HHS compromise leaves questions for University

Professors say Obama administration’s revision does not specify policy’s exemptions for self-insured firms

By SARAH MERVOSH
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The revised contraception mandate, which shifts responsibility for funding contraception from religiously affiliated institutions to insurance companies, will apply to self-insured employers like Notre Dame, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced last week.

However, Notre Dame professors say the Obama administration has not specified how this exemption would work for institutions like the University.

“The problem is that, it’s not clear how this compromise is going to be handled for firms that self-insure, which are the majority of large firms,” economics professor William Evans said.

Law professor Carter Snedell called last week’s announcement a “vague, unenforceable promise.”

“[The Obama administration] promised to try to ‘work it out’ for self-insurers,” Snedell said. “No elaboration.”

University Spokesman Dennis Jenkins and other religious leaders are working with the Obama administration to sort out the scandalous or full of misbehavior, she said. “It can be a family atmosphere at the ball as ‘maids in court,’” she said. “The people in the ball were masked, but I was unmasked and wearing a white, large gown,” she said.

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“Everything is so much fun and everyone is in such a good mood,” she said. “It’s definitely not just Bourbon Street and craziness,” she said. “It can be a family atmosphere. You can pick your own Mardi Gras. It’s a strong misconception that it can’t be fun for all ages.”

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“New Orleans, we have debutante balls, known as Mardi Gras balls,” Degan said. “A lot of the Mardi Gras organizations who put on parades have Mardi Gras balls, or just balls alone.”

At Mardi Gras balls, female college juniors are presented into society at the ball as “maids in court,” she said.

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Students celebrate Mardi Gras holiday

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

When most people think of Mardi Gras, they probably imagine raucous parades down Bourbon Street filled with music, floats and the infamous Mardi Gras beads.

But junior Emily Degan said one of the misconceptions about Mardi Gras is that it is scandalous or full of misbehavior.

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Alumna addresses anorexia

By KAITLYN RABACH
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As part of Love Your Body Week at Saint Mary’s, Christina Grasso, a 2011 College alumna, shared the story of her personal battle with anorexia, titled “Down the Rabbit Hole,” with the Saint Mary’s community Monday.

Grasso, a current intern in the New York City fashion industry, likened her experience with anorexia to the title character’s tumultuous journey in Alice in Wonderland.

“Like Alice, I felt trapped,” said Grasso, who has fought anorexia for nearly a decade.

Scholar honored for scientific work

By DAN BROMBACH
News Writer

The Notre Dame faculty celebrated another award to its collection when Kristin Shrader-Frechette, professor of philosophy and biological sciences, was honored with the Jean Mayo Global Citizenship Award in recognition of her body of work in both global health and pollution-related environmental justice.

Along with a group of Notre Dame students and several faculty members, Shrader-Frechette works to combat environmental injustice in poor and minority communities, she said.

“Environmental injustice occurs whenever poor people or minorities experience disproportionate heavier pollution burdens, as indeed they do throughout the world,” Shrader-Frechette said.

Shrader-Frechette said she and her team provide free scientific and ethical assistance to poor communities to improve quality of life and serve as the community’s voice and advocate.

“Our goal in this environmental justice work is to save lives, especially the lives of children, to ensure use of the best science to analyze pollution problems and help ensure that poor people and minorities can exercise their rights to know about, and to consent to, pollution risks,” Shrader-Frechette said.

Although she is on sabatical this semester, Shrader-Frechette said she is currently engaged in three unique collaborations.
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WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BENGAL BOUTS NICKNAME?

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“One tough son of a Beach”
“Wobbly Wobbly”
“Fess the Mess”
“James Golden’
“One tough son of a Beach”
“Gong ‘Can’t Touch This’”

These are the choices for the Question of the Day.

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Junior Neil Seils pounds a punching bag during training on Monday afternoon for his upcoming Bengal Bouts boxing match. The quarterly round begins at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

IN BRIEF

Students will have an opportunity to thank those who donate to the University at the “Thanksgiving in February” event held in the Sorin Room of LaFortune from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today. Free food will be provided. The event will be held tomorrow at the same time and place.

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

The Association of Women in Mathematics of Notre Dame will hold a bake sale in the LaFortune Elevator Lobby today from 3 to 6 p.m. Each item costs one dollar and Domer Dollars are accepted.

The run-off election for sophomore class council 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 McManns, Cristin Pacifico, Byat Frewell and Kai Gayoso and that of Tim Scanlan, Nathan Fuge, Andrea Palm and Emily Voore.

Student Affairs is now accepting nominations for the Denny 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 student 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@gmail.com

Offbeat

Woman heads to trial for stealing two dollar pumpkin
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A 23-year-old college student from New Mexico is scheduled to go to trial for allegedly stealing a small pumpkin worth two dollars. KOAT-TV in Albuquerque, N.M., reports that Lauren Medina will go before a jury and Morality Magistrate Judge Steve Jones on Tuesday. She is accused of taking the pumpkin in October 2011 from McCall’s Pumpkin Patch in Moriarty. Her sister, Annette Atencio, says Medina spent $75 on that day but forgot to pay for the pumpkin she picked up as she was leaving. Atencio says her sister offered to pay but was refused and then handcuffed. Atencio says she’s in disbelief that the theft charge against her sister was not dropped. She says her sister could have pleaded guilty and be given probation, but refused. Female inmates put pig image in police decal
MONTEBELLO, Vt. — Female prison inmates are to blame for a prank that put the image of a pig in a decal on the doors of some Vermont state police cruisers. Department of Corrections Commissioner Andy Pallito tells WCATV that female inmates at the prison work center in Windsor are responsible for altering the decal in 2009. But he says figuring out specifically who did it is impossible unless someone confesses. The pig in the 16-inch decal was first noticed by a state police trooper washing his car Feb. 1. One of the spots on a cow in the state crest was changed to the shape of a pig, a derogatory term for police. State police say they believe the pig decal has been added to about 30 cruisers in the past year.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Members of Campus Life Council (CLC) discussed medical amnesty and the aversions Notre Dame can take to combat the use of conflict minerals in electronics during their meeting Monday.

Student body president Pat McCormick asked council members if they believe the University should include some form of medical amnesty in its policies. Medical amnesty protects students in need of medical assistance, and the related Good Samaritan policy protects the student who seeks assistance for the student in need.

CLC has spoken in favor of medical amnesty in the past, McCormick said.

Ed Mack, O’Neill Hall rector, said the student body of Notre Dame is held to a higher standard of helping others, even if it means facing disciplinary risk.

“It always strikes me that it would seem better if the student body said, ‘I stand first for my brother or sister,’ rather than the perception of ‘I’ll worry about myself and maybe take care of one in need,’” he said. “I think more highly of you.”

Ronald Vierling, rector of Morrissey Mansion, said in two instances this year, students were not punished for helping other students, even though they themselves were intoxicated.

“These situations place the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) in a difficult position, he said. “Did we penalize the student? Of course not,” he said. “Frankly, our NDSP often casts a blind eye, but it’s state law. There will be things they have to do to follow through with that.”

Vierling said a policy of medical amnesty is not needed if students uphold the level of honor expected of them and take appropriate action in difficult situations.

“At least five years ago in the student body meeting, we talked about a ‘samaritan policy’ that could protect the students helping peers in need for fear of punishment, despite the standard of integrity they are generally held to by supporting their fellow students.”

We believe this standard is innate and honor it, but in the eyes of a student perspective, there are cases where there is no mercy shown,” he said. “Instead, there’s punitive measure taken against the student that runs counter to our higher aspirations as a community.”

McCormick said the issue will be addressed in Wednesday’s Senate meeting.

CLC also discussed the issue of conflict minerals and how it relates to the Notre Dame student body. McCormick said student advocates raised student Government’s awareness of the devastating effects of the mining of conflict minerals in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and it frequently causes for natural resources like these conflict minerals are the principal driver for human abuse and armed conflict in Congo, he said.

McCormick said Notre Dame has used its investment portfolio to influence global justice in the past, and it can do so now to make a statement about its position on this issue.

“It would advance compliance in companies to source where their minerals are coming from,” he said. “Minerals are making their way from places with human atrocity and into our cell phones and electronics.”

Students can take responsibility on the issue of conflict minerals by writing their congressmen and purchasing electronics from certain companies over others.

“Students can assign grades to congressmen and congresswomen to increase awareness,” McCormick said. “And they can use consumer purchases as a way of voting for particular supply chains.”

He said student advocacy can be a powerful form of leverage for broad issues like the problem of conflict minerals.

“The choices we make downstream to the extraction process are contributing to violence and human atrocity,” McCormick said. “If we can get students involved, that creates a sense of broader solidarity beyond borders that Notre Dame aspires to.”

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CAROLINA WILSON

With education reform emerging as a hot-button issue among the American public, Suzanne Wilson, university distinguished professor and chair of the Department of Teacher Education at Michigan State University, outlined her research on developing measures for tracking learning in teacher education programs during a lecture at the Eck Visitors Center on Monday.

In “Teacher Preparation in an Era of Reform,” Wilson discussed the essentials of teacher education and the current American position on this topic and the ways in which her research could impact teacher reform.

“My research could be a revolution in how we think about teacher education problems,” she said.

Wilson said her biggest question regarding teacher education reform concerns the current status of the issue in terms of its larger historical context, asking whether or not we are at a “historical moment” in the history of education in America.

Wilson spoke about three current themes in the dialogue about education reform: equity and equality, efficiency and effectiveness.

Regarding equity and equality, Wilson said it is our nation’s duty to provide its children with equal educational opportunities.

“This is the promise we made as a nation, as the world’s leading democracy, giving all our children an equal education,” she said.

Wilson said this theme is the “center” of all discourse regarding education reform, and it constantly raises questions about the relative level of equality in our educational system.

According to Wilson, efficiency can be measured by a teacher’s added value,” a new concept in education reform that refers to whether or not students would be more successful in school based on the efficiency of his or her current teacher.

Wilson equated the final rankings of major universities to help somebody learn something.

“We haven’t spent enough time studying what it takes to help somebody learn something,” she said.

In lieu of grading systems, Wilson suggested a new approach to teacher education reform based on the pragmas of Frederick Taylor, emphasizing leadership through the system frequently point to the inefficiency of current teacher preparation methods, but Wilson said these critics should ask better questions and “fight for better programs.”

These improved programs, or “alternate routes,” are already in place in some school systems and include residency programs and programs that prepare people for color and male teachers to diversify the teaching workforce, she said.

Wilson added she believes this change in the educational reform for teachers is a positive one, but cited universities as being “extremely slow and getting in the way of doing things in terms of teacher education reform.”

One hindrance to progress is the disproportionate focus on ranking individual teachers, rather than making comparisons within teacher education programs themselves, Wilson said.

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Suzanne Wilson, a department chair at Michigan State University, discusses teacher education programs Monday in the Eck Center.

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group discusses medical amnesty

Professor speaks about teacher education

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Chef outlines raw food health benefits

By JILLIAN BARWICK
News Writer

Saint Mary’s kicked off “Love Your Body Week” with a presentation by Michele Dahms, a certified raw food chef and lifestyle instructor, who spoke to students about the importance of healthy eating in everyday life, especially in relation to women’s health.

“Women are the ones that have to take care of themselves first before taking care of their families,” Dahms said.

“That is why having ‘Love Your Body Week’ on your campus is so great.”

Dahms said people have strayed from the real purpose of food as a source of nutrients and obesity and other chronic health issues stem from the body’s lack of nutrients as a result of an unhealthy diet.

Dahms presented the audience with a 10-year-old McDonald’s burger and an order of fries that showed no signs of mold. She also held up a 7-Eleven Slurpee cup containing more than 20 packets of sugar inside, the equivalent of the Slurpee’s sugar content.

“An average teenager eats a cup of sugar a day currently,” Dahms said. “Our bodies are getting more and more calories without the nutrients because of the foods we eat, which is not helping our systems."

Adhering to a healthy diet can improve a person’s overall lifestyle, from increasing mental clarity to maintaining a healthy weight and improving skin quality, Dahms said.

“As you start eating healthier, you can get to know your body better, the things it likes and doesn’t like, and what healthy options are a good fit for you,” she said.

In a PowerPoint presentation, Dahms outlined the basic principles of vegetari-anism and veganism and different types of raw foods to demonstrate some methods of healthier living.

“Some of the main food groups of raw foods are fresh fruit, vegetables, natural fats and grains,” Dahms said. “Nutritional benefits from raw foods include vitamins, which are complete nutrients in whole foods and isolated nutrients. Raw foods also contain enzymes, which are catalysts for all of our bodily functions. The digestive system functions more regularly when it receives the enzymes it needs to break down foods, Dahms said, and raw food provides a good source of these en-zymes and other substances involved in basic functions of the body.

“Water, protein, natural fats, digestion aid and acid-alkaline balance are all attributes of raw foods,” Dahms said. “Cells function better when balanced, and being acidic weakens the body system, so it is important to have a balance between acid and alkaline.”

Contrary to popular belief, people do not have to make dramatic changes to improve their diet and lifestyle, Dahms said.

“Drinking more water, eating salad before lunch and dinner and consuming raw fruits and vegetables as snacks can improve diets, she said.

“You have to be the ones that have to care of themselves first before taking care of their families.”

Michele Dahms chef and lifestyle instructor

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Notre Dame to switch from self-insurance to an outside insurance company, adding this option was a “most point” based on Sebelius’ announce-ment last week.

Though the University is self-insured, Notre Dame works with Meritain Health, a third-party administrator that processes insurance claims and provides administrative services to the University.

Donna Hofmeister, director of marketing for Meritain, said the company is “still evaluat-ing” if and how the latest policy changes will affect Meritain. However, she said if the law requires Meritain to pay for con-traction for Notre Dame employees, the company plans to do so.

“We intend to fully com-ply with any obligations that result from this change,” she said. As it stands, Evans said the Obama administration has not figured out how to accom-modate reli-giously affiliated employers that self-insure.

“I have no idea what their path is going to be and how to get out of this box,” he said. “There is no easy solution to this.”

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At 3 p.m. on Friday, the Mardi Gras parade will begin at Notre Dame’s Hesburgh Library.

“I’m lucky that I got to spend time here as both a spectator and participant in Mardi Gras parades.”

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tice projects around the world. She is studying the fallout from radiation leakage after the earthquake and nuclear reactor disaster on children in Fukushima, Japan, the ef-
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ious facilities to clean up and to
shut down,” she said.

Despite the University’s rel-
atively small student popula-
tion, Notre Dame has far more
students who are passionate
about and willing to engage in
this kind of environmental jus-
tice work, Shrader-Frechette said.

“Every year I find at least five times more students here than at large state schools who
want to do this work,” she said. “Notre Dame’s incred-
ible students make all this pro-hono work possible. I
love them.”

Shrader-Frechette added she
hopes the award will bring increased recogni-
tion to her cause and help
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Lamentation of the Disney Channel

Once upon a time, there lived a little girl who grew up without the Disney Channel. She didn’t agonize over days with Lizzie McGuire or nights anticipating DCOMs. She grew up wondering what “Zenon” was and what Johnny Tsunami was all about. She made it through childhood, but there was still a part of her that wondered what she had been missing.

As a child who grew up deprived of the Disney Channel, I entered college hoping to catch up lost time. Sadly, when I flip to channel 50, Kim Possible and Ron Stopable have been replaced by cartoon fish and dancing children cropped to the 2 a.m. slot and new shows featuring identical dancing children. The Disney Channel is a mystery to me. And “Shake It Up” was a mystery to me.

But even with the Disney Channel’s release, I still remember growing up watching “The Final Jam.” Epic, I know. I experienced my first Disney Channel Original Movie on VHS. My best friend and I tape the specials, and I would watch them after they aired. Still, I remember a very young Hilary Duff in “Lizzie McGuire” and a pre-scamal Lindsay Lohan in “Get a Clue.”

Today, though, all that’s left are sour Lemon Mousse and triple-threat stars who can neither sing, dance nor act. Where has the quality gone?

For some reason, I always had this idea that the Disney Channel “release” of an original movie was a big deal — something that called for popcorn and late-night. As I got older (let’s say somewhere around age 19), that idea began to wear off.

Still cable-less at home, college gave me a much anticipated opportunity to see what I had been missing. As I soon learned, it wasn’t much.

I experienced my first Disney Channel release in real time during the first few weeks of college freshman year. It was Sept. 3, 2010. I watched “Camp Rock 2: The Final Jam.” Epic, I know. But “Camp Rock 2” did not come with the hype that I would have expected. The movie was a fluke — that the real joy and magic of the Disney Channel would still come to light.

My college friends laughed at me as I tried to catch “Hannah Montana” and “Suite Life.” They could not seem to understand my need to prove how great the Disney Channel was. But I even became disillusioned.

Soon, even “Hannah Montana” left the air. Zack and Cody were relegated to 5 p.m. slot and shows featuring identical dancing children cropped up. “Fish Hooks” aired much too often, and when I ask my favorite show to run “circles around her competitors.” What names were used as her creativity and how has her favorite part about running is the finish. Donegan, whose guilty pleasures include warm chocolate chip cookies from South Dining Hall and anything baked by Adam Joslyn, has no specific race strategy. He has only run one race before, a 5-K, but says, “We value the things we work the hardest for.”

On March 24, people of all shapes, sizes, backgrounds and experience levels will cross the finish line of the Holy Half Marathon. No matter their differences, or why they choose to run the Holy Half, they all deserve equal recognition. Of course, not everyone will walk away with a medal (this isn’t CYO basketball), but all will have accomplished something great. Some people will finish their first half-marathon, others will set a new personal record and everyone will help to raise money for local South Bend charities.

Decide why you will run the Holy Half. It’s a race that transcends from one to another and one of the more popular events available in the area. Top it off with a famous guy, “Run like a champion today.”

Carrie Turek is the student director of the Holy Half Marathon. She can be reached at cgreen9@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
I had a harrowing experience this week while visiting the Art Institute of Chicago which was inter- rupted by a prophetic vision of purgatory. If you don’t mind, I am going to use my column this week to try to make sense of the awful, awe- ful thing that happened. I hope some of you will get something out of this, too, or else my vision was in vain.

Article One: Whether There Is A Purgatory After This Life?

Objection 1. It would seem that there is not a Purgatory after this life. For it is said (Kodak 14:13-16): “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. From henceforth now, saith the Spirit, they are spared having to look at all those awful vacation photos that no one ever looks at, let alone the nev- ertheless who take them. For our God is a God of love, and He reserves such torment only for the grassest, most unrepentant sinners.

Objection 2. If indeed there exists a place where people have to look at my pictures for an indefinite period of time, it wouldn’t be that bad. Like, I took the cutest pictures! Karen saw them, and she absolutely loved them. She said the pictures were “artistic” so maybe I should get you this camera for Christmas instead of those outdated CA- cameras? You’re so unapposite.

On the contrary, after this life, there are not yet loosed from sin, who can be cleanse thereof, and the like have charity, without which saints cannot enter all of Purgatory. Hence they shall not be con- fined to everlasting death, since “he that liveth and believeth in Me, shall not die for ever” (John 11:26). Nor shall they with- out will they obtain glory without being cleansed, because nothing unclean shall obtain it, as stated in the last chapter of the Apocalypse (verse 14). Therefore some kind of cleansing re- mains after this life.

Further, Gregory of Nyssa points out that, “so long as the images of a person capturing with your camera aren’t themselves immoral or copyrighted or anything like that, and so long as you are not acting contrary to any nearly as-signs bars, or the like, or are not perhaps just flash photography, the act of taking pictures itself is morally neutral. If you desire to build a temple before him, taking too many vacation pictures, particularly of things that just aren’t that special or that aren’t even unique to you, is unequivocally a sin. Indeed, somewhat amazing that these sinners, heretics, and Aristotle sheds no more light on the matter of the sinfulness of taking im- permanent images of anything that have already been photographed several thousand times by profession- als really ought to stamp your ticket to gehenna. But that’s just a bunch.

As such, there has to be somewhere to put people who pull those shenan- gans during their purification. And, the fact is, we are no less free from sin than we are from the urge to take stupid pictures now and then, when we find ourselves removed from our normal routine. And later from the conclusions we have drawn above (III, 86:4-5; Supplement, 12, 1), it is sufficiently clear that there is Purgatory after this life. For if the debt of punishment is not paid in full after a certain period of time, then sin has been washed away by contri- bution, nor again are venial sins always remitted when mortal sins are con- fessed, and if justice demands that sin be set in order by due punishment, it follows that one who after contrition for his fault and after being absolved, dies before the end of the temporal punish- ment, such as the end of the year, is punished after this life.

And it is fairly to that you have to watch a slideshow of all the lonely, unwanted, unloved vacation photos ever taken while you’re there.

Reply to Objection 1. Look, I saw what I saw. There’s no way. If you don’t stop taking your camera everywhere, you’ll only have to sit through the equivalent of a graduation party slideshow before you’re done.

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Fat Tuesday Edition

There’s never been a better day to indulge in all your favorite foods than Fat Tuesday. With Lent just around the corner, scarf down all the best food you can eat while you can. With so many options to choose from, this special Fat Tuesday edition of Scene Selects is your guide to the best seasonal food around.

1. Shrimp Creole

This classic Louisiana Creole shrimp and rice dish is the perfect culinary complement to any Mardi Gras celebration. You may not be able to celebrate in New Orleans, but you can bring the holiday to Notre Dame with just a pinch of cayenne seasoning, vegetables, shrimp and white rice. So wear some festive purple, green and gold beads around your neck and celebrate with delicious New Orleans cuisine before the Lenten fast begins.

2. Easter Candy

Luckily, the wonderful workers at the Huddle have put out the Easter candy in time to gorge on before Lent and Spring Break diets start. Whether your poison is pure sugar or chocolate, you are covered with a selection ranging from Peeps to caramel-filled eggs. These treats are perfect for pick-me-ups in between classes or late night indulgences. Feast away!

3. Beignets

While beignet literally means “bump” in French, it’s more fondly known as the deep-fried, smothered-with-powdered-sugar pastry. Beignets are an essential part of any Mardi Gras celebration in New Orleans. You can buy them stuffed with fruit or maple fillings, covered in frosting. It’s like a donut married a cake and had powdered-sugar frosting. It’s like a donut married a cake and had powdered-sugar frosting. It’s like a donut married a cake and had powdered-sugar frosting. It’s like a donut married a cake and had powdered-sugar frosting. It’s like a donut married a cake and had powdered-sugar frosting. It’s like a donut married a cake and had powdered-sugar frosting. It’s like a donut married a cake and had powdered-sugar frosting. It’s like a donut married a cake and had powdered-sugar frosting. It’s like a donut married a cake and had powdered-sugar frosting.

4. Shamrock Shakes

You may not be quite in the mood for St. Patrick’s Day celebrations just yet, but it is never too early for a Shamrock Shake. To make up for no-meat Fridays, why not treat yourself to the perfect minty treat courtesy of your neighborhood McDonald’s? Even for mint-phobes, for no-meat Fridays, why not treat yourself to the perfect minty treat.

5. King Cake

One of the best traditions of Mardi Gras is the colorful king cake. This is the centerpiece covered in purple, yellow and green sprinkles and frosting. The cake is usually baked in a twisted version of the bundt cake. Not only is this dessert delicious, but each cake hides a small toy baby. Whoever has the piece with the baby in it is the king for the night. Varieties include cream cheese, praline, cinnamon, strawberry, chocolate and more.

Lenten promises: a how-to guide

By MARY CLAIRE O’DONNELL

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Life’s a competition, and nothing says Christian spirit like making your love for Jesus into one. It’s all well and good to give up chocolate for Lent, but everyone does that. Give up chocolate and run two miles every day. Your friend is only going on Facebook once a week? Have someone change your password for the entirety of the Lenten season. And remember, in order to best one-up your friends, don’t announce your promise until your friends have already told you theirs.

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And here are some other things to possibly consider when making your Lenten promise:

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If you have a serious caffeine addiction and you cannot function without a morning and afternoon cup of coffee/tea/Diet Coke, don’t give that up. For one, you will just be cranky and annoy all your friends. And two, your schoolwork will suffer, and neither you, nor Jesus, nor your parents would want that. Lent is for giving up superfluous things in life, not essentials. Try trading the Triple Grande Nonfat Upside Down Caramel Macchiato Extra Hot for just a regular coffee. Your wallet will also thank you.

4. Give yourself Sundays

Lent commemorates Jesus fasting for 40 days in the desert, but Lent itself is 47 days long. No one expects you to be better than Jesus, so take a free pass on Sundays to even out the numbers. But in all seriousness, sometimes you have a really bad week or a stressful night and that bar of chocolate or 20 minutes on Facebook is exactly what you need to decompress. Catholic guilt can be overwhelming, but don’t let it get to you too much. Notre Dame can already be a high stress situation. Don’t allow Lent to make it any more stressful the season is about taking time to reflect on your life, not making things monumentally harder.

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Sometimes it is really hard to figure out what you want to give up for Lent. So don’t give up anything. Devote an hour or two a week to helping out at a local community organization or through a group on campus. There are tons of organizations that are always looking for volunteers. You’ll put your Catholicism into action and help better the South Bend community. And who knows, you might like it so much you’ll continue doing it after Lent.

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Heartless Bastards truly lived up to its name by releasing its new album "Arrow" on Valentine's Day. Hailing from Austin, Texas, the band is fronted by lead singer Erika Wennerstrom. The group got its name from a pub trivia game asking what the name of Tom Petty's band was (The Heartbreakers), and one of the wrong options was “The Heartless Bastards”. While its name might have started from a joke, the band has proved it’s not, as “Arrow” serves as another great addition to the band’s stellar rock discography.

It’s a rare and wonderful thing for a band to have a front-woman with such a commanding voice, and Wennerstrom’s vocals are stunning — the only current comparable setup is The Alabama Shakes. The band’s producer on this venture, Jim Eno of Spoon, showcases Wennerstrom’s voice while also focusing on the guitar and rhythm. The result is a powerhouse pairing that can hold its own next to her voice, as well as some time for jamming.

In true write-what-you-know fashion, “Arrow” is an album about traveling and journeys. In “Marathon,” the six minute album-opener uses a race as a metaphor for life, asserting that life is a “long race home.” While not a unique concept at all, the arrangement of the song laced with Wennerstrom’s coarse velvety voice makes it human and heart wrenching. The song’s unusual pairing of unobtrusive and powerful makes “Marathon” a track to watch out for as a complement to a scene in a movie.

"Parted Ways" continues along the same vein, but with a kick: “I just don’t see things the same way now / since we parted ways ... The hum of the wheels they are carrying me home.” The Texan influence on the band shows with the pleading. “I need a little bit of whiskey and a little bit of time to ease my troubled mind.”

"Gotta Have Rock and Roll" leans on electric guitar pulses and percussion to get its engine revving, while “Simple Feeling” starts off as an intense clash of guitar and percussion, with Wennerstrom’s voice floating overhead. “Only for You” shows off Wennerstrom’s range by mixing gorgeous high notes and her signature deeply broad, musky tone. It’s the perfect song for meeting eyes over a crowded bar with the opening line, "Been a while since I’ve felt this way about someone / that really really like to know you / All your eyes sing the song to me.”

“Skin and Bone” is one of the stand out tracks, a bittersweet rock song about hometown blues. With lyrics, “dilapidated buildings ... At least my town is coming down and is hard for me to stay.”

“Late in the Night” is all the things a good rock ‘n roll song should be — attitude mixed with killer electric guitar and drums. “Low Low Low” mixes it up with guitar-picking. Mississippi John Hurt-style and a down home feeling with broad, honest vocal acoustics. Hailing from Ohio, Wennerstrom has a blues-rock sound that seamlessly and impressively melds with the country and folk influence of the band’s Texan base. Heartless Bastards is really anything but its namesake, and “Arrow” simply channels all the complexities of human longing and wandering, resulting in what might be the group’s strongest project yet.

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Heartless Bastards
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Best Tracks: “Only for You,” “Skin and Bone” and “Gotta Have Rock and Roll”
For fans of: The Black Keys, Spoon and the White Stripes

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Lacrosse offers thrilling alternative to baseball

As the weather has turned warm-ish and the sun has begun making came appearances in the South Bend sky, many have been left with three columns in this fine paper celebrating that, finally and gloriously, it’s baseball season once again. I’d like to challenge those writers and catchers reporting the traditional arrival of baseball’s return, to look into the off season, don’t we see that is over 10,000 fans, second only to men’s basketball in attendance. And with new programs springing up every year, college lacrosse can only grow from there. And for the average Notre Dame student, access to a high level of lacrosse can be found right on campus. Both the men’s and women’s teams boast 10-3 records last weekend to upset top-10 opponents at Athletic Stadiu
dium, and they’ll be back out there this weekend. The men boast one of the nation’s best defenses, and the women’s high-powered offense has already gotten off to a record-setting start. To date, 17 goals against No. 6 Stanford. So, yourself a favor and make the walk to the game this weekend, however chilly it may be. Leave a spot on the mound that runs right next to the field and experience a sport that you might not hear about every day. Yet.

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MOSCOW — Real Madrid will be aiming to continue its perfect run in the Champions League on Tuesday when it faces CSKA Moscow in subzero temperatures on the Luzhniki stadium’s artificial pitch.

Madrid goes into the last-16 match after winning all six of its group games in the competition and also in fine form domestically, having won 18 of its last 19 matches to lead Barcelona by 10 points in the Spanish standings.

For CSKA, the first-leg match will almost be a season-opener as the Russian league is on a winter break till mid-March.

While Madrid is in fine form with kaka, Marcelo and Sami Khedira all returning to the line-up for Saturday’s 4-0 rout of Racing Santander, Angel di Maria’s return was bittersweet after the Argentine international appeared to aggravate a right leg muscle injury as the match ended will miss Tuesday’s game.

Fullback Alvaro Arbeloa returns to the squad while striker Gonzalo Higuain is also available.

The home side is meanwhile happy (with our play), we have two days to recover now and we’re a happy group,” Madrid coach Jose Mourinho said. “We’ve got a long match ahead … but our motivation is high even though we know it will be a tough one.

“We need to now focus on the match against CSKA. Everyone’s happy (with our play), we have two days to recover now and we’re a happy group,” Madrid coach Jose Mourinho said. “We’ve got a long trip ahead … but our motivation is high even though we know it won’t be easy in Moscow.”

Though it’s getting warmer in the Russian capital, the temperatures are expected to range between minus 8 degrees (17.6 degrees Fahrenheit) and minus 10 degrees Celsius (14 degrees Fahrenheit).

The ball resembles a peace of plastic when it freezes,” CSKA coach Leonid Slutsky said. “A stone. It’s painful to catch or block it. And it doesn’t bounce high from the pitch.”

Madrid’s Brazilian playmaker Kaka said the cold would be a mental barrier to get a good result away from home.”

CSKA has sold its Brazilian star playmaker Vagner Love to Fluminense, but has signed 22-year-old South Korean midfielder Kim In-sung from Gangneung.

Sweden midfielder Pontus Wernbloom has joined from AZ Alkmaar in a four-and-a-half-year deal, becoming the Russian side’s second January buy after forward Ahmed Musa, who arrived from another Dutch club, VVV Venlo.

“On this day I’m very proud to welcome him,” Kaka said.

Young midfielder Xabi Alonso backed his “We are prepared to play a phenomenal match,” Kaka said.

“Now we return to a competition that is very important for us,” Alonso said. “We all know what we’re playing for and it’s fundamental to get a good result away from home.”

“For the Russian capital, the test won’t be easy in Moscow.”

MBL

PHOENIX — Manny Ramirez found a taker in Oakland — at a bargain price.

The suspended slugger agreed on a minor league contract Monday with the Athletics that is worth approximately $500,000 if he’s added to the big league roster.

The A’s announced the deal and said Ramirez is expected to report to spring training by the end of the week, in time for Oakland’s first full-squad workout Saturday.

He is a non-roster invitee.

The 12-time All-Star is due to serve a 50-game suspension for his second positive drug test before he can play for the A’s. But that didn’t deter general manager Billy Beane and the Athletics.

“I am very pleased Billy was able to add Manny to our team,” owner Lew Wolff said in an email.

“I look forward to welcoming him and the entire team that Billy and his people have assembled for the coming season.”

ESPN first reported earlier in December that the sides had reached an agreement, speaking directly to Ramirez.

The A’s made public their interest in the enigmatic outfielder, who has expressed a desire to mend his reputation — at least a little bit — and serve as a positive clubhouse influence on a young team.

The A’s recently agreed to terms on a $36 million, four-year contract with highly regarded outfielder Yoenis Cespedes, a Cuban defector who has expressed interest in playing with Ramirez.

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Squash

Notre Dame opened play in the annual USTA Men’s National Championships Friday at Penn’s famed Ringe Courts, adjacent to Whitman Court on campus. Illinois-Springfield in the first match, and got off to a great start with a 25-16, 25-20 loss to the Buckeyes. Bella Rellcy, sophomore Paul Miceli, senior Mike O’Connor, junior Kevin Sandner, Dennis Grabowski, sophomore Josh Etick and sophomore Tyler Wenzel recorded wins for the Irish. Senior Ryan Jenks and sophomore T.J. Sarda lost close matches at the one and three positions. Everyone played well, and the Irish were feeling confident after a big first-round win. Saturday, Notre Dame defeated Illinois-Chicago in straight sets, 25-22, 25-19, and fine play from Jenks and Miceli got off to a good start by taking the doubles. In the Hooiser-Illini Classic, Opening day was hosted by the University of Illinois in the Fighting Illini’s home court, and Notre Dame received second-place in its pool. The team was excited to have a chance at attaining USTA Tennis on Campus National Champions.

Tennis

This past weekend the Notre Dame men’s tennis team participated in the USTA Midwest Tennis On-Campus Sectionals. The sectionals were held at the Nielsen Tennis Center in Champaign, Illinois. The teams’ players competing in the event were freshman Ed Broun, former Irish player Casey Leary, freshman Ed Broun, former Irish player Casey Leary, freshman Elle Harding, junior Anna Wanzek and former Irish player Casey Leary. In the first round of play Friday, Notre Dame took on Lorraine County CC. Rush and Wanzek took the women’s doubles 6-1 and 6-3. Harding and Wanzek faced tough opponents to give Notre Dame a 30-3 victory. In the second round, the second round against IUPUI was completed. In this round Harding and Wanzek won the women’s doubles 6-1 and 6-3. Harding and Wanzek’s efforts to hold on to the lead and win the women’s singles 6-1, 6-3, respectively. In the third round, the third round against Marquette. It was a thrilling match with mixed doubles going on to the next round of play. Michigan defeated Notre Dame by an 8-5 victory in overtime play. Notre Dame met Louisville in the quarterfinals, but unfortunately things didn’t end well. In the men’s doubles, Kielb and Mansour faced a tough 6-0 defeat. Notre Dame also lost both the singles sets 6-1 against Hing and Mansour’s efforts to hold on to the no-ad deuce format. To end the round, Brown and Harding made Notre Dame proud by the team’s only win, an 8-5 victory in overtime play. Michigan defeated Notre Dame to move on to the next round of play, but the Irish stayed strong.

MEN’S VOLLEYBALL

Squash turns in solid showing at National Championships

Men’s volleyball knocks off No. 1 Wisconsin-Oshkosh en route to winning the Hoosier-Illini Classic

The 27-19 game loss to Michigan State was unfortunate for the team because it meant that Notre Dame was in the back draw bracket. However, the opportunity to play for a chance at nationals. Despite the disappointment, Notre Dame went on to play the University of Michigan. The opponent in this match was a surprise when the University of Wisconsin (B) team defeated sectional-champions Notre Dame. Notre Dame played hard, but unfortunately things didn’t end well. In the women’s doubles, Rush and Harding played a good match, but dropped the set 6-4. In the men’s doubles, Kielb and Mansour faced a tough 6-0 defeat. Notre Dame also lost both the singles sets 6-1 against Hing and Mansour’s efforts to hold on to the no-ad deuce format. To end the round, Brown and Harding made Notre Dame proud by the team’s only win, an 8-5 victory in overtime play. Michigan defeated Notre Dame to move on to the next round of play, but the Irish stayed strong. Squash

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Williams scores 38 to help New Jersey slow the Linsanity

The Associated Press

New York — Linanity ran into reality Tuesday night. All-Star Deron Williams wasn’t getting bummmed by the Harvard guy again.

Williams scored a season-high 38 points, outplaying Jeremy Lin and leading the New Jersey Nets to a 100-92 victory over the New York Knicks on Monday night.

Lin began his remarkable run against the Nets about two weeks ago, but Williams and the Nets were ready for him this time.

Lin finished with 21 points, nine assists and seven rebounds, but Williams outscored him 36-11 through three quarters, when the Nets led by 18. Lin shot only 7 of 18 and the Knicks lost for the second time in 10 games since his emergence against the Nets on Feb. 4.

Carmelo Anthony, clearly rusty in his return from a seven-game absence with a strained right groin, shot 4 of 11 and scored 11 points.

Williams scored 18 in the third quarter, including two straight Nets points during a nine-assist and seven-rebound stretch. But after overheating a herniated disk in his back, expected to be the starter whenever he became available, he’ll be Backup Baron as long as Lin keeps it up.

The Knicks were 8-15, coming off losses on consecutive nights, and had already fallen into a double-digit hole against the Nets on Feb. 4 when Lin got his chance, coming off the bench for 25 points in a 99-92 victory.

So uncertain of his NBA future at the time that he refused to get his own place to live, Lin slept on teammate Landry Fields’ couch the night before that game.

The days of sleeping on couches and riding the bench are long gone. Lin had since averaged 25 points and 9.2 assists, the most remarkable story in the NBA this season. And even the Nets have been impressed.

Coach Avery Johnson praised Lin and downplayed the notion that his stats were a product of playing off a struggling outfit. Instead, Johnson acknowledged it was a step in the right direction. The All-Star point guard was dominating Lin.

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It was a learning experience for Lin, anonymous last month but a marked man in the league now. Knicks ratings have surged Sunday’s victory earned ABC’s third-highest overnight rating ever for a non-Christmas broadcast — and celebrities are packing Madison Square Garden again. New parents Jay-Z, a part-owner of the Nets, and Beyoncé were in the crowd for this one.

Lin graced the cover of Sports Illustrated and was the subject of a sketch on “Saturday Night Live” and there’s no telling how far his celebrity will rise.

The online sports book bovada.lv even is giving Lin a four-point head start against the Nets.

It was a great story and he’s been inspiring a lot of kids, but let’s give the kid a chance to play a whole season, maybe even a playoff series, before you know, we start putting him in Nash’s category.

Nor is he in Williams’ category. The All-Star point guard is in constant motion with or without the ball, powering his way to the basket on drives or hitting from well beyond the 3-point arc — once while being fouled by Lin for a four-point play.

The only question left for Lin was what he would do with Anthony, who was hurt 6 minutes into Lin’s starting debut and two nights after that Nets game. Both players scoffed at the idea that Anthony would mess it up, and Anthony has even said he went to D’Antoni and told him to give Lin more minutes — though the coach had no recollection of it.

Anthony’s first basket came off a connection with Lin, setting a pick and popping out for a jumper. But the Knicks’ offense went stagnant in the second quarter, and Williams took over the game in the third.

He added Saint Mary’s discovered what it needs to work on and what it can do to improve its game moving forward. C a m p b e l l said. “W e learned we need to be more aggressive as a whole,” Campbell said.

We are going to work on target shots, playing at a greater pace and being more aggressive at the nets, especially in our doubles matches.

Freshman Kayle Sexton and sophomore Mary Catherine Fuller both put up strong fights in their respective singles matches. Sexton, in her first collegiate match, battled back after falling 6-2, 6-2. Fuller, the No. 1 seed for the Belles, matched up against Spartan junior Erika Lim, who is No. 2 in the regional rankings. Fuller dropped the first game 6-0, but showed promise as she took games in the second set before falling 6-3.

“Mary Catherine showed she is a competitor,” Campbell said. “She fought in the fall pretty quickly, but learned from that match and put up a battle this time around.”

There are still no absolute goals set for the Belles this season, but Campbell said he believes they will start setting specific objectives as they begin conference matches.

“We competed well and I saw a lot of positives for the Belles this season, but we’ve got to take some time to experience for us to start figuring it out.”

Sexton’s looks to shake off its first loss when it takes on Olivet on Saturday at Michigan State at noon.

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Irish defense, going 3-for-16 from the field and 1-for-8 from three-point range, while missing all seven shots in the first half. It’s never easy going against the (third)-best team in the nation,” Schimmel said. “Just shots weren’t falling that usually fall. I just tried to get us to other teammates involved.

Though Notre Dame held Schimmel to just two points in the first half, Louisville sophomore guard Shoni Schimmel came off the bench with six points, three boards and a steal in the first half to help the Cardinals keep it close going into halftime.

Notre Dame junior guard Kaila Turner shifted the momentum at the end of a closely-contested first half with a three-point move that gave Notre Dame a 25-25 edge at the break.

But the Irish broke the game open early in the second with a 12-4 run to take their first double-digit lead of the contest, one they never gave up for the remainder of the game.

“I was really pleased with the second half,” McGraw said. “I thought we looked like our old selves again. We scored easily, we had 40 points and I’m just really happy with the way we moved the ball, shot the ball, drove the baseline in the second half.”

The one area in which the Irish continue to struggle is on the boards. Even in a game in which the Irish outscored the Cardinals 29-18 in the first half, 36-22 in the second half, and 63-44 for the game, the Cardinals outrebounded Notre Dame, 32-30, and 17-12 in the first half.

“[Rebounding is] a problem area,” McGraw said. “We need more from the guards, McBride and Novosel, and [sophomore Natalie] Achonwa. Those three need to do much better job on the boards.”

Despite the slow start and lackluster rebounding, McGraw said she feels her squad is back in a good mental state going into its last two games of the regular season.

“I think the whole team feels happier,” she said. “I think we all feel like we played better. We look better, it just was better. We’re really, really feeling better.”

The Irish are primed for a Big East regular-season championship campaign, with just two foes standing in their way — South Florida on Saturday at home and No. 1 Connecticut on the formidable XL Center in Hartford two days later.

“I would say Notre Dame [will win the conference], just because they’re the only ones that can really win the MIAA this year, they also have made significant contributions to Belles’ basketball over the past four years, Henley said.

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O’Hara and the No. 30 Irish will face off against No. 5 Calvin (15-1, 23-1) in the first round of the MIAA tournament. The Knights are familiar foes for the Belles, good teams who defeat ed Henley’s squad 73-52 on Feb. 15. “Neither team is going to have anything new,” Henley said.

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MIAA record previously held by Calvin. Nine of those foul shots came from Devereaux Peters, while Kelley Murphy and Jessica Centa, who led the Belles with 19 and 12 points, respectively, Murphy, Centa and senior guard M a g g i e R o n a n , h o n e y and Katie Sullivan led Saint Mary’s to a fourth-place finish in the MIAA this year, but they have also made significant contributions to Belles’ basketball over the past four years, Henley said.

“These five have really helped put the program on the map,” Henley said. When they came in as freshmen, they were a big reason why we beat Hope, who was ranked No. 1 (Di vision III) in the country. We swept Calvin and finished second in the league that year, and they had a big say in that. We’ve just been able to build off that over the last four years. I think that every single one of them has done remarkable things both on and off the court here at Saint Mary’s.

Having earned the fourth and final seed in the MIAA tournament, the Belles will face off against No. 15-1 St. John’s (15-1, 23-1) in the first round of the conference tournament. The Knights are familiar foes for the Belles, good teams who defeated Henley’s squad 73-52 on Feb. 15. “Neither team is going to have anything new,” Henley said.

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Irish senior guard Katie Sullivan looks to make a pass during Saint Mary’s 66-63 win over Wheaton on Nov. 15.
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1. Toss off
5. Wash
10. Mimics
14. Church’s defense
16. Under way
17. Amuse, as an audience
18. Educate one about two cities

20. What an office another needs
21. Bloosomed
22. In median
23. Human of kangaroo
24. Fled salamander
25. Not a pretty sight
26. Cleaning substance
27. Banded raccoons
30. Moral rgbutable
32. Currently

Down
1. Aguiar’s maker
2. The 42nd state
3. Kind of acid in breakfast cereal
4. Something nebulously tend to do
5. Outlaw
6. In front of, abutting
7. Kind of distress
8. Stomach
9. Piping saucer flimsy, for short
10. Counselor
11. Season-ending events on the “Bachelors
12. “Peter Pan”
13. Writer Steg’s Landfall
15. People are always around, for short
16. Anchor-gamma connecter
17. Sink
18. On slightly off
19. Amy
20. Chinese chairman
21. Opposite of rise
22. Dream of the Orient
23. Weep’s home
24. “... we forget”
25. Meteorologist
26. “Paradise: we have you any...” Peepo?”

Answer to previous puzzle

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The London Express

ALEX GRISWOLD and LEE HAGGENJOS

Oh, come on! I just found a comic on the Internet that made the exact same joke we did a couple weeks back.

Now everyone’s going to see it and we copied them!

Where’d you see it?
Myspace. Never mind. We’re good.

Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Rhonda, 24; Brian Littler, 37; Willie Greene, 48; Sidney Portier, 85.

Happy Birthday! Use your numerology to get ahead. The more creative you are in your personal and professional life, the more successful you will be. Bring some new ideas to the table, and you will find new opportunities to succeed. You will be both pragmatic and imaginative. Make a pitch without taking a chance, and you and the other person involved from you can make a difference.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Not everyone will be on your side. Clarity will help you increase your chances for success. Don’t show anger when competition and understanding are what’s required.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Impatience will be the key word. Think inside the box and patiently incorporate your thoughts into you plan. It’s better to be safe than sorry, especially when others will be affected by your decision.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Discuss your plans and yourself find out information that will help you move on faster. Someone unique will interest you that can show you the way of your life. Travel will enhance your love life and your emotional well being.****

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can make personal changes that will boost your confidence and help you gain options. A unique opportunity will lead to love and romance. Don’t sit at home when you should be out engaging in social activity.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put more time and effort into your surrounding and your personal relationships. A whole new environment will help you be more productive. Professionally, a new way of doing things will open up opportunities you never knew existed.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your thoughts to yourself. As soon as you voice your opinions, you can expect to raise eyebrows as well as opposition. An argument will not help, but it will waste your time. Focus on family, family and all old friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stay away from your worst and you find the answer you are looking for. Reconnecting with old friends or colleagues will have your interest in something that has been considered previously.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Emotions must be controlled if you want to come across as calm and cool. Not everyone will have your vision, but if you present a finished product or offer a well thought out service, you will be successful.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put pressure on anyone looking for back. You must keep the momentum going, if you want to reach your goals. Your abilities will help you in the right direction.****

Birthday Baby: You are visionary, progressive and individualistic. You are complex and strong.

Jumble

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

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**ND Women’s Basketball**

**Back in the groove**

Irish get back to winning mindset with commanding win over No. 19 Louisville

By KELSEY MANNING
Sports Writer

With a commanding 68-52 win over No. 19 Louisville, the No. 3 Irish appear to be back on track in pursuit of their first Big East championship since sharing the crown with Connecticut in 2001. After West Virginia snapped Notre Dame’s 21-game win streak in a 65-63 loss Feb. 12, the Irish (26-2, 13-1 Big East) have their swagger back, according to junior guard Skylar Diggins.

"I think we're finally getting back to playing with our swagger, playing our style of basketball. And it feels good. We're having fun out there again," Diggins said. "We're smiling, we're laughing … With that tough schedule, we took it too seriously, kind of lost the fun in it." The attitude shift was apparent as the junior guard paced the Irish with 21 points, seven assists, three steals and three rebounds in the win over the Cardinals (19-8, 8-6). Continuing her strong play, sophomore guard Kayla McBride contributed 15 points to the effort, while graduate student guard Brittany Mallory added 13 and graduate student forward Devereaux Peters chipped in 10.

The Cardinals have now lost four of their last six games, as the Irish defense suffocated their freshman and sophomore scoring point guards Shoni Schimmel. Schimmel admitted she was shaken up by the Irish junior guard Skylar Diggins drives to the basket during Notre Dame’s 66-47 win over Providence on Feb. 14.

**Men’s Basketball**

**SMC Basketball**

SMC earns senior day win with perfect day at line

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

Led by five starting seniors, the Belles finished their regular season Saturday with a 68-49 victory over Kalamaoozoo.

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**SMC Tennis**

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While the Irish have battled some inconsistency this spring, they can count on sophomore Greg Andrews at No. 2 singles to produce consistent performances, evident in his impressive 11-1 mark this season. Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said he is not surprised with the strong play of the sophomore from Richland.

"To tell you the truth, I am not surprised by the way [Andrews] has played," Bayliss said. "I had pretty high expectations for him going into the season. He works very hard, is a great athlete and has quite the weapon in his forehand. When you combine those three tools, you are going to have some considerable success." Andrews made a tremendous impact during his freshman campaign last season. The impact was so strong that Andrews was named Big East Freshman of the Year.

Despite his immediate success and smooth transition to collegiate athletics, Andrews said he feels he has made some considerable improvements to his game this season.

"I am much more composed now than I was last season," Andrews said. "As a freshman, I would get frustrated a lot if things were not going my way. I am definitely learning how to deal with disappointment better and move past some frustration." Bayliss echoed many of the same sentiments.

"[Andrews] has really gotten better at controlling his composure on the court," he said. "For being such a humble and soft-spoken guy, [Andrews] has the tendency to get down on himself sometimes, but this season as a sophomore, he has been much more level-headed and composed on the court. He is really doing a great job with it." Andrews was quick to give credit to Irish associate head coach Ryan Sachire for helping him to improve in the technical side of his game.

"[Coach Sachire] and I have spent a lot of time working on my backhand," Andrews said.

**Men’s Lacrosse**

**Roommates shine in starting debuts**

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

What were you and your roommate doing on Saturday? Whatever it was, it probably didn’t consist of knocking off the No. 2 lacrosse team in the nation with a 7-3 win in your first varsity appearance.

Sophomore midfielder Jim Marlatt and defensemen Stephen O’Hara did just that Saturday. In their collegiate debuts, O’Hara started for the Irish defense and helped hold the potent Blue Devil attack to seven goals, while Marlatt received significant playing time in the midfield and responded with two goals.

The roommates were happy to be a part of a winning effort against Duke, Marlatt said. "We hadn’t played in over a year in a game that mattered," Marlatt said. "The coaches prepared us well and it was a big game. The first game is always big, but when you’re playing your rival it’s even bigger."

O’Hara got the starting nod for the Irish (1-0) and played a key role in holding the Blue Devils (1-1) scoreless for over 40 minutes. After feeling a little nervous before his debut, O’Hara said he settled in even after the Irish went down 2-0.

"I was a little nervous at first considering how big of a game it was and also since it was my first time playing," O’Hara said. "I thought we stayed pretty calm even tied at 17 midway through the first half, it appeared as if the last-place Hornets (2-14, 4-21) would give the Belles a competitive game. But a 15-2 run by Saint Mary’s near the end of the first half gave the Belles a big lead they never relinquished.

The Belles’ dominance continued through the second half, and after the 17-47 mark, the Belles lead never dropped below seven. The Belles’ ability to force turnovers and convert them into points proved to be the biggest difference, Henley said.

"Defensively, we caused a lot of problems for Kalamaoozoo," Henley said. "We had 16 steals, which I thought was great. It was a good way to go out defensively. I also thought our transition game looked good offensively. Again, when you hold a team to 49 points, you have done some good."