SMC group supports AllianceND
Panel addresses formation, success of Saint Mary’s Straight and Gay Alliance

By KRISTEN DURBIN
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LOCAL WEATHER

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

IN BRIEF

There will be a workshop titled “Teaching with Con- course in Sakai” today from 2 to 3:45 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room in LaFayette Student Center.

L. James Lee, a chemical and biomolecular engineering professor at The Ohio State University, will present a seminar on nanofluids for gene delivery today from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo Hall.

Emily Bidick, Ann and Joseph Edelman Professor of American Studies and Di- rector of the Center for Literary Studies at The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, will deliver a lecture titled “The Holocaust and the ‘Subject’ of Fiction” today at 5 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for In- ternational Studies Auditori- um. The event is free and open to the public.

Rev. Timothy Scully, C.S.C. will deliver a lecture as part of the Last Lecture Series today from 7 to 8:45 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

The Bookstore Basketball Tournament round of 32 be- gins tonight at 7:45 p.m. at the bookstore courts.

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hian, bisexual and questioning students to come together without making them vulnerable,” she said. “It was very important to have this inclusion and show that a gay-straight alliance is really important on a college campus, especially one that’s faith-based.”

Steiner said she and her fellow SAGA members emphasized how the club’s mission coincided with that of Saint Mary’s as a Catholic institution.

“We tried to show how much this group supported the school’s mission and would make Saint Mary’s a better place for its students,” she said.

Above all, the founding of SAGA provided students with a more informal arena for peer-to-peer interaction and conversation about LGBTQ issues on campus outside of the counseling services available to students, Steiner said.

“The members of SAGA found it important that students knew where we were there as a resource to use. You need multiple areas of support, especially having a recognized group, you know there are people you can talk to,” she said. “Not all students feel comfortable going to the Counseling Center because of the power dynamic it creates, whereas having a peer-to-peer group allows students to talk to others going through the same situations and creates a better place to talk to someone in the same age group about their experiences.”

Although its operational structure has evolved in recent years, the mission of SAGA in providing a safe space for peer support and discussion on campus has remained constant since the group’s inception, senior and vice president of SAGA Rebecca Jones said.

“The focus was originally on having a peer support group for students who had faced issues on campus, but it didn’t do much in terms of campus programming or outreach,” she said. “Then a new group of officers came in, and they had a vision for totally hybridizing the group into a support group that does something about the things they talk about.”

Jones said SAGA focuses on incorporating its concerns into academic issues on campus and works to promote its ally outreach program at Saint Mary’s and outside the College.

“Last year, it came to our attention that we were the only campus of Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross that had a gay-straight alliance. We didn’t know if it was just the Holy Cross students started coming to our meetings, so we tried to help them get conversations going on their campus,” she said. “This year, we got in touch with PSA to work on outreach at Notre Dame to see what we could do to help get AllianceND approved.”

Although reception of the club has been generally favorable on campus, Jones said SAGA faces certain restrictions in its programming because of the Catholic mission of the College.

“In planning our events, we’re not allowed to raise money for or promote things that go against the Catholic mission of the College, such as same-sex marriage,” she said.

In a similar vein, the club is restricted from scheduling programming when the Board of Trustees meets on campus, junior and SAGA president Cristina Bueno said.

“Our adviser from the Office of Student Involvement notified us about the [restriction], and SAGA is the only multicultural club that’s not allowed to have advertisements or events while the trustees are on campus,” she said. “They pay more attention to us than other multicultural clubs.”

Despite those restrictions, Bueno said SAGA strives to create programming that brings more students into the conversations the group has on a regular basis through awareness events like Ally Week and Pride Week.

“It’s great to have big events to get other students interested in SAGA events, and we gear a lot of events towards allies,” Bueno said. “We really try to have speakers who can educate, be inspiring and get people involved. The question and answer sessions afterwards show that students are interested in these issues, so we’re glad we can provide that for them.”

Mary Rose D’Angelo, associate professor of theology at Notre Dame, said the role SAGA plays at Saint Mary’s could be filled by an approved gay-straight alliance at Notre Dame without posing a threat to Catholic teaching or incurring the Catholic character of the University, as opponents of the proposed AllianceND often argue.

“All any group that helps make campus a more welcoming place should be considered an advocacy group, and it’s clear that the Saint Mary’s group has been effective,” D’Angelo said. “Catholic teaching and Catholic character are far from simple, but the Catholicism affirms that people must be treated with respect, compassion and dignity.”

“The Catholicism states every sign of ‘an unjust discrimination’ should be avoided, and refusing approval for AllianceND is a prime example of unjust discrimination,” D’Angelo said.

“[AllianceND] looks like a really good means of carrying out the mandate of acceptance articulated in the catechism in that it would be a place where LGBTQ students and allies can create a sense of human solidarity,” she said. “The focus of the group would be to provide social support, but because it’s explicitly an alliance, it’s not a dating service for gay students. It’s a venue for student relief where students are treated with compassion and sensitivity.”

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Campus Life Council

Group reviews The Shirt

By NICOLE TOCZAUER

New Ways:

Members of Campus Life Council (CLC) discussed reopening the Campus Bike Shop, innovations in The Shirt Project, and the new academic focus of the First Year Orientation (FYO) program Monday.

Student body president (FUEL) program to institute a series of training sessions for FYO staff. These meetings are meant to start conversation on cultural competency and inclusion, she said.

“We’re really hoping through these meetings to emphasize this feeling of cultural competency, inclusion, a new type of event, diversity and events,” she said. “By the time FYO comes around, we’ll have a new, more inclusive process.”

The Orientation Committee will meet with each of the dorms separately to ensure programming with purpose, Doctor said. We’ve been incredibly grateful students and allies can work to create a sense of human solidarity,” she said.

“We’ve been incredibly grateful student government for the work of the Office of Student Affairs, which was strongly represented at the Town Hall meetings. There’s a real sense that this is an opportunity for conflict transformation,” he said. “Particularly as we move forward, it is a major point of the new administration, and we will honor that accordingly.”

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Congratulations to Professor Peter Holland on winning the 2012 Rev. Charles E. Sheedy, C.S.C. Excellence in Teaching Award

Each year, the Sheedy Award, named for a former dean of the College of Arts and Letters, honors one member of the Arts and Letters teaching and research faculty for outstanding teaching.

Panelists, from left to right, Rebecca Jones, Cristina Bueno, Sarah Medina Steiner and Professor Mary Rose D’Angelo discuss SAGA’s efforts to support the proposed AllianceND group.

Read more about the panel discussion at neWstheobserver.com
said the team looks forward to hearing the results of the competition in May after its members submit their final report.

There was a string of reports submitted as part of the competition, and our final report summarizing our results will be submitted shortly," Kudija said. "From that they select the overall winner of the competition."

Kudija said Notre Dame’s student chapter of the AIAA encourages students to use their knowledge of aerospace engineering outside the classroom.

"The student chapter serves to promote aerospace-related activities, projects and such on campus," he said. "This year, its primary projects have been to sponsor the Design/Build/Fly and the USLI competitions."

Fifteen aerospace engineering students fielded a team for the Design/Build/Fly event that took place April 15th in Wichita, Kan., Kudija said.

Kudija said participating in aerospace engineering competitions gives students a glimpse of what their jobs will be like after graduation. [These competitions] give all of us the opportunity to put into practice the theoretical knowledge we’re learning in our classes as well as learning about working on a team and sticking with a project through the various challenges that arise," he said.

Junior Joshua Szezdulak said the student chapter of the AIAA is looking for new members to participate in next year’s competitions.

"We would really like to recruit younger members as hard as we can. If there’s any interest at all, contact us," he said. "Anyone who likes rockets [is welcome]."

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NEWS

SMC student wins spiritual service award

By JILLIAN BARWICK
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Saint Mary’s senior Emily Kieffer will spend next year teaching English as a second language in Spain, a country she fell in love with after studying there in her sophomore year.

Kieffer said she decided to pursue a year of service abroad after realizing her passion for helping others, for which she recently received the Sr. Kathleen Anne Sollich, C.S.C. Award for Spiritual Service.

“I did not even know I had been nominated for the award,” Kieffer said. “Regina Wilson, the assistant director of Campus Ministry, had apparently nominated me for it. It was a complete surprise.”

A native of Dublin, Ohio, Kieffer said she entered Saint Mary’s with an interest in developing her faith for the good of others. She said she received the spiritual service award for her involve ment in Campus Ministry and was one of the recipients.

“We were invited to a dinner a couple of weeks ago in honor of all of the recipients,” Kieffer said. “All the recipients, including myself, were chosen based on the service I had shown to Saint Mary’s community.”

Satisfied with how she will leave Saint Mary’s in May, Kieffer encourages others to study abroad, recognize their passions and follow them, she said.

“Being involved in Campus Ministry and with Women’s Spirituality really got me thinking about what I want to do with my life and how it can be useful to others in the world,” Kieffer said. “I definitely think my journey to Spain will make good use of my time, my knowledge and my faith.”

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of its emphasis on education and the benefits outside the kitchen.

“The observation is appreciating how I help them to understand the importance of education and research are important parts of the game,” he said. “Cooking is a very small part of it, that’s the fun part of it,” he said. “What you have to do is help them get really get into a rhythm, it’s a beautiful thing.”

Miller said his day-to-day responsibilities as Saint’

Dame’s executive chef are extensive and time-consuming, and he plans to continue beyond food production itself.

“Students are going to be one of those chefs who die in their kitchens,” Miller said.

Miller also warned people considering becoming chefs that the Food Channel is just one more representation of what their careers will be like.

“The Food Channel is a good thing, but it’s also a bad thing because a lot of kids go to culinary school thinking their jobs are going to be glamorous, and then they wake up when they have to work,” Miller said. “The adage is when everybody else is having fun, you’re actually working. Know what you’re getting into.”

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Suggesting more obstacles to economic growth, an index of the European manufacturing services industries dipped in April to a five-month low. It even declined in Germany, the economy and the single currency bloc of Europe and the country that has most insisted on budget cuts.
This column concerns an unfortunate situation I witnessed last Thursday night. I am an avid supporter of the annual ND/SMC-sponsored “Take Back the Night” event. “Take Back the Night” events are held nationwide, with three separate marches happening in South Bend, Chicago, and Detroit.

Katie Rose
Guest Columnist

At 8 p.m., the event kicked off. From the North Bend Courthouse steps at 7 p.m. Following the event, please email me at krose1@nd.edu. I would be honored to have you join me.

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Anonymous racism

This Sunday morning, I walked into the library and was greeted by a neon-colored cardboard cutout in the shape of a man.

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How do you deal with final-week stress?
Weekly Poll

Coffee breaks
Naps
Pick-up basketball
A visit to the Grotto

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

Inside Column

Off-campus logistics

In a matter of weeks, I will no longer be living in Lewis hall, my home away from home for the last three years. When I come back for my senior year in August, I will live off-campus with two of my closest friends. Since we decided to move off this semester, I have been ecstatic. I can’t wait to have my own apartment — not to mention my own room and my own bathroom. I am also looking forward to meet-
Eulogy for a God Quad tree

Arnav Dutt
Columnist

I read a patch of God Quad, where the earth had feasted a pure form to mark the spot Where just two weeks ago a mighty oak Or poplar trunk aspired heavenward. With a sigh uplifted, as in prayer, I'd seen the giant stump just days before It too was moved (or removed) from the spot Where some forefather of this school once thought A tree belonged. Indeed it was just one Of a line of towers leading to the way Up God Quad to the hallowed Golden Dome, And one of that were chopped down that day. It's funny how it only takes a day Or two at most to cut down and remove A tree. For all, it takes trees years To attain statues sufficient to obscure Administration buildings. Surely that is how it's done. Or am I wrong To think it cast a shadow on the Dome, To think that's why the fall arrived In spring this year? (And would that be so strange?) The seasons — winter most of all — forgot To be themselves this year.) But I digress. This tree, whose rings appeared not overnight, Would not have been surgured. For many years It stood there, growing, taking it all in, Providing shade for men like Sorin and Zahm And Hesburgh and Malloy and Jenkins too; It knew them all — and youth and old age too, The changing of seasons, life and death, The purpose of tradition, everything That we're too young to know. But now it's gone. And on the patched-up patch of earth Where once it stood, I read (or, rather, thought): That only God's empires can withstand a tree. And as I read this, I, so long A worshipper of nature came to see That I had spent too long turning new leaves (Perhaps I'm missing forests for this tree) Forgetting how great it feels to be alive, I've lived near Notre Dame my entire life: Three dorms, one campus, one football stadium nearby. A lifetime in the shade of the Dome. And it's been fine. Although I sometimes feel A little like a fixed point. Friends will come And friends will go, but I'll ever reside But minutes from home away from home. One consequence of this is that I've made Th's acquaintance of the other reference points That one can read about in tourist books About South Bend. The Dome has always been A light in times of darkness. The downtown, For all its strange mutations, too has been A place that I can count on. But also, Like anyone who lives and loves, I've lost This spring — autumnal — will mark The end for yellow-brickèd St. Joseph's High, The desolation of so many friends, The retirement of others. By and by I'll learn to accept the changing of the guard, To turn another leaf without regret Or melancholy. Yes, I'll move on too. To turn another leaf without regret Without regret...

Mark Gianfalla
Guest Columnist

This column is in response to the 55 members of the Notre Dame faculty ("Faculty call to distance from Jenky’s ‘incendiary statement,’ " April 23), who took Bishop Daniel Jenky’s homily out of context and actually demonstrated their own analogies to interpret. Bishop Jenky’s homily demonstrated a great understanding of what it means and takes to be an active Catholic during our current generation. I am glad that you accept the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, but anyone who reads or listens to the homily must be mindful of the careful wording used. At no point does Bishop Jenky either compare or equate Obama’s policies to those of genocide, or downplay the severity of the Holocaust or Stalinist genocide that occurred in Germany and the former Soviet Union. In fact, Bishop Jenky specifically curtails his comments to relate to the issues of health care, religious freedoms and the HHS mandate. Everything that Bishop Jenky speaks about in his homily and analogies between can logically be connected through historical pattern, which Bishop Jenky states and clarifies. His homily is historically accurate rather than ignorant, and because he does not even mention the aspect of genocide, there is no way he could be insensitive to victims. It is historically accurate to acknowledge the fact that Stalin and Hitler declared a war on Catholic culture and sought to destroy the Church’s influence around the globe. Bishop Jenky only comments that President Obama has started to make similar decisions, which in politics often indicates a future pattern that could develop into political intolerance or oppression of the Catholic Church and religious ministry, still nothing mentioned about genocide.

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LETTER TO THE

Judge candidates separately

Mr. Davis ("Democrats are in line with Catholic faith," April 23),

Almost all those things that you list under the Democratic platform are not disputed by anyone. No one exists HIV/AIDS in the world or health care that’s unaffordable or endless wars. It’s not the ends that are disputed, but the means. Now, I’m not sure what the most “efficient” economic means are for producing those goods, but there are some social means that are evil and against the Church’s teaching and, therefore, must not be tolerated. Abortion and contraception are among these. Capital punishment has never been declared to be on the same plane as abortion, so the support of some Republican candidates for capital punishment is not in itself against the teachings of the Church.

To vote for someone such as Obama who actively promotes abortion and contraception in his rhetoric and his policies is, in fact, to support that rhetoric and those policies. To vote for some Republican who will actively promote torture in his rhetoric and policies is also to support that rhetoric and those policies. Isn’t it the case that though the Democratic party has, as part of its platform, a direct violation of the Church’s teaching whereas the Republican platform does not itself support torture? Some Democrats may be against this aspect of their platform, but the platform remains the belief of the party in general.

So, let us not be bogged down through party politics. Let us judge each candidate separately. Does this candidate support something that the Catholic Church abhors? It is doubtless that abortion or torture are the goals of the candidate, but they certainly are not in the path of those goals. If a candidate is willing to use evil means for his goals, then he is not to be supported, regardless of party.

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By MICHAEL RODIO Scene Writer

Quincy’s Café is at a crossroads.

Tucked away in a plaza at the corner of Edison Road and Route 23, Quincy’s overlooks the main corridors between Mishawaka and downtown South Bend.

But Ismail Egilmez, the owner of Quincy’s, will explain that his café is also at a cultural crossroads: the intersection of fast-paced modernity and a simpler, quieter era. Quincy’s looks the part of a modern café with its variety of coffee roasts and its purposefully quirky décor, but at its heart is a quaint community gathering place for music, art and conversation.

“Everything’s instant now,” said Egilmez, who runs Quincy’s alongside his father, Philip, a Notre Dame alum. “This is ‘come in and take a breath.’ I still have things like Wi-Fi, of course. But we serve all our drinks in mugs. We actually have conversations with our guests.” (As if to subconsciously prove his point, Egilmez almost always refers to people in Quincy’s as “guests” or “visitors” rather than “customers.”)

Egilmez is a South Bend native, but Quincy’s has Chicago roots. In 1998, Ismail moved from South Bend to Chicago, where he studied oil painting from South Bend to Chicago, and 50’s-60’s décor, Egilmez said. “Over the first year, I have no complaints. We have a really good response on the coffee and the venue. It’s grown every month since we’ve opened.”

Quincy’s offers a range of Argentinian fare, and good conversation.”

There are a student-friendly table for studying, complete with an essential power strip for all the visiting MacBooks, by the door. Near the counter, a comfortable blue couch sits next to a coffee table featuring books of art. A small stage has just enough room for a four-man band. But the café’s spirit emanates from its simple wooden tables and purposefully mismatched wooden chairs, as if to invite group discussion around a shared meal.

People tell me, ‘This is our community gathering place for music, art and conversation. Everything’s instant now,’” Egilmez said. “I have to think about things going on” for the people around it.”

“Even though the economy’s not perfect, you can always afford a cup of coffee,” he said. “People will always be searching for a place of community and good conversation.”

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CRIME'S brings coffee, music, and community to South Bend

By COURTNEY ECKERLE Scene Writer

Three years ago California singer-songwriter Eric Hutchinson charmed the Notre Dame Community at the Bl Black Party with tunes from his debut album “Sounds Like This.” His latest full-length effort, “Moving Up Living Down,” brings the same quirky, catchy California sunshine to a charming sophomore album.

Hutchinson has spent the last few years touring “Sounds Like This” and said that experience influenced the way he recorded “Moving Up Living Down.”

“The best concerts are when people sing along with me,” he said when the album was released. “So for the next one, what kind of songs do I want people singing with me? What kind of songs do I want people dancing to?”

Hutchinson kept his word — this is an album for dancing and singing along.

Album-opening track “Talk Is Cheap” sets off the mood right with Hutchinson’s signature crooning vocals and piano mix, with a teeny reggae vibe thrown in.

“Best Days” is a fun sing-along with a message college students can appreciate, with lyrics like, “As I’m struggling on my own, I have to learn I’m not alone” and “Here we are, living the best days of our lives.”

Enter bluesy ’50s rock and roll jam “The Basement.” With a quick “That Thing You Do” tempo, it’s impossible not to start toe tapping and singing along — if you can keep up. It is easily one of the catchiest tunes on the album.

“Watching You Watch Him” is a very sweet song of a guy in love with someone else. It is a happy-go-lucky tune combined with adorably sad-sad lyrics.

“Cool people maybe they’re just born with it / They know the trends before they’re here / And I’m so sick of tryin’ / Because there’s no denying / There’s nothing cool about my atmosphere,” Hutchinson croons.

“Moving Up Living Down” Hutchinson presents his unique talent for producing energetic, sincere, sing-along worthy pop songs.

By COURTNEY ECKERLE Scene Writer

Eric Hutchinson

“Moving Up Living Down”

Label: Warner Bros. Records
Best Tracks: “Talk is Cheap,” “The Basement,” “Not There Yet”

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First impressions are crucial. The prologue of a book can be as effective as a handshake, both for better and for worse. Let’s take a look at the literary overtures that set the tone for some of the most recent books released, including some reviewed in the New York Times Book Review.

"Imagine" by Jonah Lehrer

The Premise: Lehrer cracks open the science of imagination by unveiling the psychological influences behind the creative process.

First Impression: Lehrer opens with the case example of Proctor and Gamble and their struggle to reinvent the mop. After much research and frustration, designers from a firm, Continuum, came to an epiphany — the Swiffer. Lehrer says acutely, “that insight changed floor cleaning forever.” With the remodeled mop, Lehrer launches into the question: “How does one measure the imagination?” This book will explore the neurobiological and environmental influences on imagination, individual and dynamic creativity.

The Takeaway: Lehrer has some promising insights about creativity, even though his semi-statistical approach sounds like Malcolm Gladwell’s style. Non-creative “types” should rejoice, because Lehrer obviously believes that the creative process is open to all.

"The Big Miss: My Years Coaching Tiger Woods" by Hank Haney

The Premise: Haney opens up about his six-year roller-coaster ride coaching golf prodigy Tiger Woods.

First Impression: Haney sets his reader up for a tale of great success and great disappointment. This book is a peek into Tiger’s career, one that began with unending praise and applause, but now is riven with trips to rehab and heavily critical media coverage. Haney seems to wrestle with the “artistry of playing both coach and friend. Apparently, getting Tiger to open up is one of the toughest challenges Haney faces, but that doesn’t mean he can’t spill everything he’s observed in this 272-page memoir. The first chapter introduces Tiger’s situation on a dark note. “He’s become less of a golfer, and he’s never going to be the same again.”

The Takeaway: Anyone who has an interest in Tiger, or golf, for that matter, might find Haney’s story an interesting one, but the tone is inherently somber. If readers are looking for a tale of athletic victory, however, try one of his earlier books, pre-scandal.

"Drift" by Rachel Maddow

The Premise: In her critically acclaimed novel, Maddow tackles the financial woes of America through the lens of America’s involvement in the war in the Middle East. She argues that the American financial policy has “drifted” from its original, Constitutional goals.

First Impression: Maddow begins with the local effects of the financial crisis and takes it to the national level. Her position as a vocal advocate for small-town America makes this book attractive and approachable. In her prologue, she voices many Americans’ concerns about the excessive spending overseas, saying, “It’s not just the small potatoes, post-9/11 Homeland spending that feels a little off-mission.” She even includes an international perspective: both the negative and positive effects of American influence on Iraqi neighborhoods. She bases her argument on the fact no one approved the initial investment in Iraq, and it’s been escalating ever since. Maddow calls for a “small c” conservative approach to reinstate the mission of the Constitutional Convention.

The Takeaway: Maddow’s mission is inspiring and timely, especially since it’s an election year. This book’s quick popularity is well deserved, since it caters to the entire American audience.

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Enjoy the craziness of early-season baseball

The baseball world is in chaos. The Red Sox have hit “bottom,” according to new manager Bobby Valentine. After signing a $240 million contract in the offseason, Albert Pujols has yet to hit a homerun through five games. The Washington Nationals are tied for the top in the National League East.

But that’s the glory of early-season baseball. For those of us who are Orioles fans, April is virtually the only time to be hopeful about baseball. After that, the team’s luck usually sucks away as Baltimore makes its slow, methodical sink to the basement of the AL East.

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“Yes, it is a must, must win,” Campbell said. “Kalamazoo’s overall record itself is not impressive, but their out-of-conference schedule was rough. It will be an extremely hard-fought match. Campbell said the Belles need to step up their game in order reverse a losing trend to Ka- lamazoo. “We haven’t beaten them in the past three years,” Campbell said. “I think this is the time we will turn it around. There is definitely an opportunity present and we just need to take ad- vantage of it.”

Saint Mary’s will be strong in the doubles matchups, but the Belles’ singles competitors need to step up and be prepared indi- viduals in order to be successful against the Hornets, Camp- bell said. “Our doubles have played better all year,” Campbell said. “Our singles will need to have a good outing.” Campbell said the lopsided success comes from the fresh- men having more experience previously in doubles than in singles play. “I don’t think it is any more pressure in singles than in doubles,” Campbell said. “Our freshmen players just had more experience in high school. This freshman has progressed and done very well, though.” Although he has a history of mixing up his team’s lineup, Campbell said he would make no changes made for the Ka- lamazoo match. With home-court advantage on their side, the Belles look to put themselves in a playoff posi- tion with a win over the Hornets at 4 p.m.

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Pacers rest starters, beat Pistons

Pistons forward Jason Maxiell reacts after a dunk in Monday night’s game. Despite Maxiell’s 10 points, Detroit lost 103-97. Points in the fourth quarter to help Indiana beat the Detroit Pacers 103-97. “It was a great team win,” Vogel said. “A lot of guys contributed, we got guys rest, we got the second unit a lot of work. I think we got a lot ac- complished tonight.”

George made 15 of 15 free throws and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Pacers. David West scored 20 points and Leandro Barbosa and Tyler Hansbrough added 13 points each for Indiana. Vogel could afford to rest regular starters Danny Granger, Roy Hib- bert and George and locked in the No. 3 singles slot in Notre Dame’s 4-1 victory over Michigan on Feb. 18 stands out as especially significant. “It’s hard to pick a specific mo- ment in my career that is my fa- vorite, because all four years have been great,” Keeton said. “One of the best, though, was clinching the match at [then-no. 28] Michi- gan this year.”

Looking forward to the remain- der of the Irish’s spring season, Keeton is hoping to continue to perform at a high level. “We have [the NCAA tourna- ment] in two weeks and we’re hoping to make the final site, then do some damage there,” he said.

Keeton and the Irish will look for a strong performance in the NCAA tournament, which begins May 11, to close out the 2012 sea- son.

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All-pro safety Dawkins retires after a 16-year career

Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Brian Dawkins says his head told him to retire.

The veteran safety called Denver Broncos coach John Fox on Monday morning to tell him that, in that, he think his lacrosse 10 went up. On April 7, hours before a home contest with Villanova, Dawkins was forced out of the Irish lineup with an illness. In the team's stead, freshman goakeeper Allie Murray recorded her first career start in Notre Dame's 18-5 win. Halpeny said the move was bennefit for Halving.

"It was a blessing in disguise when she got sick and had to sit out a game," Halpeny said. "That's what I mean when we're starting on the right time. That's what we're starting on the right time."

Halving will hope to meet with the media on Saturday. The veteran safety called Den-

As a member of the NFLPA executive committee, Dawkins pushed for new league rules that limited full contact during camp and also in the regular season. He credited those rules with helping to keep the 10-year labor pact reached last summer with keeping him fresh as he made his decision.

Dawkins finished his career in Philadelphia in 2008 as the NFL's leader in games played (201) and interceptions (34) while spearheading a defense that made the playoffs each of his 16 seasons in the NFL.

"It's probably going to sound crazy for a 10-year labor pact reached last summer with keeping him fresh as he made his decision. He also has a soft spot in his heart for Philly, where he plans to meet with the media on Saturday.

For 13 seasons, Dawkins has been the heart and soul of the Eagles' defense. "The NFL will miss a player as talented, fierce, and determinate as Brian Dawkins," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "He was one of the most dedicated and hardest workers players I have ever coached at. When it was on the practice field, the film room or the weight room, Brian always put in the time. He took it to be-come the star player that he was. And he transferred all of that and more onto the field on Sundays.

Dawkins was named to several first-and second-team All-Pro and All-NFL teams, consistently making the Pro Bowl. Dawkins had 17 fumble recoveries, 26 sacks, 37 interceptions, 26 forced fumbles and 98 pass breakups. His 42 forced fumbles are now available from a behemoth defensive tackle in Baltimore — 294-pound defensive end Cory Redding, 145-pound defensive end Brandon McKinney and hard-hitting safety Tom Zbikowski.

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DANTE’S DIVINE COMEDY, THE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSE AS POETRY

Professor Zygmont Baranski
Notre Dame Professor of Dante and Italian Studies
of 2011 (TR from 2:15-3:05 p.m.)
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Dante is the greatest religious poet of Western culture, and his great epic poem, the Divine Comedy, offers a remarkable and original synthesis of his view of the fundamental relationship between God and humanity. This course offers an introduction to Dante’s Commedia (the title of the work is Comedy and not Divine Comedy as is commonly believed) by focusing on the first of its three parts, Inferno, while also paying significant attention to its other two parts, Purgatorio and Paradiso.Classes will principally concentrate on providing readings of individual canzone. The course will be divided into 4-6 intraday lessons of approximately 2 hours each. At the same time, Dante’s most central to Dante’s masterpiece will be discussed. In particular, attention will be paid to Dante’s ties to classical culture. The works of contemporary intellectual debates, both his to poetry for ethical and religious ends, and his literary influence on the development of the humanistic tradition. The course is open to all interested students, and will be taught in English. Students who have studied Latin or Italian will be encouraged to read the text in both languages. The translation is that found in the annotated bilingual edition by Robert and Jean Hollander (Dover). (This is one-semester course offered on the entire Commedia, divided from ROIT4915-40116, Dante I and II)
against DePaul.

Batting performances from Buntin and senior outfielders Alexa Maidero and Taylor Jenkins continue to lead the Notre Dame lineup with batting averages of .359 and .325, respectively, getting eight hits between the two. To help the team gain runs.

While the Irish have excelled in the offensive side, the Spartans have struggled. In its five most recent games, Notre Dame has tallied 21 runs, while Michigan State has only managed two. In the last 18 games, the Spartans have a single win, which was back to April 4 when they beat Central Michigan 6-1. They currently carry a 10-game losing streak, and the Irish are hoping to push that number to eleven, Buntin said.

The main focus for us against Michigan State will be to keep the same high energy, both on the field and in the dugout, because defensively and offensively we are a lot better than the team right now,” Buntin said.

Looking for their sixth straight win, the Irish will host the Spartans tonight with the first pitch at 6 p.m. in Melissa Cook Stadium.

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Freshman Peyton Vitter prepares to tee off during Sunday’s tournament at the Warren Golf Course.

Freshman Peyton Vitter and Patrick Grahek along side junior walk-on Eddie Hjerpe. While none of the three have made an impact this year as part of the Irish lineup, their successes in their high school and junior accomplishments are strong signs of potential, Kubinski said.

“The freshmen like Patrick and Peyton have been good junior golf careers,” Kubinski said. “Peyton had won the Southern Junior last summer. Patrick was the Georgia high school champion. It’s just a matter of getting some time in the lineup and a chance to get some experience and to get their feet wet. They just need that experience.”

Because many of Notre Dame’s golfers are unable to compete in collegiate tournaments, the freshmen this year, they must gain experience by playing in events and tournaments in the summer. With four Irish golfers graduating this year, the summer preparation for the fall season will be a determining factor for who fills in the open spots, Kubinski said.

“We have two good incoming players, so I think it’s going to be a really competitive situation for us come August because we will potentially have six, seven or eight guys fighting for maybe three or four lineup spots,” Kubinski said. “It’s going to be competitive, but I think the key for all these players is to take the good things they did this year in stretches and then go play a nice summer schedule of tournaments, which they typically do, and really gain some experience and be ready for the fall.”

While many of these golfers will look towards the summer for their next tournaments, the Irish lineup will prepare for the upcoming Big East championship weekend in Orlando, Fla.

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4. Two-thirds of A.C.L.
5. Hole in one
6. “Le roi”
7. Danish birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen
8. Not that many
9. One who engages in finger painting
21. TV announcer Hal
22. “That’s it!”
23. Broadcasts
24. Adore
25. Give a makeover
31. “Take a Chance on Me” group

Down

1. Pioneering scientist Robert
2. Reversed
3. Mixture
4. Tricky situation
5. Open, as an envelope
6. Locale of a 1923 Munich putsch
7. Guy's subject
8. Laos vital
9. Rouse
10. Indians city on the Ohio
11. Ring bearer
12. No longer in love with
13. Gardens
15. Nobel winner
16. Matador
17. Observe with the mouth open
18. Standard sitcom subject
19. Wooden shoe
20. Novelist Statin
21. Part of W.M.D.
22. Heart of the matter
60. Soapmaker's supply
61. Title of hits by Elvis Presley and Justin Bieber
62. Roller coaster cry
63. Or the (fleeing)
64. Locale in Devon or New Hampshire

Horoscope

Happy Birthday! Unexpected will flood your decisions if you don’t ask questions and discuss possibilities. The more optimal you are about your goals, the easier it will be to stay on track. Exercise your might or an option, and be wary of impetuous editors and impulsive people. Take a practical approach and choose quality over quantity. Your numbers are 1, 5, 15, 25, 35, 45, 49.

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**Women’s Lacrosse**

**Leading between the pipes**

Hilling thrives under pressure, leads Irish in goal

Irish goaltender Ellie Hilling goes through warm-ups before Notre Dame’s April 18 game against Vanderbilt. The Irish won the game 12-11 and will be in action Wednesday at Northwestern.

By MATTHEW DEFRAINS
Associate Sports Editor

Irish junior goalkeeper Ellie Hilling had never played goalkeeper before. But in fifth grade, when the starter could not play, Hilling was thrust into the net — and she hasn’t left since.

The Rochester, N.Y., native has led the No. 6 Irish to wins in their last four games, including a 7-6 double-overtime decision against No. 16 George-town on Saturday. Hilling racked up a career-high 16 saves in the win.

“I’m thrilled with Eli- lie’s performance,” Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said. “I think the leader- ship she’s commanding back there is doing great things for our defense. The defense they’re putting in front of her is obviously helping her tremendously also. We hope to see more of that.”

The Brighton High School product has helped Notre Dame (12-2, 5-2 Big East) to a 4-6 record in Irish games decided by two goals or less. She said staying calm is one of her strengths.

“I think I’m pretty good under pressure,” Hilling said. “No matter if we’re down a couple of goals or if we’re in sudden-death overtime, I feel like I’m pretty good at staying composed.”

The junior sociology ma- jor leads the Big East in saves per game (9.38) and ranks second in save per- centage (473). Additionally, she allows only 10.57 goals per game, good for fourth-best in the confer- ence.

“I’m more confident in our defense so I don’t have to really worry about them making the right slides as much or covering the right person all the time. I’m just able to focus on the ball,” Hilling said.

On Monday, Hilling was named to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll, her fourth-best in the conference.

**ND Softball**

Irish put win streak to test against Spartans

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

The Irish enter tonight’s home game with a surge of confidence following a weekend sweep of DePaul and Melissa Cook Stadium’s first no-hitter by sopho- more pitcher Laura Winter. Tonight, they carry that confidence into a matchup with Michigan State.

Winter’s performance against the Blue Demons was just what the Irish (26-18-3 Big East) needed to rebound after a pair of home losses to conference foe Syracuse last weekend, junior catcher Amy Buntin said.

“The high energy and momentum Laura brought to the mound over the weekend is exactly what our team needs from her for the rest of the season,” Buntin said. “It was easy to see that she was in the zone and no hitter was going to beat her.”

Now, riding a five-game winning streak, the Irish step forward ready to face the Spartans (11-33, 0-15 Big Ten).

“Laura having this kind of attitude is very contagious throughout the team and helps pump us up as well,” Buntin said. “We have a lot of confidence rolling into today’s game with Laura throwing a no-hitter and the way we swung bats.”

**SMC Tennis**

Belles take on Hornets with eyes set on MIAA’s

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

Coming off of a key win against Adrian, Saint Mary’s looks to get one step closer to the MIAA tournament by defeating Kalamazoo.

“We went in to the match against Adrian thinking it was going to be a close one,” Belles coach Dale Campbell said. “It was a good confidence boost to get a convincing win. We won all of our doubles and most of our singles matches.”

The top four teams in the conference will compete for the conference title and at this point, the Belles (10-7, 3-3 MIAA) are in sixth place. Alma sits in fifth place, having completed its conference matches with a record of 4-4. Calvin occupies fourth place with a conference record of 4-2 and Kalamazoo (5-14, 5-2) is in third. With only two conference games left, the Belles need to see BUNTIN/page 14

**Men’s Golf**

Unsung players get shot at Warren Tournament

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

They aren’t in the headlines or even in the Irish lineup on a reg- ular basis, but six members of the Irish team have been waiting and working in the background for their opportunity to come.

Those golfers received their chance to play Sunday, when all six competed as individuals in Notre Dame’s winning perfor- mance at the Battle at the War- ren, the team’s lone home event of the spring.

While the tournament allowed the Irish lineup a chance to fine-tune its game before head- ing into postseason play, it also presented an opportunity for the other golfers on the team to gain valuable match experi- ence — something that is tough to come by when only five golfers can compete in most collegiate events.

“It’s tough for those guys (not consistently in the lineup),” Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. “They are developing players and be- ing at home and not getting tournament experience makes it a challenge when we get into those competitive situations. They are really at a disadvan-

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**Men’s Tennis**

Keeton enjoying success as a senior

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

For Irish senior Sam Keeton, the past three years have been nothing but buildup for a great senior season. With Notre Dame (20-8, 3-1 Big East) tak- ing third place at the Big East tournament last weekend and preparing to head into the NCAA championships, his last year on the squad is shaping up to be just that.

Keeton, who has been a solid contributor for the Irish since his freshman year, said he has grown both on and off the court during his athletic career. This year, he has all come together as he has taken on a more promi-

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