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Students to thank alumni donors for contributions to ND

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JPW introduces parents to campus life
**Offbeat**

Emu escaped residence, has been on loose for weeks

*SOUTH HERO, VT. — An elusive emu on the lam in Vermont has been amusing residents in communities on Lake Champlain.

The 150-pound flightless bird looks like a small ostrich. It has been spotted wandering here and there in Grand Isle and South Hero since it escaped from a local farm five weeks ago.

It was spotted again Friday outside the South Hero elementary school, where it walked by a window of the principal’s office. School worker Steve Berard tried to lasso it with an extension cord, but it broke free.

The emu’s owner said he bought three emus for his grandchildren but they don’t make great pets. He’s taken out an ad in a local newspaper saying, “Free emu if you can capture it.”

A stray dog prevented a prison break in Paraguay

ASUNCION, Paraguay — A stray dog is getting credit for thwarting a prison break in Paraguay.

Officials say three dangerous inmates dug a tunnel about 26 feet (eight meters) from their cell to the street, and were about to break free just before dawn when the dog began to bark and alerted a guard.

Authorities at the Tacumbu prison on the southern edge of the capital dragged the unlucky prisoners before the media on Friday to tell the tale.

“Because of a stray dog we couldn’t escape,” complained Hilario Villalba. “When I reached the street, sticking my head out, the stupid dog barked and alerted a guard.”

Villalba, who is serving a 30-year double-murder sentence, vowed in his narrative that he’ll keep trying to escape because he said his sentence isn’t fair.

Meanwhile in neighboring Argentina, a yellow Labrador named Tiza alerted border guards to a motorist trying to smuggle $100,000 in $100 bills into Uruguay.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**Question of the Day:** Do you have a favorite Jeremy Lin nickname?

*Matt Taylor

Ben Turk

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Ethan Swan

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“Mr. Lincaredt.”

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“Lincipleon.”

“All I do is Lin.”

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Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com

**In Brief**

Students will have an opportunity to thank those who donated to the University at the “Thanksgiving in February” event held in the Student Room of LaFortune from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today. Free food will be provided.

The Cross will hold a blood drive in the LaFortune Ballroom from noon to 6 p.m. today. Appointments are available through online registration.

The run-off election for sophomore class will take place via an online link from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday. The two tickets proceeding to the run-off election are that of Kevin McNamara, Kristin Pacifico, Ryan Newell and Kai Gayoso, as well as Tim Scanlan, Nathan Foje, Andrea Palm and Emily Vorode.

Student Affairs is now accepting nominations for the Donna Moore Award for Excellence in Journalism, named after the University’s late Associate Vice President for Public Affairs. Candidates may be nominated by faculty, staff or fellow students. The deadline is Friday, March 2.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, email detailed information about an event to obsnews.nd.edu.
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especially in tough economic times. “We believe that it is our duty to show our gratitude to ND alumni who donate, especially during these tough economic times,” Genereaux said. “They have their responsibility at work whereas we still have to go to class, do homework and group projects more than receiving an automated, mass email.” Freshman Emily Pollard said this event provides an opportunity for her to personally thank the alumni who have given her so much. “The alumni are just as integral to the Notre Dame community as all of the current students,” she said. “Writing a personal thank-you is my way to acknowledge their continued support.”

This year, the Student Development Committee has set an all-time high goal of 2,000 cards. Genereaux said. To achieve this goal, the event has been extended from the previous year’s two-day time frame to a three-day event. Students who wish to participate can stop by LoBartolo’s Store Room from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday to sign cards and receive free T-shirts and Jimmy John’s sandwiches.

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Fellows

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Through the Office of the Provost and other funds, has seen 47 fellows in its 11-year run, she said. “It is viewed as one of the premiere pre-doctoral fellowships,” McKenna said. “It put Notre Dame on the map as one of the universities putting African-Americans into higher education.”

Richard Pierce, chair of the Africana Studies department and one of the founders of the fellowship program, said the fellowship brought remarkable individuals to campus.

“We’ve had some great people come through the program,” he said. “[Writing a dissertation] is a lonely process in the academic world — it’s just you and your work. To have this program and to be part of that process with these fellows is good. I get to see the best parts of the students.”

When the idea of a fellowship program for minorities came up in a conversation with First Year of Studies Dean Hugh Page in 1999, Pierce said both agreed they wanted to find a way to increase the number of diverse faculty teaching in higher education. Therefore, they established a fellowship to help students finish their dissertations and enter the teaching realm.

At the same meeting, Erskine Peters — a former Notre Dame English professor who empowered his students and fellow faculty members — was declared the namesake of the Fellowship due to his diverse mindset.

“Peters came here and was committed to students,” he said. “[Notre Dame] is a large experiment. Some say you can’t have reason and faith in one body. Peters challenged that — he saw this in one mind, one body and one heart.”

McKenna said she believes Peters would have been honored by the fellowship.

“This fellowship program meant a great deal to his family because he was such a pioneer in many ways to the academy,” she said. “Notre Dame did justice to the impact Erskine Peters had on students and the academy by honoring him with this program.”

To commemorate the Fellowship, McKenna said the Africana Studies department, in conjunction with the Institute for Scholarships in the Liberal Arts, the College of Arts and Letters and the Kenneth and Frances Reid Fund, will host a conference from March 29 to March 31.

“We are excited,” she said. “The conference is Africana Studies’ Impact on the Academy.”

The keynote address, “Making a difference,” will be given by Earl Lewis, the provost of Emory University. McKenna said Lewis is known Peters when he taught at the University of California, Berkeley, before coming to Notre Dame.

There are no plans to continue a pre-doctoral fellowship program like the Peters Fellowship on campus, McKenna said.

Pierce said he is grateful for the Fellowship and what it taught the faculty of the University.

“We fulfilled the goals we had,” he said. “However, I wish we had more people hired here that came through the program. … It’s difficult to think that we didn’t keep them here. Looking at their accomplishments, though, I’m pleased with the little part we played.”

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Legion

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At the hockey game this Friday, there will be a Leprechaun Legion giveaway to raise awareness and get people excited,” she said. “We’re also planning to get banners printed that say ‘Leprechaun Legion’. They will be placed in every student section at every sporting event so students will know where to sit.

In addition, Stoutenburgh said students can help spread the word through the clothing they wear.

“There’s also a Leprechaun Legion t-shirt that was just designed,” she said. “We designed,” she said. “We have students can help spread the word. Students can follow them on Twitter (@leplegion) and on their Facebook page.

“We use the social media to post articles regarding Irish teams, give score updates, post fun Irish facts and insights and notify students of gameday promotions and giveaways.”

Ultimately, Moorehead said he hopes the expansion will entice students to turn to the Legion for all their sporting needs.

“I think our ultimate goal is for the Legion to be Notre Dame students’ first stop when they want to learn anything about Irish athletics.”

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Public schools provide dinner

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Too often it is after the fact that teachers discover their students are worrying less about math and reading and more about where the next meal comes from.

So Doug White, principal of Garfield Elementary School in inner-city Kansas City, was relieved when his school, like many across the country, began offering dinner to students enrolled in after-school child-care or tutoring programs.

With breakfast and lunch already provided for poor students, many children now are getting all their meals at school.

"When you know about those situations those kids are bringing into the school and we are asking them to sit down and concentrate and do their work, and they might be hungry and we haven’t been made aware of it yet — we definitely want to do everything we can to help the kids," White said.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, signed into law by President Barack Obama in December 2010, provides federal funds for the after-school dinner program in areas where at least half the students qualify for free or reduced price lunches.

Before the change, the program was limited to 13 states and the District of Columbia. Most states had provided money for only after-school snacks.

Since the change, districts have started rolling out dinner programs held in after-school programs daily or only on school days. The number of dinners available previously but districts didn’t always know about it. The Congressional Budget Office estimates there will be almost 21 million additional suppers served by 2015 and that number will rise to 29 million by 2020. The added spending would total about $641 million from 2011 to 2020.

Advocates for the poor praise the program, but there have been complaints from conservatives who question whether the schools should be feeding kids three meals a day. Radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh asked on-air whether the schools should be feeding kids three meals a day.

"We got to know [her] ‘Domer’ friends a little better and her friends’ parents — her Notre Dame family," Carol Prellwitz said.

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 Associated Press

CHICAGO — A small but growing number of teens and even younger children who think they are born the wrong sex are getting support from parents and from doctors who give them sex-changing treatments, according to reports in the medical journal Pediatrics.

It’s an issue that raises ethical questions and some experts urge caution in treating children with puberty-blocking drugs and hormones.

An 8-year-old second-grader in Los Angeles is a typical patient. Born a girl, the child announced at 18 months, “I am a boy” and has stuck with that belief. The family was shocked but now refers to the child as a boy and is watching for the first signs of puberty to begin treatment, his mother told The Associated Press.

Pediatricians need to know these kids exist and deserve treatment, said Dr. Norman Spack, author of one of three journal reports published Monday and director of one of the nation’s first gender identity medical clinics, at Children’s Hospital Boston.

“If you open the doors, these are the kids who come. They’re our patients. They’re our responsibility. They’re our patients,” Spack said in an interview.

Switching gender roles and occasionally pretending to be the opposite sex is common in young children. But these kids are different. They feel certain they were born with the wrong bodies.

Some are labeled with “gender identity disorder,” a psychiatric diagnosis. But Spack is among doctors who think that’s a misnomer. Emerging research suggests they may have brain differences more similar to the opposite sex.

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Riot in high-security Mexican prison kills 44

Associated Press

MONTERREY, Mexico — A fight among inmates led to a prison riot in northern Mexico that killed 44 people Sunday, a security official said.

Nuevo Leon state public security spokesman Jorge Domene Zambrano said the riot broke out at about 2 a.m. in a high-security section of a prison in the city of Apodaca outside the northern industrial city of Monterrey.

Several inmates attacked other inmates, and the fighting then spread and blew up into a riot, Domene said.

Forty-four people died before authorities regained control of the prison a couple of hours later, he said.

Families of the prisoners gathered outside the prison putting up tents and shouting at police to demand word of the victims.

Riot-style fights happen periodically in Mexico’s prisons as gangs and drug cartels stage jail breaks and battle for control of penitentiary territory with the involvement of officials.

Some 31 prisoners died in January during a prison riot in the Gulf coast city of Altamira in Tamaulipas state, which borders Texas. Another fight in a prison in the Tamaulipas border city of Matamoros in October killed 20 inmates and injured 12.

In July, a riot at a prison in the border city of Juarez killed 17 inmates. Mexican authorities detained the director and four guards over that clash. Surveillance video showed two inmates being taken to the hospital and prisoners in a room where the slain victims were reportedly holding a party.

Twenty-three people were killed in a prison riot in Durango city in 2010, and a 2009 riot in Gomez Palacio, another city in the northern Mexican state of Durango, killed 19 people.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Xavier Alvarez was in good company when he stood up at a public meeting and called himself a wounded war veteran who had received the top military award. The Mason of Hickenlooper's neighborhood praised the courage of Alvarez, who was lying about his medal, his wounds and his military service, but he wasn't the first man to invent war.

He was, however, one of the first people prosecuted under a 2006 federal law aimed at curbing false claims of military valor.

Concerns that the law improperly limits speech and targets people into criminals for things they say, rather than do, are at the heart of the Supreme Court's review of his case and the Stolen Valor Act.

Veterans groups have come to the aid of the Obama administration, which calls the law a narrowly crafted effort to protect the system of military awards that was established during the Revolutionary War. George Washington.

The high court will hear the case Wednesday, when it's Washington's 280th birthday.

"They're committing fraud," the law says, adding that any person who falsely makes such claims to get an advantage for himself or another body else. They take on attributes of somebody else, attributes of a hero who served honorably," said Pam Sterner, whose college term paper calling for the law wound up in the hands of members of Congress. "You when do that, impersonating someone else, that's fraud, not freedom of speech."

Civil liberties groups, writers, publishers and news media outlets, including The Associated Press, have told the justices they worry the law, and especially the administration's defense of it, could lead to more attempts by government to regulate speech.

When he established military decorations in 1782, several years before he was elected as the nation's first president, Washington himself also prescribed severe military punishment for soldiers who purported to be medal winners but weren't. Since then, many men have embellished their war records, and some have won special recognition.

It long has been a federal crime to wear unearned medals, but more claims of being decorated have been made by more than 1,000 people, a reach of law enforcement.

The House of Representatives has more than once voted to name a post office after men who claimed awards they never received. The Air Force named an award after a man who falsely claimed to have survived the Bataan Death March and been awarded the Silver Star and the Legion of Merit.

The Boxing Writers of America established an award after the late Pat Summitt of Tennessee, a Navy Cross.

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Alvarez made his claims by way of introducing himself as an eligible recipient of the Three Valleys Municipal Water District in Pomona, Calif. There is nothing to suggest that he received anything in exchange or that listeners especially believed him.

Even Alvarez' lawyers acknowledged their client sometimes has trouble telling the truth. "Xavier Alvarez lied," said Mitchell Kroll, referring to a sentence of their Supreme Court brief and go on to recount six separate lies in the next few lines.

He lied when he claimed he played hockey for the Detroit Red Wings, married a movie star and dedicated the paparazzi swoon, was an engineer, rescued the American ambassador during the Iranian hostage crisis and was shot when he went back for the U.S. flag. Alvarez also wrote, he said, that he was awarded the Purple Heart.

But the lies Alvarez told harmed no one, they said, so he could not be considered fraud.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco struck down the law as an unconstitutional restraint on free speech and said the government might instead invest in an awards database that would make it harder for people to lay claim to medals they never won.

Last month, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver upheld the law in a separate case, saying the First Amendment does not always protect false statements.

The issue might never have reached this stage if not for the efforts of Sterner, and her husband, Doug.

FDA will investigate "AeroShot," a new inhalable caffeine product

Associated Press

BOSTON — U.S. Food and Drug Administration officials plan to investigate whether an inhalable caffeine supplement in lipsticks can be marketed to consumers and if its manufacturer, AeroShot, was right to brand it as a dietary supplement.

AeroShot went on the market late last month in Massachusetts and New York, and it’s also available in California. Consumers can put one end of the stick in their mouths and breathe in and releasing a fine powder that dissolves almost instantly.

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Santorum criticizes Obama's worldview

Associated Press

CUMMING, Ga. — Rick Santorum on Sunday condemned what he called President Barack Obama's "theology" — with no reference to his environmental policies — while speaking to more than 2,000 supporters gathered at a suburban Atlanta megachurch.

The president is "trampling on a constitutional right," Santorum said of the Obama administration's recent decision to allow employees of religious schools and hospitals to have birth control covered by their insurance policies.

"It is imposing his ideology on a group of people expressing their theology, their moral code," Santorum told those gathered at the First Redeemer Church, a megachurch that hosted former presidential candidate Mike Huckabee four years ago.

Obama's campaign said Santorum's initial remarks were another attack on the president's faith, coming after Santorum's "man is here to serve the sources because they believe in their chosen candidate." Romney said they were another attack on the "president's Christianity."

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

### Say cheese!

My favorite food is not pizza. It's not ice cream either. Even South Diners don't know how to make a decent cheeseburger. But I'd be willing to bet that the key to my food-loving heart is cheese.

My favorite food is that most delicious of animal byproducts: cheese.

Words cannot begin to describe how much I love cheese, but I'll try to express my lactose-laden emotions about it as best as I can.

For me, a day without cheese is like a day without a diet. I relish any dish containing cheese, especially Noodles and Company's mac and cheese and Lou Malnati's deep-dish pizza.

A lot of students are surprised that nearly all of my passwords are cheese-related (don't get any ideas). If that doesn't fully express to you the magnitude of my feelings for cheese, you probably don't love anything as much as I cherish the tangy flavor of a nice sharp Cheddar or a grilled cheese sandwich made with rich Brie.

Since I'm the most indecisive person in the world, cheese is the perfect food because it comes in so many shapes, sizes, colors, flavors and textures that I am perpetually sampling new varieties wherever I go.

From Florence to France, Madrid to Munich and Barcelona to Bilbao, I spent a large part of my semester abroad tasting the local specialty cheeses of Europe. My lunch in Paris's Luxembourg Gardens consisted of Babboleto and a baguette, and when I came upon a giant wall of cheese in the Mercat St. Josep in Barcelona, I almost had a coronary on the spot. Apparently my failure to go into cardiac arrest means all that cheese miraculously hasn't increased my cholesterol to a life-threatening level yet.

Living in Toledo, Spain, for three-and-a-half months was the experience of a lifetime, due in no small part to the amount of Manchego cheese I ate with my host mom and my friends. I loved that typical part to the amount of Manchego cheese of the Castilla-La Mancha province so much that I smuggled a chunk home in my suitcase at the end of the semester.

As if studying abroad in Spain wasn't cheesy enough for me, I also take great pride in my Greek heritage and will vouch for feta cheese's status as the true food of the gods. Like a good Greek, I refuse to eat anything but the real-deal imported feta (SDH's doesn't cut it).

Though my wandering travels have come to a temporary halt, my love of cheese will endure forever, no matter where I find myself. As a good friend once said, "Cheese brings people together," so if anyone reading this shares a mutual love of gouda or gorgonzola, consider yourself a kindred spirit.

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**EDITORIAL CARTOON**

Bless me Father for I have health insurance that pays for contraceptives...

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Forgive many things in others; nothing in yourself."

Aesop Greek poet

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**WEEKLY POLL**

What are you giving up for Lent?

Huddle candy
Facebook stalking
Super Smash Brothers
Naps

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I observed a story comparing Noah and Jonah. The events responded very differently to God’s call. While Jonah fled from God and rejected His commands, Noah immediately obeyed. God’s orders. Jonah pushed away and resisted God, until God showed him that His will was absolute and Jonah begrudgingly obeyed. Noah, on the other hand, trusted God’s wisdom and followed God’s will from the beginning.

I am extremely grateful and proud to have a job lined up for after graduation. However, I often question if entering the business world and climbing the corporate ladder is really what I want out of this life — if it’s my calling. I didn’t imagine myself being a business woman. In fact, I think few of us dreamed of being where we are headed. It’s hard to remember exactly when we lost our childhood aspirations, but at some point, we were forced to consider the realities of life and make more practical choices. Although I’m impressed with many of my friends’ future occupations (aerospace engineers, doctors and film directors) who have been taking time to engage in service, something I wish I had the guts to do.

I watch documentaries about orphan children in North Korea and feel a gut instinct to do something to help. I attend plays about sexual assault and feel a passion to speak for those who have been hurt. I feel called by God to alleviate those who are suffering. Yet, a few days pass and I’m back into my routine of my life. I can push these atrocities out of my mind. We often think, after all, what can I do? I’m just one person. There has to be someone else out there who is smarter, wealthier, more passionate and better equipped for this task than I.

Why do we so often want to act but fail to do so? Because if it’s not what is comfortable. Because we don’t think or know if it is our place. Because we aren’t the one directly suffering someone else, aren’t we just innocent bystanders? Because we think someone else will intercede.

All of these are valid concerns and emotions we struggle with. However, our failure to act can lead to dire consequences. There’s a whole world out there that needs our creativity, brains, perseverance and love. Why be caught up in our own little world?

I often think to myself, there’s no way you could work for a non-profit or commit a life of mission trips to developing countries. You want too many material things in life. And then I fault myself and feel guilty for having so much when so many others don’t. I’m afraid of missing out on the bigger picture, the grander purpose of life but I must constantly remind myself that entering the corporate world doesn’t necessarily mean that I’m selling out. It’s not going to rob me of my soul. I can still reach out to different communities and contribute to different causes that I believe in. In business it’s called the Triple Bottom Line: where profitability, sustainability and social responsibility meet.

Aristotle had a fascinating view on beatitude, or happiness. He believed performing virtuous deeds (aka random acts of kindness) was vital to a person attaining true happiness. However, he also believed that when a person has wealth, power, status and influence, he can accomplish even more! This slightly eases my mind. Regardless of my profession, with my resources, I can still obey God’s calling of helping those in need.

We are all called to do what’s right, to reach outside our immediate circle of influence and to try to alleviate suffering and lend a hand in a world that’s broken.

I think we have all, at one point or another, struggled with finding our callings. Unfortunately, most of us don’t hear God’s voice telling us exactly what to do with our lives. However, even if you did, would you accept it? Are you a Jonah or a Noah? Will you obey God’s calling or abandon it? You will kick and scream until you’re forced to accept it, or will you freely accept your calling, and, as Gandhi once said, “be the change you wish to see in this world?”

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By COURTNEY ECKERLE
Scene Writer

There are very few occasions where artists like Adele, Dierks Bentley, Dave Matthews Band, Miley Cyrus, Ziggy Marley and My Chemical Romance are all on the same album.

But those artists come together to tribute Bob Dylan in "Chimes of Freedom: The Songs of Bob Dylan Honoring 50 Years of Amnesty Internationa..." the album is an homage to Dylan as well as a benefit for the peace and equality organization.

Dylan's original version of "Chimes of Freedom" is the only song actually sung by him in an album made up entirely of his music.

At any compilation of 73 songs (spanning four discs), they can't all be winners. Stay away from "Boo Dylan's 115th Dream" by Taj Mahal and The Phantom Blues Band. The gravelly swamp voice and harmonica mix just doesn't work for some reason. It sounds less like Dylan, and more like a "Waterboy" Soundtrack reject. No idea how Kathleen "Don't Think Twice It's Alright" as big of a disaster as it sounds. A drug version with Jack Daniel's Queens of the Stone Age do a kick ass version of "Outlaw Blues" that would do Jesse James proud. K'Naan deviates from his usual fast paced style and does a soothing and mind opening version of "With God On Our Side." Flogging Molly's unique Celtic style is snug with this song. It's a great song for the original and contemporary "The Times They Are A-Changin'."

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By BREUNA WILLIAMS
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I admit. I cheated this week. The column is called "Baking with Brenna," but an even does not make an appearance in this recipe. However, this week's delicious treat — homemade chocolate truffles — is well worth forsaking the oven for the stove and the fridge. Frankly, some people don't like baking, but everyone loves chocolate, so I felt it my duty to deliver a treat even the oven-wary among us could enjoy.

Chocolate truffles, essentially chocolate ganache covered with various toppings, are the kind of confections you see in fancy candy stores, not what you usually make at home. However, they are surprisingly easy and fun to make and even more fun to share.

Even though they're simple, they're still special. So, make a homemade batch as a delicious birthday surprise for a friend or for the Oscar party you'll attend to this weekend.

Ingredients:
- 1 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 8 oz chocolate chopped
- Tip: The recipe I used called for dark chocolate, but you can use your favorite kind or even mix it up and make a batch with two kinds!
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Various coatings

Tips: Get creative here. I used cocoa powder, powdered sugar, chopped walnuts, and chopped pecan's candies. You can also use shaved coconut, other chopped candies or your favorite kind of coating. Meanwhile, mix the chocolate and cream together in a microwave-proof bowl. Microwave in 30 second intervals until it is fully melted.

Instructions:
1. On the stove, heat heavy cream and butter over medium heat until they mix
2. Pour the mixture into a small saucepan and heat over low heat, stirring until it is smooth and thick. Let the mixture cool for five minutes to allow the chocolate to melt.
3. Put the mixture in the refrigerator for at least three hours.
4. Roll each ball in a coating. Using a small spoon or your hands, form small balls out of the mixture and roll each ball in a topping.
5. Eat immediately or place the truffles in a container or on a tray lined with parchment paper or foil and return to the fridge.

Serving tips:
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Baking with Brenna

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"CHIMES OF FREEDOM"
Artists come together to benefit Amnesty International

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"Chimes of Freedom: The Songs of Bob Dylan"
Label: Amnesty International
Best Tracks: "The Times They Are A-Changin'," "John Brown," "Knockin' on Heaven's Door" and "Make You Feel My Love"

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"Make You Feel My Love," whose side effects include introspection and an inclination to drown one's sorrows in her voice. "One of Us Must Know (Sooner or Later)," by Mick Hucknall, sounds eerily like if Bob Dylan and Rod Stewart had a vocal child. A wild cover as well as a genuinely interesting vocal combination to check out.

"John Brown" by State Radio immediately jolts with a Deep Purple homage electric guitar intro, and doesn't let up the rest of the song. Dave Matthews Band gets the honor of a live cover of "All Along the Watchtower," which is sadly underwhelming. It starts out strong and melodramatic, and never picks up the power Dylan and a previous cover by Jimi Hendrix gave it, essential to the song's greatness. An extended saxophone solo was also a poor choice on the band's part.

Michael Franti hits "Hubert Harrison Huesnek Blues" out of the park. So good it could very easily grace a Honda commercial one day — the ultimate in happy song verification. "Forever Young" by Pete Seeger with The River town Kids is admirable. So happy and fun, a genuinely great listen with a "grandpa giving advice" attitude. "You Ain't Goin' Nowhere" by Brett Dennen adds a little bit of Cajun blues flavor in the mix. In stark contrast (in a good way), it immediately goes into the tango-fied "Love Sick" with the angsty, tight and high violin. Ziggy Marley does not disappoint with the iconic reggae version of "With God On Our Side." Flogging Molly's unique Celtic style is snug with this song. It's a great song for the original and contemporary "The Times They Are A-Changin'."

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Scene

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Scene Writer

his outfit also looked very elegant for the activity.

and a striped yellow and blue tie. The choice of colors in

the occasion. Peter styled a beige suit, a light blue shirt

her look with gold flats — comfortable and perfect for

Black Dress) with gold and white details. She completed

twists. Rachel rocked a simple long-sleeved LBD (Little

day. They both sported classic pieces with fashionable

ensembles for the JPW Presidential Dinner on Satur-

Peppy matches it with more ac-

tions of selflessness. Like a well-

studied artist, she maintains a

backwards glance to her predeces-

ors, solely George, while still tak-

ing America by storm. It’s a won-

derful combination of “Singing in

e the Rain” and “All About Eve.” The

Hollywood scene bursting with new

life and sound barely brightens the

travesty of being outmoded.

Without spoiling any surprises,

the film takes an unexpected turn

after an unexpected turn. The musical

score, composed by Ludovic Bource,

the same man who worked on “OSS

117: Cairo, Nest of Spies” with Ha-

zanavicius and Bejo, is brilliant.

And Hazanavicius takes the audi-

ence down a psychological road

unprecedented by the initially light

mood of the film. Hazanavicius uses

sound and silence and light and
dark to make George’s despair as
dynamic as possible. The result is

an oscillation between pity for and

frustration with George.

The film updates its 1920s prem-

is through thoughtful use of sound

and Dujardin and Bejo’s incredible

ability to reflect every conflicting

emotion on their faces. The simplic-

ity of black and white allows for

the actors smile, frown, cry and shout.

Their appearances became the first

source of information the audience

receives about each character’s in-

ner landscape.

So the question becomes, then,

when choosing between shoot-em-

up intergalactic robot movies and

Hazanavicius’ work, why wouldn’t

anyone see “The Artist”?

“The Artist” is still playing at

AMC Showplace on West Chippewa

Avenue in South Bend.

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By MEGHAN THOMASSEN
Viewpoint Editor

When films packed with robot

wars, gang violence and stereo-

scopic overstimulation are in the-

aters, why would anyone want to

rewind almost 100 years to the era

of silent black and white films?

For those who liked “Midnight

in Paris,” then “The Artist” will

be equally delightful. Set in 1920s

Hollywood, this homage to the old-

style of film studies how an actor’s

personality becomes a work of art

through public adoration and rec-

reation.

Released during the 2011 Cannes

Film Festival, “The Artist” was

nominated for six Golden Globes,

the most out of all the 2011 films.

It won Best Motion Picture for Mu-

sical or Comedy and Best Original

Score. Dashing Jean Dujardin de-

servedly won Best Actor for Motion

Picture Musical or Comedy. The

Academy Awards also seem prom-

ising for “The Artist” as it has been

nominated for 10 awards, including

Best Picture, Best Director and Best

Original Screenplay.

This French romantic drama,

directed by Michel Hazanavicius,

spins a tale of star-crossed lovers,

separated by the chasm created by

the talkies craze that hit Hollywood

in full force at the turn of the de-

cade. Dujardin and Bérénice Bejo,

Hazanavicius’s wife, are a brilliant

trio.

It’s 1927. Silent films are burning

bright and fast — too fast. While

George Valentin, played by Dujar-

din, rides the crest of his fame, he

deigns to recognize aspiring ac-

tress Peppy Miller, played by Bejo.

A chance encounter, George

jumpstarts Peppy’s “Pretty Woman”

rise to stardom.

Peppy is an utter delight, charm-

ing to the core with her mischie-

vous, nose-wrinkling grin and true

love for George. As much as “The

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Peppy might have been too per-

fect of a heroine if George hadn’t

kept her at arm’s length for the ma-

jority of the film. Despite George’s

inability to accept Peppy, she acts

as an anonymous benefactor to

George. When George hits rock bot-

tom, Peppy truly has the opportu-

nity to shine. With every downward

spiral,
Lebron's disconnect from Cleveland's reality

I thought long and hard about the best analogy to use for this column. I first considered a spoiled-sporadic analogy, where the object of desire that terrorizes your dreams after years of placing it on a pedestal. But no, the public-humiliation aspect just wasn't the same, even if she left you to star on "The Bachelor." Then I thought about a business partnership gone bad. It's like Steve Jobs' departure from Apple in the mid-1980s. That didn't work either, because the emotion involved just wasn't the same.

I kept searching and searching, but there's really nothing that even comes close to describing how Ohioans feel about LeBron James.

James was a hometown kid. He grew up in northeast Ohio. He understood the difficulty of being a sports fan in Cleveland. The Indians had a few years back in the 1990s, but nothing ever came of it. The Browns were even worse, the Browns.

(LeBron's not even a Cleveland Art Modell and his heart wrenching midday move to Baltimore.) The Cavaliers, though, were the most inept of the bunch. They were never — and I mean never — any good. But James changed that. And the city of Cleveland welcomed him as a gift, open arms, because he was homegrown. He got it, and while he was there, he embraced it.

Then his contract came up. Everyone figured, his free agency, his open heart, Modell and him with open arms precise — any good. But James of the bunch. They were his hubris is his heart.

But instead, he called a one-hour primetime special. He really doesn't get it. "I think it would be great," James said when asked, "to want to don a Cavalier's jersey in the future." He really doesn't get it. After growing up in that culture, being hailed as the savior of Cleveland sports, very publicly leaving the area in humiliating fashion... he wants to come back? The depth of his hubris is staggering.

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"First five minutes was really mind-blowing," Smith said.

"First thing I was thinking was don't airball your first shot. You never live that down in New York City. So once I made my first one, that really got me going."

Lin's turnovers Friday night matched the most in the NBA this season Friday in an 89-85 loss to New Orleans that could the off night that had NBA fans worldwide wondering if the Jeremy Lin story was too good to be true. It's still plenty good, all right.

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day, and the stage couldn't have been better — against the de-

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New York — Linsanity lives. For one night at least.

Fourteen points. Fifteen against the Dallas Mavericks. A game that could end the Dallas Mavericks' 17-game winning streak. But when they meet in the Garden, he could have said in a introductory press conference in New York. People would have understood. (In fact, I don't really understand why he didn't take that opportunity, but that's a topic for another column.)

Cavalier fans, this wasn't easy. But if I pass up the opportunity to play basketball with two of my best friends and hang out in South Beach," he could have said in a statement. No one would have blamed him for that — how could you turn that down? "But instead, he called a one-hour primetime special."

Every Ohioan figured James understood the region's sports pain and that he knew better than to twist the knife. If he was mak-

ing a big such deal of this, the thinking went, he must be announcing his return to Cleveland — he gets us, right?

We all know how that story went.

Now, apparently LeBron says he's open to returning to Cleveland.

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MLB

Yankees trade Burnett for two minor leaguers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A.J. Burnett’s rocky tenure in pinstripes is over.

The Yankees and Pirates completed a trade Sunday that sends Burnett to Pittsburgh for a pair of minor leaguers. New York is also sending $20 million to cover most of Burnett’s $33 million salary this season in a deal that clears the way for the Yankees to sign Ibanez.

The teams agreed to the trade Friday but it was subject to Burnett passing a physical, which he did Sunday at Pirates camp as pitchers and catchershold their first workout of spring training in Bradenton, Fla.

Commissioner Bud Selig also had to approve the deal because of the money involved. Burnett’s $15.2 million salary is the highest in the league.

“Having played in New York, I can say that playing in Pittsburgh is a different animal. The contract was done before I joined the club. Burnett is a quality arm like that to the transition here a little bit,” manager Ron Roenicke said. “I wouldn’t say ease — I can say that playing in Pittsburgh is a different animal.”

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Associated Press

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The Yankees acquire RHP Tanaka, OF Ibanez

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Derek Stepan scored 2 seconds into overtime, and the New York Rangers overcame a late tying goal by Columbus and one disallowed on their side in a 3-2 victory over the Blue Jackets on Sunday night.

Stepan took a pass from Michael Del Zotto, who faked a shot and slid the puck to a wide-open left side of the net.

Columbus captain Rick Nash, the subject of trade rumors — including those involving the Rangers — puts the puck in the net with 0:13 left.

That prompted chants of “We want Nash” from the aisles.

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Rangers top Blue Jackets in OT

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NEW YORK — Henrik Lundqvist stopped 21 shots to earn the victory after New York got control of a loose puck in the Blue Jackets’ end, and Del Zotto fired in a shot as time expired to give the Rangers a 3-2 win.

Anisimov used a fortuitous bounce to give the Rangers a 2-1 lead with 6:47 left in the second.

Nash could be on the move before next week’s NHL trade deadline, and the Rangers are a potential destination for the high-scoring forward. He declined to say before the game whether he would like to be dealt or if New York is pregnant with trade ideas.

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Saint Mary's ends year with sixth-place finish

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

The Belles finished their sea- son with a sixth-place finish when they placed sixth overall at the MIAA championships in Hol- land, Mich.

Senior Audrey Dalrymple led the Belles on Friday with her third-place finish. Dalrymple took third in the preliminaries of the 100-yard freestyle and matched that finish in the finals of the event with a time of 1:07.52.

The 200-yard medley relay team, featuring Dalrymple, senior Megan Price, junior Kristyn Gerbeth and freshman Anna Nolan, finished second in the preliminaries with a time of 1:55.31. That time was good enough for a top-five all-time Saint Mary's performance in the event. Later in the final round, the relay team posted a nearly identical time and fin- ished in seventh.

Nolan had other strong ef- forts on the day in the 100- yard backstroke. She finished eighth in the preliminaries and sixth in the finals with times of 1:02.17 and 1:02.96, respect- ively. Both times now stand as top-five marks in Saint Mary's history.

Price had another top indi- vidual finish for the Belles with a seventh-place effort in the 200-yard freestyle.

Gerbeth, junior Genevieve Spittler, junior Liz Litke, se- nior Katie Donovan and fresh- man Julienne Divine all earned points for the team by reaching the consolation finals of their respective events.

Saturday was the final day of action for the champion- ships and although the Belles couldn't quite put together a full surge up the standings, they showed some strong individual performances.

Dalrymple continued to lead the pack as she won the preliminaries of the 200-yard breast- stroke and finished second in the finals. In both races, she had NCAA B-cut times. Nolan also continued her impressive performances. The freshman set a new school re- cord in 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.74. Nolan also fin- ished ninth in the 100-yard freestyle finals and her time of 55.15 is in the top-five all-time in Saint Mary's history.

Spittler earned points for the Belles in the 200-yard backstroke and 200-yard fly with finishes in 16th and 10th, re- spectively.

Saint Mary's closed out the competition with a strong performance in the final event of the championships. The 400- yard freestyle relay team of Dalrymple, Nolan, Price and Donovan turned in another top- five all-time finish with its fifth- place showing.

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Irish lose four of five games

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

Notre Dame struggled in the season-opening Camp- bell/Cartier Classic, snatching only one victory in five games in San Diego.

Although losses to San Diego State, San Diego and Oregon State, the Irish (1-4) finally managed to catch a break against UC Santa Bar- bara, winning 6-4 in their second game of the day Sat- urday. Senior outfielder Al- exa Maldonado said failure to get into a rhythm hurt the team in the tournament.

“When hold us back this weekend was that we weren't able to connect all the parts of our game,” Maldonado said. “We didn't have great offense, defense and pitching come together for us.”

Junior catcher Amy Bun- tin was the star of the game, driving in three of the six Irish runs with two hits. Buntin hit in Maldonado in the first inning with a double to right-center field. In her next at-bat in the bot- tom of the third, Buntin hit a single up the middle that sent Maldonado and sophomore outfielder Lauren Sturh home.

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Irish Softball

Sophomore pitcher Laura Winter winds up during Notre Dame's 10-3 win over St. John's on April 30, 2012 at Melissa Cook Stadium.

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Irish edge out Wolverines, 4-3

By MIKE MONACO

Two Irish fencers hit their mark this weekend at the United States Fencing Association's National Junior Olympics with a pair of strong performances.

The event is a chance for fencers under the age of 20 to improve their individual standing and potentially qualify for the national team.

Leading the way for the Irish was freshman epeeist Ashley Severson, who finished second in the 15-9-1 competition. Severson won her first five matches by a 15-13, 1-5, 11-15, 15-6, respectively, before squaring off in the semifinals against Anna Van Brummelen. Van Brummelen advanced with a close 15-14 win and eventually won the finals to secure her gold medal.

Severson's third-place finish was right in line with her pre-tournament expectations of Irish coach Janusz Bednarski, who predicted a medal for Severson.

"We expected [Severson] to get a medal position," Bednarski said. "She simply had a very strong tournament, especially since there were a lot of fencers that were more experienced in this event."

Bednarski was satisfied with the result and believes it puts Severson in prime position to attain the goal — making the U.S. national team.

"It really puts her in a solid position to make the national team," he said. "Overall it was a good event for her."

The bronze medal adds to a solid rookie campaign for Severson, who finished the regular season with a 37-7 mark.

Freshman epeeist Nicole Ameli finished fourth. Ameli won her first three bouts by scores of 15-1, 15-13 and 15-13, respectively. When the final came around, Ameli lost 15-9 to Audrey Abend, who went on to claim the silver medal.

Bednarski was pleased with Ameli's performance, especially given the amount of fencers in the field.

"[Ameli] was very close to reaching the final right, and she also fenced pretty strongly," he said. "It's a good sign for the rest of the season."

Ameli led the Irish epees with 39 wins on the season, including a 15-1 showing at the Notre Dame Duals on Jan. 28.

Bednarski believes both fencers can build off their strong showings moving forward.

"I was disappointed in our day's match against the Wolverines at the Eck Tennis Pavilion on Feb. 10.

Senior Niall Fitzgerald returns a ball during Notre Dame's 7-0 win over Wisconsin at the Eck Tennis Pavilion on Feb. 10.

By PETER STEINER

The No. 30 Irish utilized strong performances by the six singles matches in front of a large crowd at Varsity Tennis Pavilion on Feb. 10.

The Irish (9-4) knew Saturday's victory was key.

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Irish men claim fifth Big East championship

The men’s team won its fifth indoor Big East championship in New York over the weekend, as the team finished in fourth place — the team’s highest since 2007.

“There really means a great deal to our team and hodes well for our future,’’ said head coach Joe Piane. “This championship really means a great deal to our team and hodes well for our future.’’

The men’s team spent much of Saturday, a day filled with most preliminary races, laying the groundwork for Sunday’s finals, as 13 team members qualified for the final round. Senior pole vaulter Kevin Schipper provided an early spark for the Irish on Saturday, winning his third consecutive title and also coming back from a second-place finisher Connecticut.

Senior multi-event athlete Maddie Buttinger bolstered the team’s point total on the first day of the championships, finishing in second place in the pentathlon with a total of 4,008 points and earning her second Big East citation. The team also qualified 10 athletes for the final round events.

Winning the final round, the women’s team turned in one individual title and one top-three finish on Sunday. Continuing her strong form, sophomore jumper Alex Wilson won the 60-meter hurdles. The 4x800-meter relay team of sophomore Kelly Curran, sophomore Alexis Aragon, sophomore McKenzie Schurz and junior Rebecca Tracy placed second, earning all-Big East accolades.

By BRIAN HARTNETT

SPORTS

Women’s Lacrosse

No. 20 Notre Dame and its new coach, Christine Halfpenny, did not assemble this year’s schedule without first-season challenges. In opening their season with No. 6 Maryland in the first game of the season, earning a 1-14 victory on a record-setting day at Arlotta Stadium. From the opening draw, Notre Dame (0-1) appeared poised and played an extremely efficient game, especially on the offensive side, as they scored seven goals on its first seven shots, and opened up a 7-2 lead over Maryland (0-1) early in the first half.

The Irish continued to pour it on before the break, and senior attacker Maggie Tamasits set up three goals as the clock dwindled to send her team to the locker room with a 12-2 lead. The last first half goal from Shawel Buzzed really means a great deal to our team and hodes well for our future.”

The team has a break for a few weeks before returning to competition March 22, when they host Chicago’s Loyola. The Irish will return to competition March 2, when they host the Alex Wilson Invitational.

By MEGAN FINNERAN

SPORTS

Men’s Swimming

For the fifth time in program history, the Irish return from the Big East championships as champions. In addition to the overall title, they also left the weekend with multiple individual victories.

Tim Welsh was named Coach of the Year and junior Bill Bass was recognized as the Most Outstanding Swimmer of the meet. Earlier in the week, freshman diver Nick Nemetz was named Diver of the Meet. Earlier in the week, freshman diver Nick Nemetz was named Diver of the Year and junior Bill Bass was recognized as the Most Outstanding Swimmer of the meet.

The Irish took the title for the first time since 2009, winning each day at the top of the standings. Senior Matty Johnson said, “Everyone is quite happy with all the coaches, train - ers and managers,” junior Chris Halfpenny said. “This championship really means a great deal to our team and hodes well for our future.”

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Senior Ryan Belecaene races in the 500-yard freestyle during the Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 27.

John Williamson took the 200-yard butterfly, finishing in 1:44.74 and also coming back from a third-place finish in the 200-meter individual medley. He set both a school and pool record, shedding more than one second between the preliminary and final rounds. Freshman Brennan Jack won both the 100-yard and 200-yard individual medley, as well as the 200-yard freestyle, finishing in 1:56.17.

The 4x100-meter medley relay team of Dyer, Bass, junior Kevin Overbok and freshman John McGlinchey continued the women’s winning streak in the 4x100-meter medley relay, taking first with a time of 3:39.16.

The team has a break for a few weeks before returning to competition for the NCAA championships. The three-day diving meets will be in Federal Way, Wash., Feb. 22-24 at the UW Natatorium.

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the first shot on goal goes in,” he said. “I thought we competed hard for the first part of the game. Then it got away from us, from just not being able to finish and then giving up chances against all of a sudden now we’re down.”

Saturday’s contest again saw Miami get ahead early in a must-win game for the Irish, as the RedHawks recorded two goals on junior goaltender Mike Johnson in the first period. Johnson received both starts on the weekend, in a move Jackson said was intended to build confidence between the pipes.

“I thought Mike settled down and played well after that first goal on Friday,” Jackson said. “I’ve been going with two different guys, and I thought maybe he didn’t have a ton of work on Friday night, so I thought coming back with him maybe he could start building up some confidence. I don’t think he had much chance on goals on Saturday.

“So it was a little matter of just trying to see if, just like I ran giving Mike a chance to play with Steven for several straight games, trying to see if, just like I ran chances on goals on Saturday. I don’t think he had much
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By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

It felt like a case of déjà vu. On Saturday afternoon, Irish players and fans circled around court six as sophomore Julie Sabacinski lost a three-set thriller against North Carolina sophomore Tessa Lyons, giving the No. 13 Tar Heels (7-4, 1-0 ACC) the 4-3 victory.

The next day, the outcome of the duals match against No. 57 Illinois (5-2) again came down to the last pairing as sophomore Britney Sanders and Il lini freshman Caroline Price battled for the deciding point on the No. 4 court. This time, though, Sanders held on for the 6-4, 7-5 win and the No. 23 Irish (6-3, 1-0 Big East) finished on the right side of a 4-3 decision.

Seniors Shannon Mathews and Kristy Frilling, the nation’s No. 3 doubles pair, jumped to a 3-0 lead against North Carolina senior Shinan Featherston and junior Lauren McHale, but lost the next five games. Although Mathews and Frilling lost to Featherston and McHale last February, they were not intimidated by the sudden momentum swing and chipped away at the lead until they regained it, 8-7.

The Irish claimed match point at 9-7 when Frilling caught McHale off-balance and the Tar Heel swatted helplessly as the ball glided in front of her.

“We just stayed really focused and we didn’t give up, and I think that was really impor-tant,” Frilling said. “It’s hard, sometimes, to be up and then lose the lead so fast, but I think we just didn’t let it affect us.”

North Carolina claimed the next doubles match as Lyons and senior Haley Hennm de-feated Irish junior Christiie Mc-Gaffigan and sophomore Jen-nifer Kellner, 8-6, but Notre Dame earned the doubles point when Sanders and Sabacinski closed out Tar Heels senior Jen-nifer Stone and junior Zoe De Bruycker, 8-5.

“It’s always really helpful to win the doubles point, because it kind of gives people confidence going into singles,” Frill-ing said.

That confidence was appar-ent in the two quickest matches – Sanders dispatched Price (6-3, 6-4) and Frilling shook off – Sanders dispatched Price (6-3, 6-4) and Frilling shook off

Tar-Heels slip by Irish in close match

Sophomore Britney Sanders returns the ball during Notre Dame’s 7-0 home win over IPFW on Feb. 4.

Sophomore center Anders Lee, right, goes for the puck during Notre Dame’s 3-2 home loss to Bowling Green on Feb. 4.

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kept it on [Wigrizer]. He was making some good saves. We were definitely early on. We just kept it on and kept the pressure on, didn’t change anything and just kept going. No goalie can keep up that good-paced tempo that he was doing in the first half throughout the whole game.”

Pfeifer said he had two assists in the first half, added two goals of his own in the second, including the final tally to ice the game.

The Irish offense could afford a lack of finishing early thanks to the play of their defense and Irish junior goaltender John Kemp. Kemp finished with a clutch free-sen to notch that 16 goals in its season opener to just three Saturday. Kemp finished with an impressive 14 saves and after the Blue Devils (1-1) went up 2-0 with 10:42 left in the second quarter, Notre Dame did not allow another goal until just 18 seconds remained in the contest. I thought we just came out and played well,” Kemp said. “Our guys work very hard in the preseason and I think they do a good job of doing what you need to do in the preseason, which is kind of preparing yourself fundamentally so that you’re ready to take what comes at you in the first game, because it’s always a little bit of a crapshoot.”

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The result is a little bit of deja vu for the Irish, who also defeated Duke to open last season after falling to the Blue Devils in the NCAA championship in 2010. Because of that, while Pfeifer knew Saturday’s win was big, there’s still a lot of season left to be played, he said.

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

### Crazy eighth

**Overtime win ups win streak to eight**

By ANDREW GASTIELUM

Add an improbable comeback victory to the improbable eight-game winning streak.

No. 23 Notre Dame rallied from a 20-point deficit to cap a 74-70 come-from-behind overtime win at Villanova, led by four players in double-digit scoring.

**What a night,** Irish coach Mike Brey said to und.com in a postgame interview. “We had a little bit of that look that we had at Louisville and West Virginia and I used that as a reference point at halftime. (I told them to play in) four minute segments and play those last five minutes like we did in Morgantown, just fearlessly with nothing to lose.”

Down 20 late in the first half, the Irish (19-8, 11-3 Big East) spent most of the second half chipping away at the Villanova defense with a barrage of 3-pointers and a relentless zone defense that only gave up five Wildcat field goals in the entire second half. Freshman guard Pat Connaughton’s 21 points — all from a career-high seven 3-pointers — led the way for the Irish.

“We made big shots. Going zone helped us in the second half because it kept our big guys closer to the bucket and we could rebound a little better,” Brey said. “I just think we are special. I really do ... It’s a great win for a group that really believes in itself.”

The Irish made their biggest run with just over four minutes left in the second half, scoring 13 unanswered points in a three-minute span. Sophomore guard Eric Atkins’ acrobatic layup, which led to a tie at 66 with 3:08 left, ignited the run and did not return to the game.

Junior guard Skylar Diggins put the Irish on top at 72-66, as a trio of sophomores and junior guard Jerian Grant each found the back of the net to finish the second half. Aoki said, “It looked like we were ready to play on Friday night and again”.

**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

McGraw+not+worried+about+week-long+layoff

By MOLLY SAMMON

The No. 4 Irish will take on No. 19/16 Louisville tonight at the Cardinals’ KFC Yum! Center, marking the 10th time Notre Dame has faced a ranked opponent this season. “Louisville has a great team,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “They’re 10-1 at home. It’s tough to be there.”

Both teams had the last week off from play, as both the Irish and Cardinals won their last games against Big East opponents nearly one week prior to tonight’s contest.

“We had a good break,” McGraw said. “I think it was a good mental break as well as a physical break. We’re feeling really good.”

Notre Dame has a 7-4 advantage over Louisville and 3-1 record on the road against the Cardinals.

The last time the Irish (25-2, 12-1 Big East) took to the court, they beat Providence 66-47 at home on Feb. 14. Junior guard Skylar Diggins put up 19 points, and fifth-year senior forward Devereaux Peters matched Diggins’ 19 points for the Irish in a 74-70 win. Peters had a game-changer.

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**BASEBALL**

Irish win two on opening weekend

By BRENDAN BELL

Notre Dame got the better of the Big Ten Conference this weekend in the Big Ten/Big East Challenge, defeating Illinois 66-47 at home on Feb. 14. Irish coach Mik Aoki said, “It was a game-changer. It’s been a consistent reason that we have Adam Norton pitching well, but also looked comfortable up there and had big hits in timely moments.”

Sophomore first baseman and 2011 Big East Rookie of the Year Trey Mancini went 4-for-5 with a home run and three RBIs. Senior right-handed pitcher Dan Slania earned the victory for the Irish, pitching 2.2 innings while allowing only one run in relief.

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Saturday’s game against Iowa (1-2) was played at a different pace, as Notre Dame (2-0) outscored the Hawkeyes 6-3 and won both games.

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**HOCKEY**

Losing streak stretched to five

By CHRIS ALLEN

The Irish controlled the flow of play in Friday’s contest, outshooting the RedHawks 31-16 on the game. Miami senior goal-keeper Connor Knapp stopped all 15 shots, however, and the RedHawks went 1-for-4 on the power play.

“I think Skyler (Diggins) has been playing extremely well, as well as Devereaux (Peters),” Jeff Jackson said. “Especially for (senior guard) Natalie Novosel, this is a good game for her being from Kentucky. But we’re all really ready to play.”

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**MEN’S LACROSSE**

Defense goaltending shut down Blue Devils

By SAM GANS

Notre Dame’s 2011 season came to a close at the hands of Duke in a 7-5 loss in the quarter-finals of the NCAA tournament. This year, the No. 9 Irish opened their season with a bit of revenge thanks to a 7-2 win over the No. 2 Blue Devils at Arlotta Stadium on Saturday.

After falling behind 2-0 early in the second quarter, Notre Dame (1-0) took control of the game, scoring four goals in the second stanza to take a 4-2 lead into halftime and sending the sold-out crowd of 2,053 into a frenzy.

Duke goaltender Dan Wigrizer frustrated Irish shooters early, making 11 saves before Irish senior captain and attackman Nicholas Beattie fired a hard shot from 10 yards out past the netminder with 9:28 left in the half to get Notre Dame on the board. Beattie, who was cross-checked just after releasing the shot, was injured on the play and did not return to the game.

Wigrizer had only one more save in the half after Beattie’s goal, as a trio of sophomores each found the back of the net to give the Irish a two-goal cushion in the second stanza. Attackmen Westy Hopkins and Ryan Mix and midfielder Jim Marrlatt all scored within two minutes of each other near the end of the half.

“We didn’t really change anything with our shooting,” Irish senior captain and midfielder Max Pfeifer said. “We

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