Week encourages campus to reduce waste

Events echo last semester’s initiative from eND Hunger campaign; incentives given to students to throw away less

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

Beginning Monday, students presenting a clean tray at the dining halls will have a chance to win a 100 Flex point prize as part of Waste-Free Week. A joint initiative by Food Services, the Office of Sustainability and Student Government’s eND Hunger campaign, the Week seeks to raise awareness about campus food waste.

“While there is still waste on campus, I think the students are doing a great job with reducing the amount of food and liquids we are wasting,” Food Services representative Elizabeth Davis said. “After seeing the results from the fall, I was so happy with how much we were able to decrease the level of waste.”

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
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Team cycles to support funds to find NPC cure

The Notre Dame cycling team spied across wide, flat courses Sunday in downtown South Bend, racing against other colleges in support of the Ara Parseghian Medical Foundation in its battle against Niemann-Pick Type C disease (NPC).

The Notre Dame cycling team hosted the Midwest Collegiate Cycling Race two years ago, though this year marked the first time it was a fundraising event, sophomores cyclist and weekend coordinator Josep Magro said. The idea to partner with the Foundation and raise money for its research began when news of Dean Crawford’s Desert to Dome ride surfaced last summer. College of Science dean Gregory Crawford and his wife Renate rode 2,300 miles from Tucson to Notre Dame.

“After he arrived in South Bend, we met a number of times and brainstormed ways the Cycling Team could continue his fight against NPC,” Magro said.

The Foundation was established in 1994 after legendary Notre Dame football coach Ara Parseghian lost grandchildren to the disease. NPC is a genetic, neurodegenerative disorder that causes progressive deterioration of the nervous system in children, Magro said. No effective treatment for NPC has been discovered.

“After deciding to tie a benefit function to the team’s home race, Magro contacted the head of the Parseghian Foundation. Through pledges made by friends, family and faculty, the athletes’ performance in the team trial and road race over the weekend raised money to fund research and develop treatments for NPC.

“We represent not only ourselves but the University and the Parseghian Foundation, so when we ask for pledges we have to be as knowledgeable as possible,” he said. “To prepare for our work with the Parseghians, all [Notre Dame] riders have spent time learning about both NPC and the Foundation.”

Magro said team members felt lucky to have been given the opportunity to apply their skills to win a 100 Flex point prize if waste had been reduced further.

While there is still waste on campus, I think the students are doing a great job with reducing the amount of food and liquids we are wasting.”

Elizabeth Davis said she hopes the Week will encourage students to further reduce their waste level, which fell last semester following Waste-Free Wednesdays, a similar initiative.

Last semester, dining hall waste fell from 6.27 ounces per meal to just 3.11 ounces per meal. Davis said measurements will be taken following Waste-Free Week to determine if waste had been reduced further.

“We will be conducting a ‘Waste n Weigh’ April 7th to see if we were able to decrease that number,” she said. “With No-Impact Week coming up April 2 to April 8, we wanted to start if off with not wasting as much food.”

Davis said most food waste is a result of students unintentionally taking too much food at meals.

“It can be so easy to waste, especially when you come in super hungry and grab too much food or don’t like what you ended up grabbing,” she said.

As easy as it is to waste food, Davis said individual students being more conscientious can lead to significant waste-reduction.

“I think there is this misconception, whether it is with wasting food, water or energy, that it is difficult for one person to make an impact,” she said.
**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** **DO YOU WANT TO WALK AROUND THE LAKES?**

- Ali Rotella, freshman, Farley
- Chris Grant, freshman, Zahn
- Claire LaRosa, freshman, Lewis
- Erin Killmurray, freshman, Farley
- Trey Hasking, freshman, Morrissey

*Depends on who I’m walking with.*

*I’m not wearing matching socks.*

*I’m never wearing matching socks, so yes.*

*In general?*

*I’ll run.*

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

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**OFFBEAT**

Wisconsin-based team wins Goldberg competition

**WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind.** — A team from the University of Wisconsin-Stout that created a contraption capable of watering a plant in 135 easy steps has for the second straight year won Purdue University’s annual Goldberg competition.

The plant-watering machine devised by the team from Menomonie, Wis., told the story of a deserted Minnesota lake where ghosts come to life with the full moon.

Captain Andrew Bebnke of Loyal, Wis., said the team composed mostly of education and business majors developed a storyline that drove the steps for the handicrafted machine.

The competition is named for the late cartoonist Ruben Goldberg, known for his drawings of whimsical, complicated devices performing simple tasks.

Goldberg’s granddaughter, Jennifer George, attended Saturday’s competition and called it thrilling. She said, “I know my grandmother is here in spirit.”

Maine outdoes Pennsylvania with massive whoopie pie

**SOUTH PORTLAND, Maine** — They made whoopie in Maine. A big whoopie pie.

In an effort to outdo Pennsylvania, a Maine radio station teamed up with a whoopie pie maker to create a massive one topping the scales at 1.067 pounds Saturday.

State Reps. Paul Davis and Emily Cain, sponsors of a bill Maine’s official “treat,” were on hand as it was assembled at the Maine Mall in South Portland.

The idea was to outdo Pennsylvania, where people created a 250-pound whoopie pie in September at an annual festival in Lancaster County.

“We’re just stealing the title,” said Randi Kirshbaum, program director of WMGX, a radio station that teamed up with a business called Wicked Whoopies to make the huge treat.

*Information compiled from the Associated Press*

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**IN BRIEF**

Today and Tuesday the “Women Writers Festival Does Nonfiction” will be held in McKenna Hall, starting at 7:30 p.m. The event will feature two writers reading selections from their works each night. The event is free and open to the public.

The lecture, “Populism in the Andean Region: From Erasure to Breakdown of Democracy,” will be held Tuesday in the Hesburgh Center Room C103, starting at 12:30 p.m. Rene Antonio Mayorga, Kellogg Institute Visiting Fellow, will give the lecture. The event is free and open to the public.

The first of three “Emotional Strategies Sessions” will be held Tuesday in Room 307 of St. Liam Hall from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. “Feel Better Fast” is the theme of Tuesday’s session, with other sessions focusing on stress, depression and anxiety. The sessions are free.

International Student Services and Activities will be hosting “A Sweet World” in the LaFortune Ballroom Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Desserts from around the world will be served, and attendees can also participate in various international activities. The event is free.

Jerry Greenfield, co-creator of Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream, will lecture Tuesday in Jordan Auditorium from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event is free, and free ice cream will be available after the talk while supplies last.

To submit information to be included in the section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews.nd.edu@gmail.com
SMC receives $10 million

By MONA RODRIGUEZ
News Writer

On Saturday, the Biology and Chemistry departments of Saint Mary's College joined the College in "Celebrating the Education of Women in Science" in honor of the 150 years of science instruction at the College. The function was followed by an announcement made by Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney of a $10 million gift for the renovation of the science building.

The day of celebration was open to the public, prospective Saint Mary's students interested in the sciences, alumni, faculty and students. The morning began with 15 graduating seniors showcasing their senior comprehensive posters (comps) in the science building.

"Today was a way to show what we do here at Saint Mary's. Senior comps are something we do that most other schools don’t, and I see it putting me at an advantage," Anne Lamb, a senior biology major, said. "When I interviewed for vet school at Ohio State, they were interested specifically in my comp."

Laura Powell, a senior biology major, said, "When I interviewed for vet school at Ohio State, they were interested specifically in my comp."

"Stress Indication: Behavioral, Hematological, and Hormonal Responses of Dogs in the Public Animal Shelter."

"I feel so much more confident about my research and findings because I was able to discuss my project with so many different people," Powell said. "It was great to get such positive feedback from faculty, students and parents, and to talk about a project I am so passionate about."

"Showing a comp was fulfilling and an account of all our hard work," senior Sharon Ehret said. "To take a step back and see what I’ve done — it’s thanks to Saint Mary’s for helping me get here."

Ehret researched the effects of circadian rhythms on bitter taste sensitivity.

"A panel discussion titled “Life After Senior Comps” gave students an insight on different paths taken after graduation with a science degree from Saint Mary’s and how Saint Mary’s has prepared them for their futures."

"It was very encouraging to see the finished product of Saint Mary’s," Abby Vrable, a senior biology major, said. "The people who spoke and listened to our comp, “Fish and Coral Surveying off the coast of Little Corn Island, Nicaragua,” and to attend the day’s events."

"I was inspired by all these people who have achieved all these great things. I hope that’s me someday," Cook said. "It was a great networking day. I received great advice, and this has opened doors preparing for the future."

After months of keeping the big announcement a secret, President Carol Ann Mooney announced two special gifts to the college — $1 million from alumna Jennifer Mathile Prikkel (’95) and $9 million from Prikkel’s parents, MaryAnn and Clayton Mathile.

"There’s more to the making of a scientist than science," said. "There’s more to the making of a scientist than science.”

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Business students compete in Chicago

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

The Notre Dame chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) will participate in a regional competition in Chicago today, its first as an official Student Activities Office (SAO) club, senior Caitlin Nichols, co-president of SIFE, said.

SIFE is an international, non-profit organization that works to mobilize college students to make a difference in their communities, while developing skills to help members become socially responsible business leaders.

Nichols said the team has been involved in seven different projects this year and will present four of those projects at the regional competition.

"Some of them are SIFE stand alone projects, such as raising awareness about the local Purple Porch Co-op to the Notre Dame community, or the Global Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Luncheon, which raised awareness about several companies’ CSR strategies," she said.

The club has also partnered with the Holy Half Marathon and Bengal Bouts to assist in their fundraising strategies and spread awareness of the projects at the regional competition, Nichols said.

"We’ve had several meetings this month preparing our scripts that we are memorizing that tell the judges about our projects," she said. "We also have put together a PowerPoint to accompany our 24-minute presentation and an annual report summing up what we have done."

Nichols said the group is optimistic about their performance at this year’s event, where they will compete against 80 other teams.

"Last year we received the Regional Champion and Rookie of the Year titles," she said. "We’re really hoping to receive the Regional Champion title again."

If named regional champions, the group will move on to the national competition in May.

"Students interested in joining Notre Dame’s SIFE team may contact Nichols or co-president Lauren Sullivan.

"We are always looking for new members and new project ideas," Nichols said.

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The Notre Dame community is invited to a special Mass to pray for all those impacted by the tragedy in Japan

Monday, March 28, 5:15 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., will be the celebrant and homilitist.

There will be a collection after Mass to benefit the relief efforts in Japan.

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Army cadets rough out field training exercises

By CHRISTIAN MYERS

Three Blackhawk helicopters descended on South Bend Airport Friday to transport the Army ROTC Fightin’ Irish Battalion to Fort Custer in Michigan, where the cadets joined other ROTC battalions for a field training exercise (FTX).

Taking off in Blackhawks was an auspicious start to a very important weekend for the cadets in the battalion, according to senior cadet Christopher Bennet. Seniors handle the planning and organizing of the FTX and the juniors take part in the exercise, along with a few underclassmen.

For the junior cadets, the FTX was a big part of their preparation for the Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) they will be completing this summer at Fort Lewis, Wash. This weekend’s field training exercises were a dress rehearsal for the 30 days cadets will spend at Fort Lewis.

"This weekend is a dress rehearsal for the thirty days the cadets will spend at Fort Lewis this summer," Lieutenant Colonel Jon Crist Lewis, said. "The cadets will spend at Fort Lewis, Wash., this summer when they will complete the Leader Development and Assessment Course.

The missions included move-to-contact drills in which cadets simulate a strategic rendezvous, ambush drills, land navigation drills in which cadets use a map, compass and protractor to navigate the woodland terrain and other standard tactical drills.

The cadets from each battalion evaluated cadets, he said. The criteria for evaluation were leadership, decision-making and operating under pressure. During the LDAC, cadets will be evaluated on the same criteria, as well as physical fitness and various military skills.

Between their own review and the evaluations of the cadets, the cadets received a good idea of what to work on for this summer. Senior Colin Raymond, who completed essentially the same FTX last year, said this experience is very helpful for getting an idea of how other schools prepare their cadets and seeing the relative strengths and weaknesses of the Fightin’ Irish Battalion.

According to Raymond, it was also good for individuals to think back on their summer.

"Personally, I struggled with land navigation at night," Raymond said. "It was a good opportunity to get more practice in that area.

Senior Alex Barbuto, the battalion’s operations and training officer, or S3, took the lead in planning the exercise. He consulted last year’s plan and incorporated suggestions and requirements from Crist and from Michigan State’s Army ROTC, which was in charge of the weekend overall.

Barbuto and the other seniors then took the plan and addressed the logistical needs of the cadets from the Fightin’ Irish Battalion that participated in the exercise.

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Cadets rode in a Blackhawk helicopter Friday to Fort Custer, Mich., to complete field exercises with other ROTC battalions.

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Student leaders promote
diversity conference

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY
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This Tuesday marks the start of Saint Mary’s three-day Student Diversity Board’s Diverse Student Leadership Conference (DSLC). “By attending the Diverse Student Leadership Conference events, students as well as other community members will have the opportunity to gain knowledge and awareness of various aspects of diversity,” Kelly Reidenbach, chairperson of DSLC, said. “Furthermore, they will be able to take the knowledge and skills gained from participation and apply them to aspects of daily life.”

The week begins with opening keynote speaker Dr. Inge Auerbacher, a Holocaust survivor. Her speech, “Beyond the Yellow Star,” will be presented in the Stapleton Lounge at 7 p.m.

According to Danae Jimenez, DSLC co-chair, the DSLC board has been working on planning this conference since the summer of 2010. Both she and Reidenbach are very excited about the event. “I am extremely excited for this year’s conference,” Reidenbach said. “I have had the help of a great group of Saint Mary’s students who put in a tremendous amount of time and hard work in order to insure that this conference will be the best it can possibly be.”

On Wednesday, a variety of workshop sessions will begin at 9 a.m. To kickoff Wednesday’s events, assistant professor of political science and women’s studies Sonalini Kaur Sapra will discuss a topic titled “Gender and Environmental Justice: Local and Global Perspectives” in Earley conference room F of the Student Center.

The speech begins at 9 a.m., followed by the “Hue-man Being Project” by Betty Hoefner, co-founder and president of Hey U.G.L.Y (Unique, Gifted, Lovable You), Inc. The next session, which begins at 10:45 a.m. will discuss the issues of gender in baseball, sexual orientation and race, and will feature such speakers as John Kovach, member of the advisory board and coach of Baseball For All, as well as representatives from the SMC Straight and Gay Alliance.

An Alumnae Panel will follow at 12:15 p.m. in Vander Vennet Theater.

Thursday’s session begins at 9 a.m. in Earley conference room D of the Student Center with the speech “Cultures of Parenting: Class Dynamics and the Family” by Mary Ann Kanieski, assistant professor of sociology. The conference concludes with keynote speaker Eric Alva, a Retired Staff Sergeant of the U.S. Marine Corps and a Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender and Questioning (LBGTQ) activist. His speech, “Ending ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,’” will take place at noon in Little Theater. This is the only event that requires a ticket for admittance.

Reidenbach says students will be visiting from as far away as California to attend the events. The conference is free and open to everyone, and invitations have been sent to surrounding high schools.

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toward helping this cause. Like most ND students I think, giving back to the community is something that myself, and the rest of the team, value," he said. Magro said that on a personal level the races and their related to research for NPC is very important to him.

NPC has been called ‘children’s Alzheimer’s’ as it primarily affects kids,” he said. “Alzheimer’s has definitely touched my family, and any breakthrough in NPC research that could lead to a similar one for Alzheimer’s would be awesome.

In addition to working with the Foundation, the cycling team has prepared for racing since early December. This home race, Magro said, is just one stop in the collegiate cycling calendar this year.

“We compete all across the Midwest throughout the spring with the goal of qualifying for the National Championships in early May,” he said. “Our advanced riders put in 15 hours or more a week on the bike.”

Dean Crawford opened the weekend’s three events in downtown South Bend, beginning with a team time trial. In the time trial, teams of four riders from each school covered a 10-mile course around Potato Creek State Park. Road Races dominated Saturday afternoon, ranging in length from 27 to 66 miles.

Sunday closed with the feature event, a short track race held in downtown South Bend. Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State, Purdue and Marian competed in the weekend’s events.

“The course is wide and flat as a pancake, which equals speed, so racing is exciting," Magro said. "The most challenging part of preparing for this weekend was looking at the event itself due to its complex interface of individuals working together," Magro said.

Since last fall, race organizer Douglas Ansel communicated with the city of South Bend, Indiana, Notre Dame and police paramedics.

“We expected over 200 collegiate riders to compete throughout the weekend, and making sure everything ran without a hitch was no small task,” Magro said.

Though the weekend’s events have passed, anyone can continue to support the Parseghian Foundation. Magro said the online process takes only a few minutes and continues the ND cycling team’s efforts.

To participate, visit parseghian.org and click the ‘donate now’ button on the main page. It will guide you through the pledge process. Magro said. “Please be sure to note the gift is being made in honor of ND cycling.”

The weekend’s dedication to the Ara Parseghian Foundation is one of many examples of Notre Dame’s ties with the Parseghian Foundation. Last year, the Foundation established the $2.5 million Michael, Marcia and Christa Parseghian Endowment for Excellence. It dedicated $500,000 to support an annual scientific conference at Notre Dame.

Magro said he is hopeful for what might come from this bond.

“Actually, a Notre Dame professor made a large breakthrough in NPC research earlier in the week,” he said. “So it’s exciting to be a part of what looks to be a large success to come.”

For the University’s students, this relationship allows another avenue to give back to the community.

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said: “Students are really making that shift to help reduce waste.”

Beth Simpson, chair of the eND Hunger campaign, said on-campus waste-reduction offers students a way to contribute to the greater fight against hunger-related issues.

“In terms of tangible ways students can have an active impact on food insecurity and food justice, their own consumption is most basic,” Simpson said. “Just being conscious everyday of how much food we waste ... lessen waste-reduction opportunities to impact hunger by means of food justice are not limited to the council or volunteering, but can be implemented through simple daily choices.”

Beth Simpson, eND Hunger campaign chair, said: “Opportunities to impact hunger by means of food justice are not limited to the council or volunteering, but can be implemented through simple daily choices.”

An initiative of student body president Catriona Solter and vice president Andrew Bell, eND Hunger emphasizes student collaboration and community members to tackle the issue of hunger in the South Bend area. This campaign has been working through the West End Food Co-op and the City Council on a number of projects, including plans for a community nutrition center located around the area where a large farmer’s market is held.

“We’ve begun our initial survey phase, mainly conducting a community survey and conducting a community meeting,” Simpson said.

Currently, about 25 students are directly involved in one of eND Hunger’s five subcommittees, which focus on issues such as campus and community engagement, financing and research. Simpson said even students aren’t directly working with the program, they still have the opportunity to contribute to hunger-prevention efforts.

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Despite originating as a Soler-Bell initiative, Simpson said eND Hunger would continue after the nearing student government turnover.

“Though it was started as a year-long initiative, the eND Hunger initiative is going to be lasting and we’re looking forward to progressing it into next year,” she said. “Our vision spans long into the future, and we’re still in the groundwork steps.”

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release.

The Nagoya program operates in conjunction with the Center for Japanese Studies at Nanzen University, located roughly 2.5 hours south of Sendai, the coastal city nearest to the earthquake’s epicenter and the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant in Fukushima.

The Notre Dame Alumni Association announced that a Mass for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami will be celebrated at 5:15 p.m. today in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. University president John Jenkins’s homilies will preside and deliver the homily at the Mass, and the association will take a special collection for aid efforts in Japan by Catholic Relief Services.

The University announced it canceled its other Japanese program, based in Tokyo, for the remainder of the spring semester on March 18.
I guess this is growing up...

April 23, 2011. A day that will live in infamy... as the day my teenage dream died, otherwise known as my 20th birthday. At this point, I’m feeling pretty ambivalent about leaving the carefree realm of teenagedom in 26 days. On the bright side, I will claim imminent victory over acne, and I’ll look back fondly on my teenage years with the perspective of a newly minted “young adult.” On the other hand, I’ll be almost two years removed from high school and one year closer to venturing out into the drudgery “real world,” and I won’t be able to blame my mistakes on teenage naiveté. Either way I look at it, the question remains: how can I make the most of my last month of being 19? I’ve been trying to think of what only teenagers get away with, like driving my friends around town with only a learner’s permit, waking up at night, or trying to get into rated R movies before you’re 17. Unfortunately, the novelty of these typical teenage shenanigans wore off once I turned 16 and became a “legal” adult who could do any of these things without fear of punishment by the police or my parents. I can’t really understand why being a teenager was so much fun, other than experiencing the thrill of breaking my parents’ rules, getting my driver’s license and having virtually no worries besides getting into college (tab, those were the days). But at the same time, I’m having trouble finding anything exciting to look forward to in turning 20.

Sure, I’ll be one year closer to celebrating the biggest birthday milestone of my life so far, and I can officially mark the end of my childhood (a bitter-sweet moment). I can also look forward to celebrating the big 2-0 with a Cubs game and an Arcade Fire concert over Easter break, both of which I’m pretty jaded about. But turning 20 is like living in limbo between the worry-free days of adolescence and the daunting responsibilities of adulthood. Plus, you don’t get any special privileges when you hit 20. Sure, I’ll be one year closer to celebrating the big 2-0 with a Cubs game and an Arcade Fire concert over Easter break, both of which I’m pretty jaded about. But turning 20 is like living in limbo between the worry-free days of adolescence and the daunting responsibilities of adulthood. Plus, you don’t get any special privileges when you hit 20. 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A defense for college students

Not far removed from ND, I argued while I was there and continue to argue that the higher powers at ND have created a culture of drinking that are con- stantly putting the kids in tough situations. Let's get this out of the way first: college kids are going to drink. College kids with big time football pro- grams (tailgating), living in nowhere Indiana, have a stressful academic environment are even more likely to drink.

Because of stricter rules over the last 10 to 15 years, students who do decide to drink will typically do so off campus. Dorm parties are risky and can only have beer. Those who are above 21 prefer to not attend because of all the underage students there. Because of the restrictions and fear of dorm parties students hit off-campus parties and, while drunk, have to either walk back through the cold or mean streets of South Bend or hope they get a cab, which are often in very high demand and short supply.

Their third option is driving when they shouldn't. Plenty of people I knew while there did it often (myself not excluded). We were just lucky to not get caught.

Some simple changes could really help this.

1. Alcohol free dorms students can choose to live in.
2. Revert back to the more lenient drinking rules to keep kids on campus.
3. A shuttle for students that circles the nearby neighborhood and downtown. We do this on game-day and plenty of other schools do it for students throughout the week or on weekends.

I love Notre Dame and my time there. I would be curious to know the amount of thefts, muggings, injuries, etc. that have occurred to intoxicated stu- dents off campus after the culture became more strict. It is also worth mentioning that students are dented off campus after the culture became more

I'd like to begin by thanking the University Food Services for their steadfast dedication to Catholic teaching. The CUB is moving fast. Typically on Fridays in Lent abstinence from meat or other foods ought to be observed, and the dining halls have been very committed to following this cus- tom by not serving any meat during this time. I would point out however that March 25 is also recognized as a great feast day — the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley: "Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday" (Can. 1251, Code of Canon Law).

Therefore, we ought to celebrate Gabriel's announcement to Mary of the Lord's coming and this celebration ought to take precedence over the preparation for the feast of Mary. Let's do it to the Lord's work!

Now, obviously the dining halls did not serve meat on March 25, 2011, but I implore Food Services that the next time this beautiful feast occurs on a Friday in Lent, the good patrons of North and South Dining Halls be allowed to indulge in juicy steak sandwiches and delicious bowls of chill! It will be a great celebration of Mary's fiat and her willingness to relinquish control to the hand of God. Plus, it’ll probably taste pretty good too.

James Baker
sophomore
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Mar. 25

A necessary evil

Despite Mr. Easley's right-wing rants in "Where idealism and realism don’t intersect" (Mar. 24), I find there to be ample room for unions in 21st cen- tury America. Not only is there room for unions, but unfortunately (yes, unfortunately) they are nec- essary. For people in low-wage jobs to organize and fight for fair labor conditions during the turn of the industrial revolution. Over the years these unions have grown away from their roots and do, as Mr. Easley describes at times, step over their boundaries and ask for too much. Unions have in themselves become greedy and at times corrupt. I know this from firsthand experience, having paid my dues and been a member of the Teamsters Union while working in a dairy manu- facturing plant. Often the goals of union leaders were not representative of all union members and were overly aggressive. Sadly this attitude of unions is necessary.

Unions have become one of the necessary evils of the business world. They are at times corrupt and inefficient, but this attitude is necessary to offset business executives (private unions) and politicians (public unions) who are equally corrupt and greedy. Mr. Easley also suggests that the more pru-dent choice of action instead of collaborative unions would be to take private legal counsel to fight for one's rights under labor laws. Does he realize this would entail a blue-collar worker hiring a low cost private attorney to fight against a team of highly paid corporate lawyers? This option is not even in the realm of possibility for the vast majority of workers who pay union dues on a pay-check by pay-check basis.

Unions have not been the downfall of American business. Corporate greed that is mostly concerned with profit margins has created the current state of American unions and defined the American busi- ness landscape in general. So while I agree that unions can be corrupt and inefficient, they are a necessary evil. Mr. Easley also misses on his final point where he speaks of the power being strictly within the individual. As outlined within the goals of our government in the Preamble of the Constitution, we must work to "promote the gener-al welfare." Until everyone from the CEOs down to the minimum wage factory workers start working together, American businesses will be dominated by greed and inefficiency.

Nick Walsh
junior
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Mar. 24

Middle Eastern youth now fight for their political voice

The popular revolution surging throughout Libya has been under a spotlight in the U.S., as allied war-planes and cruise missiles have recently begun to aid anti-government rebels in their fight to remove dictator Muammar al-Qadaffi from power. But this incredible uprising is just one of many intensifying pri-democracy, anti-autocratic movements being carried on by young peo- ple across the Middle East.

The revolt in Libya, the most cen-tered in the world of North and North Africa according to the 2009 Freedom of the Press Index, is an illumi- nation of the vigorously growing opposition fueled by youth who, through access to social media, have seen how the rest of the world lives and want it for themselves. They want the freedom to make their own choices and the freedom to have their own voic- es.

The immobilizing wall of silence was first broken in the Tunisia revolution. The popular uprising that ousted the nation’s leader Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali was the first democratic revolt in the modern Arab world. Tunisia set the stage for the Middle East to press for reform in a region dominated by author- itative regimes. The oppressed citizens of other Arab and North African nations did in fact begin to respond — several countries are currently fighting against the corruption and nepotism they have lived with their wise leaders. Recognizing that political freedom and economic reform comes from democra- cy.

Following their neighbors in Tunisia, in January protests in Egypt demanded the overthrow of Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak and his regime. After weeks of popular protest and pressure, Mubarak resigned from office in February. A record number of voters turned out in Egypt approving con- stitutional amendments to secure a free and fair democratic process.

In Yemen last week, President Ali Abdullah Saleh, a determined U.S. ally in the fight against terrorism, declared a state of emergency and dismissed his cabinet after government-linked forces killed more than 40 unarmed protesters. On Monday, news came about several top army commanders and one of Yemen’s key tribal leaders having sided with the pro- testers.

And that’s not it. Opposition leaders in Bahrain were arrested after troops disbanded thousands of protesters outside the capital. In the central square of Manama. The king called for a three-month state of emergency. In Saudi Arabia, Sunni Muslims sent troops to mobilize the mainly Shiite upheaval in bor- dering Bahrain. King Abdullah offered over $100 bil- lion in added benefits to citizens following relentless protests in Riyadh.

Let’s take a look at Syria. Protesters set fire to a headquarters of the ruling Baath Party — a raging indication of dissent in one of the region’s most authoritarian states. And now Libyan people pouring across Tunisia’s border are being offered food and assistance from their neighbors.

It’s obvious now that Libya is but one part of a remarkable wave of revolt in the Arab world. The Arab people, mainly the youth, are no longer sitting paralysed under oppression, restricted by religious theocracies.

The U.S. should continue supporting the dissidents in Libya and the other countries in forming auto- cratic governments. Middle Eastern dictator-run gov- ernments are finally changing — an extraordinary step in the modern Arab world. And the United States being a part of it is a tremendous thing.

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Scene Picks - YouTube “Stars”

It seems that Bieber Fever has sparked a love of pre-pubescent pop stars with floppy hair. Bieber’s rise to fame using the video-sharing website YouTube has inspired many young teens to break out into the music scene in a similar fashion, putting their own videos onto the site in hopes of gaining a following. Ark Music Factory, a new production company, has created YouTube videos this new fad and helps aspiring young stars break out on the web. Although these pretenders may not have the melodic voices of seasoned stars like Lady Gaga or Bon Jovi, they have nonetheless found fame. Check out Scene’s favorite YouTube hopefuls.

Rebecca Black, “Friday”

The monotonous yet catchy tune and lyrics of Rebecca Black’s debut single as a young artist, “Friday,” are what have surprisingly made this song an incredible music hit. Thirteen-year-old Rebecca Black describes in her song how she loves the weekend and anxiously waits for Fridays, the day of the week when she can party and have fun with friends. She also reminds viewers what days come after and before Friday, continuing to highlight the message of the song. As funny and silly as “Friday” might sound, since the music video’s post on YouTube, Rebecca Black has become a teen pop sensation. With over 58 million views, “Friday” has surpassed the latest Justin Bieber and Lady GaGa YouTube videos and has also reached the top 100 songs on iTunes.

Kaya, “Can’t Get You Out Of My Mind”

Watch out Ke$ha and Britney! Although her song and music video have not yet been as successful as Rebecca Black’s “Friday,” Kaya definitely has pop princess potential. Her first single, “Can’t Get You Out Of My Mind,” is very much appealing to the teen audience. In her video, the seventeen-year-old can’t get enough of a twenty-something year old guy who follows her everywhere and texts her constantly. She wants to “let him in and in love” and in the video, Kaya’s new tune, as well as many other Ark Studio’s young artist’s songs, may seem funny and repetitive, but it continues getting great number of views in YouTube and, therefore, great popularity in the music world.

Zachary Freiman, “I’m Zack”

Zack’s family helped him make this video for his Bar Mitzvah and, if possible, the corny lyrics and painful tune stick in your head faster and longer then Rebecca Black’s “Friday.” Normally Bar Mitzvah do not call for such videos, as hopefully everyone in attendance understands your “fabulosity.” But Zack, as he explains in his video, is not like other kids. His video is unlike anything on the Internet. His video explains his unique philosophy on life — that he is his own person. Mind-blowing. The song covers the basics of his life, from his love of gardening to his fascination with pottery, from “Hairspray” to his mom’s casseroles. With bumpin’ lyrics like “a purple tie and a velvet tux and I look like a billion bucks,” Zack’s music strains the ears and sensibilities of his audience.

CJ Fam, “Ordinary Pop Star”

CJ actually has a decent voice, a unique characteristic of an Ark Music Factory production. The topic of her debut song and video, however, still invites snickers and questions her grasp on reality. Her song, titled “Ordinary Pop Star,” details her journey as a pop star and her desire to just be a normal kid. She just “wants to have a regular life again/like going to school and having good friends.” This is coming from a girl who does not look like she has been a paparazzo, let alone been chased by one. Nor does she look like she has graduated elementary school. The “funk” in this video are probably the best part. Ranging from age eight to ten, they resemble kittens that played with their catnip toys just a little too much.

Alana Lee, “Butterflies”

Alana Lee’s Butterflies sets up the possibility for a fantastic 90’s style pop rivalry. If Rebecca Black initiated the whole awful auto-tuning trend, Lee is an equally talentless rival. The song features a rap verse from the same man featured on “Friday,” so one can only assume he owns Ark Music Factory. What an admirable job. The best part of the song, however, is the stereotypical junior high setting for the music video. Note passing, popular girls stealing all the good guys and a teacher begrudgingly respects Lee’s profession of love in the middle of his class — it’s just too good to be true. The song ends with a Ke$ha-style talking and laughing bit where Alana Lee simply says butterflies about five times. It’s not a gem of a song, but neither are many of Ark Music Factory’s songs.
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As Dagny was walking to class, I couldn’t help but notice this really cute outfit. Her dark skinny jeans and silver flats look great with her relaxed gray tunic and black details. Her brown crossover messenger bag is a perfect, comfortable size for books and materials, while her glasses complete the cool studying look. Dagny definitely knows how to mix and match her clothes and make a simple ensemble look good.

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The Classy Script

by Ankur Chawla

1. “We R Who We R” – Ke$ha
2. “For the first time” – The Script
3. “Peacock” – Katy Perry
4. “Lemme Smang It” – Young Humma
5. “Friday” – Rebecca Black
6. “Rolling in the Deep” – Adele
7. “Princess Ke$ha” – Ke$ha
8. “The Dog Days are Over” – Florence and the Machine
9. “Marry Me” – Train
10. “Ignition (remix)” – R. Kelly
11. “September” – Daughtry
12. “Yeah!” – Usher

This playlist is a collection of the classiest songs imaginable. With plenty of alumni and prospective students on campus this week, be sure to have this playlist blasting out of your windows to show just how tasteful Domers can be.

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By MARIA FERNANDEZ
Scene Writer
PGA TOUR

Laird overcomes slow start to win at Bay Hill

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — All that stood between Martin Laird and victory at Bay Hill were two putts from just inside 90 feet on the 18th hole, which didn’t seem all that long considering what he already had been through Sunday.

First came a stunning collapse that left him three shots behind when he walked off the 14th green, two shots ahead as he headed to the 17th tee.

Laird knocked the first putt up and over the flag and fisted it when he rolled in the par putt to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

“That was a hell of a day,” Laird said. “That was a tough fight out there. It was a battle out there, but you know, it matters little. It matters little at the end when I got this trophy.”

In the toughest final round on the PGA Tour this year, Laird was strong at the end with two birdies and two clutch pars to close with a 3-over 75, the highest final round by a winner in the 33-year history at Bay Hill.

That two-putt par on the 18th was just enough for a one-shot victory over hard-luck Steve Marino, who lost three shots on two plugged lies in bunkers over the last four holes. Marino followed a bogey on the par-3 17th with an all-or-nothing 235-yard shot that hit the flag to 8 feet on the last hole for birdie and a 72.

“I just couldn’t afford to (waste) shots in the final round — really, at any point in the tournament — if you want to win,” Marino said after his third close call this year. “Unfortunately on 17, that’s exactly what I did. It came back to bite me.”

Laird, a 28-year-old from Scotland who came to America to play college golf and never left, became the first European to win at Bay Hill. He now heads off to the Masters for the first major of the year, having felt like he just won one.

Considering all the calamity, it felt as though the U.S. Open has moved from June to March. No one in the last three groups broke par, and those six players were a combined 19-over par.

It was a day of survival.

For Laird, it turned out to be a remarkable revival of his fist when he rolled in the par putt to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

“ ’Til the end you keep fighting out there. It was a battle out there. It was strong at the end with two birdies and two clutch pars to make birdies. Steve was playing too good. That was really the focus. It was trying to get this trophy.”

First came a handshake and congratulations from Palmer, the tournament host.

“It really doesn’t get any better than that for me coming off as the champion of his tournament,” Laird said.

Laird needed some help from Marino, who played beautifully through Sunday but wound up with a 76 and tied for sixth.

Laird got off to such a shaky start that it only took an hour for more players to have a chance than who started the final round. He made three bogeys to go out in 39 and was tied with Marino when he headed to the back nine.

Then came more twists than he was expecting.

“No one is going to take a 75 going into the last round of a tournament,” Laird said. “But I knew it was going to be this tough to win.”

Woods played a solid round until his bogey-double bogey finish. Bay Hill completes a full year since his return from a sex scandal, with not much to show for it — no wins, only three top 10s on the PGA Tour and not once in serious contention on the back nine.

Next stop: Augusta National.

Said is the state of his game that the six-time Bay Hill winner called this a “very good week, and a week I needed to see.”

It’s getting better every week I’ve played,” he said.

Fish advances to semifinals of Sony Ericsson Open

Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Marin Cilic might leave Key Biscayne as the top-ranked American male tennis player, a prospect that he left unannounced.

“I wouldn’t be the No. 1 American really,” said Fish, who beat No. 17 seed Richard Gasquet 6-4, 6-3, in the third round of the Sony Ericsson Open on Sunday.

Fish is ranked a career-best 15th, and if he wins more rounds he’ll overtake longtime friend Andy Roddick in the rankings. Roddick lost his opening match Saturday and is expected to drop from eighth to about 15th, the lowest he has been in his career.

“I certainly wouldn’t feel like the top-ranked American, considering what Andy has accomplished and what I’ve accomplished,” Fish said. “His career has quadrupled mine, at least.”

Roddick is a five-time Grand Slam finalist who won the 2003 U.S. Open and finished that year ranked No. 1. Fish’s record in major events is barely above .500, and he has made the top 20 in the year-end ranking once in serious contention on the back nine.

But at 29, Fish is in the best condition of his career. That showed against Gasquet in the midday sun on an 87-degree afternoon.

“Playing out there today, you can obviously see why you need to be fit to win these matches,” Fish said.

Also advancing was No. 30-seeded John Isner, who won an all-American matchup against qualifier Alex Bogomolov Jr., 6-2, 7-6 (4). Bogomolov upset Roddick in the second round, giving Isner a less daunting path to the quarterfinals.

“I didn’t want to think too much about it,” Isner said. “A lot of times when a draw sort of opens up, guys tend to maybe not play as well. So I’m not looking at the draw.”

Juan Martin del Potro, gaining momentum in his comeback from a right wrist injury, earned his first win this year over a top-10 player by beating No. 4 Robin Soderling 6-3, 6-2. Del Potro, ranked 484th in February, will climb back into the top 45 after the tournament.
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**Belles to play Bethel after pair of rainouts**

By KATIE HEIT  Sport Writer  

The Belles return to action against No. 33 Bethel College today following two rainouts last week. The match will be their first conference game, and a win would bring their season record to 9-2.

“Even though we’re coming off of a couple of losses in a row, we know they need to improve, and they raced very well,” Stone said of the Hoosiers. “We thought that we need to row faster and that we’ll continue to train for our next race.”

The Irish, pictured rowing against Tulsa Oct. 29, won three of six races at a regatta in Indianapolis over the weekend.

**Women’s Rowing**

**Irish take three races at regatta**

By CORY BERNARD  Sport Writer  

Notre Dame and Indiana split six races Sunday in Indianapolis, denying Purdue and Eastern Michigan any victories. The Irish won the first and second varsity four races, and took the third varsity eight, while the Hoosiers were victorious in the first and second varsity eight races, as well as the novice eight.

Ireland coach Martin Stone said the eight boats were never in rhythm, leading to the one-second loss to the Hoosiers by the first varsity boat and six-second loss by the second varsity boat.

“I think we just didn’t race well in the middle part of the race,” he said. “We had the lead at one point, but they pushed through us. We just never established a good rhythm.”

Purdue and Eastern Michigan never seriously tested Notre Dame and Indiana in the main races.

Stone said he expected the Hoosiers to present the biggest challenge.

“Indiana is very good — I give credit to them,” he said. “Coming in, we expected [the Hoosiers] were going to be our biggest challenge, and they raced very well. They did all the things we needed to do.”

Stone said he let his team know they need to improve, but admitted some positives on a day when Notre Dame won only one of the varsity eight races. The eight-man boats are considered the most prestigious piece in NCA rowing.

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Among the bright spots was Notre Dame’s varsity four, which crossed the line at 7:56.14 seconds faster than second-place Indiana. Having picked the same lineups for three weeks now, Stone said he now has the time to consider moving people.

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**NBA**

**Big Three each top 30 Sunday**

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade was hurting at halftime and spent most of the third quarter on the Miami Heat’s bench. The reason? He was having a ball at the Miami locker room.

But there was no partying after pair of rainouts, first time in the franchise’s 23-year history.

Kevin Martin scored 29 points, Lena Scola added 28 and Kyle Lowry had 25 points, nine assists and seven rebounds for the Rockets. Chase Budinger scored 16 for Houston, which had a five-game winning streak snapped.

Wade exited with 33 seconds left, taking a handoff from James and making a left-handed shot before getting knocked into a row of court-side photographers for a 120-115 lead. The Heat closed the quarter on a 12-4 run over the last 1:44.

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Irish junior outfielder Alexa Maldonado connects during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Northern Illinois Friday.

**Softball**

**Irish overcome early deficit**

By JACK YUSKO

An early deficit did not faze Notre Dame. The Irish's effi- cient offense helped the squad edge past Northern Illinois 4-1 on Friday.

Down one run in the first inning, the Irish (21-2) kept their calm and not only scored four runs off five hits, but also held the Huskies (10-12) scoreless after the first frame.

“The team, especially this year, has responded really well to being down early,” senior catcher Lex Clay said. “Because it was so early in the game, I don’t think the team really worried about it because we know that we’ve been a good hitting team.”

Clay said that the team saw being down early as a challenge.

“We don’t really pressure our-selves to get a lot of runs early because we know we’re going to hit well and come back,” Clay said. “I think we were anxious for the challenge to get back, that if they have one run, lets see how we can score.”

While the Irish did not hit partic- ularly well, they performed effi- ciently. Clay had two Notre Dame’s five hits, each of which particularly well, they performed effi- ciently.

“We had a couple people who got on base with two outs and we had someone else hit them in,” Clay said. “We had [junior out- fielder] Brianna Jorgensberg score someone with a triple with two outs, then get hit.”

The Irish next take the field when they face Western Michigan Friday.

“Great defense and outstanding pitching kept the Huskies score- less after the first inning, as soph-omore Brittany O’Donnell kept the Huskies hitters off-balance,” Clay said. “Brittany came in and struck out five batters. Another pitcher came in the next inning and struck out six. We had people playing really good defense. It was really a team effort, our win. Even though we didn’t have many hits, everyone really participated.”

Clay said that Notre Dame’s other major strong point in this game was their ability to operate under pressure, not only while losing, but also with two outs on multiple occasions.

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**Men’s Tennis**

**No. 25 Notre Dame defeats USF, Dayton**

By KATE GRABAREK

The No. 25 Irish made quick work of two opponents Sunday, earning back-to- back victories over No. 50 South Florida and Dayton at home.

Notre Dame downed USF by a score of 6-1 with the only loss coming at No. 1 singles, where No. 73 Lucas Jovita defeated No. 58 Casey Watt 6-2, 7-6.

“Although Casey lost at No. 1, he showed a lot of courage by electing to play after an injury last week,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said.

Irish sophomore Spencer Talmadge and junior Niall Fitzgerald defeated Jamal Adderley and Jovita at No. 1 doubles, 8-3.

Senior Stephen Havens and junior Casey Watt defeated Romain Deridder and Yannick Yoshizawa by the same score.

“From Greg Andrews and Blas [Moros],” Bayliss said.

Moros, a sophomore, did not drop a game in his victo- ry over Juan Carlos Arana Gerard.

Fitzgerald was able to defeat Sabogal in the closest match of the day in three sets 6-2, 6-7, 1-0 at No. 5.

In the sec- ond match of the day the Irish easily defea ted Dayton.

Seniors Sean Tan and Bryan Kelly beat Sean Bandy and Sam Pecyna 6-1 at No. 3 doubles.

“Great defense and outstanding pitching kept the Huskies score- less after the first inning, as soph-omore Brittany O’Donnell kept the Huskies hitters off-balance.”

“The team, especially this year, has responded really well to being down early,” senior catcher Lex Clay said. “Because it was so early in the game, I don’t think the team really worried about it because we know that we’ve been a good hitting team.”

Clay said that the team saw being down early as a challenge.

“We don’t really pressure our-selves to get a lot of runs early because we know we’re going to hit well and come back,” Clay said. “I think we were anxious for the challenge to get back, that if they have one run, lets see how we can score.”

While the Irish did not hit partic- ularly well, they performed effi- ciently. Clay had two Notre Dame’s five hits, each of which particularly well, they performed effi- ciently.

“We had a couple people who got on base with two outs and we had someone else hit them in,” Clay said. “We had [junior out- fielder] Brianna Jorgensberg score someone with a triple with two outs, then get hit.”

The Irish next take the field when they face Western Michigan Friday.

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“One of our starting pictures, [senior] Jody Valdivia, came in and they got a few hits off of her,” Clay said. “Brittany came in and struck out five batters. Another pitcher came in the next inning and struck out six. We had people playing really good defense. It was really a team effort, our win.

Even though we didn’t have many hits, everyone really participated.”

The Irish next take the field when they face Western Michigan Tuesday at 6 p.m.

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**ESTEEM Program Information Session**

- **March 31st, 2011**
- **4:30-5:30 pm**
- **Stinson-Remick Room 109/110**
- **Refreshments will be served**

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out there. It was so impres-
sive to watch him maintain his composure and perform on that level.

Junior Reggie Bentley also
performed strongly for the
Irish in the foil, finishing in
fifth place with a 16-7
card. Senior Clay Econol
missed out on the college
championship by a single
touch, 15-14. Zuck
reached the semifinals as an
All-American. Senior Barron
Nydam, who finished with a
15-8 record, joined the two in
the saber.

Sophomore James Kaull
and senior Brent Kelly both
stood in solid performances in
the men's épée this weekend
in 14th and 16th place
respectively.

The women's team competed
over Saturday and Sunday. Hurley led the way with a 19-
record while capturing her first NCAA individual gold in the
eight-meter foil. The freshman
set a new Irish record in the
eight-meter foil that has enjoyed consid-
erable success all year, and it is likely Dyer will return much
stronger in his sophomore year
of his career at the NCAA

The Irish missed out on a
tie the game at 2-2.

Petzold put the leadoff
batter on base. The Hoyas (16-9,
2-2) then followed with consecu-
tive singles and then went on to
load the bases. Junior reliever
Dupra's (2-2) stellar perform-
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Senior right hander Todd Miller
(2-2) took the loss despite turn-
ing in a gritty 6.1 innings pitched,
giving up four earned runs after being struck by a first-
inning line drive on his pitching hand.

"That was a huge gut-check outing for (Miller)," Aoki said.
"He gets smoked by that line
drive on his pitching hand in the
first inning and he guts it
through ... He doesn't say a
word, he just goes out there
and grinds, that was an absolute
gut-check."
assistant, and senior forward Andrew Smith added 13 rebounds. The Irish (28-7) ousted the Sooners (23-11) on the boards, outrebounding Oklahoma 47 to 24.

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By MEGAN GOLDEN  Spen Writing

The No. 3 Irish opened Big East play Sunday with an 8-3 victory over Rutgers, as Notre Dame senior Edison Parzanese carried the ball during Notre Dame’s 2-1 win over New Hampshire Sunday.

Irish senior Edison Parzanese carries the ball during Notre Dame’s 8-7 win over Ohio State March 23.  

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goalie Matt Di Girolamo.  
Mady gave the Irish a 2-0 lead at the tail end of the second period.  
With time ticking down, Sheahan fed Mady at the left side of the Wildcat net.  
Mady moved the puck from skate to stick and lifted a backhand over Di Girolamo at 19:55 of the middle stanza.

“I saw Riley had the puck and I saw an opportunity to go to the net,” Mady said.  
“[Sheahan] made a great pass and I was able to put it in.”

Both goals came after prolonged bouts of New Hampshire attack, and Mady attributed his team’s ability to bounce back to its cool demeanor.

“We recognize there’s a lot of little plays on the ice and we can’t get overexcited or down no matter what happens,” Mady said.

From there, it was all about clamping down on defense.  
Even though Johnson was the star in net, he said his teammates’ work on defense made his job easy.

“I have to credit [my teammates],” Johnson said.  
“They were unbelievable tonight with the back pressure.”

New Hampshire’s Mike Sisol cut Notre Dame’s lead in half with a goal at 13:37 of the final period.  
The Wildcats had a golden opportunity to tie the score with a power play at 4:03 remaining in the third, but the Irish penalty kill rose to the challenge.  
A penalty to New Hampshire’s Mike Beck with less than two minutes remaining prevented the Wildcats from taking advantage of an extra attacker in the final minutes, and Notre Dame held on for the win.

“[Notre Dame’s defense was] really hard to get the ball unless we were willing to go out and get the ball from them, and that’s not how we play.  
When we did have the ball, we were able to make good possession that we didn’t take advantage of, but we didn’t have a lot of pressure on us,” Corrigan said.

“What that means is that it’s really hard to get the ball if we’re not willing to go out and get the ball from them, and that’s not how we play.  
When we did have the ball, we were able to make good possession that we didn’t take advantage of, but we didn’t have a lot of pressure on us,” Corrigan said.

Junior attack Nicholas Beattie and senior attack Colin Igoe helped the Irish pull away during the third quarter, giving the squad a 4-3 lead heading into the final quarter.  
Igoe and sophomore attack Ryan Foley tucked on two additional goals in the fourth quarter, sealing the 8-3 Irish victory.

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TUESDAY VARIETY SHOW

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JAMES SOLITTO, CODY ECKERT AND JOHN FLATLEY

The Observer apologizes for the absence of Pleasandville.

TODAY

EUGENIA LAST

The blooming romance was this —
EUGENIA LAST
HENRI ARNOLD

HOROSCOPE

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:
Frugi, 26; Booka Nile, 26; OrelSan, 26; OrelSan, 26; Mikel York, 49

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Overeating or overindulging will be your downfall. As long as you stick to your budget, you will be fine. Discipline will be required and, if maintained, can lead to wonderful changes that will set the stage for a prosperous year. There may be some challenges ahead as some doors close to money. Your numbers are 1, 12, 14, 19, 24, 26, 34, 45

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FOOTBALL

QB battle continues to heat up

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Editor

If there was one conclusion to be made from Saturday’s practice inside the Loftus Sports Center, it was that the quarterback competition is far from settled. Junior Dayne Crist, freshmen Tommy Rees and Andrew Hendrix and early enrollee Everett Golson all participated equally in quarterback drills — just as Irish coach Brian Kelly drew it up.

“I’ve never scripted this way before. I’m scripting for four quarterbacks,” Kelly said. “It’s been pretty good overall. I like the four quarterbacks that we have. I wanted to work with four. We’re working with four, and I think we’re getting better every day.

Crist, the five-star recruit with the most experience, understands and appreciates his role — a role that is not well-defined.

“You don’t come to college given things. We’ve all talked about it as a quarterback group,” Crist said. “We’re all going to push each other and make each other better. At the end of the day, it’s our time to heat up.

HOCKEY

Irish advance to Frozen Four

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

MANCHESTER, N.H. — For just the second time in the program’s 43-year history, Notre Dame will play on college hockey’s biggest stage.

The Irish defeated New Hampshire 2-1 Sunday in the Northeast Regional final to advance to the 2011 Frozen Four and a date with Minnesota-Duluth in the national semifinals.

“We are thrilled to death,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “With this group, being so young … I credit the leaders and the bond they created amongst themselves. It’s an exciting opportunity and we’re very much looking forward to it.”

Freshman forward Stephen Johns and junior right wing Billy Maday lit the lamp for the Irish, both on assists from sophomore center Riley Sheahan, while sophomore netminder Mike Johnson buried Notre Dame with 37 saves. Johns, Maday and Johnson — along with freshman left wing Anders Lee — were named to the all-regional team, and Johnson was named the regional’s most outstanding player.

“Michael’s biggest challenge is he wants to do well so he ends up thinking about it too much,” Jackson said. “It’s more about just getting into the game and stopping the puck. You don’t think during the game, you just play, and tonight he just played.”

The Irish jumped out to a 1-0 lead at 7:26 of the opening period. After a flurry of New Hampshire pressure, the Irish countered the other way.

Sheahan fed Johns at the left point, and the freshman fired a laser that beat New Hampshire "SEE FROZEN"/page 18