University integrates sustainability into academics

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

Notre Dame prides itself on its top-ranked undergraduate programs in the Mendoza College of Business, but the University has more than just its programs to be proud of — the sustainable reputation of the College’s MBA program has also grabbed nation-wide attention.

In its April article “A Sustainable Degree,” Entrepreneur magazine listed Notre Dame among 16 of the nation’s top business schools for MBA students seeking careers in “green” industries.

The magazine selected MBA programs based on a survey of administrators and students at 325 graduate schools of business during the 2009-10 school year. Director of MBA Admissions Brian Lohr said, “Even though this is a listing, not a ranking, of graduate business schools, our selection means that we are one of the

ND creates two new environmental minors for fall 2011 semester

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

In response to students’ growing concern over environmental issues, the University announced the creation two new minors, Energy Studies and Sustainability, each of which will be offered to all undergraduate students beginning in the fall of 2011.

Rebecca Hicks, research, education and outreach program manager for the Notre Dame Sustainable Energy Initiative (SEI), will oversee the Energy Studies minor. Assistant research professor of biological sciences Maria Miglietta will serve as the director of the Sustainability minor.

Hicks said the Energy Studies minor was developed by a committee of students and faculty members who conducted a survey of student interest and determined what courses would be appropriate for the minor.

“After examining all of this information, they concluded the minor should be open to all students on campus,” she said. “It will have

Students split on Mac vs. PC

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
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Sophomore couple Colin Slaggert and Jill Giunco only disagree about one thing: their computers. Giunco prefers her Mac to past computers, while Slaggert has always favored a PC.

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But which computer is more popular at Notre Dame?

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Mac sales is that there is an academic discount on the Mac product versus buying through Apple,” Hall said. “You save money going through your educational institution.”

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ND names honorary degree recipients

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame will award 12 honorary degrees at this year’s Commencement, in addition to the honorary degree it will give commencement speaker Robert M. Gates, the University announced Tuesday.

Gates, the U.S. secretary of defense, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree. The other recipients will be honored with degrees in law, science and engineering.

Charles F. Lennon, associate vice president for University relations, will receive a doctor of laws degree before he retires in June. Lennon served the University for over 30 years as the executive director of the Notre Dame Alumni Association. Under his leadership, the association grew from 151 to 276 alumni clubs around the world.

Lou Holtz, famed Irish football coach from 1986 to 1996, will be awarded a doctor of laws degree.

Holtz led Notre Dame to the 1988 national championship and is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame. On three occasions during his tenure as coach, Notre Dame held the highest graduation rate among Division I-A football programs. An active philanthropist, Holtz works with the Touching Tiny Lives Foundation and the Women’s Care Center of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

The University will also award Shirin Ebadi, recipient of the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize, an honorary doctor of laws degree. As an Iranian lawyer and the first woman judge in the history of the Iranian judicial system, Ebadi founded the Defenders of Human Rights Center in Iran. She received the Nobel Peace Prize for her significant and pioneering efforts for democracy and human rights for women, children and refugees.

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Professor receives grant for new study

By NICOLE TOCAUZER News Writer

What makes humans unique? That age-old question has garnered anthropology professor Agustin Fuentes a $197,000 grant to conduct the Human Natures Project, a study geared toward finding similarities and differences between different disciplines in the discussion on human uniqueness.

“I’ve realized over the past couple of decades that many different lines of inquiry into interdisciplinary conversations and understanding how they overlap, Fuentes said. My hypothesis is that there’s space for all of these or parts of all of them to get together,” Fuentes said. “One part of that is, I think, an interface between human evolution, culture and biology.”

The John Templeton Foundation has pledged to fund Fuentes’ ethnographic investigation, and Fuentes said he plans to hire a team of undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral research students once the grant becomes effective June 1.

Fuentes said he will spend most of the next year traveling the world to interview individuals who write about human uniqueness. He said he believes he will uncover more similarities in interviews and discussions than in reading published material on the subject of human nature.

“Publishing keeps you stuck in a discipline, but talking allows more engagement and flexibility,” Fuentes said. “All these people do books and articles, but what you print isn’t always what you believe.”

In discussing human nature, behavior and motivation, Fuentes said he believes each discipline finds part of the truth, but still falls short of defining humans as a whole. He compared this issue to an old folk tale about six blindfolded men touching different parts of an elephant.

A man who touched the elephant’s tail thought it was a snake, while another believed its trunk was a spear. Fuentes said their interpretations were not completely wrong, but their conclusions were inaccurate because they were unable to see the whole picture.

“If you stick a bunch of people around an elephant with blindfolds, they’ll think it’s different things, and I think that’s what’s going on with the different disciplines,” he said. “My project is trying to take all of the blindfolds off.”

Fuentes said he hopes to eliminate short-sightedness between the disciplines by widening the forum of discussion and highlighting similarities between different areas of study. He said Notre Dame is the perfect place to begin the Human Natures Project because the University provides individuals from each of the five disciplines who can help him achieve his goal.

Fuentes also said the University’s academic reputation and financial connections helped make his project a reality.

“I’m also really thankful to the John Templeton Foundation for sponsoring this,” Fuentes said. “You propose it and it’s a little adventurous, but at Notre Dame you can receive help to research this.”

Ultimately, Fuentes said he is not trying to discover what constitutes human uniqueness. Instead, he said he hopes to find ways for people to pursue the topic more effectively and begin to think across the disciplines in new ways.

Most people agree human nature is a relevant and important topic. Fuentes said. But he said the real question is whether people actually agree on what human nature is, how they discuss it and how it contributes to their understanding of the world.

“I think there’s something in human cultures and the mind — how they work and function,” he said. “There’s a connection to the world around us and to other animals, but there’s something else that makes humans especially interesting.”

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SMC professor utilizes greenhouse

By OLIVIA BRACH News Writer

For several years the Saint Mary’s College greenhouse remained a relatively unused campus building, but students and faculty alike have begun using the building more frequently over the past two years.

Rebuilt in 1986, the greenhouse was mainly used by the Grounds department of the College’s Facilities Operations Division to grow many of the flowers prior to their planting on the Saint Mary’s campus, assistant biology professor Cassie Majetic said.

But the greenhouse is currently experiencing additional traffic as the home base for Majetic’s research on floral odor. Majetic’s plant subjects occupy roughly half the greenhouse, while the Grounds department maintains control of the remaining space.

Majetic, a second-year professor at the College, is conducting research on the scent of flowers and its relationship to other features of flowering plants. She also studies the effects of changes in floral scents on the color of a plant’s flowers by conducting chemical analyses of the plants.

“In general, I’m interested in how shapes floral scent, both ecologically and evolutionarily,” Majetic said. “I break scents apart to study their chemical characteristics and how they affect other characteristics of the plants.”

At this point in her research of the phlox family of flowers, Majetic said she has found that the scent of flowers in this group actually affects the color of the flowers.

Majetic said she also researches the influence of floral odor on the process of pollination. She said she examines the preferences of pollinators for certain types of flowers based on their odors and colors.

“For agricultural plants that rely on pollinators, these preferences can mean the difference between success of a crop and failure,” Majetic said. “If a pollinator prefers one plant over another, you could eventually lose a whole plant species.”

In order to facilitate her ongoing research, Majetic said she has worked very hard to bring about restorations to the greenhouse. The most important of these proposed changes was the development of a functional means of regulating the greenhouse temperature, she said.

The greenhouse now has a swamp cooler, a device that pumps well water into the building and also helps to cool the greenhouse during the hot summer months, Majetic said.

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Club discusses immigration

By MONA RODRIGUEZ
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In support of its Action Week, the La Fuerza club at Saint Mary’s College screened the film “Dying to Live” and initiated discussion on immigration Thursday.

The film, which was produced by Notre Dame associate professor of theology Fr. Daniel Groody, focused on the hardships immigrants to the United States face. La Fuerza president Brianda Salas said, Groody, who also serves as director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture at Notre Dame, led the discussion following the film screening.

“We decided to get Groody to speak because he’s the producer of ‘Dying to Live,’ and his mission is to change,” Salas said. “It encouraged great discussion.

Groody also tried to dispel myths about immigration during the discussion.

“The Lou Dobbs and Rush Limbaugh of the world place an emphasis on people’s fears,” Groody said. “However, we need to personalize the issues by understanding the stories of those who have migrated.”

Groody also provided students with advice as to how students can personally address the issues surrounding immigration.

“The first thing is education and the need to dispel immigration myths,” Groody said. “Advocacy and outreach are two other ways to get involved.”

Groody said people should have concerned regard for those who are seen as insignificant in society.

“Anywhere we can recognize the dignity of a human being is the first form of action we can take,” Groody said.

Junior Arianne Rodriguez said the video and discussion were empowering.

“I think it’s important to constantly remind ourselves of the suffering of other people so we can be their voice,” Rodriguez said. “It’s not about politics, it’s about people.”

Sophomore Molly Moskewinski said Jessica Wroblewski, visiting assistant professor of religious studies, uses Groody’s book, “Globalization, Spirituality, and Justice,” to facilitate class discussion on Catholic Social Thought.

“It was great to put a face to the text we’ve been using all year,” Moskewinski said. “Fr. Groody is very well-spoken, and he makes me want to change the world.”

Salas said La Fuerza was happy with the event’s attendance.

“We are grateful for the support of tonight’s event,” Salas said. “I encouraged great dialogue for people who want to know the facts and make a change.”

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pioneer in the field of modern finance, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree. Groovitz is a founder and chief executive officer of the Acumen Fund, a global nonprofit venture capital fund of $40 million in over 35 companies in developing countries.

Notre Dame will award Bishop Gerald Kicanas an honorary doctor of laws degree. Kicanas is a past vice president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. As a proponent of Catholic education, he partnered with Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) to establish three ACE Academy schools in the Diocese of Tucson.

Huguette Labelle, a global leader in anti-corruption efforts, will also receive an honorary doctor of laws degree. Labelle chairs the board of Transparency International, an organization that promotes transparency and accountability in international politics and business.

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best programs in the country for students seeking careers in sustainable business and industry," Lohr said.

The selection process took several factors into account, including the availability of courses on sustainability and career center guidance for students interested in "green" jobs. Notre Dame’s varied course offerings and career planning resources qualified the MBA program to be considered for Entrepreneur’s listing.

"We offer courses like Ethics in Finance and Banking, Sustainable Business, and Corporate Citizenship and Social Responsibility, as well as those that relate directly to sustainable business and industry," Lohr said. "The Career Center also provides students with access to opportunities in "green" industries and to Notre Dame alumni, who can work in those fields.

**General Electric Co.,** a major player in industry, is the No. 1 recruiter of MBA students.

"The MBA program’s recently recognized "green" reputation, the University’s strong business and industry connections, and the variety of others, including Harvard," said Brennan. "We believe that the U.N. Global Compact and other initiatives are proving that working for "green" companies provides students with hands-on experience when they are already doing work that reflects the growing interest in sustainable business, Lohr said.

"It’s a win-win for organizations and companies and for students interested in "green" careers." Lohr adds that the four-day, two-credit experiential learning courses offered students the opportunity to solve real problems for major corporations in small groups, learn cutting-edge, critical skills and apply their talents and resources to solve social issues in cooperation with nonprofit foundations.

"Every year, I poll the new class of MBA students about the interterm intensives, and roughly 70 percent of them chose Notre Dame partly because of that aspect of the program," Brennan said. "Few students interested in "green" careers could go as far as Notre Dame to participate in sustainability initiatives because of things we are already doing." said Brennan. "It fits into the Catholic character and mission of the University, so I can only see that being enhanced and continuing to evolve in the future.

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Hall said PC sales are likely lower than the sales of the OIT Computer Store because students do not feel compelled to take advantage of discount opportunities offered by PC manufacturers.

"On the PC side, there’s so much more competition out there," Hall said. "There’s not as big a chance for that ultimate deal.

But when it comes to repairing computers at the Notre Dame Technology center, many PC users with computers seeking assistance for troubleshooting software, hardware and operational problems than Mac owners, Hall said.

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Judge returns crown to Texas beauty queen

SAN ANTONIO — A 17-year-old Texas beauty queen allegedly told “to get off the tarmac” after gaining weight had her crown returned by a judge after a jury ruled that she was wrongly stripped of her title.

Ramirez won her lawsuit against the Miss San Antonio pageant, Luis Vera Jr., her attorney, told The Associated Press. “She won 100 percent,” Vera said.

Judge Barbara Nellermoe then restored Ramirez’s crown, clearing the way for her to compete for Miss Texas and Miss America, according to Court Clerk Grace Montalvo. After deliberating 11.5 hours over two days in the weeklong trial, the Bexar County jury of five men and seven women found that pageant officials, not Ramirez, breached the contract.

“It’s a sad day for us. We think the judge made the right decision,” said attorney Linda Weldon, who argued on Ramirez’s behalf.

Judge Nellermoe suggested that community donors provide college scholarships for both Ramirez and Dixon, who have each had their crowns taken away in this dispute.

“Nearly every day,” Ramirez said, that she could buy a replacement crown for the upcoming Fiesta and Miss Texas appearances that go on through June. “I just want to send a message I’m very grateful and she’s answered my prayers.”

Asked if she had any advice to other young women, Ramirez cautioned them to always carefully read any contracts they sign and, she added, “be sure to go eating tacos in the morning.”

Pilot lost control of jet in midair

WASHINGTON — Should jetliners be landing with only a single air traffic controller in the cockpit when a pair of controllers is off duty? Federal officials are grappling with that question following the safe landing of two jetliners this week with no help from the lone air traffic supervisor on duty at Washington’s Reagan National Airport.

It’s not outrageous for the agency to avoid putting a sec- ond pair of controllers in the tower when they may only work a dozen airplanes in a shift,” said Michael, president of the Flight Safety Foundation of Washington, D.C., and a former air traffic con- troller.

The airport, in Arlington, Va., just across the Potomac River from Washington, typi- cally has four to five sched- uled landings between mid- night and 6 a.m., plus a few unscheduled takeoffs and land- ings, FAA officials said.

Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., the transportation committee chairman, called LaHood’s decision to assign one con- troller to the midnight shift when there is so little traffic “a typical bureaucratic response.”

Planes, including smaller airliners, land frequently at small airports where there are no towers and no controllers.

But Greg Elwood of Winchester, Va., who worked 29 years as a controller before retiring last October, said he feels FAA should have two controllers on duty for the night.

The FAA said that controllers on duty for the 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. shift were assigned to locations where there are more of a watchman so to speak,” Elwood, 57, said in an interview.

But with a single controller on duty, he said, an airport tower goes unattended every time the controller leaves even to go to the bathroom.

“In the towers where I have worked, you had to walk down a flight of steps to go to the bathroom — there’s no bathroom in the cab (tower work- room),” Elwood said. “It’s like the cockpit of an airplane — it’s a workplace.”

The greatest risk to planes landing at night without controller assistance at a big air- port is that jetliners — which may collide with equip- ment or maintenance workers — may hit the runway mainte- nance work is performed overnight.”

That’s when they’re chang- ing the light bulbs and patch- ing the runways, so said.
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Teen may be tried as adult

Associated Press

EDMONTON, Ky. — A Kentucky couple who took in an incarcerated 15-year-old relative now accused of killing them had put their foot down when he wanted to date a 12-year-old girl, police and family members said.

An adult son found Gary and Barbara Holloway dead in their bed Tuesday. Soon after, police issued an Amber Alert for the teen who was living with them and for the girlfriend he had forbidden to see him. Police said they feared both might be in grave danger.

A day later, in one of the strangest cases to arise from the system designed to find abducted children, the 15-year-old was charged with murdering his cousin and her husband, who welcomed him into their home three months ago when his mother said she could no longer control him.

"They gave him everything in the world," said Elizabeth Osborn, a friend of the Holloways' son, Stephen. "He kept getting suspended from school, and they still gave him everything." The teen now faces juvenile charges, but prosecutors said on Thursday that they plan to ask a judge to have him tried as an adult. The adult charges would carry harsher penalties if he is convicted.

Family members said the boy was an eighth-grader at the local middle school and habitually got in trouble for bringing cigarettes to school, bullying other children and talking back to his teachers. Barbara Holloway, his second cousin, had taken him in three months ago, said her sister, Ruby Whitehead. Family members said his father is in prison.

"He's always been abandoned his whole life," said Osborn. "I guess the first people who showed him love, he didn't know how to take it." Barbara Holloway would sometimes have to pick him up an hour after school had started because he had been suspended.

Then there was the relationship with the 12-year-old, which Osborn said both the Holloways and the girl's mother tried to end. There was no indication the girl was involved in the killing, and police said she was released after they questioned her.

"We had been trying to fight it and keep them apart," Osborn said. "Barb had grounded him from seeing her or talking to her."

The state medical examiner's office said Wednesday a preliminary autopsy results showed Gary Holloway, 51, died from multiple gunshot wounds and Barbara Holloway, 51, died of a single gunshot wound. Authorities caught up with the teen and his girlfriend a few hours after the Amber Alert was issued. A volunteer firefighter spotted them in the couple's stolen car, the 15-year-old behind the wheel.

The teen was being held at the Adair County Youth Development Center. Besides murder, he is charged with fleeing and evading, wanton endangerment, criminal mischief, reckless driving and driving without a license. Authorities have not said whether he will be charged as an adult. The Associated Press generally does not identify juveniles charged with crimes.

Osborn said she and Stephen Holloway discovered the bodies Tuesday when they went to check on the couple because they could not reach them on the phone. She said $1,000 had been taken and someone had dropped off the couple's dog at an adult day care center.

Osborn and Holloway called police, who issued the Amber Alert, which described the Holloways' car. Volunteer firefighter Moe Hensley told The Associated Press he heard the alert several times on his way home, then spotted the car and called a dispatcher, who contacted state police.

There was a short chase when police tried to pull the car over about 15 miles from where the Holloways were found, and the 15-year-old drove off the road. Police say he and the 12-year-old ran away but were caught quickly.

Police defended issuing the alert, saying they did not know exactly what had happened.

"We had to consider every possible scenario, the possibility that they were perpetrators as well as victims," state police trooper Bill Gregory said.

Whitehead, Barbara Holloway's sister, questioned the decision to issue the Amber Alert.

"It should have been more like, 'We need these two people caught right away,' she said. "Not an Amber Alert that made people think they were in danger because they were never in danger."
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**The fruit of labor**

At first I greatly appreciated your piece ("Where idealism and realism don’t intersect.") Mar. 7. However, I became worried that you were serious. I am responding to what I fear are your actual opinions.

Instead of joining a union, Mark wants the average American worker to fight for his/her rights by independently suing his/her employer. As such disputes are resolved in the American legal system, where lawsuits drag on for years and costs thousands of dollars, and where teams of corporate lawyers can easily oust individuals who can’t pay outrageous legal fees in what often become legal wars of attrition, I think the average American worker would lose this experience. Who needs a union to pay for lawsuits on his/her behalf? This is America — we are free to bankrupt ourselves fighting in vain for what we think is right. Thank you for your thought-provoking piece.

Mark says unions discourage employers from staying in the United States. Indeed, the sub-human working conditions in many developing countries are very attractive to employers. We should be ashamed of ourselves for not aiming to be just as attractive. How can we convince employers they can treat American workers like animals? Mark suggests we support right-to-work legislation, which is a step in the right direction! To the misguided "left-wingers," lifetime union members and supporters of corporatist political sociology, in solidarity I leave you with the words of Abraham Lincoln: "Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration."

**CRITIQUE OF THE DAY**

"The world is mowing so fast these days that the man who says it can’t be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it." — Harry Emerson Fosdick

**Commentary Capital**

Gary Caruso

It is an unfortunate fact that greedy, self-serving, mean-spirited people abound around us daily in our society. Personal contradictions range from the subtle to the outright. For example, twice yearly — during the Christmas season and Lent — a hundred Catholic organizations purchases advertising titled, "What Humanists Think," and places it on the Metro buses in Washington, D.C. Their message proclaims that some people do not have to believe in God to be good. Yet during the past two years, as routinely as those posters appear on the dividers behind the Magnin mall seat, intolerant so-called "good" Christians inevitably deface and destroy them by adding biblical citations or crossing off the words, "do not."

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![Sam Stryker](Image)

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Every day brings a chance for you to change the way you breathe. Kick off your shoes and dance." — Oprah Winfrey

American TV host
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Looking forward to a tight topic at God Debate II

The upcoming God Debate II between Sam Harris and William Lane Craig has me even more interested than last year. "Can God Debate God?" already has something that last year’s debate was lacking: a tight topic.

Here’s why I think this debate will be interesting and original. "Is God Good from a moral perspective?" is the old question. It is a question that has been debated in a battle of moral relativism versus moral absolutism, and the dialogue is entirely unproductive. It is time we shift towards a more finely differentiating question, one that thinks that judgments of good and bad have consequence, and another that thinks that only evolutionary progress and repress run the show. Not only are these two camps speaking different languages, but they’re speaking about different universes with entirely different rules.

Now, someone correct me if I speak too boldly, but I think that the vast majority of us recognize intuitively the general goodness or badness of an action. We may explain it in any number of ways, but when we show a man in front of a train, we intuit that there must have been a better course of action (even if he was going for our turkey sandwich).

William Lane Craig has spoken on the relationship of morality and religion dozens of times. His book “The Moral Argument for God” lays out his argument succinctly. He writes that “objective morality” is expressed in relation to us in the form of divine commandments which constitute our moral duties or obligations. Far from being arbitrary, these commands flow necessarily from His moral nature.

Sam Harris is also well practiced in the debate topic. In his 2010 book, “The Moral Landscape: How Science Can Determine Human Values,” Harris writes that “values reduce to facts about the well-being of conscious creatures” and “given that there are facts — real facts — to be known about how conscious creatures can experience the worst possible misery and the greatest possible well-being, it is objectively true to say that there are right and wrong answers to moral questions, whether or not we can always answer these questions in practice.”

Notice that in this debate, Sam Harris and William Lane Craig begin with this same premise — that actions can be objectively good or bad! I think it’s a starting point with extraordinary potential. As an atheist, I am tired of being typed into this box as an atheist. Not that the moral relativist who thinks that mankind’s delusion and progress is illusory. On the contrary, I think it is quite dangerous to believe that no individual is ever responsible for how they treat the rest of the planet. If we want a new world order, we need Christian ethics that can be reassembled as soon as two parties realize that they are interdependent. With constant confrontation and collaboration, we can reason out ethical standards that work for everyone in all societies. My Christian classmates also find the “good” to be reasonable and right, though they see these moral values as having necessary origins in God. This is a far more interesting debate than the open-ended “Is there God?” that takes a particular case study in which we mostly agree upon “goodness and badness” and makes it an issue for unpacking that more complicated question.

Mary Buechler
Lewis Hall
Mar. 24

The God Debate"

Next month, Notre Dame is hosting round two of “The God Debate.” Those who organized this forum are to be applauded, for I can think of no subject of more fundamental importance than the question of the existence of God. However, the choice of speakers both this year and last leaves me a bit perplexed.

Last year, “The God Debate” pitted Christopher Hitchens, who, although by no means a philosopher, is certainly one of the finest contemporary stylists and one of the most interesting public intellectuals of his generation, against Dinesh D’Souza, for whom I cannot come up with a more suitable appellation than “conservative hack.” This year’s speakers have fallen on both sides. Taking up the mantle of atheism now is Sam Harris, a second-rate polemicist and CEO of Project Reason. On the atheist side, the impossible seems to have occurred: a less adept defender of theism than D’Souza has been found in Prof. William Lane Craig, a creationist at Biola University.

Based on the choice of interlocutors for these events, one can draw two conclusions:

First, it appears that those who organize the event are either unenlightened, or both. When discussing such profound matters as the existence of God and the origin of goodness, one should find commensurately profound commentators. Save perhaps for Hitchens, this has not happened. Of course, one could require moving beyond the “New Atheists” and their popular critics, which would admittedly diminish the sex appeal of the event, but at least it would prevent the debate from devolving into cheap verbal barbs and cookie-cutter “proofs.”

Second, it would seem that those who organize the event do not take the atheist position seriously. With all of the fine Christian scholars at Notre Dame, including some such as Brad Gregory who have written on the subject of the “New Atheism,” why bother flying in D’Souza and Craig? And if you insist on expending the resources necessary to fly someone in, why choose not a more reputable critic of the “New Atheism,” such as David Bentley Hart?

While time is certainly tight, I would urge those who are in charge of “The God Debate” to change the bill for the evening. If the debate must be between a popular “Atheist” and a popular “Christian,” then you might find it wise to replace God with someone who commands the respect of the academic community, integrity, replace Craig with someone like Brad Gregory or David Bentley Hart.

Joseph Nawrocki
graduate student
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Mar. 24

An analysis of Rebecca Black’s song “Friday”

The decline in American culture becomes apparent when looking at and judging the popular music of the day. Rebecca Black’s song “Friday” is a prime example of the degradation of American civilization and highlights our stupidity as a people. The failure to read and understand the obvious deeper meaning of this song is simply atrocious, and points out major gaps in our education and schooling. In order to attempt to facilitate critical and creative thinking within our schools, we will attempt to dissect and shine a light of knowledge on the forbidden metaphorical corners of the first verse and chorus of Rebecca Black’s song.

The opening lines of the song, Rebecca Black repeats the word “yeah” approximately 12 times. This number 12 obviously hearkens back to the 12 Disciples, representatives of the 12 Tribes of Israel, and her refrain of “yeah” signifies an acceptance. Black is making two important points here — she accepts Christ as her Savior, and she accepts Israel as a sovereign nation.

Rebecca’s song really takes off with the first verse. She sings “Seven a.m., waking up the morning/ Got a bag of chips and a soda pop/Tuesday/Tuesday/Tuesday!” This is Rebecca Black commenting on her socioeconomic status and the decline of the American middle class. The “seats” are a metaphor for the American class system — there are only the front seat (upper class), where her friends are “kickin’,” a synonym for relaxing, and the back seat (lower class), where her friends are “sittin’,” a word that does not invoke the same relaxed connotation. She asks the listener, “which seat can I take,” making the class distinction seem like an arbitrary choice, where if one performs one’s necessary societal tasks, one can have their choice of either the front or the back seat.

Rebecca now launches into her refrain. “It’s Friday/Friday/Gotta get down on Friday/Everybody’s lookin’ forward to the weekend/Parties/Partyin’/Yeah! Partyin’/Yeah!/ Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun/Lookin’ forward to the weekend.” The repetition found in this chorus is crucial here. She repeats this line twice, cementing this refrain into the minds of the listeners that what they are hearing is the true Rebecca Black. Her repetition of the words “Friday” and “weekend” showcase Rebecca’s excitement at the arrival of the weekend — a time where she breaks free of the societal demands. This is much like when she sees her friends at the bus stop — she is liberated. Her plans, something that she must do, are also repeated. She must “party” and she must have “fun.” This is repeated with excitement, with much more energy than what she had to do in the first verse — conform to society’s demands. Doing what she wants for a change gives her new life, the only reason why she “wakes up at seven a.m.” during the week. Finally, the repetition of the final line, “Lookin’ forward to the weekend,” solidifies the belief that without the weekend, Rebecca Black would be but a robot, destined for a life of monotony.

Indeed, Rebecca Black’s song contains more than what immediately meets the eye. It is a startling commentary on societal constraints, religion, and the American class system. Her songwriting is simply brilliant and fearless. However, like any good poet, her meaning is not immediately clear, but needs critical thinking to peel back the layers. I hope that one day the average American will reach this level of intellect. Only then will we regain our status as a world superpower.

Mick Hammock
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Mar. 24

Looking further I could not agree more with Mr. Mark Easley (“Where idealism and realism don’t intersect,” Mar. 24) in his assessment that unions “are outdated vehicles of progress.” In fact, I only wish that Easley’s article did not go out of its way to remove unions from both the private and public sphere. In the name of almighty efficiency, why not remove all restrictions on child labor laws as well? After all, hello, what federal government interfered, their tiny hands were better suited for work in textile mills. All of America’s youthsters could get being an early start on their 401(k)s! Who needs that government-imposed obstacle to competitiveness, minimum wage laws? And just because “competitive America could be if we returned to those halcyon days of the industrial revolution before those mobs otherwise known as “unions” demanded a TWO-BAEV weekend. I can only hope and pray that someday the government will impose better protections against the unions that drive their companies overseas.

Claire Boosnian
senior
Pasquilles Lane Hall
Mar. 24
As a senior economics major, I can’t help but wonder if my time in college has been worth the tuition. Using the intelligence I acquired from this superior University, I came up with a highly sophisticated way to gauge the Notre Dame experience. Let’s be honest, this score is more important than any college test. So go ahead, challenge your friends, and be sure to keep this bucket list for future reference. In the words of the great Ferris Bueller, “Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.”

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Bradley McDonald
Scene Writer

FOR THE HECK OF IT

Got a number of the opposite sex at Domer Fest [5 points]
Swam in Stonehenge [10 points]
Climbed Stepan Center [15 points]
Made Dean’s List [10 points]
Gone speed-dating at Legends [15 points]
Done the Bun Run [20 points]
Hit the “Play Like a Champion Today” sign [10 points]
Sat with a random person at the Dining Hall [10 points]
Participated in a bar crawl [5 points]
Jumped into St Mary’s or St Joseph’s lakes [10 points]
Pulled an all-nighter [5 points]
Participated in Bengal or Baraka bouts [10 points]
Participated in a campus-wide snowball fight [10 points]
Had a “Midnight Dog” at Lafun [5 points]
Went around the Lakes with a member of the opposite sex [10 points, 15 points for holding hands]
Kissed under the Lyons Arch [10 points]
Went on a REAL date [one on one, guy asked, paid, and called after] [10 points]
Spent Spring break in another country [20 points]

SOMETHING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT

Attended an ND Religious Retreat [10 points]
Went to mass at the Log Chapel [5 points]
Was a member of the Marching Band [10 points]
Earned a 4.0 for a semester [25 points]
Studied abroad [10 points]
Went on a service trip [20 points]
Been an athlete, club or varsity, at Notre Dame [20 points]
Won an interhall sport championship [15 points]
Been on TV because of a college-related activity [15 points]
Performed in a play [15 points]
Ran for a Student Body office [15 points]
Did a work-study job [10 points]
Participated in volunteer or charity work on a regular basis [15 points, 10 if it was because of reslife]
Been awarded a scholarship (not Financial Aid) [10 points]
Attended every dorm Mass [20 points]
Bought a class ring [15 points]
Transferred to Notre Dame [20 points, 25 if it was from St. Mary’s, 30 from Holy Cross]
Participated in Dance Marathon [15 points]
Started a student organization [15 points]
Ran the Holy Half Marathon [15 points]
Gotten (or given) a Ring-by-Spring [50 points]

THE NOT-SO-THRILLING LIFE

Never played hooky [-15 points]
Stayed in on a weekend night to do laundry [-10 points]
Never been late to class [-10 points]
Never asked for an assignment extension [-15]
Never dressed up for Halloween [-15 points]
Always been the DD [-10 points]

BAD IDEAS

Gotten a ResLife [5 points each]
Lost your ND ID [5 points for each]
Gotten a drinking ticket [15 points, additional one]
Put a bike in a tree [10 points]
Been kicked out of a dance [10 points]
Played Full Beer Flip Cup [10 points]
Spent a night in prison [30 points]
Walked up the stairs in front of the library [20 points]
Walked back to campus alone after a night out [10 points]
Gone to the campus cemetery at night [5 points]
Cheated on an exam [10 points]
Farmed around in one of the academic buildings [-15 points]

BAR RELA

Attended Hip Hop Night at Legends [10 points]
Sang karaoke at Club 23 [10 points]
Attempted to win trivia night at Legends [5 points, 10 points for a win]
Bought a $4 pitcher of beer at Old Cask [10 points]
Went to Mulligan’s or Oyster Bar on a Wednesday [10 points]
Been in the cage at Fever [15 points]
Had your ID taken at Finny’s [15 points]
Went to the Backer after a football game [10 points]
Got arrested [or hit in the face] [-50 points]
Everyone is doing it

Gone to a themed dorm party [5 points]
Attended an off-campus party [5 points]
Been to Drummer’s Circle [5 points]
Played Bookstore Basketball [5 points]
Fallen while doing pushups in the Stadium [10 points]
Slept over at The Stain [10 points]
Lit a candle at the Grotto [5 points]
Rubbed Knute Rockne’s nose at the Rock [5 points]
Attended Carrol Christmas [10 points]
Attended a major party at another school [10 points]
Bought more than two pizzas at Reckers for you and your friends [10 points]
Broke Parietals [10 points]
Finished the night at Nick’s Patio [5 points]
Been to the Keenan Revue [5 points each time]
Attended an “Ugly Sweater” Party [5 points]
Taken 21 shots on your 21st birthday [21 points, plus one for every extra shot]
Done a beer bong [10 points]
Done a keg stand [10 points]
Attempted the Hesburgh Challenge [15 points]
Attended 40s at 4 [10 points]

Final Scoring:

0-100 Welcome to Weenieville; ie, your life needs a makeover asap! It’s time to let go and make life more interesting… college is too short to stay in this range very long!

101-200 There have been a few thrills here and there, but you could definitely use more excitement. Maybe implement the “never say no” policy for a bit and see how that treats you.

201-275 Not too bad, but nothing to get too excited about. Not suggesting you get arrested, but if you’re feeling crazy, why not visit Duck Island after Climbing Stepan?

276-350 People might not call you reckless, but you’ve had your average share of thrills. A few more points couldn’t hurt, but for the meantime good for you.

351-425 Safe to say life is interesting. Keep up the momentum… You’re a king!

426-500 For better or worse, life is certainly exciting! It’s guaranteed you have a number of stories that start out “remember that time when…”

501-575 At this point no one can consider you dull. But depending on how you racked up those points, it might be wise to slow down. But then again, this is still college!

576-675 College or reckless? Awesome Awesome Awesome!

676+ Let’s just say it’s a wonder you made it this far…

Good Stories

Went to class drunk on St. Patrick’s Day [10 points]
Done a “Walk of Shame” [5 points]
Been quoted for the “Question of the Day” [10 points]
Attended a Dome Dance [15 points]
Won Bengal or Baraka Bouts [35 points]
Had something blessed by Father Hesburgh [15 points]
Been inside the football locker room [10 points]
Been to Duck Island [10 points]
Attended PigTostal [5 points each time]
Had a “Darty” [day party] on a snow day [15 points]
Been woken up by a fire alarm and forced to go outside in the middle of the night [5 points]

Area?

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Final Scoring:

0-100 Welcome to Weenieville; ie, your life needs a makeover asap! It’s time to let go and make life more interesting… college is too short to stay in this range very long!

101-200 There have been a few thrills here and there, but you could definitely use more excitement. Maybe implement the “never say no” policy for a bit and see how that treats you.

201-275 Not too bad, but nothing to get too excited about. Not suggesting you get arrested, but if you’re feeling crazy, why not visit Duck Island after Climbing Stepan?

276-350 People might not call you reckless, but you’ve had your average share of thrills. A few more points couldn’t hurt, but for the meantime good for you.

351-425 Safe to say life is interesting. Keep up the momentum… You’re a king!

426-500 For better or worse, life is certainly exciting! It’s guaranteed you have a number of stories that start out “remember that time when…”

501-575 At this point no one can consider you dull. But depending on how you racked up those points, it might be wise to slow down. But then again, this is still college!

576-675 College or reckless? Awesome Awesome Awesome!

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Knicks Carmelo trade will pay off with time

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jerry West believes the Carmelo Anthony trade will pay off for the Knicks and Nuggets, though neither may know how beneficial for a while.

Knicks fans may be questioning that as their team continues to falter. The highs and lows they see are just part of sports, though. For West, they became a health risk.

Winning the team he assembled as one of the NBA's best executives caused too much stress for someone battling a heart condition. He could handle the anxiety and any pain as a Hall of Fame player, but not once he no longer had any control over the outcome.

"It's affected you the way it affects me, and it affects moods, mood swings, lack of sleep, I feel enormous stress and pressure," West said in a phone interview. "I didn't feel that as a player, I didn't feel that. I just felt these different palpitations where sometimes it felt that your heart was beating completely out of your chest and every once in a while you get a little light-headed.

"That wasn't what I felt as an executive. I felt this frustration, anxiety." West was in New York on Wednesday to discuss his fight against atrial fibrillation and to encourage people to get facts about the disease early. He wasn't diagnosed until long after his playing days, but said medical advances have made early detection far easier now.

He also got to check in on the Knicks, who fell to 7-10 since acquiring Anthony and 35-36 for the season with a 111-99 loss to the Orlando Magic. They've fallen to seventh place in the Eastern Conference while watching Denver go 11-4 since dealing its superstar, but West said it's too early for the Knicks to be surrounding the Knicks.

"You can judge a team by that, and it also gives them building blocks," West said before the game. "They got not only Carmelo, they got a tremendous player in Chauncey Billups."

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NBA Hall of Fame inductee

He's really excited. So they got two really good players out of it, but they haven't played together long enough that I don't say it's patience, I think to me it's understandable that they wouldn't come in and do all the house down as far as win%-age wise offensively we're not much involved in the Panthers and losing the 2004 Super Bowl to New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft talks with fellow NFL owners March 2.

"Retread," he said with a loud laugh.

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But again, these things are not rocket science.

They can be complex, though, when someone is coming from the college ranks and has been out of the NFL since 2003. Harbaugh, who spent 14 years as a pro quarterback for five teams, comes from coaching bloodlines. His father Jack has spent more than four decades on the sideline, and brother John has led the Ravens to the playoffs in all three seasons in charge in Baltimore.

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ANAHEIM, Calif. — The legend of Kemba Walker is growing bigger with each postseason feat for the Connecticut Huskies, who are on the brink of another trip to the Final Four.

Walker scored 22 of his 36 points in another dynamic second-half performance, relentlessly driving UConn down the stretch in a 74-67 victory over San Diego State in the West regional semifinals Thursday night.

Freshman Jeremy Lamb added 24 points and hit a clutch 3-pointer with 1:43 left for the third-seeded Huskies (29-9), who won five games in five days to capture the Big East tournament and now are going to an NCAA regional final for the 10th time.

Walker, the fearless playmaker from the Bronx generously listed at 6-foot-1, scored 12 consecutive points for the Huskies down the stretch.

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Walker guides UConn past SDSU in semis

Walker's layup put UConn up 40-32 early in the second half, but the Aztecs finally remembered they’re bigger and taller than the Huskies, repeatedly using their advantages to set up open shots while keeping Walker’s teammates from getting comfortable.

Gay’s free throws put the Aztecs ahead 43-42 with 13 minutes left, and back-to-back buckets put San Diego State up 53-49 with 9:19 to play — but Walker even managed to turn that to the Huskies’ advantage.

Except for two regular-season meetings with BYU, the Aztecs were perfect throughout the winningest season in school history. San Diego State obliterated the school record for victories and won the Mountain West tournament before knocking off Northern Colorado and Temple for its first two NCAA tournament victories.

But UConn’s road was rockier, with a 9-9 regular-season mark in the Big East. With three freshmen in their starting lineup, most expected the Huskies to need another year before contending for big prizes.

The West Coast vibe suits the Huskies, who also came out of this region during their runs to the 1999 and 2004 national titles, along with their trip to the 2009 Final Four.

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Sole U.S. player remains

Belgium’s Yanina Wickmayer returns a shot from Russia’s Elena Vesnina in the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament Thursday.

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KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — The U.S. started its two-week, $20 million Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament Thursday, and the only American to win a match was American qualifier Jamie Hampton.

Hampton, a 21-year-old seeded 6-2, 7-5, and American Melanie Oudin was beaten by No. 29 Daniela Hantuchova 6-2, 7-6. With Serena and Venus Williams sidelined for health reasons, Mattek-Sands was the highest-ranked American in the draw at No. 43.

American qualifier Jamie Hampton lost to No. 21-seeded Andrea Petkovic 6-2, 7-5, and American Melanie Oudin was beaten by No. 29 Daniela Hantuchova 6-1, 6-3.

"Without the Williams sisters, it definitely adds some pressure for us for sure, especially with the story in the States," said Oudin, a surprise U.S. Open qualifier in 2009. "Everyone is going to keep trying. It's not like we're all getting down on ourselves."

The lone American left was Mattek-Sands, who has lived in New Jersey and South Florida, and she gave 20 tickets for her match to friends and relatives. But the home-court advantage didn't help, and neither did her typically flashy outfit, which included silver sneakers, knee-high socks and eye black.

She fell to 1-16 against top-10 players.

Such is the state of U.S. tennis. But the 26-year-old Mattek-Sands said the outlook for the next generation is promising.

"I think we have a lot of good juniors coming up," she said. "I don't think it's as drastic as everyone makes it seem. But we definitely want to get some Americans up in the top 20."

Wozniacki, coming off her 14th career title last week at Indian Wells, erased eight of the 10 break points she faced. Wozniacki hit only five winners but committed just 15 unforced errors to 49 for Mattek-Sands.

"Bethanie is a tough player to play," Wozniacki said. "I don't know what to expect from her, and she's going for her shots no matter whether she's standing on the court, and it's difficult to get the rhythm."

The downtime due to the cancellation of Wednesday’s games has allowed the Irish to practice their fundamentals and think about the upcoming game against the Huskies (10-11). When asked about their success so far and their hopes for the remainder of the season, Maldonado was optimistic about the direction the team is headed. She recognized their potential as good team and a great team in the top 20.

"So far our season has been good," Maldonado said. "We have found things we need to work on in order to play consistently at the next level. We definitely have the potential to make it past the regionals — we just have to put everything together."

Maldonado has been out of commission due to an injury since the team’s participation in the Judi Garman Classic in California over spring break, during which the Irish (16-6) went 4-4 against tough competition. The time off has left Maldonado more than ready to return to the field.

"I’ve been going easy for the past week due to a minor back injury, but I hope that this good amount of rest should have me ready to go for the game tomorrow," Maldonado said.

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The Irish and the Sooners will hit the court in Dayton, Ohio, at 2 p.m. Saturday. The winner will advance to play either No. 1-seed Tennessee or No. 4-seed Ohio State Monday, with a trip to the Final Four on the line.

“Rebounding is key,” said Oklahoma coach Jeff Capel. “We need to challenge their frontcourt defender during Notre Dame’s 77-64 win in the round of 32.

“I thought they did a great job. They made ourPOSTSPORTSTHE OBSERVER magic hard to find,” said Irish coach Muffet McGraw. “We’ve been doing the underdog thing forever.”

The Sooners in the second round...

The Red Wings have captured the Presidents’ Trophy as those in which they were first run the 6-foot-6 right-hander has allowed in 15 1-3 innings. David Ross fights for a spot in the rotation.

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The Canuck streched their lead over the Red Wings to 10 points on Wednesday night with a 2-1 win at Detroit. Vancouver is up by eight points on Eastern Conference-leading Philadelphia, looking to wrap up its first Presidents’ Trophy.

Red Wings coach Mike Babcock, still the team with the best regular-season record, six times since it was created for the 1985-86 season. The team went on to win the Presidents Cup last season.

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NHL

Final weeks of season important for bottom teams

While the top of the NHL standings seems settled, much is to be decided at the bottom of the Eastern and Western conferences. It promises to be a frantic final 2½ weeks that will determine who gets the first crack to knock off the Canadiens, Red Wings and other prime contenders.

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The emergence of freshman forward Natalie Achonwa during the past few weeks, along with powerful play from senior forwards Devereaux Peters and Becca Bruszewski, have highlighted Notre Dame’s frontcourt capabilities this tournament. "Rebounding is key," McGraw said.

New York lost that season-end-...on the final day of the season, and the eighth-seeded Montreal Canadiens. The Flyers aren’t facing anywhere near that kind of drama this year. Their only concern is staying in first over the hard-charging Washington Capitals, who were just one point back Thursday with eight games remaining — two fewer than Philadelphia.

Weeks have played well down the stretch. With star goalie Ryan Miller leading the way, they easily could be this year’s eighth-seeded upstart to scare — and even beat — the powerhouses. The playoff race is great. It’s been great for buckey, it’s been real good for us," said Sabres coach Lindy Ruff said. “The compete level inside the games has been awesome because there hasn’t been a team that’s out of it to a point. Every team is right there.”

With teams having anywhere from eight to 10 games left before the season ends on April 10, only six of 30 entered Thursday were within 10 points out of a playoff spot. There were 20 teams within five points.

The Rangers started Thursday three points behind Montreal, but only three points ahead of the Buffalo Sabres and six in front of the

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As of late, the Irish have struggled to find consistency at the plate. This has translated into a recent skid, as they have gone winless (0-3-1) in their past four contests. The struggling offense averages 3.7 runs per game and features a team batting average of .235. Aoki remains patient though, and said he is focusing on making the necessary improvements as the Irish begin Big East play.

“We are working at getting the bats going,” Coach Aoki said. “We continue to get better at it, but it’s a matter of timely hitting that we have struggled with. Along with that, our defense has been adequate, but not great.”

The Irish could use some timely hitting — and fast. The Hoyas are averaging 7.7 runs per game and boast six players with batting averages above .300 to Notre Dame’s one, freshman first baseman Trey Mancini (.333). The Georgetown bats are led by junior right fielder Rand Ravnaas, who is third in the Big East with a .409 average and second with five home runs. The dual-threat junior also leads the conference in hits (36) and stolen bases (17).

To combat the potent Georgetown lineup, the Irish will send senior right-hander Brian Dupra (2-2) to the hill. The senior has been Notre Dame’s most consistent arm this year, posting an earned run average of 2.38, complemented by 35 strikeouts, third most in the Big East. But the right-hander struggled in his last start, an 11-2 loss to Iowa Saturday where he gave up six runs — all in the second inning — and 12 hits over five innings. Dupra will face off against fellow senior right-hander Alex Meyer (3-1) in tonight’s series opener.

The Irish bats have the opportunity to break out of their slump against a Hoyas pitching staff that has struggled with control, giving up 13 home runs and 76 walks to go along with a combined earned run average of 4.10. “Any opportunity to play in the conference is important,” Aoki said. “We have been playing for the past month, so it’s not early in the year anymore, but it is important to continue to improve.”

Notre Dame will host Georgetown at Frank Eck Stadium tonight at 5:35 p.m. and Saturday at 2:05 p.m. The series will conclude Sunday at 1:05 p.m.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Irish seek to even record

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Notre Dame showed no signs of being rattled by the high expectations placed on them prior to the NCAA championships, as the Irish asserted themselves as the team to beat on day one of the competition at Ohio State.

Notre Dame registered 61 points on the first day of action, which gave them an eight point lead over second place Penn State and a 21 point lead of the next closest competition, St. John’s. Ohio State and Harvard both have 39 points to round out the top five.

Notre Dame had four outstanding individual performances from seniors Avery Zuck, Barron Nydam, junior Reggie Bentley and freshman Ariel DeSmet. Each fencer registered at least 10 wins and DeSmet led the team with 12 victories.

DeSmet and Bentley led the way in the foil, while Zuck and Nydam tallied their points in the sabre competition.

The Irish also received contributions from sophomore James Kaull and senior Brent Kelly, who is participating in his first NCAA championships, in the epee competition. Kaull finished the day with an impressive 9-2 record and Kelly tallied a record of 8-6.

The men’s portion of the championships will finish on Friday. The top four finishers in each competition will participate in semifinal 15-touch bouts to determine the individual champions.

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ND kicks off strong start at championships

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NEW ORLEANS — BYU had the best scorer on the court. Florida had the best team. 

Alex Tyus scored 19 points and grabbed 17 rebounds as Florida beat BYU 83-74 in overtime Thursday night, chasing Jimmer Fredette and the Cougars out of the NCAA tournament.

While Fredette was the star attraction, scoring 32 points on 11 for 29 shooting in the final game of his college career, Florida countered with balance. Kenny Boynton added 17 points while Erving Walker and Chandler Parsons both scored 16. Boynton and Parsons each hit 3-pointers in overtime as Florida outscored BYU 15-6.

Fredette made just 3 of 15 from 3-point range and had to work for his points against Florida's physical defense. By the end of the game, he had a bandage on his chin from a blow in the second half, but the baskets kept coming until he did the vast majority of his work for nearly 14 minutes before hitting a layup with 6.17 remaining in the first half. He made four of his next seven shots to finish the half with 10 points. 

The Gators double-teamed Fredette occasionally, but usually guarded him one-on-one with Kenny Boynton or Scottie Wilbekin. Fredette was bumped several times while trying to finish layups, and two of his first three shots were blocked. Fredette's chin was bleeding and he came out of a timeout sporting a white bandage on his chin from a blow in the second half, but the baskets kept coming until he was held scoreless in overtime.

When the outcome became apparent with one minute remaining, BYU coach Dave Rose subbed out Fredette, bringing a standing ovation from the crowd.

Florida (29-7) eliminated BYU (32-5) and reached its first regional final since 2007. The Gators led for much of the first half, but BYU rallied to tie the game at 36 by halftime.

Florida was almost unstoppable early, making 10 of its first 13 shots and leading by 10 points early. But the Gators cooled dramatically from that point, making just 4 of 13 from the field and 1 of 6 from the free-throw line in the first half.

Fredette, who came into the game as the nation's leading scorer at 28.8 points per game, missed his first six shots from the field. But the Cougars were able to treading water thanks to Jackson Emery and Stephen Rogers, who combined to hit five 3-pointers in the first half. Fredette was held scoreless for nearly 14 minutes before hitting a layup with 6.17 remaining in the first half. He made four of his next seven shots to finish the half with 10 points.

The Gators' win was a team effort. Boynton was held scoreless in overtime.

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The Gators had the last shot in regulation, but Parsons missed a contested layup with one second remaining. Compared to the tense final moments of the second half, overtime was anticlimactic. Tyus hit a layup and Boynton made a short jumper to give Florida a 72-68 lead and the Gators cruised from there as Fredette's 3-pointers wouldn't fall.

BYU beat Florida 99-92 in double overtime in the first round of last year's NCAA Tournament.

BYU finished the season with the most wins in school history and made the round of 16 for the first time since 1981, when another famous Cougars guard, Danny Ainge, was the star.
The No. 19 Irish entered the match with a 9-7 record hot off a 5-2 win over Tennessee. No. 20 Georgia Tech carried a 7-5 record into the match following a 4-3 triumph over No. 14 Vanderbilt. The Yellow Jackets have three ranked singles athletes, the highest of which is No. 49 Jillian O’Neill.

The Yellow Jackets put away the Irish Thursday, taking the doubles point and four of six singles matches. The No. 1 singles match began the downward spiral, as Frilling fell to O’Neill 6-3, 6-0.

From there, the Irish struggled to find a rhythm. On the No. 2 court, No. 38 junior Shannon Mathews fell to No. 82 Viet Ha Ngo 6-4, 7-6. Senior Kristen Rafael was unable to overcome No. 83 junior Caroline Lilley in the No. 3 singles match, falling 7-6, 6-2.

Sophomore Chrissie McGaffigan faced sophomore Elizabeth Kilborn in No. 5 singles, but after three sets fell 6-1, 4-6 and 6-2.

Despite the difficulties the upperclassmen faced, two Irish freshmen managed to find success.

Freshman Jennifer Kellner, now ranked No. 107, moved up to the No. 4 singles spot and faced senior Sasha Krupina. The first set went in Krupina’s favor, when she took six points to Kellner’s four. After that, Kellner took the match, winning the remaining two sets 7-6 and 10-8.

At the No. 6 spot, freshman Julie Sabacinski took both sets against junior Lynn Blau 7-6, 6-3.

In doubles play, the No. 33 pair of Frilling and Mathews pulled out a victory, the lone doubles win for the Irish. The pair defeated Ha Ngo and O’Neill 8-6 at the No. 1 spot. McGaffigan and Rafael lost a close 9-8 match to Krupina and Kilborn, while Kellner and Sabacinski were unable to carry forward their singles wins, falling to Blau and Lilley 8-3.

The Irish have a break this weekend and resume play at home April 1 against Long Beach State at 4 p.m.

The Predators stretched the four-game win streak for the second game in a row, as the Nashville Predators beat the Anaheim Ducks 5-4 on Thursday night.

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NHL

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Nick Spaling, Jordin Tootoo and David Legwand also scored for Nashville, which has won five straight games. Tootoo and Spaling each added an assist.

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With 1:40 left in the second period, Tootoo took a shot in the slot that bounced off the leg pads of Dan Ellis and into the net to give the Predators a 4-1 lead.

The Predators stretched the lead to 5-1 in the third period as Legwand scored a short-handed goal that bounced off the far post and in at 9:29.

Anaheim scored 10 seconds later on the power play as Selanne skated in and shot the puck just under the cross bar. At 15:24, Selanne struck again on the power play as the puck bounced off the stick of Nashville’s Ryan Suter and into the net.

Perry was credited with his 42nd goal with 27 seconds left as the puck bounced off the skate of Suter and went in under the crossbar.

For the second game in a row, the Predators opened the scoring. At 2:04 of the first period Patrik Hornqvist took a shot from the left side of the net. The puck bounced off Anaheim goalie Jonas Hiller and bounced around in front of the goal. Kostitsyn tapped it into the open side of the net as Hiller was slow to recover after stopping Hornqvist’s shot.

Spaling gave the Predators a 2-0 lead at the 11:18 mark. Jonathan Blum took a shot that went wide to the left of the net and bounced off the back wall. Spaling skated in from the left side and shot the puck under Hiller’s outstretched leg pad from close range.

Kostitsyn scored his second goal of the game later. Hornqvist took a shot from inside the right board above the faceoff circle. Kostitsyn, stationed in front of the goal, redirected the puck into the net.

After that goal, Oilers coach Randy Carlyle removed Hiller from the game and replaced him with Ellis, a former Predators goaltender. Hiller faced seven shots.
Auburn employees file racial lawsuit

Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Nine workers in the Auburn University athletic department who were laid off or reassigned filed a federal lawsuit Thursday accusing the school of racial discrimination.

The lawsuit against the university was filed in U.S. District Court. Five of the former custodial workers were laid off last May. Four others were moved to other departments during reorganization after Auburn moved from Beard-Eaves Coliseum to the smaller new Auburn Arena, plaintiffs attorney Curtis Chandler said.

Overall, 10 of the 11 employees who lost their athletic department jobs during the reorganization were black, according to the lawsuit, which said that only one black employee who wasn’t a coach moved to the new building.

“It just hits you in the face that it’s so overwhelmingly absurd and ridiculous that Auburn would do that,” said Montgomery attorney Julian McPhillips, who is representing the plaintiffs.

University spokesman Mike Clanton said he could not comment until they have seen the lawsuit.

The suit seeks compensatory and punitive damages, court costs, and restoration of their old jobs with back pay and benefits.

“All just to prove that the race discrimination practiced against them has been systemic and pervasive,” said Clanton.

The lawsuit also said Chandler was not interviewed for a supervisor’s position at the new arena, which went to a white employee with no supervisory experience.

The other plaintiffs are: Antonio Floyd, Walter Williams, Shane Ligon, Eddie Mackey, Ernest Ross, Pamela Oliver, Sizzy Townsend, and Marquetta Williams.

The suit seeks $10 million in damages.

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Rogers to capture a victory, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said this year’s squad has room for improvement.

“We’re not going to beat ourselves up,” Corrigan said, “but we just need to working to be the team that we think we can be, and I do not want our guys to settle for less than what we think we can be as a team...we know we can play better, and hopefully we are all focused and working on doing that.”

The team’s competitiveness, a trait that has proven incredibly valuable against higher-level opposition, has sustained Notre Dame’s perfect record despite imperfect play.

Four of Notre Dame’s first five opponents are currently ranked in the top-20 nationally, and the fifth, Drexel, has received multiple votes for a national ranking.

“Competitively, our guys have done a great job,” Corrigan said. “I am excited for them that they have found a way to do that. We’ve found ourselves in tight match-ups with talented teams, the Irish rely on outnumbering the opposition to tough out the win.”

“Our big thing is always working hard, playing as hard as we can,” freshman utility specialist Liam O’Connor said.

“Sometimes we are not playing that well but we always try to hustle the play and get the next ground ball.”

Their extensive experience in tight situations should give the Irish a decided advantage over Rutgers if the game proves close. The Scarlet Knights seven games have been decided by an average of 7.7 goals per game difference.
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8 “Toodles”
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11 Got a move on
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13 Balloon, e.g.
15 Early radio transmitter
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19 “Isn’t that so?”, to Rousseau
20 Roman leader?
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Birthday Baby: You are dynamic, engaging and ready to take on the world. You are generous and fun to be with.

THE OBSERVER
**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Sweet reunion**

McGraw looks to guide team past Sooners

By ANDREW OWENS
Associate Sports Editor

For the ninth time in the last 12 seasons, the Irish have advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16. To advance even deeper, they will have to defeat a familiar opponent in the process.

No. 2-seed Notre Dame (28-7, 13-3 Big East) will face No. 6-seed Oklahoma in the third round for the second consecutive season. In 2010, the Sooners (23-11, 10-6 Big 12) defeated the Irish to advance to the Elite Eight with a 77-72 overtime victory.

“I think we’re two different teams this year compared to last year,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “We’ve both graduated players since then and injured players have come back. It’s the third time we’ve seen them in the tour-

**ND SOFTBALL**

Weather provides prep time

By JACK YUSKO
Sports Writer

After inclement weather led to the cancellation of Wednesday’s doubleheader against Eastern Michigan, the Irish used the extra time to prepare to face Northern Illinois in their home opener today.

Junior outfielder Alexa Maldonado said the team worked on improving their overall game by paying attention to the details.

“We don’t have a specific plan other than what our goal has been all season,” Maldonado said. “We have been all about showing up and playing Notre Dame softball no matter who the team is. In order to prepare, our team has really been focusing on the little things. The difference between a win and a loss.”

**WOMEN’S ROWING**

Coach Stone determined to continue improving squad

By SAM GANS
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After a successful trip to Oak Ridge, Tenn., during spring break, Notre Dame returns to action in its home state against instate rivals Indiana and Purdue. The Irish travel to Indianapolis Sunday to com-

**MEN’S LACROSSE**

Irish defend perfect record

By JOSEPH MONARDO
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Well, they aren’t perfect. Their goal is inexperienced, though those lacklacks consistency over four periods and their defense is prone to allowing opposing teams to score in bunches. And yet, as they sit at 5-0, it is undeniable that the Irish are, in fact, perfect.

The No. 3 Irish look to main-

**BASEBALL**

Big East play kicks off with Georgetown

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

To begin a winning streak of their own to jumpstart the season, the Irish will have to break one held by a formidable Big East opponent — Georgetown.

Notre Dame (7-10-1) opens Big East play with a three-game series starting tonight against the red-hot Hoyas (17-7), who are riding a seven-game winning streak after Tuesday’s 10-6 win over George Mason.

The Irish have not played since Sunday’s 3-3 tie against Gonzaga due to inclement weather and rain, which postponed games against Oakland and Illinois-Chicago on Tuesday and Wednesday. But Irish coach Mik Aoki does not expect the extended break to affect the travel-weary players who have yet to host a home game after venturing to tournaments in Florida, South Carolina and Texas.

“It has been a normal week for us getting ready for Georgetown,” Aoki said of the days off. “We would usually have the middle of the week to practice and travel on Thursday, so there isn’t much of a difference. But, yes, it helps to work on...
One Last Shot

Notre Dame’s seniors try to recapture the magic of their freshman-year Frozen Four run.
Irish must calm nerves to advance

Just four weeks ago, Notre Dame stood atop the college hockey world. Then Irish were riding an eight-game unbeaten streak into the conference finale against Western Michigan. A win against the Broncos — who they had beaten 3-2 on the road the night before — would have given Notre Dame the CCHA regular season title.

Instead, Western Michigan scored in the 11:20 of the game and the Irish couldn’t recover, falling 4-2 to the Broncos in the first game of the do-or-die third game of the regular season in the third-place game.

Against the RedHawks, Notre Dame once again could not recover from an abysmal opening period, falling behind 4-0 before the first intermission. “We didn’t have as much fun,” senior right wing Ryan Guentzel said. “I think the biggest bummer of it all is we got Friday night, dug us a big hole and we couldn’t get out of it. It’s understandable that a team as young as Notre Dame — with 12 freshmen on the roster — might experience the jitters in their first game playing for a trophy, or their first game in a 20,000-seat NLI arena. Now that it’s NCAA tournament time, though, it’s time for the Irish to grow up fast.

Not matter how many high school or junior college freshman games a player has experienced, there’s nothing quite like postseason NCAA hockey. The experience of playing with the freshmen have seen college legitimate playoff hockey with their own eyes. Even if it was not necessarily positive, the younger players have experience — albeit limited — to draw on now that they have the opportunity to face Merrick or beyond.

The Irish have plenty of reasons to be confident heading into the NCAA tournament. Merrick, who has been ranked in the top-10 all season for a reason, and they need to remember that when they arrive in Manchester this weekend. If the Irish weren’t a good team they would not have beaten defending national champion Boston College earlier in the season, nor would they boast wins at both Michigan and Miami. There’s no reason Notre Dame may not advance past this weekend — or even past Saturday night — but nerves should not be one of them. It’s up to the seniors to keep the team calm and not let the big-game jitters get the better of them.

There’s no better group of players to do it, either. Ridderwall, Ryan and Guentzel advanced to the Frozen Four as freshmen three years ago. Interestingly, that team also lost both games in Detroit before making its run to the championship game.

Merrick has thrived all season on its loose atmosphere in the locker room. Older players have noted that the influx of freshmen has created a more carefree vibe around the program. When the team apparently stopped having fun off the ice — against Western Michigan and Miami — the Irish struggled on the ice. I’m not going to pretend I know what the Irish need to do to keep it loose in Manchester. Maybe it’s playing certain music in the locker room, playing practical jokes on one another or reminiscing about that college hockey is, at its roots, a whole lot of fun.

Whatever Notre Dame needs to do to have fun on this trip, that will be the key to advancing to the Frozen Four. Paul and the program’s second Frozen Four.

This year’s team has set the Irish hockey program up nicely for the future. There’s no doubt that players on the roster now will someday stand on the podium in the soon-to-be-ready Compton Center. Just because T.J. Tynan, Anders Lee and the other Irish freshmen have had a good first future, though, doesn’t mean that winning can’t start now.

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ND faces Merrick in opener

By ALLAN JOSEPH
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After a disappointing end to the season, the No. 9 Irish have one final shot at glory as they enter the NCAA tournament, taking on No. 7 Merrick in Manchester, N.H.

“I know that it’s my last chance to win a championship,” senior center Ben Ryan said. “I just want to make the most of every day because my career here is almost over.”

Notre Dame (23-13-5) came into the season with low expectations but rode a strong performance into the season. Facing Western Michigan at home in the regular-season finale needing a win to clinch the crown, however, the Irish fell short by that same score of 0-9. That slide was compounded when Notre Dame dropped a 2-2 decision to No. 4 Miami in the conference semifinals and then lost 4-2 to Michigan in the third-place game.

“We have to overcome this paralyzing factor that happens to us where we’re so nervous,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “I sense our team being focused, and yet we go out on the ice and it seems like we’re tentative and I don’t know if it’s a fear of making mistakes or whatever it is. Hopefully after having gone through it we’ll be able to get back.”

Jackson and the Irish are in an odd familiar place, especially for the seniors. Three years ago, Ryan, senior left wing Calle Ridderwall and senior right wing Ryan Guentzel were freshmen on a team that made an unlikely run to the national championship game after a disappointing CCHA tournament in Detroit.

“The juniors and seniors on this team want to get to the Frozen Four,” Jackson said. “The kids know what happened that year, and it came off of two losses in Detroit.”

We will face Merrick (25-9-4) in its first-round game, and while the Warriors are not a traditional hockey power, Jackson knows that they are the “real deal.”

What worries Jackson is that the Irish will look at the winner of the Miami (OH)/New Hampshire game — played directly before the Irish game — and caught looking ahead to its possible regional final opponent.

“If we look past Merrick, we won’t be playing Miami,” Jackson said. “They’re going to us as good a team as we face this weekend, if not better — I couldn’t tell you. They’re right there with BC.

While Notre Dame’s youth may have contributed to some early high-pressure jitters, there is hope that the freshmen who played so well for most of the season will return — that their youth will lead to resilience.

“When 12 freshmen and a couple of sophomores that haven’t had the NCAA experience, the underdog mentality lets them be a little looser and a little freer,” Guentzel said. “When we played BC [earlier in the season] we had that underdog mentality, and it was helpful for us.”

Jackson, however, does not want to encourage an underdog mentality. He says it is not the best matter, any storyline. He only wants his squad to focus on the task at hand.

“I don’t want them thinking underdog. I don’t want them thinking overdog,” he said. “I want them to think about playing the way we’re capable of playing and not being nervous. They need to go out there and play.”

The Warriors play in the Hockey East conference, which has a significantly more up-tempo style than Notre Dame’s CCHA. Hockey East games feature fast-skating teams, and while the Irish play in a significantly more physical and physical conference, they believe that their speed will match up well.

“I think it’s going to work out well for us because we’re such a great skating team,” Lavin said. “We don’t want to get into a track meet, but we’ll be able to handle it for sure.”

Jackson outlined a number of keys for success beyond his team’s mental preparation. Rather than focus on anything schematic against an opponent the Irish have not faced before this season, Jackson said his team will focus on fundamentals and discipline.

“You have to play 60 minutes, first of all. You’ve got to play good special teams,” he said. “It really boils down to creating your own breaks, playing well with the puck, not turning the puck over. You have to make sure that you’re able to play four lines, and that means discipline, staying out of the penalty box.”

Guentzel mentioned another important key for the young players on the team, one that was sorely missing when Notre Dame fell behind 4-0 in the first period against the RedHawks last weekend.

“The main thing for this team this year is getting to good start,” he said. “With a young team, I think getting off to a good start and giving them confidence to make plays is vital for us this weekend.”

Selection Sunday provided Jackson with an opportunity to reflect on the season and his squad’s somewhat surprising success.

“There were a lot of question marks for [the upperclassmen] heading into the season,” he said. “For a young group like this to make it to the [CCHA semifinals] and make the tournament is a real positive, but we’re not going to Manchester to lose.”

Knowing that each game could be their last, Lavin said the seniors will leave everything on the ice in their final quest for a program-defining title.

“We don’t have another chance after this, so we don’t really have anything to look forward to in the future,” he said. “It’s do or die now.”

The Irish face Merrick at 7:30 p.m. in Manchester Saturday. If Notre Dame wins, it will face the winner of the Miami/New Hampshire game Sunday at 8 p.m.
Senior experience

Seniors Lavin, Ryan, Riddewall and Guentzel lead the youthful Irish into the NCAA tournament

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

It was arguably the biggest moment in Notre Dame hockey history — the brightest lights, the biggest stage and the top opponent in the country.

A shot from the high slot slipped past Michigan senior goalie Bryan Hogan in overtime during the semifinal game of the 2008 Frozen Four, elevating the Irish to a place they have never been before — the National Championship game — and right in the middle of the action were three freshmen.

Left wing Calle Riddewall scored the goal just feet away from a fellow freshman, Ryan Guentzel. On the bench, senior Ben Ryan poured over the wall to celebrate the goal with his teammates.

The moment was the high point in a long Irish hockey tradition — yet these were just kids.

Fast forward three years, and the trio of Ryan, Guentzel and Riddewall are three of four members of an illustrious quartet of senior captains leading No. 9 Notre Dame (23-13-5) into its second NCAA tournament since that Frozen Four experience in 2008, which ultimately ended in a 4-1 loss to Boston College in the title game. As they prepare for their last chance to bring home the title in Detroit, the group of seniors remembers fondly the Frozen Four run that has defined their postseason careers thus far.

“Three years, it seems so long ago, but I remember it like yesterday. [The Michigan game] was one of the greatest games that I’ve ever been a part of,” Guentzel said. “We were up big on Michigan early, and then they came storming back. I remember sitting on the bench saying, ‘Oh no, we’re going to lose’ and being able to go out there and get an opportunity in overtime was something that I know me and Calle personally will never forget.”

Though Ryan was not on the ice for the 5-4 overtime winner as Guentzel and Riddewall were, he shared in the memories of the game.

“I just remember, I think we came out in the first period and scored a bunch of goals. The mindset going into that game was the same kind of mindset we have now. I think Michigan was No. 1 in the country. They had Kevin Porter, the Hobey Baker Award winner, and he was the best player in the country,” Ryan said. “They were obviously picked to win it all by a majority of people, so we went in there and thought that maybe they would fall victim to the pressure. We tried to put a lot of pressure on them and play our game.”

The goal in the Michigan game, the second of the contest for Riddewall, served as a springboard for the rest of the Swedish forward’s career. He came back in the 2008-09 season and 2009-10 seasons and posted totals of 17 and 19 goals respectively as a lead member of Irish coach Jeff Jackson’s attack. Though the speedy winger has struggled through injury in his senior campaign, Jackson said his development is evident.

“I think that [Calle] took huge strides in his sophomore and junior years. This year, he’s had a good year,” Jackson said. “I think the injury set him back, because not only did it set him back for the five games that he was out, but he didn’t get back to being 100 percent until the last couple weeks. I think it bodes well for us that he’s able to get back to 100 percent.”

Off the ice, Riddewall’s colorful personality has made him a fan and teammate favorite — as well as a source of many a techno song blasted at high volume in the Irish locker room after big wins.

“Well, I mean, he likes to have fun, everybody knows that,” Guentzel said. “But he’s one of the hardest working kids on the team, in the weight room and on the ice. Being able to manage all of those things, it shows the young guys that we can have fun, but we know when to get serious. We know when we have to work hard.”

While Riddewall has spent a chunk of the season sidelined with an injury, Guentzel has enjoyed a career year, setting new highs in both goals and assists on route to posting 33 points on the season, good for third on the team. Guentzel acknowledged his success this year, but said he doesn’t feel extra pressure going into his final postseason.

“We’ve had a great year so far,” he said. “Just doing what you can to help the team is all that matters. If you compete your hardest, you have to be happy, with what happens. There’s not that much pressure.”

Like his fellow assistant captain and frequent line mate Guentzel, Ryan has also enjoyed a productive year on the ice as the center on the top Irish lines. Unlike Guentzel and Riddewall, whose production was limited in their freshman years despite their moment in the Frozen Four, Ryan has been a consistent contributor throughout his four years under Jackson.

This season has been no different, and the Brights, Mich., product has posted 18 assists and 24 points over the course of the season. Jackson said one of his main memories of Ryan’s career thus far was his stellar play in the 2009 CCHA championship that helped the Irish bring home the title in Detroit.

“Benny, his moments at Joe Louis Arena the year before all of those things helped us win the CCHA Championship there,” he said.

The trio of seniors, all assistant captains, are joined in leadership by a transfer from Providence who ascended to the sole captain’s role with less than a year’s experience on the ice with the Irish — defensemen Joe Lavin. Though he is a senior, and the other seniors have multiple NCAA tournament games under their belt, Saturday’s first-round matchup with Merrimack will be Lavin’s first taste of NCAA action.

The senior from Shrewsbury, Mass., said the other seniors have prepared him mentally for what to expect.

“(The others have told me) it’s a different environment. Playoff hockey is playoff hockey. It’s obviously going to be pretty exciting,” he said. “I think I have a little bit to contribute. We’re playing Merrimack and that’s a team that I’m obviously accustomed to, so they’ll be able to help me out and I’ll be able to help them and the team out.”

On a team that’s roster is nearly half composed of freshmen, the four Irish senior leaders have grown close during the process of leading such a young team through the season. Ryan said that the dynamic between the four has brought them together over hockey and the successful 2010-11 season.

“It’s really close-knit. Four people is a really small class. We started with seven guys, four of them are gone now, and obviously we added Joe,” Ryan said. “We all live together, we’ve had a great season. We’ve mentioned numerous times to each other, this is our most fun year playing hockey.”

Lavin echoed Ryan’s statements about the team’s close-knit nature.

“This is the closest hockey team I’ve ever been a part of,” he said.

As the final group of seniors to play in the Joyce Center, this group serves a special purpose in closing the book on an era of Irish hockey — an era that they have. They’ve never been before — the group of seniors remembers fondly the Frozen Four run that has defined their postseason careers thus far.

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“I just remember, I think we came out in the first period and scored a bunch of goals. The mindset going into that game was the same kind of mindset we have now. I think Michigan was No. 1 in the country. They had Kevin Porter, the Hobey Baker Award winner, and he was the best player in the country,” Ryan said. “They were obviously picked to win it all by a majority of people, so we went in there and thought that maybe they would fall victim to the pressure. We tried to put a lot of pressure on them and play our game.”

The goal in the Michigan game, the second of the contest for Riddewall, served as a springboard for the rest of the Swedish forward’s career. He came back in the 2008-09 season and 2009-10 seasons and posted totals of 17 and 19 goals respectively as a lead member of Irish coach Jeff Jackson’s attack. Though the speedy winger has struggled through injury in his senior campaign, Jackson said his development is evident.

“I think that [Calle] took huge strides in his sophomore and junior years. This year, he’s had a good year,” Jackson said. “I think the injury set him back, because not only did it set him back for the five games that he was out, but he didn’t get back to being 100 percent until the last couple weeks. I think it bodes well for us that he’s able to get back to 100 percent.”

Off the ice, Riddewall’s colorful personality has made him a fan and teammate favorite — as well as a source of many a techno song blasted at high volume in the Irish locker room after big wins.

“Well, I mean, he likes to have fun, everybody knows that,” Guentzel said. “But he’s one of the hardest working kids on the team, in the weight room and on the ice. Being able to manage all of those things, it shows the young guys that we can have fun, but we know when to get serious. We know when we have to work hard.”

While Riddewall has spent a chunk of the season sidelined with an injury, Guentzel has enjoyed a career year, setting new highs in both goals and assists on route to posting 33 points on the season, good for third on the team. Guentzel acknowledged his success this year, but said he doesn’t feel extra pressure going into his final postseason.

“We’ve had a great year so far,” he said. “Just doing what you can to help the team is all that matters. If you compete your hardest, you have to be happy, with what happens. There’s not that much pressure.”

Like his fellow assistant captain and frequent line mate Guentzel, Ryan has also enjoyed a productive year on the ice as the center on the top Irish lines. Unlike Guentzel and Riddewall, whose production was limited in their freshman years despite their moment in the Frozen Four, Ryan has been a consistent contributor throughout his four years under Jackson.

This season has been no different, and the Brights, Mich., product has posted 18 assists and 24 points over the course of the season. Jackson said one of his main memories of Ryan’s career thus far was his stellar play in the 2009 CCHA championship that helped the Irish bring home the title in Detroit.

“Benny, his moments at Joe Louis Arena the year before all of those things helped us win the CCHA Championship there,” he said.

The trio of seniors, all assistant captains, are joined in leadership by a transfer from Providence who ascended to the sole captain’s role with less than a year’s experience on the ice with the Irish — defensemen Joe Lavin. Though he is a senior, and the other seniors have multiple NCAA tournament games under their belt, Saturday’s first-round matchup with Merrimack will be Lavin’s first taste of NCAA action.

The senior from Shrewsbury, Mass., said the other seniors have prepared him mentally for what to expect.

“(The others have told me) it’s a different environment. Playoff hockey is playoff hockey. It’s obviously going to be pretty exciting,” he said. “I think I have a little bit to contribute. We’re playing Merrimack and that’s a team that I’m obviously accustomed to, so they’ll be able to help me out and I’ll be able to help them and the team out.”

On a team that’s roster is nearly half composed of freshmen, the four Irish senior leaders have grown close during the process of leading such a young team through the season. Ryan said that the dynamic between the four has brought them together over hockey and the successful 2010-11 season.

“It’s really close-knit. Four people is a really small class. We started with seven guys, four of them are gone now, and obviously we added Joe,” Ryan said. “We all live together, we’ve had a great season. We’ve mentioned numerous times to each other, this is our most fun year playing hockey.”

Lavin echoed Ryan’s statement.

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Notre Dame
Record: 26-10-4 (18-7-3-2 CCHA)
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2010-11 Schedule

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GOALTENDING

Sophomore Mike Johnson has seen the bulk of the action in net for the Irish. With 31 starts on the year, Johnson has posted a 2.62 goals against average and a .903 save percentage. Late in the year, though, Irish coach Jeff Jackson began rotating Johnson and freshman Steven Summerhays. Summerhays played well with the the talented freshmen.

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INTANGIBLES

Merrimack's Mark Dennehy may be an up-and-coming name in coaching, but Irish coach Jeff Jackson is one of the best coaches in the entire country. Jackson's championship pedigree from his time at Lake Superior State, where he won two championships, as well as his experience with USA youth teams and the NHL's New York Islanders, brings an unmatched level of knowledge and strategy to the Notre Dame bench.

Offense

The Irish offense has been something of a surprise this season after the team struggled to score goals during the 2009-10 campaign. Center T.J. Tynan and wing Anders Lee, both freshmen, have been the main offensive threats for the Irish, with Tynan posting 52 points, the highest total for a senior in the country. Tynan and wing Anders Lee, both freshmen, have been the main offensive threats for the Irish, with Tynan posting 52 points, the highest total for a senior in the country.

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Penalty Kill

The constantly improving Irish penalty kill unit paid big dividends early on in the season, with the talented freshmen.

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2011 NCAA Northeast Regional

No. 1 Miami RedHawks

Conference tournament result
Won CCHA tournament with 5-2 win over Western Michigan

Top scorers
Andy Miele (24 goals, 47 assists)
Carter Camper (19 goals, 37 assists)
Reilly Smith (28 goals, 26 assists)
Pat Cannone (14 goals, 23 assists)
Alden Hirschfeld (12 goals, 13 assists)

By the numbers
Goals per game: 3.8
Goals against per game: 2.2
Power play percentage: 25.1
Penalty kill percentage: 86
Shorthanded goals: 8
Power play goals: 44
NCAA Tournament history
Ninth appearance, 7-6 record, two Frozen Fours

No. 2 Merrimack Warriors

Conference tournament result
Lost to Boston College 5-3 in Hockey East championship game

Top scorers
Stephane Da Costa (14 goals, 30 assists)
Chris Barton (14 goals, 25 assists)
Joe Cucchi (14 goals, 22 assists)
Ryan Flanagan (15 goals, 17 assists)
Jesse Todd (17 goals, 14 assists)

By the numbers
Goals per game: 3.7
Goals against per game: 2.4
Power play percentage: 24.4
Penalty kill percentage: 84.3
Shorthanded goals: 8
Power play goals: 44
NCAA Tournament history
Second appearance

No. 4 New Hampshire Wildcats

Conference tournament result
Lost to Merrimack 4-1 in Hockey East semifinals

Top scorers
Paul Thompson (28 goals, 24 assists)
Mike Sislo (13 goals, 33 assists)
Phil DeSimone (10 goals, 30 assists)
Blake Kessel (5 goals, 21 assists)
Stevie Moses (14 goals, 12 assists)

By the numbers
Goals per game: 3.43
Goals against per game: 2.51
Power play percentage: 19.9
Penalty kill percentage: 83.1
Shorthanded goals: 3
Power play goals: 31
NCAA Tournament history
21st appearance, 13-22 record, 17 Frozen Fours

No. 3 Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Conference tournament result
Lost to Miami 6-2 in CCHA semifinals

Top scorers
T.J. Tynan (22 goals, 19 assists)
Ryan Guentzel (6 goals, 31 assists)
Billy Maday (6 goals, 16 assists)
Ben Ryan (6 goals, 18 assists)

By the numbers
Goals per game: 3.5
Goals against per game: 2.8
Power play percentage: 16.2
Penalty kill percentage: 81.7
Shorthanded goals: 12
Power play goals: 32
NCAA Tournament history
Fifth appearance, 4-4 record, one Frozen Four

Our Picks

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Notre Dame 5, Merrimack 3
Miami 3, Notre Dame 1

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This season is shaping up very similar to 2008’s Frozen Four run. Just like three years ago, I expect the Irish will win the first round, as Merrimack is playing their first NCAA Tournament game since 1988. But after watching Miami have its way with Notre Dame just one week ago, I think the RedHawks, with their strong senior class, are on an absolute mission and I don’t know if Notre Dame’s youth can handle it, especially mentally.

Sam Gans
Sports Writer

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After a pair of lopsided losses in Detroit, Notre Dame will need to learn how to play on the big stage in order to have any success this weekend. The Irish will have learned their lesson from big games down the stretch, and show up in Manchester ready to handle the pressure. Unfortunately, as much as the Notre Dame seniors deserve a trip to Saint Paul, this team seems to be just one year away.

from the NCAA Northeast Regional Live Blog at ndsmcobserver.com
Notre Dame’s NCAA history shows mixed results

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

For many years, the NCAA tournament had eluded the Notre Dame hockey program. Until 2004, the Irish never competed in the extra season. But recently, Notre Dame participation in the event has become nearly commonplace.

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Notre Dame and Boston College face off in the 2008 national championship game in Denver. Playing in the first championship game in program history, the Irish fell to the Eagles 4-1.

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Merrimack rides deep roster to tournament bid

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

Merrimack coach Mark Dennehy did not pull any punches when discussing how he put together the roster of his No. 7 Warriors squad.

“I don’t want to say we’ve pieced this together, but we’ve taken a lot of guys that other teams have passed on,” he said. “We happen to think they’re good players.”

The surprise runners-up in the Hockey East Conference tournament will make their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1983 and their second all-time when they face the No. 9 Irish Saturday night as a No. 2 seed. The small liberal arts school in North Andover, Mass. has seen a hockey resurgence since Dennehy took over prior to the 2005-06 hockey season. In his six seasons behind the Warrior bench, Dennehy has rebuilt a program that competes in one of the toughest conferences in college hockey. In 2009-10, he was named All-New England Coach of the Year and Co-Hockey East Coach of the Year as Merrimack won a Division I program-record 16 games and qualified for the Hockey East Conference Tournament.

Irish captain and senior defenseman Joe Lavin, who played his first two years of college hockey in Hockey East, said that Merrimack is clearly a team on the rise. “[Merrimack] has had a great turnaround. They’re just finally starting to break through,” he said. “They’re a really hardworking team. Very physical, very smart, very methodical in the way they do things. They’re obviously a very dangerous team. We just need to be ready for the physicality.”

The Warriors (25-9-4) did indeed break through this season, smashing the previous season’s school record for Division I wins and finishing fourth in the conference in the regular season. In the Hockey East Conference tournament, Dennehy’s squad dispatched Maine in a first-round sweep and took care of No. 2 seed New Hampshire in the semifinals before falling to top-seed Boston College 5-3 in the title game. Despite Merrimack’s loss to the Eagles, Irish coach Jeff Jackson hinted that the Warriors might be the strongest team to come out of Hockey East.

“They’re a deep offensive team. They’ve got several forwards that have scored over 10, 15 goals. They’ve got a good power play,” he said. “They also defend well, and they’ve got a good goaltender. I’ve got a good friend of mine that told me they’re the best team in Hockey East.

Without a doubt, they’re the best team I’ve ever faced with all the hoopla,” Dennehy said.

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Wehrmack’s offense attack comes from a balanced group of forwards, highlighted by sophomore forward Stephane Da Costa, the reigning NCAA Rookie of the Year. Da Costa is one of seven players on the Warrior squad with double-digit goals this season. Jackson said the team would need to be prepared for the multifaceted Merrimack offense.

“They push the pace. They’re a good offensive team, they transition really well, they do a good job coming back into their own end and they transition well from that,” Jackson said. “With their forward depth they can roll their lines and be a threat with all their lines.”

Dennehy’s unique recruiting style of finding ‘diamonds in the rough’ has given the Warriors a deep team at all positions, not just at forward. It’s a style to which Dennehy is fully committed.

“The best players being recruited aren’t always the best players when they get to college and we’ve prided ourselves on turning over some stones and finding guys that may end up being blue-chippers at the collegiate level, not necessarily coming in with all the hoopla,” Dennehy said.

The Warriors will hope to capitalize on perhaps the deepest and most talented roster in school history in their matchup with Notre Dame.

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Notre Dame finished the regular season second in the CCHA, but stumbled in the conference tournament, falling to Miami (Ohio) in the semifinals at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

The Irish are playing in their fifth NCAA tournament in program history, and two wins in Manchester, N.H., would give the team its second-ever trip to the Frozen Four.