InsIde today's paper

Theologian explores religion

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

The interplay between faith and reason is frequently the subject of discussion in theology classes at Notre Dame. However, Tuesday night in the Goddess Hall Coffee House, the matter was discussed over pizza by practical theologian Claire Noonan in the talk "Can You Be Faithful Without Being Religious?"

Noonan said there are three reasons she doesn’t believe she can have faith without religion: Scripture, sacraments, and saints. She said each is a reason why religion is needed to maintain faith.

"I need Scripture to know the living God, sacraments to communicate with God and saints to struggle alongside," Noonan said.

Noonan said to Scripture is not just traditional canon, but any text inspired by a transformational encounter with God.

"I want to include the cumulative written experience of Christians as Scripture," Noonan said.

Noonan said the importance of Scripture is it helps people to properly direct their faith toward God. Faith in God relies on Scripture.

Everyone has faith. Everyone has to believe in something they can’t empirically prove for themselves. All faith means is what ultimately you are concerned about," Noonan said. "What I’m trying to be faithful to is God, and without Scripture, I would not know who God is."

An important aspect of Scripture properly directing faith is it counteracts other worldly influences, Noonan said.

"The loudest voices in our culture try to point us in a direction very different from Jesus," she said. "Christianity at its deepest, most fundamental level is different from convention. I wouldn’t have found it on my own."

As with Scripture, Noonan said she maintains an expanded interpretation of sacraments.

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"Jesus," she said. "Christian- ity at its deepest, most fun -

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Diane Ravitch, professor of education at New York University, speaks about education system reform during her lecture, "Is There a Crisis in Public Education?" on Tuesday.

By NICOLE MICHELS
News Writer

The United States needs to create stronger public and private education systems, and can do so through decreasing the reliance on standardized testing, according to Diane Ravitch, professor of education at New York University.

Her lecture, "Is There a Crisis in Public Education?" was the latest event in Notre Dame's year-long Forum, "Reimagining School: to Nurture the Soul of a Nation."

Ravitch spoke Tuesday night at the Eck Hall of Law, saying our nation must foster a system capable of caring for the needs of all its students.

"Our schools are a reflection of our society," she said. "They are indeed beset by..."

Professor of English dies at 74

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James Walton, professor emeritus of English at the University of Notre Dame, died Saturday after a brief illness. He was 74 years old.

A 1959 Notre Dame alumnus, the Blue Island, Ill.-bred Wal-ton also earned master's and doctoral degrees in English from Northwestern University in 1960 and 1963, respectively, according to a University press release.

Walton joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1963 and taught popular courses on the English novel and 18th-century literature until he retired in 2003.

Throughout his career and after his retirement, Walton was a prolific writer of fiction and literary criticism.

He also earned the respect of generations of colleagues and students during his tenure at Notre Dame.

"From his earliest days on the English fac-ulty, Jay had marvelous range," Donald Sniegos-ki, professor emeritus of English, said. "His major publications included an edition of eighteenth-century correspondence, a novel, 'Margaret's Sto-ry,' and a critical study of J. S. Le Fanu. He edited a wonderful anthology of poetry by Notre Dame poets and published nu-merous scholarly arti-

icles. With characteristic wit and self-deprecation, he tried to hide his light under a bushel, but quite a few of us knew differ-ently."

Walton’s legacy lasts to the present-day depart-
moment.

"Jay’s contributions to this department are leg-
endary, but the chief one was, and remains, his friendship," Valerie Say...
**Kodiak bear escapes from wildlife center**

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — An Alaska wildlife center that takes in orphaned and injured animals is missing one of its larger residents. The Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center announced Monday that a 300-pound, 2-year-old female Kodiak brown bear escaped six days ago from its enclosure near Portage. A spokeswoman for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game said the bear was not a public threat. “It’s not like an escaped murderer has gotten loose,” said Jessy Coltrane, the area biologist for Anchorage. It’s the first time the center has had an escape, said executive director Mike Miller. The bear carries a microchip but is not wearing a collar and has no identifying tags. Coltrane said the Fish and Game Department spent time last week searching for the bear from the air but has stopped. “She could have just kept on walking and just walked into the Alaska wilderness,” Coltrane said. “At this point in time, there’s not a whole lot to be done.” Thieves steal two tons of coffee VIENNA — In a heist that could fill the mother of all bottomless cups, thieves in Austria have made off with 2 tons of coffee. Police say the culprits broke into a wholesaler and coffee-roaster’s warehouse east of Vienna, loaded a stolen van with the goods and then drove off. A police statement issued Tuesday put the value of the vehicle and its contents at more than 55,000 euros — $72,000. The thieves also took two coffee machines with them.

**In Brief**

A CRC Seminar on “Developing Usable Scientific Software in an academic research environment” will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Hall of Science.

A physics colloquium on “The search for a primordial magnetic field” will be held tonight at 8 p.m. in the Hall of Science.

The celebration of the Annual Ganey Community Engagement Awards for Research and Teaching will be held tonight at 8 p.m. in Jordan Hall of Science.

An Irish Guard try-out information meeting will be held tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the School Building. Interested individuals must have completed at least one year of study at Notre Dame in current good academic standing and be at least 6'2 tall.

The Notre Dame Baseball team will take on Western Michigan tonight at 5:35 at the Eck Baseball Stadium. Adult tickets cost $5.

A poetry and prose tag team reading event by Notre Dame MFA students and faculty will take place tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

A talk titled “Profession- al Fashion 101: Managing Your Image Potential” will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. in 136 DeBartolo Hall to offer tips to students about dressing for success in the corporate environment.

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

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**Correction**

The Observer regrets an error as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at (574) 631-4545 so we can correct our error.
Students raise awareness sans shoes in global event

By JILLIAN BARWICK
Saint Mary's Editor

The chill felt around South Bend on Tuesday did not keep Saint Mary's students from spending a day without wearing shoes.

A global event sponsored by the footwear company TOMS, "One Day Without Shoes" is a day where groups of people walk around barefoot to raise awareness for people who cannot afford shoes.

According to the event’s website, health and education are major concerns for those without shoes. Millions of children are at risk of injury, disease and soil-transmitted infections, the website said. In some areas, shoes are required for children to attend school.

"Four million people have podoconiosis, a debilitating and disfiguring disease caused by living barefoot in volcanic soil," the website said. "740 million people are affected by hookworm, a soil-transmitted parasite that can cause intestinal pain, weakness and cognitive impairment."

After learning about the event, senior Hannah Hupp decided Saint Mary’s should get involved in “One Day Without Shoes.”

"I was just searching around on the TOMS website one day, looking around for possible job openings with the company," Hupp said. "I saw the link to sign groups up to participate and thought that it would be a great event to have at Saint Mary's."

"The website has a tool kit for those who are looking to hold the event with their group," Hupp said. "It was really helpful to have."

After speaking with the Student Government Association, Hupp received the go-ahead to organize "One Day Without Shoes" on campus.

"We had a great turnout," Hupp said. "All 300-plus shirts were gone by 3:30 p.m. to only girls with no shoes on."

Students walked across campus barefoot, some wearing socks and others completely barefoot. While they were not allowed to enter the dining hall barefoot, all other campus buildings were open to those participating in the event.

"By giving out all the shirts, over 300 girls were braving the bitter cold weather to make a change," Hupp said.

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Responding to God’s call,

these seven members of the Notre Dame community plunged into the waters of Baptism...

and were raised to new life in Christ at the Easter Vigil.

They were then sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation and received the food of eternal life in the Eucharist, completing their full initiation into the Catholic Church. Please join us in welcoming them into our faith community!

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Newly-elected government officials convene for first time

By MARISA IATI
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At the new student government administration’s first Student Senate meeting, the group bestowed emeritus status upon the former student body president, vice president and chief of staff.

Senate also passed a resolution requesting the campus-wide implementation of hydration stations, sustainable water sources with filters and coolants.

Ben Noe, director of internal affairs for student government, said the emeritus resolutions thank former student body president Pat McCormick, vice president Brett Rocheleau and chief of staff Claire Sokas for their service to the student body.

Noe said he thought the resolution bestowing emeritus status upon Sokas was especially important.

“The chief of staff is the role that is all of the work for very little glory,” he said. “It’s a tough job because they kind of have to be the rule enforcer and the boss. While at the same time, they have to be your friend as well and I think Claire did an outstanding job this year.”

The resolution advocating for hydration stations requested the University “implement hydration stations in the remaining residence halls and academic buildings so all students can enjoy clean, fresh-tasting water and the University can continue fulfilling its sustainability goals.”

Rocheleau, now student body president, said the hydration stations would cost approximately $70,000 in total.

“Right now, all dorms next year will have hydration stations in them, so those will be implemented over the summer,” he said. “But right now, we still haven’t been able to get approvals to get them in academic buildings. If there were a filtered water source, it would be a benefit.”

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Speech team looks to expand, build on success

By MICHAEL RODIO
News Writer

When junior Catherine Flatley first stepped on campus, she immediately knew how Notre Dame could gain a competitive edge over other top 20 universities — so she started a competitive speech team.

“If you look at the other top 20 schools, Northwestern is the only other school that has a speech team beside Notre Dame,” Flatley said. “I recognized that there was a huge hole in that market … I wanted to fill that need.”

Flatley said a speech team gives students an opportunity to improve public speaking and to travel around the country.

“I started the team because I wanted to help build rhetoric and communications at Notre Dame,” she said. “I think this is a really interesting way for individuals to build those skills and then to convey those skills to the rest of the community. It’s like a ‘Rhetoric Dame.’”

Sophomore and current team president Michael Appel said the speech team competes in collegiate tournaments around the Midwest and the nation. Competitions have four basic categories of rhetoric and style: oratory, impromptu, extemporaneous and dramatic speech. Each category requires different degrees of preparation, research and improvised humor, he said.

“Each of the events have to do with argumentation writing, research writing and advocacy skills,” Flatley said. “College forensics focuses more with real-world issues, policies that need to be addressed or more tangible social issues. As a whole, it’s a bit more progressive, in terms of politics and its response to social issues and social concerns.”

Team members compete against small groups of speakers from different teams. Each speaker in a group presents a “performance,” with judges awarding rankings based on each speaker’s success. After two or three rounds, the best speakers in each group move on to semi-final and final rounds, against progressively tougher competition. Each individual speaker’s points are totaled, and the team with the best collection of individual scores wins the team title, he said.

Flatley said she started the speech team during her sophomore year, after competing individually in high school. She said the speech team also has an additional challenge: unlike most collegiate teams, they have no regular coach.

“We’re the largest primarily student-run team in the country,” she said. “It’s challenging because in addition to competing, the team has to organize trips, fundraise, find chauffeurs, and all the other components of bringing ourselves to tournaments.”

Appel said fundraising has been a challenge, although the University’s academic departments have contributed to the team. While the team has grown and this is an encouraging sign, he said a larger team means higher tournament costs.

“The amount of people we get this year was the biggest thing for us,” Appel said. “It might not seem like much to other clubs, but from four to a solid dozen is pretty significant.”

Freshman Billy McMahon, next year’s team president, said he hopes to build on the club’s growth and competitive experience.

“For those of us who enjoy speech, we have great fun with it, and the wide variety of events, from the interpretive to public address to limited preparation, keeps it interesting,” he said.

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Contest reduces food waste
By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

During mealtimes, students head to North and South Dining Halls to chat with friends and eat without realizing how much food is wasted. Waste-Free Wednesdays is trying to change that.

Senior Elizabeth Davis, founder and chair of Waste-Free Wednesdays, said Notre Dame students wasted 1.25 tons of food and liquids every day in the two dining halls in 2011.

Through a partnership between the Office of Sustainability, Food Services and GreeND, Waste-Free Wednesdays works to create awareness of how each student can make a difference.

"Waste-Free Wednesdays is trying to change that. Every Wednesday for the month of April from 6 to 7 p.m. in both North and South Dining Halls, students will have a chance to win 100 flex points by not wasting food and liquids," Davis said. "Whenever a student has zero waste left on their tray, they receive a card that will be entered in a raffle to win 100 flex points."

Donations to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana will be accepted throughout the month as well.

"With this connection to the greater community, students can donate a dollar, or more, at the Waste-Free Wednesdays booth in front of the dining halls," Davis said. "Because of the Food Bank’s purchasing power, every dollar that is donated equates to seven meals for local food insecure residents."

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Saint Mary’s OCSE honors six for service
By MADELINE MILES
News Writer

"I want to contribute what I can to the world." Maeva Alexander junior

The Saint Mary’s Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) recognized six students for their commitment to service Tuesday night. Seniors Emily Kieffer, Remi White, Megan Loney, Aalyne Riegel and Areli Bautista, as well as junior Maeva Alexander were honored for their efforts at an awards banquet.

“Receiving this award demonstrates to me that I made a difference,” Loney said. “I’m not as proud of receiving the award, as I am that someone nominated me to begin with. Knowing that my service made a difference makes all of the time and energy I spent, worth it.”

Each award represents a specific value from the Sisters of Holy Cross. Kieffer received the award for service in spirituality. White for service in the health field. Loney for service in education, Riegel for service with women, Bautista for general service and Alexander for her involvement in the College Academy of Tutoring (CAT) program.

Kieffer has been a member of Women’s Spirituality Group and Campus Ministry, but her volunteer work extends to the Center for the Homeless and St. Adalbert’s Catholic Church. According to the OCSE press release, White is an active member in the community. Whether it is helping with a breast cancer run at Saint Mary’s, putting her nursing training to use at the home of a medically fragile child, or being a student nurse at South Bend’s Darden Primary Center, providing free screenings at St. Margaret’s House, a day center for those in need in South Bend, or making mistakes for soldiers, her heart is in helping others.” the press release said.

Loney’s service at Clagh High School has earned her the award for educational leadership. "My service experiences have ingrained in me a sense of social responsibility to be aware of issues affecting a community and to do something about it," Loney said.

Loney said she plans to enter the Peace Corps upon graduation from Saint Mary’s.

Riegel, awarded for her service with women, serves as an intern at the Family Violence Center (FJC), a rape crisis and domestic violence resource center in South Bend.

"I love that I get to help women who feel hopeless and alone find their way out of bad situations," Reige said in the press release.

She also became involved with SOS (Sexual Offense Services), which works as an on-call advocate assisting women and men who are victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Bautista was awarded for her general service throughout her time at Saint Mary’s College.

“I have had countless opportunities to grow and be empowered to make a difference in the world,” she said. “My service has shaped who I am today. I have grown to care for others and do whatever I can to promote social justice.”

Bautista plans to attend graduate school at Indiana University.

Alexander has dedicated more than 650 hours to serving and volunteering for the CAT program.

“Maeva expresses great leadership and creativity in every aspect of the CAT Program. She inspires all of us to think bigger and better when working with our students and each other,” Junior Carla Leal, the program’s student director said.

“I want to contribute what I can to the world,” Alexander said.

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Waste-Free Wednesdays
Students have also contributed over $900 to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, which provided 6,300 meals.
ND students have saved more than 90 tons of food over the course of a year, and 150 tons since the inception of Waste-Free Wednesdays.

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of Catholicism, but all prayer and ritual," she said. Religion facilitates a relationship with the living God primarily through sacrament and ritual, Noonan said. The marriage of a friend provides an example of what is lacking without sacrament. Noonan said the friend was faithful, but not religious and elected to hold her marriage ceremony in a restaurant.

“This great occasion in her life was reduced to a functional level," she said. “It was kind of sad," Noonan said when she talks about saints, she refers to not just canonized saints, but people of faith in her everyday community.

Community, which is provided by organized religion, is important for faith, Noonan said.

“Faithfulness requires community, because humans are social creatures," she said. “There is no such thing as the self-made man. Interdependence is the reality of human life." Noonan said community is so vital to faith, those who forgot organized religion have to find some way to maintain their conviction.

“If you’re not religious, you’d have to create a religion of your own to have community," she said. Three student panelists, juniors John Schommer and Katie Pryor and senior Roman Sanchez responded to Noonan with their own opinions and experiences.

Sanchez said by his statement: “I’m dissatisfied with the God that was presented to me,” Sanchez said. “I guess activism is worship to me. My faith now is in people, relationships and community.

Pryor said her service work experiences have become a part of her faith and worship.

“Jesus repeatedly calls us to serve in the Gospels,” Pryor said. “I believe that in serving the less fortunate, worship and justice work together.

Schommer said his experience with secular voluntarism in high school was a different experience as working with Catholic volunteer groups. The difference between the two lies in the perspective towards service and the interaction with those served.

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SAN FRANCISCO — Some nail polishes commonly found in California salons and advertised as free of a so-called “toxic trio” of chemicals actually have high levels of agents linked to birth defects, state regulators said Tuesday.

A Department of Toxic Substances Control report determined that the mislabeled nail products have the potential to harm thousands of workers in more than 48,000 nail salons in California, and their customers.

The use of the three chemicals in nail products is legal if properly labeled. But agency officials said the false claims may violate a state law that requires disclosure of harmful chemicals in consumer products. The state attorney general could decide whether the companies will face legal action, which can include fines and an order to attach warning labels.

Investigators randomly chose 25 brands of polishes that are available only at nail salons, including a number of products claiming to be free of the chemicals toluene, dibutyl phthalate (DBP) and formaldehyde, which are known as the toxic trio. Regulators said exposure to large amounts of the chemicals has been linked to developmental problems, asthma and other illnesses.

Investigators found that 10 of 12 products that claimed to be free of toluene actually contained it, with four of the products having dangerously high levels. The report also found that five of seven products that claimed to be “free of the toxic three” included one or more of the agents in significant levels.

The agency said it did not have enough data to accurately estimate how many people were being exposed to the chemicals through the products.

“We know there are exposures at salons, both to workers and customers, and we’re concerned about potential harm,” said Karl Palmer, the DTSC’s pollution prevention performance manager who oversaw the report.

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Among the products tested that the state says were mislabeled were: Sation 99 basecoat, Sation 53 red-pink nail color, Dare to Wear nail lacquer, Chelsea 650 Baby’s Breath Nail Lacquer, New York Summer Nail Color, Paris Spicy 298 nail lacquer, Sunshine nail lacquer, Cacie Light Free Gel Basecoat, Cacie Sun Protection Topcoat, Golden Girl Topcoat, Nail Art Top-N-Seal and High Gloss Topcoat. The polishes are not sold in retail stores.

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Gas prices rise across U.S.

NEW YORK — U.S. drivers will pay an average of 24 cents more per gallon for gasoline during this summer’s travel season, the government said Tuesday.

Gasoline will cost an average of $3.95 per gallon from April through September, an increase of 6.3 percent from the same period last year, the Energy Information Administration predicted. The peak should come in May, when gas averages $4.01 per gallon.

The government said there’s a small chance the price could climb as high as $4.50 a gallon in June.

Pump prices have risen with crude oil, which is refined into gasoline and other fuels. Brent crude, which is used to price most of the oil used by U.S. refineries, has jumped by 14 percent this year. Benchmark U.S. crude has increased by 4 percent. The increase is largely due to a dispute over Iran’s nuclear program that has raised fears of a disruption in Middle East supplies.

Americans have responded to high prices by using less gasoline. That should continue over the summer, the government says. But energy forecasters still expect households to spend $93 billion on gasoline this year, up $250 from last year.

The tourism industry pays close attention to gasoline prices during the summer since it has such a big impact on their bottom line.

Anne Banas, executive editor of the travel website SmarterTravel.com, said that higher gas prices might force travelers to stay at cheaper hotels this summer. They also may decide to cut their trips short, but most won’t stay home.

“People will still travel for summer vacation and still perceive a driving vacation as cheaper than flying,” Banas said.

Gas prices rise across U.S.
NEW YORK — Passengers dressed in fur coats and wide-brimmed hats strolled the decks of a memorial ship as it began its journey to Canada to visit the spot where the Titanic sank to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean a century ago.

The cruise was packed on Tuesday evening, 100 years after New York's West Side on Cruises, was carrying 440 passengers sipped champagne and listened to lectures about life on the ship. The Balmoral had to interrupt its journey on Tuesday because of a medical emergency on board. At least one person on board the Journey had a very personal connection to the tragedy. Sharon Lee Willing, of Tucson, Ariz., bought a ticket to honor her great-grandfather Herbert Chaffee, a farming magnate from North Dakota who perished in the sinking. Family lore has it that Chaffee and his wife were in Europe on their second honeymoon, Willing said.

“I know it’s just going to look like water, but to think of that great ship down there,” Willing said, getting choked up at the thought. “It’s going to be kind of tough, I think.”

Willing’s great-grandmother Carrie Chaffee was placed in the ship safely. Orchard added that the Port expansions also are envisioned along the East Coast and in Texas, where Kinder Morgan Energy Partners plans to invest $140 million to expand a coal terminal in Houston.

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**Give Griner a break**

The women's basketball national championship was over a week ago. I watched with family and friends, many of them fans of my own women's basketball team, as the Bears fought for the title and lost, in what we all thought would be a narrow, yet competitive, battle. It ended bitterly. With no two points for phone call/text message violations, both teams were barred from ever mounting a comeback. For the Connecticut Huskies, 80 was too many. For the Bears, 86 was too few. They would not be deciding what legacy I get to leave behind and what last memories I get to make. The level of involvement in our community, as well as the atmosphere of the stadium and the joy and reverent night we do so with the hope that we can change things. And some times, in fact, many times, we can. Sometimes that hope can creates and facilitates realities we never thought possible. In many cases, these hopes give us the courage to do things we would not otherwise do, to believe in the possibility of things we might not otherwise believe or to appreciate those things we sometimes take for granted. Hope can keep us sane, whether it is hope for tomorrow, for a few years down the road or for a lifetime. We do well to remember Andy Dufresne's aphorism in "Shawshank Redemption." "Remember, Red, hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things. And no good thing ever dies." Hope can lead us to defy expectations, as Andy did in Shawshank. Hope can leave a legacy, as Harvey Milk did in San Francisco, as anti-apartheid heroes did, as the Tunisian success inspired another fifteen million to topple their dictator. Hope can redeem the world, as we have yet to see.

Fantasy is invaluable because it creates a sense of certainty for an uncertain future. Hope that we can gain from fantasy broadens our perspectives, keeping us grounded in reality but still looking towards the sky.

Doris Zedekauerova did not survive the Holocaust. She died in Auschwitz at the age of 11. Hundreds of other Terezín children did survive, and they drew and they hoped. Everyone needs hope. We don't know what that hope will bring. We do not know if we will see success. The only thing we can move that, through everything, those societal, personal or figurative dragons can be defeated.

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**Letter to the Editor**

**Off-campus blues**

I always knew my decision to move off campus would create a bit of non-literal distance between the independent off-campus life I wanted and the communal on-campus life I loved, but I never imagined that the immense alienation I have felt this year would be rooted in the dour of which I still considered myself to be a part. Declining my housing application for Walsh Hall this year came with the acceptance that I wouldn't have the opportunity to live the life I grew accustomed to these past three years, complete with section dinners and group watches for trash television in the 24-hour lounge. Nonetheless, I still looked forward to the weekly emails of dorm happenings and the opportunities to partake in communal events like interhall sports and dances. However, my enthusiasm to remain active within Walsh, as I had seen my friends with their respective dorms, became quashed in the fall. I was told that I was no longer considered a Walsh resident, and underclassmen complained until myself, and other off-campus seniors were allowed to partake in flag football. Even now, this Letter to the Editor may be serving as the official notification to off-campus W.I.L.D. Women that our former大规模 is that Saturday.

So, exactly what does barring us from events and teams accomplish, besides creating a rift in the community and a gap between under and upperclassmen? Should the one year I lived off-campus overshadow the three years I was a Walshie, and other off-campus residents are certainly becoming an issue. We're not simply here to provide shelter from parietals. We still have things to offer and things we'd like to partake in. Residents should be deciding what legacy we get to leave behind and what last memories we get to make. The level of involvement in dorm life for off-campus students should be decided by themselves. All of you senior Walshies, whether on or off campus, please redeline W.I.L.D. this weekend in solidarity.

Meg Kowieski
senior
off-campus
April 9

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**Quote of the Day**

“Now we sit through Shakespeare in order to recognize the quotations.”

Orson Welles
U.S. actor and director

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**Weekly Poll**

Is Haley Scott DeMaria a good choice to be the commencement speaker??

Yes — she'll be inspiring
No — she's too low-profile

Vote by 5 p.m. on Thursday at ndsmcobserver.com


Sitting in the Mendoza basement on a Thursday, you might hear the following conversation:

"Hey bro, I think I’m gonna invest in some liquid assets this weekend."

"What’s on your mind?"

"Nah, I’m gonna go for some Treasury bonds."

Liquid assets in the financial world are those that are easy to convert to cash and can be sold without incurring any price. The most liquid asset type is cash, followed by foreign currency, government bonds, and stocks because they all trade in large, established and fairly stable markets. Assets like real estate are very illiquid because it is difficult to trade them for cash and if you want to sell yourself quickly you usually have to significantly lower your asking price.

People value liquidity because having liquid assets means one can more easily meet immediate financial obligations.

It’s no secret that the line separating the President’s role from the judiciary is blurry at best. When a partisan president is asked about the possibility of the Supreme Court, which is supposed to be nonpartisan, the Court is in effect neutralized. Washington will never be able to take the politics completely out of the justice system. However, the degree to which politics affects the judiciary certainly can be controlled.

President Obama’s remarks this week show a careless and outright attempt to influence a ruling of the Court, which is supposed to be nonpartisan not only among opposition upholds the health care law, but also among those who have help proper respect for the separation of powers. The issue arose on Monday at a press conference at the White House when the President was asked about the recent remarks on the health care law. The President’s remarks were uncalled for. They showed a haphazard attempt to influence the decision in his favor. The President’s remarks reinforced the notion that he is not only中超 make sense. President Obama clarified Tuesday that the Supreme Court has the ultimate say on our laws and “all of us must respect it,” but it is clear that extra-dimensions of the Court to show restraint in the past.

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For Domer, buying a block of dining hall meals at the beginning of the semester is less expensive than if he would buy them individually with dollars or flex points. If he doesn’t have time to go to the dining hall this week, he can still use his unused meals at the end of the semester. If he needs a new meal, he can just hold dollars and pay for everything he needs to use on campus without having to worry about utilizing his flex machines.

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By BRIGID MANGANO
Scene Writer

As a proud Double Domer, I have had the opportunity to attend and participate in a wide variety of campus performances and competitions, from the Kroc Center’s weekly concerts to the Holy Half Marathon and the Collegiate Jazz Festival. Time and again, the talent and originality of my fellow students astounds me. This is especially true at the annual exhibition of BFA and MFA candidates at the Snite Museum of Art, one of only two events that I have not missed over the past five years.

This spring, the culminating projects of eight seniors and five third-year graduate students are on display until May 18, as diverse as childhood fitness, the romanticization of cyberspace and the under-regulation of the cosmetics industry, they promise to appeal to a broad audience.

Children maygravitate to wards “Stray,” a video game created by Amanda Carter that tells a heartwarming story about a bipedal sheep seeking to rescue his shepherd from a pack of wolves. Players must rely upon the skills of other members of the flock to reach the cave where the shepherd sits tethered. With its anti- bullying message and likable characters, “Stray” is a welcome departure from the many violent video games on the market.

Those who constantly expe rience noise pollution will be intrigued by “Hush,” a hybrid device conceived by Brian Ger aghty. By combining sound masking techniques and directional speakers, the device drowns out unwanted or harmful noise. One of the strengths of the display is its interactive component: viewers who stand near a particular piece are suddenly become aware of an overhead buzzing sound. The final two projects both address the nature of recollection, albeit through markedly different means. In “Youth ful Days,” Jessica Zekus considers the way in which our minds remember significant moments and challenge classmates to open the novel and read.

Philosophy majors and all those who muse about the nature of time and human exis tence will enjoy “Light Paint ing” by Nicholas Gunt y and “The Temptation to Exist” by Jackson Zorn. In the former, Gunt y explores light as a meta phor for the organic and spiri tual worlds. Using long-ex posure photography, he tracks different light sources across a moving frame and recreates the images in seven oil paint ings. One of these, “Entangle ments,” is loosely reminiscent of orange octopus legs. In the latter, viewers encoun ter nine graphite drawings of bone fragments, organs, insect casings, ants, and fur. These sundry components are blend ed to produce bizarre-looking creatures, with the message that life always finds a way to flourish. The largest of the drawings calls to mind a fa mous Georgia O’Keeffe paint ing of a cow skull.

Women for whom primp ing is a sacred morning rit ual should check out “Fierce Cosmetics” by Marie Yvonne Bourgeois. In a humorous but highly informative campaign, Bourgeois draws attention to the alarming levels of skin irrit ants and toxins that are found in many beauty products. Well known slogans associated with Cover Girl and other big-name brands are turned on their heads, and Bourgeois’ process videos show exactly how she has replaced lip-smacking foundation and mascara in her printmaking techniques.

Nirvana fans will empathize with “Kill Yr. Idols” by Benjamin Funk, a project dedicated to the life and death of Kurt Cobain. Funk deliberately distorts and silences the music videos that Nirvana filmed during their contract with Geffen Records, as a way of symbolizing the perversion of their message by the music industry and the loss of Cobain’s voice. The muted sound is especially noticeable due to the loud hum of six simultaneous projectors.

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Memory is also foregrounded in “Re: Collections” by Christine Hinz Lenzen, a labor-intensive project in which old photographs were doused in wine, wrapped in cheesecloth and dipped in wax. Many of these were sewn together to create “Tapestry,” a sprawling quilt hung over a wooden drying rack. Others are bottled and arranged on shelves or scattered in a shallow trough. Viewers will find themselves searching for images that repeat and squinting to make out the details in those that were soaked the longest in red wine.

This year’s exhibition of MFA and BFA candidates’ theses cannot fail to please. Students and faculty should make time to view the work of some of the most creative minds on cam pus.
Baking with Brenna:
Fluffer-Nutter Brownies
By Brenna Williams
Scene Writer

I learned two lessons this week. The first: never start baking until you’re 100 percent certain you have all of the ingredients that you need. The second: when life gives you copious amounts of peanut butter, create a new recipe.

I set out this week to make rocky road brownies, thinking I had the walnuts the recipe called for hidden away in my pantry. Unfortunately, when I discovered that I was either wrong or our house elf had hidden them somewhere, the brownies were already in the oven and I had to think fast. I could either serve my co-workers and friends boring, plain box brownies or I could go ahead and get creative, using things I had to spruce up box brownies to make “semi-homemade” maven Sandra Lee proud. I had marshmallow fluff and peanut butter, which naturally led to this week’s creation: Fluffer-Nutter Brownies.

If you’re not familiar with the Fluffer-Nutter sandwich, I can understand why. They were a thing of legend at my elementary school lunch table — no way would our mothers send any of us out of the house with something that sugary in our lunchboxes! The Fluffer-Nutter combines peanut butter with marshmallow fluff, in a perfectly sweet, perfectly gooey concoction that lends itself easily to the top of a brownie. They couldn’t be easier!

Ingredients:
1 box of brownie mix and the oil, egg, and water called for on the box
(Tip: I used the low-fat Betty Crocker mix made for a 13x9 pan. You can also be an over-achiever and make brownies from scratch.)
½ cup peanut butter
¾ cup marshmallow fluff
¾ cup of chocolate chips
¼ cup mini marshmallows (optional)

Instructions:
1. Preheat oven as instructed by the box. Mix together eggs, oil, water and mix as instructed.
(Tip: If you like fudgy brownies, use less egg than instructed)
2. Spread batter on the bottom of a lightly greased baking sheet and cook as directed.
3. As soon as the brownies are done baking, switch the oven over to the broiler function on a low setting. Layer the fluff and peanut butter on the top of the brownies, taking care not to tear the top up too much. Don’t worry about fully spreading them. If adding optional marshmallows, sprinkle them on top.
(Tip: Only you can know what your perfect peanut butter/fluff ratio is, so it’s up to you if you want to add more or less of either of them. There’s no such thing as too much of a good thing!) 4. Place the pan back in the oven for 2-3 minutes, allowing the peanut butter and fluff to warm up and become more easily spreadable.
5. Remove from oven and fully spread the toppings on top of the brownies with a knife or rubber spatula. Let the brownies cool for at least an hour – they need to be completely cooled for the toppings to stay in place. Cut into pieces and enjoy!
(Tip: If you want to speed the cooling process up, place the brownies in the freezer for 45 minutes)

Despite my usual focus on clothes, this week I have decided to focus on something just as important in style: grooming. More specifically, the grooming of your chest hair.

The Case for looking like Chewbacca: I remember when I grew up that the coolest dudes ever had the greatest chest hair. Who didn’t love Austin Powers, or dream of being the next Sean Connery or Magnum P.I.? But here’s the kicker — Chuck Norris had chest hair. Therefore, chest hair is the greatest thing ever.

The boy with chest hair no longer feels like a little kid, he has progressed into manhood. The acquisition of chest hair is the modern man’s proof that he is no longer a boy, but a man. He is the man’s man. He cuts down trees with an ax in his spare time. He fights with his bare knuckles. He knows how to start a fire with two sticks. He could survive in the wild with a hatchet. He loves football. And everyone knows not to mess with his woman.

The Case against the A&F Model: But, he looks like a little boy. Did he ever reach puberty? Where was this man when I was growing up? He seems to be the antithesis of the man’s man; he is the woman’s man. He is a pretty boy who can’t do hard work. Other than his large muscles, which he does to have to offer? He spends his days removing miniscule amounts of hair from his body, he spends exorbitant amounts of time on styling what hair he has on his head and he probably isn’t even an ambusher. I don’t know which one is better or which one is worse. I grew up seeing the man’s man as my hero. But, where has he gone? When was the last time anyone saw a male model with chest hair? Someone, please start a Viewpoint war on this, because it would be hilarious.

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Too early in the year to panic, baseball fans

All around me, the sounds of spring ring loud and clear. The leaves rustle in the wind and birds sing cheerfully. The sweet sounds of baseball join in the season’s refrain, adding to the song of the organ tunes, the crack of bat against ball and the roar of a crowd.

But simultaneously, in my head, voices scream, fire tears through the streets and alarms ring. Disaster has struck, panic is not the answer.

After a long offseason and months of eager expectation, baseball returned Tuesday to Citi Field, the Braves failed to tag Johan Santana out on his first game since 2010 and fell 1-0 in the first game of series. R.A. Dickey continued the Braves and Lucas Duda knocked two homers in the Mets’ 4-2 victory. Jonnath Neimi pitched six innings of scoreless baseball.

This is the kind of game we’re going to have to play,” Pittsburgh manager Clint Hurdle said. “I don’t expect to see us get blown out, and I’m not so sure we’re going to blow out a lot of people, so right now there’s not much margin for error. There’s really no safety net. You’ve got to earn victories up here, and they earned one today.”

Exactly 50 years after the 1961 season, the Dodgers took the field against the Braves. Earlier in the day, Ozzie Guillen began a tirade against the Dodgers and Philadelphia management.

“Everybody is excited about what’s going on right now and rightfully so... The vibe in this city right now is so... The vibe in this city right now is great,” said Dodgers right fielder Andre Ethier.

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NCAA Football

Petrieno loses job over controversy

Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Arkansas fired coach Bobby Petrino on Tuesday and scathingly dressed him down for hiring his mistress and intentionally misleading his boss about their secret relationship that was laid bare by her presence at a motorcycle accident that ultimately cost him his job.

Athletic director Jeff Long announced his decision at an evening news conference and laid out a stunning laundry list of misdeeds against the man he hired away from the Atlanta Falcons four years ago.

They included ignoring multiple chances over the past 10 days to come clean to Long about the relationship that had crossed the line from infidelity into workplace favoritism.

“He made the decision, a conscious decision, to mislead the public on Tuesday, and in doing so negatively and adversely affected the reputation of the University of Arkansas and our football program,” Long said, choking up at one point as he discussed telling players that their coach was gone. "In short, Coach Petrino engaged in a pattern of misleading and manipulative behavior designed to deceive me and members of the athletic staff, both before and after the motorcycle accident.”

The 53-year-old Petrieno, a married father of four, maintained an inappropriate relationship with 25-year-old Jessica Dorrell for a “significant” amount of time and at one point had given her $20,000, Long said.

Long would not disclose details of the payment, or when the money changed hands, but said both parties confirmed the “gift.” Kevin Trainor, a spokesman for Long, said the money came from Petrieno, not university funds.

Petrieno issued a lengthy apology and said he was focused on trying to bail his family.

“All I have been able to think about is the number of people I’ve let down by making selfish decisions,” he said. “I chose to engage in an improper relationship. I also made several poor decisions following the end of that relationship and in the aftermath of the accident. I accept full responsibility for what has happened.”

Dorrell, a former Razorbacks volleyball player, worked for the Razorbacks Foundation before she was hired by Petrieno on March 28, four days before their accident on a winding rural road.

Long said she was one of three finalists out of 159 applicants and got the job after a time frame he said was shorter than usual.

Petrieno never disclosed his conflict of interest in hiring Dorrell or the payment and she has refused to talk about her presence at a motorcycle accident that laid bare by her presence at a motorcycle accident that was laid bare by her presence at a motorcycle accident.

“Coach Petrieno abused his authority when over the past few weeks he made a staff decision and personal choices that benefited himself and jeopardized the integrity of the football program,” Long said.

Petrieno has built Arkansas into a Southeastern Conference and national power over four seasons, including an 18-5 record the past two years. But Long made it clear that the success on the field was overshadowed by repeated deceptive acts and that no one was more important than the program itself.

Long said Petrieno was fired “with cause” — meaning he will not receive the $18 million buyout on his contract called for — and there were no discussions about keeping Petrieno at Arkansas.

Long said he met with Petrieno on Tuesday morning to inform him there were grounds for termination and that the coach was “concerned” about that. Long sent Petrieno a letter Tuesday afternoon to formally notify him he had been fired.

Long said he has not spoken to Petrieno since sending the letter.

“I chose to do it in writing because that’s the terms of his contract,” he said.

Long declined comment when asked about Dorrell’s job status.

She was “at one point” engaged to Josh Morgan, the athletic department’s director of swimming and diving operations, according to a person who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

The person said Morgan was still employed at the university.

Petrino finishes his tenure at Arkansas with a 34-17 record in four seasons, leading the Razorbacks to a No. 5 final ranking last season and a Cotton Bowl win over Kansas State.

There was talk of Arkansas challenging the two powers in the SEC West, national champion Alabama and national runner-up LSU.

And maybe the Hogs will. But they won’t do it with Petrieno.

Celtics shoot by Heat behind Pierce, Rondo

Associated Press

MIAMI — A week ago, the Boston Celtics beat the Miami Heat with defense. This time, they did it with offense.

Paul Pierce scored 27 points, Kevin Garnett added 24 points and nine rebounds, and the Celtics made their first eight shots of the fourth quarter to hold off the Heat 115-107 on Tuesday night.

Rajon Rondo posted double-digit assists for the 18th straight game, extending the NBA’s longest such streak in 20 years with an 18-point, 15-assist effort.

Brandon Bass added 12 points and 10 rebounds, while Avery Bradley scored 11 for the Celtics, who shot a season-high 61 percent and survived two possessions where Miami could have tied the score in the final quarter.

“We talk about it in fighting terms,” Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. “We told them today, before the game, you’re in a boxing match, you expect to get hit. They’re going to hit you. They did and we withstood it. I thought that was important for our team.”

LeBron James finished with 36 points, seven rebounds and seven assists for Miami, which got 20 from Dwyane Wade and 18 from Mario Chalmers. Chris Bosh finished with 13 on 5-for-13 shooting for Miami, which has won 5-5 in its last 10 games.

The Celtics beat Miami Heat 91-72 in Boston on April 1, a game the Heat called “unacceptable” after establishing season-lows in scoring and shooting.

This one won’t sit much better with the reigning Eastern Conference champions, who ousted the Celtics in five games from last year’s playoffs and could see them in the second round of the upcoming postseason. No team had shot better than 35 percent against Boston this season, and Boston’s 115 points were two shy of matching a season-high against Miami.

“We left Boston feeling awful at our performance,” James said. “I don’t feel as bad tonight. Those guys, they were locked in. Not only did they make their open shots, they made their contested shots. ... When you’ve got it going like that, just tip your hat off. We tip them off every time they’re going to make a run. That’s pretty much described the night. Whenever Mi ami got close, the Celtics found a way to hold them off.”

“It’s a game of runs,” Pierce said. “You have one of the best team in the league. You know they’re going to make a run. That’s what makes them who they are. They know how to turn it on. We did a good job of holding their runs to a mini run.”

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**SMC SOFTBALL**

Belles sweep struggling Calvin in doubleheader

By MATT UNGER

Sports Writer

A doubleheader sweep over Calvin on Thursday highlighted by a walk-off win vaulted Saint Mary’s back into contention in the MIAA. The Belles (15-7, 2-2 MIAA) took advantage of a struggling Calvin squad (5-13, 0-2) to win two games at home, 1-0 and 7-5.

Game 1 featured a dominant pitching performance by Belles sophomore Callie Selser. She pitched seven shutout innings, allowing only four hits while striking out three and walking none. “[Selser] threw really well and was very effective in working ahead on batters,” Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. “Her curveball was not working well, but she was smart in adjusting.”

Selser had no margin for error, as Calvin sophomore pitcher Lina Avila matched her in silencing the offensive, junior shortstop Emily Sherwood dropped a sacrifice bunt to advance on batters and scored the game-tying run. The Belles again responded with a three-run fifth to seize control of the game. After opening the inning on singles by Gillis and freshman first baseman Jordie Wasserman, the Belles decided to move the runners to second and third on a sacrifice bunt. Gillis then scored on a wild pitch, while Wasserman scored on Nelson’s second RBI of the game — a sacrifice fly.

“It was nice to respond with big innings,” Sullivan said. “We were doing that early in the season, and we got our confidence back with this game.”

The third run of the inning scored on an error, and the Belles would hold on to win, 7-5. Gillis ended her record at 2-2 while pitching all seven innings for the win.

The Belles travel to Hope College today for a doubleheader starting at 3:30 p.m.

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**NBA**

Cuban talks Odom departure

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban had noticed Lamar Odom’s uninspired play numerous times before, and kept hoping things would change.

It took one reply by Odom during a heated halftime exchange in his last game, when Cuban questioned the player’s commitment to the team and Odom told him to quit playing games, to realize it was time for the two sides to part ways.

“Just his response to it. Ev- erybody goes through ups and downs. Every player does. We tried to put him in a position to succeed and it didn’t work,” Cuban said Tuesday night, his first public comments since the team announced a day earlier that Odom was done in Dallas.

Their halftime exchange came after Odom played an uninspired four minutes Saturday night at Memphis.

“I just asked him, does he want to go for it or not. Is he in or is he out? I think he thought we were playing poker. I just didn’t get a commitment. And that was the end,” Cuban said.

“This was a big game for us, and he wasn’t connecting to that. And if you’re not positive energy, you’re negative energy.”

When asked if that was the first time he noticed Odom having such a demeanor, Cuban responded, “No, but the first 17 times, he decided to try to help him and turn it into a positive.”

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The Lakers seemed com-pelled to move the 6-foot-10 forward, who made $8.9 mil-lion this season, after trying to trade him and instead said Odom’s 24-year-old cousin was murdered last summer only days before the player was in- volved in a fatal car accident that killed a teen pedestrian after the car he was riding in as a passenger collided with a motorcycle.

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“Yeah, but we thought we could fight through it,” Cuban said. “We knew that’s why he was available.”

Cuban insisted that he failed in trying to make the situation work, and that he didn’t have to talk to anyone else to know the end had arrived.

“If I’m going to be the guy who smiles with my hand on the trophy, I’ve got to be the guy who takes the responsibil- ity,” Cuban said. “It was just my initiative, just paying at- tention. I was working with him, tried to get him back on the horse. When I failed, it was my job to recognize it, and deal with it.”

Odom, the husband and re- ality TV co-star of Khloe Kar-dashian, still has a year left on his four-year contract. Any team that has the 13-year vet eran on its roster on June 29 must give him a $2.4 million buyout or be responsible for the full $8.2 million he would earn on his four-year contract. Any team that has the 13-year veteran on its roster on June 29 must give him a $2.4 million buyout or be responsible for the full $8.2 million he would earn on his four-year contract.

“The way his contract is structured, it will hopefully create some opportunities for us,” Cuban said, acknowledg- ing he thinks Odom is trade- able. “Absolutely. It’s in his best interests to get his act together, and the personal issues for Lamar, whose 24-year-old cousin was murdered last summer only days before the player was involved in a fatal car accident that killed a teen pedestrian after the car he was riding in as a passenger collided with a motorcycle.

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Women's squad finishes as runner-up at IAAA nationals

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Men's Volleyball

Having lost a year ago in the finals, the Notre Dame men's volleyball team came into the season with one goal in mind: win the national championship. And the Irish believed they had the talent and depth to make it a reality. After a dominant first two days, in which the Irish dispatched Cal State Sacramento 25-22, 25-21, Northern Arizona 25-18, 25-16, Rutgers 25-20, 25-19, UC-Davis 25-16, 25-18, and James Madison 25-18, 25-20, the Irish earned their Saturday's pool play as the No. 3 overall seed.

The path to the championship was littered with familiar foes, and the Irish started with a nailbiter against UW-Milwaukee, who were once again victorious, with a 25-18, 25-21 victory over TCU.

Friday, the Irish advanced by defeating Wisconsin Stout 25-4, 25-17, 25-19, and Brown, 25-17, 25-23, 15-11. The Irish advanced to Saturday's championship round.

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The Irish lost control of a close match against Northwestern and fell to Baylor in front of rowdy crowd, but redeemed themselves Monday when they closed out a three-game stretch against top-25 opponents with a 6-1 victory over Texas A&M.

“I think the win over Texas A&M was important for us in our momentum going forward,” sophomore Jennifer Kellner said. “Although we lost to Northwestern and Baylor, I think they are both teams we are very capable of beating and we hope to play both teams we are very capable.

Junior Kate Turvy had a tough match with them, Mathews said. “We always do, and they always seem to have a really rowdy crowd when we play them at Baylor, which they did.”

Sophomore Britney Sanders beat junior Jordaan Sanford retired while trailing Kellner 6-1, 3-2.

“We got to Baylor and had a tough match with them,” Mathews said. “We got beat and we hope to play them in the NCAA tournament.”

No. 18 Notre Dame (15-7, 3-0 Big Ten) and won two of the three first three individual decisions as sophomore Britney Sanders beat sophomore Veronica Gorning, 6-1, 6-1, senior Shannon Mathews fell to junior Katie Turvy 6-3, 6-2, and senior Kristy Frilling beat sophomore Belinda Niu 6-1, 6-4.

But the Irish couldn’t close out their final three contests on the Courtney Tennis Center courts as sophomore Julie Sabacinski, junior Chrisse McGaffigan and Kellner all lost their individual matches, and the Wildcats went home with a 4-3 win.

Although the Irish arrived in Waco, Texas, for their April 7 match ready to get back to winning, the No. 12 Bears (19-5, 3-1 Big 12) swept them in doubles, ending Notre Dame’s streak of 11 straight doubles wins. The match didn’t get much better during the individual matches, as Kellner picked up Notre Dame’s only point in the 6-1 loss when sophomore Jordan Sanborn retired while trailing Kellner 6-1, 3-2.

“We definitely didn’t play up to our potential against Bay -lor,” Mathews said. “We really struggled with doubles, which is very uncharacteristic of us, and it’s something we don’t want to dwell on too much because we’ve been playing such great doubles throughout the season, so we’ll be able to bounce back.”

But the Irish recovered Monday with a 6-1 win over No. 21 Texas A&M (13-3, 4-1 Big 12). After sweeping the doubles matches to take a 1-0 lead, the Irish won five individual matches, three of them by straight sets. Kellner defeated senior Lauren Santacroce 6-1, 6-2, McGaffigan beat senior Sheri Olivier 6-2, 6-3, and Sabacinski shut down freshman Mana neresus 6-3, 6-4 for the match-clinching point. It took Sanders three sets to beat ju nior Wen Sun, 2-6, 6-4, 7-5, and as Big 12 match had already been decided in Notre Dame’s favor, Mathews was able to claim vic tory over No. 7 junior Cristina Sanchez-Quintanar, 3-6, 6-4, 1-0 (13-11) in a tiebreaker instead of playing a full third set.

Sanchez-Quintanar is the highest-ranked player Mathews has beaten in an individual match during her Notre Dame career.

“It was a really long, long match,” Mathews said of her contest with Sanchez-Quintanar. “I think our first game of the match, some people were already in their fifth game. We had really long points, and she’s a really good player and we had a really great match. It was a grueling one, that’s for sure.”

Although the Irish were on the road for Easter, they didn’t miss the opportunity to celebrate.

“For Easter, we went to mass and went to a special brunch that was a lot of fun,” Kellner said. “We were able to be with our families on Easter, and it was fun to spend it with the team.”

The Irish will jump back into Big East action against South Florida at the Courtney Tennis Center at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

Sophomore Britney Sanders prepares to return a volley during Notre Dame’s 4-3 loss to Northwestern on April 4 at the Courtney Tennis Center. Sanders won her individual match 6-1, 6-0.

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O’Donnell said Rutgers will be a challenge for the streaking Irish, who have won their last eight games by two runs or more.

“I try come out hard every time we play them,” O’Donnell said. “Right now Rutgers is a hot team and we can’t take them lightly.

Miller said she’s not relying on any specific player to step up and outperform the rest.

Instead, she said the reason the Irish have been successful lately is due to the strong team atmosphere.

“We all have been playing consistently well and taking turns coming up to clutch,” Miller said. “It’s great because if one of us is struggling, I know someone else is going to step up and help.”

The Irish face Rutgers in a doubleheader Wednesday at 12 p.m.

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Irish finish 13th at Woodlands

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With less than a month separating the Irish from postsea- son play, Notre Dame headed to Houston for its last road tour- nament of the regular season.

In the team’s final non-conference game against six teams ranked in the top-25, the Irish took 13th place at the All- American Intercollegiate at the Woodlands Course, finishing in a tie with Lamar. No. 10 Arkansas won the event.

“We’re obviously somewhat disappointed with the result,” Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. “We were hoping for a higher finish, but it’s hard to come down to Texas and beat these teams. Four of the top five squads were from Texas, and obviously the champion Arkansas is another Southern school. It was a very tough field.”

Over the 54-hole tournament, Arkansas finished 25-stroke par, 46 strokes better than the Irish but just one in front of runner-up Texas A&M, SMU and Baylor rounded out the top five. The Razorbacks placed five golfers in the top-15 and their four counting scores in the top-10, providing a level of consistency that Kubinski has yet to see from his own team.

“We’re always talking about how we need to get four strong scores instead of just one or two,” Kubinski said. “We know [senior Max Scodro] is going to get his scores, but it’s about getting all of the complementary scores. I was actually encouraged by our performance today in the sense that we had some other guys stepping up.”

While Scodro posted the low score for the Irish on the tournament at two-over, he had company in fellow senior Chris Walker and junior Paul McNamara, who finished one and two strokes behind Scodro respectively. Scodro helped his cause with a three-under third-round finish, but it was Walker who headlined the Irish effort for most of the tournament. Playing on his home course, the Woodlands, Texas native took a one-under mark into the final round before a rough Tuesday knocked him behind Scodro.

“I was encouraged by the fact that Chris and Paul were right up there with Max,” Kubinski said. “We know that [sopho- more Niall Platt] will play better than he did, and we know that [senior Tom Usher] certainly has the talent.”

According to Kubinski, the main problem for the Irish has been a lack of precision on scoring shots — strokes taken from inside 100 yards.

“If you look at other teams in the field, you’ll see that they’re killing us on scoring shots,” Kubinski said. “We’re as good as anybody when it comes to striking the ball, but it’s the putting game that tends to hurt us.

The Irish will have one more tune-up before heading to the Big East championships in Or-lando, Fla., at the end of the month. Notre Dame will host the Battle at the Warren tourna- ment at Warren Golf Course on April 22.

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tie the game late. In the 10th, the Irish held a 4-3 advan- tage, but again let the lead slip away. In the 11th inning, an error at first base brought a Seton Hall runner home for the 5-4 win. It was more of the same in the second game of the series, as the Pirates slipped by with a 3-2 victory in 14 innings, despite lights-out pitching by the Irish.

Freshman Sam Chase said the fres- her pitching staff Connaughton started the se- ries finale Saturday, but was forced to leave after 1.1 in- nings due to a blisters on his hand. Seton Hall sophomore right-handed pitcher Brian Gilbert kept all but four Irish runners off base, throwing a complete-game shutout for a 2-0 win, extend- ing the Notre Dame losing streak to three games.

Irish freshman right-hand- ed pitcher Matt Ternowchek lost his first game of the sea- son Saturday against the Spartans (20- 10, 3-3 Big Ten) on Tuesday, allowing five runs in four in- nings. Chase said the fresh- man still gave Notre Dame a chance to win.

“I thought Matt actual- ly threw really well today,” Chase said. “There were just a couple plays that didn’t go his way. We didn’t make the right defen- sive plays to leave after 1.1. So I thought he really threw the ball well.”

Michigan State started mak- ing contact early in the game and jumped out to a 2-0 lead at the end of the first. In the fifth inning, with the bases loaded for the Spartans, Michigan State junior outfielder Torsten Boss hit a three-run triple to extend the lead to 5-0.

By the end of the fifth in- ning, the Irish were scoreless, courtesy of a strong perfor- mance by Spartans freshman right-handed pitcher Mick VanVossen’s 6.1 innings of shutdown ball. However, Irish freshman reliever Scott Ker- rigan kept the Spartans’ off- ense in check late in the game.

“I thought Scotty looked great today,” Chase said. “I was really impressed with him coming in and being able to throw three strikes in a row in the first time out. It was really ex- citing to see him do that.”

While the rally started in the seventh inning with consecu- tive Notre Dame singles, the Irish were only able to squeeze out two runs and the score re- mained at a four-run deficit. The Spartans scored two more runs to expand the lead to six, winning 8-2.

Notre Dame will look to im- prove defensively and get back on the winning track when they return home Wednesday to Frank Eck Stadium to face Western Michigan.

“I think that we like playing at home — we’re comfortable there,” Chase said. “A little bit of this does have to with being home, but we’re away and out of our comfort zone. But I really think it just comes down to being more aggressive, being more assertive and trying to go out and take games on the road.”

Notre Dame will face West- ern Michigan on April 22 at 5:30 p.m.

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ning the remaining three sin- gles matches to take the overall match.

I think [the win against SMU] translated into Texas A&M because we had a few guys come from behind again against Texas A&M,” Andrews said. “We got down 0-1 again, but we knew that we could come back from that deficit. Again, we just fought really hard and it was closer that time, but it was just a really good fight from the whole team.

Watt’s 6-3, 6-4 victory over No. 29 senior Alexis Kégou was the highlight of an impressive night for the Irish. Kégou is 3-0 after the victory, but Watt has defeated since he took down No. 7 Moritz Baumann of Wisconsin in 2010.

With one regular season match left, the Irish have peaked at the right time. Since losing to South Florida on March 17, the Irish have won five straight matches — their longest winning streak of the season.

“I think [these victories] were really important for our confidence,” Andrews said. “After the loss to South Florida, all of us were hit down, but we all knew that we were good enough to beat a team like [Texas A&M].”

Just the fact that we went into and did it, I think is re- ally important for us mov- ing into the Big East and the NCAA’s.”

Before heading to the post- season, the Irish will face off against Louisville in their last regular season match Saturday at the Courier Tennis Center.

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Senior Niall Fitzgerald returns a volley during Notre Dame’s 7-0 sweep of DePaul on April 4 at the Courier Tennis Center.

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Junior outfielder Charlie Markson heads to first base during Notre Dame’s 7-3 home win over DePaul on April 3 at the Courier Tennis Center.

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Thursday, April 12, at 4:30pm in the McKenna Hall Atrium

The conference will be simulcast on the NDIAS Web site (www.ndias.nd.edu) and broadcast to local viewers on the University of Notre Dame cable channel.

Details for each day’s schedule will be printed over the next three days, beginning today with Thursday’s schedule in the next column.

For questions, please call 574-631-1305.

Schedule for THURSDAY, APRIL 12

All conference sessions are held in the Notre Dame Conference Center in McKenna Hall. All conference meals will be served in the Morris Inn.

Registration and Continental Breakfast (8:30am)
Introductions and Welcome (9:45am)

First Session: 10:00am to 12:30pm
Laurent Laforgue (Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques [IHES])
Speculation and Narration in Mathematics

Coffee Break (McKenna Hall Atrium)

Allan Gibbard (University of Michigan)
Could normative insights be sources of normative knowledge?

Coffee Break (McKenna Hall Atrium)

Lunch (12:30 to 2:00 p.m.)

Second Session: 2:00 to 5:30pm
Thomas Nowak (University of Notre Dame)
A Molecular Glimpse at How Mother Nature Can Regulate Our Being

Coffee Break (McKenna Hall Atrium)

Francisco J. Ayala (University of California, Irvine)
What light does biology shed on the social sciences and the humanities?

Coffee Break (McKenna Hall Atrium)

Reception (4:30pm, McKenna Hall Atrium)

Dinner (6:00 to 8:00 p.m.)
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Orange

would not come any closer, as Syracuse sealed the win with three goals in the final five minutes.

Junior goalie Ellie Hilling totaled ten saves for the Irish in a losing effort. As a team, the Irish totaled fewer shots than the Orange, 31-20, and lost the draw control battle, 18-9.

“I think winning the draw controls ended up giving Syracuse the possession they needed to gain the momentum they wanted and to generate the amount of looks they ultimately got on the cage,” Halfpenny said. “We both scored about 50 percent of our shots, but their amount of looks and time of possession was directly related to the draw control.”

Against Villanova (2-9, 0-3) on Saturday, the Irish scored three goals in the first five minutes and added another to jump out to a 4-0 lead before the Wildcats scored their first goal nearly halfway through the period. The Irish responded with another three-straight goal outburst before surrendering two scores to Villanova in the final minutes of the half. The Irish took a 7-3 lead into halftime.

“I mean, that is something we have to fix — under two minutes we shouldn’t be giving up goals,” Halfpenny said. “I think we need to play more solid defense. I think we have to dig in a little bit more, but ... they both came on cards so we have to tighten that up under two minutes … we don’t want to give away momentum like that.”

Villanova notched the opening goal of the second half to pull within three. However, the Irish answered with an offensive explosion, outscoring the Wildcats 11-1 in the last 20 minutes of play and registering the final seven goals of the game.

“Once we got in motion, got the ball moving, I think we found a lot more success,” Halfpenny said.

Sophomore attack Lindsay Powell led the Irish with five goals, and sophomore attack Lauren Sullivan recorded a career-high four goals. With Hilling out due to illness, freshman goalkeeper Alle Murray collected nine saves and picked up her first career win in net for Notre Dame.

“At late notice before the game, she got the call that she was going to step in there and start for us ... She knows that her job is to be prepared,” Halfpenny said. “She fights every day and I think that because she fights every day and works on her game, is why we saw this performance today. So I wasn’t surprised, but I am really, really proud of her.”

After ending their two-game losing streak, the Irish will take the field and continue their Big East campaign Saturday at Connecticut.

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Defense

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offense.”

The Irish did not have problems generating opportunities, as the offense reeled off 37 shots. Sophomore attack Westy Hopkins scored twice in the first half and fellow sophomore attack Ryan Mix added another to give Notre Dame a 4-1 lead heading into halftime.

Hopkins matched a career-high with his third goal of the day to start the third quarter and freshman attack Conor Foley added another to give the Irish a 6-1 lead.

Hopkins, Doyle and the rest of the Irish attack paced the offense throughout the game as Providence focused on denying Notre Dame’s midfield opportunities. The attack, led by Hop-kins’ play from behind the net, shouldered the load with seven of the nine goals.

“I think [guys like Hopkins] are figuring out our offense,” Corrigan said. “There’s a yin and yang to the midfield and attack play — when teams try to take away one you hope you can execute on the other and vice versa — and [the Friars] were clearly focused on our midfielders and taking those guys out. They left our [attack] on an island and our guys were able to take advantage of that.”

Notre Dame continued to capitalize on its opportunities early in the fourth quarter, as Doyle and junior midfielder Ryan Foley added goals to make it an 8-1 game. With just over three minutes to go sophomore attack Alex Eaton ripped an unassisted goal into the back of the net to put the finishing touch on the win.

Corrigan said Providence has had more opportunities to win this season than its record would otherwise indicate, and as a result the Irish needed to respect their opponent.

“I think we respected [the Friars],” Corrigan said. “We respected the kind of game they were going to play ... We didn’t get silly with our possessions and our turnovers trying to make good plays and we didn’t get undisciplined defensively and try to do things that we’re not built to do. So we stayed very much in character and within ourselves and we executed at a high level.”

The Irish will need to respect their upcoming competition as their final three regular season games are against the top teams in the Big East. Heading into the final haul, Corrigan said the Irish need to stay focused on consistent improvement.

“Last year at this time we were undefeated going into the final stretch and I thought we got a little bit protective, a little concerned with winning instead of improving every day,” Corrigan said. “If we can just stay focused on coming out every day and getting better then the games will take care of themselves.”

Notre Dame looks to win its eighth game in a row when it faces off against Georgetown on Sunday at 1 p.m. in Washington, D.C.

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Freshman middle Caitlin Gargan tries to get past her opponent during Notre Dame’s 18-9 victory over Villanova at Alumni Stadium on Saturday.

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Senior midfielder Eric Keppeler looks for a teammate during Notre Dame’s 9-1 home win over Providence on Saturday.
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Crossword

Horoscope

Happy Birthday: Make changes happen. Don’t wait for someone else to initiate what happens next. Be the one to step up and make a bold move. Not everyone will agree, but unless you take action, you’ll be left in a lose-lose situation. Today’s momentum will give you the power to produce positive results.

Arrives (March 21-April 19): Turn your talents into a money-making commodity. A creative outlet will help you produce what you have to offer at its highest. Manage love and romance in the stars until natural forces can successfully merge. Mars in a favorable place in your financial house will enhance the value of your talents and services, giving you new life to complete untried tasks.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Don’t promise what you cannot deliver, especially whenyou are under pressure to do so. Nations can rise and fall on your shoulders. Be sure to check the facts and determine what’s required for you to reach your goals before helping someone else excel.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Don’t be锢, get constructive and take care of your material needs. Share any financial success or prosperity. Love is in the spotlight, and uncertainly will push you into a fast-paced scenario that must be addressed openly. A couple of simple changes will help.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Don’t worry about what someone else is doing. Concentrate on what you have to accomplish and keep moving. A change in philosophy will help you depend on the people you encounter and the way you are treated by your peers. Don’t be surprised if you meet someone today who sets you on a new path.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You may excel by sticking to your budget and keeping things simple. It may be a good time to implement new ideas to start up and spend wisely. What you have to offer will attract both personal and professional attention. Keep the focus on the new goals and opportunities.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take a walk and see approaches. You need to play it safe until you don’t want to do anything that isn’t routine or don’t make changes that you believe could lead nowhere. It’s important to find a solution before you proceed.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Explore new avenues. Learn whatever you can that will help you secure your earnings. A key, doctor or research is the eye-opening reporting a project you want to pursue. A move will lead to better opportunities.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Experience will help you make the right choices now. Don’t turn mistakes into a work-related matter. However, clearing off your plate will help you form better work relationships as well as gain respect and confidence.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The planet may be what’s working for you communing. An informal trip of the tongue can lead to misunderstanding that can compromise your family or financially. Make alterations at home that better suit your needs and comfort.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Concentrate on helping others and solutions problems to prevent you from facing problems. Don’t try to take your way or do everything on your own. It’s time to know what each other is doing and whether you’re making a contribution.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look at your personal situation and bring it into balance. You know what you want to achieve. Love is in the stars, but you must play by the rules and avoid a situation that could be harmful. It’s time to take a hold of things before it’s too late.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Problems will surface with people who matter to you. Clear up any misunderstandings by sticking to the truth. A chance is likely to occur, but the end result will be good for you if you maintain your integrity.

Birthday Baby: You’re proud, outgoing and wealthy. You are courageous and strategic.

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**Men’s Lacrosse**

**Defense halts Providence**

By MIKE MONACO

SPORTS Writer

The last time the Irish gave up just one goal or fewer in a game, it was 1989. Twenty-three years later, No. 6 Notre Dame matched that mark Saturday with its seventh consecutive win, a 9-1 victory over Providence on Saturday at Arlotta Stadium.

Junior midfielder Jim Marlatt scored his team-leading 13th goal of the season on a man-up shot just over five minutes into the game to get the scoring started, and Notre Dame (8-1, 3-0 Big East) never looked back in its first road win of the season.

“Obviously we were excited,” Marlatt said. “It’s always great to start the season off with a win, especially after coming off a loss. We’ve been focusing on winning games and not falling behind. We made sure to get off to a fast start.”

Sophomore midfielder Tyler Brennenman evades an opponent during Notre Dame’s 9-1 home victory over Providence on Saturday.

**Irish topple two Texas squads over Easter break**

By PETER STEINER

SPORTS Writer

The Irish entered the Lone Star Star weekend without a loss and went 1-0-1 to start the season.

The Irish outscored their opponents 35-15 in two matches and picked up a key victory in the second.

The Irish then travelled to College Station, Texas, to face off with Texas A&M (12-11) on Monday.

“Attacking the ball is key,” coach Casey Watt said. “You have to keep pushing up and forcing the opponent to do things for you.”

Sophomore midfielder Pete Wujciak scored the team’s first goal of the game when Junior pitcher Britainy O’Donnell said that the win, “was a really good day for everyone overall.”

The Irish are now 1-0-1 in the Big East.

**ND Softball**

**Miller deals Purdue first home loss of season**

By KATIE HEIT

SPORTS Writer

Senior infielder Dani Miller led the Irish to a sound win over Purdue on Thursday, ending the Boilermakers’ seven-game home winning streak.

Miller went 3-for-3 on Thursday, driving in a home run, two RBIs and scoring two runs herself in Notre Dame’s (19-10) 8-6 victory. Despite the success, Miller said she is reluctant to take too much credit for the win.

“It was a really good day for everyone overall,” Miller said. “I think that we just wouldn’t give up, and that’s why we won. Our game plan was to win every inning and we pretty much did that.”

Junior pitcher Brittany O’Donnell said that the win, which was the first home loss for Purdue (23-10) this season, was primarily a team effort.

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**Men’s Tennis**

**The Irish then travelled to College Station, Texas, to face off with Texas A&M (12-11) on Monday.**

While the Irish prevailed over the Mustangs (9-10) on Saturday, the victory didn’t come without a fight.

Against SMU, we got down pretty early,” sophomore Greg Andrews said. “We lost the doubles point and then actually lost four first sets and five of the matches ended up going to three sets.

“But we ended up winning five singles matches,” Andrews said. “I thought that we all did a good job of fighting really hard even though we maybe weren’t playing our best.

Besides a three-set loss by senior Casey Watt at No. 1 singles, the Irish earned victories in every singles match to defeat the Mustangs, 5-2.

“Senior coach Kevin Corrigan said, ‘Our defense was outstanding,” Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. “[Providence] had a hard time beating us in individual matchups, especially when that happens your guys get a little sloppy off the ball, but we didn’t do that. When they couldn’t get by us then they had to create plays with ball movement but our ball defense was very, very good as well. That’s the way we need to play for them to generate much credit for the win.

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