SUB hosts literary festival
Authors visit campus for readings, panel at annual event

By TABITHA RICKETTS
News Writer

Major changes are in the works for next year’s Student Government Association (SGA) at Saint Mary’s.

Senior Emily Skirtich, SGA chief of staff, introduced the new structure in a slideshow presentation Monday night.

“We’ve broken up [SGA] to cover all aspects of student life,” Skirtich said. “We don’t want to have the power consolidated in one place.”

The voting body will be restructured into five councils and one senate.

The Council of Activities, consisting of four rising seniors, four rising juniors and four rising sophomores, in addition to three first-year students who will be elected next fall.

[SGA is] a small, sample population of the student body,” Skirtich said. “That’s why we broke it up by class — to get fair, objective representation.

Senators’ responsibilities will include voting on the SGA budget and approving legislation for the Student Activities Board, Residence Hall Association, Student Diversity Board and Class Boards.

Senior Liz Busam, SGA executive treasurer, said the Senate’s job will be to effect change on campus.

“The job of the Senate is to be a governing body that is able to pass legislation and make changes,” Busam said.

SGA will include a six-branch split of executive powers, run under the direction of the student body president and vice president, as well as the vice presidents of internal and external affairs and finance, respectively.

The Council of Activities, see CHANGES/page 4

SGA introduces new organizational structure

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The Mendoza College of Business (MCOB) is challenging members of the Notre Dame community to discuss the financial services industry and its role in the current economic crisis this week.

Notre Dame’s Ethics Week, which began Monday and continues through Thursday, offers a series of lectures that examine the risk factors large firms face and how ethics come into play in the financial services industry.

The talks take place each day at 12:30 p.m. in MCOB’s Giovanni Commons.

Jessica McManus, professor of business ethics, said MCOB chose this year’s theme of “Failed versus ‘Fantastic’ Financial Institutions” because the financial institutions operate affects consumers, investors and citizens.

“Mendoza has a strong tradition of looking at the ‘Ask More of Business’ framework, which involves individual integrity, organizational effectiveness and greater good at the macro level,” she said. “The financial services industry has relevance to all three areas.”

McManus said accountancy professor Ken Milani founded Ethics Week to honor the late John Houck, who was a professor of management.

She said the event strives to take an in-depth look at ethical issues, giving students the opportunity to learn firsthand from people in the industry.

“When we have a required ethics course [in MCOB], this is a way to learn from people in the field who are kind of on the front lines of these kinds of issues in the business world,” McManus said.

Brian Levey, professor of business law and ethics, said the financial services sector is particularly relevant to ethics studies because it goes through cycles of scandal and stability.

“Maybe regulation isn’t enough,” Levey said “Maybe we need to focus on not only what’s lawful, but also on what the right thing to do is.”

MCOB aims to offer a wide range of perspectives through the Ethics Week lectures.

Presenters include faculty members as well as practicing businesspeople.

Event raises funds for homeless

By DREW PANGRAZE
News Writer

The men of Siegfried Hall will brave the frigid February weather Wednesday in nothing but a T-shirt, shorts and flip-flops.

The annual event, called the “Day of Man,” helps raise money for the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

Sophomore Eddie Linczer, Day of Man Commissioner for the South Bend Center, said the event is about more than just raising money.

“It’s about more than just raising money,” he said. “It’s also about raising awareness that many people in the South Bend community fight the incessant cold of winter.”

Day of Man raises money for the South Bend Center for the Homeless during Siegfried’s Day of Man in 2011.

Current senior Sean Hannon collects money for the South Bend Center for the Homeless during Siegfried’s Day of Man in 2011.

SARAH O’CONNOR/The Observer

Day of Man is now in its sixth year.

As we say, if the homeless are cold every day, why can’t we be cold every day, so we exaggerate the signature events, Ritter said. Day of Man has grown in recognition and has become one of Siegfried Hall’s signature events.

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Sonnetfest 2012 will be held in the Great Hall of O’Shaughnessy Hall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today. The event features a sequential reading of Shakespeare’s 154 sonnets. Light refreshments will be served and the event is free and open to the public.

The Ethics Week lecture, “Success or Worth: What is True Net Worth?” will be held in the Giovanni Commons of the Mendoza College of Business from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. today.

Samuel Handlin will give a lecture titled “The Politics of Polarization: Legitimacy Crises, Factional Contestation, and the Consolidation of South America’s ‘Two Lefts’” today at 12:30 p.m. in Room CH03 of the Hesburgh Center.

Richard Guan will present a seminar titled “Nanopore Stochastic Sequencing: A Versatile Tool” today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 115 of Bellarmine Hall.

The Notre Dame women’s basketball team will take on Providence College in the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center at 7 p.m. tonight.

The Compton Family Ice Arena will host Valentine’s Speed Dating from 11 p.m. to 12 a.m. tonight. Free food and beverages will be provided.

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

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**Offbeat**

**Sports**
VW beetle pulls over pickup driver
ELIZABETHTON, Tenn. — A Volkswagen beetle owned by the Carter County Sheriff’s Department became an improvised pursuit vehicle — about 20 mph. The beetle won.

Deputy Shane Watson was leaving the courthouse Feb. 2 when a man reported a pickup truck being driven erratically. Watson jumped into the bug and soon caught up with it. He turned on the little car’s lights and sirens, but the driver ignored him, according to The Johnson City Press.

Deciding the women behind the wheel showed no signs of stopping for a red light, Watson went around her and braked, expecting to sacrifice the beetle, but the truck stopped inches off the back bumper.

Driver Cynthia Ann III of Hampton said she drank half a liter of vodka and took prescription pain pills.

Ky. officials say bedbugs at school a hoax
AUGUSTA, Ky. — Augusta Independent School Principal Robin Kelsch had enough to worry about with the flu. Kelsch didn’t need a student’s report of bedbugs at the school to make things worse.

But, that’s what he got. Kelsch told The Ledger Independent that the report turned out to be a hoax, but school office phones were ringing with concerned parents on the other end.

Kelsch said the rumor started when a student brought in a water bug and squashed it, then told her friends it was a bedbug “just to scare them.” Kelsch said officials checked the school, then bleached and cleaned it and found “absolutely no” bedbugs.

As far as can be determined, Kelsch said, no one used the bedbug rumor as an excuse to skip school.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**Today’s Weather**

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**Questions of the Day:**

**Who was your favorite Grammy Winner?**

Tori White  
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“I didn’t even watch it!”

Rob Lucerl  
sophomore  
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“Kanye West”

Kelsey Weber  
freshman  
Ryan  
“Adelle”

J.B. Britian  
junior  
Duncan  
“Katy Perry”

Jason Wang  
sophomore  
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“Betty White! LOL, she actually won one.”

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SGA promotes College mission statement

By KEELIN McGEE  News Writer


These are the four guiding principles of the Saint Mary’s College Mission Statement, values that students and faculty will have the opportunity to thoroughly reflect on this week.

Junior Silvia Cuevas, mission commissioner for Saint Mary’s Student Government Association (SGA), said the Mission Council has set up displays in the Student Center atrium and the Cushwa-Leighton library to remind the Saint Mary’s community of the College’s mission in education, faith and service.

Students can sign their names on a sheet next to the displays, affirming their support of the mission statement.

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Students may be unaware that the core values of the mission statement are all around them as they hurry to class each day, Cuevas said. “Each banner has one of the four different values of either ‘love one another,’ ‘celebrate diversity,’ ‘extend hospitality’ or ‘strive for unity.’”

Cuevas said she hopes this week’s new displays around campus will help get students and faculty interested in continuing the College’s mission.

“The two displays each have a poster of the French cross with the mission statement and our core values, along with sheets for students to sign their names,” Cuevas said. “There are also booklets and bookmarks for students to take.”

The displays are not the only way students can reflect on the College’s mission statement.

“When I look around, our girls are always doing something, they are always on their feet,” Cuevas said. “Whether it’s with their clubs or in the community, they are always promoting the core values even if they don’t know it.”

Cuevas said she hopes the initiative will extend to other aspects of Saint Mary’s life.

“I hope this project will be expanded in the future and in a way where we can promote the mission at our events around campus,” she said. “I also hope that for those who work in the community and are a part of clubs will keep the mission in mind as they do these activities.”

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Serving resources, reducing emissions by 50 percent per gross square foot by 2030

Improve conservation of resources and recycling

Incorporate sustainability awareness on campus

Group discusses sustainability strategy

By NICOLE TOCZAUER  News Writer

Members of the Campus Life Council (CLC) discussed how to best meet goals set by the comprehensive Sustainability Strategy and 2030 Challenge in their meeting Monday.

Student body president Pat McCormick said student government’s plan focuses on conserving resources, reducing emissions by 50 percent per gross square foot by 2030 and increasing awareness of the connection between sustainability and Notre Dame’s mission.

“It is of note to recognize (University President) Fr. Jenkins for signing the St. Francis pledge (Nov. 30), which focuses on the adaptation of poor populations and climate change,” McCormick said. “We want to go from setting these goals to implementing them, given their connections to Catholic teaching.”

Dr. Rachel Novick, education and outreach program manager for the Office of Sustainability, said the Green Summit V will be the next big event on campus to promote sustainability.

“This year’s theme is transportation and it will be held in Stepan Center so we can bring in electric and alternative fuel vehicles, as well as other exhibits,” she said. “It will be on (Feb. 29) over lunch.”

Members of the CLC also discussed how sustainability practices in dorms and classroom buildings can work to reduce waste.

Sr. Mary Donnelly, rector of Pangborn Hall, said hydration stations located in dorms could lessen the number of plastic bottles used on campus.

“We use a lot of plastic water bottles because the water tastes terrible,” Donnelly said. “The hall president asked if we could get a hydration station to provide filtered water.”

Novick said the University Architect’s Office fully integrated this idea into its designs since it has begun renovating dorms. Four dorms have these stations now, she said.

“We need to move faster than that, but we need to find out how to fund it,” she said. “With each installation, it’s a couple thousand dollars. It’s especially a priority for DeBartolo Hall as a main classroom building.”

The other route to waste reduction in dorms includes recycling and purchasing energy star appliances. McCormick said Donnelly said providing larger recycling bins would encourage more students to think about what they throw away.

“The recycle bin is smaller than the trash bin. Can it be flipped?” she said. “The visual cue would help.”

Novick said these and other concerns can be reported to the Office of Sustainability on its website.

“There are places on campus that need to be fixed, like rooms with lights but no switch, or a radiator that won’t turn off,” she said. “We find someone who can address it”.

Novick said the best way to solve the sustainability issue on campus is to change campus culture.

“Do you just walk away and leave lights on? We need to change it so that we say we prioritize this and will take the extra time,” she said.

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Students learn about Jewish prayer, history

Rabbi Eric J. Siroka leads Jewish prayer as part of the Prayer from Around the World series in the Hammes Student Lounge.

By CAROLYN GARCIA News Writer

Each day, masses take place in chapels all over campus, but in the Hammes Student Lounge Monday night students gathered to learn about Jewish prayer and history.

On Monday night, Campus Ministry’s Prayer Around the World series hosted a rabbi from a South Bend temple to help students connect aspects of their own religious traditions.

Rabbi Eric J. Siroka of South Bend Temple Beth-El is delivering a series of five talks about the role of the media in historical and contemporary Jewish prayer.

I wanted to look at the concept of media, which is anything having to do with communication,” Siroka said. “How do we go from an oral tradition to a written tradition to a print media to a digital communication tradition and yet weave through the sacredness of a particular tradition?”

A frequent guest-lecturer at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s, Siroka is interested in how we use it that becomes important.”

“We’ve had so much exposure to other religions.” Mirmontes said. “I think college is a good time to explore other beliefs and see how they are different and how they are similar to our own.”

Priscilla Wong, associate director for Campus Ministry’s Cross-Cultural Ministry, organized the Prayer Around the World series.

She said a graduate student first came to her with the idea for the series eight years ago. The student wanted a series of faith-related talks for the graduate student population, which contains a range of faith backgrounds, Wong said.

Wong said Campus Ministry decided to focus the series on prayers from different religious traditions, making it more accessible to people of different faiths.

“We thought it would be good to help people actually get a feel for what other people do in their faith, and the common thing that we share is prayer,” she said.

She said another goal for the series is to help those who attend to develop spiritually within their own respective religious traditions.

Siroka said that the Jewish tradition has always faced the challenge of how to incorporate new media in appropriate ways, and technology is just another point on the continuum.

“No matter how we look at media, the communal worship experience is all about relationships,” he said. “It’s not about the material we use, it’s how we use it that becomes important.”

Saint Mary’s College freshman Emily Skirtich, Program Coordinator in the Student Diversity Board said it was important for future posterity to have records of people’s traditions.

“You have a voice and an opinion in a lot of big issues that are going on around Saint Mary’s,” Skirtich said.

“The professors here are well-connected with other authors, so they’re a big help,” Dutt said.

“We expect to get the readings to be very accessible, even to students who are not familiar with their work.”

“Gordon and Campbell are more of ‘writers’ writers’ in the sense that you appreciate them more if you’ve read their novels, but Borzutzky and Butler are very accessible for someone who wants to go on a lark,” Dutt said.

The Council of Class Boards will contain the president and vice president for each class of Saint Mary’s students, as elected by the students.

The Council of Activities also has elected positions, and contains the offices of Residences, graduate student and vice president, the Student Activities Board president and vice president, and the Student Diversity Board president and vice president.

The Council of Clubs will include the presidents, vice presidents, and treasurers of the approximately 80 clubs on campus.

“We’re trying to streamline a lot of our efforts, collaborate forces and operate more efficiently,” Skirtich said.

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By Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Taking a pass on reining in government growth, President Barack Obama unveiled a record $3.8 trillion election-year budget plan Monday, calling for stimulus-style spending on roads and schools and tax hikes on the wealthy to help pay the costs. The ideas landed with a thud on Capitol Hill.

Though the Pentagon and a number of Cabinet agencies would get squeezed, Obama would leave the spiralizing growth in health care programs for the elderly and the poor largely unchecked. The plan claims $4 trillion in deficit savings over the coming decade, but most of it would be through tax increases Republicans oppose, lower war costs already in motion and budget cuts enacted last year in a debt pact with GOP lawmakers.

Many of the ideas in the White House plan for the 2013 budget year will be thrashed out during this year’s election campaigns as the Republicans try to oust Obama from the White House and add Senate control to their command of the House.

“We can’t just cut our way into growth,” Obama said at a campaign-style rally at a community college in the vote-rich Northern Virginia suburbs. “We can cut back on the things that we don’t need, but we also have to make sure that everyone is paying their fair share for the things that we do need.”

Republicans were unimpressed. While the measure contains some savings to Medicare and Medicaid, generally by reducing payments to health providers, both programs would double in size over the coming decade.

It seems like the president has decided again to campaign instead of govern and that he’s just going to duck this country’s fiscal problems,” said House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis.

By the administration’s reckoning, the deficit would drop to $901 billion next year — still requiring the government to borrow 24 cents of every dollar it spends — and would settle in the $600 billion-plus range by 2015. The deficit for the current budget year, which ends Sept. 30, would hit $1.3 trillion, a near-record high.

Obama’s budget blueprint reprises a long roster of prior proposals raising taxes on couples making more than $250,000 a year; eliminating numerous tax breaks for oil and gas companies, and approving a series of smaller tax and fee proposals. Similar proposals failed even when the Democrats controlled Congress.

Ethics Week 2012 Schedule


Feb. 15: “Ethics in the Financial Market Place,” by Chris Murphy, chairman, 1st Source Bank, South Bend, Ind.


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Some of the decisions that are being made right now, [and] that people will come up with [an] up-to-date, relevant understanding of the financial services industry and the relationship of ethics and integrity to these questions,” she said.

McManus said ethics is woven throughout MCOB’s undergraduate and graduate curriculums. The College focuses on creating human and social capital, as well as environmental innovation.

Ethics is part of our DNA at MCOB,” she said. “I think that thanks in large part to the leadership of former Dean (Carolyn) Woo, we really have this sense of asking more of business.”

“We want to make sure word gets out early that the event is coming because students do not typically carry much money with them,” McManus said. “More importantly, advertising brings awareness. Any help for the event would be much appreciated.”

Anyone interested in buying a shirt [will] contribute to the fund-raising effort.

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By Associated Press

“Sen. Loretta Weinberg speaks in favor of a bill legalizing gay marriage Monday at the Capitol in Trenton, N.J.”

TRENTON, N.J. — In a move that supporters called a civil rights milestone, New Jersey’s state Senate on Monday passed a bill to recognize same-sex marriages, marking the first time state lawmakers officially endorsed the idea — despite the promise of a veto by Gov. Chris Christie.

Monday’s vote was 24-16 in favor of the bill, a major swing from January 2010, when the Senate rejected it 20-14.

“It means the world isn’t changing, it means the world has already changed,” Steven Goldstein, chairman of the gay rights group Garden State Equality said after the vote. “So wake up and smell the equality.”

But opponents say it’s “an exercise in futility” even if the Assembly passes the bill Thursday as expected, given Christie’s veto veto.

Sen. Loretta Weinberg speaks in favor of a bill legalizing gay marriage Monday at the Capitol in Trenton, N.J.

By Associated Press

Len Deo, president of New Jersey Family Policy Council, called the vote “something we have to go through” and said it would be made moot with a veto.

While New Jersey differs from most states in that it has no law or state constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, neither its court nor lawmakers have allowed gay nuptials. Seven states and Washington, D.C., allow gay marriage. Washington state joined the list Monday when Gov. Christine Gregoire signed a same-sex marriage law.

In 2006, the New Jersey’s Supreme Court ruled that the state had to give the legal protections of marriage to committed gay and lesbian couples, but that it need not call those protections marriage.

Lawmakers responded by creating civil unions rather than marriage.

Gay rights advocates say civil unions have not provided true equality. They complain that they set up a separate and inherently unequal classification for gays — something racial conservatives dispute.

Seven gay couples, along with several of their friends, filed a lawsuit last year to try to get the court to order gay nuptials be allowed.
On Feb. 1, everyone’s Internet love af-fair (Facebook) filed its S-1 registration statement with the SEC. This is not the first tech IPO to occur in recent his- tory, but it is perhaps the most iconic and personal. The document unrav- els some startling truths about the company where before there was only conjecture. The numbers and statistics of Facebook’s rise to success are codified in a government document available to the public domain. $45 million monthly active users, 2.7 billion likes and comments per day, 250 mil-lion photos uploaded daily and over 100 billion friendships. With a valuation of around $100 billion, Facebook has finally arrived.

But wait. These users, likes, photos and friendships didn’t just materialize. We built this city just as much as Face- book did. Our romances, comments, heartfelt proclamations, drunken party photos, jokes, flourishing farms, animal pictures, memes, break ups and mirror pictures filled in the walls that Facebook developed. We, the collective mem- bers of the Facebookosphere — the Army of Zuck — turned this house into a home. It’s our time, our place, our loving of our own on the back. This coming of age for the Internet is also a coming of age for ourselves.

In a letter to investors Mark Zuck- erberg said, “I started off by writing the first version of Facebook myself because it was something I wanted to exist.” Not because he wanted to become the preeminent hub of online interac-tion or make $30 billion dollars, but because he wanted Facebook to exist. In accordance with the numbers, it appears that we wanted it to exist as well. And because of our desire for an information nexus, we made choices to give up certain liberties. Privacy has always been an issue with Facebook, and never have they clearly apologized for the manner in which they treat your data. But when something occurs on Facebook, you can be assured it will last. As a general rule, people will not stop to think before they offload their ad-dress, location, tastes, preferences, cred- it card number, closest relations, etc., to Facebook’s servers. It’s not because people assume that their data is secure (it isn’t), but because the dangling lure of being immersed in the Facebook ecosys- tem is too much. The result is a codepen- dency between the users and the service. Sherry Turkle, a professor at MIT and prominent writer, said, “I can’t think of another piece of passive software that has gotten so embedded in the cultural conversation to this extent before.” When people look at that gigantic $100 billion figure, they see success and are hesitant to make the connection that Facebook is profiting off the intimate details of your life.

Facebook makes money in two main ways: advertising and Facebook pay- ments. They collect your life details to better target advertisements to your preferences and they take a cut of payments made to companies like Zynga when you upgrade your Farm City or Whatever Ville. To achieve a valuation of $100 billion, each active Facebook user is worth a theoretical $117.

But if you compare Facebook’s current methods of monetization, each user only generates $4.39. The level of information you share equates to a little under four percent of your theoretical worth. To remedy this, Facebook needs to extract significantly more data from you. To give you another comparison, if Facebook grows to three billion users — half the world’s population — it will only gener- ate $13.2 billion in revenue if it doesn’t find ways to get more money from your information.

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Dear Coach Kelly,

The men of 919 E. Washington St. cordially invite you to an evening of fine dining as a token of our appreciation for all your hard work. Our residence is home to eight Notre Dame seniors who are passionate about creating an atmosphere that exemplifies the Fighting Irish at our humble abode.

With our senior year concluding in a few short months, we would not want to miss the opportunity to show our appreciation for all you have done for us. Our school’s football program and would be honored to host the head coach of the Fighting Irish at our humble abode.

We will relay our thanks to you in your heart to accept our invitation. We also hope that you would appreciate this opportunity to casually meet some of the members of the Notre Dame community and enjoy a free meal!

We have tried to reach out to you over the past couple of months via Twitter, but, as a result of your schedule, we have not received a response. Therefore, we are sending this letter in hopes that it might reach you. If you are interested in joining us, please send us an e-mail (agreybar@nd.edu) so we can start planning the steak (and plenty of side dishes as well!).

Thanks and Go Irish!

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Twitter policy promotes transparent censorship

Since Twitter’s creation in 2006, the website has been a hub of unrestricted free speech. However, six years later, Twitter has announced a new censorship policy that could once again change freedom of expression on the web.

Simple put, Twitter’s new censorship policy will allow the removal of tweets on a country-by-country basis. When a government orders that a post be taken down, the post will be replaced by a statement saying, “This tweet from @username has been withheld in Country.” However, the post will remain visible to users in all other countries where no such order was issued.

Twitter is also partnering with the website ChillingEffects.org to announce when a post has been censored. The openness regarding censorship material is crucial to positively shaping censorship on the Internet.

With the introduction of the new policy, Twitter has indirectly urged other websites to follow suit with transparent censorship policies. Democrat censorship, in turn, is Twitter’s policy, means the company in question promises to be honest about removing posts while ensuring minimal censorship. Secretive censorship will occur rarely, if at all, on Twitter due to the openness of censored posts. Additionally, the fact that posts will not be taken down universally will allow a maximum number of users to see a post, thus allowing Twitter to discover a new trend of unrestricted free speech across the globe with the introduction of its transparent censorship policy.

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"Moulin Rouge"

Freedom, beauty, truth and love are the ideas that animate the colorful and spectaculat Bohemian world of Baz Luhrmann’s musical spectacular, “Moulin Rouge!” Starring Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor, it tells the story of a lovelorn writer and the courteous he falls in love with at the world-famous club for which the film is named. Featurign the music of everyone from Madonna and Elton John to Nirvana, this film has something for everyone. It’s not your avverage period piece. In fact, there’s nothing avrage about it (other than perhaps Kidman’s singing ability).

"Titanic"

Coming soon to theaters in 3-D, "Titanic" is the ultimate romantic movie. It is the perfect interpretation of love overioming all obstacles. Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet couldn’t have done it any better. Bully Jack and Rose’s love story as part of your Valentine’s date with your special someone, letting him or her know you heart will go on.

"Shakespeare in Love"

A young William Shakespeare strug-gles to make ends meet while trying to create new and exciting plays so that his theatre is not shut down. Learn how he came up with the idea for his most fa-mous play, Romeo and Juliet. Follow Jo-seph Fiennes and Gwyneth Paltrow on their entertaining journey through for-bidden love, tragedy, comedy and a lot of cross dressing. This movie is sure to leave you laughing, crying or both. And who doesn’t love Renaissance costumes and Colin Firth?

"Dirty Dancing"

This Valentine’s Day (or every day), choose “Dirty Dancing” as the movie you want to watch. It’s the love story every girl wants. Baby, on a family vacation, meets the attractive and dangerous (in terms of “dirty” dancing — get it?) John-ny Castle (played by Patrick Swayze). When circumstances arise that cause her to need to quickly learn to dance like a pro, she spends nearly every moment with Johnny — how could they not fall in love? By the end, you’ll be breathless and teary.

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"50 First Dates" tells the story of someone who makes the male lead, who is afraid of commitment (what else is new?), until he meets the girl he didn’t think existed in the world. Lucky, played by Drew Barrymore. Everything in their relationship is going swimmingly until he finds out she suffers from short-term memory loss and can’t remember day-to-day life events. He is, in the movie’s words, afraid of settling down uses every power of his to help her remember and to stay by her through her struggles. This movie is filled with a few tears and quite a few laughs. The epitome of a romantic comedy, it’s perfect for Valen-tine’s Day.

"10 Things I Hate About You"

It’s a story for every guy who has ever tried, for every girl who has ever hoped and for anyone who has ever been tak-en completely by surprise. Love comes in all forms in this modern adaptation of Shakespeare’s play, “Taming of the Shrew.” The film beautifully captures the relationship between Kat (Julia Stiles) and Patrick (Heath Ledger) as it changes from love-hate to love-love. And despite Patrick’s last-surviving brother of four service-men. The film is gripping, depicting the struggles of the Rangers as they try to locate Ryan and the enemies they find themselves up against. And the movie ends with one of the best lines in movie history, as Miller tells Ryan to earn the牺牲s the Rangers made to ensure he survived. Tears may fall during this film, but not as a result of being love-less on Valentine’s Day.

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Once again, that bastion of American commercialized holidays, Valentine’s Day, has arrived. For many students, today will be spent alone (unless you count chocolate as a satisfactory lover, which you might). That doesn’t mean you can’t fantasize about the perfect Valentine you may never have.

When you think about the perfect Valentine, good looks, a charming personality and a penchant for buying chocolates and roses may come to mind. Unfortunately, the pickings seem to be dangerously slim here at the University.

With that in mind, you are going to jump far outside of the Notre Dame bubble in order to land your dream date. In fact, you’ll have to look far, far outside of the Midwest, into the land of tabloid magazines and paparazzi. This is because your fantasy romantic interest for Feb. 14 has to be a celebrity. Tell Cupid to aim his arrow accordingly and dare to dream about landing a date with one of the following A-listers.

**The Hunk**

You could go the hipster route and choose Joseph Gordon Levitt, but there aren’t any hipsters at Notre Dame. If you’re into athletes, Tom Brady might be the one for you, but not all students are jersey-chasers. I’m looking for the man who will win over the hearts of all the ladies (and some gentlemen) of Notre Dame and there really is only one choice — Ryan Gosling.

I had the pleasure of watching Ryan smolder for two hours on perhaps the largest screen on campus Saturday night. “Drive” happened to be the S.U.B. Movie of the Week. Ryan is your total Valentine’s Day package — handsome and talented. He seems like the type of guy who would buy you a Recker’s pizza at the end of a romantic evening.

Not only does he have his own meme devoted to his alleged feminist ways, the guy was even in the Mickey Mouse Club. He truly is a man after a Notre Dame girl’s heart.

However, the thing that sets Ryan apart is his earnest, soulful blue eyes. He barely had any dialogue in “Drive” because his eyes said it all. The whole movie, his wistful stare was pulling the heartstrings of the audience, like he wanted to take a long, romantic walk with you around St. Mary’s Lake. Ladies of Notre Dame, Ryan Gosling is your celebrity Valentine.

**The Babe**

Picking the perfect lady for the gentlemen of Notre Dame was no easy task. Taylor Swift seems like an obvious choice, but Austin might make things awkward after the last two Keenays. Mila Kunis comes to mind, but have you seen her in “Black Swan”? Mila is more the type of girl to break parallels with than bring to a dorm Mass. So that leaves one choice — Emma Watson.

You know Emma would totally dig a South Dining Hall date on Valentine’s Day — the place is practically the Great Hall from Hogwarts! I’m pretty sure she also would appreciate the fact she has escaped the snooty halls of the Ivy League for Notre Dame. She not only plays a brainiac but she is one in real life. Nothing says sexy like smarts and Emma has the looks to boot.

What makes Emma the perfect Valentine for the boys of Notre Dame, however, is her trade-mark snark. We all saw her in the “Harry Potter” movies punch Malfoy and brew some illegal Polyjuice potion. She’s the type of girl who would be down to complete the Hesburgh Challenge with some butterbeers on Valentine’s Day and then go to Chipotle afterwards.

Emma also played a character that dated a bad Quidditch player, so a transition to Notre Dame football would be natural. Gentlemen of Notre Dame, order a dozen roses by Owl Post because Emma Watson is your dream Valentine.

So there you have it, Notre Dame. Before you pop in your DVD of “The Notebook,” curl up on your futon with your pint of Ben & Jerry’s and go Valentine’s Day solo, imagine a world where you are under the Lyons Arch with Ryan or Emma. The fantasy may just help you cope with the sad reality.

**Celebrity Valentines for ND Students**

SCENE STAFF REPORT

Vermont-based ice creamers Ben & Jerry have long been associated with heart-broken girls and single people alike. While there is no shame in spending some quality time this Valentine’s Day with the best men in your life — Ben and Jerry — don’t be fooled into thinking this delicious ice cream treat is only for those not otherwise engaged in romantic dinners and dates. Ben and Jerry are the perfect companions for your night of sing-along and a movie at the end of your date. But with so many options to choose from, Scene is here to make the choice a little easier with a guide to our favorite Ben & Jerry’s flavors.

**Phish Food**

Vermonter being a small state, it seems only natural that its two greatest products, Ben and Jerry’s ice cream and the band Phish, should collaborate. And it’s a good thing they did. The flavor consists of chocolate ice cream, marshmallow, caramel and schools of fudge fish. It’s a delicious combination that can take your mind off loneliness, one spoonful at a time.

**FroYo Cherry Garcia**

Sure, Cherry Garcia is a great Ben & Jerry’s flavor. But if you already love that perfect blend of chocolate and cherry, you should go further and grab the green pint of FroYo instead. If you feel so inclined, claim that this decision is based on the obvious health benefits of FroYo over ice cream, particularly in this lead-up to Spring Break. Health benefits aside, this FroYo concoction is actually better than its ice cream cousin. When you pop open that pint of FroYo, you’ll find a stronger cherry flavor and bigger chunks of the fruit than in the obviously inferior ice cream version. While we all love chocolate, the cherry is the hallmark of this Ben & Jerry’s classic, so take a chance on the FroYo to find the altogether better rendition of chocolate-cherry combination.

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**Boston Cream Pie**

This delicious mix of yellow cake pieces, fudge flakes and pastry cream filling is as irresistible as the fall foliage of Boston. Don’t have enough time to make an actual pie or whip up pudding? No problem. Just grab a carton of this flavor from your nearest grocery store for the perfect mix of both. Turning this delightful pastry into an ice cream flavor was almost as revolutionary as the Minutemen, but decidedly less violent. Brighten up any dreary day — or dateless Feb. 14 — with a carton.

**Half-Baked**

It’s widely agreed that the best part of licking is licking the spoon, and our friends Ben and Jerry have made it socially acceptable to do so with the welcomed addition of ice cream. In their Half Baked flavor, chocolate chip cookie dough, brownie batter and a mix of chocolate and vanilla ice creams come together for a sweet treat that delivers the best of classic desserts. This Valentine’s Day, you can have ice cream and lick the spoon in one bite without having to look over your shoulder to make sure no one is looking.

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The world should get to know Jeremy Lin.

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Happy Tuesday, Happy Feb. 14. But most importantly, Happy Va-Lin-tine’s day. While many of us are spending Tuesday evening celebrating the romance between two lovers and small pockets of the global population may be celebrating the long awaited national holiday that Woods deserves.

Knicks guard Jeremy Lin, Oh, but those small pockets just happen to be New York City and basically the entire East Coast of China.

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“Just put it together this week, and especially the final round, just feels terrific,” Mickelson said. “And it gives me a lot more confidence in myself and especially the final round, both needed a dramatic change to their game.”

I bet we all thought that would never happen. But it has.

Mickelson went on to say, “He became a four-time winner in a big way. It’s one of the more emotional victories for me, I think it’s time for the world to have a Lintervention. I think the time for the world to have a Lintervention. To the person who scores a measly 5.6 points per game. These wins, however, have less to do with his basketball skills and more to do with his ability to make the media and public care about his performance.

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Multiple swings in momentum continued from page 11. The first round of this bout between the junior Maier and the sophomore lineman consisted of a few whirlwind exchanges, in which neither fighter gained a significant advantage. Maier was able to push lanio into the ropes on numerous occasions in the first round. Lanio connected on a few left jabs to keep the match close. Then in the third round, Lanio delivered strong counter punches and gained the advantage in these short tussles. With a slightly better round, lanio defeated Maier.

Late comeback over Chippewas caps Irish weekend

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In their fourth and final game of the weekend, the Irish played a strong game against Central Michigan in a close fight in which both teams kept the action in close quarters. Initially, Worthington took advantage of her quickness and power, which left Enzweiler unable to properly counter. But momentum shifted in Enzweiler’s favor in the second and third rounds. Worthington struggled to keep up her patient and started to shorten her punch movement, which left Enzweiler staying on the edges of the ring. The third round continued the same strategies. But it was Enzweiler who stayed consistent with solid combinations throughout the round. Enzweiler was named the victor unanimously.

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The second round of four games this weekend, the Irish struggled with scoring as they fell to Wisconsin (2-0) and Cleveland State (6-0), but the Irish finished with a 3-2-1 record for the weekend. The Irish finished the season with a 5-7-4 overall record.

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Bouts

Junior Bunsa and the graduate student Le traded punches continuously with both fighters attacking in a similar fashion. Neither Le nor Bunsa held the advantage after an extremely even first round. Le sprinted out of the break with an impressive array of solid jabs to the head. Le’s pace slowed in the second round and he appeared very tired. Bunsa took the opportunity to connect on a few punches soon before the second round ended. Bunsa defeated Le with a stoppage in the second round by countering and picking his spots.

Junior Jeff Ulrich connects on a punch in his preliminary match against graduate student Tik Ishizuka on Sunday.

Jeff “Little Bear” Ulrich def. Tik Ishizuka

Ulrich fought using length to try to counter Ishizuka’s intensity and quickness. The first round was a close battle, with Ishizuka attempting to shorten the space between the fighters.

In the second round Ishizuka started off with energy, but Ulrich dominated the middle of the round by keeping Ishizuka away from him. In the final round, Ulrich earned the victory despite early exchanges by both fighters. By quickly throwing punches, he forced Ishizuka to fight from a distance. Ulrich emerged in a unanimous decision.

Bryan Cooley def. Brett “The Jet” Geschke

In the early round, the law student Geschke started off well with fast sets of hits, but the freshman was kept off balance by countering and picking his spots.

In the second round brought a swing in momentum. Cooley learned from the first round and came out with relentless energy. The second round found both fighters starting with aggressiveness, but Cooley eventually outlasted Geschke and earned the unanimous decision victory.

171 Pounds

Zach “Dallas” Harris def. David “No Way” No Howe

From the very beginning the match was even, but although the junior Harris could connect on a few more good punches. The sophomore Howe would regain the advantage by backing Harris into the ropes and then landing powerful jabs. Neither Harris nor Howe were able to enter the fray, as both could answer each other’s advances. When one boxer seemed to build momentum, the other would soon counter with a flurry of jabs. After 3 rounds, Harris claimed victory over Howe in a split decision.

Patrick Spitteri def. Griffin Norman

The fight commenced with the senior Spitteri attacking the junior Norman with a series of quick punches. After the first round, neither boxer held a sizeable advantage. In the final two rounds, Norman attempted jabs to Spitteri’s body, but the senior boxer would counter with unrelenting blows. Spitteri utilized a strong left jab and he continued to build his advantage through the final round. In a tough bout from both sides, Spitteri defeated Norman in a unanimous decision.


After the bell rang, the sophomore Murphy and the senior Baranek traded punches in a slow first round. Murphy was able to land a solid first punch, but neither boxer made much progress. Throughout the match, Baranek and Murphy would try to get each other up in close quarters, causing a stoppage by the referee.

Baranek displayed a few good stretches in the second and third rounds, but they were not enough to overcome Murphy, whose strong jabs prevailed in the final round. Murphy took the win in a split decision over Baranek.

Pat “the Hit Man” Bishop def. James “Jimbo Slice” Heisler

The junior Bishop won the battle between two fighters with similar fighting styles, as both Bishop and the freshman Heisler fought with aggression. As one finished an aggressive attempt, the other went right back at him. In the first round, Bishop outmaneuvered Heisler in tight spaces and set the tone for the fight. Bishop capitalized in the second round with his length. In the same style of fighting, Bishop used his length to reach around the blocks. In the last round, Heisler attempted to keep up with Bishop. Bishop fended off Heisler with his length, leading him to the unanimous decision.

Jeff “Little Bear” Ulrich def. Tik “Tick Boom” Ishizuka

The entire fight was a technical battle between the junior Ulrich and the MBA student Ishizuka.
**Men’s Swimming and Diving**

**Nemetz excels in his first year**

By JONATHAN WARREN

Now a Big East champion in both the 1-meter and 3-meter dives, freshman Nick Nemetz is accomplishing goals that no freshman diver has ever achieved for the Irish.

Nemetz has earned the distinction of being the first Notre Dame diver to sweep the diving events at the Big East championships as a freshman. He is the second Irish diver ever to do so. Thanks to this sweep, the freshman swimmer has also been named Big East Men’s Most Outstanding Diver of the Year.

“It felt great winning those events,” Nemetz said. “I wasn’t really expecting it, so it came as a surprise. I didn’t really have any goals coming in. I was just trying to perform my dives and have a good personable meet.”

Nemetz said his breakout conference meet was when he won both diving events at the Irish. “It’s the first time I’ve been this serious about diving,” Nemetz said. “My teammates make fun of me here for coming from Michigan. At home, they make fun of me for coming to Notre Dame.”

Nemetz said joking around with his teammates helps him keep loose and relaxed. “With the whole team, we basically joke a lot,” Nemetz said. “We’re not real serious, and we’re pretty laid back. Everyone handles stress differently, but it helps me stay positive.”

With NCAA Zone Diving championships beginning in March, Nemetz will look to channel that positivity into continued success. “I have a few more dives I’m trying to get into my program before NCAA Zones. I’m happy with this season, but I hope to keep improving.”

**Orange outlast Louisville on strength of defense**

**Associated Press**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim preferred to look on the bright side despite all his team’s problems.

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"I guess I always sort of knew I was going to do it, but not until I got to college did I really think about it," she said. "When I was younger, I remember people telling me I was going to be a heptathlete, my original thought was, 'No, I'd rather just do the events and get seven medals versus doing seven events and get one medal.'"

For an athlete, versatility is her biggest attribute, as Buttinger eventually came to realize the pentathlon allowed her to make the most of her skills. "I think it's one of those things where I'm not amazing at one event, but I was pretty good at a lot, so it's sort of like a jack-of-all-trades events," she said.

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Crossword

Across
1. Liken-ya
2. French flat lady
3. Sarcozy
4. Speer
5. ESPN’s Arthur
6. Courage Award
7. Let out at the waist, e.g.
8. Major-league Tony or Auction
9. Essay, say
10. “I do solemnly swear...” e.g.
11. Who’s who?
12. Francis who
13. Lapel
14. “The results...”
15. Lunched, say
16. “Glee” actress
17. Unworthy

Down
1. Nabob
2. On dry land
3. Black eye
4. Coach on the court
5. Canoer
6. Rumble in the jungle
7. GPS recommendation
8. Hannibal of “The Silence of the Lambs”
9. “Clear the...”
10. Bike wheel rollers
11. Group associated with 2009’s Taxpayer March on Washington
12. Opposed to glory
13. "U"-Bahn railway
14. Hall-of-Famer Ralph of the Pirates
15. '07 Liz Taylor
16. Skin soother
17. La Boca fossil preserve
18. Actor TV personality, Kenneor
19. Coopt, ’50s style
20. "Just the..."
21. One not looking for individual Abbr. Italian wine city
22. Happy as
23. Wedding band
24. Brazil’s national animal: Abbr. 70. Dignities
25. Words: High or deep

Clue to previous puzzle
Woes wave after opes exit trade feel keenogue
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WILL SHORTZ

Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Mensa Steve, 33; Kelly Hie, 44; Peter Gram, 62; Stockland Clumby, 89.

Happy Birthday: Set goals. You will have the discipline to bring about your own good fortune. Your inner strength, quiet confidence and philosophically oriented approach through any challenges will enable you to grasp opportunity. You are an all-time high. Make simplicity and moderation your starting point. Your numbers are 8, 17, 24, 33, 42, 51.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don’t let uncertainty be your master. Size up both personal and professional partnerships and make a choice to go it alone or collaboratively. Walk away from anyone using unfair power plays. Discipline and tactfulness will hold the day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You find it difficult to stick to the plan. Your need for excitement and fun is coming to a big end will hold you back. Taking small, secure steps will ensure that you reach your destination successfully.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) You’ll flirt with unorthodoxy if you opt for rash or bold methods with your poetic, collegial or clerical. Step back, and consider the better way to go if you are dealing with others. Getting along will be half the battle.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Don’t allow unreasonable acts to send you spinning in an emotional circle. Avoid fear without deviating from your plan and you will impress someone you consider special or who you want to deal with in the future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Work at self-improvement and feel good about the way you go about it. Your self-confidence is at an all-time high. Don’t allow anyone to alter your plans by using emotional blackmail.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your enthusiasm will encourage others to join in and help you make your point. Opportunities are upon you and they are amazing. You have the ability to bring a unique vision and partake in positive growth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Avoid impulsive moves that can alter your potential or professional status. Plot out any scenario you encounter with careful methods that can help you become a more successful and moderate person. Libra is known for walking a tightrope and great perfection. You are tenacious and advance quickly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Showing emotion can be a good thing. Discourage your feelings so you can close up the circle in your personal life due to an overactive imagination. If you don’t share, you can expect others to know what’s wrong or how to fix it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) It’s the perfect time. If you want to keep an organization or group on track, you must choose the one that will benefit you, rather than whatever is within your capability, and avoid too much trust. Love is highlighted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An unexpected change of plan must not disrupt your day. Prepare to get yourself in shape, whether you plan to move or invest, or you will face issues that must be dealt with. Break down large tasks into smaller ones.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Get involved in a self-help group, or take the initiative to step up a bad habit. An emotional reaction will develop with someone you can’t help but notice. Overreacting or a bad debt occurs. Community events will lead to new friends and a new bond.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Put more thought into contracts, negotiations and legal or financial pressures. You will come away with a unique way to integrate your skills into a position that suits you and your organization, institution or agency trying to expand your current service.

Birthday Bats: You are disciplined, determined and insightful. You have stamina, courage and drive.

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Back to business
Irish look to rebound against Providence after tough home loss

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

After snapping a 23-game win-streak in a loss to West Virginia on Sunday, the No. 4 Irish turn to Providence at home tonight looking for a win to put them back on a winning track. "Providence has very good guard play, and they’re very quick," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "Their post play is also very good, and they have a good inside-outside game." The Friars (13-12, 5-7 Big East) are flaring above the .500 mark after beating Seton Hall 62-47 at home Saturday. The Friars also took down the team that just handed the Irish their second loss of the season, beating West Virginia 51-48 on Jan. 14 in a comeback win. After their own bout with the Mountaincruisers, the Irish had just one practice to squeeze in Monday afternoon before taking on the Friars. "I am expecting us to play very well tomorrow," McGraw said. "Practice went well for us. I am hoping to have the same intensity against Providence." The Friars shot 36.1 percent from the field and 28.6 percent from behind the three-point line. Notre Dame is 19-0 all-time against the Friars. The last time the Irish took on Providence, sophomore forward Natalie Achonwa scored a career-high 13 points in only nine minutes of play en route to a 14-point win.

Irish graduate student forward Devereaux Peters goes up for a shot during Sunday’s loss to West Virginia. Peters contributed five points and 17 rebounds.

Bengal Bouts begin with preliminaries

By ERNST CLEOFÉ

Freshman Pat O’Hea (right) and senior Chris LaCosta trade blows in a preliminary match on Sunday. LaCosta won in a unanimous decision.

BENGAL BOUTS

By JOSEPH MONARDO

As soon as you take off your shoes, you sort of go to a meet and just an individual event competition and the heptathlon at the Big East Outdoor championships later this season in May. "It takes a certain mentality, I guess, because when you are just an individual event competitor, you sort of go to a meet and your focus is all on one event," Buttinger said. "My old coach used to reference it... when you are hurdlng, you are a hurdler. As soon as you take off your spikes you are the next event. So it is sort of like the mentality where it is different events within the bigger pentathlon." The indoor pentathlon consists of the 60-meter hurdles, high jump, long jump, shot put and 800-meter race. The multiple events require a considerable amount of extra practice time, Buttinger said. "It is more training — we probably train the most because we are in here two or three different times a day for different events, but I used to do a bunch of different sports in high school, so I’ve always been used to going from event to event," she said. "It definitely is hard, but it takes a specific type of person to do it." Buttinger, who also qualified to compete in the long jump and high jump events separate from the pentathlon, said she began thinking of herself as a pentathlete and heptathlete only late in her career.

Women’s Golf

Pair of victories push Notre Dame into semis

By CONOR KELLY

Following a fall season that saw the Irish fall short of Irish coach Jim Kubinski’s lofty expectations, the Irish coach said he was excited for the month break for winter — a chance to regroup and improve on facets of the game that are difficult to work on during the week in-between grind of the fall season.

On Monday, Kubinski watched his rejuvenated squad dispatch Loyola-Chicago and Villanova in the first two rounds of The Match Play at the Reunion Resort Wanamoe Course in Orlando, Fla. These two victories earned the Irish a spot in the semifinals of the tournament, where they will face Central Arkansas.

In the morning, the Irish took down the Ramblers in a dominating fashion (5.5-0.5) and took care of the Wildcats (4-0-2) in the afternoon. Seniors Chris Walker and Tom Usher, sophomore Niall Platt and freshman Irish junior at- tendant Mike Wobbly Wobble” Lenkov defeated Ryan in a unanimous decision.

Tamasitis adds passing to offensive repertoire

By JOSEPH MONARDO

After three stellar years in an Irish uniform, senior attack Maggie Tamasitis is looking to improve on her breakout junior season and lead Notre Dame to conference and national prominence. The Boyertown, Penn., native collected 80 points in her first two collegiate seasons before racking up a team high 62 points last year. Tamasitis netted a career-high 21 goals as a junior, but her largest improvement came in the passing game. Last year, Tamasitis racked up 46 assists — doubling her number from the previous two seasons and tying for second in the nation in the category. "I definitely think an assist is more exciting [than a goal] because more people are a part of it," Tamasitis said. "I like celebrating with someone. Don’t get me wrong, goals are great, but..."