Grabosky runs for prayers

By MEGAN DOYLE  
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Jeff Grabosky took a pitstop at campus this weekend as he continues a cross-country run with only basic essentials in a baby jogger and a rosary.

"From an athletic perspective, I have run marathons and a couple hundred-milers, so this seemed like the big next step," he said. "I coupled that with my personal life where prayer is really important."

While faith always played a large role in his family, Grabosky, a 2005 Notre Dame graduate, said he felt the power of prayer most during a difficult period of his life in 2006.

"My mom passed away, and my wife walked out on me. I was left with everything I had in my car for a couple months," he said. "Prayer is all I had."

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Holy Half benefits locals

Runners competed in the Holy Half Marathon Sunday. This year’s race focused on who participants were running for and donations went to local South Bend charities.

By ANNA BOARINI  
News Writer

The theme of Sunday’s sixth annual Holy Half Marathon asked participants, “Who are you running for?” In that spirit, race organizers hoped the thousands of participants would think beyond their own training to others.

“The past few years, the money has all gone to New Orleans and the theme has been New Orleans too,” senior and race director Gabby Tate said. “This year we wanted to do something different and get more people involved from South Bend and out of the Notre Dame bubble.”

Working with the theme, the directors decided to focus the fundraising efforts on local charities.

“We came up with a list from friends’ suggestions and narrowed it down to a few, which we presented to all four class councils,” senior and race director Sean Kickham said. “They voted and those are the charities that the money will go to.”

This year’s race will benefit the South Bend Center for the Homeless, St. Adalbert elementary school and Michiana

Tourney honors student

Behind Keenan Hall Saturday afternoon, more than four dozen Keenan residents played basketball in memory of Sean Valero.

The inaugural Keenan Classic, a two-on-two basketball tournament, shifted its focus from a South Bend charity to remembering Valero after the sophomore was found dead March 31.

Sophomore Ryan Dunbar helped found the event with classmates Gabhe De Vela, Stephen Schwazer and Preston Scott and said the tournament was a great way to honor Valero. The sophomore was found dead March 31.

“It was great to come together and remember a friend and have a fun day of community, having fun and donating money for a good cause,” he said.

Dunbar said the tournament had 27 teams, raising $270. He said the funds would most likely go toward planting a tree with a rock and plaque near Keenan to remember Valero.

“The guys in Keenan wanted to have a memorial for Sean,” Dunbar said. “The tournament

Moms visit daughters during weekend events

Saint Mary’s juniors got to spend quality time with their moms during Junior Mom’s Weekend Friday through Sunday.

“We have been planning

Junior Mom’s Weekend since the beginning of the year. It is one of the main events of junior year and a very special tradition at Saint Mary’s College,” junior board member Hannah Hupp said. “There are a lot of times families come to campus, but

O.A.R. creates waves Friday

Nearly 2,000 students kicked off their weekend by rocking out to hip-hop duo Chiddy Bang and rock band Of A Revolution (O.A.R.) at the Student Union Board (SUB) spring concert Friday night.

SUB concert programmer Matt Stolze said SUB initially planned to sell 1,100 tickets to students, but the overwhelming student demand for tickets prompted SUB to sell more tickets.

“We worked with campus officials to increase the number of tickets sold,” Stolze said. “I’m happy to say that after this increase, we sold approximately 1,940 tickets.”

Chiddy Bang opened the concert for an enthusiastic Stepan Center crowd, playing new songs in addition to their most popular single, “Opposite of Adults.”

Freshman Bobby Hess said he thought the audience reacted favorably to Chiddy Bang’s performance.

“I felt that most of the population at the concert was looking forward to Chiddy Bang more than O.A.R.,” he said. “Everyone was really excited at the end when [Chiddy Bang] came back on stage to play with O.A.R.”

Audience members agreed that Chiddy Bang’s collaborative finale on O.A.R.’s fan favorite “That Was a

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Question: What superpower do you wish you had?  
Johnny: The ability to fly, because then I wouldn’t have to walk.

Q: Which Disney prince do you most resemble?  
Johnny: I actually resemble Ariel. My room looks like her treasure cove.

Q: Who was your first crush?  
Johnny: Amanda Bynes because she was the cutest person on the Amanda Bynes Show! She was awesome in that.

Zahm sophomore Jimmy Vowers prepares for a pass in the seven-on-seven inter-hall lacrosse tournament Sunday. The Interhall tournament followed a men’s lacrosse game, part of Playing for Peace, which benefits Sudan.

Police in Thailand seize smuggled monitor lizards
BANGKOK — Authorities in Thailand have seized 1,800 monitor lizards being smuggled on pick-up trucks to the capital. Customs officials say the Bengal monitor lizards were hidden in mesh bags and stacked in open containers behind boxes of fruit in three pickup trucks. They were seized Thursday at a checkpoint in southern Thailand. Customs Department chief Prasong Poontanate said Friday he suspects the lizards were destined to be eaten. He said their meat sells for $70-85 per pound ($16-$33 per kilogram) in China, making them worth more than $60,000.

International trade in the reptiles is banned. In Thailand, illegal sale of wildlife carries a penalty of up to four years in prison and a fine of $1,300.

Man arrested for taking over Pennsylvania house
MURRYSVILLE, Pa. — A man has been jailed on charges that he took up residence in a $500,000 western Pennsylvania home without the owner’s permission.

Frederick Harris III, of Nashville, Tennessee, was arrested Wednesday when Murrysville Police refused to give him keys. He had toured the home with a real estate agent who had personal items in the house. Harris had noticed someone in the house and decided to move in anyway. Police noticed an open window and went inside.

Harris had toured the home.

Police were alerted when a caretaker noticed someone in the house. Police Chief Thomas Seefeldt tells the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review that Harris’ “car was in the garage. He had personal items in the house. He basically was making a home there.”

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Dr. Tracy E. Cooper, Professor of Italian and Southern Renaissance and Baroque art and architecture in the Department of Art History at Temple University, will give a lecture today titled, “Palladio’s Venice: Politics of the Classical,” in Bond Hall at 4:30 p.m. The talk will cover the topics presented in her book Palladio’s Venice: Architecture and Society in a Renaissance Republic.

The Center for Social Concerns will be sponsoring its annual Ganey Research Awards Dinner today at 5:30 p.m. in the Jordan Hall of Science. The dinner will recognize campus and community research partners.

The 2011 Art Battle will take place in LaFortune Student Center today at 5:30 p.m. Artists will be given 30 minutes to create a piece based on the theme: What does identity mean to you? Artwork will be displayed in the Student Room from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm Tuesday for students to vote for the winners. Entry fees are $5 for individuals and $10 for teams up to three.

The final round of the Chesterton Rhetoric Competition will take place tonight in Geddes Hall at 7:30 p.m. Graduate students from a broad range of departments will give eight to 12 minute orations and will be judged on profundity and creativity of argument, clarity of reasoning and beauty of expression. The first prize winner will receive $400 and the second prize winner will receive $100.

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Playing for Peace raises awareness

By MELISSA FLANAGAN News Writer

The Notre Dame men’s lacrosse team furthered its social justice initiative with a Playing for Peace game followed by an interhall tournament Sunday.

Kevin Dugan, director of Men’s Lacrosse Operations, said they held the tournament to show Notre Dame’s unceasing support of Sudan. The initiative began fall semester with a three-on-three basketball tournament and Stand with Sudan peace rally.

“It’s a follow-up to make sure we didn’t just have this one event in the fall and check it off the list of things to do,” he said.

“We want there to be a continuous call to awareness on the situation in Sudan.”

Dugan said they specifically selected the Georgetown game for the high level of publicity.

“We chose the Georgetown game because we knew it was going to be nationally televised and that we would be able to get the message out about Sudan to a national TV audience,” he said.

“The announcers talked about Playing for Peace and Sudan for two minutes and that surely helped to raise awareness.”

At halftime, students at the game went onto the field and formed a human peace sign around the field’s interlocking ND logo. They then prayed for Sudan, turning the stadium from a venue for athletics to a venue for social concerns advocacy.

The team also recognized the organizations that have support for Sudan peace and Playing for Peace.

“St. Edward’s captain Quinn Kilpatrick said his team’s motivation to participate was two-fold.

“It’s obviously a great cause, and we also wanted to get some practice in before the big interhall season starts up,” he said.

For Pangborn captain Rachel Kalinoski, the best aspect of the tournament was the combination of playing a game she enjoys.

“I know our whole team really enjoyed the tournament and we hope to play again next year,” she said.

Dugan said the game had a tremendously high student turnout.

“The student response was so encouraging. It was great to see the men’s basketball team come out to support the event and our team as well,” he said. “There was a real spirit of community at the game — everyone was there to support an important cause and to cheer on their team, it was a special Notre Dame moment.”

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SMC volunteers with Rebuilding

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY News Writer

Saint Mary’s students, faculty and even a few mothers set their alarm clocks a little earlier Saturday in order to volunteer from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the South Bend community as part of the Rebuilding Together South Bend event.

“The goal of Rebuilding Together is to repair low-income homes and revitalize neighbor- hoods,” Saint Mary’s junior Cat Cleary said.

Carolyne Call, the director of Saint Mary’s Office for Civic and Social Engagement, said Saint Mary’s has sponsored a house for this event for the past seven years.

As a house sponsor, Saint Mary’s donates $3,500 toward repairs of the house and provides volunteers for the day. Call said.

Around 50 Saint Mary’s students worked on the west side of South Bend on Albright Street repairing three houses by painting and removing shutters and house numbers in order to make way for newer fixtures.

Three students, juniors Laura Glaub and Cat Cleary and sophomore London Lamar, said they did not mind waking up early to help with the event.

“Even though I had to wake up early on a Saturday after a long school week, the greater feeling was knowing I was giving back to someone who really needs it,” Lamar said. “Every stroke of color that was painted on the house was a stroke of love.”

Since Rebuilding Together coincided with Saint Mary’s junior Mom’s Weekend, some of the participants enlisted their mom’s help and volunteered.

“My mother and I wanted to do something different that would be fun together,” Glaub said.

Glaub and her mother removed house numbers and shutters, and Cleary and her mother repainted a shed.

“It was worth [getting up].” Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. I did look at my mom and say, ‘Let’s go back to bed.’ But coming home at 1:30 p.m., we talked about how much it was worth it,” Glaub said.

“I made new friends and new memories doing projects I never thought I could do. I have so much appreciation for anyone who is able to take window shutters off. All the girls said they hope to see the program grow in the future, including Glaub.

“More days. More weekends. I love it,” Glaub said.

Cleary noted the importance of students giving back to the community.

“I continue to participate in Rebuilding Together year after year because it is a wonderful way for our college to acknowledge that we do not live five independent of the South Bend community and that we have a responsibility to help all of our neighbors,” she said.

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Onlookers watch the basketball tournament from the sidelines. The Keenan Classic was held in honor of Sean Valero's memory this year.

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was a way to commemorate a friend and bring in some funds for the memorial.

Basketball was the perfect way to honor Valero after an emotionally challenging week, Schwaner said.

“The tournament was great, we had great participation. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a great time,” he said. “It felt good to be able to commemorate Sean with a fun, upbeat event after the last week of grief and mourning.”

Keenan rector Fr Dan Nolan said the event helped members of the residence hall heal emotionally.

“The tournament has been a way for the guys to honor Sean and work through their grief, and feel like they are accomplishing something,” he said.

Dunbar said he hopes the tournament becomes an annual tradition for Keenan Hall to raise money for a variety of causes. He said he and his friends were inspired to create the event with the recent addition of a basketball hoop to the residence hall.

“My roommates and I thought it would be a neat idea to put together a basketball tournament. We wanted to also use this as an opportunity to help out those who are less fortunate,” Dunbar said. “There are many charities out there, and they all need donations. We didn’t want to limit this tournament to donating money to the same charity every year because other charities are just as deserving.”

Dunbar said every year participants would have the opportunity to choose where funds raised through the event will go.

“We would provide a list of charities that we would want to receive our donations, and then we would basically leave it up to the guys who are giving the money to decide where it goes,” he said. “This also would lead to the possibility of donating to different charities every year as a way to spread the wealth.”

Dunbar said when residents were presented with charity options this year, the overwhelming response was to use the funds to commemorate Valero.

“To hear the guys say over and over that they wanted the tournament to donate to the memorial spoke volumes about the types of guys here at Notre Dame and the sense of community really present in the dorm life at Keenan,” he said.

Dunbar said he and the other co-founders of the Klassic kept the event within Keenan for the first year. He said future installments may feature other male dorms participating, or adding a co-ed tournament.

“We’re going to try and expand a little year by year, possibly getting some local sponsors down the road,” he said.

Scott said there was an amazing response from Keenan residents, which speaks positively to the future of the event.

“This year’s tournament had a great turnout, but I think it will only get better with time,” he said. “We had a lot of guys saying they wish they’d signed up this year and that they can’t wait until next year.”

In addition to participating in the tournament, Dunbar said Keenan residents supported their friends who played.

“Everyone who participated had a good time,” he said. “I know a lot of people who had rooms with a view of the court who even watched.”

Dunbar said the response to the event as both a charity fundraiser and a means of commemorating Valero has been incredible.

“I’ve had a lot of people come up and say it was neat to put on this tournament. I think it was just great with the tournament raising money for charity in general and to do a good deed to remember our friend Sean,” he said. “Both aspects of the tournament seemed to commemorate Sean.”

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Crazy Game of Poker” was the highlight of the night.

Senior Julie McCaw said she also enjoyed Chiddy Bang’s initial performance and their surprise appearance at the end of the show.

“They brought a lot of energy to the stage which helped get the crowd into their music,” she said. “One of my favorite parts was when they took words and phrases from people in the crowd and then freestyled.”

Headliners O.A.R. followed Chiddy Bang with an engaging performance that exceeded the audience’s expectations.

“(O.A.R.) was so much better live than I was expecting them to be,” sophomore Caroline Lennon said. “I didn’t go to the SUB concert last year, so I had low expectations for the show being in Stepan [Center], but both acts were really good. It was a good scene.”

Sophomore Kat Wilson said she had seen O.A.R. perform live before Friday’s show, and this show compared favorably with her previous experience.

“They were just as good as the time I saw them before, but it was cool that all of my friends were there with me,” Wilson said. “They did a good job of pulling off the show in Stepan, and I really liked that everyone was so close to the stage.”

McCaw had also attended an O.A.R. concert in the past, but she said this concert was enjoyably different.

“In both concerts they played some of my favorite songs, like ‘About an Hour Ago,’ but (O.A.R.) sounded different both times,” she said. “I love the way O.A.R. changes up the way they play their songs every concert, so overall it was really good.”

Although students who had seen either group perform prior to Friday’s concert expressed more enthusiasm for the performances, both acts also appealed to audience members who were not die-hard fans before the show.

“Even though I’m not really familiar with O.A.R. and didn’t know all the songs, I just had a great time with my friends,” sophomore Katie Fuentes said. “(Chiddy Bang and O.A.R.) kept the concert going, so it was really fun.”

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Grabosky at the Grotto Saturday, and he addressed runners at the end of the Holy Half Marathon Sunday. Notre Dame senior Catie Salyer played a large role in his spiritual development, Grabosky said.

"I thought I didn't really have any points where my faith was tested. I think [a runner] had to face that as long as they learned to love him and work with him in the race and the 500-mile journey," Grabosky said. "I feel like I'm at the point where I feel I am learning to love him, and I feel like I am learning to love the Lord through all my suffering."

Grabosky began his journey Monday, April 11, 2011 page 5

Grabosky quit his job at a running store in Washington, D.C., in order to train and plan his run across America.

"There is no place I would rather be, and I am happy with this decision," Grabosky said. "I can do amazing things out of terrible circumstances … I'm trying to promote people making time in their daily lives to pray." But Grabosky did not 80 pounds of supplies for his trip in a baby jogger. A support plan by himself, he receives 40 runners do not travel with him, so he carries a tent, sleeping bag, clothes, medical supplies, food and water. "I run as much as 60 miles in a day," he said. "I think I was actually lazy if I didn't have something to keep me occupied like prayer ... I don't listen to music on an iPod so that prayer really shows that void." Grabosky said he mapped his route so he could visit friends and family on his short stops throughout the country, but he also met people throughout his journey who supported him.

"The people I have met really have been the biggest thing for me," he said. "We look at the media and the news, and basically we can believe terrible people are everywhere out there. But I met so many supportive people... people who did not have much but wanted to share with me the little they had. It really makes me want to be a better person." Throughout the journey, Grabosky has received prayer requests from across the country and prays them in the rosary for each request. "As far as getting through it, I compare this to daily life struggles that people deal with, whether they are financial problems or marital problems or health related," he said. "They get up and battle anyway. That is my motivation to get through my struggles every day." Grabosky said he begins each day with a prayer to St. Michael the Archangel and follows with personal petitions and the prayer intentions he receives through his website. "I'm just asking people for intentions, not money," he said. "I still have a long way to go, and I can never have too many requests." Petition requests can be submitted on www.jeffgrabosky.com and through the run's Facebook page.

"I'm hoping that shows to others that anything is possible if God is involved," he said. "That will make me feel like this run is a success." Krisen Figari Junior Holy Cross

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Down Syndrome, a local family support and advocacy group. Runners can choose which charity their run will benefit.

Last year, the Holy Cross raised $13,000 for the Brotherhood Improvement Association, which benefits victims of Hurricane Katrina. This year, the organizers said they hoped to surpass last year's total.

Even though the race is a large fundraiser, this year the directors wanted to make the race more of an event, with more activities than just the run.

"We're having more food, a costume contest, award ceremony and free massages at the end of the race for runners," Tate said.

"The race is a fundraising event that drives it are the runners. This year my senior Catie Salyer had a very special race. This year I was her boyfriend, senior Colin Raymond, and a special race partner," Salyer said. "We ran the whole race together, and helped and supported each other." Salyer said. "He finished in front of me, when I crossed the finish line, he went down on one knee and there waiting for me. It was really special and really personal, since running is my thing."

The proposal was made even more special by the presence of Raymond and Salyer's friends. One of Raymond's friends even held the ring during the race and made a quick handoff where Salyer crossed the finish line.

"Salyer said she hopes that she and Raymond will be able to come back after they gradu-

"I thought the race went really well and had a great turnout," Anna Svensson said. "The best part for me was running along South Quad because that is where there is always a lot of people.

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this is a great opportunity for just mothers and daughters to spend some quality time together and enjoy a fun-filled weekend.

A wine and cheese reception in Haggar Parlor was held Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. to kick off the weekend celebration. A morning work-out of yoga and pilates was held Saturday at Angela Athletic Facility, followed by a light lunch and shopping mall in the Student Center and afternoon tea in The Redinger House.

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"The schedule was really encouraging and helped," Svensson said. "I would have followed it more closely, I would have done better.

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Notre Dame senior Colin Raymond proposed to Saint Mary’s senior Catie Salyer at the end of their run in the Holy Half Marathon.
INSIDE COLUMN

Trojan love

It all started at 10:22 a.m. on Feb. 29, 1992 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. It was Leap Day in Los Angeles, and Kimberly Llorens had just given birth to her prodigy, Adam Llorens. OK, so that lead may sound a tad haughty, but I’ll cut to the point of this column. One of the most important moments in an infant’s life is the first shirt put on his or her back.

For many of you, this shirt was perhaps colored blue and gold and featured the timeless “ND” interlocking emblem on the front;

This was not the case for me. I come from “the dark side” as it is perhaps identified here on campus, for my father is an alumnus of the University of Southern California, and proud of it. And so, it would only be natural for his first and only son to wear the colors of cardinal and gold.

And so it began. I was an official member of the Trojan family and embraced every aspect of it.

As time progressed, I soon became a super fan of USC athletics, in particular the football squad, which was in the midst of one of their all-time pinnacle seasons throughout my adolescent years.

In fact, some of my favorite childhood memories revolve around SC football. Among others, watching Carson Palmer and the Men of Troy destroy Iowa 38-17 in the 2002 Orange Bowl and idolizing Matt Leinart in his 2004 Heisman campaign as the boys beat up on Oklahoma in the BCS title game to win the national championship.

But none of these compared to the fascinating events of October 15, 2005 at Notre Dame Stadium. Bored up against the wall, Leinart converted a pass to Dwayne Jarrett on a fourth-and-nine situation to put the Trojans deep into Irish territory late in the fourth quarter.

Then the improbable happened.

It was the only time I had ever prayed for a football play in my life. “God, if there’s anything I ever have prayed for, this is it.”

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Leinart answered my call, valiantly plunging his way into the end zone for a Trojan touchdown.

“Conquest” was ringing throughout the Llorens household. Now, please don’t be offended by this column, for many of you are guilty of the same “crime.” I see plenty of students donning the gear of their hometown collegiate team, schools that even perhaps their parents attended, yet you do not receive ridicule for your blasphemous attire choices.

I am simply here to state that for the rest of my life, a sliver of cardinal and gold blood will always circulate through my system.

Alongside Michael, another Trojan friend of mine in Knott, it is safe to say that we feel welcomed into the Notre Dame family.

We just want our family to appreciate our affection for Traveler and Tommy Dame.

So don’t judge. Respect the team I’ve spent the first 18 years of my life adoring.

And, as always, Fight On ND.

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“Ayecha” or “Where are you?” was the first question asked in the Bible. Seemingly, it should be a question from Adam. “Where are you, my father?”

Instead, however, God asked the question. Did God not know where Adam was? God knew, Adam did not. Adam needed the question to bring him to understand where he was, not physically, but in relation to God.

The question “Where are you?” is a humbling one, and one that we should ask ourselves on a regular basis. It can be used to assess where we stand in relation to our God, our faith, our country, our school, our work, our family, our friends or ourselves. The concept of sacrifice is pivotal and instrumental in the attempt to understand where we are.

The most valuable possession we own is our time, and when we decide to give our time to someone other than ourselves, it is easier to reflect upon these relationships and to really know where we are.

Lenten sacrifice is an important way for Catholics to become grounded in their understanding of where they stand in faith. The sacrifice symbolizes the sacrifice that Jesus made by dying on the cross and absolving the sins of the world. The sacrifice they make during Lent is a reminder of the greater picture.

Sacrifice, however, is not for God: It must be for others first, God second. “Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me” (Matthew 25:45). Even Jesus places himself after others. Our commitment to others grounds us in the world we call home. Another question asked in the Bible is “Am I my brother’s keeper?” The answer is undeniably, “yes,” but the dilemma is whether or not we show we are by our actions.

For those who believe in God, sacrifice brings them closer to Him through others, grounding believers in their faith. However, for both those who do believe in a god and for those who do not, sacrifice brings them to a better understanding of themselves and their relationship to others.

For both, the call to their brothers and sisters is the same. In answering the question “Am I my brother’s keeper?” we should respond with a resounding, “Yes!” “I do not believe you,” the skeptic will say. “Then I shall show you,” we respond.

One of the reasons sacrifice for others grounds us in our world and our understanding of ourselves is due to the fact that no one ever explicitly asks us, “Are you your brother’s keeper?” When we ask ourselves this question and when we answer it with our actions, we are silently and humbly becoming closer to those around us — humble before our God, humble before our fellow brothers and sisters.

The similarity between those who believe in God and those who do not comes in the dedication to others. We find ourselves in others. If there is ever a time to believe that God does not exist, it is the moment that we see the suffering in the world and we must believe that we are the only ones who can help, who will bring change for the better.

In those moments, the sacrifices we make fulfill our moral obligation as our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers. So sacrifice can be spiritual, but it is also practical and humanizing.

Combining the aspects of sacrifice and grounding leaves us with the question “Where am I?” and the answer “I am my brother’s keeper.” For where we are and who we are, are so closely connected in all aspects of our lives — our relationships with ourselves, our brothers and sisters and our god of our understanding. Who we are determines where we are.

Acting as our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers establishes us as those who when asked “Ayecha?” can answer completely, in truth to ourselves, in the midst of others, and under the beauty of heaven.

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Final Four memories

Thank you to all of you who supported our team this year, and especially those of you who made the trip to Indianapolis to see us play in the Final Four.

There are some moments in your life that you will always treasure, and for me, walking onto the court for the national championship game and seeing all of the Irish fans, especially the hundreds of students filling the rafters at Conseco Fieldhouse, was one of those special moments.

I am really proud of my team and what they accomplished this year, but the thing that made it so special was to have all of you there to share in our journey. It really meant a lot to all of us to hear “We Are ND” as the final seconds ticked off the clock. I was never so proud to be a part of the Notre Dame family.

Thank you and GO IRISH!

Muffet McGraw
Head Coach
Notre Dame Women’s Basketball Team
April 8

Education for all

As an alumus of Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education and a committed advocate for school reform, I encourage all students to attend this Wednesday’s Notre Dame Forum “The System: Opportunity and Obligation in K-12 Education.” The topic and field of education is unique in that in one way or another it affects every member of our society. Whether with regards to American innovation, the fight for social justice or concerns over national security, no other issue is as central to the success of our republic quite like education.

As an institution, Our Lady’s University has done much to bring to the forefront problems that face our educational system today. It has fought for the place of our Catholic schools within the system and has fought for the place of our Catholic schools within the system by the forefront problems that face our educational system today. It is no surprise to me then that Notre Dame has such an esteemed panel for this Wednesday’s forum. The four panelists, which include former D.C. Chancellor Michelle Rhee and school choice innovator Howard Fuller, will open your eyes to the importance of changing the way our country does education.

I wish I could attend such a wonderful forum. I encourage you to be a part of this conversation beginning Wednesday, April 13th. It is one that requires our attention.

God bless the continued work in education of Notre Dame, the Institute for Educational Initiatives, and the Alliance for Catholic Education.

John Clark
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Ditch trashy stars for those with talent

As someone who writes for the Arts section, I rarely get the opportunity to be openly militant about particular issues. Today, I am up in arms over an arts issue.

Rutgers University drew attention this week when it announced that it was not going to pay Morrison again, I will still hang on to how amazing her prose was.

“Harry Potter.” But it’s much less strenuous than reading “Beloved”? Too much text? Too little time?

I understand that many intelligent people don’t get the opportunity to attend college, but arguably you are among the top quarter of the population in terms of qualifications to read “high-level” literature. Let me tell you: It’s much more strenuous than reading “Harry Potter.” But it’s much less strenuous than reading “The Sound and the Fury.”

Authors, playwrights and artists routinely feel the heat of a society that finds their work to be inconvenient to associate. Yes, an hour-long episode is easier to digest than a 600-page novel. But even if I never read Morrison again, I will still hang on to how amazing her prose was.

It’s easy to say that paying Morrison less than Snooki is wrong. It’s tougher to demonstrate that we mean it. Don’t watch MTV this week. Go out and buy a respected book. It doesn’t have to be Morrison. It doesn’t even have to be literature. Saying something is wrong means nothing. A tweet on it sends a message.

Terry Jones, if you’ve gotten bored instigating violence in the Middle East, can I ask you to recommend a “Shore Thing” for your next book burning?

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Scene

CHIDDY BANG

By KEVIN NOONAN
Scene Writer

The only problem with the Student Union Board (SUB) concert Friday night was that the order of acts was backwards. O.A.R. was good, and they may be the better-known band, but Chiddy Bang didn’t just steal the show; they owned it.

The two-man team of Chidera “Chiddy” Anamene and Noah “Natphon Jones” Beresin had the crowd in a frenzy from the moment they stepped on stage. The artists themselves seemed surprised at how active and responsive the crowd was. Both artists said in an interview that college campuses are among their favorite places to play.

“We love playing at colleges. We didn’t really have a college experience, but you know now, we’ve gotten a party at every campus we’ve played at. And I mean you all are our peers, we’re 20 years old,” Beresin said.

The band laid out mostly tracks from their first official production, “The Preview,” a set of tracks meant to preview their upcoming debut full-length album, “Breakfast,” due out this summer. But they also played a few songs from their first mixtape, “The Swelly Express,” and even played a song they made with renowned rapper Big Sean. For a minute there was a bit of excitement in the crowd when those who recognized the beginning of the song “Opposite of Adults,” Beresin said. It was that the order of acts was backwards, but if Chiddy Bang’s performance was any indicator of the crowd for an impressively long final performance. The back-and-forth between the two acts was the perfect end to a night in Stepan and the perfect start to South Bend’s first sunny weekend of the year.

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By ADRIANA PRATT
Scene Writer

Of A Revolution (O.A.R.) gave Notre Dame students exactly what they were looking for Friday night: an excuse to be carefree, happy, maybe a little tipsy and completely at ease while they listened to music that brought them back to a time before finals and parietals.

Chiddy Bang’s opening performance got the crowd ready for what would be a night of raucous but surprisingly coordinated jumping, singing, moshing and the occasional crowd-surfing. After the duo exited the stage, O.A.R. slid smoothly into place and did what they do best: play for college crowds.

The band, which gathered its college following while studying and performing at Ohio State, warmed the audience up with an easy performance of “Black Rock,” then followed with their first radio hit that made them famous, “Over and Over.” The ballad, slower than most other O.A.R. tunes, towed a simple but potent message up inside the audience. Jerry DePizzo, the band’s saxophonist, listed “Over and Over” as one of his favorites, even though he doesn’t perform the song. O.A.R. was good, and they may be the better-known band, but Chiddy Bang didn’t just steal the show; they owned it.

Though the group didn’t play any songs from their new album, one of which was prevented from being performed because the title contains some humorous profanity, the duo definitely made a few fans Friday night. All around it was a fantastic show, from both bands. But if Chiddy Bang’s performance was any indicator of what’s to come, O.A.R. might be opening for them not too long from now.

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Spotted: South Quad

Andrea enjoyed Sunday’s warm weather with this stylish purple ensemble. Her bright purple strapless shirt looks great with her cuffed jeans and purple sandals. Her aviator sunglasses add the perfect final touch to her outfit. Andrea looks cool and chic with this tropical outfit.

By MARIA FERNANDEZ
Scene Writer

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New York Mets catcher Josh Thole tries to reach a foul ball hit by the Nationals' Ivan Rodriguez in the Mets' 7-3 loss Sunday.

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Schwertzel wins Masters in dramatic finish

Indeed, this final round had it all. First came a fist-pumping charge by Tiger Woods, who erased a seven-shot deficit in nine holes only to go flat on the back nine. Then came the stunning collapse of 24-year-old Rory McIlroy, who put his name in Masters lore for all the wrong reasons. Still leading by one shot as he headed to the back nine, McIlroy hit a tee shot next to the cabin left of the 10th fairway and twice hit a tree to make triple bogey. He three-putted from 7 feet for bogey on the 11th, fourth-putted from 12 feet on the next hole and buried his head into his torso as the shock began to settle in. McIlroy shot 80, the highest final round by a 54-hole leader since Ken Venturi in 1956. Not since Jean Van de Velde at Carnoustie had some-one blown at least a four-shot lead into the last third of the round.

So wild was this steamy afternoon that eight players had at least a share of the lead on the par-5 16th, only two back nine. The steady hand came from Schwertzel, whose only blemish coming into the finish line as this Masters was just getting warmed up.

He got up-and-down from behind the 15th green for birdie to briefly tie for the lead, only for Scott to stuff his tee shot into 2 feet up ahead on the par-3 16th. Schwertzel answered with a 15-foot birdie to catch Scott atop the leaderboard again.

Then came the pivotal 17th, where Schwertzel made a 10-foot birdie. It was the first time all day he had the lead to himself, and he finished it off in style.

South Africans now have won two of the last three majors, following Louis Oosthuizen winning at St. Andrews last summer. This one came on the 50th anniversary of Gary Player becoming the first international player to win the Masters.

"I am absolutely delighted for Charl and South Africa," congratulated very well, "That is how you play like a champion." Player said on Twitter.

In so many respects, this looked more like 1986 when Jack Nicklaus charged on the back nine to win a sixth green jacket over a Hall of Fame cast of contenders. There were twice as many possibilities at this Masters, though, from Woods and former Masters champion Angel Cabrera, from Geoff Ogilvy and Luke Donald, from K.J. Choi and Bo Van Pelt, who made two eagles on the back nine.

Schwertzel set the tone early when he chipped in from some 75 feet across the green for birdie on the opening hole. He then hole out from the fairway on No. 5 for eagle. Just like that, McIlroy's four-shot lead was gone.

The cheers were impossible for McIlroy to ignore. From the second green, where he was scrambling to make par, McIlroy could hear the noise ahead of him for Schwertzel's eagles. Moments later came another roar to his right on the seventh green, where Woods stuffed one close for another birdie.

Woods' red shirt looked a little brighter. He walked a little taller. And the cheers kept coming.

The biggest boom from the gallery came on the par-5 eighth, when Woods knocked in an eagle putt to reach 10 under and tie for the lead. There was no mistaking that sound, or who it was.

Over the next few minutes, more cheers could be heard from all corners of Augusta each time Woods' score was posted on a leaderboard. He still had the back nine to play, and momentum was on his side.

Not for long, though. He missed a 3-foott putt on the 12th, failed to birdie the par-5 13th with a 7-iron for his second shot. Then, after twirling his 7-iron with a shot so pure it settled 4 feet away on the par-5 15th, he missed the 4-foot eagle putt.

Woods closed with a 67, his best final round ever here. But he shot a 36 on the back nine, and that doesn't win the Masters, certainly not this one.

"I got off to a nice start and posted 31," he said. "And then on the back nine, could have capitalized some more."

Which shot would he like to have back?

"Oh, we can't do that," Woods said. "We do that every week and we would go crazy, wouldn't we?"

Schwertzel finished at 13-under 274 and moved to No. 11 in the world, making him the No. 1 golfer in the world. He becomes the sixth South African to win a major.

"It's been such a short time to think about what can happen. It's a dream for me," Schwertzel said. "It's obviously the highlight of my career, by a long way. I always thought if there was one I would win, it would be this one.

For Scott and Day, it was bitter disappointment for themselves and their country. The Masters is the only major an Australian has never won, and it has become a rallying cry for so many players who watched Greg Norman endure years of heartache.

Scott, who switched to a long putter early in the week, took the lead for the first time with a short birdie at the 12th. He made the look of a winner with his tee shot to tap-in range on the 16th, and then from the bunker at the 17th. He missed his 25-foot birdie putt on the final hole that fell 3 4 feet by and settled for a 67.

"It's not like I can ask for anything more," Scott said. "I had a putt at it at the last — not my best, but everything else was pretty good today." Day came to life at the end with consecutive birdies that allowed him to shoot 68 and join Scott at 12-over 280. He hugged his wife before going into the scoring hut, only to see Schwertzel play the 18th without any drama.

"I couldn't do any more than what I just did today," Day said. "Charl played even better golf."

Woods tied for fourth at the Masters for the second straight year, joined by Ogilvy (67) and K.J. Choi in South Africa off five consecutive birdies on the back nine — unforgettable at any other Masters but this one filled with so many highlights. Donald, in the middle of hitting 9-iron into Rae's Creek on the 12th for double bogey.

He rebounded beautifully, however, and showed his great- est emotion on the 18th. With an awkward lie near the bunker, he scooped a shot that hit the flag and bounced back off the green, and Donald chipped in for birdie.
SMC TENNIS

Hope ends Belles’ winning streak at four games

By MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

While the Belles’ four-match winning streak came to an

appalling end this weekend, the team left with knowledge

of what it takes to challenge top MIAA opponents in

the upcoming conference tournament.

After a dominating performance

against non-conference foe Bethel College (8-3, 3-0 MIAA)

Friday, the Belles’ streak was snapped Saturday in Holland, Mich., against MIAA opponent Hope College.

The Flying Dutch quickly rebounded from a 9-0 loss the

previous night against Division II opponent Grand Valley State to hand the Belles (9-6, 2-2) a 7-2 defeat.

Saint Mary’s quickly fell behind in the doubles portion of the match, getting swept in three matches. Senior Jessica Kosinski of the Saints and Mary Catherine Faller played in the closest doubles match of the three, but still lost 8-4.

“Hope was just more aggressive than we were [in doubles],” senior No. 1 singles player Jillian Hurley said. “We let them control the points and were constantly on defense.”

Following doubles play, the Belles were down 3-0 and faced the challenge of needing to win five of six matches to salvage a victory.

“It’s definitely disheartening and frustrating to enter singles play down 3-0,” Hurley said. “But the strength of our team lies in singles play, so we were a little optimistic.”

Nonetheless, the Belles could not overcome the deficit as their No. 1 and No. 2 singles players posted the team’s only victories of the match.

In a three-set match, Hurley avenged her loss last season to fellow senior Katherine Garcia with a come-from-behind victory. Hurley fell 6-2 in the first set but rebounded to win the final two sets 6-2, 6-3.

(What decided the match)

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was over, hold the ball to get different people in. We weren’t able to get those better shooters in effectively, though.”

The offensive frustration is not a new problem for the Irish this season. Coyne said, as she has in the past, that the rest of the roster needs to meet the intensity level of the team’s leaders.

“It’s unacceptable,” Coyne said of the lack of offensive execution. “We just don’t have enough people stepping up. Our key personnel continue to show up but we don’t have enough people stepping to their level.”

Coyne said that at Notre Dame, teams are expected to achieve a level of excellence. She said her coaching record mirrors those expectations.

“At Notre Dame, there’s an expectation,” she said. “It demands excellence. It’s as hard on [the players] as it is on any- one else. We’re just not in that frame of mind. I, myself, am used to winning. I win, the kids I coach win, my teams win. It’s just what we do.”

Although the Irish have not lived up to pre-season expectations, Coyne said their talent level and desire has never been an issue.

“These kids are talented enough,” Coyne said. “They have great attitudes and they work really hard, it just doesn’t happen for us on game day. I’m not saying it’s not going to be hard, but I still think we can turn this around.”

Coyne said she told her team after the loss to Syracuse she believed they had the ability to right the ship. Coyne also said she expected to be watching plenty of film upon returning to South Bend.

“I told the team after the game, ‘Maybe we can be one of those surprise, get-it-together teams,’” she said. “When we get back I’m going to go back and look at film again with an open mind and try to figure out what’s wrong. I still think the kids have it in them.”

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The multi-events will travel to Lawrence for the Kansas Relays, while the other Irish athletes will compete at the Mt.

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we strung hits together ... and we played really strong defense so we prevented them from getting on and scoring.”

A couple of freshman led the charge in the victory, as pitcher Callie Seiner recorded two strikeouts with the bases loaded to end the first inning. Meanwhile, first baseman Chrissy Porter delivered the game’s only run with her fifth-inning home run — the first of her career. Despite the team’s strong performance, Saint Mary’s disappointed in the second game.

Junior Angela Gillis took the ball for the first time this season for the Belles and turned in an impressive performance, even while her team was hampered by a number of untimely errors. “Anela Gillis pitched a fantastic game,” Sullivan said. “I think every one of her runs must have been unearned. She hit every spot, she missed her spot three times. We can’t ask for any more. She fielded her position well, she got a base hit, so she was fantastic. We throw her in against a team that was shelling us in game one and she was just awesome, lights-out. We are definitely going to have to keep going with her.”

Despite Gillis’ praiseworthy performance and a few other scattered highlights, Sullivan said that she was unimpressed by her team’s showing on Sunday.

“We displayed a) lack of confidence, we did not come out with any intense energy; and we had way too many errors,” she said.

To ensure that they are victorious moving forward, the Belles will have to learn to bring base runners home, Sullivan said.

“When we have runners on, we need to score them,” she said. “We were really good at doing that in the first 19 games, we haven’t done that since.”

Having lost seven out of their last eight games, the Belles will have to pick themselves out of the mid-season slide. With six doubleheaders remaining before the conference tournament, the Belles are tasked with demonstrating that it can play at a high level for an extended period of time.

“I think we need to do better and pick ourselves up and have some confidence,” Sullivan said.

“We are a great team and we are really great players. We just need to believe it, and everything else is just mental.”

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SOFTBALL

Irish stretch winning streak to nine games

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Seven players recorded three hits on the day for the Irish and six hits went for home runs as Notre Dame’s balanced and persistent offensive attack brought down Syracuse in back-to-back games Sunday in New York. Though travel complications for Notre Dame’s 7-10-5, did not allow the scheduled Friday game to be played, the pair of victories brought the Irish winning streak to nine games, matching their longest of the season. In addition, the Irish squad remains undefeated in Big East play.

Despite an early homer for the Orange (24-10, 3-5), Notre Dame was able to quickly even up the count as senior infielder Katie Fleury smashed a home run of her own in the top of the second. The big hits continued as sophomore catcher Amy Buntin crushed a two-out two-home run homer, which sailed over the fence and gave the Irish a comfortable lead. Senior infielder Heather Johnson and junior infielder Dani Miller followed up with back-to-back home runs — the second time the pair has done so this season.

“I think everyone stayed really composed and just jumped all over those pitchers,” Miller said. “It wasn’t just the home runs; everyone was contributing. It’s really exciting to see back-to-back line drive doubles to score or just textbook softball.”

Offensive support came from senior catcher Alexis Clay, who led the Irish with three runs scored and helped the squad best the Orange 9-2 in the home opener.

In the second context, Syracuse pitchers were faced with equally formidable batting as Miller and Buntin smashed their second home run of the day to kick off the first inning, and Fleury was quickly brought home by solid hits from Buntin and senior outfielder Brianna Jorgensborg.

Though Syracuse evened up the series, the Irish did not have to wait long to prove that they are capable of playing better, as they traveled to Franklin on Tuesday for a non-conference match-up.

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got so many other guys you’re worried about on the perimeter. At the end of it all, you have to find him on the inside because they do. It takes one guy to make a mistake, and he makes you pay for it.

The Irish fought back and were in control of a 3-2 lead well into the second quarter, but two mistakes on the defensive end of goal were a pair of goals. Comeau kept going, and the Irish defense came back even, as he completed a hat trick with his third goal of the half, making the score 4-4 at halftime.

Notre Dame’s defense made its necessary adjustments at the half and held the Hoyas to only one goal in the third quarter. The sole goal was pivotal though, tying the game at five heading into the fourth.

“We’ve proven ourselves to be a pretty good defensive team,” Corrigan said. “We make it hard on people. We make them earn their goals. We gave them a lot of extra chances. They made their mistakes. That was a little disappointing because we knew our defense and [sophomore goalie] John Kemp were up to the task.”

Senior midfielder David Earl led the Irish with two goals and one assists as Notre Dame held the Hoyas with three minutes to play for a 4-4 tie. The senior from Georgetown Preparatory in Maryland, the Irish had added incentive to grab the victory against this particular team.

“I think about 10 kids on our team know about 10 kids on their team, so between them, it was definitely a rivalry,” Earl said. “They beat us last year, so I think we were all coming away with the victory today.”

Corrigan said the Irish enjoyed earning the victory at home under the sun.

“Tied in great sport here at Notre Dame — lacrosse. Who’d have figured?” he said. “I think we were a little bit ahead of the game, but we blinked first.” Irish coach Miek Aoki said. Our level of play dropped a little bit in the eighth and faded in the last minutes. But I think it is one of those things where we are learning. We have shown flashes of playing at a high level. There are just some matters of consisten-

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an outstanding pitching duel between two right-handers. Connecticut’s junior Matt Barnes and Notre Dame senior Brian Dupra. Both aces matched each other through six scoreless frames, with each giving up their only earned runs in the seventh.

“It was disappointing because we played at a real high level for seven innings, as did Connecticut, but we blinked first,” Irish coach Miek Aoki said. “Our level of play dropped a little bit in the eighth and faded in the last minutes. But I think it is one of those things where we are learning. We have shown flashes of playing at a high level. There are just some matters of consisten-

ND Track and Field

Irish, IU win Border Battle

By JACK HEFFERNON

sport writer

It was still a track meet, with the same events, same standards and the same familiar faces. But the Kentucky/Irish Border Battle was different from any other meet for the Irish, and was a welcome change, at that.

The premise of the Border Battle is simple: an annual battle for track supremacy between the states of Indiana and Kentucky. Notre Dame teamed up with rival Indiana to form Team Hoosierland, taking on The Commonwealth team of Kentucky and the border battle was different from any other meet for the Irish, and was a welcome change, at that.

Irish senior thrower Andy Hills said, “We see Indiana a couple times a year, and Louisville’s in the Big East with us, so we see them all the time. It’s cool to go down there and compete with people you’ve got to go up to over the years. It makes it fun for everybody.”

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football. Everybody’s jumped to conclude that Mike Floyd is going to play football. Mike has so many reasons to stay on his plate that he has to handle before he can even think about football.

This fluid is is everyday evaluating. He may come in tomorrow and say, ‘Hey coach, I can’t do this. It’s too difficult.’

This is everything talking to him and talking to him about the right steps to number one get his degree, and number two, personally, he’s got to take care of things we talked about that our football team needs him as a student and as a young man.”

Floyd remains scheduled to appear in court on May 2.

It’s only been three weeks,” Kelly said. “This young man needs time to get some things in order. We’ve got to first, put together a plan that he has to follow, that he wants to follow. The only three things, listen, I need to do these things to be right.” There’s a lot of work that has to be done. It’s a lot of hurdles that he has to cross first.”

The Notre Dame/Irish/Ireland’s Allegian’s all-time leader in touch-
down receptions (28) and second all-time in catches (171) last sea-

Notes

Kelly will appear as a guest analyst for the NFL Network on Saturday, April 30, in the cover-

age of the First Year Player Draft.

Kelly will join Alabama coach Nick Saban, Wisconsin coach Bret Bielema and North Carolina coach Butch Davis on the net-

work.

I’m going to do it only from a perspective of a college football coach, how you get to this point, because I think if you look at how those guys [prospects] are rated by the NFL, he said.

The 32nd Annual Blue-

gold scrimmage will be televised live on the Versus Network Network on Saturday, April 16, marking the start of the spring game will be the final regular season.

“We’ve been about that,” Kelly said. “[Broadcasters] Tom Hammond will be doing the game, so if the N.R.I. talent will be there. It’s going to be exciting. I hope that it’s going to live up to those expectations of being on TV. Right now we’re a little thin in certain areas, but we are starting to get some depth. It will be a good opportunity to show-
case our football team on Versus.”

Freshman wide receiver Devin Fouch was inactive after suffering a Grade 1 ham-

string injury in practice two weeks ago and the recovery process has revealed a strength deficiency in Smith’s leg that existed prior to the injury.

“As we’ve gone back to look at his film, there is a deficiency in that leg when he came on cam-
pus,” Kelly said. “This is almost solely from strengthening as much as it is the hamstring injury. We’re grading it as about a 30 percent deficiency in that hamstring. We’re going to get him back, but whether he gets back time in time for the spring game is questionable at this time.”

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Irish, IU win Border Battle

By Jack Heffernon

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It was still a track meet, with the same events, same standards and the same familiar faces. But the Kentucky/Irish Border Battle was different from any other meet for the Irish, and was a welcome change, at that.

The premise of the Border Battle is simple: an annual battle for track supremacy between the states of Indiana and Kentucky. Notre Dame teamed up with rival Indiana to form Team Hoosierland, taking on The Commonwealth team of Kentucky and the border battle was different from any other meet for the Irish, and was a welcome change, at that.

Irish senior thrower Andy Hills said, “We see Indiana a couple times a year, and Louisville’s in the Big East with us, so we see them all the time. It’s cool to go down there and compete with people you’ve got to go up to over the years. It makes it fun for everybody.”

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FOOTBALL

Floyd remains suspended, but could rejoin team with time

By CHRIS MASOUD

Junior wide receiver Michael Floyd will remain suspended indefinitely from football activities after meddling with the Office of Residence Life last week, Irish coach Brian Kelly said Saturday. According to a press release, Floyd will continue his educational pursuits and will have the opportunity to rejoin the football program after meeting certain requirements set by the university.

Floyd was arrested the morning of March 20 for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. At the time, Kelly said Floyd would not return to football activities until legal and university disciplinary matters “had run their course.”

“Academics and personally, he’s got a lot of things in front of him, a lot of hurdles he has to go through before we even start thinking about football,” Kelly said. “We are so far removed from the football end of this. What I’m pleased about again for the poor decisions I’ve made and for letting so many people down.”

“I’ve met with the Office of Residence Life and, while I don’t plan to discuss the details, I’m grateful that I still have a chance to earn my degree from Notre Dame and be a member of our football team.”

While he is appreciative of the chance to move forward, Floyd said he will not disclose the specifics of his meeting.

“I’m happy that he has the opportunity to move forward both academically and athletically here at Notre Dame,” Kelly said in a press release Saturday. “However, this does not change the fact that Michael is still a suspended member of our football team.”

The most important thing for Michael Floyd is to get his education and to continue his pursuit of a degree, Kelly said. Floyd, a sociology major, remains 25 credit hours away from graduation and will continue his pursuit of a degree next year. However, Kelly would not give a timetable for when Floyd could return to the gridiron.

“I can only comment on what Mike told and shared with me, is he’s going to be in school. While he is appreciative of the well-played outing by the Bulldogs in the first game of Saturday’s doubleheader before dropping the second game 11-2. The win was the first in conference play for Saint Mary’s this season, and was a fitting reward for a well-played outing by the Belles.

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