In the shadow of the Saint Mary’s Bell Tower and Notre Dame’s Golden Dome, students feel at home safe. Outside these familiar spots, fear of the unknown puts students on their guards.

Saint Mary’s junior Sarah McCray said she frequently walks from the Grotto to her dorm room in LeMans Hall at Saint Mary’s. She said as one of many students who walk late hours between the two campuses, there is a distinct area where she feels less secure — the same area where a sexual battery was reported Sunday night by a Saint Mary’s student.

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Friday night football game between the University of Notre Dame and the University of Michigan.

The Notre Dame women’s softball team takes on the University of Pittsburgh in a doubleheader today from 4 to 8 p.m. at Melissa Cook Stadium.

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Department: Biochemistry
Faculty Advisor: Joshua Diehl

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Title of paper: “Guillaume Bodinier and the Meaning(s) of ‘Italianness’ in Nineteenth Century France”
Department: Art, Art History, & Design
Faculty Advisor: Kathleen Fyne

Hannah Lin, best paper from 10000/20000 level classes
Title of paper: “Leveling the Field: Ang Lee’s CrouchingTiger Hidden Dragon”
Department: Film, Television and Theatre
Faculty Advisor: Aaron Magnan-Park

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COR holds final meeting, adds oversight committee

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"We were very difficult to predict the total number of books that we'll be buying back due to the popularity of the rental program," she said. "As the Rent-A-Text program continues to grow in popularity, we expect that more titles will be rented as opposed to purchased."

Blitch said the program is extremely successful due to the bookstore's partnership with student government.

"Saving the students money is something we like to do," she said. "Text rental is a great way to make this happen."

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"The company collects and sells used textbooks to fund literacy initiatives worldwide. Chief Executive Officer David Murphy said Better World Books runs used book drives on more than 1,500 college campuses around the country, and it has collected more than 53 million books for read a book a day and the changed since its inception. Murphy said these drives have a positive affect on communities. "The goal of our book drive at Notre Dame in 2002 benefitted the Robinson Community Learning Center," he said. "At Notre Dame, we appeal to students to donate their books to continue to support the Robinson Center and to promote sustainability by keeping books out of landfills. Murphy said the company encourages donations of books, whether purchases an online buyback option on its website. This focus appeals to the social consciousness of Notre Dame students, he said. "Notre Dame students understand that simple actions can help change the world, so we want to support to appeal to them to lead they way, and they do," he said. "Even if students know they cannot get their money back, they realize what a difference they can make, especially in the local sense with the Robinson Center."

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produced a good film but were not sure how it would fare in competition. "We didn't realize how much success could or would happen until we won the Social Change Award," she said. "I knew what we had was good. We've been on a roll since." Student films were shown at various festivals around the nation, three of which came from Mandell's class.

Mandell said the films from his class were technically superior and covered intriguing subjects. "They're intriguing subjects," he said. "They all have a human dimension." Booked said audience feedback was crucial to the development of the documentary.

"Anytime someone else watches your film, it's worthwhile," he said. "I've watched a Rent-A-Text one person watching Part of the process is seeing what works and what doesn't."

Mandell said support from the Institute for Scholarship and the Liberal Arts' Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program was crucial to all of the films' development.

"These funds allow students to blossom and make films interesting not only to Notre Dame, but national ones, as well," he said.

Student films weren't the only Notre Dame affiliated productions to earn accolades. Two is heading a task force charged with evaluating and proposing amendments to the student government constitution. Student body president Pat McCormick called Noel a necessity for the position.

"What [Noel] will bring is the ability to discuss the changes necessary, that we can discuss them here, because it's likely he'll be making changes to the branches of student govern- ment," McCormick said.

Noel said there is important work to be done on the constitution. He said his presence on the committee would be helpful in explaining the technicalities of amendments and receiving feed-

"I think this document can be improved in a multitude of ways and, over time, these changes can be made to the constitution more effectively and a cleaner document with more transparency," Noel said. "Being an approved member of COR would enable me to give almost weekly updates on the state of the constitution and to speak to the constitutionality of things going on in COR."

"All Noel has unanimously approved, Judicial Council president Susanna Sullivan present- ed Morgan Pino as her choice for the new vice president for Peer Advocacy and also present- ed next year's election commit- tee members. Sullivan spoke on the behalf of Pino, who is currently abroad. Morgan has been a peer advocate for the past two years and took a look at last semester, "Sullivan said Morgan has some ideas for making peer advoca- cy more accessible and a less awkward process for students. After Pino received unani- mous approval, Sullivan and Caitlin Ogren, vice president of elections, presented their recom- mendations for next year's election committee, all of whom were approved.

The new election committee members are sophomores Katie Hennessey, Kaileen Kent and Connor Geraghty and freshmen Jacob Stanton, Dan Woods, Anne Egan, and Katie Nolan. Contact John Cameron at jcamero2@nd.edu.

FTT students Michael Burke and Marie Wich talk to activists Jeff Chen while work on their film "Picking Up America."

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Gariepy said 26 riders traveled on the shuttle Sunday. He said Notre Dame Director of Student Affairs at Notre Dame, installed boilers in their power plants that comply with the standards set by the EPA in 2004. Kempf said he feels this step is sufficient to provide a clean and environmentally-sound source of energy for Universities. Kempf’s written testimony stated, “The EPA’s final rules, however, impose unrealistic and very costly requirements such as that the EPA has not justified by corresponding environmental and health protection from reductions of hazardous air pollutants.” Kempf said a change in these requirements would hurt many universities because their costly equipment would no longer meet the requirements of the new standards. Notre Dame invested $20 million to meet the earlier standards, Kempf said. “For $20 million, we could provide a full year of tuition for 500 students, or provide 125 students a full, four-year scholarship,” he said. “I was purchased and guaranteed to comply with the rule that was issued in 2002. It is uncertain that it will be able to achieve compliance with the rule that will now be proposed.” Kempf said the equipment does make significant strides toward protecting the environment. He estimated the University reduced its emissions by 75 percent in recent years. In his testimony, Kempf asked the committee to allow the EPA more time to review its rules before it sets new standards. “I will stand by what my written statement was,” Kempf said. “But in general we were supporting the part of Congress looking to give the EPA more time to look at these regulations.” John Walke, former air director for the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), also testified as a witness in the hearing. His opinion, however, countered Kempf’s statements. Walke said he felt Kempf’s testimony downplayed the health benefits of the standards. “If there is some sort of instance where you’re feeling discomfort, there is a reason for that, and [don’t] hesitate if there’s some emotional evidence as to why you feel that way or feel as though you shouldn’t feel that way,” he said. “Sometimes we talk about the Notre Dame bubble, and we think that nothing had could happen here. But we could ever have anything less than good intentions.” Gariepy said, “The reality is that we always need to be attentive to our own safety, to be aware of the actions of others around us. We feel so at home here we presume that we are completely safe and that we don’t have to be attentive in that way, and the reality is that we do.” Ann Firth, associate vice president of student affairs at Notre Dame, said Notre Dame works constantly to create a secure environment. “I think we are a very safe community, but I don’t think any community can rest on that notion,” Firth said. “In fact, all of us have an obligation to promote social change and to be alert to potential threats and dangers around us.” Everyone does need to keep personal security in mind despite the atmosphere of safety on campus, Firth said. “Some times we talk about the ‘Notre Dame bubble,’ and we think that nothing had could happen here. But we could ever have anything less than good intentions.” Firth said. “The reality is that we always need to be attentive to our own safety, to be aware of the actions of others around us. We feel so at home here we presume that we are completely safe and that we don’t have to be attentive in that way, and the reality is that we do.” Ann Firth, associate vice president of student affairs at Notre Dame, said Notre Dame works constantly to create a secure environment. “I think we are a very safe community, but I don’t think any community can rest on that notion,” Firth said. “In fact, all of us have an obligation to promote social change and to be alert to potential threats and dangers around us.” Everyone does need to keep personal security in mind despite the atmosphere of safety on campus, Firth said. “Sometimes we talk about the ‘Notre Dame bubble,’ and we think that nothing had could happen here. But we could ever have anything less than good intentions.” Firth said. “The reality is that we always need to be attentive to our own safety, to be aware of the actions of others around us. We feel so at home here we presume that we are completely safe and that we don’t have to be attentive in that way, and the reality is that we do.” Ann Firth, associate vice president of student affairs at Notre Dame, said Notre Dame works constantly to create a secure environment. "I think we are a very safe community, but I don't think any community can rest on that notion.”
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Associated Press

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That one industry is the town,” said Seth Hammett, director of the Alabama Development Office. “Until they get back up and going again, that town will not be the same.”

VF Corp., Wrangler’s parent company, said it is looking into setting up distribution operations in another location nearby to allow people to get back to work quickly, and employees will continue getting pay and benefits in the meantime.

In Smithville, Miss., the storms heavily damaged three facilities owned by Townhouse Home Furnishings, which makes sofas and other furniture. Toyota said Tuesday it is not clear when electricity will be restored.

One of the twisters destroyed a Wrangler jeans distribution center that employed 150 people in Hackettburg, an Alabama town of about 1,500. The town is in a county with an unemployment rate of nearly 13 percent.

Don Peer loads a box of toys and baby items into a truck Tuesday in Ringgold, Ga. Peer is taking the toys to a church where food, clothing and toys will be available for tornado victims.

Attention First-Year MBA’s

Would you like to earn an $15,000 fellowship for your second year?

The William G. McGowan Charitable Fund has just awarded the MBA Program a grant that covers $15,000 for the second year for an MBA student!

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All First-Year MBA’s are eligible, excluding those that are already receiving a full tuition scholarship.

Deadline: Applications are due to Lisa Eilam in the MBA Office by Friday, May 13, 2011.

The winner will be announced in May.

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Curtis Frederick, 28, couldn’t find any work to provide for his three children aside from delivering newspapers. Then a twister wiped out his mobile home park in Tuscaloosa.

“There’s a lot of people that need help,” he said. “We’re struggling already from the economy being so bad.”

In Birmingham, former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice toured an aid and donation center in a neighborhood of her home city that was heavily damaged. She grew up in the city and still has family there.

“You realize that with every home that’s flattened, there are dreams and memories that have gone with it when electricity went out. So this is a very human tragedy,” said Rice, who served in former President George W. Bush’s administration.

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NEW YORK — It looks like something you’d see on a suburban cul-de-sac, not inching through Times Square.

A boxy minivan made by Nissan will be the next iconic yellow cab in New York City, replacing the beloved Checker cabs that are on the road today.

“Why can’t you bring back the Checker?” he said. “The cars are more efficient, the vehicles could become as beloved as the Checker cabs of yesteryear.”

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, left, announces the winner of the Taxi of Tomorrow competition during a news conference Tuesday in New York.

Associated Press

BP agrees to penalty for 2006 Alaska spills

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — BP’s subsidiary in Alaska will pay a $25 million civil penalty under a settlement announced Tuesday that comes five years after more than 200,000 gallons of crude oil spilled from company pipelines on the North Slope.

The penalty is the largest per barrel civil penalty assessed, exceeding the statutory maximum because the settlement, resolves claims other than the spill, according to the EPA. The settlement also calls for BP Exploration Alaska Inc. to install a system-wide pipeline integrity management program.

“This penalty should serve as a wake-up call to all pipeline operators that they will be held accountable for the safety of their operations and their compliance with the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act and the pipeline safety laws,” Assistant Attorney General Ignacia S. Moreno said in a conference call with reporters.

U.S. Attorney for Alaska Karen Loeffler said the penalty demonstrates the seriousness of BP’s conduct. She said the company admitted that it cut corners and failed to do what was required to adequately maintain its pipelines.

BP Alaska spokesman Steve Rinehart in e-mails acknowledged the settlement as a wake-up call to all pipeline operators that they must do more to prevent accidents.

The agreement was negotiated with the other owners, Rinehart said. “We are renovating other pipelines to make them ‘sippable,’” he said.

Most of the compliance requirements that are enforceable under the consent decree are met under current EPA oversight, Rinehart said.

BP operates the Prudhoe Bay field but does not own it. ConocoPhillips, Exxon Mobil and Chevron own the others.

The company completely replaced Prudhoe Bay oil transit lines and added modern leak detection and corrosion management systems at a cost of about $500 million by the end of 2008, he said.

“The penalties are significant,” he said. “They also provide a wake-up call to all pipeline operators that they must do more to prevent accidents.”

The settlement also calls for BP to pay $20 million, including $12 million in criminal fines.

Cynthia Quarterman, administrator for the Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, said her agency found serious safety problems relating to internal corrosion on the pipeline on the North Slope.

The settlement requires BP Alaska to develop a system-wide program to manage pipeline integrity for its 1,600 miles of pipeline on the North Slope and ordered BP to correct those problems. BP had a year to address the problems but its willful failure to do so led to filing civil litigation against the company.

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BP is required to submit information on pipeline integrity by December and it will be required to provide an electric Web portal and post reports to the public.

Quarterman said the independent monitor will confirm that BP is complying with the requirements of the settlement, Giles said.

“We are not going to just take BP at its word,” Giles said.

BP’s Rinehart said that since 2006, the company has made significant improvements in pipeline management.

“This includes more staff, more spending, newer technology, more frequent inspections, and fewer leaks,” he said.

The company completely replaced Prudhoe Bay oil transit lines and added modern leak detection and corrosion management systems at a cost of about $500 million by the end of 2008, he said.

“We are renovating other pipelines to make them ‘sippable,’” he said.

Most of the compliance requirements that are enforceable under the consent decree are met under current EPA oversight, Rinehart said.

BP operates the Prudhoe Bay field but does not own it. ConocoPhillips, Exxon Mobil and Chevron own the others.

The agreement was negotiated with the other owners, Rinehart said, but he declined to discuss any financial arrangements with the other owners.

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Osama bin Laden unarmed at time of death

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Osama bin Laden was unarmed when Navy SEALs burst into his room and shot him to death, the White House said Tuesday, a change in the official account that raised questions about whether the U.S. ever planned to capture the terrorist leader alive.

The Obama administration was still debating whether to release gruesome images of bin Laden’s corpse, balancing efforts to demonstrate to the world that he was dead against the risk that the images could provoke further anti-U.S. sentiment. But CIA Director Leon Panetta said a photograph exists.

“I don’t think there was any question that ultimately a photograph would be presented to the public,” Panetta said in an interview with ABC’s “Nightline.” Asked again later by The Associated Press, he said, “I think it will.”

Asked about the final confrontation with bin Laden, Panetta said: “I don’t think he had a lot of time to say anything.” The CIA chief told PBS NewsHour, “It was a firefight going up that compound. I think it - this was all split-second action on the part of the SEALs.”

Panetta said that bin Laden made “some threatening moves that were made that clearly represented a clear threat to our guys. And that’s the reason they fired.”

The SEALs were back in the U.S. at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington for debriefing on the raid, lawmakers said after meeting with Panetta. The question of how to present bin Laden’s death to the world is a difficult balancing act for diplomacy.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said the U.S. was not “in the business of getting bin Laden’s body treated like a war trophy or anything else.”

On Monday, when White House aides suggested a high level target was inside a compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, Navy SEALs were deployed after intelligence suggested a high level target was inside.

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The reports sometimes result in the discovery of explosives that have nothing to do with terror, like when a volunteer doing gardening at a Manhattan cemetery last year dug up a discarded bag containing plastic explosives. But the vast majority of suspicious packages turn out to be nothing more than briefcases, backpacks or shopping bags innocently left unattended or discarded in transportation hubs or other high-traffic localities.

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Corps of Engineers blast eases threat to Ill. town

The flood by an intentional break in the Birds Point levee is seen Tuesday, in Mississippi Co., Mo. The Army Corps of Engineers’ blew a hole into the levee to take pressure off the rising Mississippi and Ohio rivers.

Associated Press

WYATT, Mo. — The dramat- ic, late-night demolition of a huge earthen levee sent chocolate-colored floodwaters pouring onto thousands of acres of Missouri farmland Tuesday, easing the threat to a tiny Illinois town being men- thored by the Mississippi River.

But the blast near Cairo, Ill., did nothing to ease the risk of more trouble downstream, where the mighty river is expected to rise to its highest levels since the 1920s in some parts of Tennessee, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

“We’re making a lot of unfortunate history here in Mississippi in April and May,” said Jeff Rent, a spokesman for the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency. “We had the historic tornadoes, and now this could be a historic event.”

The Army Corps of Engineers was considering making similar use of other “floodways” — enormous basins surrounded by giant levees that can be opened to divert floodwaters.

A staccato series of explo- sions lit up the night sky Monday over the Mississippi with orange flashes and white plumes of smoke, as the couple said the govern- ment’s “floodways” were taking water out of the levee — a job that was supposed to be done by canals and other man-made structures.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said farmers who had crop insurance will be eligible for government reimburse- ments if their land was flood- ed.

Workers have been fortifying the town can hold back up to 50 feet, but a sustained crest will pressure the wall.

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People were dodging disaster, omi- noring the explosion worked. Maj. Gen. Michael Walsh — the man ultimately responsi- ble for the decision to go through with the breach — said state leaders would do everything “within their power to make sure the levee is rebuilt and those fields, the most fer- tile fields in the heartland, are put back in production.”

By blowing the levee, the corps hoped to reduce the river level at Cairo and ease pressure on the levee wall pro- tecting the town. As of Tuesday afternoon, the Mississippi had receded to 60.2 feet and continued to fall, a day after a record crest.

“It’s going to hold,” said Ray Presson, the 56-year-old Ray’s old home and the 2,400 acres he farms around it. Presson is staying with a cousin in nearby Charleston, and he’s not sure when, or if, he’ll get to go home.

“We have the strongest levees in the country,” Walsh said during a news conference Tuesday night, Walsh charac- terized the chances of being forced to open the Bonnet Carre flood gates as “high” and the chances at Morganza as “medium.” He expects to decide on the Bonnet Carre as early as Thursday, and on Morganza next week.

The Army Corps of Engineers said there are no homes in the Bonnet Carre floodway, though there are scattered homes and farmland in the Morganza floodway.

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Embrace the Decision

Imagine this.

You are a young man that has just begun working at a small Midwestern company close to your hometown. You were hired right out of college and graduated with an MBA and believe you have the potential to do great things. Instead of the rather boring job you have been doing.

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At every cocktail party you attend, you are the most loved person at the event. You are smart, friendly and generous and know just what to do. Soon enough, a few more great quarters and leading the company out of the black yet again, you gain the attention of the national press.

Your hometown loves you and recognizes you as the prodigal son. As fast as the world can do so, you invest in efforts to push the company even further. You ask your colleagues to expand into different countries and for more help around the office.

With an overwhelming return on your control, the owner of the company decides to expand into Ethiopia and Burma. You believe that these moves can guide the company to the top of the business world. They, however, backfire and cause a massive loss, destroying your chance to be the best businessman in the world. Your company has tried to help you — it just did not work.

You have graced the cover of Business Week several times in the past few years. You are ranked in the Forbes 400 as one of the top earners in America. But that is not enough.

All of your closest friends have moved on to bigger and better jobs, garnering international praise for their superb work. Some of them have guided their companies into the top 50 on the Fortune 500 list. You are proud of them, but at the same time very jealous of all their accomplishments.

Suddenly, a reputable East Coast firm with power executives already aboard contacts you, offering the same position you had back home. You will have to sacrifice some money and some freedom in your decisions but you realize this is your best chance to rule the business world with a few close friends. The move is popular with your family, this is your best chance to rule the world of business. But that is not enough.

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Late Sunday night President Obama appeared before the nation and announced Osama bin Laden’s death. The announcement sparked exuberant celebration across campus and the entire country. Students ran cheering through LaFortune and crowds gathered in Times Square. There is nothing wrong with celebration in this moment. One of America’s greatest enemies has been brought to the end he so justly deserved. Unfortunately, the celebration over bin Laden’s death misses a larger point. Osama bin Laden hasn’t mattered in the global war on terror for several years. The President certainly seemed to think that bin Laden mattered. In his speech he proclaimed, “The death of bin Laden marks the most significant achievement to date in our nation’s effort to defeat al-Qaeda.” However, overwhelming evidence from the security community suggests otherwise. As Dr. James Lindsay of the Council on Foreign Relations noted, “al-Qaeda long ago ceased to be a centralized operation. For the last decade bin Laden has been more of a figurehead than a mastermind.” Bin Laden was found in a compound with no telephones or internet. Security was so tight that trash was burned in the courtyard rather than being disposed of outside. Bin Laden clearly posed little or no operational threat — regional cells continued to operate without him. Nevertheless, many American leaders have acted as if bin Laden was a large symbolic blow to al-Qaeda. This is once again incorrect. As Dr. Lindsay writes, “Men, symbols don’t die. In death, bin Laden will continue to inspire jihadists as much as he did in life.” This goes to the heart of the fundamental point: American bullets don’t really threaten al-Qaeda. For every terrorist killed, more will rise up to take his or her place. What really threatens al-Qaeda are the rapid changes taking place across the Middle East. From Tunisia to Egypt to Syria, average citizens are calling for civil rights, representative democracy and greater economic openness. They are rejecting the oppression and stagnation of the status quo in favor of a world that looks much more like the West. “Men die, symbols don’t. In death, bin Laden’s death misses a larger point: Osama bin Laden’s true legacy will be the utter rejection of his philosophy by the people he sought to turn against the West. It is now clear that bin Laden himself has lost. However, it is far from clear that the West has won. Frustrated protesters across the Middle East may not be so moderate in the future if they have to endure another generation of broken promises. The U.S., in conjunction with her allies and the international community, must ensure the power to prevent this. How appropriate would it be if the U.S. announced a major aid program to countries seeking freedom in the same year that bin Laden was killed? Americans do not like fighting wars in the Middle East. Nevertheless, we will find that more wars and interventions are the only way to protect our interests unless we have the collective will to invest the resources necessary to make the region forever inhospitable to al-Qaeda.

Call to holiness

When I heard that bin Laden had been killed, I took to my friend’s vuvuzela and I am not ashamed. While I myself did not lose any friends or family on 9/11, my father lost 343 brothers at the World Trade Center. As an assistant chief at my hometown fire department, my father trained in New York City and had many friends who lost their lives that day. It seemed as if he was driving to the city in his class A uniform every week to check on his example. He proclaimed a Springtime of New Evangelization in the Church and especially inspired young people to live lives of radical holiness. He embodied the joy of Christian life, but taught us also that this joy does not come without suffering.

Last week, I willingly gave up a night of sleep to watch a European event happen on live television. And no, it was not the Royal Wedding. Instead, very early on Sunday morning, I saw Pope John Paul II die. It was a beautiful and moving ceremony. St. Peter’s Square and the surrounding streets of Rome were filled with people there to rejoice with the Church and witness this step of the formal declaration of John Paul II’s holiness. Many of those people had probably seen John Paul sometime while he was alive, too. I myself once saw the back of his head as he drove down the street in his Popemobile during a 1999 visit to St. Louis. As a member of the “JP II generation,” he was the only Pope I knew before. I remember the first time I saw Pope John Paul II in the flesh. I was young and up in the family’s attic when one of the henchmen was Idaho. This scared al-Qaida — not a single terrorist killed, but a clear message that America’s greatest enemies has been brought to the end he so justly deserved. To this end, I ask not that everyone agree with me, nor that such celebrations ease. I only ask before you bin Laden’s death as a reason to go out and party this week, or post your next Facebook status about the glorious U.S. victory over terror, ask yourself why you are celebrating. The death of one man does not bring back the victims of terrorist attacks, nor does it signal an end to the threat of terrorism. Perhaps then, this occasion ought to serve not as a celebration of an American triumph, but as a solemn remembrance of lives lost as we struggle even more to move on from the tragic events of the last decade.

Erik Helgesen  junior  St. Edward’s Hall  May 2
However, when we inevitably meld our study environment and the imminent summer break.

The Humor Artists have titled their show “Quatro de Mayo — A SalsHA themed Night of Comedy.” “It’s about awareness. Everyone knows about the holiday Cinco de Mayo, but nobody knows about Quatro de Mayo. That’s what this show really is about,” co-president Brian Rogers said.

The show will not only feature more than a dozen improvisation games, many of which have appeared on the popular television show “Whose Line is it Anyway?” but also four sketches written by J.P. Zivalich and group secretary Alex Vantournout.

The sketches for this show are titled: “The Ballad of High Pitched Willy,” “the story of a man whose voice never changed,” “Were they Drunk?” a game show, “The Big Dance,” which is reminiscent of a junior high dance (or Domerfest) and “What about Rob?” a sketch in which people speculate why a friend is late, giving ridiculous possible explanations.

The show will be the last performance for several seniors, including Mike McDonnell, Kate Hunger, Kaitlyn Conway, Stephen Mattingly and Will Seath — a seven-year member of the group. “The seniors have been great assets to the group this year and deserve to end with the best improv comedy show this campus has ever seen,” Rodgers said, “That is, until I’m a senior.”

The longer skirt will billow about you and high fashionistas, has been well hypothesized by our Parisian counterparts. Moreover, fret not about the wind. The longer skirt will billow about you producing a most romantic vision of carefree existence.

Color-wise, choosing from a darker palette will deflate any worries about grass stains and such. Of course, if you want to be noticed, brights are enticing against a spring green backdrop. The top of the sundress can be anything from halter to spaghetti strap to bandeau — choose what flatters you most. Flats are of course the most practical shoe with which to pair it, although a high sandal can also give an overall statuesque impression. Material should ideally be soft cotton. Old Navy currently offers a lovely bright yellow variety for $29.50. Dilemma, I vanquish you, in the name of summer style.
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By MARIA FERNANDEZ
Scene Writer

Name: Shelby Grubbs
Spotted: Lewis Hall

As I was walking to the Lewis Hall Party Room for one of the last dorm activities of the year, I saw Shelby wearing this really cute and stylish outfit. Her dark skinny jeans look great with her ruffled and colorful floral-printed blouse and white short-sleeved cardigan. Her brown flip-flops, big round watch and assortment of bracelets add to and complete her fashionable ensemble. Shelby definitely knows how to mix and match prints and solid pieces, creating the perfect end-of-the-school-year spring look.

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Indians’ Choo arrested for DUI, remains in starting lineup

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Indians outfielder Shin-Soo Choo was arrested on Monday on suspicion of drunken driving after a breathalyzer test showed he had a blood-alcohol level of .04 — more than double Ohio’s legal limit of .08.

Choo, the sixth major league player to be cited on a drunken driving charge this year, was arrested by police in Sheffield Lake, Ohio, after he failed a field sobriety test. An officer following Choo on Tuesday apologized to the catcher’s white Cadillac SUV said he smelled of “an alcoholic beverage” and he was unable to complete a sobriety test.

Choo’s eyes were bloodshot and he smelled of “an alcoholic beverage,” police said, and he was ordered out of the SUV.

Choo was unable to complete a heel-toe walking test, losing his balance and he failed two other tests, the report said. He was taken to the police station and was given the breath test. The test showed he had a blood-alcohol level of 0.04, or .04 percent.

He’s been everything you could ask for,” coach Tom Thibodeau said. “He’s been a leader, a player. He’s only going to get better.”

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Irish have eyes set on NCAA Final Four spot

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

Coming into the season, No. 20 Notre Dame was in position to win the Big East championship and, like last season, make a run at the Final Four and a possible national championship. After this weekend’s title win, the Irish are halfway there.

With a 5-2 victory over South Florida in the Big East championship match Sunday afternoon at the Courtney Tennis Center, the Irish captured their fourth straight conference championship. Tuesday, they earned a berth in the NCAA championships in Palo Alto, Calif.

“We are really excited for the season as a whole,” Irish junior Shannon Mathews said. “Coming off the Big East tournament we are really happy with our doubles performance.

Directly in their path to the semifinals is the team that ended their dreams of winning the national title last season. No. 1 Stanford is undefeated and the odds-on favorite to take it all. If the Irish want to make it as far as they did last season, they will have to knock off the Cardinal on their way.

Their task begins against Fresno State.

“We know that Fresno State is going to be a tough first round match for us,” Mathews said. “We hope we have the opportunity to get some revenge on Northwestern who beat us.”

The Bulldogs are 11-3 coming into the tournament, but play in the perennially brutal Pac-10 conference.

“We are excited to play Fresno State in the first round,” Irish sophomore Chrissie McGaffigan said. “They are a very strong team, especially in doubles. Fresno State is also in our bracket and are both tough.”

Although Notre Dame’s season has gone according to plan so far — a solid regular season, a Big East title and an NCAA tournament berth — the Irish have not been without their fair share of adversity this season.

In the heart of its regular season schedule, Notre Dame dropped three straight to Baylor, USF and Duke. The Irish could have collapsed and let their season slip through their hands. Instead, Notre Dame battled back and ended the season with five straight wins, seeking vengeance against the Bulls Sunday to take the conference crown.

“We are continuing to work hard on things the coaches want us to focus on,” Mathews said. “We are playing stronger with every match and are peaking at just the right time.”

A strong corps of veterans including juniors Kristy Frilling and Mathews and seniors Kristen Rafael have led the Irish all season. Frilling, the No. 4 singles player in the country, played the entire season at No. 2 singles and did not disappoint. She went 26-5 overall this season and has 84 career victories. Mathews, named the Big East tournament Most Outstanding Player, is similarly strong in her spot at No. 2 singles, going 5-1 in conference play. Mathews has also won her last five starts. Rafael, the senior lone on the squad, went 11-9 in the duals season, earned 67 career victories and won her last six decisions.

With an unusually high number of freshmen on the team, veteran leadership has been a key to Notre Dame’s success.

Yet that does not mean freshmen have not contributed as well. Jennifer Kellner has excelled in her first season with the Irish, going 24-5 overall, as she spent most of the season at No. 3 singles.

Doubles has also been a strong point for the balanced Irish squad this season. Overall, the Irish were 64-35 in doubles. Mathews said going into the singles portion with a lead is always positive.

“We hope to continue to build on this momentum in doubles as well as the competitive nature we all demonstrated in our singles play,” Mathews said.

With 64 teams in the NCAA championship bracket, the task can seem daunting. But ultimately it comes down to being the better team on any given day, Mathews said.

“We just want to take the NCAA’s one match at a time,” she said. “There are many strong teams in the draw, but we are peaking at the right time.”

The NCAA championships get underway May 13 and run until the national championship in Palo Alto, Calif., on May 24. Notre Dame’s first matchup is against Fresno State May 13 in Evanston, Ill.

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Irish dominate Valpo, will host Pittsburgh in doubleheader

By KELSEY MANNING
Sports Writer

With consistent pitching that kept eight Crusaders stranded on base and an explosive offensive effort kicked off by an early two-run home run by junior Dani Miller, Notre Dame dismantled in-state rival Valparaiso by a count of 10-2 in six innings yesterday.

The game showcased the two elements of the game No. 21 Notre Dame (39-8, 14-1 Big East) has improved upon this season, junior outfielder Alexa Maldonado said.

“Our biggest change [from the beginning of the season] is getting key hits when they are needed,” Maldonado said. “In the beginning of the season we were leaving a lot of runners in scoring position stranded on base. Now we are getting key hits from every spot in the lineup.”

Miller’s first-inning homer was her fourth in as many career contests against the Crusaders, a series in which Notre Dame has now claimed two straight, two innings of scoreless relief by sophomore pitcher Brittany Laura Winter and cut the lead in half, two innings of scoreless relief by sophomore pitcher Brittany Laura Winter and cut the lead in half, two innings of scoreless relief by sophomore pitcher Brittany Laura Winter and cut the lead in half.

Tonight the Irish face Big East opponent Pittsburgh in a home doubleheader in Melissa Cook Stadium. The game will be televised on ESPNU, and Maldonado said the team is ready to show how far they have come.

“We look forward to our TV games every year,” she said.

“It’s so exciting because it’s like being famous. We are definitely extra motivated to win because a lot of people are watching us. We don’t want to embarrass ourselves. We will definitely playing our best softball.”

As the Irish try to hold on to their top spot in the Big East as the season winds down, closer Maldonado said the main obstacle will be mental toughness. “The most difficult thing to deal with is staying relaxed and not getting frustrated,” Maldonado said. “The better competition we play, the bigger the challenge. Even if beating these teams is more difficult, we need to stay calm and continue to focus on getting the job done.”

This will be especially crucial as the squad wraps up regular season play this weekend with a series at Connecticut. “The biggest challenge that we will definitely have this weekend will be being able to take them lightly,” Maldonado said. “However, we can’t afford to do that. As long as we don’t play down to their level, we will beat them. They’re the kind of team that if we let them stay in the game they will keep fighting. We just need to put them away early.”

The Irish will attempt to build on an eight game win streak as they take on Pittsburgh this evening at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Melissa Cook Stadium. Coverage will begin at 4 p.m. on ESPNU.

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SMC GOLF

Belles prepared for NCAAs

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

After a dramatic come-from-behind victory at the Mona Quailifier last weekend, the No. 12 Belles will have a chance to prove themselves against the best field in the country at the NCAA Division III championships.

Last year, Saint Mary’s sat needed to has allowed us to build our self-confidence. We were able to perform well under pressure which is quite uncommon when playing at home, we have some young players. I definitely feel like we’re in the game and they will keep fighting. We just need to put them away early.

Though while they have had some ups and downs, the atmosphere of the national championship will be unlike any other tournament Saint Mary’s has played this year. With so much riding on each shot, keeping our emotions in check may be more important than keeping the ball in the fairway.

“We have worked very hard this season to prepare ourselves for the tournament. I am very excited for the day to come,” Boyce said. “I am very excited for the day to come.”

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Despite the pressure and expectations, Boyce remains positive and excited, and said she cannot wait to take to the course for her last collegiate tournament.

“I am very excited for the tournament because this is the icing on the cake,” she said. “We’ve made it this far, now all we can do is our best. We hope to be bringing our teammates back a massive trophy. We hope to be bringing our teammates back a massive trophy. The best round of the NCAA Division III championships will begin Tuesday in Rowley, Illinois. The tournament action will continue all week, concluding with the final round on Friday.

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Erika Wick
Alejandra Astorga

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Melissa Cossell
Anne Witt
Joseph J. Sass

POLITICAL ACTIVISM AND INTERVENTION - Room 120
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RECLAIMING CULTURE/PRESERVING HERITAGE – Room 125
Elise Geszczak
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Fernando Rodriguez-Anton
Sunil Agarwal
Waylon Chen
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Christy Le
Peter Kundert
Paul Baranay
Timothy Spear

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY - Jordan 101
Ryan Dwyer
Luke Semrau
Eric Bolte
Elizabeth Bajema, Amelia McCann, and Meghann Moutadire
Richard Connell
James Rudloff

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Santina Consiglio
Frederick Jung
Justin Browne

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Melissa Truitt
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See you Friday at the Undergrad Scholars Conference/COS-JAM
Tough schedule awaiting Irish

By MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

For coach Bobby Bayliss and the Irish tennis team, a bid in the NCAA tournament has become an annual occurrence, as the team was named to the 64-team field yesterday for the 20th time in 21 years. Despite falling to Louisville in the Big East tournament finale Sunday, the team’s body of work impressed the selection committee enough to warrant a bid.

However, if the Irish (17-11) look to advance out of the tournament’s first weekend for the first time since 2007, they will have to overcome a tough tandem of opponents.

In the first round on either May 13 or 14 in Columbus, Ohio, Notre Dame will face East Tennessee State. If the Irish earn a victory in that match, they will likely take on the Big Ten champion, No. 4 Ohio State (30-2), barring a first round upset by Ball State (15-10-3)

East Tennessee State (17-6), the Atlantic Sun champion, will look to repeat their 2008 opening round 4-2 defeat of the Irish, which also occurred in Columbus.

The teams did not meet at any point during this season, and their only common opponent was Big East champion Louisville. Both squads lost to the Cardinals, although the Buccaneers were shutout 7-0, winning only the No. 2 doubles match. Meanwhile, the Irish fell to Louisville twice in a span of eight days by margins of 4-3 and 4-2.

In No. 1 singles, Notre Dame junior Casey Watt will likely face East Tennessee State senior Grega Teraz. Watt has served as Notre Dame’s No. 1 singles player the past two seasons and compiled a 17-20 record this season, with 14 match wins against nationally-ranked opponents. Teraz, meanwhile, was inserted into the No. 1 singles position toward the end of the season, going 6-2 in that role.

Team depth in No. 3 through No. 6 singles has been a big strength for the Irish this season. The Irish hold at least a .640 winning percentage in each of those categories, including a 20-5 mark in No. 6 singles.

If Notre Dame gets past East Tennessee State, they will likely face Ohio State for the right to travel to Columbus for the round of 16.

ND Women’s Golf

Lady Irish host tournament

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

The Irish will look to add more success to their season as they host 30 teams for the NCAA Central Regional Championship tournament starting tomorrow.

The Irish, who enjoyed both team and individual successes this season, Irish coach Susan Holt was named the Big East Coach of the Year, and junior Becca Huffer, senior So-Hyun Park and freshmen Nicole Zhang and Kristina Nhim were each named to the All-Big East team.

Notre Dame is also coming off arguably its best performance of the season and looks to carry this momentum into the tournament. The Irish placed first as a team at the Big East Championships, with three of the five Irish contenders placing in the top-10 individually.

Nhim led the way, placing third, while Huffer placed fourth and Park finished seventh. Senior captain Katie Conway, who finished 11th, said she was thrilled with her team’s performance at the championships.

“The team is really excited about our win at Big East,” Conway said. “Having Coach Holt named the Big East Coach of the Year and four of my teammates named to the All-Conference team is a great honor for our program.”

The Irish are also very happy to play at home for the regional championship.

Conway said, “Our golf course is in great shape and we are excited about playing at home,” she said. “While our ninth seed puts us outside the projected eight teams that will move on to finals, historically all top eight teams rarely make it and we are confident that we will be one of the eight teams moving onto finals from our region.”

The team as a whole is very determined to finish the season on a high note and complete what they set out to accomplish.

“Our goal is to get [to the finals] for the first time in program history,” Conway said. “And this year is the best chance we’ve ever had.”

Notre Dame is set to tee off Thursday morning at the Warren Golf Course.

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MLB

Liriano pitches no-no; Twins win

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Francisco Liriano was running low on energy in the ninth inning. A no-hitter within reach but his pitch count climbing, he relied on teammates to help him complete the best game of his career.

When shortstop Matt Tolbert grabbed Adam Dunn’s liner for the final out, completing the Minnesota Twins’ 1-0 win over the Chicago White Sox, Liriano was mobbed on the mound.

“To be honest I was running out of gas,” he said. “I just thank my teammates that they made some great plays behind me tonight.”

Liriano (2-4) walked six and struck out two in his first complete game in 95 major league starts. The 27-year-old left-hander, who reached the big leagues in 2005, matched his career high with 123 pitches.

“I can’t explain it. I feel so nervous and so happy right now,” Liriano said. “I can’t explain my feeling right now.”

He survived a rocky ninth inning that began when Brent Morel grounded to shortstop and Matt Tolbert made a one-hop throw that first baseman Justin Morneau scooped. Juan Pierre walked and Alexei Ramirez popped to shortstop. Liriano fell behind Adam Dunn 3-0 in the count, then got a pair of strikes. After a foul ball, Dunn lined out to Tolbert.

“I thought it was a base hit,” Liriano said. “When I saw him catch it I was so excited.”

Dunn dropped to 0 for 16 against left-handers this season.

“As soon as I hit it, I saw him, and it was right to him,” Dunn said. “That’s pretty much the story of the day. There were some balls that, again, they made some great defensive plays.”

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Notre Dame (16-22-1, 7-10 Big East) failed to capitalize on a solid pitching performance from sophomore right-hander Adam Norton, who tossed six innings, striking out seven. The Irish did manage to score one run and allowed only one earned run. Fitzgeral yielded the long ball to Czark, who notched his team-leading sixth home run of the season.

While Aoki gave credit to Michigan starter Matt Broder for shutting the Irish offense, he added that Norton pitched just as well.

"Broder did a good job," Aoki said. "I think he pitched the best game that he's pitched all-year long against us. Certainly give him some credit. [Norton] did a really good job in a couple situations where he was able to prevent Michigan from scoring. They made one more play than we did."

The Irish squandered an excellent scoring chance in the top of the half of the seventh when freshman first baseman Trey Mancini led off the inning with a double. However, he was picked off at second base by Michigan catcher Cole Martin after straying too far off the bag in a sacrifice bunt attempt.

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to playing our best lacrosse," Corrigan said. "I don't think we lost any confidence. I think we are more acutely aware of what it takes to beat the very best teams. Every time [you play], I think you should learn a little something more about yourselves, if nothing else, so I think we have, and I think we'll be better prepared to play Friday night because of our experience in the dome last Saturday."

The Irish took all they could from the game against the Orange and have shifted their focus to the immediate future.

"We know that we have to play our best to win every game — no one is invincible at this level," sophomore attack Ryan Foley said. "We've broken the game down, pointed out our mistakes and hopefully we can bring improvement to those areas this week in practice. It's all about UNC now."

Heading into the game against the Tar Heels (9-5, 1-2 ACC), Notre Dame must prepare to match up with a talented North Carolina team. The Notre Dame defense, which dropped to second nationally with 6.36 goals allowed per game after surrendering a season high 11 scores to the Orange, will be called on to slow North Carolina's prolific offense.

"This week presents an opportunity to play a very hungry UNC team, and get back to playing the way we know we can," Foley said.

Though the Irish are focused on preparing to meet the Tar Heels in the primetime matchup, Syracuse were to stifle an unranked St. John's (4-9, 2-3 BIG East) Saturday, the Irish could find themselves with a share of the BIG East title.

"We're just focused on getting ourselves prepared for North Carolina," Corrigan said. "Any of the rest of that is out of our control. The only thing we can do is to prepare ourselves to be at our best this Friday at North Carolina."

Aoki's squad takes on the No. 2 seed Syracuse (10-7, 7-1) on Friday at 8:00 p.m. in Arlotta Stadium April 23 for its only victory over a ranked opponent this season. During the win, the Irish scored six unanswered goals in the first half and strung together four in the second half. Aoki said Thursday's contest will again depend on her team's effort, unlike last season.

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6 Voca for one __
10 At her locale __
14 Thompson and Watson __
15 Two eighth notes, for __
16 Empt, in math __
17 Cause to cower __
18 Oster fare __
19 Understand, stingly __
20 What a wriggle may indicate __
22 Foreman, a portrait on __
23 Teperatur, keycard format __
26 Ball's uncolung, in __
28 Use one's scull __
29 "Like a baby girl's head?" __
34 Bag brand __

Down
1 "And that proves it" __
2 Thum in "Pulp Fiction" __
3 Creature on Australia's 50-cent __
4 Not so off the wall __
5 Feature of some sandles __
6 Happy people dance to __
7 Color of raw silk __
8 Humorous __
9 Still being tested __
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11 Newspapers need by royalty __
12 Not stay in the house __
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16 Care to a lot __
18 Strong, in broken __

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Tuesday Variety Show

LAURA McGINN

Horoscope

Celebrities born on this day:

Happy Birthday: The lady or boy who is peeking forward, the person whose objectives will become. Royalty will yield you luck and flexibility will be your secret grace. Finding common ground and communicating art will be the route to more open paths. Ringing true will be allowed to manifest with productivity. Your numbers are 7, 21, 25, 29, 33, 37.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
If you are a young and ambitious upstart then the powers above will bless you and be on your side. Be careful not to be overwhelmed by the power of the stars. 

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Concentrate on what’s important, whether it’s getting your hands dirty or getting away from it just as much as you can. It is not a helpful time to be a budgeter or put your money into a stock, safe, long-term investment. Added discipline will lead to bigger success in the future.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
If you are a person, you will take advantage of your resources. Remembering your inner-energized and forward-moving is important. A partnership will fall apart unexpectedly. Keep open mind but don’t go down a path that will not yield you. 

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Hard work will get off of you if you stick it out. Keep your head. You will make money but it will be the focus of your life. 

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Adverse change or switching your philosophy will give you a hand and allow you to more people who will lead you in the same way you do. You will be stronger in the future. Keep your money in the best place you have for the near future. 

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Take care of your legal and health issues now. The less you have to worry about the better. You will have to talk to other people about how you feel. 

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
A new partnership will tear you good fortune and motivation and inspire your creativity. Direct conversations will bring the best words. A change of plans will come to be a blessing.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Adventures, movement and physical challenge will transform your success and situation. Making changes to your current relationship will lead to success. 

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Stick close to home and make any of personal matters a priority. Don’t let friends or neighbors push you into anything you don’t want to do. Travel plans and communication will not go smoothly. 

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Stick to the people you know and keep a change in the way you do things when you may have your limits. Follow opportunities to do new things not easy to be in charge of. 

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
You will figure others with your insight and empathy. However, you have done business with the past will be a favor to have a safe that has help you around and be ready to move. It is you who should be doing the peeking.

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To the Class of 2011, I wish to report on the occasion that will guide you on your journey through this, neither than I guided me from Whisley to the CCA, to the Department of Defense...

TUESDAY VARIETY SHOW

LAURA McGINN

Jeff Knurek

Mike Argirion

Jumble

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

How do we get out of town?

Miche

Zydz

Mambel

Agnam

Anagram

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

Yesterday’s Jumbles: MOOSE SHEAF FONDIY AUHST

Answer: What she did when the repairman got dirt on her carpet — TOLD HIM “OFF”

Answer here:

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**BASEBALL**

**Bats quiet in close defeat**

By CHRIS MASOUD

Michigan left fielder Coley Crank lived up to his namesake Tuesday, belting a solo home run in the bottom of the eighth inning to give Michigan a 2-1 victory over Notre Dame. 

The narrow margin of victory marks the second time in two years Notre Dame has fallen to the Wolverines on the road by one run. 

"Certainly we had a couple of opportunities we weren’t able to take advantage of," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "The Wolverines had some moments, but we also had some too." 

Irish junior infielder Tommy Chase tries to avoid the tag against Seton Hall April 28. Notre Dame fell 2-1 to the Pirates.

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**MEN’S LACROSSE**

**Carolina in my mind**

By JOSEPH MONARDO

Its two-week reign atop the NCAA men’s lacrosse world came to an end Monday, but No. 3/4 Notre Dame has an opportunity to regain its momentum, and perhaps a spot or two in the rankings, with a win over No. 12/12 North Carolina in the regular season finale Friday.

Less than a week after suffering their first loss at the hands of now top-ranked Syracuse (13-1, 3-0 Big East), the Irish (10-1, 1-1) will face a challenge again when they travel to the Carolinas.

Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said the loss to the Orange disappointing, provided the Irish an opportunity to gain experience against one of the country’s best, and could begin to pay dividends for the Irish immediately.

“I think our guys are motivated to get back to work and to get back there tomorrow,” Corrigan said. "Our goal is to make the NCAA Tournament. I think the Big East is up for grabs. We know that we can compete with the best teams in the country if we can get everything right."

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**WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

**Irish take on Hoyas at Big East**

By CORY BERNARD

Though their chances appeared slim early in the season, the Irish will make their fifth straight appearance in the Big East tournament Thursday. The game in Washington, D.C. pits unranked, fourth-seeded Notre Dame (9-8, 6-2 Big East) against No. 16, first-seeded Georgetown (9-7, 7-1). 

Notre Dame’s victories in the last three games came at the right time, as the team’s only winning streak of the season gave it the necessary momentum to prepare for tournament. Irish coach Tracy Coyne said her team has realized the difficulty of winning.

“We learned how to win, how to finish games,” she said. “We had to realize that everything doesn’t always go your way in the season.”

Notre Dame defeated the Hoyas 10-6 in the regular season finale April 28. Notre Dame fell 2-1 to the Pirates.

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**BOXING**

**ND grad Mike Lee readies for bout in ‘Friday Night Fights’**

By KELSEY MANNING

When 2009 Notre Dame graduate and professional boxer Mike Lee called world-renowned trainer Ronnie Shields with the hopes of getting Shields in his corner, he was asked when he could come down to Texas for a tryout. Lee responded in a fashion indicative of his entire boxing career.

“Tomorrow,” he said. “I’ll be there tomorrow.”

Lee attributes this mentality in part to his time at Notre Dame competing in Bengal Bouts.

“When I started to fight outside the gym, it was more of a ‘money fight’ mentality,” he said. “I realized that if I’m going to make a living, I have to work harder than the other guy.”

Lee said that the opportunity to turn professional came when Shields mentioned the possibility of reaching out to Lee's former trainer, Mike Tyson.

Lee has worked with the likes of world champion Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield — but has catapulted the 23-year-old southpaw to national prominence.

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**S T R A T E G Y**

**Notre Dame looking to improve outdoors**

By JOE WIRTH

The Irish hope to avenge the men’s second place and women’s eighth place finishes in the Big East indoors earlier this year by taking the outdoor title this weekend at Villanova.

The men came up five points short in the indoors and hope they can make the difference up with the hard work they put in during the outdoor season.

“Our team goal is to just simply win. We got second in the indoor by less than six points, so we are going to give our best to get those extra points,” freshman Patrick Feeney said.

Feeney, who is coming off a 10th place finish at the 4x400 relay at the Drake Relays last weekend, said he may be a freshman, but that does not diminish his expectations heading into the races.

"For the 4x100 there is a lot of competition. We are looking to place in the top three, but definitely going for the win. My goal for the 400 relay is to win. I know there is great competition, but that’s where my best races come," Feeney said.

“Our 4x400 is very close to the top times and I think it’s going to be close between about four or five teams, but with good splits all around we are going to give our best to win.”

Despite being a freshman,