Police alert
ND campus of assault

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) alerted students in an email Saturday night of a reported sexual assault that occurred in the early morning hours of March 3. NDSP is investigating the reported incident.

Police said the reported assault was committed by a non-stranger in a residence hall. They advised students to be conscious of the environment they are in and look out for friends to reduce the risk of sexual assault.

“College students are more likely to be assaulted by an acquaintance than a stranger. This means that the person perpetrating the assault could be part of the campus community. Being aware of your own safety and watching out for your friends are important steps you can take to reduce the risk of sexual assault,” the email stated.

GSA asks University for official recognition

ND denies LGBTQ groups club status multiple times since 1986, seeks to serve community through other resources

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Editor’s note: This is the first installment in a three-part series about the experience of LGBTQ students at Notre Dame in light of recent requests that the University grant club status to a gay-straight alliance.

For more than 25 years, Notre Dame students have asked the University to formally recognize a student organization that addresses the needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) community on campus.

The requests have come in many forms, including student government resolutions, a report to the Board of Trustees and applications from student organizations requesting to be officially recognized as a club by the Student Activities Office (SAO).

Each time, the University rejected the request, but also affirmed its commitment to meeting the needs of LGBTQ students in ways other than a student-to-student group, according to rejection letters. The University has historically cited a conflict with Catholic teaching as a reason for rejecting the clubs.

Last week, students submitted the most recent application asking that SAO recognize a gay-straight alliance (GSA). It was the fourth application for a GSA in the last six years, Peggy Hnatusko, director of student activities for programming, said. Hnatusko said the proposed GSA is under review, but also said the current structures the University offers best meet the needs of LGBTQ students.

“It remains the viewpoint of the Student Activities Office that due to the sufficiently complex nature of the issue, the needs of gay, lesbian, bisexual and questioning students can best be met through the structures that are currently in place,” she said.

Student body president Pat McCormick said the University has made significant progress in addressing the needs of LGBTQ students over the years, but students have come to him asking for the next step.

“Students are asking and seeking a peer-to-peer kind of group where gay and straight students can come together and have their own kind of independent group,” he said. “The core element that we’re trying to seek is whether we can make some kind of progress in trying to advance the spirit of inclusion further in ways that are consistent with Catholic teaching.”

A long history

The names and specific objectives of the groups have changed over the years, but since the 1980s, unofficial student groups for LGBTQ students have sought official University recognition.

“There have been a number of applications received by the Student Activities Office whose purposes cover a wide array of gay and lesbian student issues,” Hnatusko said. “These proposals have ranged from providing a support group to establishing a gay-straight alliance.”

Hnatusko and representatives from Student Affairs were unable to provide the exact number of times a student group serving the needs of LGBTQ students has requested club status and been denied.

Based on interviews and copies of rejection letters obtained through student government records, The Observer verified seven requests. Senior Sam Costanzo, who submitted this year’s application for a GSA, said the current structures the University offers best meet the needs of LGBTQ students.

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“在过去的25年中，ND的学生已经要求学校正式认可一个学生组织，该组织旨在满足LGBTQ社区的需求。这些请求采取了许多形式，包括学生政府决议、向董事会提交的报告以及学生组织提出的正式申请，要求成立一个由学生活动办公室（SAO）正式认可的社团。每次，学校都拒绝了这些请求，但同时也肯定了其在满足LGBTQ学生需求方面所做的努力，这些努力不局限于学生对学生的小组。学校先前曾引用与天主教教义相悖的理由拒绝了这些请求。

上周，学生提交了最近的一次申请，要求SAO认可一个同性恋-异性恋社团（GSA）。这是最近6年来第四次申请。Peggy Hnatusko，学生活动办公室的主管，表示该GSA申请正在审查中，但学校也表示目前提供的结构能够最好地满足LGBTQ学生的需求。

“从目前的结构出发，学校认为最适合满足LGBTQ学生需求的不是学生对学生的小组，”她说。

学生会主席Pat McCormick表示，学校在过去25年中已经作出显著努力来满足LGBTQ学生的需要，但学生已经向他寻求下一步的措施。

“学生正在寻求且寻求一个同龄人的小组，其中同性恋和异性恋学生能够聚在一起，拥有他们自己的独立小组，”他说。 “核心的元素是我们正在寻求的是，我们是否能够找到一些途径，在不违背天主教教义的情况下，进一步推进包容精神。”

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这些小组的名称和具体目标在25年里有所变化，但自1980年代以来，一些没有正式认可的学生团体已经寻求学校正式认可。

“已经收到了一些申请，这些申请涵盖了各种各样与同性恋和异性恋学生有关的目的，”Hnatusko说。 “这些提案包括建立支持小组到建立同性恋-异性恋社团。”

Hnatusko和学生事务的代表无法提供这些申请的确切次数，但通过学生政府文件记录，The Observer核实了七次请求。Senior Sam Costanzo，提交今年申请的那个人，表示目前提供的结构能够最好地满足LGBTQ学生的需求。

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**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE OFF CAMPUS?**

**Question of the Day:**

Leprechaun Mike George participates in the world record-setting knockout tournament held in the Purcell Pavilion after the men’s basketball game Friday. The tournament had 433 participants, which was enough to break the previous record of 380.

**DUBLIN —** Somewhere in Ireland, a burglar has the heart stolen from cathedral's most precious treasure that links our present foundation with the heart of a saint. Its no economic value but it is a priceless treasure that links our present foundation with the heart of a saint.

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**OFFBEAT**

Patron Saint of Dublin’s heart stolen from cathedral

DUBLIN — Somewhere in Ireland, a burglar has the heart of a saint.

Officials at Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin said Sunday they’re distraught and perplexed over the theft of the church’s most precious relic: the preserved heart of St. Lawrence O’Toole, patron saint of Dublin.

O’Toole’s heart had been displayed in the cathedral since the 13th century. It was stored in a heart-shaped wooden box and secured in a small, square iron cage on the wall of a chapel dedicated to his memory. On Saturday someone cut through two bars, pried the cage open, and made off with the relic.

"I am devastated that one of the treasured artifacts of the cathedral is stolen,” said the Most Rev. Dermot Dunne, the cathedral’s dean. "It has no economic value but it is a priceless treasure that links our present foundation with its founding father.”

Ireland’s national police force, the Garda Siochana, said detectives were studying hours of closed-circuit TV footage to try to identify the approximately 40 people who walked out the cathedral’s front doors Saturday morning.

Governor accidentally calls Lt. Governor a “sex star”

DENVER — Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper’s flattering comments about Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia turned into a bit of a flap. The governor mistak-enly referred to Garcia as a “rising sex star” Wednesday. He made the remark while introducing him at a childhood literacy event attended by about 40 chil-dren at a Denver elemen-tary school.

Hickenlooper routinely introduces Garcia as a “rising star” and a “rock star” at public events. The Dem-ocrat immediately caught his slip, which was record-ed by radio station KOA. The Denver Post reported the comments Thursday.

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**CORRECTION**

The Mar. 1 edition of The Observer featured an article about Alma Grace that was, in error as to the following: Alma Grace is 2 years old; Alma Grace is an intern at Knights Apparel which is the largest supplier of collegiate apparel; Alma Grace currently does not apply blankets to Notre Dame; and the reported 30 cents more per shirt is an estimate rather than an exact figure — the figure depends on the piece being purchased. The Observer regrets these errors.
SMC to host Sammy Adams
By MEAGHAN DALY
News Writer

The Student Activities Board (SAB) of Saint Mary's College welcomes students of the tri-campus area to buy tickets to this year's SMC Tostal performance—rapper Sam Adams.

SAB president Allie Courtney said the group worked hard to find a performer that would match the popularity of last year’s performer, Sean Kingston.

"Sammy Adams music is fun, upbeat and very geared towards the college population," she said. "We had a great turnout last year with Sean Kingston, so it is a challenge to improve the event year to year, but we are optimistic and working hard to do so. The most important part of Tostal, for me, is to ultimately bring the communities together by providing an event that people really want to go to most of all, it is all about the students. We just want to put on a great event for students to enjoy."

Although Courtney and SAB vice president Caitlyn Wonski knew which performer was hired before winter break, they kept the performer a secret from the general student body until Midnight Madness on Wednesday night.

"It is difficult to keep a secret when you go to such a small school and people know your role on campus and constantly ask you questions, but it is much more rewarding to see student’s reactions when the surprise is revealed," Courtney said.

SAB secretary Elizabeth Craig said the Saint Mary’s Tostal performer is chosen to meet the needs of the campus community.

"We’re really hoping that it will bring a good energy and good vibe to all three campuses," she said. "It is a great way to get everyone excited for spring. Plus, it’s an inexpensive event with a great performer.”

Junior Caroline Keep said she is very excited for the performance.

"I absolutely cannot wait to see Sam Adams perform," she said. "It’s about time the Boston boy came to South Bend. Sean Kingston was amazing last year and I can only imagine that this year’s Tostal will be even better. March 22 cannot come soon enough."

Tickets are $7 for students and can be purchased at the O’Laughlin Auditorium on Saint Mary’s campus or by calling (574) 284-4626. Limit is one ticket per student ID, but students may call or visit the box office with up to five student IDs.

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Basketball band to travel to NYC tournament
By AUBREY BUTTS
News Writer

Members of the Notre Dame men’s basketball band will travel to Madison Square Garden on Tuesday to rally Notre Dame men’s basketball team in the Big East tournament games.

"I have been to New York City many times, but I still really excited,” junior Kathryn Murphy said. "Madison Square Garden is one of the most iconic places in the world, and I am excited to be representing the band and to show my support for the team.”

Since the team’s season secured a bye for the first round of play, senior Jonathan Miller said he will use the spare time to sight-see.

"We get to spend an extra day in New York City, and a few band members and myself hope to see a Broadway show or do some other sight-seeing," he said. "Having already experienced the tournament atmosphere his freshman year, senior trumpet player Joel Graczyk said he is excited to play at a major game again and to watch the team play at the tournament.

"As a freshman, I played in the band when the men’s basketball team played against Penn State in the National Invitation Tournament semifinal game last year, so I can only imagine that this year’s Tostal will be even better. March 22 cannot come soon enough."

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Our platform through signs, posters, and attending events throughout the week,” Parsons said. “It was great to know that our hard work during the week finally paid off!”

Post-election, Parsons and Casey said they will appoint the remaining members of SGA and put together a list of goals while working with SGA adviser Karen Johnson.

“Our goal is to have all appointed positions selected by April 1st so that we can begin working with the current SGA members to have a smooth transition into the new SGA structure,” Casey said. “We will meet as a group to create goals and lay out a timeline of what we would like to see happen as a whole in the next school year for the student body. Also, we will sit down with each position to create goals and a timeline specific to their title.”

In addition, Parsons said she hopes to launch a mentor program as soon as possible.

“We want to begin the mentor program this spring so that it is developed and ready to launch in the fall of 2012,” Parsons said. “Once the program has been approved, we will begin recruiting interested rising seniors and rising juniors who would like to be a part of this new program. A rising senior will be paired with a rising sophomore, and a rising junior will be paired with a first year student at Saint Mary’s.”

The mentor program will help fulfill a platform goal of unifying campus, Casey said.

“This will allow relationships to develop among students and build a strong sense of unity around our campus, a top priority for us as student body representatives,” she said.

Parsons and Casey said they will begin working with the administration at Saint Mary’s to look at options for a master calendar they hope to create for the campus.

“This calendar will have each day’s meetings and events that are occurring on campus, and hopefully eliminate the large amount of emails that students receive each day, Parsons said. “We hope that this calendar will help unify campus and keep students informed and aware of campus life activities.”

During the SGA retreat at the beginning of next fall semester, Parsons and Casey will begin brainstorming ways to carry out their goals in the best way to represent the student body, Casey said.

“We are excited to implement the new SGA structure this next school year and look forward to the positive changes that it will bring for the student body of Saint Mary’s,” Parsons said.

Joining Parsons and Casey are eight new campus senators. Juniors Kristen Rice, Brittany Hardisky, Alyssa Vinhuan and Amanda Stukel will join the SGA team in addition to sophomores Jennifer Barden and Abby Burgan and freshmen Meghan Talpash and Christie Hutch.

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During Women’s History Month, we recognize the work of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, a champion of women’s rights. Throughout her life, Ms. Stanton fought to end slavery and to further the cause of women’s suffrage. She organized the first women’s rights convention in the United States, and her writings helped to begin the movement that eventually won for women the right to vote. In a letter to Julia Ward Howe, Ms. Stanton wrote:

“When we consider that woman are treated as property, it is degrading to women that we should treat our children as property to be disposed of as we see fit.”
Muslim student group teaches the art of Quranic recitation

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News Writer

Notre Dame’s Muslim Student Association (MSA) invites students to engage in prayer around the world Tuesday with the Art of Qur’an Recitation.

Priscilla Wong, associate director of cross-cultural ministry for Campus Ministry, said the event is part of Prayer Around the World series, a program started approximately eight years ago to promote interfaith understanding and dialogue.

“We thought that we need to bring people together, and showing how we pray is one way we can connect cultures,” Wong said.

“We work with people from that faith community and it’s a way that they can hold discussions and also have questions and answers,” Wong said in the past, Campus Ministry’s Muslim prayer service was featured in a PowerPoint presentation that explained prayer posture and the basic pillars of the faith. This year, Wong said the MSA chose to focus on the art of recitation.

First year graduate student Aamir Ahmed Khan, coordinator of the event, said recitation of the Qur’an is a fundamental part of prayer. Muslims believe the Qur’an is the word of God to the prophet Muhammad.

“Muslim prayer is five times a day and they recite some part of the Qur’an in each of the prayers, and they want to do so in the most beautiful voices,” Khan said. “If somebody wants to become successful or skillful in this art, he has to train also, and there are many very famous reciters in the world that are excelling in this field. It basically requires the mastery of the up and down of the voice, also using several of your muscles in the mouth or throat to correctly pronounce Arabic.”

Khan said Basool Rasoulipour, a post-doctoral research associate in the Department of Theology, will discuss the significance of the prayer form and recite part of the Qur’an. Rasoulipour will also share examples of other people’s recitations.

Khan said the Art of Qur’an Recitation will feature another speaker, Abdul Rashid Omar, and a review of the book “The Art of Reciting the Qur’an” by Kristina Nelson. There will also be a question and answer session.

“The book review we are doing is just to highlight the scholarship that is going into researching and learning about reciting Qur’an,” Khan said. “There are books about it and we chose this book especially because it is by an American professor, so the general audience can connect to it.”

Wong said interfaith understanding and dialogue helps to connect cultures.

“The more we can invite other people into our prayer, into our faith, not converting people, but just inviting them into it, it really helps us understand each other or even ourselves,” she said. “And I personally believe that is how we, as humanity, are tied together.”

Learning about other faiths makes a person think and feel about his or her own religion, Wong said.

“They’re entering this way of communicating with God and they make their faith life better,” she said. “So the intention is not to try to convert people, but to help learning by [comparing] and [contrasting] so that we embrace our own [faith] more dearly.”

The MSA consists of 20 to 30 graduate students and slightly more undergraduates. He said most of the graduate students are from other countries, whereas most of the undergraduates are American citizens.

Notre Dame celebrates Muslim festivals and helps new Muslim students adjust to attending a Catholic university, Khan said.

“Because Muslims have to pray five times a day, we also gather occasionally for afternoon prayer in the Coleman-Morse Center,” he said. “So these services are basically for Muslim students on campus, but the event like this is an idea kind of outreach.”

Khan said Campus Ministry and MSA are hosting the Art of Qur’an Recitation to expose students to other forms of prayer.

“I think this will be very helpful for people of the Catholic community and also other religions that don’t have an idea about how Muslims go about their prayers,” he said.

The prayer service will take place Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Center.
Members of the Notre Dame student government and the South Bend community meet with residents at the annual Student Government Community Summit to brainstorm ways to improve communication between the campuses and surrounding community.

Student body president Pat McCormick said the Student Government Community Summit gives student government members the opportunity to engage with the community.

“In recent years, student government members have aggressively deepened their partnership with community members in South Bend. That is my goal,” he said. “There has been an effort to really solidify our relations with the community on the basis of mutual understanding.”

McCormick said the summit involved student government representatives from Notre Dame College of Arts & Sciences, Holy Cross College and Ivy Tech, advocates for local businesses, officers from the South Bend Police Department and Notre Dame Security Police and other delegations from the South Bend community.

Senior Erikka Hansen, director of student government community relations, said engaging all these people in discussion provides a basis for political and community leaders “to work on the community’s policies on community relations.”

It is a high level opportunity for students and members of the community to join forces in deepening partnerships as well as introduce incoming administration to the community’s policies on community relations.

In addition, Hansen said another topic discussed was how Summit attendees advocate for new students to what South Bend has to offer, McCormick said.

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Students meet with residents

Telenovela star claims to be victim of abuse

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Months after moving to the United States from Peru, telenovela star Eliana Lopez claimed her husband of five years, Rory Little, has beat her regularly, pushed her around at night and kept her under surveillance, according to court papers.

But in a widely reported case that has already separated them, Lopez has become a sympathetic figure in a case that has already separated them. Lopez’s attorneys sought a mistrial. Then Lopez’s lawyers argued two days later that the video be inadmissible to no avail, after prosecutors released photo images from the video showing an emotional Lopez and images of noticeable bruising on her arm.

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The last request on record dates back to 1986, when a group called Gays and Lesbians at Notre Dame/Saint Mary's College (GLND/SMC) asked for club status. Student Affairs denied the request, according to letters. Last month, the college’s Board of Trustees said it would consider a formal recognition of GLND/SMC carries with it an implicit sanction for a traditional, heterosexual lifestyle which is not in keeping with the values of the University or the teachings of the Church, according to an excep-

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Every year on the last Monday before spring break, you read a column from the new Editor-in-Chief expressing how much he or she cares about you, the reader.

That column usually expresses the idea that the readers are really why we spend so many hours at The Observer sacrificing our social lives, sleep schedules and grades.

This is that column, and it’s going to say the same thing — because we do. In all honesty, what we do doesn’t matter if it wasn’t for you. We don’t stay up till 3 a.m. perfecting the last Irish inside of the football season — a 2-page behemoth — because we enjoy it. Far from it, in fact. We do it so you know you appreciate the stories of each senior on the football team, from the senior captain to the underclassmen. We do it so you know we feel no one deserves to understand Notre Dame’s unique role in the national conversation more than the students who live here every day.

This year, in the basement of South Dining Hall really do work for you, our readers. That’s why I’m so excited to serve as Editor-in-Chief for the next 12 months.

I get to work with an extremely talented team and I’m confident that together, we can bring you the best possible coverage we ever, will be made with one goal in mind: to be cleaner and more user-friendly. Some of them will be highly visible to you and some you won’t see. All of those changes, however, will be made with one goal in mind: to bring you the best possible coverage we can.

I promise you it’s much more exciting than it might initially sound. As a type of ecotourism, you could take off to Belize and kayak among deserted coral islands or dive with whale sharks.

For you, I have two fantastic ideas: ecotourism and voluntourism.

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For voluntourism, you could travel to Cambodia and teach English to children. These ideas may seem extreme, but really, why not?

Even for those of you who already have plans, there are still plenty of opportunities to go eco-friendly. If you haven’t picked your hotel yet, look online at greenhotels.com for a list of registered eco-friendly lodgings by state.

Travelavory actually has a whole website dedicated to green travel. As part of their Travel for Good campaign, they offer tips on green transport, suggestions for voluntourism, and a green hotel directory of their own.

These are just two of the big names that pop up when you search Google; there are a dozen others as well! If you can’t find a registered green hotel, don’t be too upset, there are still many things you can do on your own to make a difference.

For instance, request paperless billing. Or you could always reuse your towels and sheets instead of asking for new each day.

Every little bit helps when it comes to energy and water, and honestly, if you’re getting your sheets that dirty after one night, I’m a little bit concerned for you.

If neither of those options seems particularly appealing, you could try exercising outdoors instead of using your gym, or opting out of a morning paper.

Turning off the lights when you leave the room is always classy, as is keeping the heat and AC within reason.

The list of the little things you can do to reduce your footprint is really unlimited.

Eat at local restaurants that source their food nearby, use public transport or rent a hybrid car. It really doesn’t take much work to celebrate your break sustainably.

Also, before you leave campus, don’t forget to turn off your lights and unplug your appliances. The Quad Energy Competition is starting up and those are quick and easy ways to put your team ahead.

Keep in mind it’s actually a national competition, and we want Notre Dame to look good.

So, in summary, wherever you are or wherever you’re going this spring break, go green, stay green, be green!

Cheers!

Email your predicaments to The GreenMan at askthegreenman@gmail.com and let him answer you with a sustainable twist. The GreenMan will be here every other week to provide you with insights you never knew you were missing out on until now.

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I turned 22 this weekend and unfortunately it was only slightly less the hot mess that was my 21st birthday. However, as I look back on this weekend, the best times didn’t involve vodka or tequila. The best times were when I came home from classes to find that my roommates had decorated the house and my room with streamers and balloons. It was when I received gifts of huge collages containing photos from the past year. It was when I went out to dinner for hibachi with 15 of my closest friends. It was when my best guy friends performed a song they wrote for me like they do every year. These were the moments that I was happiest. And even more important than feeling fulfilled, I felt fulfilled.

Similarly, as I look back at my four years at Notre Dame, my most fulfilling memories don’t involve parties or drinking. They involve the kindness and generosity my friends and family have extended to me and the times when I was able to give to others without expecting anything in return.

I believe we feel the most fulfilled and joyful when either we are being our best selves, or those around us are being their best selves. So, I often wonder, what brings me the most joy? Is it when I’m wasted singing “Call Me Maybe” at Finny’s? Is it when I’m spending late nights in the library doing Formal Logic homework? No. What brings out the best in me is when I am feeling and expressing God’s love. I can do this by listening to friends when they just need to vent, or discussing with others how God’s been present in our lives, or by performing small acts of random kindness for strangers. In the past, during breaks, I would go to clubs or bars with my friends from home. However, with working from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and doing a rigorous workout regime named ’Insanity (Sean T baby),’ I literally had no energy for anything else.

So, I sat on the couch with my little brother and played Sonic and London Olympics on the Wii for an entire evening. Lame, you might think. But I absolutely loved it. Each break, I vow to spend more time with my family, yet I get so caught up in the excitement of reuniting with my friends, I rarely follow through. Yet, this break, I hung out with my 12-year-old brother more than I hung out with any of my friends combined. And actually looked forward to our couch time together. Our relationship improved tremendously and I feel closer to him than I ever have in the past. I was being my best self by not getting angry when he beat me at every other Wii game (which may not seem like a big deal, but I am potentially the sorest loser in the entire world). These are the times I cherish. It was much more fulfilling finding that connection with my brother than in going out and getting wasted every other night. These past few weekends, I have found myself thinking, “What’s the point?” It’s not that I have stopped enjoying drinking or partying, but sometimes, the act seems shallow.

I remember a ResLife employee once asked me the same question. I looked at her like she had five heads. The point? Well, to have fun, of course! Yet recently I’ve been craving something more than that. Something deeper, more fulfilling. Of course, I still love playing drinking games, tailgating and going to bars, but I’m finding that other activities make these activities not what define college.

The friendships I’ve made, the challenges I’ve overcome, and most importantly, the faith I’ve discovered and strengthened is what has defined my college experience. What has defined yours?

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Dear Bill Shields (“What’s in a meme?” March 1):

Memes should not be looked at as just rehashing of ideas, of “dehumanizing and impersonal” pictures that have no real meaning. While memes of a certain image macro are similar in content, each individual picture shows a complaint on society that that person has.

Imagine a world where the verbal complaint of one person is squashed because it is too similar to the views of thousands, even millions, of other people. What would come of that world? How would the voice of a person be heard? Each person of those thousands, because their view is similar to a multitude of others, shall be quashed and looked at as repetitive. People will be too afraid to speak out against the common evils inherent in so much of our world.

In the same manner, memes are a useful way to express the views of those who are too afraid to speak out. If I could get my voice out there as a meme, I might feel that my voice mattered more than other means. People understand that there are others like them, while they can say what they need to be said in an individualistic manner. Sometimes, readers need to follow the advice of Courage Wolf, “Find the line, and cross it.” I believe that this quote sums up all that is good in the Internet generation. It is our way of showing that people have a voice, and we will use it. Any, race, creed or nationality can create these memes, creating a better dialogue among all people. Bill Shields, I urge you to go to any meme site and go through the memes. It would be very enlightening.

Chris Mathew
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March 2

Dining hall double standard

It is a recurring event every spring when students begin to gripe about the lack of meat options being served by the dining halls. In all fairness, the University is a Catholic institution. As such, it is reasonable to consider that it may be the University’s vocation to uphold the Catholic teaching is utterly ridiculous. To lend support to this position is to shield students from their own weakness. By doing so on the grounds of upholding Catholic teaching is utterly ridiculous. To lend support to this position is to shield students from their own weakness.

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Class of ’06
Burlington, Vt.
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Letters to the Editor

Everything’s in a meme

Confessions of a Christian Party Girl

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I, like the most disciplined Notre Dame students, have zero capacity to make good moral decisions on my own without the guidance of a higher institution. Instant gratification governs our choices, with little consideration of the consequences. I second Ms. Ryan’s proposal for all unhealthy foods removed from campus for the duration of Lent, so that students may have a chance in uprising Lenten promises. It should be eliminated from campus year-round so that students might lead healthier lives.

Although I would be unfair to dwell exclusively on the University’s shortcomings in supporting good choices. Fortunately, Notre Dame has been quite thorough in controlling key facets of dorm life that would otherwise present dangerous temptations. Without parietals, students would be overwhelmed by sexual temptation. That students of opposite sex aren’t allowed to do anything after 2 a.m. besides hook up is too remote, it’s not even worth considering. If not for the bans on hard liquor and drinking games, students would be vomiting from overconsumption at every other Wii game (which may not seem like a big deal, but I am potentially the sorest loser in the entire world). These are the times I cherish. It was much more fulfilling finding that connection with my brother than in going out and getting wasted every other night.

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Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Luckily, Flat Top Grill is here to help you start a weekend morning off on the right foot. The Chicago-based chain offers a create-your-own omelet, pancake, and French toast bar every Saturday and Sunday from 9 to 11 a.m. Flat Top breakfast is a hidden gem of South Bend. Although 9 to 11 a.m. is early for a weekend morning, it is worth the early wake-up. The portions are generous, the ingredients are fresh and the service is warm and welcoming. And Flat Top really knows how to cater to their audience with their decorations. Murals of the dome and Irish Guard members decorate the walls.

Flat Top, for those who have never eaten at this fantastic restaurant, is an Asian-inspired, create-your-own stir-fry grill. You pick the ingredients in your stir-fry, from the meat to the vegetables to the sauce. The chefs then cook it up for you and serve it with delicious roti bread. You can go up as many times as you want for more food.

Breakfast at Flat Top is a similar affair. You choose from an omelet, egg-white omelet, scramble, French toast and pancakes. And then you choose your toppings. For example, you could make a scramble with spinach, black beans, sausage and tomatoes. Or top your pancakes with chocolate chips, strawberries and almonds. Gummy bears are also available for the very adventurous.

While Flat Top breakfast may just sound like a slightly classier version of dining hall brunch, it’s much more than that. The options are more varied and the portions are larger. The omelets at Flat Top are bursting with cheese, meat, vegetables and anything else you want in it. The pancakes are the size of a large plate and deliciously fluffy. And Flat Top has strawberries every morning, not just select mornings before 8 a.m.

Flat Top is also a great way to break a dining hall rut. While the dining hall is an easy option, it’s even easier to get bored and lose interest in trying new things. In the dining hall, you usually make the same sandwich or get the same omelet for breakfast. Flat Top is a fun experience for you and your friends and a great way to experiment with your breakfast.

And the best part? Breakfast at Flat Top is unlimited. You can go up as many times as you want for more delicious eggs or fluffy pancakes. And if you don’t eat all of it, you can take it home, free of charge. Usually, Flat Top charges extra for to-go boxes, but not for breakfast. So you can turn your breakfast into leftovers for lunch or breakfast the next day. You can’t do that at the dining hall.

So when you get back from spring break, put Flat Top breakfast on your weekend to-do list. Find a friend with a car and set your alarm a little earlier than usual. It will be worth it. A tip for those who choose the French toast option: Sprinkle a little brown sugar on it for a little extra sweet deliciousness.

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Sunday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
For the last five years, the Notre Dame Student Stand-ups Club has given students a stage on which to joke about relationships, childhood, annoyances and every aspect of their lives. While sacrilege and misogyny are not things we often find fit to laugh at, it sometimes takes a comedic perspective to paint an accurate picture of the way these issues play out in front of us.

Student Stand-ups President senior Tommy Maranges said the club was a welcome addition. “Before we were an official club, Legends had student stand-up nights where they invited students to perform. After a few years of that gig, several of the regulars decided to make an official club,” Maranges said.

The club has grown from several original members to about 20. To prepare for a show, they hold workshops to develop material and decide who will perform. The workshops are an important place for the members to get feedback from their peers.

Sophomore member Shelly Kim sees tremendous value in the workshop process. “If it were not the workshops, my comedy would have hardly developed from freshman year. I’m not sure what comedians do without a community as supportive and helpful as Student Stand-ups,” she said.

The workshop process varies depending on the venue in which they perform. Some venues, like Legends, offer the club a limited amount of time. In those cases, based on each comedian’s level of comfort and preparedness at the final workshop, Maranges and club Vice President junior Bobby Reichle sometimes have to make tough decisions about who will perform one of the seven-minute sets.

Student Stand-ups is a safe place for students looking to strengthen their funny bone. After sitting in on several workshops and seeing how the members interact and support each other, it becomes evident that when you walk into a workshop, it’s safe to leave your fears at the door. “The club has a very relaxed culture, and it’s very important for me to preserve that. I don’t want the club to become a sort of ‘comic mill’ that focuses entirely on getting as many people through as possible, or a clique that rejects anyone who isn’t good enough or the right type of funny,” Maranges said.

The comedians themselves are extremely diverse, coming from a variety of experience levels, majors, and years. Maranges enjoys the diversity. “It definitely opens up the possibilities for any particular workshop. I think we’re a better group and the members are all better comics because of that diversity — at workshops we get to have genuinely interesting conversations about boundaries and culture that I’m really grateful for.”

Inspiration for each performer comes from a variety of places. Alex Dragicevich, a sophomore who is new to the club, has quite an involved writing process. “When I write jokes, I write for an hour or so,” he said. “Then I re-read them. After that, I hang my head against a wall and continue to self-loath for an hour or two, perform for my friends and then the club to see what I should keep.”

Even though the Student Stand-ups often perform with and are mistaken for the Humor Artists, the improvisational comedy group on campus, the art of stand-up flexes different comedic muscles. “There’s something intimate about preparing stories ahead of time and being the only person in the spotlight for a chance at seven minutes of fame. Doing stand-up comedy has been an extremely rewarding experience for the students involved. The best feeling on stage is when you can’t continue onto your next joke just yet because you have to wait for your audience to finish laughing at the one you just told,” Kim said.

If you’ve ever wanted to try your hand at comedy, but never knew where to begin, Student Stand-ups is a great place to start, Maranges said. “People who start fresh with us improve in leaps and bounds. Having a group of experienced, really funny people giving you feedback on how to become better is really helpful,” he said. “All you really need are some ideas you think are funny and the willingness to take feedback and practice.”

The Student Stand-ups of Notre Dame can be reached at standup@nd.edu for those interested in joining or attending an upcoming show.
March Madness is about to tip off. First, we have the ever-enterprising conference championships and a nice appetizer, highlighted by the unpredictable Big East tournament from Madison Square Garden. For five days, the world’s most famous basketball arena is filled with high drama as bubble teams fight for the right to keep playing, while struggling teams try to see their opportunity to be remembered.

March Madness: baseball is back.

Sunbirds in Florida and Arizona get to see their favorite teams all in one place, as the Grapefruit and Cactus Leagues get underway, accompanied by the sound of bat meeting ball, the smell of freshly cut grass and the promise of a new season and pennant race ahead.

The NBA playoffs are around the corner, and the Masters is just beginning. Whether or not you are cutting down nets this weekend, we fill our brackets, then tear them up when the moment arrives. Baseball is here and we're talking about it.

SASCOTTEN is back.

March Madness is a time of year — then tear them up when the moment arrives. Baseball is here and we're talking about it.

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Sports Writer

After a dominating 7-0 win over Iowa on Friday, the Irish lost a tough matchup against Duke on Saturday, falling to the Blue Devils 6-1.

The No. 17 Irish (9-4) started with a shutout over No. 3 Duke (16-1), securing the doubles point with victories from No. 2 seniors Kristy Frilling and Shannon Mathews and sophomores Britnee Sanders and Julie Sabacinski. Both doubles pairings defeated ranked opponents.

Notre Dame was unable to keep its momentum up heading into singles play. All six Irish competitors lost their matches, though the scores were close. "Duke has a very strong singles lineup and we knew that going into singles," Sabacinski said. "All of our matchups were tight with them and many of them could have gone either way."

Mathews fell 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 to Duke’s Numa El Aynaci, ranked second in the nation in singles. Frilling dropped her match to Hanna Mar 6-4, 6-2, and three other members of the Irish team fell to similarly skilled opponents.

The loss to Duke marked an end to the four-game winning streak the Irish had extended against Iowa (4-3) the day before. Notre Dame was flawless with the third time of year — then tear them up when the moment arrives. Baseball is here and we're talking about it.

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**MEN’S TENNIS**

Notre Dame ended the weekend with wins in 10 of 11 matches at the Eck Tennis Pavilion, closing with a 5-2 loss to Ohio State. Pecor said the team could only put together one win in doubles play. The No. 2 pair of sophomores Greg Andrews and junior Spencer Talmadge put away Maryland’s Tom Laine and Vlad Stefan 8-5, but the combination of close matches will continue to try.”

At this moment. We are trying to win we would have to play our remaining five singles matches,” Watt said. “It’s a good feeling to go into a spring break trip with a win.”

The Irish take a recess from competition before reconvening in Florida, Fla., to face South Florida on March 17 at 1 p.m.

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**FENCING**

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By MIKE MONACO

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"I feel fantastic," Bortolotti said. "I'm a senior and it really means a lot to me. I was looking forward to getting the win."

The fight was tightly contested and appeared evenly matched throughout. The first round saw lots of trading with no clear winner, and neither fighter separated himself from the other. Peterson deployed a quick jab throughout, and Ortenzio countered strongly to close out the round.

Bortolotti survived an onslaught from Peterson to open up the second stanza and came back by throwing a flurry of punches. Ortenzio seemed to gain the upper hand, but Bortolotti was able to land some shots as well and took the round by split decision.

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The second round was closely contested, with both boxers landing blows. Bortolotti continued to throw the most punches, and Ortenzio had his moments. Both fighters appeared to be evenly matched throughout the remainder of the fight, with neither gaining a clear advantage. The final round was highly competitive, with both boxers throwing a steady stream of punches and trading shots. The fight ended with a split decision in favor of Ortenzio.

"Will is a great fighter," Bortolotti said. "I've never been more confident in my career, in my ability to keep going."

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Junior John "Dirty" Alberdi, takes a swing at sophomore Jake Joe during his win in the 171-pound finals Saturday at Purcell Pavilion. Alberdi won by unanimous decision.

Alex "El Gatto Loco" Oloriz def. "Inghts Out" Choe (165 pounds)

The junior captain Oloriz won his first title in his third trip to the championship as yet another match was decided by split decision over the senior Choe.

"I was excited to put together a combination," Oloriz said. "I really knew that I had a good shot at it."

The final round provided a fitting conclusion to a top-notch bout. Salvi changed his attack, going after Moreno with a right hook to the stomach and then adding a left hook to Moreno's face to force him into the corner. Although Moreno was able to break away from Salvi, Salvi once again landed a hard left hook to trap Moreno against the ropes.

The final round took on a faster pace, with both fighters throwing series of punches. Skelly landed the biggest punches of the round, knocking Garrity down with a light body shot in the first minute. However, Garrity was able to maintain his distance, throwing Garrity off balance with a hard headshot. Garrity retaliated by landing a hard left hook to the head, but it was too late, as Garrity was knocked out by unanimous decision.

"I'm on cloud nine right now," Skelly said. "It feels good to win another belt."

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In one of the most anticipated fights of the evening, both fighters used their powerful frames to their advantage, pummeling each other with powerful punches that kept the outcome of the fight in doubt until the very end.

The pigtail-clad senior Salvi took a hard fight, but was able to land a body shot, aggressiveness, immediately hitting fellow Moreno with some hard shots and a rapid uppercut. After seeing his first match end with a tapout, Moreno broke through toward the end of the round, mixing in an array of moves that put Salvi against the ropes.

"I'm really proud of him this year," Bortolotti said. "He really stepped up and won."
**Men’s Golf**

**Team competes in Alumni Match**

By PETER STEINER

With winter weather still present in the Midwest, the Irish took a trip down to Hilton Head Island, S.C. to play the Alumni Match Weekend in order to prepare for the upcoming Schenkel Invitational.

In addition to practicing their golf game at the Sea Pines Resort, the weekend was also an opportunity for the current players to meet and spend time with Irish players of the past, Irish coach Jim Kubinski said.

“There were two things we wanted to accomplish this weekend,” Kubinski said. “We wanted to spend some time with our alumni and we did that. We spent some time talking and just getting to know each other.”

The second thing was to get out on grass, play a little bit, get some rounds in, some holes in and kind of find that.”

While the Irish were not in South Bend, weather was still forcing the Irish to end their rounds early without finishing the competition.

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The Irish return to Notre Dame this week to practice before heading back to the current Irish golfers also varied depending on the day, Kubinski said.

“We had some really good scores going [Saturday].”

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**Finals**

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fights of the night, both fighters entered the ring with an intensity that would last throughout the entirety of the match.

This intensity was visibly apparent in the first round, as both fighters traded an array of lower body shots early on. The senior Dear looked to go on the attack for much of the round, but the junior Salat largely fended off his low attempts. Salat capitalized on his defense at the end of the round, countering Dear with a series of left hooks.

“My strategy was really to stick with what I knew and not mess up what I had been doing,” Salat said. “I fought this bout in the same way I had been practicing since Octo-

The second round saw Dear use sound defensive tactics, taking advantage of his smaller frame and lower stance to evade Salat’s punches. After stopping Salat’s early attack, Dear moved Salat on the ropes and tried to wear him down with a constant stream of lower body punches.

Both boxers engaged in a slug-

fest in the final round, fighting through fatigue to hit each other until the final bell sounded. After a wild flurry of punches to start the round, Dear zoned in on Salat with a series of high punches, knocking him into the ropes with a few headshots. Salat threw every punch in his arsenal to move Dear back, ultimately hitting him with a powerful uppercut to the head.

In a very close bout, Salat took the victory in a split decision on his way to being named heavyweights champion.

“I haven’t really comprehended it yet,” Salat said. “I found out after a long season,” Yi said. “The victory in a split decision. I’m just thinking of all the hard work and effort it took to win this championship.”

“I wanted to continue what I had been doing, but I also wanted to be smart and keep a good distance from him.”

Yi showed little restraint in starting off the second round, coming in high on Arnold with a series of jabs and knocking him against the ropes early. Yi continued to attack with a series of high body shots and kept Arnold on the defensive for much of the round.

The fight became decidedly more physical in the final round, as Arnold used his brute strength to push Yi off him at several points. Yi was able to move in and land a few high jabs on Arnold, but Arnold succeeded in knocking Yi back with some pummeling body shots.

“My strategy was not to let him push me around too much, since he was the bigger guy,” Yi said. “I wanted to continue what I had been doing, but I also wanted to be smart and keep a good distance from him.”

Salat capitalized on his defense at the level of play among the great boxers in this year’s field.”

Everyone got at least nine rounds early without finishing the competition.

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**BASEBALL**

**ND goes scoreless in series against Texas St.**

By VICKY JACOBSEN  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame lineup may have kicked off the season with a blistering pace, but that came to an end over the weekend as the Irish failed to score a run in a three-game sweep at the hands of Texas State.

The Irish (5-4) lost 6-0 in San Marcos, Texas on both Friday and Saturday night before falling 5-0 on Sunday afternoon.

We were a team that had swung the bats pretty well, and they shut us right down,” coach Mike Aoki said. “All the credit to them — they did a great job.”

The wins marked the third, fourth and fifth straight shutouts for the Bobcats (6-3), who are on a six-game winning streak. The Texas State pitchers have thrown 30.1 innings without giving up a run and are approaching the collegiate record of 64 consecutive scoreless innings set by Arizona State in 1978.

“I’ve been around college base-ball for 25 years as a player and a coach, and that’s as good or better a pitching staff as I’ve ever seen,” Aoki said. “These guys had really good stuff and they did a really good job of combining it.

“Notre Dame couldn’t get hitting going and their pitchers also made it so the ball didn’t really matter when you’re not hitting.”

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**ND SOFTBALL**

**Irish win three games in Fla.**

**By MIKE MONACO  
Sports Writer**

The Irish took three of four games for the second weekend in a row, as they participated in the Diamond 9 Classic at the ESPN Wide World of Sports complex in Kissimmee, Fla.

Notre Dame (7-6), which has won seven of its last 10, opened the weekend with a 5-0 win against Long Island by outpitching their opponents. 9-3. Notre Dame got all five runs by the fourth inning thanks in part to sophomore infielder Chie Saganowich’s three-run triple to right-center field.

Senior outfielder Alex Maldonado then drove in Saganowich with a single to right field. Maldonado, who went 3-4 for 4 against Long Island (2-16), led the Irish of fense throughout the weekend as she had three other hits and compiled a .462 batting average.

“We strung hits together when we needed them,” Maldonado said. “They didn’t put a lot of runners on base and they did not have a lot of walks. There weren’t many unnecessary base runners. The pitchers also made it so the ball was put in play which gave us a chance to play defense.”

The Irish tied the game in the third inning and it remained knot ted at one run apiece until junior pitcher Brittany O’Donnell (4-2) tossed five shutout innings of two-hit ball before returning to the circle in the seventh inning to get out of a bases-loaded jam.

In Saturday’s second game, the Irish used another strong pitching performance to top the Rams (4-10) get a run in the fourth inning on a sacrifice fly to take a 1-0 lead.

In the bottom of the fourth se nior infielder Dani Miller had an R BI double to tie the game before freshman infielder Kasey Haut bolted her first career home run to give Notre Dame a 3-1 lead.

“They pitched very well and they weren’t hit very hard until [the Virginia Tech game],” Maldonado said. “Their pitch placement was great and so was their demeanor. We really fed off their enthusiasm.”

The Irish, however, couldn’t pull off the sweep in the final game of the weekend, as they were held scoreless in a 3-0 loss to Virginia Tech.

Notre Dame looks to continue the hot streak when it heads to Lakewood, Calif., on Saturday for the Long Beach State Invitational.

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Irish say undefeated with win over Buckeyes

By JOSEPH MONARDO

Spencer Winer

In their first road game of the season, the No. 14 Irish captured a 16-7 win over No. 10 Ohio State in Ohio Stadium.

Notre Dame’s blowout victory continues the team’s undefeated start to 2012 and — after a 17-4 home victory against then-No. 6 Stanford on Feb. 19 — gives the Irish (3-0) their second victory over a ranked opponent this year.

“I think that we had a total team effort into being prepared, and our goal of improving every time out was really important,” Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said. “We were able to look at the game film and take a look at where we wanted to improve our team and really train hard so we could get ready for us to be able to handle the pressure and the stress that a team that Ohio State was going to throw at us.”

The Irish notched the first goal less than a minute into the contest, when senior attacker Maggie Tamasitsis assisted junior midfielder Jenny Granger’s goal. The Irish added three more goals over the next nine minutes before Ohio State (5-1) answered with two quick scores. The Buckeyes’ run tied the game at 7-7 at the 10:51 mark.

Still, the Irish offense seemed unstoppable as they added two more goals before the half to pull within four, but the Irish opened the second with a 5-1 run that effectively put the game out of reach. Seven different players scored for the Irish and junior attacker Jaime Morrison, senior defense Megan Sullivan, sophomore attacker Lindsay Powell and sophomore midfielder Kaitlyn Brosco each scored three goals apiece.

“There’s a lot [for other teams] to worry about on our offense,” Halfpenny said. “This was our third game in a row where we had more than seven point-getters, and I think that’s huge, when we are able to move the ball through a lot of people’s hands.”

Tamasitsis recorded five assists in the game, already the second time this season she has reached the mark.

Her shooting ability, her vision is incredible,” Halfpenny said of the captain. “But I think it is a testament to the players that are around her as well … Yeah, Maggie is amazing, but we are really focused on total team style and the big goal is that everyone is making everything look better.”

On the defensive end, the Irish surrendered only seven goals for the second consecutive game. Ohio State entered the game averaging 17.2 goals per game on .506 shooting, but converted seven goals on 29 shots against Notre Dame for a shooting average of 241. Junior goal-keeper Ellie Hilling anchored the defense as she made 16 saves Sunday.

“Monster game for her, she was phenomenal,” Halfpenny said. “Definitely, if we had a ball game in the net, she would have to go to Ellie Hilling … It wasn’t just saves — she picked two balls back and she caused turnovers as well. She was very focused, very ready.”

“Ohio State has a very potent offense so we knew they were going to get looks.”

Despite their hot start, Halfpenny said the squad needs to improve.

“While Notre Dame advanced, there is still work left to do to make the NCAA tournament. The task only gets more difficult with a trip to No. 2-seed Michigan and hostile Yost Ice Arena.”

The Irish travel to Ann Arbor, Mich., to face Michigan in the CCHA quarterfinals this weekend.
In the second quarter, Boyle scored his first goal of the season, which cut the Irish deficit in half and made the score 2-1 in favor of the Dragons at halftime.

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**HOCKEY**

**Irish sweep Ohio State, advance in playoffs**

By SAM GANS

Sports Writer

The final game ever played at the Joyce Center was an Ohio State victory over Notre Dame on Oct. 15. The final games played at the Compton Family Ice Arena in the 2011-2012 season proved a different story, as the No. 18 Irish stormed to a two-game sweep over the Buckeyes in the best-of-three series.

**ND TOPS FRIARS, CLAIMS NO. 3 SEED**

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS

Sports Writer

It was only fitting that on a night when Notre Dame honored former great Adrian Dantley, Irish junior forward Jack Cooley showed he is the future of the program. Cooley scored 21 points and six rebounds, and junior guard Skylar Diggins added 12 points and five assists after being named Big East Player of the Year on Friday. Diggins, who was also the Big East preseason Player of the Year, led the Irish with 17.2 points, 5.8 assists and 2.6 steals per game this season.

"It shows the respect that Big East coaches have for me, choosing me at the beginning and then at the end," Diggins told BigEastTV on Friday. "With-out my teammates I would nev-er be able to receive a reward like this … It means a lot to the University of Notre Dame and our fans."