Project to tackle vulnerability

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

The seventh annual Edith Stein Project will focus on vulnerability in relationships of every type, conference co-chair junior Margaret Kennedy said. “The theme is ‘Encountering Vulnerability: Courage, Hope and Trust in the 21st Century,’” she said. “We chose to focus on vulnerability this year because we often see it in a negative connotation and run away from it. But we also have a positive necessity of vulnerability in relationships.”

Co-chair senior Rebecca Roden said 29 speakers will lecture on the many aspects of vulnerability in daily life. “We thought vulnerability would be a good theme because there is a lot of variation in interpretation and a lot of different ways to go,” Roden said.

Conference to address human development

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Students and faculty from around the world will gather at Notre Dame this weekend for the fourth annual Human Development Conference.

The conference, sponsored by the Ford Family Program and Kellogg Institute, will cover everything from the environmental impact of development to information technology.

Publicist Abbie Naas said the conference engages students and faculty in an inter-disciplinary session of panels and contests.

“The cool thing about the conference is that it encompasses pretty much every discipline and that is why we encourage students to come,” she said. “It makes you see how whatever you are doing can have a contribution to development.”

Naas said this year’s theme, “Faces Behind the Figures: Visions of Prosperity, Progress and Human Potential” was inspired by the poem “Those Little Numbers and People” by Eduardo Galeano. The poem explores how statistical indicators of poverty and development reveal deeper meaning in individual lives, she said.

“With this idea, we as a conference are focusing on human-centric development and everyday experiences of the individuals being represented by [statistical] figures,” she said. “We want to...
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By KEELIN MCGEE

Saint Mary’s students and parents will get to learn about each other’s strengths at the third annual StrengthsQuest workshop tomorrow as part of Sophomore Parent’s Weekend.

The workshop, hosted by Saint Mary’s Cross Currents program, is based on positive psychology techniques developed by the Gallup Organization.

Stacie Jeffirs, director of the Career Crossings Office (CCO), said the workshop is an enjoyable way for parents and their daughters to discover more about one another.

“We have different activities that they go through such as assessing their own strengths and then sharing their results with their families,” Jeffirs said. “We then have a scavenger hunt where participants look for others with the same strengths as theirs and then learn how others use those similar strengths.”

Jeffirs said 34 possible strengths exist and range from “achiever” to “strategic.” The strengths are combinations of a participant’s talent, knowledge and skills. “You go through a series of questions and pick words or phrases that best describe you,” Jeffirs said. “At the end, you are then given your top five strengths with descriptions and activities to help validate and better understand your results.”

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SMC workshop to explore strengths

Saint Mary’s Sophomore Parents Weekend

StrengthsQuest Workshop

- conference rooms O, E & F in the lower level of the Student Center
- 34 possible strengths
- workshop identifies top 5 strengths for each participant
- daughter/parent event

By NICOLE MICHELS

Club connects students to alumni on Wall Street

The Notre Dame Wall Street Club held an information session Thursday evening to introduce freshmen and sophomores to the club and make the path to Wall Street a little bit easier.

Four senior leaders, Greg Bennett, Anne Lenzi, Tom McMackin and Chris Masoud, who is also one of The Observer’s Assistant Managing Editors, led the event.

The event gave students a broad introduction to the activities of the Wall Street Club and demonstrated how the club can facilitate acceptance into a position on the Street.

Caitlin Lynch, a 2011 graduate, employee at J.P. Morgan and Wall Street Club founder, said the club helps Notre Dame students succeed by giving them skills beyond those taught in class.

“What we were trying to do was to create a platform of support to help students get jobs in sales and trading and investment banking,” Lynch said. “We wanted to provide a network of guidance and support as they traveled through the recruitment process.”

The club was started by seniors last year and just recently gained official recognition from the Student Activities Office. Lenzi said this year’s leaders plan to focus on reaching all students, not just upperclassmen searching for internships.

“We want to reach out to freshmen and sophomores more,” Lenzi said. “We want to let them know what is available to them earlier.”

Notre Dame Vice President and Chief Investment Officer Scott Malpass helped forge an important connection into a position on the Street for a long time, but because [Notre Dame] is not located on the East Coast, it’s not as natural of a pull,” Malpass said. “But that’s changed; our students are now more aware of the opportunities available and how to seek them.”

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“My Ourths
Full Of Song
Like The Sea”
“Mother of the Huddle” Helen Hiatt restocks the napkins in the LaFortune Student Center on Thursday.

“I like to be around people and I like my work.”

Helen Hiatt
“Mother of the Huddle”

Hiatt, who is legally blind, said she hoped to continue working at the Huddle for as possible. She works most weekdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. stocking condiments and keeping the facilities clean. Hiatt said she would be 90 years old in June, but still loves to work.

“This October, I’ll be here 45 years, if I make it that long, and I started on my 45th birthday,” Hiatt said. “I like the people and I enjoy my work and the bosses have been really nice to me. I don’t think I could have found anything any nicer and I enjoy coming in every day.”

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ademic excellence, Notre Dame emphasizes personal qualities in an applicant, including intellec-
tural curiosity, creativity, critical thinking and leadership. “We are not going to become more generic in our selection process to get higher ranked,” he said. “Something interesting is the more we stay Notre Dame at the core, the more successful well be at raising the profile of the class.”

Bishop said he wishes students and their parents viewed college rankings the same way Notre Dame Admissions views standardized test scores in the context of other qualities.

“A lot of the values that the U.S. News & World Report or other ranking organi-
izations ... are the same as yours, as a consumer?” Bishop said. “I would suggest ... your rankings might put more emphasis on cer-
tain things.”

He said students’ overseer of rankings to determine whether a college is a match shows a lack of sophistication.

“There’s a certain sort of dis-
 ease in this of, ‘No matter what I have, it’s not as good as what I want to have.’” Bishop said. “People have lost their sense of perspective.”

Those numbers should instead be used to help students identify a neighborhood of colleges to look into, Bishop added.

“Whether somebody is ranked sixth or third or tenth or fifteen, that really should be the value,” he said. “Do your due diligence of other fact-finding.”

Bishop said Notre Dame’s rank-
ing is number 19 in the 2012 U.S. News & World Report’s list of best national universities does keep the quality of applicants consis-
tesures the public that Notre Dame is a top choice, he said.

He said the University has ex-
pecially benefited from the Men-
dez College of Business’s num-
ber one ranking by Bloomberg Businessweek.

“We have seen a dispropor-
tionate raise in applications over the last couple years because of that number one ranking,” Bishop said. “If you look at the graduation rate we’re in the top three, if you look at the percentage of alumni giving we’re in the top three, if you look at the number of internships for na-
tional private research universi-
 ties we’re tenth ... So actually top 20 is a lower rank than what our reality is, depending on what you value.”

Over the next few admissions cycles, Bishop said, Notre Dame will be focused more on people.

“But we are really excited to have this 

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human development as pos-
sible.

“I have no choice but to think con-
sciously, to do more. I have an in-

said.

Max Wexler, a co-founder of Not For Sale, will deliver the keynote address of the conference. Naus said. Not For Sale is a movement to end modern day slavery.

“Before starting Not For Sale, he worked with street children in South Africa and we are really excited to have him speak,” she said.

Naus said the participation of these people, along with the diverse group of students and faculty, supports the conference’s goal of raising as much awareness about human development as possible.

“All on the committee share a passion for develop-
ment and we want to share that passion with the campus in general and the confer-
ence presenters,” she said.

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and 60 other universities and colleges, she said. “I heard about [CAP] through another person who really en-
joyed working with the program,” she said. “My students have been involved with it in some shape or form almost every semester I’ve been here.”

Smith-Oka said students dis-
cussed a different anthropologi-
cal question related to research and ethics each semester. Last semester’s topic covered the role of the Institutional Review Board in the research process, she said.

Smith-Oka said CAP provides her undergraduate students with an outlet for critical thinking and a pathway into the world of anthrop-
ology by requiring them to write pieces about the issues pre-
sented in the project.

“I like the fact that [CAP] is ap-
plied. It gets students involved in real-world issues outside the classroom,” she said. “The proj-
ect changes every semester to make students feel that they’re involved in something larger than themselves.”

Past students have examined a wide range of debates, including the controversy involving anthropological rights to the material remains of an indigenous group in the Amazon, Smith-Oka said.

CAP now focuses more on large-scale ethical issues within research procedures, she said, and this broader scope of discus-
sion enhances the anthropologi-
cal learning process for her stu-
dents.

Smith-Oka said her Notre Dame students share their work with students from around the country, so the peer review pro-
cess functions on both a local and national level.

“[CAP] is essentially a self-sustaining project because students grade each other’s work and par-
ticipate in blind peer reviews,” she said. “I find it’s a good learning process to learn through peer review and evaluation.”

Though Smith-Oka is actively involved in CAP, her day-to-day work on campus relates to re-
search on the way large-scale health policies and institutions shape reproduction and mother-
hood for low-income women, es-
pecially those in Mexico.

Since she became a faculty member at Notre Dame, Smith-
Oka said the University has sup-
ported her goals as both a teach-
er and an anthropologist.

“Notre Dame has helped sup-
port me at all levels, from grants to teaching and mentorship to infrastructure, and they’ve al-
ways been supportive of the more engaged or applied side of my teaching,” she said. “This award validates the teaching approach I have in general.”

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show that development can be focused more on people.”

Conferences include traditional panels as well as a photo contest. Naus said Students submitted photos focused on the different as-
pects of development, Naus said.

“The categories for the photo contest are ‘faces of development’ and ‘family away from home,’” Naus said.

Photographer Johann Rousselet will serve as judge for the photo contest. Naus said Rousselet’s work con-
veys the inequities that exist in human rights.

“Some of his latest work includes his contribution to the Dignité Project published by Amnesty International and Oeil Public in 2010,” she said.

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As Notre Dame’s election season gradually makes its way through every pore of student government, students will head to the polls to determine next year’s leadership. Like Wednesday’s election of future student body president and vice president Brett Rocheleau and Katie Rose, the ballot will be simple — no special referendums, no initiatives and no propositions.

Why should it be any different? As a student body led by a representative government, we trust our elected leaders to make decisions that speak for the entire student community. We may not agree with all of them, but senators, class presidents and council representatives have been mandated to act with our best interests in mind.

On Wednesday, Student Senate discussed the formation of a gay-straight alliance (GSA) on campus, a conversation advocated of GLBTQ rights have repeatedly asked for. The conversation came a day after a federal appeals court overturned California’s voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage, arguing the ban discriminates against gays and lesbians.

Senators and administrators have considered extending Notre Dame’s current non-discrimination clause to include sexual orientation in the past, but the sides remain far apart. Through the Core Council for GLBTQ students, Notre Dame recognizes the need for a forum to address the concerns of gay and lesbian students, but it doesn’t go far enough.

A GSA on Notre Dame’s campus would give both gay and straight students an avenue to show solidarity without having to explicitly declare their sexuality. The Alliance would also participate in service opportunities with local high schools and fellow universities to prevent bullying.

The Student Activities Office has already said GSA was unnecessary because of the existence of Core Council. However, the Council only seats eight student members, the majority of which must be openly gay, lesbian or bisexual. That leaves three seats or less for straight students to lend their support, furthering the stereotype that straight students bring dye to the same conviction as the GLBTQ community for change.

Clearly that isn’t the case. Saturday, October 11, organized on campus in October 2011, was established on the premise that four out of five college-educated people believe with the ages of 18 and 30 in the United States currently support a general package of gay civil rights. The organization wants to bring that ratio to five out of five.

But the movement lacks the recognition to fully advertise its mission, the resources to program much-needed events and the clout to advance its widely-accepted goals.

A GSA could change that all. As an officially recognized club by the Student Activities Office, it would immediately mobilize support for its cause, beginning with open membership to all students, not just a student body, less restrictions on number and sexual orientation. Surely the voices and commitment of an entire organization of students will resonate louder than those of eight.

You’ve never seen an advertisement for a GLBTQ group in The Observer. No one has. As a public student-run organization not recognized by the University, a GSA could easily place an ad, extending its reach to the entire campus and exposing the community to its mission.

A GSA could fundraise, program campus-advertised events and, perhaps most importantly, receive a mailbox on the third floor of LaFortune, right next to every other University-recognized club. The movement for extended GLBTQ rights would finally have the same access to resources awarded to any other student organization.

This campus has leaders, from student-athletes, to exceptional intellectuals, to student government policy makers. They can inspire classmates to demand quarterly-priced hotdogs and advocate for men against violence. But they lack organization. The physics professor, the lab partner and the All-American sports athlete — they are the reason for the formation of a GSA would centralize the efforts of the entire campus for GLBTQ rights, raising the whispers to voices that couldn’t be ignored.

Rocheleau and Rose have been given a great gift: the opportunity to lead. In their platform, they have included a push for furthering the stereotype that straight students bring dye to the same conviction as the GLBTQ community for change.

We believe they can and they will, if students truly consider themselves one of the four out of five, they should show their support for this initiative.

Letter to the Editor

Calling all to the HDC

Dear Editor,

Why should engineering majors attend the 4th Annual Human Development Conference? Why should Biology majors, English majors or Graphic Design majors show up? Because all of you — scientists, writers, artists — are the reason for this event. You are presenting your research on the relationship between the spread of Emerging Infectious Diseases and freedom of the press. You are explaining your project to develop sustainable housing designs in an earthquake-ravaged Haiti. You are showing us how photography has the power to loosen the brutal grip of xenophobia in South Africa.

No matter what’s printed on our official transcripts, we are all students of international development. Experts in every discipline use their gifts to study life in developing nations and provide solutions for its many difficulties, from poverty to corruption to pollution. Whether “homework” means slaying a problem set or devouring the last 300 pages of Don Quixote, we share the same lifelong assignment: ensuring that everyone individual may enjoy a fulfilling, dignified existence.

This weekend, the HDC Committee invites you to attend the presentations of fellow undergraduates hailing from universities around the nation and world. This year’s conference theme, “Faces Behind the Figures,” reveals the individual stories that define life in developing nations. Through documentaries, photographs and lectures, presenters will delve into the truth that hides behind generalities and first impressions.

The 4th Annual Human Development Conference, sponsored by the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity and the Kellogg Institute and sponsored by SIT Study Abroad and the Center for Social Concerns, will take place on Feb. 10 to 11 at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 10, with panel sessions through the following evening. Please see http://inu.edu/hdc for a complete schedule of speakers and events.

We hope that you will join the conversation as we seek to understand and aid the developing world. Together, we possess the ability to see the human faces printed on the pages of our textbooks, to hear the hope echoing in quiet places where we least expect to find it.

Sincerely,

The 2012 HDC Committee

Kate Butow
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Feb. 8
Catholic "mandate" already exists

Gary Caruso

In doing so, Romney overriding the department’s finding that privately run hospitals do not have to provide contraception or abortions” after he had “previ- ously taken the position that the new law requirements were superseded by a 1972 law that provided privately owned hospitals with conscience exemptions for abortion and contraception ser- vices,” Daniel Avila, associate director of Public Policy for the Massachusetts Catholic Conference (MCC), said. “They’ve taken the position now that the preexisting statute somehow does not shield Catholic and other private hospitals from this new mandate.”

Maria Parker, then interim executive director of MCC, said unequivocally that the provision encouraged Catholic hos- pitals to do something other than what they already were practicing, which would cause them to go against their religious beliefs. “This is a serious interference with conscience and religion,” she said in a 2005 testimony before the state legisla- ture’s Joint Committee on Public Health. While Romney muddles the waters and skates around his “mandate” past, the legislature never rescinded the 1975 law. NARAL Massachusetts, a pre- abortion group, found in 2008 that “St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center in Brighton and Beth Israel-Deaconess Hospital in Boston told NARAL Pro-Choice researchers posing as rape counselors that they in fact refuse to offer emergency contra- ception, according to a NARAL report.”

The NABL report found that five out of nine Catholic hospitals in Boston “make emergency contraception readily available, compared to 95 percent of the 61 secular hospitals.”

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According to Boies, the issue is merely another component of labor law that applies universally to all employ- ers, like adhering to the minimum wage or safety standards.

Obama’s not the only one concerned this election year — GOP presidential front runner Mitt Romney reversed himself while Governor of Massachu- setts to create just such a mandate. On Dec. 16, 2005, the official newspaper of the Boston Archdiocese, the Boston Pi- lot, reported online that then Governor Romney instructed the state Depart- ment of Public Health that Catholic and other religious-affiliated hospitals to do something other than what they already were practicing, which would cause them to go against their religious beliefs. “This is a serious interference with conscience and religion,” she said in a 2005 testimony before the state legisla- ture’s Joint Committee on Public Health. While Romney muddles the waters and skates around his “mandate” past, the legislature never rescinded the 1975 law. NARAL Massachusetts, a pre-abortion group, found in 2008 that “St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center in Brighton and Beth Israel-Deaconess Hospital in Boston told NARAL Pro-Choice researchers posing as rape counselors that they in fact refuse to offer emergency contraception, according to a NARAL report.”

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Oh, Valentine’s Day. The holiday when everything is coming up roses, lovers are passionately embracing and romance is in the air.

Or, the day when you wear all black, celebrate your single fabulosity with multiple cosmopolitans and find yourself crashing a celebrity party to outrageously flirt with an actor who’s clearly the right vintage for you (a fashionista never tells).

What does this day even mean? Why are we so intent on validating our inner emotional life with outward tokens of affection from others? Why not instead personally celebrate the precious vulnerability inherent in the courage to take those emotional risks in the first place?

Because that’s really what love is all about — embracing the vulnerability inherent in the courage to take those emotional risks in the first place?

Because that’s really what love is all about — embracing the vulnerability inherent to gambling with your heart.

Embracing fashion is a stop on the road to the acceptance of vulnerability.

Every time you pick out an ensemble or a new accessory, whether you try an adventurous trend or not, you are embracing your own vulnerabilities and taking the risk to prove beauty isn’t in the eye of the beholder. It resides within yourself. You are the true token of affection. You are the real Valentine.

The card variety is lovely, but nothing compares to you. You’ve taken the risks, you’ve fought the passionate battles and you know the hidden secrets of your heart that can’t be boiled down to a nice turn of a phrase.

Now, the only task left is to find an outfit that visually communicates this strength in vulnerability to your audience, so that they too never underestimating the power of you. Ladies, let’s do it — in red.

Red has for centuries been the color of passion, seduction and love. However, did you know that it originally came into fashion in the 17th century thanks to King Louis the XIV and his pride in his gorgeous legs?

Apparently the man thought he was quite a dish, so he dyed his high heels scarlet (and they say only women are fashion obsessed).

The color was even more prized due to the rarity of the Mexican bug that produced it, the cochineal. As the centuries progressed, red became associated with the provocative and the dangerous (no surprise Mary Magdalene is always depicted in scarlet).

However, anyone who has watched Bette Davis defy the power of debutante white in “Jezebel” knows that no matter what perception red is associated with in any culture, it always gives its wearer power. It proclaims a fearless commitment to stand out in the face of any vulnerability.

To work red, make the occasion your starting point. For a formal event, go floor length with a red gown and add black accessories.

A concert requires a more otherworldly feel, so invest in a full skirt with peek-a-boo lace. Dancing on the town? Nothing says flirty and fabulous like a red and black mesh dress.

The color wheel of red can be quite specific.

The best color for you resides within conventional wisdoms for red lipstick. For pale skin tones, try blue-based reds. Orange-based reds make the more tan among us radiant, while deep skin tones are absolutely delectable in berry reds.

In the words of Cary Grant to Katharine Hepburn in “The Philadelphia Story,” “You’re fascinated, Red. You’re far and away your favorite person in the world.”

Yes, Cary, in red, we are.

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Scene Writer

Senior Justine Ward models different styles of red to show off her Valentine’s day versatility and fashion sense.
By MARIA FERNANDEZ
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The Oscars of the music industry are just around the corner, and after last year's surprising results (Arcade Fire winning Album of the Year and Esperanza Spalding winning Best New Artist), everyone is asking the same question: Who will win this year's Grammys? This year’s ceremony will be a bit shorter and different than those of previous years. The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS) has reduced the number of categories from 109 to 78, eliminating the distinction between male and female categories. However, it still promises to be an exciting year.

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Friends
Who says Valentine’s Day needs to be about romance and happiness? It’s a perfect excuse to spend quality time with friends. It’s not what you do on Valentine’s Day that matters, it’s the company you keep.

- **Classie: Ice Cream and Movie**
  Go to the Huddle, get your favorite Ben & Jerry’s ice cream and head straight to the dorm with the biggest TV and comfort couch. Hook your computer up to Netflix or bring your favorite DVD, and enjoy. Since your friends are likely the funnest people you know, this occasion calls for an all-out horror film or an equally horrid romantic comedy. For instance: Valentine’s Day is a Hugh Grant mess in the way they intended.

- **Something New: Baked Goods**
  Get inventive for dinner. For instance, you’re the one who has a car, take a trip to the grocery store and get supplies to make baked goods from scratch or borrow some from friends. It’s easy to get break-and-bake from the Huddle, but the point of this activity is to get creative. Decorate homemade cupcakes or make a cookie dough base and add different candles and mix-ins to change up the batches. It’s a fun group activity, plus you can bring some of the leftovers to that friend who inevitably gets stuck working on a project all night.

- **Creative: Scrapbook**
  Get one that you can keep for yourself or give to a friend. Want to take your scrapbook is a fun way to remember great times together. You don’t need to show your creation with your friends, but they will probably want to see it.

- **Remembrance: Time before Facebook when we printed out photos**
  Bring back the days before Instagram with a photo album of the photos you took together. Send photos back to them of the times you went out and had a good time.

- **New Thing**
  Maybe you’re in a new relationship, so it’s a little early to go with the full-on fancy dinner/flowers/candy thing. Maybe you’re just a laid back couple. These ideas will show you care without the formality of the traditional Valentine’s Day date.

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Well, we’ve finally reached the finish line. For the past two weeks, each of us here at the Sports Authority has provided the scoop on what we would change if we were the King of Sports. Some of the suggestions we have received were seri- ous, others laughably nutty. Some have been in line with the opinions of most fans, others against what’s popular. And some are practical in real life — and I mean practically — while others have about as much a chance of happening as me dating a Victoria’s Secret supermodel.

Yes, my fellow comrades have proposed some interesting suggestions up to this point. And for some, it’s an install- ment, it’s my turn.

I’ll begin with changes I considered making, but de- cided not to, due to the mass uprising — we would make the NCAA turnamen- t 16 teams with a best-of-the-four games throughout and abolishing the three-point line. While I think both of these would be much better and fairer for a few differ- ent reasons, I don’t understand the entertainment value and popularity March Madness and hankster from downtown provide.

I am the King. I am not a tyrant. I am a man of the people and will give my peas- ants the things they wish (I also intend to avoid a fate similar to that of Louis XVI).

The first actual change I will make is one floating around for a while, but I’m going to put it in there anyway. I will always award the NCAA title to the school that wins the NCAA tourna- ment, it’s my turn. I will punish any de- fender who dances like he won the title after a tackle made two yards past the first-down marker while his team’s down 17 points. Sorry, entire NFL.

And now it’s time for my final two resolutions. Both of these are extremely simple, but hey, I’m the King.

I will award the Columbia Blue-Jackets the No. 1 draft pick for each of the next 10 years no matter where they finish in the standings. Not that it re- ally matters, because all of the picks will probably just bust and the Jackets will always finish last in the standings anyway.

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NHL Winter classic site announced

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The Detroit Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs will begin 2013 by renewing their rivalry at one of North America’s most iconic stadiums.

The two Original Six foes will play in the Winter Classi- c on Jan. 1 at Michigan Stadium, part of an outdoor showcase that will also include minor league and college hockey games at De- troit’s Comerica Park.

Toronto will become the first Canadian team to play in the Winter Classic when the Maple Leafs and Red Wings face off in Ann Arbor, about 45 miles west of Detroit.

“It’s Hockeytown versus the center of the hockey universe,” Toronto general manager Brian Burke said.

The NHL announced its plan at a news conference Thursday at Comerica, the home of the Detroit Tigers. Later there was an additional event for media on the field at Michigan Stadi- um, the football venue that also hosted a college hockey game in 2010 between Michigan and Michigan State.

That game set a Guinness World Record for most fans at a hockey game at 104,173.

The league is already talking about setting a new mark when the pros take the ice.

“Even with 155,000 or more tickets available, we still won’t have one of the four teams in the de- manded,” NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said.

The Detroit-Ann Arbor rivalry dates to 1927. Although they’re in different conferences right now, the franchises have played 117 playoff games against each other, second only to the 170 meetings between Boston and Montreal.

The Detroit Blue- Jests, Chicago. Boston, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia have all hosted the Winter Classi- c. With the Detroit area host- ing next year, Bettman felt the time was right to include a team from Canada.

“We thought that we had brought it to Canada after we made it seem to be open for public skating. The Comerica rink will also be open for public skating.”

Michigan Stadium has un- dergone changes recently, such as the addition of permanent lights. Michigan hosted its first primetime football game last season, beating Notre Dame in dramatic fashion.

“This is just an incredible facility,” Michigan athletic di- rector Dave Brandon said. “We spent $226 million expanding the facility, we were comfortable that it would work well.

“Let’s use this, let people enjoy it,” Brandon said.

The possibility of the NHL breaking attendance records brought out Brandon’s com- petitive side. Michigan’s night football game at the Big House drew an average attendance of 118,804.

If they can figure out a way to do better than that, then they will set the record not only for the largest crowd to ever watch a hockey game, but the largest crowd to ever watch anything in this stadium,” Brandon said.

“It’s a goal for us.”

Brandon added. “And then my job will be to fig- ure out a way to beat it.”

Venerable Detroit defense- man Nicklas Lidstrom was at the Big House to promote the Winter Classic. That raised an obvious question. Does it mean he’s defi- nitely planning on coming back for a 21st season in 2012-13? ”

“We’ll have to wait and see,” Lidstrom said. “It’s only one game, but it’s an intriguing one.”

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NEW YORK — Dirk Nowitzki’s streak survives, despite one of the worst seasons of his career. Two years after establishing a new NBA record of 19 seasons, Nowitzki at 38 and 17 years into his career has become the 95th player in NBA history to reach 10,000 points.

With 12 points in Wednesday night’s loss to the Houston Rockets, Nowitzki moved into 95th place on the career scoring list. Birdman O’Neal and Jermaine O’Neal are his closest rivals, with 10,001 and 10,000 points respectively.

The Dallas Mavericks star, who has played for the last 16 seasons in the NBA, said he’ll likely play for another two years. Nowitzki is in the last year of his contract with the Mavericks, who are expected to offer him a new deal.

“People always ask me if I want to come back next season and play another year,” Nowitzki said. “The only reason I’d consider it is if I’m still playing at a high level. If not, I’d rather retire and I’d rather not play at a low level.”

TWA flight 800, the ill-fated flight that crashed off Long Island in 1996, is not only a tragic event in history but also a personal one for Nowitzki. His older brother, Robert, was killed in the crash along with several other family members.

“I feel that being able to play in the NBA, not being able to play with my family and friends, it’s a personal loss,” he said.

Nowitzki said he is not sure if he’ll make it to 100 games this season, but he will continue to play whenever he can.

“Every year it’s a different season and it’s a different team and a different role,” he said. “I’m not sure what my role will be this year, but I’ll keep fighting.”

Nowitzki has been instrumental in the Mavericks’ success over the years, helping them win two NBA championships. He is the only European player to ever win an NBA championship.

He has also been a leader in the community, becoming an advocate for anti-bullying programs and working with organizations that promote education and health.

Nowitzki is set to enter his 18th season in the NBA, which will be his 17th with the Mavericks. He is currently averaging 18.2 points per game and has helped lead the Mavericks to a 29-38 record this season.

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Notre Dame will kick off an important weekend of competition next week as the Irish host some of their top competition this weekend.

The No. 30 Irish will continue a busy stretch this weekend. Notre Dame will open the weekend hosting 73rd-ranked Northwestern on Tuesday, before meeting 64th-ranked Northwestern once more on Sunday at 12 p.m. and 6 p.m., respectively.

"It's amazing to think about how much I've been able to improve with the help of my teammates and coaches. This has been an incredible opportunity," said Rademaker.

The Big East championships begin this afternoon in Pittsburgh.

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By SAM GANS
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Coming off a strong 5-2 win at No. 6 Northwestern on Tuesday, the No. 30 Irish will continue a busy stretch this weekend. Notre Dame will host two matches against some of their closest rivals. Rademaker and junior Ryan Koter carry the team in terms of experience, but Rademaker said the freshmen fouroes of Ted Wagner, Nick Nemetz, Michael Kreft and John Andrade have certainly proven themselves.

"This is a great meet for the team because our four freshmen have had the opportunity to develop throughout the year," Rade- maker said. "It will be exciting to watch their performance under pressure in their first Big East championships."

In order to qualify for this weekend's meet, each athlete had a standard to reach. For the 1-meter dive, a 240-point minimum requirement stood as the entry mark, while the 3-meter dive required 250 points. "Unlike the swimming competition where lower "B" standards also exist for entry, only one level exists for diving." The men participated in the Shamrock Invitational on Saturday, hosted by Notre Dame. The Irish took six of the top eight spots in the 1-meter dive, led by Nemetz in second with 290.40 points. Koter and Kreft followed close behind in third and fourth with 280.73 and 279.15 points, respectively. Similar results held true for the 3-meter dives, where Nemetz also took the top mark for the team with 332.63 points. This time Kret took third and Koter took fourth, with 329.03 and 312.81 points, respectively.

"Last year the Irish claimed a first-place finish in both events under then-seniors Eric Lex in the 1-meter dive and Nathan Geary in the 3-meter. This year's team looks to maintain that same success, as Rademaker especially looks forward to the meet, knowing it marks his last with the Irish."

Led by Emma Reaney, the freshmen have been a key spark for the Irish all season. Reaney has earned three Big East Women's Swimming and Diving Athlete of the Week awards — a new conference record for most honors in a season. She looks to finish among the top of the conference in the 200-individual medley after anchoring the 200-backstroke and the best time in the conference this season at 1:57.67.

With anticipation and pressure mounting prior to the championship, the Irish look to bring home a conference title when they take to the pool in Pittsburgh on Friday.

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Irish to host top competition
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came from, we will never be overconfident,” Brey said. “We’re so proud in November and December, I have a hard time feeling us sitting being overconfident.”

DePaul (11-12, 2-9) who currently sits in 15th place in the 16-team Big East, comes into Saturday’s game, having lost eight of their previous nine contests.

“The [DePaul game] is very important,” Atkins said. “To get another win in the league is huge for us. It’s a huge game for us and we’re going to approach it like that.”

The Blue Demons employ an up-tempo style of play, dramatically contrasting the burn-offense Irish.

Their style of play worries me,” Brey said. “They are going to press and make it chaotic. There’s no style of play in the league like this.”

DePaul ranks third in the conference with 74.6 points per game, led by sophomore forward Cleveland Melvin. However, the Blue Demons are last in the league in scoring defense.

“They’re going to be a team that trying to speed us up as much as possible,” Atkins said. “We’re going to have some fast breaks opportunities because of their pressure. We still want to play our pace and make sure they play our pace.”

The Irish have won six straight meetings against the Blue Demons, including last year’s 83-58 drubbing in Chicago.

(T]he rivalry] runs deep,” Brey said. “I know we’ve had a pretty good run on DePaul but we don’t take anything for granted.”

Tip-off between Notre Dame and DePaul is slated for noon Saturday at the Purcell Pavilion.

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games, Saturday’s match-up will be the ultimate test of whether the Irish can close out a series.

“(Saturday’s game) is not going to be that easy, that’s for sure,” Lee said. “Ferris State has got a great crowd at home, and they’ve got that small little arena, and hopefully we’ll be near-ing our peak in the next few weeks,” Lee said. “These are huge games that are basically playoffs at this point, and are going to decide a lot later on. We’re approaching every one like a must-win.”

Notre Dame and Ferris State will face off Friday night at the Compton Family Ice Arena, and Saturday at Ewg-legen Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. The puck will drop both nights at 7:05 p.m.

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Track and Field
Five to compete at ‘Big Meet’

By BRIAN HARTNETT
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While most of the Irish squad will spend the weekend rest ing on campus, five Notre Dame runners will travel to Allendale, Mich. on Friday to compete in the NCAA Grand Valley State Univer-sity Big Meet.

The majority of the Irish team was forced to Content to rest before the Big East Championships, which will be held Feb. 18 and Feb. 19 in New York. Irish coach Joe Pi ccola is hoping to send a handful of runners who need further preparation for next season.

“Historically, we take this weekend off, but we’re going to Grand Valley this year because there are a couple of kids who need to race,” Piane said.

On the men’s side, Notre Dame will look for contributions from several runners who are in transition from the gridiron to the track. Sophomore corner-back Josh Atkinsons recently joined the team in late January.

“Jackson has only been over a couple of flights of hurdles in the last few years, so we need him to get over a few more flights this week,” Piane said. “The same goes for Bryce Wood, who has only gone over one flight of hurdles this year.”

Freshman hurdler Jared Bar ber will be the sole representa tive for the Irish women’s team, competing in the 60-meter hurdles this weekend. Barber has already competed in the 60-meter hurdles this season, but is looking forward to competing in the 600-meter hurdles.

“[The rivalry] runs deep,” Brey said. “They are going to be a team that tries to speed us up as much as possible,” Atkins said. “Without it, I think I would be a whole different person, and that has had on those less fortunate a tremendous amount of the buildings that was used during the ceremonies, as well as for their home, they had these ritu- als and ceremonial dances and all these cultural events and activities to welcome us,” Ortenzio said. “It was a very funny thing was cultural events and the ceremonies they had been held in this multipur posate building that they use for resident dances and all these carnivals that were held during the summer you could get the actual fights themselves.”

Whether it’s conditioning or sparring, Bengal Bouts is far from the easiest extracurricular activity you’ll find around campus.

Boxers are required to attend four practices a week, but there are more opportunities outside of those.

The practice is predictably exhausting and making it through is a testament to a boxer’s commit ment and passion for the sport and co-president Kevin Ortenzio.

“The athletic side, as you can tell me,” Brey said. “Kevin Orten- zio said. “Through the workouts, you’ve put in your own commit ment, therefore your own sufferings and whether it’s blood, sweat or tears, all of that goes into these practices in prepara-tion for what could be only four minutes of actual boxing action.”

When tournament time rolls around, boxers are grouped by weight into 13 or 14 brackets of 16 with each bracket making up one weight class. All boxers will fight in the preliminary round Sunday, with the winners advancing to the quarterfinals on Feb. 22. The quarterfinal winners then move onto the semifinals, which decides the best of the best square off with the hope of making it to the final round.

Lally said the increased competitiveness leads to better fights.

“The better guys usually win [each round] so the competition gets stiffer and stiffer and the fights get better and better,” Lally said. “[It culminates] with the final round in Purcell Pavil- lon, which is really great. Those bouts are always a lot of fun because there are a lot of huge crowds and really pack that facility.”

The large crowds lead to revenue, all of which goes sent to the Holy Cross athletic action.

The Boxing Club donated around $14,000 last year and hopes to top that mark with this year’s bouts. Each of the roughly 200 boxers is required to raise a minimum of $500 by selling tick- ets and ad space for the program.

After getting back to Bangaldesh, the money is distributed between 13 different parishes that decided to host the Bengals. Ortenzio had the opportunity to see firsthand where the proceeds from the program went to.

“It was sort of the thing what goes on behind the scenes during which he met the Garo people, particularly struck a chord with me,” Ortenzio said. “But the learning experience, Ortenzio said.

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Devereaux Peters and sophomore forward Natalie Achonwa, to match up with their conference opponent in the post.

Devereaux Peters has been playing extremely well, Natalie Achonwa has been really coming on lately and is rebounding well, [sophomore guard] Kayla McBride is rebounding well, so I think we’ll be looking to our post to really step up in this game," McGraw said.

Despite its undefeated record in conference play, Notre Dame expects the Mountaineers to enter the game hungry as they look to improve on their fifth-place ranking in the Big East. West Virginia has won five of their last six games, including an upset of No. 12 Louisville on Feb. 4.

"They are on a roll," McGraw said of the Mountaineers. "They’ve won three in a row, [and] they are in good position in the conference. They are coming down the stretch here looking at a pretty high seed in the tournament and an NCAA bid, so they have a lot to play for right now."

Both teams will have plenty to play for on Sunday, with the Play 4 Kay and Pink Zone events both taking place in South Bend this weekend.

"We are trying to raise money for Saint Joseph’s County and keep the money here for ... all the women in this area," McGraw said. "So what can we do to help them, and to help fund mammograms and cancer research and trying to make it touch the lives of people right here. It is a national occasion. Kay Yow was sort of the Jim Valvano for women's basketball, and Play 4 Kay is a big part of ESPN and what they are doing."

After raising roughly $120,000 to support cancer research through the event last year, the Irish aim to raise $130,000 this time around.

Notre Dame will host West Virginia on Sunday, with the tip-off scheduled for 3:30 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion.

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Halfpenny said the Irish will switch up styles on both offense and defense, a result of the new coaching staff on campus.

"We’ll play a very, very different style of defense," Halfpenny said. "Offensively, we’re running some different looks too. It’ll be fun because the change has been welcomed by the girls."

The Irish lost six starters to graduation, including two All-Americans in defender Jackie Doherty and midfielder Shaylyn Blaney. Halfpenny said replacing the former stars was tough in the fall, but has gotten easier this spring.

"In the fall, it was daunting for the team [to replace the past starters]," Halfpenny said. "Now that we’ve got through the fall, the kids grew up. The seniors became seniors."

The Irish, however, do return preseason All-Big East selections senior attack Maggie Tamasitis and sophomore midfielder Kaitlyn Brusco Tamasitis — who joins senior midfielders Jordy Shoemaker and Megan Sullivan as team captains — carries a 37-game point streak into this season.

"We’re going to be a little bit youthful on the field," Halfpenny said. "We will be continuing to develop players during the season and during the course of a game. We’re excited about that because our leadership has really stepped up."

The Irish open their season against Johns Hopkins on Saturday in Baltimore.

"We’re very excited to finally play someone other than ourselves," Halfpenny said. "We’re excited to see what we look like against someone that doesn’t know us. [Johns Hopkins] plays a very physical and aggressive game. They’re athletic. They finished off strong last year and they return quite a few players."

While the game against the Blue Jays is marked as an exhibition, Halfpenny said they will play the match as though it is a real game.

"We’re going to play it as much as we can like a game and see where we’re at so we know what we need to fix before we host Stanford," Halfpenny said.

The Irish play Johns Hopkins at 11 a.m. Saturday in Baltimore before opening their season Feb. 19 against Stanford at home.
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Crossword

Across
1. Company whose jobs are often changing? (6)
8. Number of letters in "HEARTS" (5)
10. Working group (4)
15. Girl at the bottom of the Stairs (8)
16. It takes a bow at a musical performance (6)
18. "Guaranteed relief every time" slogan (9)
19. 1993 Buddy Holly hit (5)
20. "Choo, them" word that makes the Statue of Liberty green (11)
36. Fermiers tools (9)
39. Letters signifying qualitatively modestly (8)
39. Grant-giving org. (7)
41. Musical with the song "Writen in the Stars" (12)
42. "What's the bottom of the Stairs doing?" (16)
43. The "In the Stars" chart-topper with a creatively titled free-word title (16)
46. 2010 Kedra chart topper (16)
50. Trip to an island (10)
51. Famous comic strip (7)
53. "I'll be here all night" (9)
57. Puzzles of David Steinberg

Down
1. 16-letter, maybe (7)
2. Measured two-dimensionally (9)
3. Chickens for dinner (12)
4. "Marry!" (7)
5. Surrattest Tampy (11)
6. Simon of Duran Duran (11)
7. Russian battle ship (9)
8. Grows into More music (8)
9. Russian battle ship Galina (9)
10. Euphonium (7)
11. Sinister (9)
12. It may be picked up in the woods (13)
13. Do a driver's test (11)
14. A 1997 hit with the lyric "You know you've got a cute little heartbreaker" (14)
15. Word of the day at TDH (6)
16. "I don't use the small sparks at TDH" (13)
17. Eat me (9)
18. Songbird is quality (14)
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Horoscope

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY (Bd): Tyson Ritter, 22, Min Farrey, 67; Joe Ponte, 69; Carrie King, 70.

Happy Birthday: Take a practical approach to whatever you do. Working toward your dream and planning your career are two things that will lead to success. Meditative moments may be required, but once you pick up your tools and work strategically, you will surpass any competition you face. Today your goal is to move forward.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Expect a couple of personal issues and stress for perfection at work and when dealing with your peers. Encourage yourself to be positive and share your emotions and goals will bring bountiful rewards and a greater realization regarding what’s important to you. ***

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Knowledge gained through personal experience will benefit you when dealing with peers, competitors and authority figures. The necessity of others can be to your advantage if you assume the situation and take action. ***

Gemini (May 21-June 20) Take the road less traveled and avoid anyone who is trying to hold you or who is trying to follow a fad. Greater stability will evolve from doing your own thing and following your heart. Change is good and will result in unexpected rewards. ***

Cancer (June 21-July 22) Over your life. Make changes at home that suit your needs. An alteration regarding the people you associate with may be necessary in order to follow the right path. Put greater effort into home, comfort and peace of mind. ***

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Make sure you know what you are talking about before you enter into a conversation with someone knowledgeable or influential at work. Your context will differ for a position and you can bring an amazing opportunity, if handled respectfully. ***

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It will be difficult to separate your true feelings from what you know must be false. Stop back and see all those feel you are best suited to do the right thing. In your current situation, keep your emotions can work on your advantage. ***

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) There will be secrets that can’t be kept any longer, as you make a decision as to how you react to a personal situation or partnership. Wait and see what develops before you make a decision you might not want to keep. Love and passion are highlighted. ***

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Put love, home, family and whatever it is personally important to you out to find and follow. Don’t get sidetracked in a decision until it must be made correctly, with the right plan as your life. Emotional blacklight in appra. ***

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You know what you wish to do, and that means you are making moves, not simply. Once your situation and your determination and courage are needed more than ever. Your power will play effective. ***

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Somewhere you will have a long day to return. Your new enthusiasm will be welcomed by someone in a spot to help you get out when dealing with a financial discrepancy. As a partner you can then do better. ***

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) Don’t consider taking part with regard to a career or personal possibility. Consider what you are not for keeping the price that you will calculate. Have set your mind and build the momentum. ***

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2 LATERL

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Answer: LOW ATTENDANCE

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ND Womens Basketball

Scaling the Mountain
By JOSEPH MONARDO

Squad looks to remain undefeated in Big East while raising money for cancer awareness

Their next time out, the Irish can take another step toward securing the longest winning streak in school history, while also contributing to the light against cancer. If No. 9/9 Notre Dame can put in its 21-game winning streak on the line against surging Big East foe West Virginia for the annual Pink Zone game Sunday.

The Irish (24-1, 10-0 Big East) defeated Syracuse 74-55 on Wednesday despite shooting just 45 percent from the three-point range in a subpar performance. As her team prepares to return to action on its home court, Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she hopes her team can improve on its most recent outing.

“We will shoot the ball better because we are playing at home and I think we will play at a faster pace,” McGraw said. “That was one of the things that we didn’t do against Syracuse, we played a little bit slower to match their tempo. So we will work on those things.”

One bright spot for Notre Dame in the victory over Syracuse (15-10, 4-7) was the ability to out-rebound the Orange, who entered one of the things that we didn’t do against Syracuse, we played a little bit slower to match their tempo. So we will work on those things.”

Graduate student forward BeeDee Davis leads the Irish with 11.7 points per game, while junior forward Tami Lattig and Graduate student forward Samantha Doherty average 11.7 and 11.2 points per game, respectively.

The Bulldogs will challenge the Irish in every facet of the game, particularly with their defense. Notorious for its physical play, Ferris St. puts its wingers down low on defense, which clogs the zone and forces teams to shoot from the point. The scheme has puzzled offenses all year, and the Bulldogs 2.93 goals against average puts their defense in the top 10 nationally.

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The job will be even tougher for the Irish on Saturday night, when they travel to the hostile environment of Ewigleben Arena, one of the toughest venues in the country. The bandbox building packs the fans close to the ice, and its small rink makes scoring on the Bulldogs nearly impossible. Combined with the chaos of travel, playing two straight physical games has puzzled offenses all year, and the Bulldogs 2.93 goals against average puts their defense in the top 10 nationally.

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