Latino students maintain culture on campus

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Senior Nicole Medina said the first time she ever experienced “culture shock” was when she stepped onto Notre Dame’s campus.

“Speaking for myself [as a minority], you know you’re different than anyone else,” she said.

Medina said she identifies herself as part of Notre Dame’s Latino community. Though the culture is growing on campus, a minority of 10 percent of the student body identified itself as Latino, according to Institutional Research. Latino students on campus said they are trying to identify with two sometimes-conflicting identities — their ethnicity and their place at Notre Dame.

“We bring something that other students haven’t been exposed to,” she said. “We’re all made very aware of our background.”

Sometimes it may seem like students are acting “super cultural” when they celebrate their background, Medina said.

“When we’re back home, we don’t have to think about our culture everyday,” she said. “Coming here, we have to fight to preserve our culture.”

Medina is one of the outgoing presidents for the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MECHA), a Latino student activist group promoting social reform. The other outgoing president, senior Marco Rosales, said Notre Dame’s Latino culture is different than on other campuses, mainly because of the demographic’s small numbers at the University.

“We have an obligation and a responsibility to represent our people well, and we try to do that,” Rosales said.

“Allert Brown-Gort, associate director for the Institute for Latino Studies (ILS) said Notre Dame made strides in the last 12 years toward a more diverse student body. ILS opened in 1999, and students and faculty look to the institute to increase awareness of Latino culture on campus.

“If you look at the U.S. Catholic Church, it’s becoming increasingly Latino,” Brown-Gort said. “One out of every three members is Latino, and under 35, one out of every two are Latino.”

“These programs at ILS aim to foster a diversity of perspectives on Latino culture to build awareness and understanding of the Latino culture on campus,” she said.

“I often kid with students, ‘My mother dropped me off at kindergarten and I never left,’ ” he said. “I’ve always been an academic.”

One of his college professors pulled him aside and told him he could be a history professor, pushing him towards the profession, Noble said. His career decision was not made instantly, though.

“Probably most people suppose there was this blinding moment of inspiration, and it didn’t happen that way,” he said. “It was a slow process.”

When he gives career advice to pupils, Noble said he tells students to combine their passions with their skills.

“Figure out what you really want to do, and figure out what you’re good at and try to find a way to bring those two together,” Noble said.
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IN BRIEF

Pauline Yu, President of the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) will be giving a talk entitled “State of the Humanities” at 3:30 p.m. today in the Eck Center Auditorium. The talk will be immediately followed by a reception in the Eck Center Atrium.

Professor Kelly Hooley-Bockelmann from Vanderbuilt University will be offering a lecture titled “Physics Colloquium: Growing the Lightest Supermassive Black Holes: An Nbody Mechanic’s Perspective.” located in Room 118 in Nieuwland Science Hall from 4 to 5 p.m. this evening.

Robin Kirkpatrick, Professor of Italian and English Literatures and Fellow of Robinson College at the University of Cambridge will be giving a lecture from 5 to 6:30 p.m. tonight on Shakespeare and Dante entitled “Turing to a Joy...” in Room 202 of the Hesburgh Library.

Robin Kirkpatrick will also be guiding a collective of Notre Dame and local artists to deepen exploration of the relationship between divinity and comedy as found in Dante and Shakespeare. This performance will be held in The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center from 8 to 9:30 p.m. tonight.

Tonight, Howard Hall will have their last Mass of their 30 day chapel crawl at 10 p.m. in the Leg Chapel. Rooi beer floats will follow at the Coleman Morse Center.

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SMC student to showcase College fashion sense

By JILLIAN BARWICK
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This summer, Saint Mary’s senior Christina Grasso will highlight women at Saint Mary’s as trendsetters in the larger world of fashion as a Style Guru for CollegeFashionista.com.

“As a college student in the Midwest, my access to the fashion industry is limited to the Internet most of the time,” Grasso said. “I am so inspired by great street style blogs as they capture everyday people with unbridled self-expression in their sense of dress.”

CollegeFashionista.com is a website that showcases trends on college campuses. Grasso said she experienced her first brush with fashion as a 14-year-old while walking through her local mall. A scout for Elite Model Management expressed interest in Grasso and her friend and encouraged them to investigate Elite when they were older.

In years to follow, Grasso participated in multiple internships with Elite. She said these positions gave her the opportunity to attend New York Fashion Week twice and see collections from top international designers.

“I have seen fashion in its raw form and learned so much from my interactions with many of fashion’s elite,” Grasso said. “Sometimes I have to pinch myself because I am this little Catholic girl from the middle of nowhere experiencing all of this excitement. I feel like Alice in Wonderland.”

As a Style Guru for CollegeFashionista.com, Grasso said she will take her experiences in high-end fashion and share the styles she witnesses as a Saint Mary’s student.

“CollegeFashionista.com provides links to all featured campuses, so beginning in May, Saint Mary’s will be among these schools and the public can access information about style here at SMC,” Grasso said. “It speaks volumes about our campus because it’s a fairly competitive screening process.”

Amy Levin, founder and creative director of CollegeFashionista.com, will be Grasso’s editor. Levin said she receives 30 applications per week from people for the Style Guru position. Students reach out to the website from schools already listed on the site as well as new schools that want to be recognized for their outstanding fashion sense.

“I felt that no one was really investigating the college demographic for fashion trends,” Levin said. “I really like bringing something new to the site, which is why I picked Christina and Saint Mary’s to launch a page in May. While we have mostly bigger campuses, we are looking for fashion, a good eye for what is in style, and excellent photography skills. She is also very tapped into social media like Twitter, Facebook and Tumblr.”

Grasso said she hopes to continue to work in fashion after she leaves her position with CollegeFashionista.com.

“I am still nowhere near my ultimate goal of working as the fashion director or marketing editor for a major fashion publication in New York, but whatever happens, I could not be more excited to continue my journey in the fashion industry as I genuinely enjoy the ride,” she said.

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"CollegeFashionista.com is for real girls and guys in college focusing on real life fashion, not just collections from Paris and London."

Style Gurus post photos on CollegeFashionista.com of trends they see at their schools. Beginning in May, Grasso will post photos that she will collect in the next few weeks on the campus on the College’s page along with discussions of popular styles. In the fall, junior Caitlin Guffy will assume the Style Guru internship position in Grasso’s place.

“I chose Christina to be a Style Guru because I believe that she has a good understanding of fashion, a good eye for what is in style, and excellent photography skills. She is also very tapped into social media like Twitter, Facebook and Tumblr.”

CollegeFashionista.com also launches video interviews with major stylists in the fashion industry. Levin said the videos have been successful so far and received nearly 50,000 views in roughly one week. While Grasso is just beginning her journey with CollegeFashionista.com, she said she enjoyed her experiences thus far in the fashion industry.

“Fashion is one of the most competitive industries to pursue. It is very tough, extremely demanding, and quite eccentric. But, if you live and breathe fashion and are prepared to work hard under pressure, learn fast, stand by your convictions, persevere, and still live fashion at the end of each day, it can be done,” Grasso said.

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CAMPUS NEWS
Howard Hall hosts month-long Chapel Crawl

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Freshmen Justin Sena has visited 30 chapels all over campus in the past month as part of Howard’s Chapel Crawl. "This event is a testament to the size of the university that there exists a group of students who take time out of their day for a celebration of the Eucharist and fellowship," Sena said. “I enjoyed experiencing the fellowship of the other Chapel Crawlers as we jour- neyed on our pilgrimage togeth- er.”

Sena said that the chapel crawl was a good way to spend the time reflecting on the pentecostal season of Lent and spend less time on unproductive activities, like Facebook.

Former Howard Hall President MaryEllen Keneally wanted to create an event that reached out to everyone on campus. "We wanted to have an event that would involve the whole campus," Keneally said. The organizers in Howard thought a chapel crawl would encourage daily Mass attendance and be a fun opportunity for students to pray together. "The name helped make it fun," Keneally said. "It also helped to attract a diverse crowd to go to daily Mass." Keneally said she and the other organizers talked to dorm presidents and consulted the Campus Ministry Mass schedule to plan the month-long event. Rosary at the Grotto and mass at the Log Chapel were included in the schedule along with a Spanish mass at St. Edward’s Hall and a blue prayer service in Walsh Hall.

"We wanted to go to where our students were having their fun Masses," they went to Dillon for their ‘Milkshake Mass’ and Sorin for the ‘Chili Mass,’ she said. The Chapel Crawl gave students a chance to see the various chapels scattered across Notre Dame’s campus. Keneally said she loved seeing the different chapels on campus and experiencing the unique beauty in each spot.

"It’s really interesting to see how different they all are. Even chapels that were built around the same time are different," Keneally said.

Howard Hall hosted the first Mass in the 30-day chapel crawl. Keneally said seeing her hall’s chapel filled with so many people was a special moment.

"We had no idea how it would go, but it was lots of fun and about 75 people showed up," she said.

To add to the chapel crawl, students were given a card to count their attendance throughout the month, Keneally said. Students receive a stamp on their card for every Mass they attended. Anyone with more than 12 stamps can enter a raf- fle after the last Mass.

"The Mass card was our rec- tor’s idea," Keneally said. "We really wanted a lot of attendance and this was a way to get people to come. Plus it’s a fun sou-venir.

The final Mass will be held tonight at 10 p.m. in the Log Chapel. After Mass, Howard Hall will serve root beer floats in the Coleman Morton Center.

"The last Mass is an opportu- nity to see a pretty cool place," Keneally said.

While this was the first year for the event, Keneally hopes it will not be the last.

"It was a really easy event to put on, it was fun and it’s a good thing to do during Lent," she said. "Hopefully it will become a regular event."

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Latinos. "He said this population growth is one of the main rea- sons Notre Dame should be put- ting a greater emphasis on Latino culture on campus. "(ILS) is here to help the University," Brown-Gort said. "We’re here to be a resource for the University." ILS researches basic issues surrounding the Latino popula- tion and provides opportunities for the community to learn more about the culture. Brown-Gort said.

"We provide cultural competen- cy—we put what people are studying into context," he said. "We also aim to provide a sense of community for Latino and Latino-focused people on cam- pus." In 2008, University President Fr. John Jenkins reviewed two reports about diversity on cam- pus, and Notre Dame published its diversity action plan. "As a Catholic university, we at Notre Dame believe every human being deserves the digne- nity of being made in God’s image, and every culture reflects God’s grandeur," the Diversity Statement said. "Diversity enriches our social interactions and intellectual lives by exposing all of us to appreciation and a refer- ence that challenge our unex- amined assumptions." One of the biggest assets to Latino students is Latino Freshman Retreat hosted by Campus Ministry, Medina said. Held in the fall of freshman year, the retreat helps first-year Latino students build communi- ties and friendships, according to the Campus Ministry website. Sophomore Stephanie Aguilera said she enjoyed the Latino Freshman Retreat the closest campus experience to what she is used to in her home life and culture. At the retreat, underclassmen were grouped into "familias" with "madres" and "padres." This helped establish the feeling of a cultural family between older and younger stu- dents.

"It’s modeled after our actual culture," she said. "You get put into families. (The campus Latino culture) is like having a family here. You look after each other." Aguilera, who lives in Dallas, Texas, said she found a sub- stitute family on campus through MEChA. Aguilera will serve as next year’s secretary for the Diversity Council and is current- ly trying to establish a Latino Honors Society. "I grew closer to my culture by moving away from the bor- der," she said.

Aguilera said she also attends a Spanish Mass on Sundays at 1:10 p.m. in St. Edward’s Hall. "These Masses are much more intimate," she said. "Instead of shaking hands, you get a hug and kiss on the cheek."

Before attending Notre Dame, Aguilera said she also attended Spring Visitations, a weekend-long event held through Undergraduate Admissions when prospective minority students are invited to spend time on campus with a host student. Junior Amanda Meza is a multicultural recruitment coor- dinator for Undergraduate Admissions. In this position, she works with high-achieving minority students from across the country.

"During the fall semester, we concentrate on calling thou- sands of these potential Notre Dame students by encouraging them to apply as well as answering any of their ques- tions regarding the school or college in general," she said.

Meza said her family experi- ences have defined “Latino” for her.

"I am the youngest of three daughters and the first to move away for college. My parents are both Mexican and I want to start better life here in the United States," she said. "I must say that their struggle to offer my sisters and I a chance for higher education has been my driving motivation for a better future. . . . It is almost a tangible love of family and a desire not to be ashamed of our culture for perse- verance and strength." Meza said she sometimes feels isolated as a minority despite the strength of community at Notre Dame.

"Though Notre Dame is one of the most national schools, I feel that the majority of the students on campus still wind up think- ing exactly the same. I am not just talking about diversity in the race and ethnicity either, but also diversity in thought and beliefs," she said. "As a Latina, I am at times feel- sted in my classes and can’t help but think there is no way that my voice or what I have to say will change what they think. The problem is, no one else sees it. It is a shared struggle with not only my community, but also other minority communities."

Medina said the Notre Dame community could only change with more dialogue between everyone on campus, no matter what cultural background stu- dents claim.

"We don’t put on our events for ourselves," Medina said. "We’re trying to educate every- one else. If you see an event advertised, we want you to come." The goal of outreach groups is to end ignorance about other cultures, Rosales said.

"Being more aware of what we do works to end stere- otypes," he said. "We would like everyone to not be ignorant. Ignorance is the No. 1 reason there’s bad blood between people nowadays."

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he said. “Do you have the fire in the belly? Do you really want to do this?”

Noble said he urges students not to base career decisions on what they will earn in terms of money, but instead on happiness. He said while being a history pro-

fessor has taken a lot of hard work, he never regrets his career choice.

“Get up everyday and I am excited. I don’t think everybody can say that,” Noble said. “There is a payoff. The pleasures that come along with this don’t have

material value, they’ve got moral value.”

Winning the award is an immense honor, Noble said.

“If you have been around Notre Dame any length of time, you know this is really a wonderful award. It’s very prestigious award, a very humbling award,” he said. “You think of all the great people who have won this award, and you think you have been put in that club — that is pretty spec-

ial.”

Seeing future leaders as they begin their careers is a favorite aspect of his role said.

“One of the things that teaching young people over all these years has done is make me optimistic or confident,” he said. “We’re hand-

ing the world over to good people.”

Noble said the culture of stu-

dents at the University is unlike anywhere he has taught.

“There is an ethos here that is different from anywhere else. There is this very powerful sense of family,” he said. “People talk about the Notre Dame family. You’d have to be utterly without sense not to feel it.”

Interacting with other members of the University family has been the most defining aspect of his experience as a professor at Notre Dame. Noble said.

“I can’t think of one moment that just stands out to me, but the picture that kept playing on my mind’s screen was all these peo-

ple that I meet who are connected to this place in lots of different ways, whether they are alums, parents, students,” Noble said.

Noble directed the Medieval Institute for his first eight years at Notre Dame, then became chair of the Department of History three years ago. After an upcom-

ing year of leave, he said he anticip-

ates returning to teach at the Uni-

versity.

“I’ve never been just a professor at Notre Dame, so when I come back from my leave I am really excited for that,” Noble said. “I have a couple of ideas for new courses I might teach.”

Noble said he has reexamined his career after winning the award, and still appreciates the opportunity he has been granted.

“In some ways, I can’t believe people pay me to do this,” he said. “It’s a real privilege.”

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“A lot of the teams we competed against are in senior design class-

es at their schools, so we were a little outmatched on the design and detail analysis aspects of the competition,” he said. “Our goal was to create a plane that would successfully complete all three missions.”

Kudija said each plane flown in the competition had to meet a specific set of requirements and successfully complete three mis-

sions. The missions tested the

plane for speed and the ability to carry a payload of steel or golf balls.

The balsa and plywood plane also had to fit inside a suitcase when broken down into its com-

ponents and be reassembled in

five minutes or less during the

competition. Kudija said. The

team used computer-aided design (CAD) software to design the plane.

“We were given four attempts to complete the three missions, but on the first attempt, our suit-

case dimensions were too big,” Kudija said. “But I was really proud because the team was able to come together at the last minute to overcome that obstacle and make the remaining three attempts successful.”

Kudija said the team faced a serious obstacle when their origi-

 nal prototype plane was severely damaged in a test crash just a week and a half prior to the com-

petition.

“We had been working on designing the plane since before Christmas, and we started build-

ing it after winter break,” Kudija said. “Then we had to rebuild the plane and make design changes to it after the crash, but we had serious concerns about the origi-

 nal prototype being able to be built in time anyway.”

Sophomore Greg Ghee felt the team’s work under pressure pro-

vided him with a unique learning opportunity.

“It was definitely a big learning experience, especially because the's our first year, most of us are sophomores and we didn’t have a lot of experience,” he said. “We were very happy to finish 28th, and we learned a lot that we can take to the competition next year.”

The group received funds to participate in the competition from the Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering. Professor Robert Nelson served as the project advis-

or along with two graduate stu-

dents, Kudija said.

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Health outside the hospital: Medicine in the 21st century

There are certain eternity-perplexing questions that have troubled humanity since the inception of rational thought. What is the ultimate nature of reality? What is the purpose of our existence? And perhaps most confusing — why did Taco Bell deliver?

All of us in our post-pandemic haze have asked this age-old question, and all of us have been left embittered, pining for the way things just got just in a car and drive to Taco Bell. But with the modern convenience of delivery, why exert the extra effort?

So, in a safe standpoint, there are positive externalities to the creation of a delivery system for Taco Bell. The majority of Taco Bell's latenight consumers have been consuming bev- erages, so substances that may have them at a level of impairment that hinders them from properly operating a vehicle. Therefore, Taco Bell's delivery drivers would be taking a considerable number of unsafe drivers off the road. Also, with energy prices skyrocketing and the impact of greenhouse gases becoming better understood, having a driver reach several customers in one sweep would be a much more efficient option than all those customers making individual trips to the drive-thru. Further, Taco Bell cannot pretend to be oblivious to the fact that they are filling the shoes of fast food staple just get just in a car and drive to Taco Bell. Bell is playing right into the hands of its parent company Yum! Brands — a food-craving, latenight snacking paradigm, going to the hospital in the 2030s we will have tiny little “nanobots” coursing through our bloodstream and keeping us healthy. Others think that we will eventually be able to swallow a few pills of robotic parts that will repair our bodies and perform surgery. These ideas are both highly speculative and controversial, but they are indicative of a larger uncertainty in the way in which we will deal with health and sickness. The system we have in place is a product of the 20th century — a time when diagnostics were in their nascent phases, the intricacies of disease were mostly shrouded and “internet” was an unknown word. We are now using expensive 21st century tools in a medical school to expand enrollment. The population ages, counseling medicine, with further refinements in our control of genetics, further advances in the accessibility and scale of computing and further precision of diagnostic tools. These developments will allow us to conceptualize medicine not as a battle against sickness, but a battle to maintain health. Using expensive 21st century tools in a 20th century system — getting sick and then going to the hospital — is unsustainable. As technology advances, so too must medicine. This crucial paradigm shift is necessary to extend equitable and affordable care to everyone. Call it the Affordable Care Age.

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Scientific Notation

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INSIDE COLUMN

Taco Bell’s delivery

Healthcare policy occupied a central position in the national discourse during the reform efforts of 2009 and 2010. That it has maintained this position makes it a year later reflects a variety of factors.

First, no one was truly satisfied with the compromise that culminated in the Affordable Care Act, a law that bemoaned the lack of any real push for a single-payer system, government-run public insurance option. Conservatives decried the bill as an entitlement program; liberals — a ruinously expensive entitlement plan that does not do anything to fundamentally change the way we spend money and how we care for those that are driving healthcare costs ever upwards in a seemingly unstoppable march.

Second, in addition to the acrimony over the ACA, Medicare (and healthcare more generally) figures prominently in the national preoccupation — the national debt.

Healthcare is an incredibly tricky issue to address with a policy front. Would free market mechanisms reduce healthcare costs? Most likely. But healthcare also has the allure of passive logic of market mechanics. Many of us have an innate feeling that healthcare is an inalienable right, something to which all citizens, especially of a developed nation, deserve access. We reject the notion that patients should have to decide between bankruptcy and the best cancer treatment available. We hope that our culture has progressed to a point of refinement and civility enough to value making sure people can at least expect to live as long as possible, yet most important pillar of happiness.

And so we are stuck. There’s no perfect policy prescription waiting to be plucked out of the ether. Stanford University physician Walter Bortz goes so far as to say in his new book “Next Medicine” that current medicine is “irrelevant,” and claims that there exists a “basic mismatch between human biology and capitalism.”

Quotes such as these make the situation seem quite grim indeed. All sorts of solutions have been proposed by technocrats — accountable care organizations (ACOs) to better coordinate care between specialists and to put an end to the ruinous incentives engendered by the fee-for-service system; greater training of primary care physicians; insurance exchanges. Yet each of these solutions leaves a vague feeling of dissatisfaction. You can put lipstick on a pig, but it’s still a pig.

There is one cause of great hope amidst the bleakness: information technology. But how can information technology possibly bend the cost curve, especially given the fact that expensive technologies are one of the main contribu- tory factors to rising costs? The answer is in the prevention of hospital visits, and more broadly, the preven- tion of sickness itself. Developments in information technology promise not only to improve care in hospitals, but to potentially get us out of the hospital altogether first place. This is the goal of 21st century medicine: prevention. In this paradigm, going to the hospital in the first place is a failure of the healthcare system. We no longer how sev- erely coordinated the care once there.

This is a grand idea. We’re talking about not only the typical refrain about information technology in healthcare (electronic medical records), but also using IT to fundamen- tally alter the way we interact with ourselves and healthcare.

Imagine that you feel sick. If the discomfort is severe enough, you’ll eventually go to the hospital. The doctor will see you, diagnose the problem, recommend treatment and you’ll leave, minus $100 or more if you visit the emergency room (most of which we see, since you only have enough in the insurance co-pay).

Input in the equation. You type your symptoms into an app on your smart phone or a computer. Computers immediately analyze gigantic data sets of similar patient presentations (Columbia University is already attempting to incorporate IBM’s “Watson” technology from game show fame on Jeopardy! into the clinic) and doctors remotely give a preliminary diagnosis. For some cases, this will be very straightforward. The doctor sends an electronic prescription, you go to the pharmacy, get your medicine and that’s that. No hospital visit required.

This is already a name for this move- ment: mobile health, or telehealth.

This conception of healthcare is very appealing, but the above examples are still reactionary — you get sick first and then take action. The real seduction of information technology is its capability to prevent illness in the first place. Bell’s law & Moore’s law dictate that computers will continually scale of computing and further precision of diagnostic tools. These developments will allow us to conceptualize medicine not as a battle against sickness, but a battle to maintain health.

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At a time in the semester when I know that I ought to be focusing on my papers and exams, I was surprised to arrive in my inbox Monday morning that I could not ignore ("Message from Fr. John Jenkins," April 18). I did not believe in disbelief the press release on the University’s investigation into the death of Declan Sullivan. I am a full-time student who has taken a daily report with similar incredulity, I could not help but think back to the Charlie Weiss era and his ill-fated proclamation. "9-3 is not good enough.”

Following the internal investigation led by Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves, there is the unmitigated straightforwardness of which I still contest on the grounds of a serious conflict of interest, the four factors that the University portends as the "primary” causes of the accident include one regarding the weather, two regarding the nature and condition of the lift at the time, and a fourth describing the "staff members’ lack of knowledge regarding accidents and severe weather events.”

I have a hard time accepting characterizations of the wind as “sudden and unexpected” in the press release and “unusual” in the report, given that the campus was in fact in the midst of a meteorologically foreseen windstorm at the time (one would be hard put to qualify winds in a snowstorm as “unexpected” or snow in a snowstorm as “unusual”). Even still, my analysis extends far more deeply in that I believe they reveal a frightening resistance on the part of the University administration to address this tragedy in any meaningful way.

Consider the recommendations of the investigation report, which, as the press release quickly points out, our University President already has accepted. A few highlights:

Item I: Adoption of Specific Wind Limit. Is there a reason why the University had not adopted the 28 mph guideline of the International Standards Organization before?

Item IV: Appointment of Athletic Department Safety Contacts. Does this mean that nobody was responsible for the safety of students 40 feet in the air?

In an environment in which students are not formally advised to drive even their own cars to University-approved events, I cannot believe that the Office of Risk Management and Safety had not conduced the University to adopt a policy before October 2010. In fact, I know that they had, because I myself was a part of a lift accident at the beginning of the current academic year.

So my question becomes, "Why was the Athletic Department, the football program especially, allowed to operate under the radar, using lifts that had not been registered with Risk Management, defining their own usage standards and all, without designation of specific individuals whose responsibility it was to approve student use of the equipment each time a student left the safety of the ground?"

(For a discussion of the diffusion of responsibility this situation may have also created, see Anita Kelly’s Technology Today post, "How a Notre Dame Student Could Die So Senselessly," Nov. 8.)

Is this really good enough for us?

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What would you do if you could tap the entirety of your mind? In “Limitless,” an intelligent but mind-blocked science fiction writer is offered a pill that will grant him boundless intelligence. Bradley Cooper (“The Hangover”) plays the run-down New York City writer Eddie Morra, who transforms himself into a financial mastermind.

The movie starts with a glimpse of Morra’s battered life—he lives in a run down apartment, is unable to overcome writer’s block and was just dumped by his girlfriend. Lost in the city, he runs into his former brother-in-law and is offered the fateful pill. Bottoming out, Morra resorts to taking the drug and turns his life around.

Morra comprehends the unimaginable, picking up languages in hours, learning to play the piano in a day and mastering the financial markets, quintupling his money each day for five days in a row. This quickly gets the attention of Wall Street bigwig Carl Van Loon (Robert De Niro), who recruits Morra to analyze and discuss a major merger.

However, Morra runs into complications with a loan shark, supply shortages and serious withdrawal when he runs out of the pills. Overall, “Limitless” is a decent mind-thriller that keeps its audience intrigued through the ending. Still, there are a lot of plot flaws you would expect someone with “limitless” brain function to be able to think through. Some of the most bothersome keys were how late it occurred to Morra that at some point he would run out of the drugs, and that there might be side effects to an underground pill few knew about. Also, why would an artsy science fiction writer move into the finance world? It was a fairly arbitrary choice.

Despite the shortcomings, though, the movie is still more than worthwhile and something I would suggest renting or watching when it’s inevitably on FX over finals week next winter.
Rain is an utter disaster on the day you get your new TOMS in the mail. Yes, gentle readers, I received a brand-spanking-new pair of TOMS for my birthday and they arrived on a day ridden with raindrops. How am I supposed to flaunt my eco-friendly, socially conscious, trendy, comfortable kicks when any venture beyond my dorm requires fording Lake O'Neill? I bemoan my current state! Oh, woe is me! Do I really get me? Though I am frustrated by it, it has left me better prepared for the fast-approaching scholastic onslaught (and I’m sure my roommate appreciates it, too). So bah humbug, rain. But at least its symbolism appreciates it, too. So bah humbug, rain. But at least its symbolism approves it, too. So bah humbug, rain. But at least its symbolism approves it, too.

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Scene around the World

The unexpected Poem

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I will, however, concede that rain is somewhat poetic, especially at this time of year. Spring-cleaning washes away the old, the rusty and the dusty. It forces us to re-examine everything — from our course load (finals on the horizon!) to our relationships (summer is coming, or more pertinently, graduation).

When April begins to turn, general academic panic begins to set in, but it always rides hand-in-hand with renewal. I worked out for the first time in a month (a month!) yesterday, after spending the weekend on a quest to see the top of my desk, which has been stealthily guarded by books, bananas and unopened mail for a few weeks. It was a tough job, but my healthy, cleanly mentality made me far more poised to meet the fast-approaching scholastic onslaught (and I’m sure my roommate appreciates it, too). So bah humbug, rain. But at least its symbolism approves it, too.

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I was sent a very long poem, co-authored by him and a friend. They’d sent stanzas back and forth. It was slightly flabbergasted. My friend had co-written something lyrical, rhythmic and quite poignant from one senior to another.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS
Irish come back against the Golden Eagles

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

The season’s final away game brought No. 22 Notre Dame home for a 6-1 victory over Marquette. This weekend, the Irish (12-9) look to have similar results in their last home game.

The Irish swept the singles competition against Marquette after starting behind when the Golden Eagles won the doubles round of play.

“Losing the doubles point against Marquette was definitely tough and I think that motivated us even more to win not just this match, but the next six singles matches,” junior Kristy Frilling said.

Facing DePaul this weekend, the Irish look to end a three-game losing streak.

While the records of these two teams may closely resemble each other, closer examination of their respective schedules tells a different story. Notre Dame and DePaul have shared many mutual competitors throughout the season. Of these seven matches, the Irish have only lost one, while the Blue Demons have only won one. The lone win of these for DePaul came with a 4-3 victory over Marquette.

Senior Anna Karin Ljungstrom leads DePaul in the No. 1 singles position. Milinkovic holds 21 wins this year on the singles court, 15 of which came from the No. 1 position.

“DePaul is a good team and losing the doubles point is something we cannot afford this weekend,” Frilling said. “It’s really important for everyone to step up individually.”

The Irish bring leadership from many sources, beginning with 15-ranked Frilling in both singles and doubles play. Individually Frilling holds a 16-2 record. Junior Shannon Mathews, ranked 64th in the No. 2 position for the Irish, joins Frilling at No. 1 doubles.

Freshman Jennifer Kellner, ranked 95th, has impressed greatly over the course of the season. Beginning in the No. 5 slot for Notre Dame, she has since moved up to the No. 3 position, where she has worked hard to earn back the doubles point.

This final home match marks the end of the regular season but leads into continued play for the Irish.

“As we head into tournament play every match matters so we need to be as prepared as possible for each day,” Kellner said.

Play against DePaul begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Belles set to play Hope twice today

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary’s postponed its doubleheader against Hope Tuesday. The game was postponed due to inclement weather and is rescheduled for today at 3:30 p.m. on the Belles home field.

The last two games on Saint Mary’s schedule have been rescheduled in response to the cold and the rainy weather that has blanketed South Bend. The first was against Olivet College, a home field doubleheader that is rescheduled for April 29.

This is the second time this season that multiple games in a row have been affected by poor weather.

In their last faceoff during the 2010 season, Saint Mary’s and Hope split the series, Hope winning game one 5-4 and the Belles clenching the second game 8-4. Senior Ashley Peterson claimed her record breaking eighth home run of the season in the second game.

The Belles are currently 12-11 on the season and 1-5 in MIAA play. They have struggled in the conference, gaining their only conference victory against Adrian 1-0.

The next regularly scheduled game for the Belles will be Saturday against Kalamazoo at 1 p.m. Last year, the Belles defeated Kalamazoo soundly in both games, winning 23-5 and 30-6 respectively.

The Belles Senior Day will be Wednesday, April 27.

SMC Tennis

Rainy conditions and scheduling conflicts forced the Saint Mary’s and Indiana Wesleyan match at Saint Mary’s tennis courts to be cancelled Tuesday afternoon.

Normally, inclement conditions would move the match to the indoor Eck Tennis Pavilion after 6 p.m. However, a later start time proved impractical for the Wildcats (21-1) due to the travel distance.

After winning seven of their last eight games to climb into third place in the MIAA, the Belles (12-6, 5-2) were looking forward to a challenge from NAIA opponent Indiana Wesleyan, ranked No. 17 in the recent NAIA coaches’ poll.

Instead the Belles will use the extra time to prepare for their final match of the regular season against MIAA foe Kalamazoo College on April 26. Following the match against the Hornets (6-10, 3-3), the Belles will compete in the MIAA conference tournament April 29-30.

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ND looks to rebound with Louisville upset

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

After a tough loss to No. 2 Ohio State, Notre Dame will take on defending Big East champion Louisville this weekend.

"Louisville returns all of its starters from last year's No. 12 team that reached the NCAA round of 16," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Four seniors start, so they have been through the wars. They are especially tough at home — and in particular indoors."

Senior Dan Stahl is riding an eight-match win streak, including a win over the Buckeyes.

"Against Ohio State we learned that we have some pretty good players, as the doubles was very competitive and we won at No. 3 and No. 6," Bayliss said.

The Irish lost to Louisville in the finals of the Big East tournament last season and will look to redeem themselves this year.

Bayliss notes that both lineups are similar to last season and making a dent in the top of Louisville’s lineup will be crucial if the Irish expect to have success against the Cardinals.

Notre Dame has been injury-plagued all season. With many starters missing significant amounts of time, Bayliss will have some tough decisions to make before the tournament.

"In preparing for the Big East, we need to have a great effort against Louisville," Bayliss said. "Additionally, we need to make decisions regarding roster management because we have started nine players most of the year and the roster needs to be trimmed to eight before play begins."

Junior Sam Keeton may be available to play for the Irish on Saturday against Louisville, which may give Notre Dame a much-needed boost.

Last year in the match against Louisville, Keeton was able to defeat Robert Hall in three sets for one of two Irish victories.

The winner of the match between Louisville and Notre Dame will likely get the No. 1 seed in next weekend's Big East tournament that will be held in South Bend.

The Irish will travel to Louisville, Ky., to take on the Cardinals with the first serve set for 1 p.m. and will return to South Bend to host the Big East championships beginning April 28.

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Junior Sam Keeton hits the ball back against Duke on February 6. The Irish lost 5-2, though Keeton won his match.

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the conference tournament given practice.
"The key for us is to just con- tinue to improve, especially offensively," Aoki said. "I really feel that this team is built almost for a tournament type of format than the grind of the regular season. If we can get that fourth, fifth, sixth seed in the Big East tournament, I think we can be a really tough out."

Tied for second in the Big East standings, St. John’s (13-8-4) has positioned itself for a top-seed in the conference tournament on the back of its outstanding defense. The Red Storm have committed just 32 errors all season, good enough for the conference’s best fielding percentage at .974.

St. John’s also features one of the conference’s premier hitters in shortstop Joe Panik. The shortstop has amassed a .395 batting average, 31 RBIs and a conference-best 27 walks. Leading the Red Storm to a team batting average of .272 compared to Notre Dame’s .239, the lowest mark in the conference.

"We can really pitch it. That’s the strength of the team," Irish infielder Mick Doyle said. "The hitting has been kind of a process for us. Coach has a few things we’ve worked on consist- ently since the beginning of the year. I think it’s getting there. Hopefully we can get real hot at the right time, make a little run at the Big East championships.

Senior infielder Greg Sherry echoed his teammate’s senti- ments.
"The pitching has been great the whole year," Sherry said. "The hitters are starting to get their timing. Coach Aoki has been preaching living in the right-center field gap, which has helped us the last two, three weeks. We’re going to keep rolling. We’re starting to play confidently.

Confidence will be key as Notre Dame looks to improve upon its 2-5 record on the road. Aoki will tap his trio of senior right-handers Brian Dogra, Colé Johnson and Todd Miller to subdue the Red Storm offense.

“We can be a team that not a whole heck-of-a-lot of people want to play, especially if we can make some improvement offensively," Aoki said. "We’ve pitched it pretty well and we’ve defended pretty well for the most part pretty well. At some point, these one and two-run games should start going our way if we can improve.

The Irish will play at St. John’s this weekend in a three- game series.
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Irish senior midfielder Jackie Doherty controls the ball during Notre Dame’s 13-8 loss to Ohio State on March 10.

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and the goal has always been to be number one," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "So I think it’s a great thing for anybody that ever played here to know that, at some point, we made it.

The achievement almost never was, however, as the Irish near- ly squandered the opportunity to earn the top spot in the rank- ings when they played St. John’s Saturday. Notre Dame trailed 5- 2 at the half before outscoring the Red Storm 8-2 in the final two quarters to take the 10-7 victory, extending its perfect record. When the Irish travel to Providence (3-8, 0-3 Big East), they will be careful to avoid another scare.

"I think that we need to learn, basically, from St. John’s that we cannot overlook anybody," senior defenseman Kevin Ridgway said. "(Against St. John’s) we got down early, but I know that we are going to come out with a little more energy and up-tempo practice this week... to make sure that we do not overlook Providence.

Although Providence has dropped seven of its last eight games, Corrigan emphasized that the Friars’ record is a poor indication of how good they actually are. "In Saturday’s 13-3 loss to Syracuse, Providence hung tough for most of the game, as they trailed 4-3 at half and 5-3 after three quarters, but faltered in the fourth quar- ter.

"If you aren’t paying attention, you look at them and you think their record is not very good and all that," but if you look really closely at their results, this is a team that’s gone from not being a very good team at the beginning of the year to playing some very, very good teams recently," Corrigan said. "If you really look at the team that’s coming in, they’re not a very good team."

Ridgway added that the team’s main goal remains a berth in the national championship, which will be played on May 30. "I don’t think anything changed as far as what we do (as a result of the ranking)," he said. "It is a cool recognition to be number one, but it does not really matter until Memorial Day.

Notre Dame has played excep- tionally well recently and the conference is taking notice. The Irish swept the most recent round of the Big East player of the week awards, as senior mid- fielder David Earl was named offensive player of the week and sophomore goalie John Kemp took the defensive award for the second straight week. Against St. John’s, Earl netted three goals and registered four total points. Kemp recorded 11 saves and scooped up four ground balls.

Earl, Ridgway, and senior midfielder Zach Brenneman also garnered national recogni- tion when they were named as official nominees for the 2011 Tewaaraton Trophy, the premier individual award in lacrosse.

The Irish will put both their perfect record and their stand- ing as the nation’s number one team on the line when they travel to Providence. The opening faceroll is scheduled for Saturday at noon.
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Turnovers
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in the category, while Blaney is sixth. Blaney is also the Irish leader in goals scored with 21 total.
Saturday will mark the last home game for Notre Dame’s seniors, a class that includes two All-Americans and a Big East championship.
It’s sad to see such a great group of players play their last game in Arlotta Stadium,” Conroy said. "The seniors would feel great satisfaction by beating Georgetown at home.

The Irish play Vanderbilt at 2 p.m. today before returning to Arlotta Stadium for a 1 p.m. start against Georgetown Saturday.

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and how they competed,” he said. “They really battled hard, even when most would admit they weren’t on their ‘A’ game.”

Junior Max Scodro led the Irish again en route to winning the individual title. He carded rounds of 70, 73 and 69, respectively, to finish with a one under par 212 for the tournament. Kubinski said he took pride in the junior’s effort.

“Max played extremely well to win it all and become our first individual champion since 2005,” Kubinski said. “I’m really proud of him. He deserves it.”

With junior number one golfer Tom Usher unable to compete, the Irish needed contributions from each member of their top five. Kubinski said every golfer on his squad stepped up at a crucial time.

“Paul [McNamara III] played really well for us as a sophomore in his first [Big East championship],” he said. “He had to battle through an injury and really gutted it out. [Senior] Connor [Alan-Lee] gave us a really good round on Monday. We needed his 73. [Junior] Chris [Walker] didn’t play like he’s capable, but still played some good stretches.”

Perhaps the most impressive effort came from freshman Niall Platt, who capped his first season of college golf by carding a five over par 218. Kubinski said his freshman, who finished in a tie for sixth place individually, played confidently.

“Niall also played well,” Kubinski said. “He was tremendous, really, all tournament except for his first nine or 10 holes. To play his last eight holes at one under was a huge factor for us going from a pretty close lead to winning by six shots. And having a freshman do it is outstanding.”

Their effort in the Big East tournament positioned the Irish for a berth in the NCAA regional tournament for the first time since 2006. Kubinski said he initially hoped to just get back to the national stage, but now thinks his team might be able to advance beyond regionals.

“This season, I was really hoping we could get some experience in the NCAA’s for next season,” he said. “With how well our top guys are playing and us getting Tom back healthy, I think we have a chance to make some noise.”

This season will have far-reaching effects. Kubinski said his current squad’s NCAA berth will improve the future of the program.

“[Appearing on the national stage is] tremendous for the program,” he said. “It’s something that every junior golfer is looking at and that all of our recruits mentioned. They want to have a chance to play for the national title. It will be good to get back to the NCAA’s for the first time in a few years and hopefully make it to the championships, which this program hasn’t done in 45 years.”

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1. Former "I'll..."
6. End, end.
7. List, books.
8. Bottle, brother.
14. Professor, professor.
17. Bell.
20. Upper-left key.
21. "I swear!"
23. Come down.
26. What’s in carrots, but not in clay?
33. Ring, wilderness.
34. Ball.

Down
1. Call for.
2. They may be put on.
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4. Lie.
5. Technology.
6. Indefinite written.
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Men's Lacrosse

Squad looks to even record against stiff competition

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

After taking over the top spot in both the Inside Lacrosse media poll and the USILA coaches poll for the first time in program history, the No. 1 Irish will have to defend the nation's only remaining undefeated record against Providence Saturday.

The Irish (9-0, 4-0 Big East) spent multiple weeks in the top five before ascending to the top of the rankings following Syracuse's 11-6 loss to No. 3 Cornell on April 12. Syracuse dropped from No. 1 to No. 4 following the defeat, opening the door for the Irish to take the No. 1 ranking for the first time in the program's 30-year history.

"I'm not going to act like it doesn't mean anything, because we've been playing lacrosse and working at this for a long time," Irish senior attack Maggie Tamasitis said. "But it means something. Winning with the team and our defensive personnel matches up well with their key players," Coyne said. "We have a good game plan and an edge in all categories, I think."

On offense, Georgetown (7-5, 4-0 Big East) boasts two 20-goal scorers in senior attack Jordy Kirr and sophomore midfielder Sophia Thomas. Kirr and Thomas also lead the Hoyas in assists. The Hoyas carry an opportunistic team defense that causes nearly 11 turnovers a game, the fourth-highest mark in all categories, I think."

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Women's Lacrosse

Irish ready for St. John's

By MATTHEW DEFRANKS
Sports Writer

As the season winds down, each lacrosse game becomes more and more important. For the Irish, each game becomes tougher as well.

After beating Connecticut 15-12 on Tuesday, the Irish are currently ranked No. 1 for the first time in program history. Notre Dame is second in the Big East and No. 4 in the nation.

The conference championship game will come on Saturday, April 14, against Providence. The Irish have won the regular-season title in each of the last three seasons.

"It will be good prep for the Georgetown game," Irish coach Tracy Clauson said. "They have a huge rivalry, we play them every year," Irish coach Tracy Clauson said. "We don't have trouble getting psyched to play them. It will be good prep for the Georgetown game."

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"We recruit the same players and they are always competitive year in, year out," Coyne said. "We need to improve in transition and have less turnovers." The Irish, however, can cause some turnovers as well. Senior defender Jackie Doherty ranks third nationally in turnover percentage with 12.4.

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Baseball

Irish ready for St. John's

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Tuesday's rainout gave Notre Dame an additional day of rest before the team travels to Queens, N.Y., for a three-game set against St. John's. But after dropping four of its last six games at Frank Eck Stadium, the team also lost a chance to improve its overall record through a nonconference contest against MAC foe Toledo.

After showing signs of life in a 14-4 rout against Connecticut April 10, the offense has gone cold once again, averaging just over three runs in its past four games. Irish coach Mik Aoki remains positive and believes Notre Dame (14-18-1, 5-7 Big East) can be a threat in at five over par going into the last hole, which she bogeyed. "I didn't know until I finished my last hole that I missed out on the playoff by one. Then I was super upset, because I thought Louisville caught up to us, not that I missed out on first. Then I realized I lost in the last hole, but I got over it," Nhim said. "Winning with the team is way better."

The conference championship, the first for Notre Dame since 2008, was especially sweet as it came at the expense of rival No. 16 Louisville, who came into the Big East championship as the