University awards medal

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Editor

Ken Hackett, former president of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), will receive the 2012 Lu-
ette Medal during the May 20 Commencement Ceremony, the University announced Sunday.

The medal, established at Notre Dame in 1883, is the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics. It is awarded annually to a Catho-
lic whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humani-
ty,” according to a Uni-
versity press release.

University President Fr. John Jenkins praised Hackett’s comp-
assion and strong commitment to worldwide outreach through-
out his tenure at CRS.

“Ken Hackett has responded to a Gospel imperative with his entire career,” Jenkins said in the press release. “His direc-
tion of the Catholic Church’s outreach to the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick and unsheltered of the world has blended admin-
istrative acumen with genuine compassion in a unique and ex-
emplary way.”

After serving CRS in various capacities since 1972, including a stint as its regional director for Africa and in several posts throughout Africa and Asia, Hackett was appointed presi-
dent of CRS in 1993, according to the press release. He held the position for 18 years until his retirement in December. Hacket-
tt was succeeded by Carolyn Woo, former dean of the Men-
duza College of Business.

Hackett, a native of West Rox-
bury, Mass., became interested in international service when he enrolled in the Peace Corps following his graduation from Boston College in 1968 because he said “it seemed like an inter-
esting thing to do.”

Hackett’s experiences living in a Catholic mission and work-
ing in an agricultural develop-
ment project in rural Ghana dem-
onstrated the “actual impact of American food aid on the health and well-being of very poor kids in a very isolated part of a West African country,” he said in the press release.

After completing his Peace Corps assignment, he contin-
ued his commitment to service by beginning his CRS career in Sierra Leone, where he admin-
istered the 14th floor of the Hes-
burough Library. “A 19th century library re-
ally was about books, much of the 20th century was about that as well, but a 21st century library is going to be about the mix of digital and physical formats,” she said, are crucial for the li-

By SAM STRYKER
Assistant Managing Editor

Already a major date on Notre Dame calendars, this year’s St. Patrick’s Day had additional significance for the University. Enda Kenny, Taoiseach (prime minister) of Ireland, visited campus Saturday evening to present an Irish passport to Univer-
sity President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh.

At a dinner celebration on the 14th floor of the Hes-
burough Library, Kenny said he was proud to present the honor to Hesburgh. The award recognizes the presi-
dent emeritus as an Irish citizen.

“It’s a particular privilege, and a very special privilege, to meet Fr. Hesburgh here,” Kenny said. “He’s an extra-
ordinary man. I am very privileged indeed, on behalf of all the people of Ireland, to shake [his] hand.”

Chairman emeritus of the Board of Trustees Donald Keough introduced Hes-
burough and said doing so for such an important figure in the Notre Dame community is almost “unnecessary.”

“It’s like introducing the Golden Dome. It’s impossi-
ble,” he said. “He’s the soul of this place.”

Hesburgh set out with an “impossible” vision to cre-
ate a 21st century library that fosters and encourages spaces that foster and promote the arts and sciences, illus-

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
Senior News Writer

Fifty years ago, in 1962, the cornerstone of the Hes-
burough Library was laid. When the towering, 14-sto-
ry structure opened in 1963, it was the largest college library in the world and a forerunner model for research and study.

But Diane Parr Walker, Edward H. Arnold university librarian, said the library is now in a transition stage. Stacks are overflowing, up-
per floors lack proper study space. Changes to services and space allocation, she said, are crucial for the li-

By MEAGHAN DALY
News Writer

Members of the Saint Mary’s community will raise the roof Thursday evening when rap-
per Sammy Adams makes his much-awaited debut at SMCC Tostal in the O’Laughlin Audi-
torium.

Coming off a March 16 per-
formance at the Gramercy Theatre in New York City, Ad-
ams will perform some of his favorite songs from his EP “Boston’s Boy” and his mix-
tapes “Party Records” and “Into the Wild.”

“It is sort of like there’s a song everyone loves,” Adams said. “Our concerts are all about you guys. It’s my work-

space. It’s my job to put on a good show. We’ve been work-

ing so hard on this next album and we’re all dying to get back on tour, so it’s going to be re-

ally fun.”

Since garnering national attention with his song “I Hate College,” Adams has graduated from Trinity Col-
lege in Connecticut, released three mixtapes, collaborated with several artists and per-
formed on “Conan” with Conan O’Brien.

“I wrote the second verse of ‘I Hate College’ in class,” the first one I wrote on a piece of scrap paper,” Adams said. “My best friend stole [the rough draft] off my computer and went and played it at a frat and it wasn’t even mixed or done yet, but everyone loved it.”

A mostly self-produced art-
ist, Adams landed at the top of iTunes’ hip-hop digital al-
bums chart in 2010, outselling Lil’ Wayne and DJ Khaled with “Boston’s Boy.”

Adams said his music is re-
latable and edgy because it is inspired by personal experi-
ences.

“It is my life. The journey, what we’ve been through, the places we’ve been, the people we’ve met, the stuff we’ve done,” he said. “It all sort of goes hand in hand. My writing is one hundred percent influ-
enced by everything that hap-
pens on a daily basis.”

Although music has been important to Adams since he was a child, he said he did not start producing his own songs until college.

“It’s pretty terrifying,” Ad-
ams said. “I was an indepen-

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Quality of the Day: What Was your favorite part of Spring Break?

Bethany Young
sophomore
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"Meeting my baby cousin for the first time."

Paige Burke
sophomore
Pasquerilla East
"Relaxing."

Katherine Herman
sophomore
Pasquerilla East
"Ted Drewe’s ice cream."

Mary Tomasik
sophomore
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"Riding my new chair in a speed bike."

Vickie Janoski
junior
Welsh Family
"Seeing my dogs."

Andrew Bartolini
junior
Keough
"Seeing Project X."

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The Notre Dame Men’s Varsity 8+ rows on Melton Hill Lake in Oak Ridge, Tenn. during their spring break training trip. The men’s team trained and competed in intersquad scrimmages against other universities.

OFFBEAT

Mass. court summons 9-year-old to jury duty

YARMOUTH, Mass. — Like many people who get summoned to jury duty, Jacob Clark didn’t want to go. But unlike most people, he had a legitimate excuse — he’s 9 years old.

"I was like, ‘What’s a jury duty?’” Jacob told the Cape Cod Times in response to his summons to appear in Orleans District Court in Massachusetts on April 18. His grandmother told him it was a good excuse to miss a day of school.

His dad called the jury commission office to find out what happened. It turns out that someone apparently had typed 1982 for the Yarmouth third-grader’s birth year instead of 2002. The mistake was quickly corrected.

Massachusetts Jury Commission Commissioner Pamela Wood says a child gets called for jury duty once or twice a year.

Mass. zoo’s cats benefit from Boston power loss

MENDON, Mass. — The Mass. zoo’s two Bengal tigers, an African lion and a leopard dined like kings Thursday. And there are enough leftovers to feed the big cats for weeks to come.

Zoo owner Betsey Brewer corrected.

Almost all customers were delighted by the out-of-the-blue offer.

Massachusetts jury commission corrected.

There will be a Physics Colloquium entitled “Manipulating 1T in off-chip superconductors through doping and interlayer coupling” today from 4 to 5 p.m. at Nieuwland Science Hall.

The Notre Dame baseball team will host Eastern Michigan in their home opener today at 5:35 p.m. Admission is free for students.

The Notre Dame women’s basketball team will play California in their NCAA Tournament second round game tonight at 7:20 p.m. inside Purcell Pavilion. Tickets are $11 for students and can be purchased at UND.com or at the Murnane Family Athletics Ticket Office.

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Stephen Redding, professor of economics at Princeton University, will deliver a lecture today from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. entitled “Trade and Inequality: From Theory to Estimation” in Room C103 of the Hesburgh Center.

Take 15 minutes out of your day to help PAIDs research with their final steps of developing a test for counterfeit drugs. Participants will receive a candy bar for their assistance. The event will take place today, tomorrow and Thursday from 3:20 to 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of Hesburgh Library.

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Group seeks location for bike shop

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

In the first meeting after spring break, Campus Life Council (CLC) members discussed the possibility of reopening the Notre Dame Bike Shop.

Student body chief of staff Claire Sokas said the Bike Shop was displaced when part of the Art, Art History & Design Department moved to the Old Security Building, where the shop was previously housed. Student advocates are trying to find a new space to work from, she said.

“IT has no place to function, so it doesn’t exist right now,” Sokas said. “They’re looking into a lot of options, but no one has stepped forward to offer a place.”

Student body president Pat McCormick said mechan- ics at the shop repaired approximately 311 bikes in 2010-2011 school year.

Sister Carrine Etheridge, rector of Farley Hall, said the Bike Shop offered an important service to students on campus.

“The campus has expanded so much, you almost need a bicycle,” she said. “And if you’re a freshman with no car, where else do you go if your bike breaks?”

Members of CLC also discussed other ways to aid students on campus travel.

Etheridge said an auction for old bikes would be helpful for students.

McCormick said Student Senate would discuss a resolution calling for the University to take definitive action to make space for a bike shop before the fall semester.

It will continue in a sustainable way, using salvaged parts and student mechanics,” McCormick said.

“I’d also like to introduce a resolution expressing Campus Life Council stakeholders’ support to see if we can engage some other partners on campus as we move forward,” he said.

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United Nations authority addresses refugee crises

By TORI ROECK
News Writer

In his Monday address, "The Responsibility to Solve," United Nations Deputy High Commissi- oner for Refugees (UNCHR) T. Alexander Aleinikoff said the international community must go beyond basic protection and assume responsibility for finding long-term solutions to major refugee crises.

“The way we think about interna- tional protection of refugees is that it should be a bridge to a solution, not the ending of the effort made by the international community,” Aleinikoff said.

The UNHCR is most concerned with protracted refugee situations, in which 25,000 or more people of one nationality have been exiled from their home country for at least five years, Aleinikoff said.

Aleinikoff said there are 29 of these situations around the world today.

“In east Sudan that borders Ethiopia and Eritrea, there are between 50,000 and 100,000 refugees, some of whom have been there for their entire lives,” he said. “Sixty percent of the population there has been born (to refugee parents).”

Aleinikoff said the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya, the large- est of its kind, also has an unfortu- nate amount of long-term residents.

“The saddest fact that I have learned in the time I’ve been at UNHCR comes out of Dadaab,” he said. “There are now 10,000 children in Dadaab who were born to refugees, who were born in Dadaab. That cannot be the way the world ought to face and think about refugee situations.”

Although refugee camps are meant to be temporary reme- dies, Aleinikoff said the UNHCR seeks three types of "durable solu- tions" for refugees: returning them to their countries of origin, resettlement in a third coun- try or local integration into the country in which they have been granted asylum.

“The cause of protracted refu- gees situations … is because the usual solutions don’t work,” he said.

Aleinikoff said the interna- tional community must focus more on getting refugees out of camps and giving them roots.

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Aleinikoff said currently de- veloped countries can have an upper hand over undeveloped nations when it comes to handling refu- gee crises.

"Some refugees end up in de- veloped countries paid for by developed countries," he said. "In some ways, that's the bargain, and it's not always a hap- py bargain because sometimes developed countries use these kinds of funds as a way to keep refugees out of developed coun- tries.”

More progress can be made in combating refugee crises if countries work together to pro- vide long-term solutions for refu- gees based on a shared responsi- bility, Aleinikoff said.

"If we are thinking now that there is a responsibility to solve these situations, lots of things become possible and lots of things get on the table," he said. "We discover that people of one nationality have to but because there remain refugees not because of things get on the table," he said.

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makes you want to satisfy your fans.”

Junior Student Activities Board secretary Elizabeth Kraig said she hopes Adams’ concert will bring a good vibe to campus.

“It is a great way to get every- one excited for spring,” she said. “Plus, it’s an inexpensive event with a great performer.”

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dent kid trying to make a wave in such a big industry.”

Adams said he loves electron- ic music and the idea of the DJ as “the new rock star.”

“Being in college and loving that type of music going to shows, there is a live aspect to the show,” he said. “It’s a big experi- ment to find all the ingredients that wouldn’t normally make up their own genre of music.

“There’s really no feeling in the world like seeing kids lined up five hours early for your show or just seeing the excite- ment on people’s faces when you come out on stage. It’s really an amazing feeling that makes you want to make better music and
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The Saint Mary’s Commu- nication Studies, Dance and Theater Department kicked off a week-long celebration to recognize students’ and professors’ contributions to the department and community yesterday.

Senior Alexandra Davin, president of the Saint Mary’s chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, the National Communication Studies Honor Society, planned the majority of this year’s “Comm Week” events.

“Every department has a designated week at Saint Mary’s to promote their department,” Davin said. “Myself, as well as many Communication students and professors, helped organize the events being held for Comm Week this year.

Students decorated the Communication Department hallway with streamers, posters and balloons Sunday night to thank the professors for their work and to promote the Week.

Yesterday morning, we hosted a department breakfast where the students and professors were able to grab a free bagel, doughnut and some orange juice to kick off the week,” Davin said. “It was a great way to get the students and professors together to begin the celebrations.”

In a Monday evening panel titled “What Can You Do with a Communication Major?,” two alumni discussed their career paths after graduating from Saint Mary’s with degrees in Communication Studies.

“Current Saint Mary’s seniors explained past internships as Communication Studies majors and talked about their future plans for after graduation this May,” Davin said. “We planned this panel in the hopes that it would demonstrate a wide range of career paths available to students who pursue a Communication degree.”

Michael Kramer, associate professor of Communication Studies, will give a lecture titled “Political Communication in the GOP Primary,” today at 6 p.m. in Spes Unica Hall.

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“This is a great opportunity for students to organize and enhance their portfolios for use in a professional setting,” Davin said. “Many students are searching for internships or full-time jobs, and Professor Fitzpatrick hopes to better prepare students for interviews.”

Terri Russ, assistant professor of communication studies, will open her Female Beauty class to any students that are interested in learning about body and gender issues. The class is held Thursday from 11 to 12:15 p.m. in Moreau Hall.

“We are really trying to promote Communication Week this year in hopes to raise more interest in the growing department,” Davin said. “We hope people enjoy the events this year.”

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Library

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encourage intellectual activity using both oral and physical collections,” she said.

Walker, who began her position as university librarian in July, served as deputy university librarian at the University of Virginia before coming to Notre Dame.

She spent the past few months getting to know campus and listening to the various concerns of faculty and students. Walker said her vision for the library is threefold: to increase physical and digital collections, expand expertise services and create more comfortable and inspiring study spaces.

“We have no intention of getting rid of the books,” Walker said.

A few projects, including a library café and renovation of the first floor current periodicals area, are now in the planning stages. But the library lacks funding to launch a full-scale renovation, Walker said.

“The University has a policy of not building or renovating until most of the money is in hand,” Walker said.

The library announced plans for Phase Two of the renovation in the spring of 2009, and construction on the first and second floors was targeted to begin in the summer of 2011.

Phase One, renovation of the lower level, was completed in 2009.

“The planning for that renovation of the first two floors of the Hesburgh Library really got going just about the time the economy collapsed,” she said. “And so while we had other pledging funds, in many cases they haven’t been able yet to make good on those pledges.”

Faculty and staff started a petition in the summer of 2009, arguing the proposed Phase Two renovation would be inefficient and the entire library system not just the two main floors, needed restructuring.

Those renovation plans were shelved in 2010, Walker said. She said the library is now “stepping back” to develop a program plan for the renovation that will not begin speaking to architects again until more funding comes through.

Walker said several initiatives would be completed independently of the longer-term renovation.

In time for graduation, the current periodicals area on the first floor will be renovated with new study spaces and technologies from the Office of Information Technologies (OIT). The room will have new carpeting, beanbag chairs, study booths, soft seating, reading tables, and if funding comes through, a video wall for group presentations.

“We’re going to see what we can do to enliven the space,” Walker said. “It’s a space that doesn’t seem to be particularly well-used, but it’s very, very visible.”

By next fall, the library will have new listening and viewing equipment in the music and media area on the second floor.

Walker said these spaces will be conducive both to individual and collaborative work.

“I’m also hoping that this will help with fundraising when we can show prospective donors the kinds of things that we envision for the building,” she said.

Walker discussed the possibility of a café, which could open as early as the fall of 2013 in what is currently the vending room space in the library’s concourse.

“We’re talking with Food Services now about the possibility of converting the vending room space … into an actual café, so they’re thinking that they’ll be talking with franchises that might be interested,” Walker said.

This summer, Facilities (Operations) plans to renew the pavers on the terrace in front, so we’re also talking about what might be done to change the landscaping, allow for … some outdoor activity,” Walker said.

The library will host a department breakfast Saturday night to thank the professors and students. She said she is speaking with the Office of the Provost to identify a space for remote shelving close to campus.

“We can deliver things that are there as we now deliver around the campus, so that we don’t have to use all of the floor space in the library for stacks,” she said.

For the future longer-term renovation, Walker said she imagines the first floor as a “hub for all the branches of the library,” she said, as more focused, housing print collections, group study rooms and expertise for music, media and art.

The upper floors, Walker said, could be imagined as “oases of contemplation” that serve the needs of book-based work but are not crowded with stacks.

She said the biggest challenge the library will face in becoming a 21st century library will be balancing competing needs of faculty and students.

“Students tell me that the most important thing about the libraries is space, faculty and graduate students tell me that the most important thing is collections and services. It will be important to strike the right balance,” she said.

Walker said she hopes smaller-scale projects the library is taking on now will encourage greater support of the renovation.

“I’m hoping that we can generate a lot of excitement around the idea that a great way to celebrate this would be to actually kick off a thorough renovation,” she said.

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SMC recognizes communication dept.

By JILLIAN BARWICK

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ate the “greatest Catholic university in the world” when he became president, Keough said, a mission that continues to this day. “He meant it,” Keough said. “He started this place on a journey, and it never ended.”

Hesburgh said much of the progress of the University could be attributed to the many lay people, young and old, who shared this vision. “The Church would be nothing today without the leadership of so many laymen,” he said. “It’s the laymen and the dedication they have for [Notre Dame] that make this place possible.”

Hesburgh, whose grandfather was born in Ireland and immigrated to the United States as an infant, said he recognized the relationship between Ireland and Notre Dame has been an especially significant one throughout the University’s history. “It’s a link at the heart of all that we are and I think it’s at the heart of all that we aspire to,” he said. Hesburgh said the University is honored to host such a major Irish political figure on the holiday.

“When I went to the University of Notre Dame,” he said, “Professor John Jenkins said Notre Dame has always possessed a strong Irish presence, stretching back to the founders and ranging from University presidents to the student body. He said this is embodied in the name ‘Fighting Irish,’ which originally possessed derogatory meaning. ‘The name ‘Fighting Irish’ was originally intended as a slur in the 1930s to indicate a University of rowdy, unruly drunken Irishmen,’” he said. “But the University embraced that name, and transformed it to represent a real resilience. Now, regardless of ethnicity, all members of the University community are part of this heritage, Jenkins said.

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This spirit applies to the people of Ireland as well, Keough said. “I am thrilled about this Fighting Irish concept, for we have no fear of the future so long as we respect where it is that we came from,” he said. Keough said he knew before coming to Notre Dame the importance of the University in Irish-American heritage.

“Somebody said to me before I left. ‘When you go there, remember you are in the center of the soul of what it means to be Irish-American,’” he said. After taking part in the Taoiseach to campus, University President Fr. John Jenkins said Notre Dame has always possessed a strong Irish presence, stretching back to the founders and ranging from University presidents to the student body. He said this
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“As the Notre Dame football team prepares to square off against Navy at Dublin on Sept. 1, Kenny said he is excited for Notre Dame to reciprocate his visit.

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“Somebody said to me before I left. ‘When you go there, remember you are in the center of the soul of what it means to be Irish-American,’” he said.

Musician champions International Jazz Day

NEW YORK — Ambassador Herbie Hancock, renowned musician believes what the world needs is a little jazz diplomacy.

The renowned jazz pianist’s first major initiative since being named a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador last July is to establish International Jazz Day to be held on April 30 of every year. That date coincides with the last day of what has been celebrated as Jazz Appreciation Month in the U.S.

Everyone wants to be Irish,” he said. The Taoiseach is also set to visit New York City and the White House in his trip to America.

As the Notre Dame football team prepares to square off against Navy at Dublin on Sept. 1, Kenny said he is excited for Notre Dame to reciprocate his visit.

“We look with great excitement to the flights incoming from the west into Dublin in September when Notre Dame comes to destroy Navy,” he said.

New York, Major jazz event — organized by the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in partnership with the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz, which Hancock chairs — will include star-studded concerts in Paris, New Orleans and New York as well as jazz-related events in several dozen countries from Algeria to Uruguay.

Hancock said he had little difficulty lining up support for his proposal from the 195-member U.N. cultural organization “because so many countries have been affected in crucial ways over the years by the presence of jazz.”

“Jazz has been the voice of freedom for so many countries over the past half-century,” Hancock said in a telephone interview about Friday’s event. Today’s official announcement of International Jazz Day.

“This is really about the international diplomatic aspect of jazz and how it has throughout a major part of history been a major force in bringing people of various countries and cultures together.”

UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova endorsed the initiative. In a statement, she said International Jazz Day is intended to bring together people all over the world “to celebrate and learn more about the art of jazz, its roots and its impact, and to highlight its important role as a means of communication that transcends difference.”

The official kick-off will be on April 27 with an all-day program at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris that will include master classes, roundtable discussions and improvisational workshops. An evening concert featuring Hancock and other stars will be streamed live via the U.N. Assembly Hall to be hosted by New York, Atlanta, Chicago, New Orleans, and Washington, D.C. as well as numerous simulcasts worldwide.

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Bison relocated in Montana

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Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — Sixty-four bison from Yellowstone National Park were being shipped almost 500 miles to northeast Montana’s Fort Peck Reservation on Monday, under a long-stalled relocation initiative meant to repopulate parts of the West with the iconic animal.

The transfer — anticipated for months — came in the middle of a snowstorm and with no prior public announcement, as state and tribal officials sought to avoid a courtroom battle with opponents worried about bison competing with cattle for grazing space.

Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer described the move as a major step in efforts to restore Yellowstone’s genetically pure bison across a larger landscape.

“This is where we’re going to establish the beachhead of genetically pure bison that will be available as their numbers grow to go to other reservations and other public lands all across the West,” Schweitzer said.

Tribal and state officials signed an agreement Friday allowing the transfer to take place, said Robert Magnan with the Fort Peck Fish and Game Department.

Caught off guard were landowners and property rights groups that opposed the relocation. They filed a request for a temporary restraining order Monday afternoon to halt the move.

Helena attorney Cory Swanson said moving the animals without public notice following years of controversy amounted to a “sneak attack.”

After state district Judge John McKeon in Glasgow did not rule on the request by the close of business Monday, Swanson said he would return Tuesday with a request for the animals to be ordered back to the Yellowstone area.

For the Assiniboine and Sioux tribes of Fort Peck, tribal leaders said the relocation offers a chance to revive their connection with an animal that historically provided food, clothing and shelter for their ancestors.

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Apple uses cash surplus to reward stockholders

The New York Times

NEW YORK — Apple is finally acknowledging that it has more money than it needs. But don’t expect it to cut prices on iPhones and iPads. Instead, the company said Monday on that it will reward its shareholders with a dividend and a stock buyback program.

Apple, the world’s most valuable publicly traded company, sits on $97.6 billion in cash and securities.

The company has stockpiled the cash through a combination of great ideas and prudence. Apple spends money, to be sure, building data centers, buying parts for its products and pursu- ing ambitious projects such as a new 2.8-million-square- foot headquarters that has been likened to a spaceship. It also invests in the research and de- velopment of new technology and negotiates an occasional acquisition.

But Apple simply hasn’t managed to invest its earnings fast- er than people are lining up to buy its iPads, iPhones and other gadgets.

The decision to return some of that money to investors is a clear signal that Apple is taking a different approach in the post- Jobs era.

Former CEO Steve Jobs resisted calls to issue dividends for years. He argued that the money was better used to give Apple maneuvering room to acquire other companies for instant growth. Apple did pay a quarterly dividend between 1987 and 1995, but Jobs was not involved with the company at the time.

Jobs died in October after a long fight with cancer.

Since then, pressure has been mounting on new CEO Tim Cook. Apple’s ever-growing pile of cash was earning a paltry return. Letting investors decide how to spend the cash through a combination of dividends and stock buybacks, Cook said, makes it easier for small investors to buy Apple stock. But Cook suggested that the dividend, he said, and the main reason for the higher price target is the company’s tremen- dous profit growth.

The dividend and buyback an- nouncement came just hours after the launch of Apple’s latest iPad tablet in the U.S. and nine other countries. Cook said Apple is launching the iPad in seven other countries. Cook said Apple has more than $64 billion in cash.

The company is worth $553 billion, according to Monday’s closing price.

Apple said the $10 billion dividend will be given out to shareholders, he said, and noted that Apple “will return the rest of the money to investors to shareholders”.

The dividend, which should placate shareholders, will cost about $10 billion the first year. Apple generated $31 billion in cash in the fiscal year that ended in September and analysts expect it to add another $70 billion to $85 billion this year.

Apple said it will pay a quar- terly dividend of $2.65 per share, starting in its fiscal fourth quar- ter, which begins July 1.

The dividend will work out to $10.60 annually, or 8 percent of the current stock price. Al- though Microsoft Corp., pays 2.5 percent of its current stock price in dividends, and Hewlett-Packard Co. pays 2 percent, analyst Tavis McCourt at Macquarie said Apple’s dividend is relatively generous for a large technology company.

Energy and phone companies often pay dividends worth more than 5 percent of their stock price.

In absolute terms, Apple will pay one of the richest dividends in the U.S. The roughly $10 bil- lion it will spend in its first year, places it just below companies including AT&T Inc. and Veri- zon Communications Inc., which are among the biggest spenders because they use dividends as their main way to attract invest- ors.

Exxon Mobil Corp., the world’s second largest company by market capitalization, pays about $9 billion in dividends annually.

The dividend opens up owner- ship of stock to investors of a wider range of stock mutual funds, potentially boosting the stock price in the long term. Many “value-oriented” stock funds are not allowed to buy stocks that don’t pay dividends.

Apple said the $10 billion share buyback program will be- gin next fiscal year, which starts Sept. 30, and runs for three years.

Investors had been expecting the announcement, driving App- le’s stock up 37 percent since January, when management first hinted that a dividend was in the works.

Cook said Apple’s popular alterna- tive to dividends, since they reduce the number of shares outstanding, would be to repurchase stock. The remaining investor owns a larg- er share of the company.

The market has been on a new high Monday before closing at $601.10, up $15.53. Since Steve Jobs’ death on Oct. 5, Apple’s stock is up nearly 60 percent.

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The challenges of the weekly laundry day

People make fun of me a lot for my wardrobe, but I have three pairs of basketball shorts. As a result of frequent workouts, I own something like six t-shirts. Four of them rep my beloved Kansas City Royals and the other two display my affection for Kansas University basketball. To match them, I have three pairs of basketball shoes. Aside from a handful of dressier clothes for special occasions, this is pretty much all I’ve got.

It’s pretty simple. But that’s how I like it. Not because it suits my style so much (I view myself more as the Ryan Gosling character in “The Ides of March” rolled-out-of-bed-in-this-three-piece-suit-it’s-not-a-big-deal type of daily wear) but because it fits my budget. I have proudly spent more than $50 total on all of my regular wardrobe.

While this wouldn’t do me any favors in a frat (50 dollars? That’s “the cover charge at Vineyard Vines, right bro?”), I find it to be a pretty managable style at Notre Dame.

The problem comes when I have to do the oh-so-dreaded weekly laundry. Heading to the laundry room is like going to a football game with your credit card in your pocket — you’re not coming back with any money.

This really grinds my gears because, on campus, we already pay for room and board and (for most) a meal plan. This is supposed to cover our basic living needs. We have a bed in which to sleep, bathrooms and showers to keep up our hygiene, a dining hall from which to get our meals and Flex Points to compensate the dining hall (don’t even get me started on Flex Points).

But when it comes to laundry, we’re on our own. And the laundry machines have a big “Notre Dame Food Services” logo emblazoned on their sides, so I’m paying these unnecessary fees to the same place I already paid to for my meals.

And the fact is that on a tight budget, the first place I’m going to cut my costs is laundry. That’s a real health risk for which the University should shoulder. Just ask the guys a couple years ago that had to evacuate their room because of MRSA.

While the site has been growing for quite some time, it has only been in the last couple months that they have featured some break-out hits. On Feb. 9, the project for an iPhone dock called the Elevation Dock was the first to be pledged a million dollars. Later on the same day, a project for a computer game development firm called Double Fine Productions also broke the million-dollar mark.

The amazing thing: Double Fine had been listed less than 24 hours. When the project term for Double Fine eventually closed, it had over three million dollars pledged. At the current rate of growth, Kickstarter is looking to pull in over $150 million in funding for creative projects in the year 2012.

That’s $150 million of the average internet user’s hard-earned cash. And the people receiving the money? Also just regular users of the internet. There’s really no promise that a creator will be able to pull through and complete their project just because they have the cash. Or if their first album will be good. Or their book on experimental cooking useful. There’s just a whole lot of faith in the abilities of those who are willing to share their ideas online. And the community of crowd-funders love it. People interact, discuss and share excitement around specific projects. When people ask me where I got a t-shirt and I tell them Kick-starter, they get excited because they know their idea could come off the ground as well.

Only 44 percent of the ideas end up getting funded, but most of those ideas wouldn’t even have been shared in the first place. Kickstarter is full of optimistic people who believe they can make a difference to improve the world or simply have a story they need to share. Every time I talk to someone who has been kickstarted and I see those funding figures go up, I believe them.

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For Lent, what are you giving up for Lent?

Huddle candy
Facebook stalking
Super Smash Brothers
Naps

Vote by 5 p.m. Wednesday at ndsmcobserver.com
A piece of my childhood died last week.

I used to spend hours pecking furiously on the keyboard, chimes ringing back and forth as hours raced by while I communicated with my friends in an amazing new way—over the Internet.

AOL Instant Messenger became a gateway for a new enterprise of communication. It was text messaging before texting. It was social networking before social networking.

In the Notre Dame brochure, are the ones that I believe and a love for the game, compete for a championship until you drop on the weekends. But in reality, how many times in my life can I watch some of my closest friends, driven by nothing more than passion, pride and a love for the game compete for a championship title? And all the while surrounded by fellow Stanford Griffins? These moments, the ones that we don’t read in the Notre Dame brochure, are the ones that I believe make my time at Notre Dame so memorable.

And as I went to try and cram for my physiology test in the morning (still with a pounding headache from the game), I knew I made another great decision in my collegiate career. Congratulations to my boy Van Cleef and the rest of the Stanford Hall Men’s Ice Hockey Championship Team! #LoveTheeNotreDame

Rest in Peace, AIM.

While certainly outdated in this day and age, it’s sad to see something once so popular and widely used become discarded as nothing but a piece of technological history. As you sign onto Facebook or send someone a text message, remember that none of this would be possible without the existence of AOL Instant Messenger.

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Baking with Brenna: Triple-Stuffed Cookies

By BRENNA WILLIAMS
Scene Writer

The Oreo celebrated its 100th birthday before spring break, and it’s about time it gets a little facelift. Since I started writing this column, I have been asking my friends about easy recipes they love. Several suggested I try Oreo-stuffed cookies, which sounded intriguing and delicious. I decided to try them using Double-Stuffed Oreos, adding another layer of stuffing. This week, try making the “Triple-Stuffed Cookie”. Double Stuffed Oreos inside a homemade chocolate chip cookie.

As usual, I understand it is hard to make things from scratch in the dorms, so you can use Break-n-Bake chocolate chip cookies from the Huddle and start at Step 4 below. If you use the Break-n-Bake cookies, you can also find the Oreos in the Huddle, making this a super simple on-campus treat. As usual, I’ve given my tips and substitutions to make it even easier.

Ingredients:
- 2 sticks softened butter
- 3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
  Tip: Use the Splenda blend of brown sugar.
- 1 cup granulated sugar
  Tip: Use Splenda or another sugar substitute.
- 2 large eggs
  Tip: Use egg whites.
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 10 oz bag chocolate chips
  Tip: Use your favorite kind of chocolate.
- 12 Oreo cookies, cut in half
  Tip: This recipe can be made with your favorite kind of Oreo: mint, regular, birthday, whatever! Also, take care when cutting since the cookie can easily crumble.

Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Mix butter, sugars, eggs, and vanilla.
  Tip: This can be done by hand or with a mixer.
3. In a separate bowl mix the flour, salt and baking soda. Add the dry ingredients along with chocolate chips until combined.
4. Take a piece of the dough, flatten it into a circle in your hand, and place one of the Oreo halves in the middle.
5. Do the same thing, covering the top of the Oreo. Seal the edges of the cookie dough together.
6. Place on a baking sheet and bake cookies 9-13 minutes or until golden brown.
  Tip: Put the dough in the refrigerator between batches. If it’s cooler, it’ll spread less during baking.

Serving suggestion: Cut the baked cookies in half because, even using half of an Oreo, the cookies are huge. Your friends will thank you for sparing them the sugar coma.

Tip: This recipe will make 24 monster cookies or 48 reasonably-sized snacks. Happy birthday, Oreo! It’s better to celebrate late than never.

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Warm Weather Edition

Selects

Cold Starbucks drinks

Whether you need a boost to start your day, or just want a refreshing beverage while you’re out in the sun, Starbucks’ signature frozen and blended drinks are the way to go. Try the coffee giant’s popular Caramel Frappuccino if you want something sweet and caffeinated. If you would rather laze on the quad, buy a signature smoothie in strawberry, orange-mango or chocolate.

Grilling Out

Combine this Garden of Eden-esque weather South Bend is currently enjoying (that description is especially fit because we all know it won’t last and we’ll be cast out soon enough) with everyone’s end-of-the-year dining hall fatigue, and then factor in the number of grills sitting around campus. The result is the perfect opportunity to enjoy the sunshine with a brat or hamburger in one of the Rock for students to play on. They even have clubs to rent for cheap. No matter if you are an amateur, pro or just learning, this beautiful weather is the perfect opportunity to work on your game and spend time in the sun with your friends. Just make sure to establish your Mulligan rules before you tee off.

Picnics on the quad

Instead of eating a Subway sandwich in LaFortune or Grab-and-Go in your room, take advantage of this amazing spring weather and eat out on the quad. Plan lunch or dinner picnics once or twice a week and enjoy your meal while listening to music and talking with friends. It will definitely let you unwind and take your mind off of the many things you have to do during this second half of the semester. Picnics in this sunny and warm weather are a must. You could even play sports or different games after the meal.

Hit the links

The sun’s out, which means it’s perfect golfing weather. Luckily, Notre Dame has a nine-hole golf course conveniently located next to the Rock for students to play on. They even have clubs to rent for cheap. No matter if you are an amateur, pro or just learning, this wonderful weather is the perfect opportunity to work on your game and spend time in the sun with your friends. Just make sure to establish your Mulligan rules before you tee off.

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Wading through the excessive amount of horrible films on Netflix Watch Instantly can be daunting for any subscriber. To ease the process, Scene has graciously provided a list of the best Netflix has to offer.

1. “Best Food Ever”
   This six-episode miniseries on TLC went across the country to find the best places with the best food ever in six different categories: sandwiches, bakeries, food carts, diners, cheese, and barbecue. Instead of falling into the cliché trap of having a celebrity chef taste all the food, the show instead opts to simply let the chefs and customers display the food in all its glory, allowing for maximum airtime for the unbelievable feats of culinary excellence. Plus, John Goodman narrates the show, and if any person in the history of food looked and sounded like they knew where to get a good meal, it’s John Goodman.

2. “South Park”
   When Matt Stone and Trey Parker made their “Spirit of Christmas” short films in the early 1990s, they probably had no idea the cultural phenomenon the crude comedies would eventually become. But now, 20 years after “Jesus vs. Frosty,” the two men helm one of the funniest and most influential animated series in television history, and almost every episode can be found on Netflix Watch Instantly. How many times can Kenny die and it still be funny? At least one more.

3. “The Larry Sanders Show”
   Gary Shandling starred in two sitcoms that helped bring the genre into the modern era, the second being the critically-acclaimed HBO series “The Larry Sanders Show.” Shandling stars as late-night talk show host Larry Sanders, and the series follows the events leading up to each night’s broadcast. Also starring Jeffrey Tambor as sidekick Hank “Hey Now” Kingsley and Rip Torn as the show’s bombastic producer, “The Larry Sanders Show” is a great comedy for a sophisticated audience.

4. “Kissing Jessica Stein”
   With the return of “Mad Men” this weekend, Jon Hamm is already the talk of the town. With the success of his long-time partner Jennifer Westfeldt’s new indie film “Friends with Kids,” in which Hamm also stars, she should be too. If your interest has been piqued by the unique comedy of “Friends,” check out Westfeldt’s feature writing debut, “Kissing Jessica Stein.” The film follows the unconventional story of two young, straight women who decide to try to find love with each other with uproarious results. The script is razor-sharp, equally hilarious and charming, presenting the truths of real-world relationships not often seen on screen.

5. “Life in a Day”
   This remarkable documentary is truly collaborative in every sense of the word. A mass call went out for home videos taken on July 24, 2010 via YouTube. These clips were then painstakingly edited together to present as true a vision of life from the exciting to the everyday as possible. 4,500 hours of footage from 80,000 submissions from 192 different countries were whittled down into this 94-minute film. While “Life in a Day” is absolutely a traditional documentary, its unique embrace of new digital technology is a game-changer for the medium of film.
Sports Authority

Hope for Marlins lies in new ballpark, roster

The hope is that it works. Although, for the last 10 years, fans across the entire country, not just the all the former Florida, now Miami, Marlins has been doing what they could hand Manny Ramirez and Albert Pujols. They hoped staying medioc... could draw a crowd. They hoped the Braves, Mets and Phillies would fall at some point. And now they are hoping what a new uniform, a new name, a new manager, a new lineup, a new pitching staff and a gorgeous new ballpark can finally produce a winning team and an adoring audience.

The Marlins have hovered around .500 recently. Continuing to position threaten to make the playoffs nor bottoming out. They are, however, shortstop, or, third baseman Hanley Ramirez has a lot to about it.

The one-time National League batting champion struggled a year ago, hitting .281 with 16 home runs and 60 points lower than his career average — while driving in only 45 runs.

And so came change. Enter Jose Reyes. The addition of Reyes, the oft-injured yet electric and exciting shortstop, forced Ramirez to move to third base and ensured one of the speediest, most talented left fielders in recent memory. Reyes was even viewed as a consolation prize after Miami failed to land Pujols.

The third of the Marlins lineup now looks like this: Reyes, Emilio Bonifacio and Ramirez — one of them has the ability to wreak havoc on the base paths. Not to mention they are protected by sluggers Logan Morrison and Giancarlo Stanton.

Maybe their bats still can’t earn the Miami victory. At Southern...
Equestrian team sweeps regionals, finishes season third

Small cycling team outperforms Division II opponents, women's water polo scores sudden-death goal vs. Wheaton

Special to The Observer

This past weekend the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Equestrian Team travelled to Madison, Wis., for the final show of the season and the regional finals. The open fences riders kicked off the day with a clean sweep of the first seven classes, with Katie Sylva, Katie Walsh and Amy Giardano claiming first in their respective first, second, and third places, and M. Giereux coming in third in a very strong second place in her section.

In the intermediate fences classes, junior riders, Fort Scheid and Sarah Lushier put in quality trips to earn third and fourth places. Senior Christine Martin garnered the fifth place honors in the first section of novice fences, with fellow senior Amanda Leon earning fourth place in the second section. The Irish had another strong showing in the open flat class with Sylva and Walsh each earning second, Scheid and Giardano placing fifth and Giereux earning sixth.

Intermediate flat fences riders Stephanie Nearhos and McQuillan showed expert form on their way to earning third and first places, respectively. Junior Patty Walsh put in an excellent ride in novice class, with Walsh taking second place honors. In the walk and Caitlin Harris rode to the flat to finish up with third place honors. Genereux, Harris and Walsh each earning second, and Walsh taking third in the open flat class.

In the intermediate flat class, Scheid and Nearhos displayed excellent technique to earn respective sixth and second places. Finally, in the walk trot canter class, Harris showed great form and earned the second place honors to finish out the weekend.

The team finished third overall for the season with Walsh and Giardano earning the high-point and reserve high-point rider season honors. Giereux, Harris, Nearhos and Walsh will continue on to zone finals in Marlton, Ind.

Cycling

For St. Patrick’s Day weekend the Notre Dame Cycling Team traveled to the emerald pastures of St. Charles, Mo., for their second race of the season. After the group finished second and third flat to finish up with third place and Caitlin Harris rode to the second place in the ridden section. In the intermediate trot canter section, Ralchul and Shannon Noonan showed great form to each earn fourth and second place honors. In the walk, and Shannon Noonan showed second place honors. In the walk and Caitlin Harris rode to the flat to finish up with third place honors. Genereux, Harris, Jimmie Nearhos and Walsh each earning second places. Junior Patty Walsh each earning second and first places, respectively. Junior Patty Walsh put in an excellent ride in novice class, with Walsh taking second place honors. Genereux showed expert form on their way to earning third and first places, respectively.

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Both Sylva and Walsh advanced to the four person ride off for high point rider, and Walsh ended up reserve high point rider for the day. The team placed third overall after the U-Madison and UW-Lacrosse, with Generaux, Walsh and Nearhos qualifying for regionals the next day. On Sunday at the regional finals, the Irish started off the day with a strong showing in the open flat class with Scheid and Lushier executed solid trips against tough competition. In the intermediate flat class, Scheid and Young displayed excellent technique to earn respective sixth and second places. Finally, in the walk trot canter class, Harris showed great form and earned the second place honors to finish out the weekend.

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BASEBALL

Home opener provides freshman pitcher first start

By BRENDAN BELL
Sports Writer

Transferring from the hardwood to the baseball diamond, freshman right-handed pitcher Pat Connaughton will take the mound for the first time in his Notre Dame baseball career Tuesday against Eastern Michigan. It will also be the home opener for the Irish (10-7), after coming off a spring break trip where the team traveled to Baton Rouge, La., and San Antonio.

“We’re excited for him to get out there and see if he can step up as the captain and shortstop Tommy Chase said. “I haven’t seen Pat throw, but he’s been working hard and he wants to get ready getting ready. He has a pitch count that is somewhat low because he hasn’t been throwing a whole lot, but hopefully he can get his feet wet, have some successes and we can build on that.”

Notre Dame will be carrying a lot of momentum heading into the weekend, where it compiled a 5-3 record. The Irish started the trip by splitting a two-game series against Michigan. In the first game, 9th-ranked senior right-handed pitcher Will Hudgins threw a gem, going eight scoreless innings and striking out 11 batters. The Irish swept their 8-3, 6-2, 8-1 early in the day, with Hudgins continuing his dominance on the mound in his next start against Kansas on Friday, going 7-2 scoreless innings and improving his record to 3-1 for the year. Hudgins has now gone 17 innings without allowing a run.

“Will has been phenomenal and he deserves every bit of the success he’s had,” Chase said. “He is such a great example and is a huge leader on and off the field. He is and will continue to be the backbone of the rotation because he has a great work ethic.”

After the win, Notre Dame reached the championship of the Irish Baseball Classic, but fell in back-to-back games against Indiana State. The first game went to ten innings before Indiana State (6-4) rallied to win 6-4 on Saturday. In the second matchup the Sycamores held the Irish to only one run in a 6-1 victory Sunday. Despite the final two games, there were many signs of great potential.

“We realized during the trip that we have a lot of work to do, but that we also have a great amount of talent,” Chase said. “Our entire staff looked strong and (sophomore right-hander) Sean Fitzgerald pitched really well against LSU.”

Now the team will look to maintain momentum when they come back to Frank Eck Stadium on Tuesday and face Eastern Michigan (6-12). The Irish have accumulated a 13-4-1 record in opening games at Frank Eck Stadium, and will look to add to the win column come Tuesday.

“We’re so excited to get back home especially as we have great weather to play in,” Chase said. “It is great to come in and establish our home field as a place to be reckoned with.”

Among the highlights of Tuesday’s game is the debut for freshman dual-sport athlete Pat Connaughton. With the NCAA basketball tournament over, the highly recruited pitcher is ready to get back on the mound. Connaughton is ranked No. 29 in the freshmen class by Baseball America, and the No. 4 prospect in the entire Big East conference.

“He has a ton of talent and a ton of upside and he will be an integral part of our team,” Chase said.

Between a home opener and a rookie sensation’s first start, there is a lot of excitement surrounding the upcoming game. It is an honor to go out to the field, and its an incredible feeling being able to play at Notre Dame,” Chase said. “Notre Dame will face Eastern Michigan at Frank Eck Stadium Tuesday with first pitch at 3:35 p.m.

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IRISH JUNIOR INFIELDER FRANK DEBICOS steps up to the plate during a Jan. 21 practice. Notre Dame will have its first home game Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles start season with an strong performance in Orlando

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

The Belles not only got some extra sun on their trip to Orlando, but also gained some valuable experience in match play. Although its match against St. Francis was cancelled due to rain, Saint Mary’s swept their first three matches against teams from across the country.

On Monday the Belles took complete control, defeating Wisconsin Lutheran 9-0 in straight sets in singles match-ups and in doubles won 8-3, 8-1 and 8-4 respectively.

The Belles tested their endurance competing 13 as they competed in a doubles header. Building on a strong start, the Belles swept their next openers and their next match against Howard Payne, in straight sets in singles 8-5, 8-3 and 8-1 in doubles.

“It was good to get out to a strong start,” Saint Mary’s coach Dale Campbell said. “It built up our confidence and gave us momentum.

The second match against St. Bonaventure on Tuesday proved to be more of a struggle for the Belles. They started well by winning all three doubles matches, but had tight scores in their singles matches. Saint Mary’s only won two of the six singles matches — but that was all it needed. At the No. 5 spot, freshman Audrey Kierman won 6-3, 6-0, leaving the outcome up to freshman Shannon Elliot. Playing in the No. 6 spot, Elliot won the first set 6-3, but dropped the second set 6-2. Elliot eventually came out on top, winning the third set 6-4 and claiming the victory for Saint Mary’s.

Tuesday tested our resilience,” Campbell said. “A double header is a lot to handle and our young team proved themselves. As for the St. Bonaventure [match], it was a huge win. Shannon came through when we needed her. We have lost to them the past two years and really wanted a win this time.”

After a day of rest, the Belles got back to work with another set of doubles.headers. They lost to St. Lawrence 8-1 early in the day, with freshman Kayle Sexton and Elliot earning the only win at No. 2 doubles.

“[St. Lawrence] really dominated us,” Campbell said.

“They had great ground strokes up and down the line. They showed us what we can do and we can learn from how they played.”

The Belles responded with a 7-2 win over Illinois Wesleyan on Thursday. It was promising to see us bounce back like that,” Campbell said. “For a young team coming off a decisive loss the girls did extremely well.”

Dale Campbell
Belles coach

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World one day and the beach another on our days off.”

The Belles will have to focus after their return home, as they will take on undefeated Indiana Wesleyan at 4 p.m. today.

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Notre Dame sweeps spring break roadtrip, defeat ranked competition

By JOSEPH MONARDO  
Sports Writer

In their first three true road games of the season — all coming in a week-long stretch — the Fighting Irish played the part of battle-tested road warriors. No. 7 Notre Dame captured a 14-11 road win at Boston University on March 10 before defeating Yale on March 13, 15-9, and No. 16 Cornell on Saturday in Florida, 17-13.

Senior attacker Maggie Tamasiti kicked off the spring break road swing at BU (2-3) with career-high marks in goals (five) and assists (four) against a game. Tamasitsi’s four assists in the game launched her into the top spot on the program’s all-time assists list with 107, surpassing the previous record of 106 set by attacker Gina Scioscia in 2010.

“Tamasiti gave us momentum coming off the [March 13] game against Loyola Marymount,” Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said. “I think that put us in a situation where we had some continuity in our attack and we were able to consistently create scoring opportunities.”

Tamasiti continued a strong second-half scoring deficit of minus-one in draw controls in the second half. Halfpenny attributes that momentum to a 16-0 victory over South Florida senior Wael Kilani. The victory gives Watt his fifth win in his last six matches. "I think that put us in a situation where we really had to focus and concentrate and I think that a couple of our guys just came up a little bit short in that department on that day. We certainly went into the match expecting to win or have a good chance to win." The day started out poorly for the Irish when both the No. 1 and No. 2 doubles teams fell 8-5 to the Bulls (5-11). According to Bayliss, the Irish have played well in doubles lately and the early 1-0 deficit was yet another obstacle.

"In my mind, losing the doubles point was pretty big," Bayliss said. "We’ve done much better in doubles than South Florida had up to that point. I think we went in expecting to win the doubles point and to be in a 1-0 position starting the singles." Despite the struggles, senior Casey Watt continued his strong play at No. 1 singles with a straight set victory (7-5, 6-3) over No. 7 East opponent South Florida, 4-3. The Irish also received victories from sophomore Billy Pecor and senior Niall Fitzgerald at No. 4 and No. 5 singles, respectively. But three-set losses from sophomore Casey Smith at No. 2 singles and senior Sam Keeton at No. 3 singles proved to be Notre Dame’s undoing.

"In all the matches that we lost, I believe we were capable of winning," Bayliss said. "Certainly there were disappointments. I think if played that match again with the same people, and we may run into them again in the Big East tournament, I would expect to win some close ones we lost." The Irish will take the upcoming weekend off before they face Ball State on Mar. 31 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Lee scored the lone goal for Notre Dame as Michigan red- shirt junior goalkeeper Shaun Hunwick stopped 37 Irish shots. Wolverines junior forward Chris Brown scored the game-winner for Michigan when he snuck a quick wrist shot past Sundsveen as the teams tied 1-0 series lead.

Hunwick notched 25 saves in the 1-0 loss to secure the center for the Wolverines while Summerhays had 33 saves in the loss. Notre Dame will finish the five of the final six games for the Irish and could have solidified a starting position next season.

Steve Summerhays made a big statement about wanting to be the No. 1 guy here,” Jackson said. “I think that that’s one of the things that became more evident in the second half of these games. We just got ourselves in a position situation,” Irish coach Mike Brey said.

The Irish started the season hot, including an 11-game unbeaten streak and a win over No. 1 Boston College. After enduring a brief four-game losing streak, Jackson said that the team rebounded to notch big wins against two top-five opponents in Boston University and Michigan. “When it’s all said and done, I’m proud of that team, the resiliency of the whole team over whoever the national champion is,” Jackson said.

Jackson was impressed by the tenacity of his squad to end the season. “Steve Summerhays made a clutch baskets contributed to a game-high 25 points on 10-of-15 shooting. “You were waiting for it to happen,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “He’s so good in end-game situations … So you know it’s coming, you’re just hoping you can weather it.”

“I thought overall we did a pretty good job on him and challenged some stuff and took some charges. But he’s a great guard. And he loves the big moments, and he’s done it time and time again.”

Holloway’s runner to give Xavier its decisive lead hard- ly seemed to faze the former All-American.

“After a while it becomes just another big game,” Hollow- way said. “I would say that it helped me out a lot being a senior in college playing over, I believe, 100-something hockey games. I know what I had to do at that time and I was just ready for the oppor- tunity. Luckily the shot went in.”

Holloway and Xavier ad- vanced to the Sweet 16 with a victory over Lehigh on Sun- day.

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hurts to lose on a call like that — I mean, we didn’t lose on that call, but it hurts to end the game like that.”

Ten seconds before the controversial call, Grant at- tempted a deep 3-pointer out of a timeout. Xavier se- nior guard Tu Holloway had given the Musketeers (23-12, 10-6 Atlantic 10) a one-point lead with 22 seconds left off a running floater over Irish junior forward Jack Cooley. After a Notre Dame timeout, Grant received the inbounds pass from senior forward Scott Martin, went around a Cooley screen and heaved the ball toward the rim for the two-point Irish lead.

“The play was just use a ball screen, but they were in the zone,” Grant said. “I see Tu Holloway just sitting be- hind it, and it was an open look. And usually I knock it down, so I took it.”

Indeed, Grant does usually knock the shot down, fin- ishing the game 3-of-6 from deep on his way to 11 points with five assists in 40 min- utes. Cooley led the Irish (22-12, 13-7 Big East) with 19 points on 8-of-18 shooting along with seven rebounds.

“Really, just Jerian and Eric getting me the ball when they saw mismatches and Eric doing a great job setting passes when I’m open,” Cooley said of his 100 percent shooting. “Their penetration is what got me all the open looks.”

“We peaked for big games and finished the season 4-9, drop- ping from No. 1 to No. 10. “Our conference is going to be just as tough or tougher next year,” Jackson said. “There was some positives at the end of the year.”

Next year will mark the final season for Notre Dame in the CCHA. The Irish will move to Hockey East in 2013. “Our conference is going to be just as tough or tougher next year,” Jackson said. “That’s what makes it fun and yet challenging.”

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“I think we hit the low at the point in the season when we were a little more patient and a little more willing to wait for the best opportunity to come along.”

The Irish twice opened up leads of four goals, leading 5-1 and 8-4 on separate occasions. But Denver freshman mid- fielder Wes Berg tied the game at eight with 5:50 remaining. Though Irish sophomore mid- fielder Jim Marlatt quickly an- swered with his second goal of the game to put the Irish ahead, Denver sophomore mid- fielder Jeremy Noble scored the final goal of regulation with 6:17 left to once again knot the score.

Despite allowing Denver to come back and force overtime, Corrigan was impressed by the tenacity of his squad to end the game on top. “It really is something that’s not an easy thing to do, just in terms of the emotional swings of a game like that,” Corrigan said. “But our guys, they’ve been very mentally tough this year and more than anything else, we’ve just kind of hung in there and stayed focused on making the plays that count all year.”

We made an awful lot of those plays on the defensive end up until today and it was great to see our offense come through and bolster our defense a little bit today.”

The Irish are next in action in a rare midweek game at Ohio State on Wednesday. Fa- cecoff against the Buckeyes is scheduled for 4 p.m.

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offense had its most success in regulation up to this point in the ACC season against the Pio- neers, it was a transition op- portunity that led to the win-

“We got a ground ball and as we came up with the ground ball, [we] put ourselves in a little bit of an unsettled, trans- ition situation,” Notre Dame coach Kevin Corrigan said. “For all the good things that we had done playing offense out of our settled offense ¾ we got some great opportunities late in the game ¾ from it, we didn’t cash on those, but we did on this un- settled one.”

Notre Dame’s defense, which entered the contest as the No. 1 scoring defense in the country at just 4.25 goals-allowed per game, allowed more than dou- ble its season average for the second time in the season against Denver. But the Irish offense also had a bad night, missing high goals in a game, surpassing the seven scored against Duke in their season opener.

Corrigan believes a large part of Notre Dame’s offensive success over the past month is due to patience and shot selection.

“Jack [Schneider] is a little more patient and that allowed us to get better shots. Earlier in the season, he was a little more unselfish and didn’t wait for the ball but I don’t think we re- ally played that bad of offense,” he said. “But I do think we maybe have been settling for a good shot, an average shot, in- stead of really working to get a great shot and I thought to- day we were a little more pa- tient and a little more willing to wait for the best opportunity to come along.”

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Irish freshman guard Pat Connaughton shoots a layup during Notre Dame’s 66-63 loss to Xavier on Friday.

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Irish end season with strong indoor championships

By LAURA COLETTI  Sports Writer

The Irish couldn’t have asked much more from the six athletes who competed at the Indoor National Championships on March 9 and 10. The men’s distance medley relay team took home the national title. The team of senior Randall Blabb, junior Jeremy Rae, senior Johnathan Shawel and freshman Chris Geisting ran a time of 9:35.48 to secure the victory.

“Rae, the team’s anchor, said the teammates met the high expectations they had for themselves.

“Last year we were fourth in the relay and we figured that we could do a little better than that,” he said. “We were ranked fourth going in so we knew worst case scenario we’d finish fourth. The top seeded team was less than a second ahead of us so we were pretty confident going into it.”

Making the jump from a fourth-place finish to first place in a year’s time took improvement from everyone on the team, Rae said.

“Overall we ran a little better as a group, that’s really all it took,” Rae said. “For me personally, [my teammates] gave me the stick in the last leg in a really great position. Last year I was three or four seconds behind the leader when I got it, this year I was less than a second behind.”

This championship performance gives Rae and the rest of the team a good starting point for the spring outdoor season. “I think it gives us all of us a lot of confidence going into the outdoor season,” he said. “If for sure should give John [Shawel] a lot of confidence because he did really well, he ran 3:56 in the mile, and Chris [Geising] ran the fastest split of anybody in the race. He should make outdoor nationals individually. It was Ran-dy’s first time at the nation-als, and it’s a new experience and he did a really outstanding job. I’m really looking forward to it too.”

Maddie Buttinger senior

“On paper I knew that I could [perform well] but getting the marks I was capable of was really big for me.”

Buttinger broke a school record with 4,269 points at the Indoor National Championships on March 9.

Senior high jumper Maddie Buttinger clears the bar during the Alex Wilson Invitational on March 3.

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For Koter, the meet was about shaking off his performance at the Big East championships. “I had a rough Big East meet, but I was just looking to be more relaxed and have a little more fun,” Koter said. “I was really relaxed at the meet so I accomplished that goal, but I know I can dive better.”

“The team will now continue to practice in the offseason to stay in shape and prepare for next season,” Koter said. “I think our goals as a team are to try and get stronger and learn some new dives in the off-season, to try to work on some skills we haven’t had time to work on during the year,” Koter said. “We’re looking to condition so we can build muscles and stay fit and ready.”

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Divers compete at Zone Diving championships

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After taking a trip to Bloomington, Ind., for the indoor championships, the season came to a close for Irish divers March 9.

Notre Dame left with a 12th place finish in the 1-meter from freshman Nick Nemetz in the field of 49. Freshman Michael Kreft took 20th, and junior Ryan Koter came in one spot behind, while freshman Ted Wagner came in 38th.

“It’s a pretty intimidating meet because the best divers from all the Division I schools from the states around us are there,” Koter said. “A lot of them we have seen throughout the season, but there some others we don’t see normally. It’s definitely another level of competition.”

Koter scored 32nd in the 3-meter, while Kreft and Wag- ner took 23rd and 44th, respec-tively. Nemetz, who placed 19th in the 3-meter, said he could also feel his nerves getting to him.

“I wasn’t feeling too great,” Nemetz said. “I was a little ner- vous. There were a lot of great divers there, and I wasn’t used to diving with all those great divers.”

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Men’s Swimming and Diving

Divers compete at Zone Diving championships
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Notre Dame’s ability to crash the boards will be tested once more against No. 8-seeded California, which ranks third in the nation in rebounding margin. The Golden Bears (25-9, 13-5 Pac-12) defeated Iowa, 84-82 in overtime, to win the Round of 32 for the fourth time in the program’s history.

Tuesday’s matchup will be a clash of offensive philosophies. Led by 6’7” junior center Tarik Caldwell and 6’2” sophomore forward Gennifer Brandon, California has its hands full, while Notre Dame employs McGraw’s signature four-guard attack.

Despite Cal’s disadvantage on the perimeter, Golden Bears coach Lindsay Gottlieb believes California’s size advantage will cause an equally disruptive mismatch for Notre Dame in the frontcourt.

“As much as I can sit here and say, ‘We don’t matchup with their four guards,’ I’m sure they’re saying, ‘We have to be able to defend two post players,’” Gottlieb said. “I think at this point in the year you don’t go away from your identity, and our identity is that we’re very physical inside... We’re predicated on a type of play through the paint idea, and so we’re going to try to make that a factor.”

McGraw said she may adjust her lineup during the contest to account for Cal’s size in the post by using two forwards in Peters and sophomore Natalie Achonwa.

“It’s going to be difficult. Either way it’s going to be a challenge, even if we go with two bigs,” she said. “They are just a great rebounding team — I think a better rebounding team than Connecticut. I’m really watching them rebound, so I think we got to get everybody in there to help. I don’t think we’re going to be able to rely on just one person. We’ll probably try both ways.”

California earned a No. 8 seed in the tournament by finishing second in the Pac-12 and successfully navigating a difficult non-conference schedule. The Golden Bears are also familiar playing in hostile environments against first-rate competition, falling at No. 2 Stanford 74-71 in an overtime loss Jan. 28.

“They are a dangerous team for sure for a lot of reasons, but mostly because of the talent level,” McGraw said. “They have challenged ourselves with an out-of-conference schedule that was demanding, and I think that’s why they’re here.”

That talent includes Cal’s leading scorer, junior guard Layshia Clarendon, who averages 17.7 points per game. Clarendon and an active Golden Bears backcourt, along with their athletic post players, should match Notre Dame’s fast-paced attack.

“They’re really quick and up in your face on defense,” Mal- lory said. “We can’t get frustrated with how they’re going to guard us and just run our stuff. They’re going to run, so it’s going to be an up-paced game.”

The Irish will take on California with a trip to the Raleigh Regional semifinals on the line tonight at 7 p.m. in the PNC Pavilion.

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Irish starters cheer their teammates to victory in the last stages of Notre Dame’s 74-43 victory over Liberty on Sunday.

SMC SOFTBALL

Belles open season with win-streak

Observer Staff Report

The Belles emerged from their season opener Sunday in Myers, Fla., as a strong contender for the MIAA season championship. The Belles started their nine-game road trip by earning a 9-1 victory over Juniata College.

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has downs and it has every- thing in between. But before the good guys can win the day, earn the gold, get the girls, they must first experience tri- als and tribulations that put the happy ending in doubt.

Sports don’t always follow this mold and sometimes fail- ure leads right back to failure. For some teams and players there is no happy ending. But until the story has been played out, no one can know.

And for Notre Dame’s basket- ball program, the story is far from over.

Because of their nine- game win-streak in the middle of the Big East season, punctuated with wins over Syracuse, Connecticut and Connecticut, expectations for the Irish skyrocketed. But remember where Notre Dame was after its loss to Gonzaga. Irish coach Mike Brey said it himself — making the NIT was probably going to be a success.

But then Eric Atkins, Jerian Grant and Jack Cooley decided they weren’t quite ready to write the season off and made a run that no other Notre Dame team playing in the Big East had ever done. They went from a NCAA tournament bubble to No. 7 seed in the tournament, a favorite on opening weekend. And when taken in context, a semifinals loss in the Big East tourna- ment and an opening round loss in the NCAA tournament really aren’t that bad. It was just the way the Irish lost to Xavier that left so many heartbreaks. In Decem- ber, just making the tourna- ment would have been an achievement. But a blown lead in the final minutes, turnovers and missed free throws hurt the most reliable players on the team, missed 3-point attempts and a lane violation made the loss seem so much worse than it actually was.

But despite the difficult but not-so-difficult season, there is a lot to like about the state of the Irish program. Jack Cooley proved he could be a force in the Big East. He should be even better his senior year, which would mean a potential Big East all-conference first team season. He averaged a double-double against confer- ence opponents this season and he will only improve.

Eric Atkins is a point guard good enough to lead a con- tender. Atkins shooed off two turnovers in the final minutes of the game against Xavier and drew a foul that could have tied the game, if not for the lane violation. Atkins made the first free throw and would have made the second — that’s just the type of player he is.

Pat Connaughton and Alex Dragevic are role play- ers who have the potential to be consistent starters. Con- naughton has three years of eligibility left and Dragevic has two, so they have plenty of time for improvement.

Transfer Garrick Sherman is relatively unknown, but a six- foot-ten complement to Cooley can’t be a bad thing. At worst, he can spell Cooley without losing too much and at best, the two together could pose a formidable and sizable threat in the Big East.

Brey’s recruiting has im- proved recently as well, and the Irish will welcome two players in the Rivals.com top-100 for next season who stand at six-foot-seven and six-foot- ten. The Irish are recruit- ing size and talent, a lethal combination.

But most important for the future of the Irish basketball program is Jerian Grant. The sophomore guard with three more years of eligibil- ity evolved from a tentative player who looked out of sorts on the offensive side of the ball to Notre Dame’s go-to player down the stretch. When the Irish needed a basket against Xavier, the ball was in Grant’s hands. He missed the shot, but he has the confidence, and Brey has the confidence in him, to take that shot. He is Notre Dame’s future, and the potential for stardom is high.

For some, the loss to Xavier was the end of an era. But for the Notre Dame basketball program, it was just the beginning.

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“The Belles take on the tough Juniata College team,” said carden junior outfielder Emily Sherwood for the go-ahead run. The Belles added two more runs in the inning before sophomore pitcher Carlie Sel- ner closed out a 5-2 victory in the bottom of the ninth. She pitched a complete game, allowing only one earned run and striking out seven.

The Belles followed that victory with a 14-1 win Monday before falling 3-2 to Polytechnic Institute of NYU on March 13. However, they rebounded by winning the final five games of the trip, includ- ing a 14-1 victory in five innings against Lasell. Senior centerfielder Lauren Enos layed the way, going 3-for-4 with a double and two runs scored.

The Belles also won two one-run games against New Jersey City College on Wednesday and Thurs- day, respectively.

On Thursday, the Belles spotted- ted New Jersey City four runs in the top of the first inning. How- ever, senior pitcher Angela Gillis prevented additional damage with six shutdown innings of relief, striking out five for her first win of the season.

Meanwhile, Saint Mary’s offense provided just enough run support to remain a comeback.

The Belles make a short road trip to Wheaton College in Illinois today with first pitch at 3:00 p.m.
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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame falls to Xavier in first round

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GREENSBORO, N.C. — With 12 minutes left in Notre Dame’s season-ending loss Friday, sophomore guard Eric Atkins had a chance to give the Irish a 10-point lead over Xavier. With 2.8 seconds left, Atkins sank a free throw, which he thought would cut Notre Dame’s deficit to one.

The former shot was Atkins’s biggest of the game, as his playing time was limited due to foul trouble. The latter was negated by a lane violation called on Irish sophomore guard Jerian Grant. Two additional Musketeers free throws ended the 66-63 NCAA second round game Friday.

“Shock and disbelief,” Grant said of the lane violation, in which he stepped inside the 3-point arc before the free throw reached the rim. “It was a ground ball pick-up by senior center Jack Cooley during Notre Dame’s 66-63 loss to Xavier on Friday. The defeat eliminated the Irish from the NCAA tournament.

Musketeer mania

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Future looking bright despite NCAA loss

It was the second week in a row Rogers netted an overtime winner and the third consecutive week he scored the game-winning goal for Notre Dame. On March 10, Rogers notched the overtime score in a 6-5 win over Drexel on March 3.

Senior forward Anders Eric Prister
Senior Sports Writer

HOCKEY

Disappointing losses end NCAA prospects

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
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A season that began with a preseason No. 1 ranking and a brand-new arena ended with a thud in the second round of the CCHA playoffs when No. 19 Notre Dame dropped 2-1 and 3-1 decisions to No. 2 Michigan on March 9 and 10.

On Friday night, Notre Dame (19-18-3, 12-13-3-0 CCHA) lost a double-overtime heartbreaker to the Wolverines (23-11-4, 15-9-4-1) despite sophomore goaltender Steven Summerhays’ career-high 40 saves.

“If we had won that game, there might have been a whole different end of the year,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “We had plenty of chances to score the game winner but they did and we didn’t. That was a great game and we played well against them.”

Sophomore forward Anders worked its way to junior midfielder Ryan Foley, who found an open Rogers for the winning goal to send the Irish (4-1) past the Pioneers (4-2).

ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame takes on California

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“Rebounding” is an area where we’ve struggled, and it’s been a [point of emphasis the past week,” graduate student forward Devereaux Peters said. “We really focused on it today and tried to box out a lot more. The guards did a good job of

Hockey

Men’s Lacrosse

Triple overtime secures Irish victory over Denver

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

For the second week in a row, 60 minutes of regulation were not enough to decide Notre Dame’s fate. And for the second week in a row, it was the No. 7 Irish who prevailed, thanks to a 10-9 triple-overtime victory over No. 9 Denver on Sunday.

Senior attack Sean Rogers scored his second goal of the game 1:25 into the third overtime on an unsettled play. After a ground ball pick-up by senior captain and defenseman Kevin Randall, the ball eventually