Students shave heads to raise funds, awareness for St. Baldrick’s Foundation

By MARISA IATI
Associate News Editor

For the past four springs, members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s communities shaved their heads and fundraised to support St. Baldrick’s Foundation’s childhood cancer research.

Senior Catherine Soler, organizer of The Bald and the Beautiful (TBAB), said the initially small-scale project has grown into a three-part event, involving more than 1,500 people last year.

Soler said TBAB, held Wednesday through Friday in the LaFortune Student Center, was born in 2009 when a freshman bought a wig for her sister, who was battling leukemia.

Eventually, the idea expanded to include more people, people who maybe don’t want to shave their head, but want to be a part of it,” Soler said.

The committee created an option for people to purchase hair extensions and donate their hair to benefit Pantene Beautiful (TBAB), said the organizer of The Bald and the Beautiful.

Destinee, sometimes experienced fevers.

When she was 3 years old, Destinee Smith to the doctor’s office, her bones hurt. When she was 4 years old, Destinee started sleeping more than usual and complaining that her hair fell out.

“It was a huge life adjustment,” said Destinee’s mother, Tonya Ebright.

After the diagnosis, Destinee had to be taken to the hospital three times a week for treatment, and was often hospitalized for days at a time as she battled high fevers.

“Everyday I kind of have to explain why I won’t have hair,” she said. “And than people say, ‘Well, I hope you do this all the time.”

Holdren said she was inspired because her mother is a survivor of melanoma, and her uncle and grandfather both passed away from cancer-related diseases.

“Cancer is kind of prevalent in my family,” she said.

By dyeing and then shaving her hair, Holdren said she hopes to support and be in solidarity with individuals with cancer.

“Having dyed my hair blue kind of gives me the same sense of having something different from everyone else,” she said.

“Everyday I kind of have to explain why it’s blue. And then when I shave my head, I’m going to have to explain why I won’t have hair.”

Holdren has raised $400 so far and will donate the funds when she shaves her head Thursday.

“A lot of people ask me if I’m nervous and to be perfectly honest, I’m not really that nervous about it,” she said. “I know that it will help people.”

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Students design “Sweet” fundraiser

Let’s Spoon Fundraiser for Hannah & Friends called “Let’s Eat Something Sweet” on April 19

Hannah and Friends is an organization started by former ND football coach Charlie Weis and wife Maureen for children/adults with special needs.

Fundraiser organized by students in a marketing-management class

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By JILLIAN BARWICK
Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s students can reward their sweet tooth while also supporting a good cause this Thursday, thanks to several seniors working on a class project.

Chrsissy Carson, Amanda Nosen, Michelle Rozman, Erika Scoliere and Kelly Smetana had no difficulty in choosing Hannah & Friends as their charitable cause for a marketing management class at Saint Mary’s.

Hannah’s & Friends is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and adults with special needs,” Rozman said.

“W e chose [frozen yogurt shop] Let’s Spoon as our event location because of its popularity among the students and the community, and because it is a lot of fun,” Rozman said. 

“Customers can create their orders exactly as they want, so there is something for everyone.

“We wanted to pick a location that would appeal to all ages and with the weather getting warmer, we thought Let’s Spoon would be perfect for our event.”

The theme of the event is “Let’s Eat Something Sweet.”

This also reflects the group idea behind the event of having a fun place for people to get together while supporting a great cause.

After the group knew they wanted to collaborate with Hannah & Friends and Let’s Spoon, they shared their ideas with both organizations to discuss how to get the event up and running.

“Our event requires a lot of planning,” Rozman said. “We have been working with both Hannah & Friends and Let’s Spoon for weeks leading up to the event.”

The group worked with APImage to design a t-shirt for the event.

“The people from APImage were so helpful and guided us through the design process, listening to our suggestions and making recommendations based off their expertise,” she said. “We love the way the shirt turned out, and hope everyone else does as well.”

Students can visit Let’s Spoon on April 19 with vouchers downloaded from www.hannahandfriends.org/calendar.

The group will also be selling the shirts for $10 at the Student Center today during lunch and dinner hours.

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Senior named top designer in the region

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Senior Ryan Geraghty did not become an industrial design major to win awards. He said he picked his major because it focuses on solving problems and communicating new ideas through form and function.

However, Saturday, Geraghty was named the top industrial design student in the Industrial Design Society of America’s Midwest district. Geraghty beat eight other seniors to win the award in Chicago.

Notre Dame students have won top honors five of the past six years. Geraghty said this speaks to both the talent of students, as well as the work of industrial design professor Ann-Marie Conrado.

“This [award] is in large part to Ann-Marie Conrado. She is a driving force and making recommendations to me and my project,” he said.

To continue this line of Notre Dame prestige, Geraghty said he had to earn the right to represent the University at the conference.

“All the seniors present their portfolios to a group of professional designers and the group gets together and decides what senior best represents Notre Dame and who has the best portfolio overall,” he said. “That person wins the merit award and represents Notre Dame at the conference.”

Geraghty’s portfolio was comprised of three projects: patented meal preparation bowls designed his junior year, his work with fair trade artisans in Nepal and his senior thesis, Honed Ultra Sonic Harmonies (HUSH).

At the conference, Geraghty had seven minutes and 30 seconds to present his work. To make sure he used his time wisely, Geraghty said he practiced his speech 50 times the night before presenting.

“I rehearsed to the point of losing my voice, but it was perfectly timed,” he said.

A panel of five district chapter chairs judged the senior presentations.

“At the conference, you are judged on three things: your poster displaying your work, the presentation you give and the visuals of your presentation and the breadth of work you have done,” he said.

Geraghty said each of the projects he presented set him apart from the other students.

“My work showed more of my process,” he said. “For the bowl project, it showed that I started with a problem. I didn’t set out to design bowls, I set out to save space in the kitchen. I didn’t set out to prepare a meal.”

Geraghty said he spent about two months working on a cutting board idea, and then realized it would not work, so he started over and completely changed the idea.

“The judges really liked that, because it shows when I found a problem, I readjusted,” he said. “I didn’t set out to design bowls, I set out to fix a problem.”

What set his work in Nepal apart was what types of products he was designing. Geraghty said.

“As for Nepal, that really spoke to my interest in not just designing cheap consumer goods that are designed to be thrown out in a year … They are things that also help a group of people who are very talented,” he said.

Geraghty said he faced strong competition for the award from other entrants.

“There were actually some very, very impressive senior projects from the other students, one in particular from [senior] Greg Katz (from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign),” he said. “He had a very, very impressive senior project involving an x-ray tablet, a doctor could place a tablet over someone, and actually see x-rays over the person.”

Geraghty said HUSH was inspired by the “cone of silence” from the movie “Get Smart,” and works to increase concentration by masking distracting sounds with white noise and directional speakers.

Geraghty said his thesis stood out from Katz’s because he was able to build a working model.

“What kind of separated my stuff was I had a substantiated it a bit more, I had built a working model,” he said. “The technology isn’t there yet for his stuff, so he couldn’t substantiate it.”

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This Nations day, our president, Mr. Hope, decides to throw a party for all the poor who have been affected by the recent economic crisis. He wants to hire a catering company, but he wants to make sure they can handle such a large event. He contacts several catering companies and asks them to submit proposals. After reviewing the proposals, he selects his favorite to provide food for the event. The catering company then begins preparing for the event, ensuring that everything is ready to go. The day of the event arrives, and the guests begin arriving. The catering company successfully serves everyone, and the event is a huge success. The president is pleased with the outcome and decides to use the same catering company for future events. The end result is a happy president and satisfied guests. The catering company gains a reputation for providing excellent service, leading to more business for the company.
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hallucinations. “That was very scary… She told me one time that she was talking to her angels,” Ebright said. “I was like, ‘Please don’t take her home right now’.”

As her treatment progressed, Destinee lost her hair more than once.

“That was hard,” Ebright said. “It would come out in clumps and she would just cry.” Sometimes, hospitalizations could last up to a week, during which Ebright would drop everything to stay with her daughter. Meanwhile, she had a full-time job and was still breast-feeding her six-month-old son.

“My son couldn’t be around Destinee at all, because he had been exposed to chicken pox,” Ebright said. “As a mom, that was the hardest part, was trying to be the mom to both of them and be with Destinee the whole time, and then be with him too.”

Ebright said her family’s Christian faith and support from loved ones helped her family stay positive during Destinee’s illness, but there were moments when she feared her daughter wouldn’t make it.

At one point, Destinee’s blood counts got dangerously close to zero. Ebright had been told that when that happened, that would be “the end.”

“We just immediately got on our knees and started praying,” Ebright said. “That was 14 years ago. Now, Destinee Smith is a cancer-free high school junior who relishes her long, brown hair.

She’s what her mom calls a “fighter.” And she’s also a giver, as she volunteers to help those currently fighting their own battles against cancer and other medical conditions. She will speak tonight at the kickoff event for The Bald and the Beautiful, an annual event at Notre Dame where students donate their hair to raise funds and awareness for cancer research.

“I like giving hope to those that are going through it, to know that it doesn’t all end badly,” Smith said. “There is still hope that they’ll make it through it, and live the life that they want to live.”

Robison said students shaving their heads and donating their own hair through The Bald and the Beautiful means a lot to children who are currently battling cancer.

“I just think that makes it so much easier for them,” Smith said. “They can see older adults supporting them, and I think that just makes all the difference.”

Both Robison and Smith have previously donated their hair to Locks of Love, a non-profit that provides hairpieces to children suffering from medical hair loss.

Smith said she did it “to give back,” but added, “I love having long hair now that I can have long hair.”

When Smith speaks at The Bald and the Beautiful tonight, she hopes to share a message with children in attendance fighting battles with cancer.

“Have hope. [Don’t] let it bring you down, because there is always a fighting chance that you are going to make it,” she said. “Be happy, and live life as much as you possibly can and experience everything that you want to do.”

Destinee Smith cancer survivor

Smith has lived out that message in her 17 years, and is determined to take advantage of what she views as a second-chance.

“I have big dreams and goals that I want to see come true,” she said.

Smith wants to turn her love of cooking — she makes a mean lasagna and chicken enchilada — into a career, and plans to go to culinary school after graduation.

She hopes to open her own bistro one day, striving for the perfect mix between Starbucks and Panera Bread.

Smith said her family now goes on with life as normally as possible, letting her battle with cancer fade into a memory. Like most mother-daughters, Smith and Ebright strive to find a balance between independence and staying safe, and next weekend, Smith will attend her junior prom.

But since a high school friend died of leukemia a few weeks ago, Smith said her fight with cancer has been on her mind more than usual.

“It’s just kind of a ‘That could have been me’ kind of thing. It kind of just gives me a different perspective to live every day to the fullest,” she said. “I want to make sure that I do everything that I’ve set out to do, just because I could not have had that chance.”

Ebright said she thinks there is a certain serendipity to Smith’s experience and her namesake.

When Ebright first became pregnant, she decided on the name “Destinee” because she felt God had given her a child for a purpose. But in watching her daughter fight leukemia so early in life, Ebright sometimes wondered what that purpose was.

Now, Smith’s namesake has come full circle.

“I think she’s still a work in progress, but I know she has a purpose and there is a reason for her to be here,” Ebright said. “I, at one point in time, said to my husband, ‘I know what your destiny is’! I think that she really will be a good helper and mentor to others because of things that she has gone through in her life.”

And Smith shares her mother’s vision.

“I just want to see that something good comes from me staying here,” she said.

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Students advocate “Equal Pay Day”

By BRIDGET FEENEY
Associate Saint Mary’s Editor

While many students yesterday afternoon in class or at lunch, Junior Laura Corrigan and senior Cat Cleary advocated for equal pay. The Saint Mary’s students stood on the steps of the South Bend courthouse with Mayor Pete Buttigieg as he declared yesterday “Equal Pay Day.”

“Equal Pay Day” is a recognized day across the nation intended to promote awareness for the fact women are paid less money than men, Cleary said. “Women earn 77 cents for every one dollar men earn. It takes a woman 15 and a half months to earn what a man makes in a year,” she said. “Women earn 77 cents for every one dollar men earn. People will brush this issue off, but rather removing sources of shame. Women need to be eliminated from the world can be agreed upon, Sen. said, but disagreement about what will make the world “perfect” will exist because such circumstances, eliminating the injustice should take priority over attempting to achieve an ideal society, he said.

Sen also stressed the importance of freedom in establishing justice. “Freedom is not only among the categories of things in the world, it is among the most feared human conditions," Sen said.

Sen said many oppressed people adopt a cheerful manner to cope with their situation. Meanwhile, the oppressors are those who fear the consequences of liberation. "Those who are afraid of freedom tend to be afraid of the freedom of others," said Sen.

Sen finished his lecture by restating the Nietzsche quote. However, he did not end with on a note of defeat, plans to call for change regression and rectify injustices.

"We can rise to the challenge with reason and a better understanding of the problems we need to address," Sen said.

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Associated Press
WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama pushed Congress Tuesday to give oil market regulators the power to deter price manipulation by speculators, as the White House response to determined Republican attacks on administration energy policies amid high gas prices at the pump.

Obama wants Congress to strengthen federal supervision of oil markets, increase penalties for market manipulation and empower regulators to increase the amount of money energy traders are required to put behind their transactions.

"We can’t afford a situation where some speculators can reap millions while millions of American families get the short end of the stick," Obama said at the White House.

The plan is more likely to draw sharp election-year distinctions with Republicans than have an immediate effect on prices at the pump. The measures seek to boost spending for Wall Street enforcement at a time when congressional Republicans are seeking to impose or repeal federal financial regulations.

The president’s $52 million proposal comes as Republicans have been hammering Obama on his energy policies, recognizing the political cost of high gas prices on the president. Obama offered a plan to turn the tables on Republicans by taking aim at Wall Street’s role in the oil price chain.

Obama was joined during his Rose Garden remarks by Energy Secretary Steven Chu, former Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, Commodity Futures Trading Commission Chairman Gary Gensler and Federal Trade Commission Chairman Jon Leibowitz.

The president didn’t shy away from casting the issue in partisan terms, drawing attention to Republican opposition to a plan to end tax breaks for oil and gas companies.

“So here’s a chance to make a difference," said Sen.

Meanwhile, the average price of a gas at the pump has dropped to around $3.55, which is higher than it was at this time last year.

"Those steps by themselves will bring gas prices down overnight," Obama said. "But it will prevent market manipulation and make sure we’re looking out for American consumers."
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Beautiful Lengths, which turn out to be such a great cause for many of our students, especially when they’re facing cancer. Soler said the group named the event “The Bald and the Beautiful” after their adviser jokingly suggested the name in an email. “I think it’s possible to appreci- ate everything I think in the name of something that is so close to my heart, it is kind of catchy, and I think it sends the right mes- sage as well,” she said.

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Volleyball

As the crash of joggers around the lakes, presence of lax bros on the quads and the sensation that the sun might suggest spring has descended upon Notre Dame’s campus. With it comes the reemergence of one of Notre Dame’s finest traditions. It’s not the basketball, or the Fisher Regatta, or even the annual intramural traditions held on the practice fields. Rather, it’s a tradition unlike any other: Carroll Hall sand volleyball.

You heard that right, a tradition originating from Notre Dame’s only “off-campus” residence hall. Okay, you probably still can’t locate Carroll on a campus map, but that’s not the case for many years. Sand volleyball is as integral to the Carroll experience as Carroll Christmas and hiking. My first exposure came hours after I initially walked onto Far Quad. Before I had even stepped into my room, I heard fierce shouts coming from Carroll’s expansive front lawn. I observed a band of shirtless upperclassmen engaged in an intense game of sand volleyball, replete with digs, kills and many, many spikes.

As someone whose volleyball experience included limited hitting and no serving, I was slightly intimidated, and took a few weeks to actually wander onto the court. Minutes after my first time on the court and discovered I was competent enough to hit the ball over the net, but more importantly, I found I was enjoying myself. So, one game turned into two, and two turned into a streak of multiple contests.

After trying to discover the root of my volleyball fever, I came to an important conclusion: I was enjoying myself. Thus, I relished earning compliments from my fellow Carroll residents when I finally was competent enough to hit the ball over the net, but more importantly, I found I was enjoying myself. So, one game turned into two, and two turned into a streak of multiple contests.

One answer, which is not necessarily those of The Observer.

A Christian’s guide to stressing out

It was at the 10:30 p.m. Dillon Hall Mass last Sunday night that I saw it. I opened Mass with the Sign of the Cross, and as I looked up in greeting — “The Lord be with you” — it was staring back at me. Lord, be with me. The message was clear. “Father, we love Jesus, but unless he’s writing my papers this week, please keep it short!”

I’ve always found it hard to know what to pray for during stressful days, and the last weeks of the semester are almost inevitably stressful — some of the most difficult days of the year. I often find myself, on days when the heat is on and I’m behind, sending up prayers of des- peration — prayers that ultimately only feed my stress, and of course produce no grade-changing miracles. Days of performance pressures are not an opportunity for a spiritual challenge, and the way to meet that challenge is never clear.

Why is it so hard to pray during stressful times? Perhaps because, though Jesus does offer us a way of peace, it is not necessarily a simple way. Many of his sayings are enigmatic, and his actions and parables are not always easy to interpret. His statement, “Do not let your hearts be troubled,” or “Come to me, all you who are burdened, and I will give you rest. For my burden is light.” And many other inspirational words and actions, such as “Do not let your hearts be troubled,” or “the calming of the stormy sea.” The Gospels, it must be admitted, include equally prevalent references to Jesus’ sleepless nights, stressful confrontations and the daily self-sacrifice he takes upon himself and demands of others. “If you wish to follow me, be prepared to take upon your daily cross.”

So, how to pray during stressful days? How to take Christ’s words of consolation seriously (“Take courage, for I have conquered the world”), allowing Him to calm our hearts? How to hear his call to the self-sacrificing work that he invites us to engage (“Give away what you have and come follow me”), rekindling our hearts to embrace the present challenges of our daily lives?

Perhaps one answer, which is not necessarily a simple way, is to try to allow either of these two realities — Christ’s consolation and Christ’s call to give ourselves away selflessly — to eclipse the other. The overemphasis of Christ’s consolation, without any nod to his call to sacrifice on his behalf, can lead to escapism — and often procrastination. And this, of course, just leads to more stress, rather than breaking us out of the stress cycle. On the other hand, the overemphasis of Christ’s call to carry our crosses, without any experience of Christ’s constant and unconditional love for us, can lead to an overblown sense of the challenges before us, a distorted view of the importance of our work, inner anxiety and even eventual burnout. So, neither emphasis on its own seems to bring the true peace of Christ.

We need to search for prayer that both reassures and provokes us, that both calms and inspires, relieves and strengthens. We need prayer that puts our work into a proper perspective, focuses our desire, and galvanizes our energy to engage the work. This is not easy or straightforward prayer. As always in prayer, our primary image of God is extremely determinative here. If we see God primarily as the “great escape,” someone to whom we run to make our troubles disappear, we set up the near-certain result of disappointment and its accompanying increase of stress. Jesus constantly searches in prayer for the presence and consolation of his Father, and we can see the peace and confidence with which this presence fills Him, especially at stressful moments. Yet, in these prayers, Jesus rarely asks His Father to do things that make His life easier. Rather, He asks for the reassurance of God’s presence and clarification of God’s will, or often asks the Father for the ability to complete works that relieve other people’s sufferings. This understanding of His work as fitting into the plan of God, and as ultimately benefiting others besides Himself, brings Jesus peace.

If, on the other hand, our primary image of God is a divine taskmaster, who demands only our continual excellent performance while contributing little to the endeavor — and for my fellow perfectionists, this is always a temptation — we run the risk of praying to a God who is merely a projection of our own ambitions, or other authority figures in our life. That our stress is not relieved by such prayer is hardly surprising. But this God too is not to be found in the prayers of Jesus.

Jesus’ prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane is a beautiful example for our purposes. For here, He seeks true peace in the midst of the greatest stress, placing the challenge of His cross directly into the hands of God, yet without a sense of escapism — “Father, if this cup can be taken from me…” Yet, it also asks for the perspective, strength and hope that makes His cross meaningful. “But reassure me of Your will, and knowing that this work is in Your plan, and will benefit others, this will be sufficient to give me peace and strength to carry the load!” Perhaps in this prayer at Gethsemane, in the hours before Jesus’ final challenge, we can find a model, and a way to pray for true peace during stressful times.

This week’s column is written by Fr. Lou DeFro, director of pastoral life for ACE and member of Campus Ministry. He can be reached at delphi.24@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Overt harassment is far from the only difficulty faced by non-heterosexual people at Notre Dame. Workplace discrimination against non-heterosexual employees is a fact of life here. Notre Dame offers employees non-wage “family” benefits — health and life insurance, tuition benefits, widower and widows’ benefits, family medical leave, parental leave, access to athletic facilities, etc. as long as the non-employee spouse is “a husband or wife as defined or recognized by the State of Indiana,” and any children are biological “children, step-children or children under legal guardianship,” according to the Notre Dame Human Resources website. Since same-sex marriage is not yet legally available in Indiana, and legal parental status is often unavailable to a non-biological parent, employees in same-sex relationships are denied the benefits awarded by Notre Dame to married employees, even though their circum-
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stances may be analogous in every way.

A few scenarios may help clarify the consequences of this policy. Imagine John and Joan, a married couple with two small children and no connection to Notre Dame, and Mary, a long-time Notre Dame employee.

1. John and Joan die in an accident. Their children become legal guardians of the children, who become eligible for health insurance and Notre Dame tuition benefits.

2. Joan dies. John later meets Mary. They fall in love, and marry. The children become eligible for all Notre Dame benefits.

3. John dies. Joan later meets Mary. They fall in love, and vow lifelong commitment. Mary has no way to get legal parental status. Neither Joan nor the children are eligible for Notre Dame benefits.

To illustrate this last scenario: doing without health insurance and avoiding the expense of doctor visits, Joan learns too late that she has cancer. The medical bills, uncovered by insurance, drive Joan and Mary into bankruptcy. Mary can’t afford to quit her Notre Dame job, and she can’t get family leave to be with Joan. To do no more than take care of her would not cover counseling for the children, either.

Had Mary married John, and John were the person who developed cancer, all Notre Dame benefits would of course have been available, to him and the children. Note that in all of these scenarios, the identity of the Notre Dame employee, Mary, doesn’t change, and neither does that of the children to whom she becomes a parent, who under some circumstances will be eligible for benefits, and under others, won’t. All that changes are the legal ramifications of different combinations of facts about Mary’s mate: male or female, widowed or divorced. The award or denial of em-
ployment-based benefits here has nothing to do with the individual employee, but with the gender and marital history of her partner. Does this seem just?

One response might be that Notre Dame should deny benefits to employ-
ees with same-sex partners because the Catholic Church disapproves of homosexuality, or at least of homo-
sexual activity (although all the couples hypothesized above confess to same-sex life partners, and it wouldn’t affect their benefits). The Church also disapproves of such things as fornication, divorce and atheism, but Notre Dame does not deny benefits to employees or their de-
pendents because of them.

Since same-sex couples have yet to achieve legal recognition in Indiana, Notre Dame University is within its legal rights in refusing them recognition itself. The most obvious reason for it to cling to the current, limited, nondiscrimination clause is to guard against the possibility of anything more than the law now requires, in this area and many others. To do no more than insist that the law now won’t cover counseling for the children, either.

By contrast, allowing Cuba to join the OAS and the U.S. to better pressure the Castro government in the name of reform would add strains to the debate within the OAS, as it would incorporate longstanding conflicts that are unlikely to change, subsequently stalling any actions aimed at addressing a variety of other issues that the OAS is in a position to address.

To incorporate Cuba into the OAS would reward the Castro regime for its brutal crackdowns on peaceful protest-
ers, as well as legitimize such action within the scope of promoting regional integration. The isolated island nation must be eventually reintegrated into the regional community. However, this process must begin with signs on the part of the Castro brothers that their regime is open to reform and is willing to follow international standards of governing.

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Since 2008, Notre Dame students have been going bald to support childhood cancer research by participating in The Bald and the Beautiful, or TBAB. Men brave enough to channel their inner Bruce Willis and a few brave, possibly even herculean, women have gone bald to raise funds for this amazing event. This year, I will be one of those men.

My Story

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By KEVIN NOONAN

Scenic Editor

President Obama called it his favorite television show. Many have called it the greatest television show of all time. Grantland, Bill Simon's entertainment-sports blog, named one its central characters as the greatest in television history.

HBO’s “The Wire” is a mastery of entertainment, social criticism and the illustration of reality rarely seen in any storytelling medium, not just television. And on top of all that, it's awesome.

This is not some Shakespearean drama, with dull and boring episodes aimed only at higher meaning and subtlety. The show, at least in its inception, is a police drama, with a body count to rival any of the most action-packed and violent shows on television. What separates “The Wire” from most run-of-the-mill police dramas, however, is its determination to tell the story of a city and its people above all else.

The show is set in Baltimore, and each of the five seasons of the show focuses on a different aspect of the city. The first is an in-depth look at the drug-trade in the inner city, the second looks at the illegal smuggling in the city's port, the third examines the political system, the fourth explores the Baltimore school system and the fifth and final season sheds light on the media.

The consistently broadening scope of the show means that as the show went on, more and more characters entered the story, and some characters that were main players one season found their roles diminished in the next, and vice versa.

But every character, no matter how big or small they seemed in the show, has their own unique background. It makes for fascinating television, because every second of the show features a character that seems like a real person. That in turn makes the show feel very real, as if Detective McNulty (Dominic West) and Omar Little (Michael Kenneth Williams) — the aforementioned winner of the Granland contest — were real people that you could run into if you took a wrong turn while visiting Baltimore. Of course, if it’s Omar, that’s one hell of a wrong turn. Simon calls the show a visual novel, with the storytelling aimed at longer arcs and therefore a larger payoff in the end, instead of the common formula approach of a one-shot-per-episode seen in many television dramas. Another aspect of the realism is the way the show is shot. The show has no high-profile stars, which has a few effects on the audience perception of the show. First, with no recognizable faces, viewers have no preconceived notions about the character because of the actor. Second, a bit more morbidly, with no stars in the show, the audience knows any character could die at any time, and the producers don’t have to commit to a character because of the actor playing him or her.

“The Wire” didn’t win any major awards during the course of its run, and for the most part, the producers don’t have to worry about the show dying, as few stars have not used the show as a trampoline to bigger success. But it is still without a doubt one of the greatest television shows of our generation. Unfortunately, it’s not currently on Netflix Instant streaming, meaning in order to be seen, it must be rented or ordered by mail for Netflix or even, God forbid, purchased.

But it’s worth the money. If for no other reason, you’ll appreciate the respect and fear writers like Bill Simmons and Jason Whitlock have for Omar and his whispering way.
Wednesday, April 18, 2012

A visit to speak about trade in the Western Hemisphere? Definitely good political capital. A trip to hang out with Colombian prostitutes? Not so much.

U.S. Secret Service agents and military personnel are under fire for allegedly spending time with a certain set of ladies during their South American trip last week. While they supposedly pursued the rendezvous before President Barack Obama arrived, they're feeling its repercussions long after its end.

American Secret Service and military men, you may have had your night of fun, but now you're having the worst week ever.

Eleven Secret Service agents and at least ten military personnel are under investigation for misconduct, allegedly keeping the company of at least 20 women late into last Wednesday night, according to CBS News.

While prostitution is legal in Colombia, paying for special attention of the president is not. The media caught wind of the breeze blowing down south, headlines exploded and investigations ensued.

When Obama arrived at the summit in Cartagena, he said the U.S. has "never felt more excited about prospects of working as equal partners with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean."

I don't think this is what he meant. If the allegations are true, the United States isn't going to look too fabulous. All this suspected fun time with friends comes at a price — literally.

Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, the senior Republican on the Homeland Security Committee, was none too pleased with the developments.

"Could they have planted bugs, disabled weapons or in any other way jeopardized security of the president or our country?" she asked in a New York Times article.

Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters Monday the team was embarrassed.

"We let the boss down, because nobody is talking about what went down in Colombia other than this incident," Dempsey said.

The cat was let out of the bag after one woman supposedly demanded an additional payment of $170, according to The Washington Post. An agent got upset and the ensuing dispute drew hotel attention, The Post reported.

Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan acted quickly, and the Secret Service put 11 agents on administrative leave Saturday in lieu of the allegations. They've been stripped of their "top-secret" clearance and lost their official identification and firearms. Peter King, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, said there is no reason to believe security was compromised, but the team will still conduct investigations to be safe.

While a casual dalliance might have been the intention, an exploding scandal is the reality. Men in charge of protecting the president are in a quandary, as their ability to protect themselves and America's reputation comes into question.

It sounds like the Secret Service's services might need some fine-tuning and maybe a little reworking. Perhaps some time to reflect, regroup and refocus could serve the gentlemen well. As the situation continues to develop, one thing is for sure: the Secret Service's secret ain't a secret anymore.

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"Some people are very good at remembering special events. I am not one of them. My friends are lucky if I remember their birthday during the same calendar month, let alone the correct day."

For people like me, who often have to run out to a birthday party or social gathering after finding out about it five minutes beforehand, and also need to bring some sort of food in tow, this week's recipe, Crispix Drops, is for you. If you have 15 minutes and these five ingredients, there is nothing stopping you from wowing crowds with a treat that tastes delicious, with minimal effort and time. As an added bonus for the non-bakers out there, this is another recipe that doesn't use an oven!

Ingredients:
- 2 cups butterscotch chips
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1/2 cups peanuts
- 4 cups Crispix cereal
- 1/2 cups butterscotch chips

Instructions:
1. Combine chips in a large pan and warm on low heat until melted. Stir until smooth.
3. Use two spoons to drop cookies into haystack-like shapes on waxed paper or foil.
4. Let set until firm.

Tip: Use your favorite kind of chocolate.
Tip: You can use chopped or whole peanuts, depending on what texture you want.
Tip: The recipe I was given didn't say to crush them, but it might make the mixing easier if you slightly break them up.

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This week's recipe came from South Bend community member Bridget Dulute, who is quite the baker. Bridget told me that these easy Crispix Drops are by far her most popular treat, and with a total of 15 minutes of cooking, there is no reason not to make these. This recipe makes about 24 drops, plenty to give to your friend as a birthday treat, or to share at a gathering. As always, I welcome recommendations for my next baking adventure!
In your MLB season, problems can be fixed

One NFL regular season game. That’s the equivalent of the 10-or-so major League Baseball teams have played to this point in 2012. While a week-and-a-half is hardly insignificant, it’s not that early to proclaim your team’s division champs, or relegate them to cellar-dweller status. If the entire season was determined after 10 games, the Orioles, Blue Jays, White Sox, and Mets would be among the 10 clubs reaching the postseason, and the Dodgers would enjoy the perk of home-field advantage throughout the National League playoffs. While trends from the first 10 games of the season are about as reliable as Professor Tinkerbell’s Elbow buttons of a clubhouse leader right its ship.

The Sox drama continues as those of the author and the game.

The only cure for Boston Red Sox choke a playoff berth away in 2012 for 68 minutes. Another for 64 — and he didn’t even make the cut. Along the way, Roger Clemens’ lawyer offered some clues as to his strategy since testimony gets under way, including a challenge to whether prosecution really was asked to testify — and whether Clemens’ testimony was voluntary.

For the most part, Guillen’s controversial remarks target umpires and the happenings of a baseball game, but this time he really crossed the line. Especially now as the manager in Miami. With a beautiful new stadium hoping to attract fans. In Little Havana, he’s fortunate he only receives a $25,000 fine for his comments, which he apologized for last week. In true Ozzie form, he’s taken the attention away from a team that could contend, and a ballpark that can pique fans’ interest, and put the spotlight directly on himself. Luckily for all of those teams, its only April 18, and there’s 28 more weeks of baseball to go. Contact Andrew Owens at aowens2@nd.edu

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Associated Press

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The laborious task of selecting a jury for the Clemens retrial resumed Tuesday and might not be done by the end of the week, with the judge and lawyers for both sides parsing prospects’ thoughts on topics as disparate as Lance Armstrong, Twitter and the reputation of the Justice Department. “To be completely honest, I don’t believe he was a deranged man,” said one man, a graphic designer who nevertheless was asked to return after he expressed neutral feelings about Clemens.

The court is narrowing the initial jury pool of 90 down to 36, from which to select the final 12 jurors and four alternates who will decide whether Clemens lied when he de-
NBA

Knicks keep division title hopes alive with victory

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carmelo Anthony had 35 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists for his second career triple-double, and the New York Knicks made 19 3-pointers to keep alive their Atlantic Division title hopes with a 118-110 victory over the Boston Celtics on Tuesday night.

JR Smith and Steve Novak both scored 25 points for the Knicks, who overcame a season-high 43 points from Paul Pierce and moved into sole possession of seventh place in the Eastern Conference while trimming Boston’s division lead to 3½ games. The Celtics would have wrapped up their fifth straight Atlantic title with a victory.

Instead, the Knicks staggered them with a record-tying 14 3-pointers in a 72-point first half and equaled their season high by finishing 19 of 32 behind the arc.

Tyson Chandler had 20 points on 9-of-10 shooting for the Knicks, who finished one short of their franchise record for 3s, set last season.

Kevin Garnett scored 20 points for the Celtics, who fell out of a three-way tie for fourth in the East with Atlanta and Orlando. Rajon Rondo had 13 points and 13 assists.

Playing without the injured Ray Allen, the Celtics got a brief scare in the third quarter when Rondo landed hard on his back going for a rebound and remained on the court for a few minutes while being attended to before returning in the game.

Woodson has repeatedly said the division title was his goal, even though the Knicks’ 18-24 record when he took over always made that unlikely. Boston coach Doc Rivers said he’s never talked to the Celtics about winning a division title or congratulated them for doing so, but there’s no doubt it’s worth having this season. Division winners are guaranteed to be seeded no worse than No. 4, avoiding Chicago or Miami until at least the second round.

Allen missed his fifth straight game when he felt pain in his right ankle Tuesday morning. He had gone through the morning shootaround and Rivers assumed he was set to play before the pain returned. Neither was sure if Allen would play Wednesday against Orlando.

Allen, the NBA’s career leader in 3-pointers made, would have fit in perfectly in this game.

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The Knicks then scored eight straight points to open the second quarter, capping an 18-0 run when Smith’s 3-pointer made it 40-26 with 9:16 left. Consecutive 3s by Mike Bibby and Smith later made it 54-35 midway through the second, and the lead reached 20 points when Novak was fouled while making a 25-footer, falling backward out of bounds and into the arms of Woodson — the only time anyone got near a Knicks shooter in the half.

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**MLB**

**Braves take advantage of Met miscues in 9-3 victory**

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves finally heal the New York Mets, taking advantage of shaky defense to hand Johan Santana the shortest start of his career in a 9-3 victory Tuesday night.

Tyler Pastornicky's two-run double highlighted a five-run second that finished off Santana. Randall Delgado (2-0) won it for the Braves, who lost their first four games against the Mets this season.

Two costly errors — Jason Bay dropped a fly ball, like Davis made a wild throw — led to a pair of unearned runs against Santana (0-2), who allowed just one run in his first two games. He was lifted after 1 1/3 innings, finished off by Jason Heyward's run-scoring single that made it 6-0. Santana had never gone less than three innings in his previous 263 starts.

The night turned cool and blustery after an afternoon storm front moved through Atlanta, forcing the teams to use the indoor cages for batting practice.

The swirling winds led to left-center ended Santana's plays in the field. Leading off in the bottom of the first, Michael Bourn lifted a fly ball to deep left that looked like an easy out for Bay. After all, he had leaped above the wall the night before to catch the fly ball.

This time, the ball deflect- ed off the side of Bay's glove at the edge of the warning track, an error that left Bourn at second base. He tagged and went to third on Heyward's fly out, then did it again on Chipper Jones' sacrifice fly.

The Braves blew it open in the second. Dan Uggla led off with a walk, Matt Diaz singled to center and Freddie Freeman kept fouling pitches off until he got one he liked from Santana. On the 11th pitch of the at-bat, the first baseman lined an opposite-field double into the left-field corner to bring home Uggla.

Pastornicky followed with another opposite-field double, this one just inside the first-base bag to give Atlanta a 4-0 lead. Then, with Delgado putting down a bunt, Davis made an ill-advised decision to take a shot at Pastornicky instead of the sure out at first. It would've been close even with a good throw, but Davis flung it far wide of the bag, the ball skipping down the left-field line while Pastornicky trotted home.

Bourn finally made the first out of the inning on a grounder to second, but Heyward's RBI single to center kept the Mets in the game.

Davis made a wild throw — Delgado also never saw it and none of his teammates arrived in time to make the catch. The ball fell to the ground, giving Bay a fortu-itous double.

He scored on the first of three straight two-out hits. Josh Thole's single to center, Kirk Nieuwenhuis kept it going, and pinch-hitter Mike Baxter ripped an RBI single up the middle to make it 6-2. Delgado escaped a potential big inning by getting Bourn Tejada to pop out to Freeman against the railing in front of the Braves' first-base dugout.

Tejada swiped at his bat in disgust, knowing he had missed a chance to get the Mets back in the game.

The Braves regained their six-run lead in the fifth against Ramon Ramirez. Diaz had a sacrifice fly and Freeman drove in his sec- ond run of the night with a two-out single.

Delgado went 5 1-3 innings and allowed three runs and seven hits. Kris Medlen got out of a jam in the sixth by striking out David Wright, pitching a 2-3 scoreless in- nings. Juan Francisco added a pinch-hit homer for the Braves in the eighth.

**NCAA Football**

**Petinio's mistress leaves post with university**

Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — The former mistress of fired University of Arkansas football coach Bobby Petrino has resigned from her position with the program, school of- ficials announced Tuesday.

Jessica Dorrell's decision to step down as the football team's student-athlete development coordinator was mutual and there are no im-mediately plans to re-fill the job. Athletic Director Jeff Long said in a state-ment.

Dorrell was placed on leave after being hired over 158 other applicants for the coordinator position. Petrino announced March 28 that Dorrell would take over the position at a salary of nearly $56,000.

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Cleveland signs Damon to one-year deal

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Johnny Damon has left the on-deck circle. He’s officially with the Cleveland Indians.

Next stop: The starting lineup — and maybe the .300-hit club.

The 38-year-old outfielder signed a minor league contract on Tuesday, the next step before he joins the major league club and possibly moves into a permanent spot in left field. The sides agreed on a $1.25 million deal last week, when the Indians were off to a sluggish start with a team batting average below .200.

However, general manager Chris Antonetti said he had been in talks with Damon and his agent Scott Boras long before the Indians opened 1-4.

The Indians believe Damon, entering his 17th season and with an impressive resume of postseason experience, can keep them keeping climbing in the standings.

“We still think he has some quality baseball in him,” Antonetti said.

Damon, who can earn another $1.4 million in performance bonuses based on the standings, has a chance to win the 3,000-hit milestone.

“Damon is the next 3,000-hit club,” Damon, who spent Tuesday running, shagging flies and lifting weights.

“I feel like I can be ready in a week,” said Damon, who has been following back surgery.

Damon, Sizemore and Shin-soo Choo — the rest of this season.

Damon thinks he can be ready soon.

“I think I can be ready in a week,” said Damon, who had surgery in the offseason, and with an impressive resume of postseason experience, can keep them climbing in the standings.

“Johnny Damon is coming off a season where he played at a high level,” Antonetti said.

“He’s a guy who can contribute to our offense,” Antonetti said.

“I understand the game and how guys can get hot and you can’t take them out of the lineup,” he said on a conference call.

“I also understand that I can get hot and it can be tough to get me out of the lineup. I’m here for the team. It’s not a story about me. It’s a story about the Cleveland Indians adding another guy to help them throughout the season. Whatever role it’s going to be — a platoon thing or an everyday thing or spell guys when they’re tired, play a little first — I’m up for whatever.”

A career .286 hitter, Damon also brings the Indians leadership and playoff experience. As Antonetti said, Damon is “universally respected” and can serve as a mentor to some of Cleveland’s younger players.

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Johnny Damon, then with the Tampa Bay Rays, follows through on a home run during the Rays’ 5-1 victory over the New York Yankees on August 12, 2011.

Johnny Damon

Johnny Damon was the 16th consecutive active player to reach at least 140 games, a feat he shares with only Hank Aaron, Barbara Robinson and Pete Rose.

Damon has appeared in 59 postseason games for the Rays, Oakland Athletics, New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox.

The 3,000-hit milestone is right in front of him, but Damon said it was never a personal goal.

He’ll retire one day, but he’s not planning to stop anytime soon.

“I’m playing to win,” he said. “I’m playing for the Tribe fans. I’m playing for the Indians organization. I’m not really playing for myself. Obviously, I always want to go out there and play well and treat the game with respect, but there’s a lot of fans out there that really wanted to see me keep pushing and keep fighting.”

“I wasn’t ready to pack it up. So 3,000 could be on the horizon, but if it comes or doesn’t, I’ll retire one day, but he’s not planning to stop anytime soon.

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The first pitch in Notre Dame’s matchup with Valpario will be thrown at 5 p.m. tonight in Melissa Cox Stadium.

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oreer victories, and boasts a 33-inning stretch void of earned runs. McGee may not appear in the starting rotation, but he always seems to be ready. If he does, the Irish lineup is ready to shatter her streak.

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**SMC Softball**

Belles drop doubleheader at home

By NICK BOYLE
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's dropped both games of its home doubleheader Tuesday afternoon, falling to conference foe Trine by scores of 7-1 and 6-0. The Belles got off to a slow start in the first game, scoring runs in the first four innings to lead 6-0 halfway through the contest.

The Belles (20-10, 5-5 MIAA) attempted to rally in the bottom of the fourth, with freshman outfielder Victoria Connelly pushing across a run with a base hit. But even with all the pressure, the Thunder maintained the lead, and looked towards the future.

Unfortunately for Saint Mary's, Trine thwarted the Belles' rally attempt and didn't allow the hosts another run.

“We had some great at-bats, but couldn't score the runners we had on,” Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. “We missed out on timely hitting.”

**SMC Golf**

O'Brien leads squad to NCAAs

By BRENDAN BELL
Sports Writer

In the first round of the MIAA tournament and NCAA qualifier, Saint Mary's sophomore Doyle O'Brien continued her domination at the links, sharing overall with a score of 71 to pull the Belles into first in the four-team field.

O'Brien's 71 led the rest of the field by six strokes, and sparked the Belles' first-round score of 324, which was 21 shots better than the Belles' first-round score of 345. Though they created many chances, the Belles struggled to get runs on the board.

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SmC softball

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Saint Mary's responded right away with a run in the top of the sixth, with junior catcher Morgan Bedan's RBI fielder's choice putting the home team on the board. Saint Mary's strung together two more hits in the inning, but were ultimately kept from scoring again.

“It was a good team effort, but we took ourselves out of the games with mistakes,” Sullivan said.

Sullivan said she hopes her team will get another chance to play Trine in the MIAA tournament in a few weeks.

“We are hoping to face them again in the tournament, and make the necessary adjustments to take away a win,” Sullivan said.

The Belles next travel to Albion College for a doubleheader Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

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**Hudgins continue...**

about how to get places, and what to do with this and that, so he definitely helped.”

In addition to fielding calls from their mother to assure her Mac was well taken-care of, Will said it has occasionally been difficult to balance his roles as team captain and older brother.

“It’s been kind of tough for me as a senior and as a captain, just to avoid any favoritism when it comes to Mac,” Will said. “I think I hold Mac to a higher standard. I think the great thing is that most of the guys on the team really like Mac, and that makes everything a lot easier.”

Irish coach Mike Aoki, who coached twin brothers during his tenure at Boston College, said the key to managing siblings is to avoid assuming they have similar personalities.

“I just try to deal with each kid individually,” Aoki said. “I think they deserve that. Will and Mac are two very different kids, and they play two different positions.”

Aoki said having siblings on the team helps his program.

“I think it’s neat. It’s one of the great things about Notre Dame. There is a lot of legacy and family and all those different types of things here, and to have that in the baseball program is great,” Aoki said. “They’re two great kids and they come from a great family, so we’re really happy to have them on the team.”

Will said he has enjoyed both his time on and off the field with his brother.

“I think the upside is that I get to hang out with Mac at baseball, but then we try to hang out away from baseball,” Will said. “When we’re at baseball, it can be kind of stressful and we’re more worried about what’s going on in the field.”

And when the two do hang out, their competitive tendencies still come out.

“We’re typical brothers. We argue and compete about everything,” Will said. “It just happens at Notre Dame now.”

The Hudgins brothers, and their teammates, will return to the field Friday when they take on Georgetown in Bethesda, Md., at 7 p.m.

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MIAMI — There was no protest and just one heckler. The only boos were directed toward the plate umpire, and by the eighth inning Ozzie Guillen’s Miami Marlins had the crowd in such a happy frenzy that the roar shook the clubhouse.

Guillen made a victorious return to the dugout Tuesday night, and pitchers Josh Johnson and Heath Bell snapped out of early-season slumps to help beat the Chicago Cubs 5-2.

When the dugout emptied and Guillen joined his players on the field for the postgame celebration, there were only cheers from the crowd.

“It was great to perform and hug Ozzie again,” Bell said. “We really want to win for him and try to put all that other stuff behind him.”

Guillen returned from a five-game suspension imposed after his comments praising Fidel Castro caused a backlash in South Florida, especially among Cuban Americans.

Johnson allowed two runs in seven innings and Bell earned the save after several rocky outings. Streaking Hanley Ramirez broke a 2-all tie with a three-run homer in the eighth, his third.

“Thank God this day is over with,” he said.

No demonstrations targeted at Guillen were evident, although a screaming fan in the second deck did call the Marlins manager an insulting name several times midway through the game. There were boos when Guillen ran onto the field to complain about a call in the seventh inning, but they were for the ump.

Guillen said what he heard from the crowd was supportive.

“Everything was pretty nice,” he said. “It made my day a little easier. I appreciate the way people were, not just with me but with the team.”

Some fans had pledged to stay away in protest. Announced attendance was 24,544, by far the smallest in five games at the Marlins’ new ballpark.

The game was tied at 2 when Jose Reyes reached on an error by second baseman Darwin Barney to start the Miami eighth.

“It seems like when something like that happens, something bad is going to happen,” Barney said. “It was just not a good way to start that inning. It’s my fault.”

Reyes took second on a passed ball and Emilio Bonifacio walked. Ramirez, who had a game-ending single in the 11th inning Sunday, followed with a homer off Rafael Dolis (0-1).

Johnson was in the clubhouse when Ramirez came through.

“This thing was shaky,” he said. “I was like, ‘Something good must have happened.’”

Ramirez has gone 8 for 12 with seven RBIs in the past three games to hike his average from .133 to .286.

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DENVER — Jamie Moyer turned in a vintage performance in becoming the oldest pitcher to ever win a major league game. The 49-year-old Moyer threw seven masterful innings and Dextor Fowler hit a two-run homer, helping the Colorado Rockies hold on for a 5-3 win over the San Diego Padres on Tuesday night.

Moyer (1-2) was sharp all evening as he picked up his 256th career win, tying him with Hall of Famer Jim Palmer for 34th on the career list.

Relying on a consistent cutter and mixing in a 78-mph fastball, the cunning lefty gave up just six hits and two runs — both unearned — as he kept the Padres hitters at bay and off balance.

That’s been a winning recipe for Moyer over a career that’s stretched nearly a quarter century and included 689 games.

Anthony Bass, a pitcher half Moyer’s age, went five innings and gave up three runs. Bass (0-2) also had two high seven strikeouts.

Moyer earned that elusive win for the ages in his third start of the season. His is 49 years, 150 days old.

That’s important to note since before Moyer’s gem the oldest pitcher to win a game in the majors was Jack Quinn of the Brooklyn Dodgers on Sept. 13, 1932, when he was 49 years, 70 days old.

Rex Brothers pitched the eighth and the longest in this instant started a rocky ninth — giving up a solo home run to Nick Hundley and putting up two more more on pain of striking out Yonder Alonso for the Belles.

Moyer ended the threat by getting pinch hitter Jeremy Hermida on a fly to left and retired the side for the save in many chances.

About the only blemish to the performance was two errors by the Rockies on the mound —ヤhing out to the mound for the seventh time in Jerry’s career.

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The Rockies added two insurance runs in the eighth as Michael Cuddyer doubled in a run off former Rockies closer Huston Street and Wilin Rosario added a sacrifice fly.

Away from the mound, Moyer hardly looks like a kid anymore. He has gray streaks in his hair and frequently dons reading glasses that sit perched on the tip of his nose. This betrays his age too: He’s on the verge of receiving his AARP card.

But once he steps on the mound that youthful exuberance returns. He’s transformed into a kid again, sprinting out to the mound after each inning. He looked more like a spry rookie than a veteran nearing retirement.

Moyer entered the Padres to hit into three double plays, despite warnings before the game by Mark Kotsay — the one player who’s consistently hit Moyer — to remain patient. Then again, it’s difficult to lay off a pitch that looks so juicy.

The aged wonder used his wealth of experience to his advantage against the young Padres, six of whom weren’t even born when Moyer made his major league debut in 1986. That included Bass, who has fond memories of Coors Field after winning his debut in the hitter friendly stadium last June.

Fowler gave the Rockies a 2-0 lead in the third when he laced an 83-mph changeup from Bass into the bleachers in right field.

Rosario added an RBI double in the fourth. Rosario was in the lineup after starter Ramon Hernandez experienced a little soreness in his left hand after a swing he took the night before.

Kotsay’s first plate appearance of the season was a single in the opening inning. Kotsay was activated off the disabled list on Monday after missing the first 10 games with a strained right calf muscle.

That his first hit should be against the Padres comes as a surprise since the 36-year-old Kotsay has a .583 lifetime average against Moyer. They even exchanged friendly grins after each of Kotsay’s two singles.

The two veterans haven’t faced each other since June 13, 2006, when Kotsay was with the Oakland A’s and Moyer a member of Seattle Mariners.

Before the game, Kotsay was giving pointers to his impressionable teammates on how to hit Moy-er’s methodical pitches.

“We’re trying to get to a little bit more. Oh, and make him stay in the strike zone. Because there’s a reason he’s been pitching for so long.”

Moyer doesn’t have a blazing fastball, but he does have that — pinpoint precision.

Padres manager Bud Black certainly appreciates the cleverness of Moyer, marveling from the dugout at the vintage pitcher who went to spring training without a guar- anteed roster spot and performed his way onto the team. He missed all of 2011 as he recovered from a surgically repaired ligament in his elbow.

“It’s a great story,” Black said.

**MLB**

Moyer’s win makes him oldest in MLB history to earn victory

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**Campbell**

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the Belles’ schedule. The third matchup is against Hope College, Home (12-6, 5-0 MAIA) boasts a solid overall record and is undefeated in the conference, which makes things even tougher for the Belles, Campbell said.

“Hope is usually one of the strongest teams in our conference,” Campbell said. “So, realistically, perhaps we may have to win all three to make a mark in the tournament.”

As such, it’s an uphill struggle for the Belles. On either Thursday or Friday, the Belles will make the trip to Adrian to try to pull out a win and reach a 500 mark in the conference. Until that match is scheduled, the next date on the Belles schedule is home against Kalamazoo on April 24. That match will begin at 4 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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1. Hit 1945 film with the song “Love Is a Song”
3. They’re crossed
6. Pack (down)
8. Maybe too smooth
14. Starter of a 58-Diren
15. Mary a cut, eventually
16. Page, e.g.
17. Digger’s partner
18. Like some skilhos
20. Legal deadlock
22. Relatives of aardvark
23. Pollution watchog.org
24. Bank list
25. Bookie’s concern
30. Pink slips
33. Carnival attractions
34. Dissolve with acid
35. Acid neutralizer

36. War, famine, etc.
37. They’re crossed
39. Give a thumbs-up on Facebook
40. Nappers catch them
41. Bobby of the sink
42. Shaved
43. Good
44. Most stand-up comedy acts
45. Farm abode
49. Sasquatch, with "the"
52. Bush cabinet member
57. 1983 speech opener
59. Does like some
60. 60′s from nun
61. Mop, say
62. Confederate
63. Do some gardening

Down
1. “Brandenburg Concerto” composer
2. Censorship-fighting org.
3. Natural satellite
4. English comment
5. Some printers
6. Feature of some high heels
7. Hunting
8. Disrupt, say
9. Get ready, as an over
10. Bush cabinet member
11. Symbol on Sri Lanka’s flag
12. Word exclaimed after “not” or “good”
13. Hospital capacity (estimated)
14. DHL competitor
15. Guinness Book entry
16. Cherish
17. 38, than once
18. Lotter
19. Lake of cryptologic interest
20. Violate a peace treaty, maybe
21. Tenor Square’s locale

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1. Gaul
2. Power
3. Vera
4. Erste
5. Arekos
6. Alois
7. Alois
8. Ramby
9. Albert Lewis
10. Aline
11. Leon
12. Brynn
13. Alice
14. Jarrett
15. Grover
16. Barn
17. Elvire
18. Alverna
19. Arna
20. Lindley
21. Ready

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The Clammy Handshake

JOE MILLER

The Observer apologizes for the absence of The Clammy Handshake

Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

Happy Birthday! You cannot let your emotions win or prompt you to make a change in your life. Slow back and evaluate when you want and before you make a mistake. The opportunity to get ahead financially might be wasted because someone in your life is immune, within or out of what you can achieve on your own. Your numbers are 3, 11, 17, 32, 37, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Don’t fret possibilities. Think outside the box and try doing things differently. It’s up to you to set a new standard that addresses past problems in an innovative way. Try to find fresh solutions. Love is highlighted, but secret affairs must be avoided.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Kick back and immerse, but most of all, participate. Make your best chance by stepping into the spotlight and sharing your concrete, solid and situations. You will draw attention that can lead to bigger opportunities and fabulous new connections.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You’ll be disappointed if you cannot or won’t do things to do things for you. Focus your energy re-developing your own plans and focusing them strategically to your own specifications. The finest people involved in your affairs, the better.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Do your job a little differently and you will impress originality. Use your ability to adapt information and share your thoughts will remain with those striving to make improvements. Give off and take will lead to greater opportunities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Stick to your budget. This is not the time to be indulgent in any way. Simplicity and originality will be key to saving and staying in a zone. You can re-invent and alter your direction if you enjoy your financials.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Take better care of your health and emotional well being. Getting runaways or neglecting mild problems will lead to a longer recovery and a lack of productivity. Take care of both mental and physical problems immediately.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
A change in the way someone treats you can be expected. Stop on top of what everyone of you and keep an eye on someone who has made a commitment in return. Give off and honest communications will be essential.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Take the initiative and make changes at home that will help you engage in more projects. It’s important to be surrounded by the tools, atmosphere and inspiration you require in order to develop, present and promote your goals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Believe in your ability and experience. You can expect to be offered many opportunities. Virtually no one will dare to present with paper, work that must be completed before you continue. Work with all the people you know with passion and courage.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Stick close to home. Expand your avenues, but first get your approach up to date. A chance is improving your way things to invest in a space that allows you to take on a new project will pay off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Getting in touch with old friends or reviving old interests will also bring about greater opportunities for love, or at least help you make a decision regarding your personal direction and partnerships. Make creative changes to your surrounding.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Keep things mellow, no matter what you are dealing with. Expectations will arise if you are involved, mundane or critical when dealing with your family, peers or your lover. Avoid mentioned encounters.

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**BASEBALL**

**Brothers in arms**

By VICKY JACOBSEN  
Sports Writer

When Irish senior right-handed pitcher Will Hudgins and his younger brother, freshman outfielder Mac Hudgins, were growing up, their parents would often drag them from competing on the same teams — but it definitely never helped them from competing with each other.

“I’d say pretty much our entire relationship is based around competing at almost everything, including eating,” Will said. “The youngest child [brother] Jay learned that he had to eat all his food really fast, because Mac and I would take it if he didn’t eat it fast enough.”

Video games also proved to be a contentious activity.

“Video games are very, very competitive, except Mac usually wins,” Will said. “That really frustrates me.”

“I win a lot of stuff,” Mac said. “I remember one time I beat [Will] in putt-putt and [he] walked over to me and said, ‘I bought the whole home way up.’

But when it came time for Mac to earn his college scholarship, Will will put aside any miniature-golfing grievances and lobby for his younger brother to join him in South Bend.

“He helped convince me to come here,” Mac said. “At the same time, he didn’t really need to because it’s Notre Dame, and it’s where I wanted to go at the end of the day.”

Mac also said his older brother helped him ease into college.

“I was with him a lot at first,” Mac said. “I would definitely put us behind in school.”

**ND SOFTBALL**

**Squad looks to rebound after loss**

By MEGAN FINNERAN  
Sports Writer

Following a one-run loss to Syracuse, the Irish look forward to a fresh start when they host Valparaiso tomorrow. The Crusaders (28-10, 12-0 Big East) carry an 11-game winning streak, but in the past 30 meetings of the two teams, the Irish are 10-20-1 (10-2, 4-2 Big East) have taken every victory.

This year’s squad hopes to reach number 31 tonight, but the Irish are not focused on the figure, according to junior catcher Amy Buntin.

“We have prepared for Valpo in the same way we prepare for any team, and focus on how we can be the best Notre Dame softball team,” Buntin said.

Notre Dame’s most recent loss Sunday came courtesy of a pair of home runs by Syracuse in the seventh and eighth innings. The Irish also struggled to find hits and shut down the Orange bats. While Notre Dame put together two hits, Syracuse managed 10.

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“Coming off those two losses, we need to be able to shut the door or finish the game,” Buntin said. “We were able to produce runs, but we gave Syracuse too many opportunities to score.”

**WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

**Irish to face Vanderbilt in midweek competition**

By JACK HEFFERON  
Sports Writer

Coming in hot off two of its biggest wins of the season, No. 7 Notre Dame will look to keep the momentum rolling today when it takes on No. 19 Vanderbilt in a rare midweek mate.

After receiving their first two losses of the season back-to-back against No. 14 Loyola and No. 2 Syracuse, the Irish (10-2, 4-2 Big East) were forced to go to the drawing board, and back to basics. Since then, the team has rebounded in a big way, besting Villanova and Connecticut by a combined 20 goals.

“We did a lot of work last week before Connecticut, knowing that what we did then would directly be benefitting us for these two games this week,” Bellamy, a senior midfielder, said. “At the same time, we need to be able to shut the door or finish the game.”

That simplistic approach has succeeded for the Irish so far, but it will be tested once again by the deceptively tough Commodores (17-6, 1-4 ALCs). While its record might indicate a middle-of-the-pack team, Vanderbilt has turned in some surprising victories nationally this year. In addition, Bellamy said the Commodore offense is one of the best in the country.

“We’re going to have to contain their high-scoring offense,” she said. “You’ve got to respect what they can do with that ball. They move it around, and are able to thread the needle with their passes. They have a selfless style of offense, so that means our defense has to be ready, and has to play a step ahead of their offense.”

Chief among the concerns for the Irish defense will be Commodore senior midfielder Ally Carey, who leads the team in shots, goals and points. But while Irish junior goalkeeper Ellie Hilling will be focused on Carey’s shot, Halfpenny is more worried about the senior’s ability on the draw, where she is 6'4 draw controls place her in the nation’s top-10.

**SMM TENNIS**

**Going gets tough for Belles on road ahead**

By AARON SANT-MILLER  
Sports Writer

Wins are important to the Belles regardless of the opponent, but the real focus for the team is making a mark the conference. Monday, Saint Mary’s strategy was to win its match and move to MIAA foe Calvin 6-3 at home.

“Losing a third conference game definitely puts us behind our goals,” Belles coach Dale Campbell said. “We would have to do something extraordinary at this point to get ourselves in the conference tournament to be honest.”

To get into the tournament, Saint Mary’s (9-2, 2-3 MIAA) would have to finish the season as one of the top-four teams in the conference. The loss to Calvin (5-10, 3-2) puts Saint Mary’s in seventh in the MIAA standings.

Against the Knights, the match started rough in doubles, an area where Saint Mary’s usually performs well. Calvin won two of the first two doubles, despite both coming from a couple of games back and forth and coming down to the wire. The Knights claimed the first doubles 8-2, before losing 8-5 in the second doubles.

In singles, the Belles fell to the Knights in four of the six matchups. Sophomore Mary Catherine Faller pulled out a victory in the first singles spot. Faller was able to battle through a tough match up with a super-tiebreaker set to grab one of the two Belles victories in singles. In addition, freshman Shannon Elliot turned in a win for the Belles at the third spot.

Campbell said the road gets tough from here on out for the Belles.

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