Applicants admitted to parents’ dream school

Class of 2015 promises to be one of the best

By SAM STRYKER  News Editor

Before they even set foot on campus, Notre Dame’s Class of 2015 has broken records. With an increase of over 2,000 applications from last year, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions has put together its most accomplished group of students yet.

The mean SAT score of admitted students is 1443, a nine point increase from last year. The median student ranks in the top two percent of their high school class. Two-thirds of those in the top 3 percent of their high school class were not admitted.

Director of Admissions Bob Mundy said the strength of the admitted class’s profile is a result of the dramatic increase in applications.

“In terms of overall academic quality, this group is stronger. It is a reflection on that increase in applications,” he said. “Generally what happens when you have a big increase, you … get a [stronger] distribution of students.”

A total of 16,543 students applied to Notre Dame this year. 3,984 students were admitted and 1,853 were waitlisted. Last year’s final rate of admission was 29 percent. Before students move off the waitlist, this year’s rate stands at 24 percent.

Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Enrollment Don Bishop said this year’s waitlist students are very strong, as their average SAT score is higher than the enrolled Class of 2014.

“The waitlist profile this year is equal to the class that enrolled in the fall,” he said. “Last year a significant number of [currently waitlisted students] would have been admitted.”

Mundy said what makes the admitted class stand out is what its students have accomplished outside the classroom, students refer to ND as their “home under the dome.”

ND ranked as a top choice by parents

By ADAM LIORENS  News Writer

Notre Dame’s scenic campus, prestigious academics and vast alumni network have placed it amongst parents’ top dream schools for their children, according to The Princeton Review’s “College Homes and Worries Survey.” Notre Dame took the ninth spot on the list, falling from number seven in last year’s survey.

Director for Editorial Content David Soto said the strong response regarding Notre Dame among polled parents indicates the University is held in high esteem.

“We have been doing this list since the 2002-2003 school year, and Notre Dame has always been a usual suspect,” Soto said. “This year, 3966 parents responded to the survey question, so obviously they see the value Notre Dame brings to the table. The Princeton Review is a test preparation and admis-

Halls struggle to fit returning students

By MEL FLANAGAN  News Writer

After living away from Notre Dame for four months, students planning to study abroad next fall may not be able to return to their current homes on campus for the Spring Semester.

Problems arise when a residence hall has a greater number of students going abroad in the fall than the spring. With a limited number of rooms opening up in the spring, halls cannot guarantee accommodations to all returning residents.

Jeffery Shaw, director of Residence Life and Housing, said this problem is not uncommon.

“Every spring there are a few dorms where there are more students returning from abroad than who are leaving,” he said. “Next year, it is likely that a few halls will have this issue.”

Pangborn is one dorm currently attempting to resolve the issue. With 24 residents traveling abroad in the fall and only 14 departing in the spring, the hall will likely have to turn 10 students away.

Lisa Edwards, a sophomore from Pangborn who will be studying in Dublin in the fall, said her dorm organized a random lottery with the 24 girls who will be gone first semester. The top 14 will be able to return to Pangborn, but the remaining 10 will have to find other housing.

Edwards received a number in the lottery.

South Africa hosts ND

By ANNA BOARINI  News Writer

Last summer, 20 students experienced cultural and economic hardship very different from their own experience at Notre Dame while on a six-week study abroad program in South Africa.

“It was a typical study abroad program that’s intent was cultural immersion and exposure to poverty,” said Anne Venter, psychology professor and program coordinator.

While in South Africa, the students lived in an apartment complex near the University of Cape Town where they took two classes. Outside the classroom, students had to travel and volun-

Students stand at the southwestern point of the African continent during their trip to South Africa last summer.
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The International Sunrise Breakfast will begin at 7 a.m. today in the Fischer Community Center as a part of International Festival Week.

Check your skin for sun damage at Melanoma Awareness Day beginning at 12 p.m. today. The event will be hosted by Howard Hall in the Sorin Room of LaFortune Student Center.

A colloquium titled “Emergence of Order in Physical, Chemical, and Biological Systems” will be hosted by the Department of Physics today. The event will begin at 4 p.m. in 118 Nieuwland Science Hall.

The lecture “Blowout! Sal Castro and the Chicago Struggle for Educational Justice” will be held in 210-214 McKenna Hall today at 5 p.m. The Center for Latino Studies will sponsor the event.

A peer-to-peer panel on job searching for international undergraduates will begin in 210 DeBartolo Hall at 5:30 p.m. today.

Speaker Colette Coyne will present in the Montgomery Auditorium of LaFortune Student Center tonight at 8 p.m. The talk will be part of Howard Hall’s Melanoma Awareness Day.

A red hot chili pepper contest will be held at 9 p.m. tonight in the Fischer Community Center as a part of International Festival Week.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, email detailed information about an event to Observatory@nd.edu.

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com

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"Of course I would! I’m Nate Balmer."

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“Wait, zombies are already dead. So how are we supposed to kill them?"

In Brief

In a March 29 article, “SMC appoints alumnus as new VP for Nurses,” the name of the College’s outgoing Vice President for Nurses is mistaken. The name was misspelled in the original article. The Observer regrets this error.

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Question of the Day: Would you survive a zombie attack?

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Eric Wilde II

sophomore Streifgedt

Maggie Armstrong

freshman Walsh

Nate Balmer

sophomore Dillon

William Klein

junior Keenan

Yiting Zheng

sophomore McGlinn

“No, I wouldn’t. I don’t have any socks.”

Eric Wilde II

“Not only would I survive, but I would take down more zombies than anybody else.”

Maggie Armstrong

“Of course I would, I just need a shoeel.”

Nate Balmer

“Of course I would! I’m Nate Balmer.”

Yiting Zheng

“Wait, zombies are already dead. So how are we supposed to kill them?”

Freshmen Hillary Rolfs, Marissa Kinsley, Dani Dorrego and Anne McEnery take advantage of the first day warm enough to do homework outdoors on a sunny South Quad Monday afternoon.

Offbeat

Bronx Zoo’s missing cobra speaks out on Twitter

NEW YORK — The Bronx Zoo may still be looking for its missing cobra, but a tongue-in-cheek Twitter user is charting its supposed progress.

Someone using the handle BronxZooCobra has been tweeting to a quickly growing number of followers — more than 8,000 by early Tuesday evening. In contrast with the user posting as the 20-inch, highly venomous snake, the Bronx Zoo had been tweeting to a quickly growing number of followers — more than 10,000 by early Tuesday evening. In contrast with the user posting as the 20-inch, highly venomous snake, the Bronx Zoo had been tweeting to a quickly growing number of followers — more than 10,000 by early Tuesday evening. In contrast with the user posting as the 20-inch, highly venomous snake, the Bronx Zoo had been tweeting to a quickly growing number of followers — more than 10,000 by early Tuesday evening. In contrast with the user posting as the 20-inch, highly venomous snake, the Bronx Zoo had been tweeting to a quickly growing number of followers — more than 10,000 by early Tuesday evening. In contrast with the user posting as the 20-inch, highly venomous snake, the Bronx Zoo had been tweeting to a quickly growing number of followers — more than 10,000 by early Tuesday evening. In contrast with the user posting as the 20-inch, highly venomous snake, the Bronx Zoo had been tweeting to a quickly growing number of followers — more than 10,000 by early Tuesday evening.

"All the people look like little mice down there. Delicious little mice. Tweets included one about “Sex and the City.” “I’m totally a SSSamantha.”

375-pound shark leaps into Texas fisherman’s boat.

FREEPORT, Texas – It’s the catch of a lifetime, but it’s not clear whether a Texas fisherman landed an 8-foot shark or it landed him.

Jason Kresse, 29, of Freeport, and two crew members had been fishing for red snapper about 56 miles into the Gulf of Mexico and were dumping fish guts into the water about 3:45 a.m. Monday when they heard two big splashes in the distance. “All of a sudden something hit the side of the boat.” Kresse told The Associated Press on Tuesday. “He ends up landing on the back of the boat.” The mako shark had apparently been in a rush to feed. It began thrashing around, and Kresse said he and his crew couldn’t get close to the 375-pound fish to toss it back in the water. It damaged the boat before dying several hours later.

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**ND hosts humans vs. zombies**

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

A campus-wide battle between good and evil commenced today when Notre Dame’s WVFI radio station began its game of “Humans versus Zombies.”

Approximately 480 students signed up for the game, which will conclude Sunday, co-moderator Alex Muench said.

“We conduct a lot of events like [Humans versus Zombies], mostly for the benefit of our D.J.s,” co-moderator Nicolle Walkington said. “This one we decided to extend to the entire student body, so we’re really excited about the scope of this event.”

Muench said the moderators researched Humans versus Zombies online and created a Facebook event in order to advertise the game.

“We sent [the invitation] out [to] maybe 300 people just to start, and by the end of the night we had over 2,500 people invited,” Muench said.

While Humans versus Zombies is popular at colleges across the nation, Muench said this is the first time it will be played at Notre Dame.

“Humans versus Zombies has a really big college following,” Muench said. “It was made by some really big college following,” he said. “It was made by some people, like the ultimate form of creeping.”

Muench said the game consists of a “human” team and a much smaller “zombie” team. Over the course of the five-day playing period, the zombie team members will attempt to turn the human team members into zombies by tagging them.

Muench also said there will be missions with rewards in order to draw the humans into the playing area. According to the rulebook on the Humans versus Zombies at Notre Dame event website, http://nd.hvsource.com, these missions will be “events that advance the game.”

“At the end of the week, everyone’s a zombie, the zombie team wins,” Muench said. “If there are humans left, the human team wins.”

Muench said players must wear bandanas at all times to signify they are playing. Humans can use Nerf Blasters to tag the zombies before the zombies tag them, Klein said. If a zombie is tagged, he is out of the game for fifteen minutes and cannot tag anyone.

Freshman Olivia Schneider said she’s looking forward to the game. “I think it will be fun to have this ongoing competition between people all over campus,” she said. “Plus, I get a Nerf Blaster, and I think it will be fun to shoot it.”

Junior Brian Conway said he was inspired to play Humans versus Zombies because he enjoyed playing the similar game Assassins for St. Edward’s Hall last year.

“I had a blast playing Assassins, and I heard my friends at other campuses saying this game was a lot of fun, so I didn’t want to miss out,” he said.

Muench said he originally expected about 150 people to sign up and was surprised when close to 500 players ultimately registered.

“I think the most challenging thing [about organizing the game] was the sheer number of people that ended up signing up,” he said. “I’ve had people emailing me questions and forgetting the password to the website.”

Klein said he is excited to see the game play out.

“Seeing a multi-day, on-campus event isn’t something we’ve seen often,” Klein said. “I’m just looking forward to seeing the game play out.

“Seeing a multi-day, on-campus event isn’t something we’ve really seen before.”

**Holocaust survivor lectures at College**

By MEGAN REECE
News Writer

One of the few remaining Holocaust survivors, Dr. Inge Auerbacher shared her struggles as a Jewish child in Nazi Germany in “Beyond the Yellow Star,” the keynote address at the sixth annual Diverse Students Leadership Conference, held Tuesday at Saint Mary’s College.

Auerbacher said she was born into Europe at a time of great strife.

“A period of time between 1938 and 1945, when the world was amuck,” Auerbacher said, “that period is called the Holocaust.”

Auerbacher began her story with the extraordinary circumstances of her birth. The doctor was still tending to Jewish patients.

“I was brought into this world by a Nazi,” Auerbacher said.

As a child, Aucherbacher said she was surrounded by Christian friends, and there was little attention directed to her religion.

She was shocked when the community became hostile and her father was sent to a concentration camp. Auerbacher said she was able to give the symbol a different meaning. She said it offered a reminder that everyone is unique — a star.

“You can turn that negative symbol into something positive,” Auerbacher said.

A year in a concentration camp was a taxing experience for Auerbacher, especially as a child. During these times, Auerbacher said her faith played an important role in her survival.

Saint Mary’s junior Colleen Golden said Auerbacher’s story had a profound effect on her.

“She was the most powerful story I’ve heard in a long time,” she said. “I will remember this experience forever.”

Auerbacher said her experience should remind people about the dangers of hate and division among people.

There is only one race — human,” she said.
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especially poverty.

“During apartheid, they
[government officials] forcibly removed anyone of color or black from the cities
and into the townships,” she
dayed. “Even though apartheid is over, the black people are
live in extreme poverty in
the townships.

Stabile said stable visiting
the townships, she and the
other students would typical-
ly be the only Caucasian peo-
ple in the area. She said chil-
dren often expressed shock
at the sight of the students.

Venters said exposing the
Notre Dame students to
poverty was a central compo-
nent of the program.

“The first black town-
s, they got insights into how the local African people
lived and live,” Venter said.
During their time in the
African nation, students went
on safari in Kruger National
Park and visited an orphan-
age in the Mpumalanga
Township. Venter said the
orphanage was makeshift,
operated by a local woman
out of her house.

Senior Justin Siler said there
were between 20 and 25
children living in the
orphanage ranging from
infants and toddlers to
teenagers. Some of the
children were born infected with
AIDS and had been aban-
doned at birth.

Visiting the orphanage and
going on safari were not the
only chances the students
had to experience South
Africa outside the classroom.
Students had the opportunity
to live with a local family for
a weekend, and Siler attend-
ed the first game of the FIFA
World Cup.

“Each of us, either by our-
selves or with another per-
son, were able to spend a
weekend with a family in a
township,” Siler said. “It was
a really cool experience.”

When the students were
not in school or travelling
throughout the country, they
did service work in the town-
ships. As the World Cup
resulted in some school can-
cellations, NGO’s and govern-
ment agencies set up alternati-
ve programs. Stabile volun-
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Stabile said some of the
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“It was crazy hearing about
how the local African people
expressed concern about get-
ing home at an early hour as
Nigerian men had been kid-
napping girls to be sold into
slavery.” Siler said. “I never imag-
ined I would sit with an 11
year old and listen to her talk
about how she lost her
father.”

Stabile said the extreme
disparity between the lives of
South African youth and her
own made a lasting impres-
sion.

“If I could have been
confronted with all this poverty and not
really able to do anything about it,” she said. “I
changed my life for the better and I gained something
[I] wasn’t really able to give
something back, and that
was a challenge.”

Upon returning to
Notre Dame, Stabile and some of
the other students began try-
ning to help the locals in a
way they could not while in
South Africa. Venter’s daugh-
ter, a student at Trinity High
School, has collected around
500 pounds of clothes, shoes
and other goods. Stable and
her peers are collecting funds to ship the goods back
to South Africa.

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Robert Strickland

Although Sister Denise general-
ly tries to reserve rooming for
new students each year, she
did say many roosters wait until
deadline to make their choose.

“Just because you don’t have
room now doesn’t mean it’s
going to open up in the fall
either,” she said.

 Sisters and parents realize
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Sister Denise Lyon
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going to open up in the fall
either,” she said.

Kat Wilson, another Pangborn
professor who will not be able to
return to her dorm after a semes-
ter in Fremantle, Australia, said
Pangborn students spending
planning can be complex, especially
since Pangborn is one of the
few female dorms.

“I honestly have no idea
where I am going to be living
in the fall,” Wilson said. “But as long as I am
happy on campus, I’ll be
happy.”

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JAPAN

Radiation spikes near plant

Associated Press

TOKYO — Seawater outside the hobbled nuclear power plant in northeastern Japan was found to contain 3,335 times the usual amount of radioactive iodine — the highest rate yet and a sign that more contamination was being made its way into the ocean, officials said Wednesday.

The amount of iodine-131 found offshore some 300 yards south of the coastal Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant does not pose an immediate threat to human health but was a "concern," said Hidehiko Nishiyama, a Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency official. He said there was no fishing in the area.

"We will nail down the cause and do anything we can to prevent it from rising further," Nishiyama said.

The power plant has been leaking radiation since a March 11 earthquake and tsunami slammed into Japan's northeast, knocking out power and backup systems crucial to keeping temperatures down inside the plant's reactors.

Residents within 12 miles have been evacuated, while those up to 19 miles have been urged to leave as radiation has made its way into vegetables, raw milk and water. Last week, tap water as far away as Tokyo, 140 miles to the south, contained levels of cancer-causing iodine-131 high enough to cause harm for infants.

The latest findings — based on a sample taken Tuesday — highlight the urgency of stabilizing the crippled power plant. The mission has been fraught with setbacks, as emergency crews have dealt with fires, explosions and radiation leaks in the frantic bid to prevent a complete meltdown.

The government acknowledged Tuesday that its safety guards had been insufficient to protect the facility against the magnitude-9.0 earthquake and tsunami.

"Our preparedness was not sufficient," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yukio Edano told reporters Tuesday. "When the current crisis is over, we must examine the accident closely and thoroughly review the safety standards."

An Associated Press investigation found that Tokyo Electric Power Co. officials had dismissed scientific evidence and geological history that indicated that a massive earthquake — and subsequent tsunami — was far more likely than they believed.

That left the complex with nowhere near enough protection against the tsunami.

High levels of radiation were the latest contaminant found seeping into water outside the plant, TEPCO said. Safety officials said the amounts did not pose a risk to humans, but the finding supports suspicions that dangerously radioactive leaks are coming from damaged nuclear fuel rods.

"The situation is very grave," Edano said.

Workers succeeded last week in reconnecting some parts of the plant to the power grid. But as they pumped in water to cool the reactors and nuclear fuel, they discovered numerous pools of radioactive water, including in the basements of several buildings and in trenches outside.

The contaminated water has been emitting many times the amount of radiation that the government considers safe for 19 miles away. The water pumped out before electricity can be restored and the regular cooling systems powered up.

That has left officials struggling with two crucial but contradictory efforts: pumping in water to keep the fuel rods cool and pumping out contaminated water.

Officials are hoping tanks at the complex will be able to hold the water, or that new tanks can be trucked in. Officials from the Nuclear Safety Commission said other possibilities included digging a storage pit for the contaminated water, recycling it back into the reactors or even pumping it to an offshore tanker.

On Tuesday, three workers trying to connect a pumping out the Unit 3 reactor were splashed by water that gushed from a pipe. Though they wore suits meant to be waterproof and protect against high levels of radiation, nuclear safety official Hisahiro Nishiyama said the men were soaked to their underwear.

They quickly washed it off and were not injured, officials said.

Last week, two workers were hospitalized with burns after they waded into highly radioactive water that reached their knees while wearing protective rubber boots. They have been treated and released.

Nishiyama's top business newspaper, called it "outrageous" that TEPCO had been slow to release information about trenches outside the plant filled with contaminated water, one just a few inches from overflowing.

TEPCO's shares plunged nearly 20 percent on Tuesday. Its share price has nosedived a staggering 72 percent since the tsunami.

Prime Minister Naoto Kan reiterated in a speech to parliament that Japan was grappling with its worst problems since World War II.

Mundy said the office usually anticipates the early action admissions process being more selective than the regular decision process. However, he said the increase in this year's applicant pool was a game-changer.

"What we had to do in regular action, we had to say to our staff we need to behave in regular action like we behave in early action because we know we are going to be up to 2,000 applications," Mundy said.

A quartet of students enrolling for next year's freshman class are expected to be legacy students, or children of alumni. Mundy said this is one attribute of admissions that sets Notre Dame apart from other elite schools, he said.

"I would venture to say there are very few institutions in this selectivity range that would be able to say that," Mundy said. "I think you would see numbers in the low teens at best with our peers."

Mundy said additional factors of tradition at Notre Dame factor into admissions decisions.

"Managing the male-female percentage for many of our schools is a big issue," he said. "They can adjust. Obviously here, we need to be a little more sensitive to that," he said. "We have some additional challenges here because of some of the traditional differences Notre Dame offers.

While the increase in applications has presented a challenge for the Office of Undergraduate Admissions this year, Mundy said ultimately the process has been a rewarding one.

"In my 28 years (in admissions,) this year has been unlike any other," he said. "It's pretty exciting to feel as though we are maintaining the very special character of Notre Dame while advancing some other things."

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outside of the classroom, in addition to scholastic achievements.

"I think while maintaining and even advancing a class of students who are good matches for Notre Dame, we've seen the academic profile improve," he said. "All those things that seem to be hallmarks of this place. A high degree of selectivity outside of the class is still present, while we are able to improve the academic profile."

The array of academic and personal factors the committee considers varies the variety of factors the office looks to in admissions decisions, Bishop said.

"We tried to be as fair as we could for all the groups that are interested in coming to Notre Dame," he said. "You have obviously the most qualified students, the students beyond the numbers with incredible leadership and service (with) special talents like sports or music. We look at academic abilities in specific areas."

Bishop said next year's class is actually intended to be slightly smaller than normal, creating a challenge for admissions.

"This big increase in applications and somewhat smaller class exacerbates that issue of selectivity," he said.

Because of the top-flight academic prowess of applicants, Bishop said the admissions office had to look beyond the statistics to make final decisions.

"With the numbers getting so high, the other deliberations that went on were about fit, attitude, personality. It was sobering to see how many kids adore this place and wanted to come," he said. "It is tough to turn down so many kids who are great."
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INSIDE COLUMN

Major League Boost

The wait is almost over. Cue Spring, cue the lights, cue the organ and someone bringing down the unscripted script, because Opening Day begins one day.

Here begins the only day that all teams have the same record and the same reasonable goal of winning in October. Here, the Oriole share first place with the Yankees, while not even a bully-gang can sour the zest of Wrigleyville. Baseball is all, and only baseball can begin in Spring, where hope bounces aplenty and the shadow of winter turns to shadows that separate the diamond into pitcher vs. batter. A vivid, fluid poetry of the sound of a bat thumping to a snap of the glove dominates the air with the enthusiasm and roar of the crowd. Flowing from fan to fan as a pollen that spreads Spring Fever throughout.

But in a time when the American sports fan swarms to the real sports, baseball still runs with a carefree ubiquity. Where we find America’s most popular sport in a desperate state of affairs with a season in serious doubt, we see baseball as the old grandfather uttering, “Been done, that won’t happen again.”

What the general public calls boring to watch and a game that drags on far too long, fans call heaven, as attendance figures have continued to climb. According to MLB.com, 2010 marked the seventh straight season that baseball clubs eclipsed the 73 million mark in attendance, seventh-best in baseball history. The previous season drew even more fans for sixth-best in MLB history, all while America struggled through the worst economic crisis that our generation has seen.

Not to mention, five years ago the sport slogged through a scandal that rocked the sport from Bonds and Sosa down into the minors. This new season will welcome a new era across the league without the aura of Torre, Cox and Pinella, yet with the legends of Lasorda, Sparky and Stengel.

Yet concerns arise over the ascension of free agency and the spending of franchises across the league as killing the integrity of the game. Just last year the Yankees spent over $200 million on its roster alone. The American League champion Texas Rangers spent a smidgen over $55 million.

In fact, 14 of the 20 teams that played in the past ten World Series were not in the top five in team salary that season, with the highlight coming in 2008 from the top five in team salary that season, all for a team 29th highest. To put that in perspective, the combined salary of all-stars Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez in 2008 was $49 million, all for a team that missed the playoffs that year.

Baseball is back, a return more certain than the sun’s rising. Cue the smooth green grass, the majestic blue sky and the cool breeze, because Spring is here. And with Spring comes baseball.

One more day.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The strength of words

Notre Dame student: Every time a Notre Dame guy “hooks up” with a Saint Mary’s student a tree is planted along The Avenue.

Saint Mary’s student: Every time a Notre Dame guy gets with a Notre Dame girl a golden dome is built.

These jokes may be a little humorous, and sure we all get a chuckle from them, but what impact can these jokes have on the women of this community? Not only are the women of this community subjected to demeaning classifications, such as “sluts” or “ugly,” but the frequency of sexist jokes I hear particularly on this campus is astounding. It’s the 21st century, right?

Go ahead and try to shrug off these jokes as meaningless, but consider this: Words reflect thoughts, and thoughts and words are represented by actions. Considering the amount of verbal abuse our female students are subjected to, I do not find it surprising that ND is ranked second in the number of reported sexual assaults on campus in Indiana, only behind IU of Bloomington.

Still reluctant to believe the potential impact these jokes may have on our students’ thoughts and actions? Just this past weekend my friends were subjected to harassment through words at Finny’s. Unprovoked, a particular ND student stated multiple times to my friend that sexually “she wanted him.” Does he think she “wants him” and is he entitled to make those inappropriate comments merely because she is a student of Saint Mary’s, and we have a construed reputation of being sexually promiscuous?

This same student later harassed me, angrily shouting in my face some random nonsense, and proceeded to menacingly grind down at me, telling me how he sexually “split open” some other girl. As he towered over my petite body of 100 pounds, he refused to step away from me, despite my requests that he step back, until my male friends stepped in.

I just wanted to go out Saturday night and have a good time with my friends. Is that too much to ask?

Do you still think I’m making a big deal out of the sexist and demeaning jokes that our women are exposed? How about this example? Another student of our college community also possesses misconceptions of Saint Mary’s. He has once referred to Saint Mary’s College as “a factory to get girls.”

His beliefs and words certainly have been shown in his actions. I lost my virginity through rape by this student. How about this example? Another student, a St. Mary’s alumnus, commented on how he would “want him” and he is entitled to make those inappropriate comments merely because he is a student of Saint Mary’s, and we have a construed reputation of being sexually promiscuous?

But in a time when the American sports slogged through a scandal that the sport is facing, it is important that the community not have a construed reputation of being sexually promiscuous. This is not the case, and this is clear when the only student who has been convicted of sexual assault on campus is a student of Saint Mary’s.

In fact, 14 of the 20 teams that played in the past ten World Series were not in the top five in team salary that season, with the highlight coming in 2008 from the top five in team salary that season, all for a team 29th highest. To put that in perspective, the combined salary of all-stars Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez in 2008 was $49 million, all for a team that missed the playoffs that year.

Baseball is back, a return more certain than the sun’s rising. Cue the smooth green grass, the majestic blue sky and the cool breeze, because Spring is here. And with Spring comes baseball.

One more day.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

Andrew Gastelum

POLL OF THE WEEK

Who do you think is going to win the men’s NCAA tournament?

Kentucky
Connecticut
VCU
Butler

Vote by Thursday at 5 p.m. at www.ndsmcobserver.com

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“If all the world’s a stage, I want to operate the trap door.”

Paul Beatty
American author
I would like to add my own comments to Joseph Nawrocki’s Letter to the Editor “The God Debate” (March 25). I was again disap- pointed at this year when I saw the choice for speakers, although I cannot say I was sur- prised. There is an ever increasing liberalism within this country, this university and under- graduate student populations in general. By liberalism, I mean the American idea of liberal and conservative — they too are players in a history of liberalism.

In his letter, John Henry Newman’s definition. He says, “By liberalism I mean false like this to be exposed to such a horrible music alumnus

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Anon

No lights on the Dome

Anyone who crossed God Quad after dark this weekend should have noticed an odd peculiarity: There were no lights on the golden dome. The Office of Sustainability announced that the lights on the golden dome and the Word of Life mural on the Library would be turned off over the weekend as a sign of support for International Earth Hour. As Executive Vice President John Affleck Graves explained, the university was supporting the ini- tiative “by keeping the lights off on these symbols of our campus for a span of 60 hours instead of 60 minutes” as a gesture of our commitment to energy efficiency. The decision to turn the lights off on the images of Our Lady and Christ was poor but telling signs of the administra- tion.

Stepon not fit for acts

I write this letter in regards to the Spring Concert. I congratulate SUB on pulling an amaz- ing line-up this year, containing an excellent three year run. A few years ago it was Cartel and Citizen Cope. Last year it was The Roots; this year has Chiddy Bang and OAR. The board has really done a great job providing talented, relevant acts with that outdoor festival type theme.

I am shocked by the selfishness expressed in Mr. Baker’s Letter to the Editor “Where’s the Meat?” (March 28). As a vegetarian, I find it appalling that someone would be so clearly opposed to abstaining from meat for one mere day! Plenty of people — myself included — refrain from meat every single day of the year as an act of protest against the cruelly implicit in the practices of the American meat industry. There are over 925 million people who do not get enough to eat in this world. One acre of land used to grow cow-feed produces around 165 pounds of edible cow flesh when that same plot of land could grow 20,000 pounds of potatoes. On top of that, the standard treatment of animals in the American food system induces needless amounts of cruelty implicit in the practices of the American meat industry. There are over 925 million people who do not get enough to eat in this world. One acre of land used to grow cow-feed produces around 165 pounds of edible cow flesh when that same plot of land could grow 20,000 pounds of potatoes. On top of that, the standard treatment of animals in the American food system induces needless amounts of suffering to God’s own creatures. No one should complain about one day without meat. Especially not someone with the education and opportunity that Mr. Baker has as a stu- dent of Notre Dame.

Be creative. Send a letter to the editor.

Pat McKillen

Clash of the Titans

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Pandora: no longer known in popular culture as that impulsive Greek chick. No, Pandora has commanded the Internet signals of laptops and smart phones across campus, save for that weird dead zone between the library and Starbucks. As an Internet radio app and website, Pandora enables listeners to create a station based on an artist, then streams music from similar artists through that station. And although Pandora may not have encountered exactly what she wanted in her box, your Pandora Radio will be fine-tuned to your tastes. No random Pitchfork-endorsed artist will pop up on your beloved Britney station. But you will get a heavy dose of the Princess of Pop as well as some quality Christina and Rihanna. So the next time Steve Jobs and iTunes lets you down, or you’re on the verge of tears because using Limewire can now land you a lawsuit, check out Pandora.

By ANNALEE RICE
Scene Writer

PUMP IT UP
“Lady Gaga”
Station highlights: Gaga. Ke$ha. Katy Perry. B.o.B.
“Britney.”
Need I say more? If your night proves wilder than Gaga’s Grammy regalia, congratulations.
“Daft Punk”
Station highlights: techno for the Indie set. Don your keffiyeh and stand around.
“Kid Cudi”
Station highlights: Cudi, Drake, even some MGMT.

STUDYING
“Chopin”
So you haven’t touched a piano in three years since high school — it’s okay, this station is pure relaxation.
“Explosions in the Sky”
Indie instrumental, minus nonsensical lyrics.
“The Script”
“Pop flavored, sweet lyrics, mellow music.”

RAMBLING THROUGH CAMPUS
“Dave Matthews”
So college. Pull out the pinnie.
“Vampire Weekend”
Station highlights: Iron and Wine, Vampire Weekend. The Strokes, Ingrid Michaelson.
“The Beatles”
Admit it, they just make you happy.

SPRINGTIME
“Third Eye Blind”
Because nothing says summer than thinking off all the fun you had as a middle schooler listening to “Semi Charmed Life” before you understood the lyrics.
“Katy Perry”
Station highlight: California Girls. I can’t get away from that song.
Despite struggles, Woods remains center of attention

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — So many people surrounded the first tee that Tiger Woods couldn’t see who was playing. The gallery stretched down the entire length of the 461-yard opening hole and wrapped around the back of the grandstand, Sunday afternoon at Bay Hill.

Now on the tee, Tiger Woods hit a shot that was 294 yards. He was 10 shots out of the lead, no serious threat to win. About 30 minutes later, the final group of Martin Laird and Spieth and McIlroy was the fifth green with under 100 fans tagging along.

Then it happened now.

A few weeks earlier at Doral, the PGA Tour decided to group players based on their world ranking. Someone estimated the gallery at 45 people for the “Big Three” of Martin Kaymer, Lee Westwood and Tiger Donald. On the other side of the course, there were too many fans to count in the group of players ranked 45-6 — Graeme McDowell, Woods and Phil Mickelson.

During the FedEx Cup playoffs last year at Ridgwood, thousands of fans crammed behind the ropes on both sides of the fairway at Ridgwood Country Club to watch Woods, who was in 20th place and going nowhere.

One reporter was thinking too hard as he searched for the meaning of it all.

“I get it ... but I don’t get it,” he said as his eyes scanned the size of the crowd. “The guy is in 20th place. Why wouldn’t you go watch someone who is actually playing?”

The answer: They were there to see Bubba Watson.

At no 10 or 11, and even with the worst — and there are plenty of numbers and statistics to back that up — Woods remains the most compelling figure in golf. It was like that at Bay Hill. It will be that way next week at the Masters, even as Mickelson tries to join him with four green jackets, or Kaymer goes after a second straight major, or Westwood tries to regain the No. 1 ranking, this time without having to explain why.

Never mind that Woods is meandering through mediocrity at the moment.

Wilson threw a 45-pitch workout Wednesday in a little more controlled setting, while Colby Lewis was in rough on the 14th hole of his 10 spring training game in Surprise, Ariz. from Japan last season before joining his Triple-A affiliate in Round Rock, Texas, on Wednesday night for an exhibition game, then their Triple-A affiliate in Round Rock, Texas, on Wednesday night. They will have a work-out Thursday at Rangers Ballpark in the Texas Rangers.

“I was here instead of doing the whole barstorming tour,” Wilson said. “Just to get extra treatment and get massages and kind of be in a little more controlled environment and get used to the time zone and all of that stuff.”

Wilson was 15-8 with a 3.35 ERA in 33 starts last season, his first full season as a starter and he’s matured in a little more controlled role one of our premier pitchers in baseball in the last two years.”

Wilson came out of his final full season in the majors with a 3.35 ERA in 33 starts last year, his first full season as a starter. He played 100 games in his return early in spring training. Colby Lewis took to starting, and he was right.

The Rangers CEO and team president Nolan Ryan, the Hall of Fame pitcher and member of our generation, and we know about Woods, good or bad. Some watch because they are eager to see him dominate again. Some watch because they delight in his failure. Others are just curious.

But they’re watching.

At the 1999 Masters, when Woods was rebuilding his swing and was no longer No. 1 in the world, he was in the middle of the pack and headed for another sabbatical. That’s why televisions can’t resist showing him. It’s the 10-year anniversary of his greatest feat.

Woods won the Masters in 2001 to become the only player to hold all four major championships at the same time. It took him 294 days to achieve something that might never be done again. There was no one close to him in the game back then.

There remains no one close to him in interest level now.

That’s why he draws the biggest crowds. That’s why televisions can’t resist showing him.

A few years ago, Sean O’Hair was in the rough on the 14th hole of the North Course at Torrey Pines, and Woods was on the adjacent hole. Spotting a reporter, O’Hair playfully asked why he was always watching Woods. Then came a question to O’Hair: “If you had this job, who would you be watching on Thursday?”

“Tiger,” O’Hair said with a laugh.

Woods was more interesting to watch when he was winning 40 percent of his tournaments, when he looked like a special player. Now he is interesting in a nostalgic sense. They remember how he once performed and wonder if he ever will play that way again.

Will he reach, let alone surpass, the benchmark of 18 professional majors won by Jack Nicklaus? Can he be golf’s best player again?

Not even Woods knows the answer.

All anyone has at the moment are memories of how he once played, and they are strong enough to hold the interest.

In times of parity — which is what Woods’ demise has brought — there is no question of how hard it is to win, and how often Woods won. Consider this: Before turning 30, Woods already had 46 wins on the PGA Tour and 10 majors.

Until someone else comes along — probably not in Woods’ lifetime — everyone will want to know about Woods, good or bad. Some watch because they are eager to see him dominate again. Some watch because they delight in his failure. Others are just curious.

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Harrellson embraces role as Kanter’s replacement

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky center Josh Harrellson could hear the murmurs when the NCAA ruled freshman big man Enes Kanter permanently ineligible in January.

The thought was the Wildcats were done without the highly recruited Kanter. That they couldn’t thrive relying on Harrellson, a little-used reserve who played all of 88 minutes as junior, to serve as their only post presence.

Harrellson tried not to take it personally. He knows better than most how good Kanter is and even offered to give up his senior year if it meant Kanter — sidelined for accepting improper benefits while playing for a Turkish club team two years ago — could take his place.

Though it was a heartfelt gesture, it had no bearing on Kanter’s situation.

“I wanted him to play more than anybody,” Harrellson said. “Well, maybe Coach (John Calipari) wanted him to play more.”

And the rest of one of college basketball’s most ardent fan bases.

Harrellson was considered too goofy, too slow, too inconsistent to be considered a legitimate threat at either end of the floor. This is the same kid who once slipped a game as a freshman in high school to go deer hunting, who had his Twitter privileges revoked by Calipari after expressing frustration over what he considered a lack of respect from his coach.

Kanter’s nickname is “the UnderKanter,” a twist on one of his idols, professional wrestler “The Undertaker.” Harrellson’s nickname is “Jorts,” a tribute to his affinity for knee-length jean shorts that he likes to wear regardless of the sometimes unpredictable Bluegrass weather.

Many felt there was no way the Wildcats could be considered a legitimate Final Four threat with Harrellson as the enforcer. But the end of Kanter’s season became the beginning of Harrellson’s rennaisance.

The player considered an afterthought in October is owning March with his 8.8 rebounds and 2.1 blocks against Connecticut’s 50-19 in Houston on Saturday for a spot in the national title game.

Josh Harrellson couldn’t play, he changed his mentality,” said Kentucky guard DeAndre Liggins. “He started to do all his extra stuff to make him better.”

Technically, Harrellson didn’t have a choice. Calipari’s punishment for Harrellson running off at the Twitter was to make him run until he puked on the court.

He ordered Harrellson to endure grueling conditioning drills 30 minutes before each practice.

Calipari was trying to get Harrellson to quit. Harrellson did the opposite.

Suddenly the kid who admits he only picked up the game because he was tall and good at it, but couldn’t play more than a handful of minutes without asking to come out, was running the floor alongside Calipari’s latest batch of McDonald’s All-Americans.

He scored 23 points and grabbed 14 rebounds in a win over Louisville on New Year’s Eve and led the Southeastern Conference in rebounding, averaging 8.8 in league play.

Harrellson has been even better in the postseason, where he’s averaging 12.8 points and 8.7 rebounds a game while holding his own against some of the best post players in the country.

Rattling against Kanter — who opted to serve as a student assistant following his NCAA ban — in practice each day gave Harrellson confidence he could hang with the best. Kanter held the advantage early in the season, but their one-on-one battles aren’t so lopsided anymore.

That confidence has allowed Harrellson to play with a fearlessness he lacked during his first two years on campus after transferring from Southwest Illinois College.

Harrellson simply refuses to back down from a challenge no matter who he’s banging against.

The former Little League pitcher threw a fastball off Ohio State freshman Jared Sullinger in the regional semifinals while falling out of bounds. The play helped ignite the Wildcats to a 62-60 upset and led Buckeyes coach Thad Matta to call Harrellson one of the most underrated players in the country.

He was just as good in the regional final against North Carolina. Harrellson finished with 12 points, eight rebounds, four assists and two steals as the Wildcats moved on to the Final Four for the first time since winning it all in 1998.

The Final Four is ruffeled air for a player who spent the first three days of his high school career in St. Charles, Mo., standing alone under a basket until he proved to coach Ben Owens he could make one.

“He didn’t know what to do,” Owens said. “He was extremely confused. He couldn’t really dribble. He just didn’t have any basketball sense in him, which is completely understandable.”

Your future’s timeline, fed.

Vanessa Cook, PwC Associate. First, it was PwC’s Semineter of Discovery Internership program. Now, as a full-time Associate, Vanessa can request specific opportunities, reverse mentor senior staff, and even find time to traverse for triathlons, her passions and her future. To see Vanessa’s full-time feeding and how you can feed your future, visit www.pwc.tv
Dez Bryant sued by Dallas-area creditors

Dallas wide receiver Dez Bryant has been sued for more than $850,000 for unpaid debts to a store owner in Dallas.

The latest revelation, about debt Bryant ran up before he was drafted, raises the question of how much more he’s spent since then.

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said the team had no comment.

The bigger of the lawsuits involves Eleow Hunt, a jeweler and ticket broker from suburban Colleyville. He is seeking repayment for $588,500 in jewelry, $15,850 for tickets and $11,000 in loans.

Hunt said in the lawsuit that a buy-now, pay-later system was set up by David Wells, Bryant’s adviser and a co-defendant in the case. Hunt said he’s known Wells for more than 10 years, and that they used a similar arrangement the year before with Wells’ cousin — Michael Crabtree, the standout receiver at Texas Tech who was a first-round pick of the San Francisco 49ers.

“Mr. Crabtree ended up doing exactly what he said he would do, so my client felt pretty comfortable,” said Hunt’s attorney, Beth Ann Blackwood.

Bryant and Wells signed 17 receipts from January 2009 to July 2010, the lawsuit said. The longest wait between purchases was 2 ½ months.

The bills ranged from $15,500 to $71,500, although Bryant also rang up $94,000 on two receipts in a single day.

The haul included six men’s watches and two women’s watches, and a variety of men’s and women’s diamond earrings. There were bracelets, rings and necklaces, with themes ranging from skulls to religion (three diamond crosses, a diamond Jesus medallion and a rosary made from diamonds and palladium).

All that’s been paid was $15,000 of the original loan amount, Hunt’s lawsuit says.

Hunt originally filed suit in September. Hunt didn’t try publicizing it because he continued calling Bryant in hopes of working something out.

“My client was basically being nice,” Blackwood said. “He deals with a lot of professional athletes, and he’s not in the habit of trying to raise a fuss or have a high profile. He genuinely liked Dez Bryant and thought he would come through. … My client’s finally decided Dez doesn’t care, he’s not going to keep his word. My client is pretty angry.

Associated Press

DALLAS — In the 18 months before Dez Bryant signed with the Dallas Cowboys, he apparently spent like a superstar.

He bought at least seven men’s watches and two more for women. He paid $65,500 for a diamond cross made of white gold and $60,000 for a custom charm. He ordered a set of dog tags made of white gold and diamonds, and all sorts of other rings, earrings, bracelets and necklaces in various shades of gold, nearly all crammed with diamonds.

And finally, according to a pair of Texas lawsuits, Bryant ponied up for tickets to Cowboys and Mavericks playoff games, and to see LeBron James play. He also acquired some cash, at least $35,000.

Bryant got it all through a line of credit set up by his adviser, the lawsuits say, all with the understanding that he’d settle up once he signed his first pro contract.

But eight months after striking a deal that included $8.5 million guaranteed from the Cowboys, Bryant is facing two claims from people who say they are tired of waiting to get paid. A man from the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and a New York company, are seeking a total of $861,350, plus interest and attorneys fees.

Bryant’s attorney, state Sen. Royce West, declined comment on the specifics in the lawsuits, calling them “sheer allegations.”

“What we’re seeing is Dez Bryant being singled out,” West said. “There are lawsuits. They will be resolved.”

Bryant is a dazzling receiver and punt returner, but his character and maturity have often been questioned. That’s widely considered the reason he went from a likely top-10 pick in last year’s draft to No. 24.

Since he joined the Cowboys, he’s made plenty of off-the-field headlines. He spent $54,896 on a single meal, and then there was the Dolphins executive who got punished for asking in a pre-draft interview whether Bryant’s mother was a prostitute.

Just last week, Bryant got into a ruckus at an upscale Dallas mall. A shouting match with an off-duty police officer, stemming from him and his friends wear- ing their pants too low, led to him being banned from the premises for a few days.
two double plays started by senior third baseman Greg Sherry to help the right-han- der get out of a couple early jams.

Aoki said the ground ball out was a big part of Norton’s game.

“Every once in a while he shows a little bit of velocity with his four-seam,” Aoki said. “But he uses that two-seam to get under the barrel a little bit against right-hand- ers. Thankfully today, those balls on the pull side found some gloves.”

Norte Dame finally broke through against Morrow in the sixth with a rally started by the middle of the order. Freshman catcher Matt Jagielo opened the inning with a double, and fellow freshman Trey Mancini drove him in with a single. Mancini advanced to second on the throw home, and senior left

fielder Matt Grosso made the extra base count with a sin- gle to put the Irish up two.

Senior right fielder Herman Petzold, who went three-for- three on the day, capped the rally with a double to round out the Irish scoring. Aoki said he was pleased with the offense in the frame.

“That’s what you need,” he said. “We had some other opportunities to do it. I wasn’t crazy about our at-bats earlier in the game with run- ners in scoring position. But in the sixth inning I thought our at-bats were pretty good. The way our offense had been going, to score three runs all in one inning is an absolute bonanza.”

Central Michigan cut into the lead with a two-run home run from junior first base- man Nate Theunissen in the top of the seventh. Norton eventually gave way to the bullpen, and junior Will Hudgins preserved the lead with a scoreless eighth.

Freshman closer Dan Slania ran into trouble in the ninth, as the Chippewas opened the frame with a trip and a walk. Slania fought back with two consec- utive strikeouts and complet- ed the save on a soft ground- out to senior shortstop Mick Doyle.

“That [save] was huge,” Aoki said. “I thoughtDanny taking out those two guys by himself to get two outs was great. I thought [ophthalmology catcher Joe Hudson] made a great block on that slider that Slania buried to strike someone out. Then the play to end the game was not a routine play either that Doyle made, so I thought that was really good.”

I thought our team showed a little resiliency and tough- ness there, and it was nice to see that.”

The Irish return to action when they travel to Pittsburgh, Pa., to take on the Panthers (13-9, 1-2) in a Big East weekend series.

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BOSTON — Tim Thomas stopped 32 shots for his ninth shutout of the season, and Mark Recchi assisted on the seconds apart in the second.

Boychuk scored 2 minutes, 20

seconds into the period. The Blackhawks 3-0.

Mark Recchi moved into 12th

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Associated Press

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Association Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Colorado Rockies first baseman Jason Giambi and his brother testified Tuesday that Barry Bonds’ per- sonal trainer supplied them with performance-enhancing drugs.

The two were the first athletes
called to testify at the Bonds perjury trial, which is in its sec-

second week.

Appearing calm, Jason Giambi testified that he met trainer Greg Anderson after the 2002 season when both were travel- ing through Japan with a U.S.

all-star team.

When they returned to the states, Anderson had Giambi’s blood tested and it turned up posi- tive for a steroid that Major League Baseball was planning to test for during the 2003 sea-

son.

“Anderson told me that he would trip a Major League Baseball test and I should take something else,” Giambi said.

Giambi said he told Anderson a total of about $100,000 for sev-

eral shipments of steroids known as “the clear” and “the cream” designed to evade detection starting in late 2002 and through the beginning of the 2003 baseball season.

Syringes and a calendar detail-

ing when he received the sub-

stances were included in the first shipment, Giambi testified.

Giambi’s brother, Jeremy Giambi, testified similarly. Jeremy Giambi played for four major league teams during a five-year career that ended in 2003.

Neither Giambi provided direct evidence. Instead, prosecutors hope to use his and Jeremy’s testimony, along with statements by other players — to show that Anderson was a well-known
drugs dealer. Anderson is in jail for refusing to testify at the trial.

Several other athletes are explained to testify about their relationship with Anderson this week.

Bonds, the major league record holder for home runs in a career (762) and a season (73), has pleaded not guilty to perjury and obstructing justice at a grand jury when he denied knowing or taking performance-enhancing drugs. He also plead-

ed not guilty to a charge of obstructing justice.

Before the Giambis’ afternoon testimony, former San Francisco Giants trainer Stan Conte testi-

fied that Bonds added significa-

nt muscle mass before the 2000 season.
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Lone singles victory (6-1, 6-2) over sophomore Allie Bloodworth in the No. 5 singles match. After 11 days between matches, the Belles return to the courts to play back-to-back home contests April 2 at 1 p.m. against MIAA opponents Trine (3-5) and April 3 against non-conference foe North Central (10-3), also at 1 p.m.

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Horoscope

Celebrities born on this day: Lauren Collins, 29; Lus Michalec, 24; Danni banana, 37; Callie Geyer, 39.

Happy Birthday: Change may not be welcome but it will be necessary. This is a year of great thought and adjustment that can make your life easier emotionally, personally and professionally. Riddles that have been planted by people around you will slowly come to life.

You are born to deal with the 11 of May, 12 of June, 13 of July, 14 of August, 15 of September, 16 of October, 17 of November, 18 of December.

Arise (March 21 - April 19) April showers are coming. They are the seeds of someone’s argument. You will be sown for something and might even lose a friendship. Make a judgment call and you will avoid being hit by events for doing something you knew that would be professionally.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Take a group or take a group to learn a new skill. The year you may want to treat your ideas to, the better. You will understand exactly what is being amplified, what will be the difference to your own limitations, and who you are and what you require.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) Look around and you will find the answers you are looking for. As long as you keep thinking that everyone else has the answers, you will be no closer to starting your way. Remember and understand who you are and what you require.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) Don’t limit what you can do because you are self-disciplined. It is better to have at least moving toward instead of still, letting life pass you by. Make decisions connected to satisfaction, feasibility and productivity.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Get involved in new projects or take on a creative project. You will be introduced to a multitude of people who will challenge you in a positive manner. You have plenty to learn but also to offer.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Don’t be afraid to take a different approach. You will surprise the people who think they know you and attract new friends who can stimulate your mind. Complete unsolicited projects to those you can take it for something new and exciting.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Don’t allow anyone to push you where you have the right to stop into the spotlight and share your thoughts and intentions. You cannot always be the one to be happy for the peace. You have plenty to contribute to stand up and be counted.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Make alterations at home. An opportunity will develop if you try something different. What you discover will be a valuable talent that can be added to your resume. Make your thoughts to someone you respect.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Don’t give too much information away as it will be exposed. You. Your position at home and at work will take a positive turn if you do the best you can personally and professionally. Someone you love will be receptive to your advances.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Not everyone will be happy with your plans. Be careful while talking and have the amount of information you share with others. You will have trouble moving to the rails. Home is where you can do your best work.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) You can expand your expenses in order and make plans to change some of the problems in which you have been living. You take far more than you do. Someone who is expected to.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) You won’t give yourself or your time to your beliefs and you are practical in the way you apply what you know. A relationship can develop between you and someone you have worked with in the last 90 days.

Birthday Baby: You are cheerful and engaging, an opportunist and an idealist. You will always strive to be well and do the proper things.

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Pleasandville

James Sollitto, Cody Eckert and John Flately

Tuesday Variety Show

Laura McGinn

Jumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

1. BHCR
2. FITNA
3. RNCGY
4. LISFOS

What the magician had on the course.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoons.

A: 
B: 
C: 
D: 

Yesterday's Jumbles: Proud shown SAVAGE DIFFER

Answer: The computer repairman had one – a hard drive

(Answer tomorrow)

Toad! I got smart!

I have no legs!

That doesn't count!

Jeff Knurek
Mike Argirion

Crossword

33 Truman of film
34 Baseball–
35 Unaccompanied
36 Place to get a
39 In a funk
40 Like some paper
41 Underdog
42 Scork in the gut
43 Mauna
44 Group overpassing
45 H.M.S. part
48 Just fine
51 California town
53 Rock...Rose
56 Remote possibility... or a hint to 25, 28 and 44 Across.
58 Your’s par diamond pattern

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WILL SHORTZ

1 Audible in shock
2 Rock item
9 Can’t stomach
14 Stone–nose
18 Revenue source
19 1948 (bewriter)
16 A riddle who
20 Monday night
22 Football
27 Grammy winner
30 James and others
32 Honor film star
33 Widely known
40 Big boxer fit
43 (as printed)
44 Common gout
45 Slight
46 Title for Paul
49 Mclarny
50 Actor Melina
52 Of “Deadwood”
55 Barrier with a diamond pattern
57 No “do it”

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Albion sweeps doubles pairings to beat Saint Mary’s

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

For the majority of the current season, Irish coach Mik Aoki has called for his team to produce at the plate in timely situations. He got his wish Tuesday night, even if it was only for one inning.

Notre Dame (10-12-1) scored three runs on four consecutive hits in its half of the sixth inning and sophomore starting pitcher Adam Norton (1-3) made the lead stand up with seven innings of two-run ball, as the Irish took down Central Michigan (9-16) 3-2.

Saint Mary’s and Central Michigan starter Bryce Morrow started the contest tossing up zeros, as both teams struggled to get much going in the first five innings. Norton was the beneficiary of Norton pitches seven strong innings for Irish

senior and Albion rival Shelley Zamler in a back-and-forth match (0-6, 6-0, 3-6). The two opponents have frequently faced each other over the past four years in team matches and conference tournaments, with Zamler winning every contest.

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Big inning ‘bonanza’

Norton pitches seven strong innings for Irish

BY KELSEY MANNING
Sports Writer

Though the Irish (17-7) out-hit their trip to Roppongi, Japan last summer

BY KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s put on a strong showing against Manchester Tuesday, winning 10-5 and 12-4 in a double header to bring the Belles’ record to 10-3 on the season.

“It was nice to finally play at home,” junior infielder Kate Mitchell said. “We were comfortable and ready to put yesterday’s game behind us.”

In the first game Manchester scored early, leading 5-0 after only two innings. The Belles quickly took control of the game from there, driving four runs in a dropped third strike and scoring four in the third inning.

“We were much looser today,” Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. “We played confident at the plate, which was the biggest reason behind our success.”

Mitchell said her team was

BY MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

In Saint Mary’s MIAA opener Tuesday, Albion College held the edge in doubles play, finishing 3-0 in deciding sets in singles’ play to earn a 7-2 victory over the Belles (5-5, 2-0).

“1 was proud of the team’s effort, but we knew we had the talent to beat this team,” Belles coach Dale Campbell said following the match at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. “Hopefully we get another chance.”

On the doubles side, the Britons (5-1, 2-0) defeated the Belles’ No. 1 and No. 2 squads 8-3 and 8-5, respectively. However, Saint Mary’s third doubles team, composed of freshman Mary Catherine Faller and senior Jessica Kosinski, defeated Albion’s duo of freshman Marrissa Messanger and Leah Saurman 8-3 to register one of the two team victories on the night.

Doubles play has been a weakness for Saint Mary’s this year. The Belles are just 15-15 in doubles matches, while holding a 35-25 record in singles matches.

“While we made some strides tonight, we need to improve our play (in doubles) by taking advantage of opportunities to attack around the net,” Campbell said.

In singles play, Belles No. 1 player and senior co-captain Jillian Hurley fell to fellow

ND SOFTBALL

Broncos claim win over ND

BY KELSEY MANNING
Sports Writer

The weather was not the only thing cold for the Irish on Tuesday, as their struggle to generate offense resulted in a 3-2 loss to Western Michigan on their home turf.

The loss snapped Notre Dame’s 21-game home winning streak, the fifth longest in the nation.

Though the Irish (17-7) out-hit the Broncos 9-4, an explosive first-inning for Western Michigan put Notre Dame in a deficit that they were never able to recover from. Senior pitcher Joey Valdivia struggled early, allowing three earned runs in the first,

BY JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

Rattling off win after win, the No. 2 Irish appear to have avoided any title game hangover, a feat due at least in part to the team’s early offseason trip.

Only one day after a heartbreaking 6-5 overtime loss to Duke in last year’s NCAA championships, the Irish (6-0) regained their confidence and enjoyed a much-needed break during their trip to Roppongi, Japan, a district on the outskirts of Tokyo.

The trip was the most recent installment of a lacrosse tradition in which Notre Dame travels to a different location once every four years. Coming immediately on the heels of a loss in the program’s first ever championship game, last year’s trip took on added significance.

“It was really about as good of a thing as you could have planned,” Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. “We got a chance to go over there and really enjoy what we had just been through for the last month and celebrate what we did. Yeah, there was disappointment as well, but … it was better