Judge dismisses lawsuit against HHS

By MEGAN DOYLE
Managing Editor

A federal judge has dismissed the University’s religious liberty lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of a mandate that requires employers to provide contraceptive services in their minimum health insurance packages.

The lawsuit, filed last May, states the mandate would go against Church teachings and therefore violates the First Amendment, the Religious Freedom Act and other federal laws. The mandate is part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, passed in 2010. U.S. District Court Judge Robert Miller Jr. ruled Jan. 2 that the lawsuit should be dismissed because the University’s claim is not yet “ripe,” meaning it is not ready to be litigated.

Notre Dame argued the University needs to set aside significant funds for the costs it would incur in connection with the regulations, and those budget decisions need to be made now. But in a compromise announced last year, the federal government had granted Notre Dame and other religious employers a year-long “safe harbor” before any regulations would take effect. In Miller’s written opinion on the case, he stated the defendants have announced they are working to refashion the mandate and its exemptions, and he dismissed the case because Notre Dame remains under the safe harbor for the time they believe is needed for those changes to be made. Court documents list the defendants as Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and their respective departments.

“Notre Dame lacks standing to attack the present regulatory requirement because it isn’t subject to that requirement, and, taking the defendants at their word, never will be subject to the present regulations,” Miller wrote.

University spokesman Dennis Brown said the administration is still examining the judge’s ruling.

“We are reviewing the opinion and considering our options, but it is important to note that this is not a ruling on the merits of our claim that the challenged mandate infringes on religious liberty,” Brown said.

Law professor Rick Garnett, an expert on religious liberty
QUESTION OF THE DAY:
What did you do over winter break?

Pablo Quan
senior
Dillon Hall
“IT went on tour with the wonderful Notre Dame Liturgical Choir.”

Ashley Armendariz
senior
Pangborn Hall
“I saw my newborn nephew and spent lots of time with my family.”

April Adams
junior
Welsh Family Hall
“I [drove] ... to Quincy, Ill., on Christmas Day to surprise my brother.”

Ashley Lawrence
junior
Fadley Hall
“I played with my baby cousin and she’s awesome.”

Ian McGraw
freshman
Fisher Hall
“I went down to South Beach but I don’t want to talk about it.”

Theresa Parker
junior
off campus
“I skied in Colorado, tagged in the Keys and cheered for Notre Dame in Miami.”

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:
Want your event included here?
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Wednesday
Hula Hooping
LaFortune Ballroom
12 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
Stress relief workout.

Films: “The Third Man”
DeBardeleben Performing Arts Center
7:30 p.m.-9:14 p.m.
$7/$6/$5/$4

Thursday
Zen Meditation
Comlan-Morse Center
6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
All faiths welcome.

Films: “Can Christianity the Imagination of Our Contemporaries?”
Greddes Hall
7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Lecture

Friday
Blood Drive
Hesburgh Library
8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Women’s Tennis
Eck Tennis Pavilion
4 p.m.-6 p.m.
ND vs. Bowling Green

Saturday
Men’s and Women’s Indoor Track
Lofts Sports Center
10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Invitational

Hockey
Compton Family Ice Arena
7:05 p.m.-9:05 p.m.
ND vs. Alaska

Sunday
Women’s Basketball
Joyce Center
12 p.m.-2 p.m.
ND vs. St. John’s

Morveau Day
Scavenger Hunt
Comlan-Morse Center
2 p.m.-5 p.m.
Feast day of Blessed Basil Moreau.
Instructors share fitness advice for new year

By NICOLE MICHELS
News Writer

Every January, enthusiastic masses flood gyms to put their new resolutions to the test — and often abandon those workout goals before swimsuit season even begins. To avoid this mid-winter funk, physical education and wellness instructor Stephanie Gaal said students should take the time to develop realistic goals.

“Every student’s goals are going to be different. … Every person’s body is different and so everyone’s goals are as well,” Gaal said. “The biggest mistake people make is to start off too strong and they end up injured or burned out. Be progressive.”

Before starting any workout program, students need to do the research to structure their workouts properly, she said.

“For students who are beginners, a lot of times I see them doing things they don’t know how to do or trying to start a program that they have no idea how to start,” Gaal said. “They can’t be afraid to go in and do the research. Knowing what you’re doing is really important, you have to be mindful of what you’re doing and how you’re doing it.”

Students can search for sources online but should consider potential reliability issues, Gaal said. The instructors in the Physical Education and Wellness Department are also available to help students develop a fitness or diet plan, she said.

To increase their chance at sticking to a regimen, Gaal said students should choose workouts that can keep their interest.

“It’s easier to stay motivated if you are enjoying yourself,” Gaal said. “Think outside the box. Try something new. Variety keeps the body guessing and adapting. … It’s a matter of experimenting: not everyone likes squats, not everyone likes lunges. Often students only want to do cardio, but they don’t realize how good strength training can be for the body,” she said.

Gaal said she cautions students against cutting corners in their workouts.

“If you think long term, it really is important, you have to be mindful of what you’re doing and how you’re doing it.”

“Understanding what you’re doing is key to attaining that success, he said. “If it were going to be something easy to change, you would have done it already,” Scott said. “Trying to understand and develop a plan of action for getting past those barriers … especially developing a support system … will help students. Sharing what you’re doing with your close friends might inspire them to do the same, or they can help you with [your goals].”

Planning ahead is crucial, he said.

“For example, if you want to eat better and you’re eating regularly in the dining hall, you have the ability to look ahead for the next month and plan what you want to eat so you can make healthy, informed decisions,” Scott said.

Notre Dame has an abundance of resources to help students devise plans, Scott said.

“Online there are many resources to help students with dieting and how you’re doing it,” Scott said. “The key to achieving long-term fitness goals and resolutions is to stay motivated, Scott said. “Even the most dedicated people are going to go through the ebbs and flows of being super motivated and a little more unmotivated. … The longer you’re involved you’re just going to realize that’s reality.”

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“Although we are very different personally, we were,” Wiedower said. “She knew who she was and truly describe this sisterhood. I am very blessed to be back and to be working with alumnae from across the country on setting up trusts for the College.”

Denniston majored in mass communications and politi- cal science at the College. After a few years working in the fi- nancial industry, she attended Indiana Maurer School of Law. Denniston has also a master’s degree in business manage- ment from Indiana Wesleyan University.

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Climate trends continued in 2012

WASHINGTON — While the U.S. was smashing heat marks last year, the world as a whole barely slipped into the top 10 hottest years on record, two American science agencies said Tuesday.

The global average temperature for last year would have been a record 15 years ago, an indication that what used to be unusual heat is more commonplace.

Now it merely ranks 10th, something climate scientists shows man-made climate change in action.

Last year’s average was 58 degrees Fahrenheit (14.5 degrees Celsius), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said. That’s a full degree above the 20th century average of 57 F (13.9 C).

The hottest was 2010 when the average temperature was 58.2 degrees (14.6 degrees Celsius). NOAA records go back to 1880.

“We’re playing in a new neighborhood as far as global temperatures go, compared to even the late 20th century and especially the mid-20th century,” said Deke Arndt, head of monitoring for NOAA’s National Climatic Data Center.

A weather pattern called La Nina — the flip side of El Nino — and mildness in Alaska, Canada, the United Kingdom and parts of Asia moderated the globe’s average temperature. The Lower 48 states in the U.S. recorded its hottest year last year with an average of 55.3 F (12.9 C).

Six-year-old Alexander Merrill cools off at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Neb., as temperatures reached triple digits on July 6, 2012.

cases, explained the judge’s reasoning based on the fact that the mandate has not yet begun to directly affect Notre Dame’s operations.

“Simply put, the district court concluded that because the mandate has not yet actually been applied to Notre Dame — and because the mandate might be changed or revised before it is applied to Notre Dame — the legal challenges to the rule are premature,” he said in an email interview. “If Notre Dame is not yet being harmed by the mandate, the reasoning goes, it is not yet time for Notre Dame to challenge its legality.”

Garnett said he respectfully disagreed with the judge’s ruling.

“There is no ‘Trust us, changes are coming’ clause in the Constitution,” Garnett said. “The mandate, in its current form, is the law and Notre Dame is facing substantial financial costs associated with preparing to comply with that law, if and when the mandate goes into effect.”

While protecting everyone’s right in such a diverse society is challenging, Garnett reiterated the Constitution commits the government to passing laws placing a burden on religious freedom only when necessary.

“In this case, the burden is not necessary and my hope is that this case will both vindicate the religious freedom rights of the various challengers, but also inspire current and future officials to be more mindful of our foundational commitment to religious freedom that the [federal court] was here,” he said.

In an interview with The Observer last fall, University President Fr. John Jenkins explained he felt Notre Dame’s case would eventually be successful as it moves through the legal system.

“I saw a few headlines after we filed, ‘Catholic bishops, Notre Dame and 62 other institutions file lawsuit,’” Jenkins said. “That Notre Dame is picked out, and I don’t say this with arrogance, but it just shows I think people look to us for leadership on these issues. If I didn’t feel it was a fundamental issue, an issue of the limits of government as against religious organizations, I wouldn’t have done this.”

As an outside observer, Garnett said he expected the ruling to be reviewed and reversed, but the University’s lawyers and administrators are responsible for deciding their next step. The ruling does not preclude another lawsuit after the issue has become ripe.

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The award goes to...

Brendan Bell
Sports Writer

Christmas time is one of the peak seas-sons for movies at the box office. I was able to spend time going to the theaters this break. Here are my thoughts on which ac-tors, actresses and movies will win awards at the Oscars next month:

Best Actor: Daniel Day-Lewis, “Lincoln.” A method-actor, Daniel Day-Lewis has been known to go to great lengths to mas-ter a role. Director Steven Spielberg wanted to make “Lincoln” three years earlier, but Daniel Day-Lewis insisted that he perfect the voice of President Lincoln before film-ing. One of the most selective actors in Holly-wood, he has starred in only seven movies since 1997, and yet he has won two Best Actor awards at the Oscars during that period. I think this year Daniel Day-Lewis will add another to his list, as he is ex-tremely convincing in his role as President Lincoln during the legislative process of the 13th Amendment.

Best Actress: Jennifer Lawrence, “Silver Linings Playbook.” Jennifer Lawrence alongside Bradley Cooper in a romantic comedy shot in the suburbs of Philadelphia. Between Cooper, Lawrence and Robert De Niro, the film has plenty of star power. “Silver Linings Playbook” follows the life of Cooper’s character, ex-teacher Pat Solitano, as he leaves a mental hospital and returns home to live with his parents. Solitano tries to find a way to get in contact with his ex-wife who has left him, but instead meets Tiffany, played by Lawrence.

Best Supporting Actor: Christoph Waltz, “Django Unchained.” In Quentin Tarantino’s “Django Unchained,” Waltz is the driving force behind the plot and the never-ending action that ensues. Waltz has worked in movies with Tarantino be-fore, and in this western he plays a bounty hunter and helps Django (Jamie Foxx) find his lost wife.

Best Supporting Actress: Anne Hathaway, “Les Misérables.” Fantine in “Les Misérables,” Hathaway set the tone for the movie even though she only managed to be on screen for a short period of time. Her rendition of “I Dreamed a Dream” and her overall take on the character Fantine were memorable for viewers. Best Picture: “Les Misérables.” “Les Misérables” had high expectations before it reached the box office, and it was able to deliver on many levels. It is difficult to put together an onscreen adaptation of Victor Hugo’s work, but the combination of performances between Hathaway, Hugh Jackman as Jean Valjean and Amanda Seyfried as Cosette among others provided beautiful music and talented acting. Collectively, it was the most powerful per-formance on screen this year, and should be awarded Best Picture.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Rays of compassion

Scott Boyle
The Sincere Seeker

Chances are you’ve probably seen a sun-rise or a sunset that has stopped you in your tracks. There’s just something memorizing about the colorful hues that blanket the sky as the sun creeps up over a distant horizon or sets over a vast ocean.

I used to love moments as this one. And while I still appreciate the beauty of these moments now, I can’t help but realize these scenes often do not capture creation as it really is. As the sun’s light shines the least at the beginning or end of a summer day, it causes dark reds and golds to blanket a landscape that is traditionally lush and green. Shadows lengthen too, making our paths perilous and unsure.

At the peak of the day, however, the sun is at its brightest and shadows are at their shortest. Trees stand tall and flowers bloom in true hue. The sun’s rays reach far and wide and illuminate the horizon in its true color.

Those who know me well know that I am fascinated by the sun and all its meta-phors. This fascination began last year after I enrolled in a class on “Purgatorio” and “Paradiso,” the final two books of “The Divine Comedy” by Dante Alighieri. Metaphors once from every page in “The Divine Comedy,” just when you think you’ve identified them all, one or two more appear.

My professor, Christian Moews, loved to talk about these metaphors. Although he would give beautiful descriptions of the symbolism and intricatees of these images in class, perhaps his greatest teaching moments came outside of class when he would write emails to us. Professor Moews always made sure to tell us that while the Comedy described Dante’s journey away from sin to God, it was applicable to all of us, too. So, when he began these emails with salutations from the words of Dante, salutations like “Gentle rays of divine light” or “Gentle embodi-ments of divine love,” we were reminded that we too are these “gentle rays,” created extensions of God, the ultimate sun whose rays of light and love guide all of our paths.

Since finishing his class last spring, I have tried to consistently remind myself of these truths. To do this, I have gotten in the habit of taking pictures of these “gentle rays” in nature. While I like taking pic-tures of the sunrise or sunset, my favorite pictures come at the peak of day. I’ll point my camera at the sun and snap away. The brilliance of the sun at those moments reminds me that the more I let God’s light illuminate my path, the more I’ll begin to see things for the way they truly are.

I’ve come to call moments of clarity like these “gentle ray” moments. I had one of these moments this summer when I lived and worked at a Catholic Worker commun-ity here in South Bend.

I was working at Our Lady of the Road, a drop-in center that provides clean clothes for the un-housedprivileged of South Bend from Friday through Sunday. One particular day, I hap-pened to be working the laundry machines. It was a particularly busy day and we were running low on detergent. One man — I’ll call him “Tom” — brought his clothes to me to be washed. You can imagine my relief when I discovered a large bottle on a shelf immediately adjacent to the washer I was using. I threw it in quickly and closed the lid. There was only one problem — it was bleach.

It didn’t take me long to realize my mis-take. I rushed back over and immediately grabbed his clothes out of the washer. The damage, however, was done. A couple of shirts and pants had large orange marks running along their sides. As I put the clothes back in with detergent, my heart was pounding. I knew I would have to tell Tom the bad news.

I was ready for him when he wandered over to pick up his clothes. “Tom,” I ram-bled, “I accidentally used bleach instead of detergent on your clothes! I am so sorry!” In place of the anger and frustration I ex-pected, however, I found a smile: “That’s okay,” he said, “They’re just my work clothes anyway.” He walked away without another word.

Chances are these were some of the only clothes that Tom owned. But Tom simply brushed my mistake aside with a smile. In that moment, I could not help but think of Helen Keller’s apt observation: “The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart.” In that moment, Tom was a “gentle ray” for me, echoing God’s love and compassion to the depths of my heart.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Every one of us gets through the tough times because somebody is there, standing in the gap to close it for us.”

Oprah Winfrey
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How we remember

Matt Miklavic
The Mean Idea

For some Notre Dame students, it represented their first day of winter break. For others, their last day of finals. For 26 students and staff of the high school in Newtown, Conn., Dec. 14 was the final day of their lives. Thousands of laughs and millions of moments short, that was it. For them, there is no more. For the 26 families forever shaken by the Newtown massacre, the reminders will be frequent. At every birthday, Christmas and weekend milestone, that day will be remembered and that pain will be felt. Their challenge is to find a way to overcome this tragedy. For the rest of us, the challenge is to remember it.

In the aftermath of the shooting there has been much discussion about the horrors of that day. Some have claimed America has a gun problem. Others will contend it is our culture, not its weapons, which cause our seemingly insatiable appetite for violence. The truth is it is both.

Momentarily ignoring the gun part of the issue, America remains a violent and impulsive country. Our intentional homicide rate lies between those of Turkmenistan and Belarus, above those of Palestine and Yemen. Impressive company, to be sure. Beyond homicides, America’s penchant for destructive activities manifests itself through an array of statistics, including embarrassingly high levels of incarceration and suicide. This societal dedication to devastation gnaws at the country and weakens it from within. Perhaps it comes from our apparent comfort with violence in entertainment. Perhaps it has roots in America’s increasing problem with poverty and a growing gap between the haves and the have-nots. Perhaps it starts in our schools, which, while educating millions, also fail millions more. Whatever the cause, surely this is one of the areas we must seek to improve in our society. Surely we can build a consensus that our culture needs some change.

As for guns, there is little question that it is a highly emotional and contentious issue. This fervor, however, should not distract nor deter us from confronting our addiction to violence and openly debating its remedies. Homicides by firearm in recent times have exceeded 20,000 per year. We suffer a Newtown each and every day, then allow it to perpetuate. We accept more deaths each year than in the War in Afghanistan and the Battle of Gettysburg combined and continue on as though nothing happened.

So long as we can agree with the Supreme Court’s conservative wing that, “like most rights, the right secured by the Second Amendment is not unlimited,” we can see that like the other freedoms afforded by the Constitution, the rights afforded by the Second Amendment have limits. Our debate, then, is not whether we can restrict and regulate guns but to what extent. Can states and cities ban handguns? The Supreme Court has said no in the case of both Chicago and Washington D.C. bans. These decisions must be treated as precedent. It is noteworthy, however, particularly in light of Notre Dame’s upcoming role in the March for Life on the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, that while precedents carry weight, they can also be overturned.

Can we ban assault rifles, large capacity magazines and similar weapons of little use for self-defense but great use for mass violence? I believe we can, and should. These weapons are many times more powerful than the handguns favored for self-defense. They’re also responsible for many of the most notorious mass shootings, as legally acquired weapons of these varieties were used in the Columbine, Newtown and Aurora shootings. They belong on the battlefield, not on our streets.

Can we enforce our current laws? Irrespective of new laws, what if we simply enforce what is already agreed upon regulation? What if the federal agency responsible for the enforcement of these laws had a confirmed director for the first time in six years? What if we closed loopholes that prevent the common sense, agreed upon restrictions that exist from taking full effect? It would shrink this gun violence problem, but I’m pretty confident it would help.

Ultimately, we remember Newtown by working to prevent it from happening again. It will not be a singular action or effort. It requires cooperation, political courage and genuine action. It will take action in state capitals, in Washington, in our communities and in our schools. It will take society deciding to finally stop against violence, and refusing to leave the safety of our children to the hope that our kid won’t be the one at that school on that day. We remember Newtown by refusing to settle for failure. We remember Newtown not by resigning ourselves to another massacre, but by seeking to recapture the exceptional society for which we once strove.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Matt Miklavic

Sitting in Dillon Hall Chapel on a late April morning, we were the 10th cohort of ACE students. The Alliance for Catholic Education’s Service through Teaching program waited for Mass to begin, which would officially kick off the next two years of our lives. As we sat in silence, our attention turned toward the pitter-patter of sandals hitting the South Quad pavement outside the chapel walls, as three Notre Dame men jogged toward the nearly gates of South Dining Hall for breakfast. That is, until one of them stopped short, clearly in discomfort.

“Ahhh,” he screamed, “I think I just pulled a butt muscle!”

We all just let out some nervous laughter at the time, but in retrospect I can think of few more fitting expressions than this exclamation to express some major strains and perhaps still unimaginable. You may experience some major strains and perhaps even a tear or two, but I strongly encourage you to take this opportunity; you will never be the same.

Matt Gelchion
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Stretching toward a more meaningful life

Dance and acting as one of two members of the faculty, I believe my students will be stretched in ways that infused their lives, was humbling. I felt challenged and compelled to become better than who I was for them. Because of my students, I believe I am a better teacher and a better husband to my wife, and when my wife and I (God-willing) start a family, I believe my students will make me a better father to our future children. I can never fully express my gratitude for this unanticipated transformation.

Much like that unnamable Juggler in ACE you will be stretched in ways still unimaginable. You may experience a few major strains and perhaps even a tear or two, but I strongly encourage you to take this opportunity; you will never be the same.

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Jan. 15
With very entertaining hosts and unexpected winners, Sunday’s Golden Globes were a successful and perfect start to this year’s much-awaited awards season. But not all was movie talk Sunday.

Film awards are also special occasions for fashion, and these Golden Globes were no exception. Nominated actors, actresses and presenters walked down the glamorous red carpet to show off their unique designer suits and gowns, sparking new fashion trends for the public to imitate, critique and enjoy.

As always, some wardrobe selections were good — even great — and some not so good. These year’s fashion hits were all about black, white and red silhouettes. Fashion misses were truly all over the place. Here are these year’s Golden Globes best and worst dressed.

The Best

For these special occasions, simplicity is key and Anne Hathaway’s ensemble for Sunday’s festivities definitely exemplified this. Her white strapless Chanel gown and jewelry looked simply elegant and contrasted impeccably with her black pixie haircut.

Jennifer Lawrence, winner for best actress in a musical or comedy, also followed suit with a pristinely beautiful look. She looked naturally sophisticated in a simple red strapless Christian Dior Haute Couture dress.

If the “Silver Linings Playbook” star looked great in bright red, actress and presenter Jessica Alba rocked an other tone of the color. Her melon strapless Oscar de la Renta gown and Harry Winston diamond jewelry were a perfect combination and choice for the occasion.

Actresses Kerry Washington, Kate Hudson and Olivia Munn also looked flawless in their fashionable selections. Washington wore a delicate nude and crystal-white beaded Miu Miu dress, while Hudson and Munn both opted for very elegant beaded black gowns from Alexander McQueen and Giorgio Armani respectively.

All of these actresses’ outfits were definitely Golden Globe material, but one star stood out. Nominated for her lead role in “Salmon Fishing in the Yemen,” Emily Blunt’s gold cut-off Michael Kors dress and Lorraine Schwartz jewels were a bold but perfect choice for the big night. She was definitely the best dressed for the event.

The Worst

Although the majority of this year’s Golden Globe nominees and attendees made great fashion statements with their ensembles, some chose looks that were too over-the-top or too boring for the occasion.

“Homeland” star Damian Lewis rocked a Burberry tuxedo, while actors George Clooney, Bradley Cooper and Leonardo DiCaprio looked handsome and slick in their ensembles. They never disappoint.

Overall, this year’s Golden Globes were a fashion do. Stay tuned for the Oscars — and the new stylish trends they might bring.

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The women had no fear the fate of former host Ricky Gervais might befall them when Poehler said, “We want to assure you that we have no intention of being edgy or offensive tonight because as Ricky learned the hard way … when you run afoul of the Hollywood Foreign Press they make you host this show two more times.”

But they didn’t shy away from good-hearted jabs at some of Hollywood’s heavy hitters. When mentioning Kathryn Bigelow, the Golden Globe-nominated director of “Zero Dark Thirty,” they even went so far as to reference her ex-husband, “Avatar” and “Titanic” director James Cameron.

“I haven’t really been following the controversy over ‘Zero Dark Thirty,’” Poehler said, “But when it comes to torture, I trust the lady who spent three years married to James Cameron.”

Tina Fey, who is best known for her role on “30 Rock” as the lovable but aloof Liz Lemon, used some of that “imperfect but endearing” schtick by talking about how tough it was to get into her couture gown.

Most people consider the Golden Globes to be a warm up for the Academy Awards in February, but the setting at the Globes is distinctly more relaxed while all the nominees and presenters are dining and drinking throughout the night. Poehler and Fey were able to feed off that relaxed energy and let their chemistry run the show.

After hosting the Globes with such ease, they made other hosts who had fallen flat in the past seem that much worse. They even had a few laughs at the expense of former Oscars host Anne Hathaway. “Anne Hathaway, you gave a stunning performance in ‘Les Misérables.’ I have not seen someone so totally alone and abandoned like that since you were on stage with James Franco at the Oscars,” Fey said.

As hosts, Fey and Poehler seemed casual — but not sloppy. They worked on their timing and had every joke down perfectly. Their training on “Saturday Night Live” was clearly formative in preparing them for the gig.

Both Poehler and Fey received nominations for their roles in “Parks and Recreation” and “30 Rock” respectively, but when Lena Dunham beat them out, they ran with it and riffed off her endearing acceptance speech.

“Julia, Tina, Amy and Zooey have respectively gotten me through middle school, mono, a ruptured ear drum and the acute anxiety that populates my entire life,” the 26-year-old Dunham said.

The hosts responded with jokery rage that the newcomer was so young that their work got her through middle school. It wasn’t the freeform, slightly nerve-wracking style of a Ricky Gervais Golden Globes, but I’d take Tina and Amy any day.

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Santa was a little late for hockey fans in America, but the gift of sanity finally ar-rived in the form of a new NHL Collective Bargaining Agreement about two weeks after Christmas and after several months of missed games — 510 in all.

The lockout, which was the league’s second such labor dispute in eight years, caused all sorts of changes in the way the league is run, mostly at the expense of those actually playing hockey. Team owners were able to wrangle a further seven percent of league revenue away from the players, put new caps on contract lengths and insti-tute one-time “amnesty buy-outs” on expensive deals.

In return, the players got some improvements to their pension fund. Fans got less. And in eight years, the owners have the option to opt out of the current labor bei-ng of 2012, which means we’re staring down another season of lost games in 2012.

But in the meantime, the players will lace up and play a shortened 48-game sea-son, one missing the Winter Classic, the NHL Premi-ere series in Europe and more than 500 other nights worth of national anthems, one-time only faceoffs, and the opening of the gates slowly or loses five points, which means no more exhausting road trips, as well as the whole last month of the season.

And if you think fewer games are less fun, just look up to the king of American sports, the NFL. It runs circles around the other leagues, thanks to 16 do-or-die matchups that define our weekends.

So enjoy this frantic NHL season, and hopefully it can spur our sports to embrace the saying, as old as Lord Stanley himself, “Less is more.”

I just hope it doesn’t take more mindless lockouts to do it.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

NHL lockout may be a blessing

Mc Coy heads to Chargers

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO Mike McCoy’s interview with San Diego went so well that both sides felt he was a perfect fit to become the Chargers’ new coach.

McCoy had one thing to do, though, before accepting the Chargers’ offer, so it was a good thing Chargers President Dean Spanos’ private plane was at his disposal.

“There was no doubt in my mind when I got back on that plane to go back home,” said McCoy, the former Denver Broncos offensive coordinator who was introduced Tuesday as Chargers’ new coach.

“They wanted to keep me here last night. But I said, ‘I’ve got to talk to my wife about this before. If I made the decision without talking to my wife, I might get in a little trouble.’” So McCoy flew back to Denver to talk it over with wife Kellie. McCoy, his wife and their two children were back on the plane Tuesday morning, flying back to San Diego to take the job.

“Without a doubt we knew this was the place we wanted to be,” said McCoy, who signed a four-year contract.

McCoy replaces Norv Turner, who was hired along with general manager A.J. Smith after the Chargers finished 7-9 and missed the playoffs for the third straight season.

The move comes three days after the top-seed-ed Broncos were eliminated from the playoffs by the Baltimore Ravens.

The 40-year-old McCoy is the same age as Tom Telesco, who was hired as general man-ager last week. He interviewed after the Chargers already had talked to Seattle defensive co-ordinator Gus Bradley, former Oakland defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio, former head coaches Lovie Smith and Ken Whisenhunt, and Bengals offensive coordinator Jay Gruden.

Once he came in and once we saw how good he was, we just felt we had to have him here now,” Telesco said of McCoy.

“We had to get it done or we’d lose him.”

He was polished, prepared, had great questions, which I think is big, too, that he had a lot of questions for us,” Telesco said. “It’s a partnership be- tween the GM and the head coach, through and through. We spend more time with each other during the season than we do with our own family so it’s got to be a tight relation-ship. When he came in, after a little bit of time you could tell he was the right guy for us. We went after him hard.”

San Diego was scheduled to interview Indianapolis offen-sive coordinator Bruce Arians on Wednesday, Telesco previ-ously the Colts’ vice president of football operations, called Arians on Tuesday morning and told him the Chargers had hired McCoy.

“It was a tough phone call,” Telesco said. “I have so much respect for Bruce. He’s an ex-cellent football coach. He’s going to be a great head coach in this league.”

McCoy inherits a team that has won a playoff game since after the 2008 season.

He thanked all the coaches and players he’s worked with over the years for helping him get to this point. He also said he knew just a few minutes into his interview that San Diego was the right place.

“They all laughed at me when I walked in yesterday with this big ol’ bag with all these books and binders and everything,” McCoy said.

“Well, that’s my life’s work. We’ve got a detailed plan that Tom and I are going to put to-gether. There’s going to be some change. There’s a rea-son for change. And change is good sometimes in organiza-tions. We’ve just got to make the most of the opportunity we have moving forward.”

The Broncos have won consecutive AFC West titles. McCoy tutored quarterbacks Kyle Orton and Tim Tebow in 2011, and had Peyton Manning behind center in 2002.

McCoy, who interviewed with the Miami Dolphins last year after retooling Denver’s offense in the read-option for Tebow at midstream in 2011, burnished his head coach-ing credentials this season while blending the power for-mations the Broncos used in leading the league in rushing last year with Tebow and some of the spread formations that Manning ran in Indianapolis.

“I think he’s going to be a great head coach. Very detail-oriented, knows the game, relates with players very well,” Broncos wide receiver Brandon Stokley said.

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Colts eager to chase willing free agents

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Now that general manager Ryan Grigson has the money to spend in free agency, he’s devising a new game plan.

If he can find a big-name, high-priced player that could get Indianapolis to the Super Bowl, he’s willing to pay top dollar. If he can find a lesser-known guy, for a bargain, he’s willing to roll the dice, too.

Either way, Grigson finally has the flexibility to do whatever he wants this offseason, because the Colts are much better than they were last season.

“I don’t have to rub two nickels together to find a key position. Now, if there’s something that I really want that I feel is going to get us over the hump in a certain area, I could at least take a crack at him,” Grigson told a small group of reporters Tuesday at the team complex.

“I feel almost in a sense like I don’t want to go after a name just because that’s easy. There’s guys out there, that to me, that if you really scout this league and you really know this league, you can find guys that are under the radar that are right under people’s noses, just because you dig a little harder and you have a better feel for some guys than the next team does.”

It’s a far cry from the financial mess Grigson inherited when team owner Jim Irsay hired him last January.

Indy wound up releasing Peyton Manning, cutting a handful of other fan favorites and letting go of several more key contributors left in free agency just to scrape enough money together to start rebuilding.

Then Grigson had to bag carrying shopping to fill the gaps, all the while looking ahead to Year 2 as the season Indy could make the big jump.

Somehow, though, Grigson cobbled together a unit that went 11-5 and wound up in the playoffs.

Now, he’s going back to work with an opportunity to give Andrew Luck & Co. more talent. Indy heads into this offseason with 58 players already signed to contracts and more than $40 million available under a salary cap that is expected to come in at about $121 million.

With that much available room, Grigson can go after almost any player he covets in free agency — even if he’s not ready to name names.

Grigson declined to identify specific plans, players or areas he hopes to improve in free agency. The Colts certainly believed the two areas Indy will need to upgrade are the offensive line, which allowed 41 sacks, and the secondary that continues to dominate the team.

The list of offensive tackle needs that could be available in free agency includes Jermon Bushrod, Ryan Clady, Jake Long and Andre Smith. Cornerbacks such as Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie and Cary Williams also could become free agents.

Grigson always has the draft, too, something that seems to be looking better by the week.

On Tuesday, Grigson acknowledged that the Colts will keep two conditional picks they originally traded to Philadelphia and Miami during the preseason, and that he’s hoping to get some additional supplemental picks, after losing Dallas Clark, Pierre Garcon, Jeff Saturday and Jacob Tamme in free agency last year.

That’s not all.

Grigson also confirmed that the Colts are in strong pursuit of 300-pound defensive tackle Armond Armstead, who has been playing in the Canadian Football League.

“But he’s here on a visit, he’s a talented guy, I feel he fits this defensive nice and had some versatility with this defense,” Grigson said.

Irsay is content to let Grigson do pretty much whatever he deems necessary to make Indy a Super Bowl contender.

“It’s going to be an exciting offseason,” Irsay said. “Ryan really understands how in putting a team together you don’t just go to the board and pick a player. He has a naturally intuitive ability to see how all the components come together and complement each other.”

And for Grigson, who is still trying to figure out whether Bruce Arians will be back as offensive coordinator and who will coach special teams next season, he can’t wait to get started on what could be Indy’s biggest move into free agency in years.
Belles look to continue win streak against Hope

By KIT LOUGHRAN
Sports Writer

After defeating Trine 59-43 on Jan. 9, Saint Mary’s will look to follow up strong to-night against sixth-ranked Hope. The Belles (5-11, 3-4 MIAA) enter the game on a two-game winning streak.

Belles coach Jennifer Henley said the team is working one game at a time and not getting caught up in losing or winning streaks.

“Each time we compete, we are getting better,” Henley said. “This is such a young team and we understand that it is going to take some time to develop.”

While the Belles are still a young team, they face a veteran Hope squad. To shut down a team like Hope (14-1, 6-1) that can go very deep into its bench, the Belles will turn to their defense, Henley said.

“We need to play great defense,” Henley said. “Hope has a lot of offensive threats, and we need to play solid team defense the entire game.”

Whereas the Belles are coming off a solid win over Trine, the Dutch are entering this game after their first conference loss to No. 2 Calvin (13-1, 7-0).

Saint Mary’s sophomore forward Ariana Paul led the Belles with 18 points and 20 rebounds in the win over Trine. In the preceding game, Belles junior guard Shanlynn Bias scored 19 points in the win over Albion.

Henley recognizes the great games these two players had offensively in recent matchups, but she looks to clinch another win over Hope by concentrating on the defensive side of the game.

“It’s always about defense,” Henley said. “It’s about being tough, staying focused and playing solid defense.

Despite Hope’s national ranking, Henley is confident in her team and her players.

“When it comes time to play, anything can happen,” Henley said.

Saint Mary’s will travel to Hope to play Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the DeVos Fieldhouse.

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Hartley leads Huskies

HARTFORD, Conn. — Bria Hartley showed no ill effects from an ankle injury, playing one of her best games of the season.

Hartley had 16 points and seven rebounds to help No. 3 Connecticut beat 15th-ranked Louisville 72-58 on Tuesday night.

“When she’s playing like she played tonight and has the attitude she played with tonight, she makes a huge difference,” UConn coach Geno Auriemma said.

The junior guard sprained her left ankle — the same one she hurt over the summer while playing for USA Basketball — in the first half of Saturday’s game against Marquette.

“It felt a lot better than it did the last couple days,” Hartley said. “Getting out there, getting moving was good.”

Auriemma admitted he wasn’t exactly sure what he was going to get out of Hartley.

“I didn’t have any expectations going in,” he said. “One of those, let’s see what happens. She played a lot of minutes. I figured why not. She played like the old Bria. With the stretch we got coming up, I don’t worry about her.”

UConn will host Syracuse on Saturday then play No. 4 Duke on Monday.

While Hartley was able to play, UConn was missing freshman Breanna Stewart for the second straight game. The budding star sprained her left ankle in practice Friday. She did partake in pregame warmups, but didn’t get into the game.

“I think she’s come along a lot faster than we initially thought when she first got hurt,” Auriemma said. “She looks good. If it was an emergency she could have played tonight. I’m expecting her to be fully ready on Saturday.”

The Huskies (15-1, 3-1 Big East) didn’t need her. They built a 14-point halftime lead behind Hartley and Stefanie Dolson and Louisville could only get within 11 the rest of the way.
Sports Writer

Finkel praised the performance of the sprinters. Senior Brendan Dougherty, sophomore Chris Giesting and juniors Patrick Feeney and Jarrod Buchanon all contributed to the winning 4x400-meter relay and won the 400-meter, 600-meter, 300-meter and 60-meter hurdles, respectively. The Irish women were just as dominant, with freshmen Margaret Bamgbose and Megan Yanik sweeping first place in the 200-meter, 300-meter and 400-meter. The women also placed two teams in the top four of the 4x400-meter relay.

“Coming back from winter break, there’s an expectation to be fresh and not to waste all the hard work we put in before the break, so the meet was great for testing that,” Finkel said. “We’re looking forward to the rest of the season.”

In the multi-events, sophomore Carly Loeffel and junior Meghan Buchanon took the top two spots in the pentathlon, while senior Ted Glasnow won the heptathlon.

The Irish compete this weekend at the Notre Dame Invitational at the Loftus Center. The field events will start at 10 a.m. with the long jump and the track events will follow at 12 p.m., beginning with the 60-meter hurdles.

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Notre Dame takes 11 events at Open

By GREG HADLEY Sports Writer

In a final tune-up before this weekend’s Notre Dame Invitational, the Irish track squad travelled to Grand Valley State in Michigan for a successful showing in the Bob Eubanks Open, winning 11 events over the course of the two-day meet.

Returning from winter break, senior captain and pole vaulter Chrissy Finkel had high expectations both for the meet and for the rest of the season.

“Coming back from winter break, there’s an expectation to be fresh and not to waste all the hard work we put in before the break, so the meet was great for testing that,” Finkel said. “We’re trying to win the Big East title for the rest of the season.

In addition to the sprints, sophomore Mary Esther Gourdin and junior Jessie Christian, placed first and second, respectively, in the triple jump, while sophomore Keith Mesidor placed third in the long jump for the men. Sophomore Emily Morris also contributed a second-place finish in the shot put.

In the multi-events, sophomore Carly Loeffel and junior Meghan Moore took the top two spots in the pentathlon, while senior Ted Glasnow won the heptathlon.

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ND WOMEN’S SWIMMING

Reaney breaks records, leads Irish in tri-meet

By KATIE HEIT Sports Writer

Sophomore Emma Reaney led the Irish to victories against No. 24 Michigan and unranked Northwestern, breaking two records held by current Olympic swimmer Rebecca Soni in the process. The Irish grabbed the 185-to-115 victory over the Wolverines and crushed Northwestern 205-95. Reaney and senior Kim Holden each won three individual events and one relay. In the 100-yard breaststroke, Reaney broke the pool record at Rolfs Aquatic Center with a time of 59.78. Soni previously set the record in 2007 as a swimmer for USC. Reaney beat Soni’s record by over a second.

“Reaney said breaking the record taught her just how much she can push herself. “For me personally, I think it was realizing no matter how tired you think you are, you can always put together a good race if you do it exactly like you have practiced it,” Reaney said. “We had a really tough week and a half of training down in Miami and we were all (exhausted), but it was so awesome to see our team pull together and win that double dual for the first time in a long time.”

In the 200-yard breaststroke, Reaney broke another of Soni’s records with a time of 2:10.75. Holden earned big points for the Irish with first place finishes in the 100 and 200-yard backstrokes, finishing with times of 54.93 and 1.59.14, respectively. Other top performances included junior Kelly Ryan’s individual victory in the 200-yard freestyle. Sophomore Bridget Casey claimed the top spot in the 200-yard butterfly and sophomore Allison Casareto took first in the one-meter dive.

Reaney said Michigan proved to be the toughest competition of the weekend and was a big win for the Irish. “We have not taken Michigan down since around 2007 and to beat both them and Northwestern by such large margins is a great confidence boost for us,” Reaney said. "I think knowing we have those under our belts will only help us heading into [the Big East] conference.”

Reaney said Irish coach Brian Barnes works every practice to make sure the team is ready and eager to win. “Brian reminds us every day that we will be really successful,” Reaney said. “I think that’s what we’re doing. We have exactly six weeks until Big East [championships] and if we keep pushing ourselves and each other, I have a feeling we will be really successful.”

The Irish are back in action Saturday when they take on Indiana in Bloomington at 11 a.m.

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Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Wisconsin is making Indiana its second home.

Even in basketball. Ryan Evans scored 13 points, Traevon Jackson added 11 and the unranked Badgers used their typically deliberate, safe style to upset the second-ranked Hoosiers 64-59 and take sole possession of the conference lead.

Surprised? Not the Badgers.

“It’s huge you know,” Jackson said. “We’ll celebrate for 24 hours and then we got to get ready for Iowa. Just got to get ready for another one.”

The numbers tell the tale. Wisconsin has won 11 consecutive games in this series, matching the second-longest streak of any school Indiana has played. The Badgers also won 11 straight over Indiana from 1922-19 and Purdue won 12 straight from 1908-14.

That’s not all. The Badgers (13-2, 4-0) are the first team since 1923 to win a fifth consecutive game in Bloomington, matching a record achieved only three other times, most recently by Purdue, and they still have not lost to Indiana coach Tom Crean since he arrived in Bloomington in 2008.

And they got this win on a night that coach Bo Ryan was not feeling well and in the same state the Badgers have won their last two league championships in football.

“I really liked how hard our guys played, the adjustments our guys made on the court, I thought our assistant coaches did a great job in practice, getting us ready for this game because the head coach is a little under the weather,” Ryan said. “It’s weird! I feel like someone just took me in the corner and worked me over.”

That’s not enough to convince the detractors. Wisconsin now has seven straight wins and two victories over Top 15 teams in the last four days by doing the same thing — slowing the pace, taking advantage of opportunities and limiting the turnovers.

Irish take first at Copa Coqui Meet

By MEGAN FINNERAN

Sports Writer

The Irish escaped the winter weather for a trip to Puerto Rico, where they competed in the Copa Coqui Meet in Trujillo Alto on Jan. 5. The team took first place, gathering 64 points to beat a variety of opponents, including Army, Connecticut and schools from Puerto Rico.

“We were happy with the results,” senior Chris Johnson said. “We thought Army was going to win overall.”

Many members of the squad contributed to the top finish in their individual events. First place finishes earned nine points, second place earned four, third place took three, fourth place took two and fifth place added one point to the team total.

Irish junior Frank Dyer kicked off the day by taking second in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 54.14 seconds, while freshman teammate Michael Hudspith finished third with a time of 54.68.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Irish senior Bill Bass took second with a time of 1:06.04, closely followed by Irish sophomore John Williamson with a time of 1:08.16.

Sophomore Cameron Miller gathered a first place for the Irish, finishing the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:06.04.

Irish freshman Bogac Ayhan won the 100-yard backstroke in 1:01.17, followed by junior teammate Bertie Nel in fourth place in 1:03.31.

The Irish performed strongly in the 200-yard individual medley, with junior Colin Babcock and sophomore Patrick Olson finishing first and second, respectively.

The most exciting and anticipated event was the 500-yard freestyle relay, the final event of the day.

“We were very focused on the 10-by-50 relay,” Johnson said. “We’ve never lost it.”

Notre Dame took first place in the event.

Overall, the team saw the meet as a success and good opportunity for a diverse range of competition.

“This meet serves as a good break during our training trip,” Johnson said. “It gives us a chance to compete against local teams from Puerto Rico as well as other teams on their training trips.”

The Irish next head to Cleveland for a dual meet against Cleveland State on Jan. 18.

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killed us.”
Despite the loss, Notre
Dame still sits atop the CCHA
with 33 points, and will look to
extend that lead when it hosts
Alaska this weekend. The
Compton Family Ice Arena,
where Notre Dame has won its
last five contests and scored
22 goals in that span, should
be a sight for sore eyes this
weekend, and Jackson hopes
the goals will return as well.

“We have to do a better job with
the puck offensively, and we have
to have more discipline,” he said.
“We have to do a better job of
competing as a team.”

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Junior center T.J. Tynan, left, skates towards the puck during Notre Dame's 6-1 win over Lake Superior State on Dec. 1, 2012 at the Compton Ice Arena.

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on a 13-2 run to put an end to
any thoughts of an easy Irish
win.

“I think the press was work-
ing, we got some steals, we
were running the floor, and
that’s when we hit the wall,
right after that,” McGraw said.

“And then [senior guard Skylar
Diggins] got the two fouls and
we had to take her out, and I
don’t think any of the point
guards were particularly ready
today. I thought [sophomore
guard] Whitney Holloway did
a pretty good job, but we need
some work with Skylar not in
the game.”

The Hoyas’ aggressive play
did pay off in the turnover bat-
tle. They forced the Irish into
28 giveaways — the most of the
season and well above the sea-
son average of 15 turnovers.

But McGraw promised that
this one aberration wouldn’t
keep her up at night.

“The turnovers I thought
were a lot of good ideas that
we didn’t catch,” McGraw said.

“Or maybe it was deflected but
it was a good idea. The ones
that bother me are the ones
that are a result of poor deci-
sions. And out of the 28 there
were maybe eight, so we can
fix that really easily.”

The Irish are now 4-0 in the
Big East. They opened confer-
ce play with a 73-72 win over
then-No. 1 Connecticut on Jan.
5, but needed overtime to put
away South Florida three days
later, finally winning 75-71.

Notre Dame then beat Rutgers
at home last Sunday, winning
71-46.

The Irish aim to remain un-
defeated in conference play
when St. John’s visits Purcell
Pavilion for a 12 p.m. tip-off on
Sunday.

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with 17 points and sophomore forward Amir Garrett provided 11 points, two steals and three blocks off the bench.

“I thought they were very good offensively at key times,” Brey said. “We needed a little more offensive efficiency for longer periods of time, like we had at times. But you’ve got to be more efficient to get out of here with a win.”

The Irish, who entered the game ninth in the nation in three-point field goal shooting at 42 percent, made just one of nine attempts from beyond the arc.

The teams went back-and-forth throughout the first half, with St. John’s entering the break up 32-21. The Red Storm exploded on an 18-4 run early in the second half to take a 55-43 lead with 10:52 remaining in the game.

Notre Dame then went on an 18-4 run of its own to claim a 61-59 lead with 4:32 left in the game. But Harrison and the Red Storm tightened up defensively from there and held the Irish to just one field goal for the remainder of the game.

The Irish came out strong and led for the first 16 minutes of the first half behind the all-around play of Atkins. The Irish asserted their dominance down low — despite playing without foul-ridden senior forward Jack Cooley for the majority of the first half — and buried their first 10 field goals from inside the paint.

Knight buoyed the Irish front-court in 17 minutes of action. The Dixfield, Maine native recorded six points, three rebounds and four blocks while Cooley played just 18 minutes total for the Irish and finished with three fouls. Senior center Garrick Sherman played just five minutes.

“I think that’s really something to build on with [Knight],” Brey said. “He gave us energy and bounce and he’ll be the first big off the bench [against Rutgers] on Saturday and we’ve got to cultivate that.”

Brey said the Irish need a strong week of practice leading up to their suddenly important tilt with the Scarlet Knights at Purcell Pavilion.

“Our backs are against the wall,” Brey said. “You lose two in a row. We’re coming home. We need three good days of hard practice to get ready for Saturday.”

Although the Irish have fallen on tough times after starting the season 14-1, Brey said he is confident in his team.

“I think this group has a great sense of itself and ownership of itself so I think more than half of [the key to improvement] will be them wanting to do better,” Brey said. “We’ve got to help them and put them in some better positions and look at our rotations at times.”

The Irish look to avenge their recent losses when they battle the Scarlet Knights on Saturday at Purcell Pavilion.

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ABEN (March 21-April 19) Research and pressure will help you avoid a mistake. Draft a supplementary question you cannot change your mind about. Use your heart, so use your head. You are best to get through challenges unscathed. Offer hands-on help for a fair trade.★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can get away if you are careful in your actions. The emotional charge will lead you down a different path. Enjoy the journey and embrace the encounters you have with others. Travel and communication will result in new beginnings.★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Expect a change of phase. Change a plan that suits your needs. A new situation will bring with it new experiences. You have the opportunity to try something new.★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don’t fear being unique. Taking the road less traveled will attract positive attention. A situation that needs TLC should be managed and dealt with accordingly. Expanding your interests will also bring about a change of heart.★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Resolutely your position with your peers, friends or family. The packing order may have to change if you are going to achieve your goal. A serious approach to getting things done will help you get a good conditioner and respect.★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Venture out and discover what’s available that motivates you to make changes to enhance your lifestyle. Taking on too many responsibilities will weigh you down, causing an inability to accomplish.★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Being upfront and honest about the way you think and feel may be difficult, but it will also be necessary if you want to avoid problems. Put what isn’t working you happy behind you so that you can move forward positively.★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Question the motives of those you deal with before you jump in and take part in something that may not be to your benefit. Call the shots and make your own way. If you are to take part, it will feel comfortable about moving forward.★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Change what you should do by how others respond. You must take the advice of your curiosity or friendly demeanors. Stick close to home and use what you know can treat. A change in the very way you live will improve your future.★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Help people you need to in your life to ensure you reach your goals. Cooperation and collaboration should go hand-in-hand. Settle to much demands by sticking to your roots and concentrating on what will help you make money.★★★★

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Irish win on the foul line

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame entered Tuesday’s game against Georgetown as the nation’s best free-throw shooting team, making just over 81 percent of their foul shots. But the Irish (15-1, 4-0 Big East) outdided themselves against the Hoyas (10-7, 1-3), converting 35-of-38 free throws on their way to a chippy 79-64 victory.

Those 35-made foul shots — the third-most in program history — came courtesy of 26 Hoyas fouls, 16 of which came in the first half. Georgetown junior forward Andrea White fouled out with just over a minute left in the second half. Senior center Vanessa Moore was issued her first technical for elbowing Irish sophomore guard Madison Cable in the mouth and had to leave the game when she was given a second for comments made during a tussle with Irish junior forward Natalie Achonwa.

Achonwa herself also fouled out with almost two minutes left in the second half, but not before registering a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Georgetown coach Keith Brown said he thought the referees issued technical fouls that would not be called in a men’s game.

“I think that we have to get to the point in the girls game that they are in the boys game, where the referee talks to the players before you quickly ‘T’-them up,” Brown said. “Emotions are high. Things that are said in the women’s game, if it was said in the boy’s game, wouldn’t be a technical foul.”

Irish coach Muffet McGraw joked about her team’s composition despite the rough play.

“We were on our best behavior,” McGraw said. “Our emotions were under control today.”

The Irish held Georgetown senior guard Sugar Rodgers, the nation’s top scorer, to just 14 points on the night.

“I’m really pleased with our defense on Sugar,” McGraw said. “She’s a great player, obviously. [Freshman guard] Jewell Loyd did an outstanding job covering her. She covered her the majority of the minutes, held her to a season-low, and she scored one or two when Jewell went out. So I’m really, really happy with the defense on her.”

The Irish jumped out to a 35-11 lead in the early minutes of the game, but the Hoyas went on a 26-7 run to cut the lead to 41-38 at the end of the first half.

The Hoyas went 16-of-16 from the foul line from a 12-point deficit in the second half to take a 63-61 lead with 2:30 left to play.

But Red Storm sophomore guard D’Angelo Harrison drilled a three-pointer from NBA range to give St. John’s a 64-63 lead that held up until the winning moments of the game. With 22 seconds remaining, the Irish had a chance to win, but Harrison blocked a layup attempt from Irish senior forward Tom Knight and the Red Storm pounced on the loose ball and held on for the upset victory.

The Red Storm, who entered Tuesday leading the nation in blocks, had nine blocks in total.

Irish junior guard Eric Atkins poured in a season-high 21 points and added four assists and six steals to propel the Notre Dame attack.

Senior center Vanessa Moore was issued her first technical foul for her actions in the loss, but she still managed to add four assists and six steals to the mix.

Irish junior forward Natalie Achonwa looks to pass during Notre Dame's 67-63 loss at Madison Square Garden on Tuesday night.

Irish freshman forward Cameron Birdach led the Irish in blocks with nine.

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Squad ends road trip with loss

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

No. 5 Notre Dame will be more than happy to return to campus this week, as its trip with loss

To the Falcons (7-10-5, 4-7-3-1 CCHA) was just the latest in the team’s road blues, as the Irish (15-7-0, 11-3-0-0) lost 4-1 at No. 1 Minnesota on Jan. 8 before splitting a weekend series against Michigan State. Scoring, or a lack thereof, was much of the issue for the team over the four-game trip, as Notre Dame scored just five times in that span.

“We’ve had some injuries that have forced us to shuffle our lines, and that ruins any chemistry that we’ve had,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

The Irish had a chance to win, but until then we have to work on rushing the zone, and hopefully getting some of that chemistry back.”

Tynesian’s game looked to be different early on, as junior winger Brian Rust tipped home a shot from junior center T.J. Tynan — his sixth goal of the year — to give the Irish a quick lead. But Bowling Green fired right back in the second, getting two quick goals to put the Irish out of the game.

The Falcons pushed the lead to 3-1 in the third period, but the Irish didn’t stop fighting. With just over three minutes remaining, Tynan created another goal on the power play to cut the lead to one. But the Irish surrendered a five-on-five goal seconds later, which put the game out of reach and cemented the win for Bowling Green.

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“At wasn’t a good goal,” Jackson said. “That was a big momentum goal, because we had just cut it to a one-goal game to get some of that momentum back. That goal