will also host a reception on March 24 from 6-9 p.m. in the wax factory.

The event is free and open to the public.

Professor Edna Shuck, a member of the festival committee, said the festival will be a great opportunity to learn about different cultures.

“I think the films will be a great introduction to cultures you might not understand,” she said.

The films will be shown in different languages with English subtitles.

Shuck said she hopes the films will attract students and faculty to attend.

“They really do want students to see,” she said. “The festival is a great way to get people interested in different cultures.”

The festival will show films from China, Japan, Korea and Vietnam.

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CAMPUS NEWS
The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is now hiring tour guides for the summer and next school year.

Applications available online at http://admissions.nd.edu/tourguide

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did not attack on the ground. American ships struck first to dis- able missile, radar and communica-
tion centers. An air attack is designed to prevent further rebel and civilian bloodshed, and the United Nations’ action allowed rebel forces to regroup in the east.

Desch said international forces were right to act against Qaddafi’s forces but should not engage the Libyan army on the ground. By limiting American involvement to air and sea attacks, Desch said American forces could set reason-
able goals for its involvement in the Middle East.

It would be a humanitarian dis-
aster if Qaddafi forces wiped out the rebellion in its violent manner, Desch said, but with U.N. support in the air, the substantial indige-
nous force on the ground can draw Qaddafi further from his consolidation of power.

“The challenge now is whether the anti-Qaddafi forces have enough capability to continue their fight on the ground. They have sea-saved back and forth,” he said. “Because the anti-
Qaddafi forces are not military professionals, some tactical reverses have had a greater effect on them than they would on disci-
plined troops.”

European and American inter-
vention bought the rebellion time to regroup, Desch said. However, a stalemate may be just over the horizon because the government’s loyalist forces lack mobility, and rebel forces have no heavy weapons.

“Pro-Qaddafi forces have tried to move heavy equipment to rebel territory. French, British and American forces just shoot them like fish in a barrel,” he said. “But for anti-Qaddafi forces to dislodge them will be a challenge.”

Language

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progress, you’ll need to speak English. The outlook for Irish at the end of the nineteenth century is very bleak.

Several organizations attempted to restore the Irish language in the 1880s and 1890s, O’Conchubhair said. The Irish language received the support of the Irish Free State’s native government when the State was founded in 1922.

O’Conchubhair also said during the American Civil War the 69th Infantry Regiment used a flag that contains an Irish phrase meaning, “They never retreated from the sword.” Notre Dame possesses the original flag.

O’Conchubhair said the resur-
ence of Irish is due largely to the foundation of an Irish language television station in 1996, the Irish Free State’s acquisition of

European status in 2007 and the recent proliferation of Irish news-
papers, writers and filmmakers.

“Popularity manifests itself in the enthusiastic attention by newspapers, writers and filmmakers,” he said. “It’s no longer seen as a subject only learned in school. It’s now seen as a form of culture, as a language of TV personalities, as a language of sports stars. It’s now almost countercultural.”

O’Conchubhair said the revival is about to happen if some form of vernacular Irish sur-
vives as an urban, communal lan-
dge. If the government can save it now because it shows that — every generation has a choice to make.

What shape will it be in? What will be the economic or cultural heritage or discard it, and this will be a decision into their choice.
The sense of shame appears to have been dispelled.”

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has been busy exploring options for the students accepted into the Cairo program for next year.

“We are trying desperately to find out what to do with the 26 students that we accepted to go abroad next year,” she said. “We want to place students, if we can at all place them. It is their thing to go abroad, it is very impor-
tant. We’re trying to find ways if Cairo is not the place, as many students as possible can have a relevant abroad experience.”

OIS Associate Director Julliet Mayinja said while the depart-
ment has explored academic options in the region, the AUC remains the most feasible option in the Middle East because of its range in studies.

“Cairo is our place,” she said. “We have done a lot of searching for other alternatives but AUC is a university that encompasses everything we value. It offers sci-
ences, business. It offers engi-
neeing, it offers arts and letters, it offers languages.”

Hutchinson said a number of factors would decide the fate of the spring 2012 program in Cairo.

“If I were a political analyst, I could make a guess, but unfortunately I don’t know,” she said. “It is going to depend on the election that is supposedly in the fall. It is going to depend on the Middle East. We really don’t know.”

Mayinja said political unrest in Libya, Egypt’s neighbor, would also determine the future of the Cairo program.

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Irish Studies

students originally had planned to go to Cairo, OIS made the right call canceling the program,” he said. “I wish the situation were different but I do not see how the university could reasonably send students to a region with this much unrest.”

“Libya is the next door country to the west of Egypt, and you had masses of immigrants moving and shortages in food and all that,” she said. “You want your students to be there and have a good experience and study safe-

cy.”

Concerns about student safety extend outside of Cairo, Mayinja said.

Sophomore Garrett Ward was accepted to study the fall semes-
ter at the AUC, but he switched his program to study in Athen-

“I decided I would rather take the certainty of going abroad rather than hoping that things with Egypt and the Middle East in general would clear up by the fall,” he said.

Sophomore Joe Massad was accepted to the spring Cairo pro-

gram. He said while he is hopeful to study in Egypt, he is intent on exploring all available options.

“I am still considering switching programs because studying abroad is a once in a lifetime opportunity,” Massad said.

“Unfortunately, there are no other specifically Irish programs, so I really hope the unrest settles down, though it is quite unlike-
ly.”

Ward said OIS handled the dif-

ficult situation well, remaining informative and accommodating.

“OIS was quick to get the pool of students all the info they had and keep them up to date on what OIS was doing and what our options were,” he said. “For me personally, they allowed me to reapply to other study abroad programs after the decision line had passed so that I would have an option besides Cairo.”

Massad said he was under-

whelmed with how OIS respond-

ed to students potentially losing the experience of studying in the Middle East.

They offered us the chance to switch programs and added an International Relations and Arabic option for London, but that misses the cultural experi-

tion that the Arab world entirely,” he said. “When options like other Arab countries abroad. I was disappointed to find out that OIS would not pur-

OIS made the right decision in placing student safety as its highest priority in deciding the status of the program.

“As much as I would have liked to go to Cairo, OIS made the right
call canceling the program,” he said. “I wish the situation were different but I do not see how the university could reasonably send students to a region with this much unrest.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

Three’s company

I have a 3 on my chest right now. Not a “III” or even a “three” but a 3. It’s not a tattoo or a brand or even a draw- ing on me when I passed out on my friend’s futon (Sharpie art...).

The only rea- son for my new mark: Karma is a beach.

Over Spring Break, I saun- tered to Miami Beach in search of a fun time and to regain my good fortune in Florida tan. Naturally, I — a born and raised Miamian — wanted to brag to my northern friends that I was at the beach while they were stuck in dreary 50-degree weather. A picture message or two later, my mission was accom- plished.

Because I did not want to end up as red as Rick Pitino’s face, I had to put some sun screen on. I sprayed my arms and back and legs and shoulders and face and feet and toes and neck and ears. Someone forgot to tell me, though, that I needed to a) hold the spray far enough away or b) rub it in the sun screen. Thus, I was 0-for-2 on those accounts and paid the price for my decision to tan.

A couple hours in the Florida sun later and the damage was done. I had a wound on my right arm and a sun burn on my chest, coincidently shaped like a 3 (or a “Z”, depending on how you look at it).

Or was it a coincidence? Maybe it was a sign that I was the fourth mem- ber of the Holy Trinity? Maybe it was a sign that I had finally become the best player in the NBA? Or maybe it sig- naled that I am the second coming of Kobe Bryant? I have an innate sense that it would be an extremely unlikely turn of events for my life to take. Between myself and Kobe Bryant, there are undeniable genetic advantages that make him more inclined to succeed in the game of basketball. This idea of genetic supremacy extends to other fields where the physical barriers to entry might not be so high — we read about the greatest entrepreneurs, business mag- nates, scientists, actors and musicians and simply assume that they have an uncanny natural ability. They must have expert DNA. Only then can we rationalize that kind of ability to excel in a craft. These inspirations must be biologically hardened.

This is not true. As Jonah Lehrer writes in his Wired Magazine blog, “Frontal Cortex,” researchers over the past twenty years have found that most important fac- tor that predicts success is deliberate prac- tice. This is inspiring news for all of us mortals who had long assumed that we didn’t have the raw capacity to succeed in various fields. However, before we rejoice too much, we must consider what exactly “deliberate practice” entails.

Deliberate practice is not easy, nor fun. Psychology has been given the name “grit.”

The most fascinating questions that arise from this body of research relates to our society’s ability to nurture grit. Is deliber- ate, focused practice over a long period of time feasible in a world where the refresh button on Twitter or Facebook is one click away? My answer would be yes, although it is more difficult than it used to be. Many studies have shown, or attempted to show, the loss of sustained attention among today’s youth due to modern technologies. So, these technologies add enormous advantages at the same time. Take the spelling bee studying example — a speller will certainly save massive amounts of time by googling words rather than sitting through a dictionary for each.

Another provocative question involves how we evaluate people for admission and employment. Lehrer relates fascinating evidence about the NFL, combine-Studies show that there is no relationship between combine performance and success in a professional career. He theorizes that this is because combines measure raw physical ability, rather than sustained habits. These findings could be carefully studied by col- lege and graduate school admissions offi- cers. We all know how important those fitness tests are — SATs, ACTs, MCATs, LSATs, GMATs. If universities truly want future leaders, there need to be better mechanisms to both measure and nurture grit. GPA is certainly an improvement in this type of measurement, as it relates per- formance over a much longer-time period than the four hours to complete a stan- dardized test. However, it still does not pro- vide an accurate indication of one’s ability to remain focused on one goal for an extended period of time and do the painful work required to gain mastery.

As a society, we should do what we can to foster grit. One thing is certain — grit requires humility. It requires an ability to put one’s head down. It requires the knowledge that success is attainable through incredibly hard work and sus- tained attention. Feelings of self-entitle- ment, a desire to game the system, to get rich quick, to give in to every miniscule pleasure, do not mix well with grit. We in America have work to do to return to this sort of humility. In the 1950s, 12 percent of Americans thought they were “very important people.” In the late 1980s, 80 percent did. Other fascinating studies show that American parents praise their children’s performances on tests, while Asian parents routinely praise hard work. Psychologists have found that when presented with very difficult tests and tasks, children who have had their hard work praised are much more likely to persevere and outperform. These trends are by no means unusual. I imagine the belt-tightening that will undoubtedly occur over the next decades as we adjust to a new fiscal situation may inspire a new national humility. I certainly hope this result does indeed occur. Gordon Gekko famously summed up the ugly underside of American psychology when he said “Greed is Good.” We should behave as a society to replace greed with grit.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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Horeace Mann

U.S. educator

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“Discretion in speech is more than eloquence.”

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English author & philosopher
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Paul Doesn’t Impress

By ANKUR CHAWLA
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The British duo of Simon Pegg and Nick Frost teamed up with Seth Rogen for this sci-fi comedy blending “ET” with “Shawn of the Dead.” While certainly having its funny moments, “Paul” was merely an average comedy with little taking it to the next level. Still, if you’re looking for something to entertain you for a while it just might be worth it.

The movie starts with Graeme Willy (Pegg) and Clive Collins (Frost) visiting America to see Comic-con and promote their graphic novel with a tri-breasted woman on the front. They follow up the convention by fulfilling one of their biggest dreams: touring the nation’s most notorious alien conspiracy zones.

After leaving Area 51, they witness a car wreck and decide to take a look, only to find an alien nearby. This alien, Paul (Rogen), proves to be hilarious and some much needed comic relief to the two’s trip. Paul enrols Graeme and Clive to help him get home and run away from the authorities that want to kidnap Paul.

The trio’s antics lead them to a trailer park where they meet Christian creationist enthusiast Ruth Buggs (Kristen Wiig). After she discovers Paul’s existence (by intelligent design according to her), Graeme and Clive decide it would be best to kidnap her from her overly protective father. This adds another car to the long line of those chasing the alien and geeks.

Meanwhile, two average cops who are always left in the dark and a bit reminiscent of “The Other Guys” get called up to help with the case and provide the funniest antics in the entire movie. Played by Bill Hader (“Saturday Night Live”) and Joe Lo Truglio (the guy from “Superbad” that hits Jonah Hill with his car), the two cops did all they could to save the film.

Overall, this was a fairly predictable movie with a proven lineup of funny people to entertain those not expecting too much. Not horrible by any means, “Paul” was moderately funny but certainly not the next “Harold and Kumar go to White Castle” but it could have been a lot worse.

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Why You Should Get
Culture Tram

Over Christmas break, I was sitting at my kitchen table, wondering about the state of the world and my place in it. Well, mostly, I was just doing the almost-but-not-yet graduated dance, wondering what I was going to do with my life. A particularly profound thought struck me that, as of May 23rd, I will no longer be under the control and guidance — and financial care — of the cash cow. I’m not referring to my parents — who I would never refer to as the cash cow, but something more refined, like the cash llama or the cash flying unicorn — but the illustrious institution that is Notre Dame.

This might seem a paradox, since Notre Dame is that glorious entity which sucks bucks from our savings accounts and parental send-my-kid-to-college pots, but in my experience, Notre Dame is a great place to get free money, also known as grants for unique study of a specific topic related to one’s major. I am — as my smattering of readers already know — a music and film/TV major. I’ve gotten grants before, so it disheartened me greatly to realize that in three months I’ll no longer be able to whip open the grant common app and develop a new project.
A freeze ray, the Evil League of Evil and Captain Hammer will be making an appearance on Notre Dame’s campus this weekend as the Notre Dame’s Student Players present Joss Whedon’s Emmy-Award winning online musical sensation “Dr. Horrible’s Sing-Along Blog” at the Washington Hall Lab Theater.

“Dr. Horrible’s Sing-Along Blog” is about an aspiring super-villain named Billy, also known as Dr. Horrible, who desperately wants to get into the Evil League of Evil. However, Billy runs into trouble balancing his evil aspirations with his romantic feelings for Penny, a girl he sees regularly at the local laundromat. His nemesis Captain Hammer, the town hero who keeps preventing Billy’s heinous crimes, also has feelings for Penny and vies with Dr. Horrible for Penny’s affection.

The show premiered online in 2008 starring Neil Patrick Harris, of “How I Met Your Mother” fame. It was meant only for online distribution, but due to the great success it achieved on the web many fans wanted to put on their very own show of “Dr. Horrible’s Sing-Along Blog,” including some Notre Dame students who are fans of the Whedon mini-series.

Last spring, senior computer science major Rachel Witty decided she wanted to direct “Dr. Horrible’s Sing-Along Blog” at Notre Dame for the Student Players when everyone at the “Urinetown” cast party started singing a song from “Dr. Horrible.”

“This is a magical show,” Witty said. “People will really get into this.”

When sophomore Charlie O’Leary, who plays the role of Dr. Horrible, heard about the project he wanted to be involved in anyway possible. “It’s so different from other staged musicals; it’s faster-paced, with quick, snappy scenes and dialogue,” O’Leary said. “It manages to cover a variety of genres in less than an hour. It’s really funny.”

“It’s a great blend of the nerdy and theatrical,” freshman cast member Kevin McGinn added. “It really sends a message of being cautious of what you’re doing and how you’re doing it,” Witty said. “[Dr. Horrible] does some bad things and it really comes back to kick him later. I think without that it would be just a trivial happy musical. This is something so much more and bigger than that.”

Adapting the show from screen to stage was fairly easy for Witty and the rest of the cast and crew. Only a few changes were made.

“The movie is not something you can bring straight to the stage,” Witty said. “The script is exactly the same. The big differences are in stage direction. We had to change some fantasy sequences.”

“IT’s live, we don’t have the budget or the space to fly Austin [the actor who plays Captain Hammer] in from the ceiling onto a moving van,” sophomore Hannah Gregg said.

Notre Dame’s production of “Dr. Horrible” also promises to give great live original performances.

“This is not just the Student Players of Notre Dame copying an Internet musical,” senior cast member Ellie Hall said. “The best part of that for me is watching Charlie’s performance as Dr. Horrible. Charlie does something different with it. He really makes the part his own. He’s electrifying to watch.”

Aside from being entertained by what is going on onstage, audiences can also expect to be involved in the show.

“The actors will be right up in their faces playing with them and getting them to interact with the show,” Witty said. “We want them to be a part of the show. They’re not just watching, they are actually participating the whole way.”

“Dr. Horrible’s Sing-Along Blog” will be performed this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 6:00 p.m. in the Washington Hall Lab Theater. On Saturday there will also be a 3:30 p.m. matinee performance in addition to the 6:00 p.m. show, which will be a special audience sing-along performance. This will also be the last live licensed performance of the show in the country since rights to the show have recently been rescinded.

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Men's rowing scrimage in Tuscaloosa break even

Sports Writer

The Irish rowers traveled to Oak Ridge, Tenn., for spring break to gain valuable time under the water, leading up to the beginning of the spring season. The team practiced 18 times over the course of the week, culminating in a showcase against Skidmore College, the University of New Hampshire and Army.

The top three Notre Dame varsity eights handily beat Skidmore's top boat. The first novice eight won both pieces of the novice event, beating the top New Hampshire boat by open water, clearly followed by Notre Dame novice eight, Army, and Skidmore. The Irish will travel to Indianapolis Sunday to race Purdue.

Men’s Rugby

Men’s rugby traveled to Baton Rouge, La., over the weekend and posted a 15-11 upset of nationally ranked LSU. The Irish trailed 11-0 before mounting a comeback and registering the first upset of an elite team in the country.

Women’s Water Polo

The Irish with its top four polo team traveled to southern California this past week for a series of high-level games. The Irish started the weekend strong with a 7-6 victory over host Goshen in a doubleheader on day three of the Belles' season opener against SNU/Davenport.

The Belles relied heavily on a strong team depth and balance. Some games, the top of the lineup came through for us, some games, the bottom of the lineup came through. It was really great to see that they were all just a very cohesive team.

The Belles relied heavily on a number of juniors during the tournament — none more than pitcher Monica Palicki, who went 4-1 in five starts. Palicki recorded 10 strikeouts in a seven-inning complete game against Curry in the first leg of a doubleheader on day three of the tournament. In the game that immediately followed, freshman pitcher Courtney Jackson turned in a seven-inning complete game against Saint Mary's outscored its two opponents, Kenyon and Mass.-Dartmouth, by a combined score of 24-0. Against Mass.-Dartmouth, junior Lauren Encaya went 3-4 from the plate with a triple, a home run, 5 RBIs, 2 runs and a steal.

The offensive attack was equally impressive for the Belles during their trip, especially on day two, when Saint Mary's outscored its two opponents, Kenyon and Mass.-Dartmouth, by a combined score of 24-0. Against Mass.-Dartmouth, junior Lauren Encaya went 3-4 from the plate with a triple, a home run, 5 RBIs, 2 runs and a steal.

While the Belles had no problem at all getting on base, Sullivan said her team needs to focus on its defense. "Our baserunning was a little bit suspect at times," Sullivan said. "Otherwise, honestly, I was pretty pleased with our defense."

SMC SOFTBALL

Team effort leads to eight victories in Florida tournament

By JOSEPH MONARDO

Following a successful week in Florida, Fla., the Belles prepare to host Goshen in a doubleheader for their home opener. Saint Mary's (9-2) lost the first and last games of its spring break tournament, but rallied out of eight-straight wins in between. The schedule, which included 10 games in five days, gave the Belles a chance to showcase their strong team depth and balance.

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"We'll love you just the way you are, with all your imperfections," Charles Schulz
FENCING

Notre Dame fights for championship

By CONOR KELLY
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Notre Dame dominated the Midwest Fencing championships, as both the men’s and women’s teams earned gold in each weapon category. Now, the Irish look to take home the program’s eighth national championship and its first since 2005 as they head to Columbus, Ohio for the NCAA championships.

Notre Dame qualified the maximum allotment of 12 fencers for the championships at the NCAA regional in Michigan last week, and will send two fencers per weapon for both the men’s and women’s teams. The team championship will be earned by individual performances, as each fencer earns one point for each win as they move throughout the tournament.

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Irish coach

Though one strong individual performance can lift a team, the whole squad must perform well to earn a championship. This year’s group mixes NCAA experience with raw talent. Three of the six men have fenced at the championship before, while four of the six women have competed there as well.

“We can’t become overconfident in having qualified 12 fencers,” Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. “It’s like a basketball game in which one team starts with a two-point lead. It doesn’t mean the other team can’t come back.”

The trip to Ohio State may provide the Irish with a little extra motivation as well. It was the Buckeyes who edged Notre Dame for the national championship in 2009. This year, only Ohio State, Princeton and Notre Dame qualified the maximum number of 12 fencers, and Bednarski sees them, as well as outsiders like Harvard, as the primary obstacles in a championship.

“There will obviously be a slight advantage for Ohio State,” Bednarski said. “I’m sure there will be a large number of students there. You could say we are going into the lion’s den.”

If the Irish can go into the “lion’s den” and come out with a national title, they will have earned it. The NCAA championships begin on March 27.

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Baseball

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think in baseball sometimes, there comes a point where you can try too hard at the plate. There’s times where you just have to let the game come to you, and I didn’t think that we handled that all that well.”

The Irish will likely have a chance to improve the quality of their at-bats against a Flames staff that brings a 5.28 ERA after 16 games.

“By and large, our at-bats are better. But the improvement is coming slowly.”

Mik Aoki
Irish coach

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The Irish will take on the Flames tonight with first pitch slated for 5:35 p.m.

Attention Seniors!

Notre Dame’s Office of Undergraduate Admissions anticipates hiring this spring!

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**ND WOMEN’S GOLF**

**Huffer leads ND in 10-team field**

By LAURA COLETTI

Junior Becca Huffer led the No. 25 Irish to a first-place finish in the John Kirk-Panther Intercollegiate tournament in Stockbridge, Ga., out of a field of 10 teams.

Huffer finished second in the field with a 71, a 2-over-par total score of 211, finishing five shots under par.

As a team, the Irish shot a total of 888 to finish 24 shots over par. Freshman Alex Musialek finished seventh over par and tied for ninth place in the field of individuals, and senior captain Katie Conway was the third Notre Dame golfer to finish in the top 20, shooting 10 over par to tie for 16th.

“We won the tournament, making it our third victory of the year,” Conway said. “While we were heavily favored to win according to the rankings, we played really well as a whole and everyone made solid contributions. It was a true team effort.”

No other team in the field of 10 was ranked nationally. Notre Dame finished ahead of second place Maryland (905) and third place East Tennessee State (906).

**ND WOMEN’S GOLF**

**Calm demeanor drives Butler’s run**

By KATE GRABAREK

In Howard, Butler has an In Indianapolis — Matt Howard stood at the free-throw line Saturday with 0.8 seconds left in the game, waiting to check the clock after Mack’s foul. Butler was already calling a timeout and trying to console his teammate not to take a play off just to see if Butler could eliminate another No. 1 seed.

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“Becba had her best tournament total to date finishing in second place at five under par,” Conway said. “She had three really solid and consistent rounds and has been on the cusp of a great tournament like this for a long time. This is just the start of what she’s capable of and we’re all really excited for her.”

While the Irish have enjoyed success recently, Conway knows that her players will have to continue improving if they want to obtain their season goals. Notre Dame will have its next opportunity to do just that in the LVC Murphy Collegiate Classic, which begins on April 1.

“Moving forward, we collectively still need to eliminate mistakes around the greens, like three putts and easy up-and-down conversions,” Conway said. “The Classic has a strong field, but we all gained a lot of confidence from this weekend and will look to continue building on our success next weekend.”

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**ND W M E N’S B A S K E T B A L L**

**Junior Niall Fitzgerald returns a shot during Notre Dame’s 6-1 win over Northwestern March 6.**

By LAURA COLETTI

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Associated Press

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“There was no question he (Howard) was going to make that free throw. You just knew it,” coach Brad Stevens said Sunday. “It’s really, really hard to do that, but Matt stepped up and did it.”

Whatever it takes, Butler almost always seems to get the job done.

Before Howard’s free throw and intentionally missed second shot sealed Saturday’s bizarre victory, it was Andrew Stevens’ inadvertent tip to Howard for the layup winner against Old Dominion. Before that, it was Howard’s pick at midcourt that gave former teammate Gordon Hayward an open shot at a half-court heave that nearly beat Duke in last year’s Elite Eight.

And before that, it was Hayward’s rebound to seal the Final Four win over Michigan State and before that it was Hayward’s steal to preserve a second-round win over Murray State.

How does Butler do it? They say they simply focus on all the little things and making big plays part of their regular routine.

“I’ve just been fortunate to be in the right position,” Howard said. “You can’t get much easier than a layup and a free throw.”

Teammates and coaches have different explanations for the last-second heroics.

Shooting guard Shelvin Mack, whose foul with 1.4 seconds left Saturday nearly cost Butler the game, believes the success is a direct result of Stevens’ calm, confident sideline demeanor. Mack believes that reassures with a veteran team and has helped the Bulldogs to stay composed when others come unglued.

The win over the top-seeded Panthers is a perfect example. While the officials used replay to check the clock after Mack’s foul, Butler was already calling a play and trying to console the distraught guard.

“They kept telling me there would be another possession,” Mack said.

In Howard, Butler has an unflappable 6-foot-8 senior forward, former Horizon League player of the year and an academic All-American who has added a 3-point shot to his repertoire this season. He’s smart enough to understand where to go when a shot is taken and to know when to miss a free throw without being reminded.

Yet Howard’s greatest attribute may be compelling his teammates not to take plays off — and to believe they will win, no matter what happens.

**ND MEN’S TENNIS**

**Irish display strong performance**

By KATE GRABAREK

The No. 21 Irish split two matches over spring break, opening with a 5-2 victory over the USTA Junior National Team in Boca Raton, Fla., before falling to Kentucky later in the week.

Senior Dan Stahl was his fourth straight singles match (6-1, 1-6 and 6-2) over Hunter Harrington in a three-set duel. Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said Stahl’s performance throughout the year has been a highlight of the team’s season.

“Dan (Stahl) has matured as a player and person and has become one of our strongest points this year,” Bayliss said. “He has made a remarkable transformation from a junior player who had very few national level wins to a very solid college player capable of winning against any team in the country.”

The Irish claimed the doubles point, with junior Niall Fitzgerald and sophomore Spencer Talmadge defeating Luca Corintelli and Nikko Madrigal-Go 8-4 in the No. 1 doubles match. Seniors Stephen Havens and David Anderson lost to Harrington and Ronnie Schofield 9-5 in No. 2 doubles.

Senior Tyler Davis and freshman Greg Andrews earned the win in No. 3 doubles to secure the point for Notre Dame.

After defeating the USTA Junior team, the Irish fell to No. 14 Kentucky in their second match of the break.

The highlight of the match was Stahl’s 6-3, 6-0 victory over No. 47 Alex Musialek to bring his winning streak to five. Bayliss said he was impressed with Stahl’s win.

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Men's Golf

Notre Dame places 12th at Invitational

By Cory Bernard
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Notre Dame initially posted results at the Schenkel Invitational, held in Statesboro, Ga., indicating of their preparations on Monday. First and second round scores of 291 and 287, respectively, left the Irish in seventh place after two days. However, Kubinski said those scores were misleading and may have led to his team's collapse in the third round.

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Smc Tennis

Saint Mary’s battles Aquinas

By Jack Hefferon
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Playing in warmer climates in the Sunshine State, the Belles enjoyed a successful stay in Orlando, Fla., by winning three of five matches over spring break.

However, the trip began with a rocky start when Saint Mary’s lost a difficult 7-2 decision to Dickinson.

Like much of the early season, the Belles’ strongest performances against the Red Devils came from the middle of their singles lineup. Senior Jessica Kosinski won 6-4, 6-1 in No. 2 Singles, and freshman Mary Catherine Faller came on strong late to win 3-6, 6-2 and 6-1 in the No. 3 spot.

Saint Mary’s rebounded against Carthage College the next day. The Belles won four of six singles matches en route to a 6-3 win over the Lady Red. Senior Kate Grabarek dominated at No. 4 Singles, claiming a 6-0, 6-0 victory. Senior captain Franca Peluso also won convincingly, winning 6-1, 6-1 in her first win since returning from injury earlier this month.

Saint Mary’s faced a challenge the next day with a day-night doubleheader against Simpson and Principia after little rest. But The Belles dominated all day, rolling to an 8-1 victory over the Storm before sweeping the Panthers 9-0.

Highlighting the day were Faller, Grabarek and senior captain Jillian Hurley, who lost a combined 11 games in their six singles victories. The Belles’ teamwork and cohesion showed in doubles play, where they won all six of their matches.

After playing four matches in three days, the Belles faced one more matchup against the College of St. Scholastica before returning to campus. The Saints proved to be too much for Saint Mary’s to handle, as they downed the Belles 6-3. Despite the loss, Saint Mary’s received strong performances from freshman Kathleen Klauer, who won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 6 Singles, and Hurley, who gutted out a victory in the top singles spot 7-6, (8-6) and 6-4.

The Belles return to the Ekr Tennis Center to take on Aquinas. The Saints are hot off a win over Trine College, and pose a formidable challenge to the Belles in their last match before entering conference play.

St. Mary’s and Aquinas will square off at 6 p.m. this evening.

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Bryce's Baseball Event

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age to .333 on the season with a blistering tournament at the plate. Despite Stuhr’s offensive breakout, Clay said the Irish were disappointed not to win more games on the trip.

"I think that our dissatisfaction comes from the fact that we know we actually can win those games now, and we are a little bit disappointed," Clay said.

However, there is comfort in knowing that we were in the games and it's not like we were scoreless against teams that were ranked. So I think it was kind of a disappointing weekend overall, but I do think that there's a positive, and I think the team is seeing both ends of that.

Clay added that the high level of competition — the Irish faced top-five teams in their last two games of the Classic — would benefit the team later on in the season.

"When you play really good teams, five different aspects of the game have to all be working together really well," Clay said. "Like getting the bunt down or base running, errors, things that don't necessarily show up in box scores — those are the things that help teams succeed in the post-season when you do them well."

The Irish host Eastern Michigan (9-4) tonight in their first home doubleheader of the season at Melissa Cook Stadium at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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lish,'" Corrigan said. "I'd like to see us getting the momentum of getting back to playing lacrosse, and wins and losses will take care of themselves," he said.

With injuries piling up on the Irish, the last few days allowed the team to relax and heal in time for future competition. Corrigan said the team focused on improving their individual games during this time off.

"It gives us a chance to get healthy and a chance in practice to work on improving ourselves," he said. "You're always preparing week-to-week for your opponent. There isn't a whole lot of time to spend mad time preparing for yourselves."

The Irish are hopeful that senior cornerback Zach Breunig will return to action soon. Corrigan said in the meantime, however, senior long-stick midfielder and co-captain Andrew Irving said the young Irish midfielders have stepped up tremendously.

"They've had a few goals and had a ton of great plays, and not only that, but we've improved so much we're going to be able to replace Breunig," Irving said. "It's nice to see young guys step up in his absence. Obviously, he'll be back, and he'll be doing what he does best.

Corrigan said the Irish defense needed to shut down the strong Ohio State attack if the Irish are to prevail and maintain their undefeated record.

"I think they're a very athletic and aggressive team, and we've got to handle them like that. It's the crux of the field first," Corrigan said. "Their attacking unit is a very, very nasty unit. They are going to be a challenge for us, but it'll be a much easier challenge if we can keep them out of good opportunities."

Notre Dame's home opener in Loftus drew a record-setting crowd, yet Corrigan hopes the crowds facing the Buckeyes exceed that number.

"I would love to see the students come out and would love to see over 3,000 people at the stadium, and make it a tough environment for the other team to play in and a great environment for our team to play in," Corrigan said. "There's nothing that gets me more excited than for our fans to come out and support the Irish since the days of Lou Holtz patrolled the sidelines."}

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to work and develop our players and we can only develop the players that are here. If you're waiting around, dreaming and hoping, you're going to miss great opportunities to develop your players."

One such opportunity comes with stiff competition at quarterback. After freshman quarterback Tommy Rees replaced injured junior Dayne Crist at the end of the 2010 campaign and led the Irish to a 4-0 finish to the season, Kelly could offer no clarity on his depth chart for the spring.

Instead, he expects a wide-open race for the starting position — a race that will include early enrollee Everett Golson and freshman Andrew Hendrix.

"It's going to be a very competitive situation at quarterback, and Dayne can include his name in that competitive battle," Kelly said. "To get back to what I believe you would like to have a competitive battle and everybody having a chance. I think we have to modify our practices. [Golson and Hendrix] have to be involved. In an ideal world, we would like to leave [spring practice] where we know one, two, three.

"Now, one of the things that's a little bit different than before was back in spring practice, it was put on the table that we're going to have offensive coordinator Charley Molnar to take on more organizational work. Former outside linebackers coach Kerry Cooks will focus solely on cornerbacks, while former defensive backs coach Chuck Martin will focus on the safeties."

"It's a lot more focus on our football team because we know a lot more about them," Kelly said. "They are going to get that individual attention at their positions."

Sophomore Bennet Jackson and Austin Collinsworth will leave their wide receiver slots for the defensive backfield — Jackson will play cornerback and Collinsworth will shift his wide receiver slots for the defensive backfield. Jackson will play corner and Collinsworth will shift his wide receiver slots for the defensive backfield. The Irish will take the field against Ohio State at 4 p.m. at Loftus Stadium.

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season, beginning with today's first spring practice.

"Win more games," Kelly said Tuesday when describing the difference between the future, the 2012 season, and the past, the 2010 season.

The beauty of the system

Kelly is creating hinges on the number of weapons Notre Dame has at its disposal, with or without Floyd. Last season the Irish offense lost junior quarterback Dayne Crist to a knee injury with four games left in the season, yet Kelly and freshman quarterback Tommy Rees won those four games, including wins over No. 15 Utah and at USC.

"Confidence obviously is going to be key," Kelly said. "They had some success against some pretty good football teams and so that carried itself into the off-season."

When Kelly refers to "they," he is not referring to Michael Floyd and a select group of other players. He is referring to every single member of the Irish, even the early enrollee freshmen. The confidence the individual players gained during the four-game win streak will actually have minimal effect, but the confidence the team as a whole discovered during the four-game win streak will set the tone in this spring's practices, and will establish a high-standard for the freshmen to aspire toward before they ever know anything different.

"You can do that in year two because everybody kind of knows they have a lot better," Kelly said. "That routine is actually what we are going to count on to be our strength in year two — get back into that routine that was so good for us late in the year."

Late last year, Kelly's offense clicked on and off throughout each game as Rees' inconsistent talent only showed up in sporadic moments. Sophomore Michael Floyd for an entire season, or Crist, or whoever takes Notre Dame's first snap against South Florida in September, will no longer feel the pressure of the necessity to overcome the opponent. This, a shootout against Denard Robinson simply won't happen — this defense is ready for his challenge.

But if a shootout does transpire, the Irish have the weapons, again, with or without Floyd. When junior tight end Kyle Rudolph tore his hamstring early last season, ending his season — and with his early entry into the NFL Draft, his collegiate career — Notre Dame seemed to have lost its most reliable weapon. It had, but sophomore Tyree Eifert took his opportunity to shine, and, well, shined. By the end of the victory over Army, in which he tallied four catches for 78 yards and a touchdown, Eifert had become a common Irish household name.

Entering this past September, the idea of losing Crist, Williams or Rudolph for significant time would have delivered an anxiety attack to nearly any Notre Dame fan. The idea of no Michael Floyd for an entire season has a similar effect, yet Kelly's past shows it shouldn't.

"Every time there's an injury or somebody that's not with us, our focus is strictly on the guys that are here," Kelly said. "The guys that are here" may be one superstar fewer now, but, as a whole, optimism should still surround them.

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Sophomore linebacker Manti Te'o's saccs Miami quarterback Stephen Morris during Notre Dame's 33-17 victory in the Sun Bowl.

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COACH KELLY ANNOUNCES SPRING POSITION CHANGES

By ALLAN JOSEPH
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Irish coach Brian Kelly had a number of changes to announce at Tuesday’s spring football kickoff press conference, but all of them took a backseat to junior captain and wide receiver Michael Floyd’s arrest and subsequent indefinite suspension earlier in the week. In addition to shedding some light on Floyd’s situation, Kelly announced a number of position changes as well as highlighted the developing quarterback race.

Kelly suggested that he and his staff will not worry about Floyd’s loss until any possible return was tangible. Instead, he will focus on developing the players that will be in camp.

“Every time there’s an injury or somebody that’s not with us, our focus is strictly on the guys that are here,” he said. “We are going to go as if we had all of our players and we’re going to try to use this spring as a way to develop our depth.”

Junior Dani Miller and senior Heathur Johnson both hit home runs, as the Irish rolled to a 4-1 victory in the opener. Freshman Laura Winter struck out five in the second game to lead Notre Dame to a 2-1 win.

Following the sweep, the Irish took on the field at the Judi Garman Classic in Fullerton, Calif., with six games in four days. The tournament started on March 16 with mixed results for the squad, as Notre Dame upset No. 9 Oklahoma (26-7) 2-1, but fell by the mercy rule to Cal State Fullerton (8-14) in the second game of a double-header.

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Notre Dame returns home after trip to California

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Outlook optimistic despite Floyd’s absence

Prior to junior receiver Michael Floyd’s actions along Notre Dame Avenue early this morning, the upcoming Irish football season seemed filled with optimism, and only optimism.

Pending Floyd’s fate — will his indefinite suspension ever end — that optimism needed not disintegrate.

Yes, if the potential All-American had caught his last collegiate touchdown pass, Notre Dame would lose an incredibly potent weapon, but the absentee will not change Irish coach Brian Kelly’s plans for the upcoming