History made every minute

By MEGAN DOYLE
Managing Editor

WASHINGTON — I remember visiting Washington for the first time as a little girl, starting in awe at the towering white monuments and walking until my feet could fall off, only to rest with my family under the idyllic cherry blossoms near the Potomac. I returned to Washington, D.C., this weekend not as a tourist but as a student journalist, reporting on the 57th presidential inauguration for The Observer with Multimedia Editor Sarah O’Connor. If you missed the ceremonies, follow my play-by-play below:

7:07 a.m. The first snooze on my alarm goes off, and we drag ourselves out of bed to get ready for the day. I’m not a morning person, but today, adrenaline and coffee are flowing to wake me up.

8:05 a.m. Sarah and I leave our hotel at L’Enfant Plaza and split up when we get to the National Mall. My ticket is in the red section, hers in the orange.

8:37 a.m. As I’m snaking through the impossible security lines, I see a little girl, tied to her mom with a leash, who is jumping up and down. She’s saying, “I’m going to see Obama!”

9:49 a.m. After bonding hardcore with all the other people in my security line (seriously, they’ll all be invited to my wedding someday), I’m finally through the metal detectors and security line.

10:15 a.m. I’ve made it to my seat in Section 16 of the red
Today’s Staff

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Walsh Hall
“Tribal Rain Dance.”

Elisabeth O’Toole
Sophomore
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“The Wobble.”

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“Riding the Pony.”

Kevin Balhoff
Sophomore
O’Neill Hall
“Roll the Dice.”

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Ryan Hall
“Belly Dance.”

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Senior
Off campus
“Stop the traffic. Let them through.”

Phillip Phillips performs at Legends of Notre Dame on Saturday night. The concert included guitar duets between Phillips and his lead guitarist. Phillips recently won the 11th season of “American Idol,” joining the ranks of previous winners Kelly Clarkson, Carrie Underwood and Jordan Sparks.
Campus community stands by Te’o

By ANDREW OWENS
Assistant Managing Editor

Long Tran remembers his freshman and sophomore years when his roommate would lend him life advice, introduce him to other people and decompress with video games after a long day. His Dillon Hall roommate was Manti Te’o, the former Irish linebacker who became the subject of controversy and speculation less than a week ago when it was revealed his deceased girlfriend, Lennay Kekua, in fact did not exist.
Tran, a senior, said he wholeheartedly believes Te’o’s side of the story, which was revealed early Saturday morning in an interview with ESPN’s Jeremy Schaap.
“I do not think he had any part in this,” Tran said. “I believe he was tricked and taken advantage of and I fully believe in him.”

“Whatever happens, whatever people may say, he is still a source of inspiration to me, my roommate and forever my friend.”

Tran said he was upset with some of the speculation and rumors he heard from people on campus immediately after the report was published.

“I totally think it’s unfair the way campus [reacted],” he said. “If anyone ever met Manti or talked to him, they would know what kind of person he is and what he stood for. They would know … that he is innocent.”

Support for Te’o hardly ends with Tran in Dillon Hall. Dorm rector Fr. Paul Doyle told The Observer in an interview Thursday — prior to the linebacker’s first public comments after news of the hoax broke — that he fully trusts Te’o’s character.

“I don’t have time to read all the stuff that’s been written about this,” Doyle said. “The only thing I can say is I always found him to be a very honest and trustworthy person. I don’t think I misjudged him. [Jack Swarbrick] chooses to believe Manti. “I have zero reason to doubt Manti Te’o.”

Notre Dame graphic design professor Anne Berry taught Te’o in a course last semester and said she cannot envision him concocting this hoax.

“If he says he was duped, I have no reason not to believe him,” she said. “We live in a culture where we treat a person like a king or queen one day and a villain the next, before we know what the full facts of a given situation are. That in and of itself is unfortunate.”

Berry said Te’o was a hard-working student in her class and that he always treated classmates with “respect, generosity and warmhearted affection.”

“He is generous and the reality of his rising stardom couldn’t be completely denied, however, within the context of the classroom he was simply another design student,” she said. “Not once did he ever imply that he deserved special treatment or consideration, and he took his share of critical feedback just like everyone else, without complaint.”

Berry said she and Te’o spoke in general terms after it appeared both Te’o’s grandmother and Kekua had died in September, although he never specifically mentioned Kekua in their conversations.

“It was clear, however, that she and his grandmother were in his thoughts which came through via a few of the design assignments he completed for my class,” Berry said.

During the fall, Te’o sent a letter of support to the family of Bridget Smith, a 12-year-old girl who died in October. Her parents, Brian and Louise Smith, released a statement to The Observer in support of Te’o and stood behind the linebacker despite learning that Kekua never existed.

“Manti Te’o sent us a beautiful email that we received on October 5, 2012, the day our daughter Bridget passed away after a three-year battle with a brain tumor. In that message, Manti expressed his condolences, prayers and support, and relayed those thoughts in the context of the recent loss of his grandmother and girlfriend. His message was genuine and poignant in every way.

“Manti’s interactions with us were always compassionate, humble and expressed concern for our well-being and privacy. The events of the past couple of days have been very surreal, but we continue to support and believe in this generous young man with a huge heart. He helped us to get through the most difficult days of our lives, and for that, we are very grateful. Manti remains in our hearts and prayers.”

Talk show host Katie Couric will sit down with Te’o and his parents this week in their first on-camera interview since the controversy emerged. The interview will be aired on Couric’s syndicated show at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Several reports suggest that Ronahia Tuiassopo, the supposed mastermind of the hoax, will end his silence this week.

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Former USCCB official discusses sexual abuse

By JOHN CAMERON
News Editor

After more than two decades of media scrutiny on the issue of child sexual abuse in the Catholic Church, Dr. Kathleen McChesney, former head of the Office of Child Protection at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, provided an assessment of the Church’s progress in a lecture Monday night.

The talk, entitled “Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church: Where are We Now?,” was part of the Provost’s Distinguished Women’s Lecture series. McChesney offered an overview of the history of abuse in the Church, the Church’s responses and possible remedies going forward.

McChesney stressed the involvement of clergy in abuse is reprehensible, the sexual abuse of minors is a major societal issue in the United States.

“This is not just a Catholic problem. Sexual abuse of children occurs in youth serving organizations, it occurs in public schools ... it occurs in other faiths, other denominations,” she said. “Most important, child sex abuse occurs most often within families.”

Sexual abuse is grossly underreported, she said, with one in four women and one in six men having suffered attempted or actual abuse by adulthood.

The reluctance to report the abuse leaves the true number of incidents within the Church difficult to pin down. Church investigations have found at least 15,000 allegations with some merit between 1950 and 2011 including a secondary John Jay college study on possible sexual misconduct ranging from attempted fondling to forced sexual intercourse, McChesney said. Most of the crimes occurred between 1960 and 1984, and victims were primarily boys between the ages of 11 and 14.

The number of reports of abuse deemed to have some merit between 1950 and 2011 identify approximately 6,000 clergy members as being involved, representing between four and five percent of clergy members over that period, she said.

The response of Church leaders in the early years was largely limited to three options. Firstly, many would attempt to settle the cases with families in some fashion, not necessarily involving the courts, she said. Many reported perpetrators were also sent to undergo treatment.

The third measure, often criticized by the public, was to move the accused clergy member.

“After the offender came back from treatment, they would offer transfer him, which might have made some sense at the time, but ultimately they would put them back in the same environment,” she said.

One of the first substantial efforts was made by the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1992, when McChesney said leaders initiated educational programs, brought in lay professionals on staff and extended screening processes.

The major breakthrough came in 2002 with the release of a series of articles by The Boston Globe criticizing the procedure of “settle, treat and transfer,” used in hundreds of cases.

The Church soon released a “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People,” which was in large part later made canon law. Since then, the Church has spent $169 million on prevention efforts, including a secondary John Jay College study on possible causes.

“The study did not find any particular psychological, neuroses or any particular behavior characteristics that you could apply across the board.”

McChesney pointed to a few possible avenues for improvement.

“Moving forward, there’s lots more research into prevention methods and what’s working,” she said. “If you do more research in this area you can contribute not only to the Church but for society in general.”

McChesney also emphasized the need for continued outreach to victims and their families in an effort to help repair the damage done to the faith lives of those affected.

Ultimately, she said these efforts were crucial because of the importance of children to the Church and society.

“All this matters because children are a gift, God’s gift to all of us ... If we don’t, as adults, do everything we can to protect them ... then shame on us. We’ve ruined that gift.”

McChesney said.

Dr. Kathleen McChesney, former head of the Office of Child Protection at the USCCB, gives a lecture called “Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church: Where Are We Now?” on Monday evening.

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Panel celebrates first-generation students

By KAITLYN RABACH News Writer

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, members of the Saint Mary’s community gathered together to host a panel remembering Dr. King’s message of fostering an inclusive community titled “First Generation College Students.”

“We are doing this in honor of Dr. King and his message to include everybody,” Tamara Taylor, assistant director of Student Involvement and Multicultural Affairs, said. “I am a first-generation college student and during my time in school I often felt excluded and forgotten. It is important to recognize the different struggles individuals are going through on campus.”

In addition to Taylor, the panel also included other faculty members, all of who consider themselves first-generation college students.

Topics varied from financial aid, parental support, to mentorship advice and campus involvement, but each panelist offered her own experience.

“My dad eventually went to college after he served in World War II and had access to the GI Bill,” Jan Pilarski, a professor in the Justice Education Program, said. “His college experience was not typical and he could not offer me much advice in terms of my education. He pushed for me to be a doctor and it became a struggle for both me and him when I decided to step off that path.”

This theme of dealing with friends and family after starting the college experience was expressed by more than one panelist.

Bettina Spencer, a professor from the psychology department, also alluded to how different her home in Detroit felt compared to the university. “It was a struggle,” Spencer said. “In fact, it still is a struggle. I went to college and sometimes felt as though I didn’t fit in there, and then I would come home and realize I no longer fully fit in there either. I had to redo my boundaries with certain family members.”

Being a first-generation college student is hard enough, but Stacy Davis, a professor in the religious studies and gender and women’s studies departments, said being a scholarship student added to the difficulties.

“It is a very scary thing to be a scholarship student at a school with a lot of money,” Davis said. “Academics at the college level are a whole different world. I was the only non-white student out of 60 students in the honors program and everyday was a struggle. This idea of mentorship and involvement were the two key points each panelist pinpointed as a turning point in their college careers.”

“I had two very good mentors,” Davis said. “They both taught me that if you are not having fun then the major isn’t right for you.”

Each panelist attributed her time as being a first-generation college student to a unique perspective she can now bring to the table in her job.

“After a difficult moment in one of my classes during my undergrad, I had to ask myself the question, ‘Is this threat or a challenge?’ I decided it was a challenge and from then on I have come across difficult situations I ask myself the same question,” Spencer said.

The panelists agreed it was these difficult moments of overcoming obstacles they learned to appreciate their undergraduates degree.

“My advice to offer you is to circle the graduation date,” Davis said. “Keep that date right in front of your face. Once you cross that finish line it is well worth it. Out of all the degrees hanging on my wall I am most proud of my undergraduate one.”

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of the national conversation during the election. Eighteen more states—Maryland, Washington and Maine—voted on referendums to legalize gay marriage in November, and Minnesota voters rejected a constitutional ban on gay marriage.

“Our journey is not complete until we find a better way to welcome the striving, hopeful immigrants who still see America as a land of opportunity, until bright young students and engineers are enlisted in our workforce rather than expelled from our country.”

Even as the president spoke strongly on these issues, the approximately 18-minute address constantly returned to the phrase “We the people.” This idea of unity, of working together, will be a critical component to Obama’s successes— and failures—in the next four years. And beneath the hopeful speechwriting, his words spoke to a national de- sire to move forward as one. “You’re our brothers and sisters. We are...
The Butler Way

With ESPN’s “College GameDay” in Hinkle Fieldhouse for a primetime matchup between No. 8 Gonzaga and No. 13 Butler on Saturday night, the Bulldogs (the Butler variety) didn’t disappoint. Sophomore forward Roosevelt Jones drained a floater as time expired to quiet the Zags.

But this was more than a pandemicium-producing, buzzer-beating victory. It was a testament to The Butler Way.

Think about the top programs in college basketball. Not historically, but in the past few years. Kentucky, Syracuse, Ohio State, Duke, North Carolina and Kansas come to mind. These schools have finished in the top five and garnered top seeds in the NCAA tournament.

But Butler has been just as efficient and proficient since head coach Brad Stevens took over the leash of the ‘Dogs prior to the 2007-08 season. Since then, Butler has gone 30-4, 26-6, 28-10 and 22-15 in the last five seasons. And the Bulldogs are off to a sparkling 16-2 mark this year.

What is The Butler Way? What makes this private university of 4,034 students so unexpectedly good at basketball?

Well, forget about one-and-dones typical of schools like Kentucky. Forget about the high-profile recruits of Duke and North Carolina. The Bulldogs subscribe to intelligent play by veteran leaders who have been in the Stevens system for years.

For instance, senior guard Rotnei Clarke leads Butler in scoring, averaging 16.3 points per game. Another senior, center Andrew Smith, is second in scoring at 11.7 points a night. And back during the championship appearances of 2010 and 2011, it was players like Matt Howard, Shelvin Mack and Ronald Nored, plus the exceptional Gordon Hayward, who uncharacteristically left Butler for the NBA after his storied sophomore season.

These Bulldogs have won with tight defense, a slow pace, efficient shot-making and a penchant for making big plays in crunch time. It’s something for Butler coach Brad Stevens to yawn at nowadays; he’s accustomed to these wins.

As for Stevens, need we say more than call him one of the elite coaches in college basketball. Stevens is a cool 155-42 in his time at Butler. Oh, and the guy is 36. Butler has had more than its fair share of wins in games it probably had no business winning. But that’s exactly The Butler Way. And it all stems from a coach who is as even-keeled as they get.

When Jones hit the shot to beat Gonzaga, Stevens didn’t flinch. He immediately started walking to Zags coach Mark Few to commence the post-game handshake.

The Butler way. And it all stems from a coach who is as even-keeled as they get.

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Have a green semester

The GreenMan

Ask the GreenMan

To my bundled-up, shivering, teeth-chattering Domeers,

With the flu hitting full force, tissues have become a hot commodity — a way to make friends with that someone who caught your attention on the first day of class that will make a 9:30 a.m. Principles of Macro more bearable . . . Anyway, thinking about tissues got me thinking about one of my other favorite topics: Paper! And what better time to preach about paper consumption than at the beginning of the semester?

Here are a few surprising facts for you: In the U.S., we use over 70 million tons of paper and paperboard each year. That’s about 500 pounds of paper per year for each of us. 500 pounds, friends. While this number has been declining, the U.S. still uses about five times the world’s average. Shucks.

Luckily, I had the foresight that you all would be upset about this, so below I’ve included some handy tips and advice. First, do you really need that many paper towels? No. One is really enough. Maybe if you have super big hands, go for another, but I think you can get away with one. Also, NOT EVERY FINGER NEEDS A SEPARATE NAPKIN. Sorry, but I’ve watched too many of you go napkin crazy. Second, avoid printing out lengthy readings and course packets. Annotating in PDF is pretty handy and it gives you a reason to have your computer open in class. Plus, if you doze off accidentally and get called on unexpectedly, the “find” feature is really convenient. Third, Grab ‘n Go bag usage. If you don’t want to buy a reusable bag, fine, just throw your old bag in your backpack when you’re done and whip it out the next time — whip it good.

Fourth, this sounds parental I realize, but just try to stay organized. Why bother printing out syllabi and confirmation emails if you’re only going to lose them the next day?

There are a dozen other little things I’m sure you can come up with yourselves, but I wanted to get you thinking at least.

Here’s to a fantastic (and green) semester for each and every one of you!

Email your predicaments to The GreenMan at askthegreenman@gmail.com and let him answer you with a sustainable twist. The GreenMan will be here every other week to provide you with insights you never knew you were missing out on until now.

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Heroes make the world go around. They give us inspiration and a reason to become better, to overcome obstacles. However, even in movies and books, heroes are human too, prone to the same flaws.

Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te’o finally opened up about the hoax played on him, leading him to believe he had an online girlfriend who later died from leukemia. He found out later, devastated, that she never existed. Like most of us, he didn’t want to stand on a mountaintop and shout out the embarrassment.

The good news is, he spilled the beans in an off-camera interview with Jeremy Schaap of ESPN. Manti said he did not concoct this hoax and when he found out he was duped, he felt so awkward that he told others he met the fictional Lennay Kekua in person. As he said to ESPN: “I knew that — I even knew that it was crazy that I was with somebody that I didn’t meet, and that alone people find out that this girl who died I was so invested in, and I didn’t meet her as well. … So I kind of tailored my stories to have people think that, yeah, he met her before she passed away so people wouldn’t think I was some crazy dude.”

His humanity has shined through, and unfortunately in a very public way. So now that we’ve seen his human side in a big way, let’s remember why he became a hero in the first place:

As a young sophomore he gets the most tackles in a game for the Irish in four years. Junior year he becomes one of 10 players in Notre Dame history to achieve 300 career tackles. Senior year, the tackling keeps up but he also nab seven interceptions, the most by any Football Bowl Subdivision linebacker in more than a decade.

Now let’s get in the red zone with Stanford. The Cardinals are down 20-13 in overtime and so close to the end zone they can smell it. Not only did Manti and the Irish defenders hold them back, it was their 16th straight quarter without letting the opposition score.

Onto the South, in the rain-drenched game against Oklahoma: A ball is loose from the Sooner offense, it looks like it’s going to hit the ground, then out of nowhere comes the prodigy from Hawaii with a diving interception, locking in Notre Dame’s victory.

When we see the hero’s humanity — the barriers they are overcoming both internally and externally — their heroism becomes that much more impressive.

Before this whole debacle, when Chicago television news anchor Kate Sullivan asked Manti about his future plans, without a pause he said: “giving back.” He said of course he wanted to go to the NFL and make money, but he would use money to help kids. He recalled a young girl he met while volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club who could do cartwheels. He was so impressed with her he said she should go into gymnastics. He explained her parents couldn’t afford to send her to gymnastics.

“Money should never be a reason why a child can’t live a dream,” Manti said. “And if I can have any hand in that, to help some kid live their dream, that’s what I want to do.”

If there is anyone out there who made no mistakes when they were 21-years-old, then either you haven’t turned 21 yet, or your memory must be failing you.

Matthew Glowicki
Indiana Daily Student

Newsflash: Manti Te’o is still a hero

Support student hockey season

To the Athletic Department:
We love Notre Dame hockey, but, during the first semester, we did not make many games due to football season, basketball games, one of us being an RA and class projects towards the end of the semester. As spring semester began, we were excited to attend the game on Jan. 18.

Our group arrived 45 minutes before game time and sat in our usual seats, the first row of section 104 (the student section balcony). Ten minutes before game time, we were informed that these seats, and all seats in the upper student section, were sold to the public. We moved downstairs to the already full lower student section, parts of which were also sold. Since the section was full, some helpful ushers relocated us and other students to standing exactly opposite of the student section. The ushers explained that the student section was not always full for games first semester. As described earlier, it is difficult for students to attend games first semester.

Football takes a lot of time out of students’ weekends, and the great season made us more invested. The end of the semester is also a busy time in the classroom. It seems safe to assume more students will come to games now.

It is ridiculous that you sell seats in the student section, and thus limit the seats of the students who did come (many of whom actually purchased season tickets). And worse, you called it student appreciation night! We certainly did not feel appreciated.

This offense is combined with the recent $20 service fee for the BCS ticket lottery. What could you possibly use the approximately $2 million of fees for? The lottery was computerized! (If you need, we have Computer Science friends who would love to design a better system for you for only $1 million.)

We will continue to support Notre Dame athletics due to our love for this University and the teams, but the recent treatment of fans and the heart of the University, the students, for the sake of money has made it difficult to do so.

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Jan. 21

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We the people, said President Barack Obama, more than ever, must work together as one nation, as one people.

Evoking the Declaration of Independence, Obama called for the pursuit of the document’s ideals through collective action and cooperation.

In his second inaugural address, Obama addressed the crowd of more than 800,000. He faced the challenge of addressing his people, four years after his first inaugural speech revealed many aspirations that remained unfulfilled.

“Faith in America’s future” was the theme of today’s inauguration.

The theme of faith ran through the ceremony — faith in the country and its future prosperity, faith in each other to work together, and faith, ultimately, in Obama.

He addressed the deficit, saying difficult choices must be made to reduce it, as well as healthcare spending, but caution will remain.

“…we reject the belief that America must choose between caring for the generation that built this country and investing in the generation that will build its future,” he said.

He emphasized equality throughout the speech.

Equal pay for women, full legal rights and benefits for homosexuals and non discrimination against the down trodden and poor.

“We, the people, declare today that the most evident of truths — that all of us are created equal — is the star that guides us still; just as it guided our forebears through Seneca Falls, and Selma, and Stonewall; just as it guided all those men and women, sung and unsung, who left footprints along this great Mall, to hear a preacher say that we cannot walk alone.”

He stressed the need to preserve the earth and combat Climate change.

He asserted the United States’ role as leader of the world, maintained not through war but, “through strength of arms and rule of law.”

Obama also addressed immigration, a topic largely tabled in his first administration, saying it’s time to re form the process.

He closed with a charge to the public and to himself.

“With common effort and common purpose, with passion and dedication, let us answer the call of history, and carry into an uncertain future that precious light of freedom.”

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By COURTNEY COX
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Lena Dunham, the 26-year-old, writer, director and star of the HBO series “Girls” graduated from college five years ago. When an interviewer asks “Where do you see yourself in five years,” do you really believe in the answer you’re giving or do you just want to seem like an ambitious go-getter?

If Lena Dunham answered that question by saying she would be a four-time Emmy nominee and two-time Golden Globe winner, it’s likely that I would’ve rolled my eyes and thought, “Yeah … okay,” while politely wishing her well.

And yet that’s exactly what Dunham has done. She is one of the most accomplished women of her age, and she got that way by giving a voice to a generation of twenty-somethings who haven’t figured out their career path (let alone made any progress along that path).

Dunham stars as the aloof Hannah Horvath. She wants to become a writer, but spends most of her time working unpaid internships at publishing houses or working in coffee shops.

She fails miserably at finding even a reasonably respectable boyfriend, and instead falls for her incredibly bizarre hookup buddy Adam. It’s hard to sympathize with Hannah at times because she makes so many self-inflicted mistakes and invests too much energy into people who don’t necessarily care about her well-being.

She does, however, have a constant group of girl friends who are there to either set her straight or support her, despite her misguided attempts at finding fulfillment.

Marnie is Hannah’s friend from college who lived with her in a tiny-ish apartment. She’s the only one of the group who actually has a job — until the beginning of the second season, when her perfect life starts to fall apart. It’s just an example of how even the most polished can lose their luster after years of doing everything right.

Jessa is the free spirit who blows back into town at the beginning of the first season to live with her cousin Shoshanna in an NYU apartment.

Shoshanna is the youngest of the group and undoubtedly the most neurotic character on the show. She is in love with the idea of living in New York and the fantasy of a “Sex and the City”-style life.

The relationship between these four girls is the lynchpin of the show, and yet you never get the impression that these friends only have each other. It’s much more realistic than that.

Instead of portraying their lives as self-contained, it is open to the possibility of many layered webs of relationships that intersect and diverge at different times. If you haven’t seen “Girls” yet, steal your parent’s HBO GO account information and race through the 10 episodes of the first season immediately.

The show serves as a dual reminder both of how much young people can accomplish and yet how normal it is to feel as if you’ve done nothing with the first five years after you get your degree.

It doesn’t perpetuate the idea that once you move to New York (or whatever city will serve as your post-grad playground) you’ve finally gotten it all together. It shows how messy life is, but doesn’t swallow in the fear that plagues unguided young-adults. Above all the show is funny in its uncanny ability to predict the situations in which its viewers may eventually find themselves, and chalks every awkward moment up to that never-ending “finding yourself” stage.

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By SAM STRYKER
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Lena Dunham had quite the night on Jan. 13. Not only did the second season of “Girls” premiere on HBO, but she also won Golden Globes for Best Actress and Best Television Show for the program that she writes, stars in and often directs (that’s what Charlie Sheen would refer to as #winning.)

“Girls” has often been cited as a next-generation version of “Sex and the City” in the sense it also takes a look at the professional, personal and romantic lives of four women in the Big Apple. “Girls” subtly acknowledges the influence “Sex and the City” had on the series, doing tonight, let alone after graduation. You most definitely studied abroad somewhere off the beaten path (probably somewhere like Athens or Chile, definitely not London). For you, the destination does not matter as much as the journey to get there. However, you can’t wait to graduate and get out of the Northface- and Uggs-wearing hoarde and move somewhere like Williamsburg (that’s in Brooklyn, not the colonial dress-up place).

Shoshanna Shapiro
Last but certainly not least is neurotic Shoshanna. “Girls’ resident worrywart. If you like Shoshanna, you probably drink lots of Starbuck Frappuccinos and have Lisa Frank school supplies. You listen to a lot of Taylor Swift and spend most of your time studying in the library. You talk really fast and probably carry hand sanitizer around in your backpack. Personal appearance, grades and social status matter a lot to you, but sometimes you still manage to be an awkward turtle. You talk to your parents a lot on the phone and probably major in something like marketing. A crazy night out for you would include a dance floor make out at Fever.

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WHAT YOUR FAVORITE ‘GIRLS’ CHARACTER SAYS ABOUT YOU

By SAM STRYKER
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What does your favorite “Girls” character say about you? Do you know your own “Girls” character? Take our quiz and find out.

Hannah Horvath
Portrayed by the television wonderkid Dunham, series protagonist Hannah embodies much of the angst that post-grads fear (and for those of you who are seniors, will encounter very soon). She struggles to hold down a job and has self-confidence issues, largely triggered by her body image and abnormal romantic life. If you’re a Hannah, you care greatly about what others think about you. You also are probably in the College of Arts & Letters, majoring in something like English or American Studies. Things you like to talk about: relationships, your lack of a job and the “novel” you are writing. You plan on moving to New York because that is what all young college graduates are supposed to do. Most likely, two of your best friends are named “Ben” and “Jerry.”

Marnie Michaels
Played by Yale grad Allison Williams, daughter of NBC anchor Brian Williams, Marnie is predictably a driven, type-A individual. If you’re a Marnie you are probably majoring in something practical and professional (Mendoza, hey!) and you always have your eyes on the metaphorical “prize.” You wear Lululemon and carry Smartwater in your Longchamp bag, and are potentially in a vanilla relationship with your boyfriend/girlfriend. You’re known as the friend who throws a party and you have perfected the skinny-arm tumbler around in your backpack. Personal appearance, grades and social status matter a lot to you, but sometimes you still manage to be an awkward turtle. You talk to your parents a lot on the phone and probably major in something like marketing. A crazy night out for you would include a dance floor make out at Fever.

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Jessa Johansson
Jessa is a bit of a free spirit. She treats things like relationships and her career fairly casually and is always up for a good time. I mean, this is the girl who threw a surprise wedding. If you’re a Jessa, you live in the moment and are generally creative and carefree. You’re probably a graphic design or PLS major and wear lots of interesting clothing — think feathers and lots of bracelets — that set you apart from the rest of the nerdy Notre Dame crowd. You don’t know what you are doing tonight, let alone after graduation. You most definitely studied abroad somewhere off the beaten path (probably somewhere like Athens or Chile, definitely not London). For you, the destination does not matter as much as the journey to get there. However, you can’t wait to graduate and get out of the Northface- and Uggs-wearing hoarde and move somewhere like Williamsburg (that’s in Brooklyn, not the colonial dress-up place).

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Weird! Along with Adam in season 2, and I've been guilty of being skeptical. As a casual viewer, I've gone through a roller coaster, but my neck hurts from plot-whiplash. If you would have told me that, entering the final stretch of its third season, “Workaholics” was going to come back in the new year from its mid-season hiatus with an absolutely hysterical new episode, I would have thought that the show had jumped the shark. Downton Abbey’s immunity for Matthew to teach Lord Grantham a lesson in handling money and the historical context of the Irish Revolution are all really exciting plotlines. Even the impending battle between Thomas and O’Brien seems promising. Servants acting incredibly petty and sabotaging each other is nothing new for the show, but we’ve never seen Thomas and O’Brien face off before. In one of the best scenes of the show so far, Anna and Bates read each other’s letters in their respective prisons as they were meant to be sleeping. Every “Downton” fan could feel a tear grace their cheek and the eternal call for “Free Bates” cross their lips during this touching moment in episode three.

We go into this Sunday’s episode with a little apprehension that they’ll pull more of the same old trite, a little hope that they hired a new hairstylist for the show, and the knowing feeling that none of it really matters anyway as long as Maggie Smith is still there making high level of energy, and with timely jokes to prevent the story from feeling dull in a way that I haven’t seen out of “Workaholics” in the past. The acting was really well done, especially by the supporting characters (workmates Bill, Monte, Waymon, Jet Set and their foul-mouthed boss, Alice). Each brought a level of snarky humor and convincing irritability that effectively put each character’s attitude toward the main trio into perspective.

If this episode is any foreshadowing of what’s to come, I fully expect the ending of season three to finish stronger than ever, and it should rightfully raise expectations as season three draws to a close in mid-March. This show has undeniably gotten weird, as things seemed to be a bit outlandish and outright ridiculous in this mid-season re-opener, but as “Workaholics” has proven yet again, “getting weird” is the way to go.
Watching tennis from Down Under

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With the college football season over and an extra week standing between us and the Superbowl, this coming week marks the first since September 9 without any football. (Let’s be real, the Pro Bowl is not actually football.) Thankfully for sports fans everywhere, there is something to fill that void, but only if you give it a chance.

The Australian Open Men’s Singles Final will be shown Sunday night at 7 p.m. with quarter and semifinals leading up to the finale all week on ESPN2. And before you dismiss the idea of watching tennis, read the case for the most underrated sport to watch on television.

Storylines abound in this year’s Australian Open, especially on the men’s side. Will the new member of tennis elite Andy Murray build off his first major victory at the U.S. Open to take the Australian Open? Can Roger Federer continue to add to his record 17 majors? Novak Djokovic has won the last two Australian Opens. And what about Rafael Nadal, Federer and the field for a third-consecutive title? In fact, this current era of men’s tennis stands as possibly the best ever because of the competition between Federer, Djokovic, Murray and the up-and-coming generation.

Outside of the U.S. Open in 2009, one of these four players has won every one of the Grand Slam tournaments since 2005. When healthy, each of the four has a legitimate shot at winning, which makes each Grand Slam intriguing and the quest for the No. 1 world ranking never ending.

Rooting for one of the “Big Four” or even someone more obscure is part of what makes watching tennis great. Without a legitimate contender from the U.S., American fans instead cheer for an athlete based on style or playability.

Want to see an athlete shake his underdog label once and for all? Take Murray. What about a calm, collected veteran or a flashy, young star? Choose Federer or Djokovic, respectively. How about someone always hustling, hoping to break past the Big Four? Root for Wawrinka, who has emerged from France.

But the argument for tennis has not even extended past the incredible athletes in the game. There are many aspects of tennis itself that make it entertaining to watch.

On the surface level, tennis is action-packed and fast-moving. Sure, some matches last a long time, but the match then becomes a true test of endurance and mental stamina. And from a fan’s perspective, even watching the last set or two of a marathon match is worthwhile.

Players also rarely take points off because they can’t allow their opponents to get an edge. And besides the admirably strange scoring system, tennis is fairly easy to understand.

But while it seems simple, there is also more to tennis than meets the eye, especially when it comes to strategy and tactics. Every shot a player hits is designed to set up his or her next shot. The characteristics of every serve — speed, spin and location — are aimed at gaining an advantage or catching an opponent off guard. The tools at players’ disposal include skills like baseline positioning, shot type and their net game.

After an hour or two of watching tennis with the help of the TV analysts, you can pick up on the underlying facets of the game, which only make it more entertaining.

In addition, tennis remains one of the purest sports of the modern era. Many of the frustrating aspects of other sports, like controversial refereeing or steroids, aren’t found in tennis. Line judges and the chair umpire don’t affect the game like in the NFL, and the players are often difficult calls or plays are handled easily with the replay system “Hawkeye.” Performance-enhancing drugs have never tainted the game as they have in baseball. Finally, tennis has some of the best events in all of sports. The four major tournaments are all unique, well run and always bring out the highest level of play. The three different surfaces — hard court, clay and grass — played at the different major tournaments make each event distinct and prevent a player from dominating all four majors. In addition, Wimbledon remains one of the greatest events in all sports.

So although the men’s final match won’t be coming live from “Down Under,” (you’d have to get up at 3:30 a.m.), tune in Sunday night or even earlier in this week to watch the Australian Open. You might just be surprised how much you enjoy it.

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MLB

Matheny, Cardinals remember Musial

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Mike Matheny first encountered Stan Musial about two decades ago, watching the Hall of Famer draw a harmonica out of his jacket with an impish grin and captivate yet another crowd.

Whichever way the St. Louis Cardinals decide to remember Stan the Man, whether they wear armbands or a patch on their uniforms, their manager expects his team to adhere to Musial’s work ethic. Matheny, who begins his second spring training in charge in about three weeks, believes Musial’s passing will serve as perspec- tive and motivation while reminding players that the win- dow of opportunity is short.

“I think everybody around here, young and old, gets how important Mr. Musial was and still is, how much he contributed to this organization and this commu- nity. Just everything he stood for,” Matheny said Monday at the end of the three-day Winter Warm-Up fan festival. “Whatever it’s something we physically put on our sleeve or not, I’m sure there will be something that will memorialize Mr. Musial.”

The 92-year-old Musial, a sev- entime National League bat- ting champion and three-time MVP, died on Saturday. A public visitation will be Thursday at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, with a funeral Mass on Saturday.

“I think whether you grow up in St. Louis or not, if you’re a fan of baseball you’re going to hear Stan Musial’s name re- peated,” said third baseman David Freese, who grew up sub- urban St. Louis. “He’s going to be missed, I think everybody knows that.”

“Whatever a life he lived.”

Matheny’s on-field focus has been tested beyond the an- guish of a blown 3-1 NLCS lead against the eventual World Series champion San Francisco Giants last fall. He read that “Just have the ballclub.”

“If they want to talk about it with my agent, they’re more than welcome to,” Matheny said. “I don’t respond well when I’m thinking about other stuff on the mound.”

The Cardinals have three remaining arbitration-eligi- ble players — closer Jason Motte, left-hander reliever Marc Rzepczynski and Freese. They’re closer to deals with the other two pitchers than Freese, the 2011 World Series and NL cham- pionship series MVP.

The 29-year-old Freese played his first full season last year, batting .293 with 20 homers and 79 RBIs, and is seeking $3.75 million. The Cardinals have of- fered $2.4 million.

“Publicly ‘I’m not going to get into any talks’ is talking about where we’re at,” Freese said. “It’s going to get resolved sooner or later, it kind of has to.”

“When I don’t know, but obvi- ously we’re in the process.”

Motte submitted for $5.5 mil- lion and was offered $4.5 mil- lion and Rzepczynski requested $1.3 million and was offered $900,000. Outfielder Carlos Beltran, entering the second year of a two-year, $26 million contract, wasn’t looking ahead.

“Whatever happens after this year, I don’t know,” Beltran said. “But I also have to find out what the organization’s plans are.”
Falcons upset after losing opportunity

Associated Press
FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Mike Smith walked into the room, rubbed his white hair and sat down at the podium.

His grim expression told it all. The Atlanta Falcons were still hurting.

The season ended 10 yards shy of the Super Bowl, a stunning finale for a team that seemed poised to bring home the first championship in the franchise’s 47-year history.

The Falcons had an early 17-point lead on San Francisco at home in the NFC championship game, but let it slip away. The 49ers preserved their 28-24 victory with a fourth-down stop at their own 10-yard line with just over a minute remaining.

“It’s not fun to come to work after the outcome we had because of the finality of it, knowing we’re not going on the practice field with this group of men ever again,” Smith said Monday. “But we will move on. We have to move on — quickly.”

For the Falcons, the offseason focus will likely be on upgrading the defense, figuring out a way to replace tight end Tony Gonzalez if the Hall of Famer-to-be goes elsewhere.

“Julio took a gigantic step in his maturation process along with Matt,” Smith said. “Both guys did a really nice job for us this year.”

Roddy White has another big year (92 receptions, 1,331 yards, seven touchdowns) and second-year receiver Julio Jones (79 catches, 1,186 yards, 10 TDs) earned his first trip to the Pro Bowl. Jones closed the season with 11 catches, two touchdowns and a franchise-playoff-record 182 yards receiving against the 49ers.

“Julio took a gigantic step in his maturation process along with Matt,” Smith said. “Both guys did a really nice job for us this year.”

But, in all likelihood, Ryan won’t have his favorite receiver next season. The 36-year-old Gonzalez had an age-defying season (team-leading 93 receptions, 930 yards, eight TDs) but said all along this would likely be his final season. He sounded even more sure about retirement after the loss to San Francisco, referring to his 16-year career in the past tense.

“That’s probably going to be the last time I wear that uniform, or football pads and cleats,” Gonzalez said. “I didn’t want to take it off, to tell you the truth. But all good things come to an end.”

Smith is holding out hope that Gonzalez will reconsider, but down’s not plan to sit down with the tight end until the sting of the NFC championship loss wears off a bit. If he goes through with retirement, the Falcons will have a big hole to fill in their offense.

A couple of other key spots could be open, as well. Left tackle Sam Baker, a former first-round pick who made tremendous strides this season, is a potential unrestricted free agent. Turners has another year left on his deal, but his production tailed off dramatically as the Falcons put less reliance on the running game and gave more carries to backup Jacquizz Rodgers.

Turner is due to make $5.5 million next year, but the Falcons could free up $3 million in cap space if they let him go — which seems likely after he rushed for a career-low 3.6 yards per carry. Rodgers showed flashes of promise, but he’s just 5-foot-6 and unlikely to take on the primary role in the running game.

The biggest moves of the offseason will likely come on the defensive side. Despite a multi-dimensional scheme installed by new coordinator Mike Nolan, the Falcons ranked 24th in yards allowed and struggled to shut down Seattle and San Francisco in the playoffs. Atlanta squandered a 20-point lead in the fourth quarter to the Seahawks, before rallying to win, and the Niners pulled off the biggest comeback in NFC championship game history.

Abraham led the team with 10 sacks; no one else had more than four. The Falcons could focus on defensive ends in free agency and the draft, or they could shift to a 3-4 scheme in which the outside linebackers get more of the rushing duties.

The biggest potential free agent on the defensive side is safety William Moore, who combined with Thomas DeCoud to give Atlanta a stout duo at the back end of the defense.

The Falcons cleared a major hurdle by winning a playoff game, their first postseason victory since Ryan, Smith and Dimitrov joined the team in 2008. But clearly, they are aiming higher.

“The next time when we get the chance,” linebacker Sean Weatherspoon said, “we’ve got to seize the moment.”

The observer
Falcons coach Mike Smith speaks during a press conference in Flowery Branch, Ga. on Monday. The 49ers defeated the Falcons 28-24 in the NFC Championship game on Sunday.
Syracuse takes narrow win over Cincinnati

Associated Press
SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Cincinnati's Cashmere Wright searched for one last opening, a victory over No. 3 Syracuse within his grasp.

But when his long shot from straight on with 2.9 seconds left bounced off the rim and away, the Orange escaped with a 57-55 victory over No. 21 Cincinnati on Monday.

"I love his confidence, but I would rather have thrown the ball in the high post in that scenario," Cincinnati coach Mick Cronin said.

"It looked great," added Sean Kilpatrick, who led Cincinnati with 21 points. "It just rolled right in and out. We needed him to take the shots he took. Great shooters aren't going to always make every shot."

C.J. Fair was credited with the tipped, go-ahead basket with 19.4 seconds left as the Orange rallied from seven points down with just over 5 minutes to play. Syracuse had tied it at 55 on Michael Carter-Williams' 3-pointer from the top of the key with 80 seconds remaining, and Fair's tip came after Jerami Grant drove the lane and missed against 6-foot-10 Cheikh Mbodj.

"They got a tip-in that we didn't expect them to get," said Kilpatrick, who finished 6 of 15 from 3-point range. "That's what's going to happen when two teams are competing like that at such a high level and everyone is going after the same rebound. We hit it at the same time, and it just rolled right in."

The Orange outscored the Bears 13-4 in the final minutes as Fair and Brandon Triche each finished with 13 points. JaQuon Parker had 11 points and six rebounds for Cincinnati, which outrebounded Syracuse 38-38, 16-7 on the offensive glass.

Wright, who sprained his right knee Tuesday in a win over DePaul and did not play in Cincinnati's overtime victory against Marquette on Saturday, finished with five points on 2-for-13 shooting. He was 1 of 8 on 3s.

"You've got to give their kids credit," Cronin said. "They never quit. They kept playing. They got the stops down the stretch and we weren't able to get the defensive stops that they were able to get. That's really what it boiled down to."

Syracuse (18-1, 6-0 Big East) was coming off a 70-68 win at then-No. 1 Louisville on Saturday. The Orange, tied for third in the rankings with Kansas, are the only Big East team with an unblemished conference record.

Syracuse is 28-1 in regular-season play in the Big East in the past two years, that lone loss coming at Notre Dame exactly one year ago Monday.

The Bearcats (16-4, 4-3) had won three straight. They lost on the road for the first time in eight games, and two of their other setbacks this season were by one point.

"At the end of the day, we've got to make sure it makes us better. That's the key," Cronin said. "You've got to make sure it makes you better and makes you tougher."

Carter-Williams had 16 points and seven assists and Grant had five points and seven rebounds for the Orange.

Cincinnati played the shot-clock game with its deliberate half-court approach and kept the game close despite a poor shooting performance in the opening half.

Trailing by just a basket at the break, the Bearcats started the second with a 12-2 spurt keyed by consecutive 3-pointers from Parker when he was left unguarded in the right corner.

A high-arching 3 by Kilpatrick was the fourth make in five tries from long range for the Bearcats and gave them a 36-29 lead with 13:46 left.

Unfazed, the Bearcats kept charging, and Kilpatrick's last 3-pointer of the game and a layup by Mbodj completed an 11-4 spurt that gave them a 49-42 lead with 5:44 left.

Triche, whose 23 points helped boost Syracuse at Louisville, then hit two straight jumpers and fed Grant for a slam dunk to draw the Orange within 54-50 with 3:17 left.

Miami coaches face violation consequences

Associated Press
CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Two Miami assistant coaches have been told they will be charged with "unethical conduct" when the NCAA presents the Hurricanes' athletic department with its notice of allegations, said two people familiar with the situation.

The people spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because neither the NCAA or Miami have announced the contents of the long-awaited letter, which the Hurricanes may receive at any time. The people say the coaches will be cited for violating NCAA bylaw 10.1, a broad rule that covers conduct and cooperating with investigations. One of the coaches has been told to expect arrival of an actual copy of the allegations on Tuesday, one person told the AP.

Parties who are named in the notice of allegations are entitled to a copy, though it is unclear if all will receive the letter simultaneously to its delivery at Miami. It's unknown how many current and former coaches and staff members will be charged with wrongdoing.

The NCAA does not comment on ongoing investigations. Miami officials have said throughout the investigation, which started in 2011, that the school is cooperating with the NCAA and will decline extensive public comment out of respect to that process.

The people told the AP that Miami still has not seen a final version of the notice of allegations, the arrival of which will essentially bring just the first chapter of this Miami-NCAA saga to a close. Several people involved with the process have either reviewed draft documents or been advised of their upcoming mentions in telephone calls with investigators. Most of those calls took place last week.

Another individual who was interviewed during the joint inquiry told the AP that the NCAA has not been in contact since. That suggests not everyone who at one time was thought to be under investigation will not actually be mentioned in the notice of allegations.

Earlier this month, Miami coach Al Golden said he did not expect the university to be surprised by the NCAA's findings.

Several people involved in the investigation said Miami has had representation at many interviews with the NCAA conducted with persons it found to be of interest.

The CBSSports.com report published Monday said that the NCAA could not prove former booster and convicted Ponzi scheme architect Nevin Shapiro's claim that Haiti or a member of his Miami staff paid $10,000 to the family of former Hurricanes' player DeQuan Jones. Shapiro has said that he provided that money.

Jones was suspended by Miami last season after Shapiro's claims were published in August 2011 by Yahoo Sports, then ultimately allowed to return to the team.

CBSSports.com also said Haiti will face the "unethical conduct" charge because of inconsistencies the NCAA found in his account of Jones' recruitment. CBSSports.com also said Haiti will be charged with "failure to promote an atmosphere of compliance" because relatives of two players were given impermissible athletic aid.

One of those players, former senior Reggie Johnson, was suspended for a game last season after Miami and the NCAA found members of his family accepted what they called "impermissible travel benefits." And guard Durand Scott, the Hurricanes' leading scorer, was for the end of last season and the start of this season after he was also found to have gotten unspecified extra benefits.

Whenever the actual letter arrives, Miami's receipt of the notice of allegations will usher in the start of the sanctions phase.

And that could take months — meaning actual penalties may not be handed down until this summer, or later.

Typically, schools and individuals named in the notice of allegations have 90 days to file a response to the NCAA findings, all of which would be reviewed by the committee on infractions — which operates separately from the NCAA's investigative arm.

Some of the sanctions have already gone into effect, since they were self-imposed. Miami's football team has missed three post-season games — two bowl games and what would have been an appearance in this season's Atlantic Coast Conference championship game — in response to the investigation, and Golden is holding back a number of scholarships from the 2013 roster as well.
NBA

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joe Johnson and the Nets left Madison Square Garden for the last time this regular season, even with the Knicks in the series and right behind them in the standings. West One of a new rivalry for Brooklyn and New York is over — barring a postseason match-up — and Johnson thinks it lived up to expectations.

"You’ve got two teams in New York. They want to be the top dogs. We want to be the top dogs. It’s a battle. We split. We’ll see what happens next," he said.

Johnson made the go-ahead jumper with 22 seconds left and scored 25 points, leading the Nets to an 88-85 victory over the Knicks on Monday and a split of the four games between the city rivals.

Deron Williams added 14 points and 13 boards, and the Nets spent most of the last month wiping away rivalries.

"Big game tonight! The Garden got really quiet on the way into the wire," Humphries posted on Twitter.

Carmelo Anthony had 29 points and seven assists for the Knicks, but missed all six shots in the fourth quarter and finished 11 of 29 for the game.

It’s over. We don’t see them anymore, but it is the beginning of something that’s going to be here for a long, long time." Anthony said. "These games that we play against Brooklyn are definitely going to be tough, hard battles and as a Knick, we definitely look forward to that challenge and look forward to playing them four times.

There’s still the hope of a play-off battle in the spring, both teams well positioned to reach the postseason.

"I think it’s a good rivalry right now. It’s a very good rivalry. It’s got the potential to be even better," Nets interim coach P.J. Carlesimo said. "That’s with a lot of friendships among the players and the coaching staffs.

It’s really good for New York basketball.

The Nets survived a pair of lengthy droughts in the second half but got 10 points in the final period from Johnson, who used to play for Knicks coach Mike Woodson in Atlanta and has become the player Brooklyn turns to for big shots in the clutch.

Anthony had his 26th straight 20-point game, tied with Stoudemire for third-longest streak in franchise history, but the Nets were sluggish early in their first game since playing in London on Thursday and lost for the third straight time on Martin Luther King Day.

The Knicks led by three before consecutive 3-pointers by Cl Watson and Johnson gave Brooklyn a 78-75 lead. Smith scored, but then Johnson made another 3 and a jumper to extend the lead to 83-77 with 5:38 remaining before the Nets went cold again.

New York shot Brooklyn out over the next 5 minutes while scoring seven in a row, regaining the lead on Anthony’s free throws and finishing the game to play.

But the Nets got the ball on the next possession to Johnson, who dribbled right toward the baseline and pulled up for the go-ahead basket.

Anthony missed badly on the next possession and the Knicks fouled Williams, who made both with 8.3 seconds to play for a three-point lead. Jason Kidd made one after the Nets fouled him intentionally, but the Nets had one final chance after Williams hit just one of two on his next trip, ending a streak of 52 consecutive made free throws. Smith’s rushed 3-point attempt bounced off the backboard and front of the rim.

Nets even season series with Knicks

Cardinals hire Arians

Associated Press

PHOENIX — New Arizona Cardinals coach Bruce Arians has brought in Tom Moore and Harold Goodwin to help him overhaul the worst offense in the NFL.

And as expected, he hired Todd Bowles as defensive coordinator.

The addition of the 74-year-old Moore is intriguing. He has 34 years of experience as an NFL assistant, 12 as Peyton Manning’s offensive coordinator in Indianapolis.

He will serve as Arians’ assistant head coach/defense. Goodwin, offensive line coach for the Colts last season and an assistant with Pittsburgh five years before that, will be Arizona’s offensive coordinator, although Arians will call the plays.

Bowles comes from Philadelphia, where he was promoted from secondary coach to defensive coordinator with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Arians, 68, was hired Thursday to replace Ken Whisenhunt, who was fired after six seasons with the Cardinals.

An NFL assistant for two decades, Arians got his first head coaching gig after going 9-3 as interim coach in Indianapolis when Chuck Pagano was out for treatment for leukemia, helping engineer a stunning turnaround, as the team, behind rookie quarterback Andrew Luck, went 11-5 and earned a playoff berth a year after getting 2-14.

Such a turnaround would be a blessing in Arizona, where the Cardinals went 5-11 last season, losing 11 of its 12. Unfortunately for the Cardinals, Arians can’t bring Luck with him.

Monday’s moves came as Arians headed a Cardinals contingent to scout players, presumably a quarterback or two among them, at the Senior Bowl.

Moore’s long resume includes three Super Bowl wins — in 2011 as offensive coordinator and as receivers coach for the 1978 and 1979 Steelers.

After 13 seasons as a college football assistant, Moore came to the NFL in 1977 as receivers coach of the Steelers, then was Pittsburgh offensive coordinator from 1983 to 1988. He was assistant head coach at Minnesota from 1990 to 1993, offensive coordinator at Detroit from 1994 to 1996 and running backs coach at New Orleans in 1997.

Players campaign for Miller to Hall

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Baseball players urged that Marvin Miller be put in the Hall of Fame as they spoke Monday night during a memorial for the union leader.

In an auditorium filled with Hall of Famers, dozens of retired and current players, baseball officials, agents and labor lawyers, 13 speakers praised the former baseball union head, who helped players gain free agency in the 1970s and created the path to multimillion-dollar salaries.

Miller died in November at 95. “It is a travesty he is not in the Hall of Fame,” former major league player and manager Buck Martinez said during the two-hour program.

Miller has been turned down five times by various Hall of Fame committees that considered baseball executives.

Jim Bouton, who entered the majors in 1962, was critical that Bowie Kuhn, baseball’s commissioner from 1969-84, is in the Hall but Miller has been kept out.

“I think Bowie Kuhn was 0 for 67” against Miller, Bouton said.

Miller is next eligible to appear on a Hall ballot this December.

Former stars Dave Winfield and Joe Morgan were among those who spoke before a crowd of about 450 at New York University School of Law’s Tishman Auditorium. Reggie Jackson, Keith Hernandez and MLB executive vice president Rob Manfred were in the audience along the head of the Japanese baseball players’ association and George Cohen, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

Winfield, who used free agency to sign a record-breaking contract after the 1980 season, said Miller taught him life lessons he still thinks of. Winfield addressed the 52 active players in the audience, who included Andrew Bailey, Craig Breslow and Micah Owings.

“No matter how you make your living, there are so many of them out there. I think before you get to where you are and where you’re going,” Winfield said. “Know how you got to where you are today.”

A former economist for the United Steelworkers Union, Miller spent 16 1/2 years as executive director of the Major League Players Association, starting in 1966.

During Miller’s tenure, the average major league salary increased from $30,000 to $341,000. It was $3.2 million last year.

“Every time somebody signs one of these wonderful contracts, and there are so many of them out there, I think before you get to where you should have to write an essay on Marvin Miller,” said Rusty Staub, a big leaguer from 1963-85.
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Men’s Tennis

Streaking Notre Dame to host Northwestern

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

Fresh off two 7-0 sweeps this past weekend, Notre Dame hosts Northwestern tonight in its third consecutive home match of the spring season.

The Wildcats (4-0) enter the match with the Irish (2-0) with four wins already under their belt, including a 4-1 victory over three-time-defending Big East champion Louisville.

“We expect this to be one of our more challenging matches of the season,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “They are similar to us in that they are pretty well-balanced and very well-coached. I expect us to be challenged in all positions and it will really give us an idea of where we stand.”

The Irish only dropped one set between their first two matches against Marquette and Western Illinois. Junior Greg Andrews and freshman Quentin Monaghan each picked up two singles victories Saturday at No. 1 and No. 3/2 singles, respectively.

“I think all of our guys played good matches on Saturday,” Bayliss said. “It’s hard to know yet. We didn’t get pressed except at No. 4 and No. 5 against Marquette and we were able to come out and win those.”

While Notre Dame mixed up its doubles lineup between matches Saturday, Bayliss says the doubles lineup against Northwestern will look similar to the pairings that competed against the Golden Eagles.

“I think what we played against Marquette looked pretty good,” Bayliss said. “We need to be a little more consistent at No. 2 doubles, but we have a lot of firepower there. If we can get a little more consistency with that team, we’ll be right where we need to be. It was a brand new career for our No. 3 team and they started off pretty solidly.

“Certainly we have a lot of experience at No. 1 doubles with [Greg Andrews] and [senior Spencer Talmadge] because they played together a lot of last year and last fall. I think our doubles is reasonably sound, but this week will tell me a lot.”

Despite their success on Saturday, Bayliss and the Irish understand they can still improve many facets of their game.

“We have to be more consistent in doubles, have a higher percentage of first serves, fewer errors from the back court and more willingness to be active at the net,” Bayliss said.

“In singles … I think if we are just, in general, tougher off the ground. That will bode well for us.”

The Wildcats roster has one ranked singles player in No. 108 junior Raleigh Smith, who played No. 2 singles against Louisville. Andrews is the highest-ranked player for the Irish at No. 80.

The Irish will face the Wildcats at the Eck Tennis Pavilion today beginning at 6 p.m.

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“Back in 1973, I was a very confused twenty-one year old with one child and facing an unplanned pregnancy. At the time, I fought to obtain a legal abortion, but the truth be told, I have three daughters and never had an abortion. However, upon knowing God, I realized that my case which legalized abortion on demand was the biggest mistake of my life. You see, abortion has eliminated 50 million innocent babies in the U.S. alone since 1973. Abortion scars an untold number of post-abortive mothers, fathers, and families, too. You read about me in history books, but now I am dedicated to spreading the truth about preserving the dignity of all human life from natural conception to natural death.”

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Junior guard Eric Atkins drives down the court Monday night in a game against Georgetown in South Bend. Atkins had six points and three assists in the game. The 63-47 loss dropped the Irish to 3-3 in conference play.

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from behind the arc) against Georgetown was a microcosm of his recent play, as the freshman has scored just 20 points in six Big East games. When Brey can count on him to contribute, this team is dangerous. When he doesn’t, it gets ugly.

But no performance is as frustrating as that of sixth-year forward Scott Martin. Brey relegated him to the bench with just under five minutes to play and the Irish trailing by 21. In 19 minutes, Martin attempted just two shots, and he missed both for a total of zero points and two rebounds.

In the past four games, his point total (seven) has just barely managed to eclipse the number of years he has spent in college (six).

Right now, the Big East is a jumbled puzzle once you get past Syracuse, Louisville and Marquette, who each have one loss or fewer in conference play.

Eight teams, including Notre Dame and Georgetown, have suffered three conference losses, which is where this gets interesting.

The difference between a No. 4 seed and a No. 11 seed in the Big East tournament is staggering. The fourth-seeded squad gets to watch the first two days of action, while the ninth, 10th and 11th have to play five straight days in order to win the tournament.

It still feels early, but the Irish are one-third of the way through conference play. Optimists will point out that the Irish were 3-3 in conference play before topping No. 1 Syracuse and finding their stride in what turned out to be a 13-5 Big East finish last season, but this group hasn’t gelled like the 2011-12 squad.

Will they? And, if so, when? The Irish face a critical point in their schedule starting Saturday when they travel to South Florida. They face the Bulls, Villanova and DePaul in the next three contests before heading to Syracuse on Feb. 4. Where will Notre Dame stand at that point? Right now, it’s difficult to discern.

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don’t have the added burden of potentially letting your team down.”

With collegiate competition beginning Saturday, McKee said the freshmen would have to get used to fencing against older competition.

“National tournaments are a pretty broad age group, so I’ve been pretty confident in that respect,” she said. “Now, (the competition) is going to be other college’s top fencers, so that’s a huge difference. Now it’s all college kids who are older.”

McKee and the rest of the Irish will kick off their collegiate season this weekend when they participate in the St. John’s duals on Saturday in Queens, N.Y.

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“Now [the competition] is going to be other college’s top fencers, so that’s a huge difference.”

Nicole McKee
Irish freshman foil

Lead to 40-37 with 12:01 left.

It was the loudest the building got all night, as Georgetown followed a time-out with an 18-0 run that lasted until Grant broke Notre Dame’s 7:26 scoreless streak with a layup.

“It was an eerie feeling to be out of it for the last ten minutes of the game in our home building,” Brey said. “It was creepy. It was not pleasant. It was very foreign territory for all of us.”

At one point late in the second half the Hoyas led by 22, while holding Notre Dame to 47 points, the fewest points it has ever scored at home in a Big East game.

“We would guard them well for stretches but then they would hit a big shot,” senior forward Jack Cooley said. “We didn’t brush it off and keep going like we’ve done in the past.

“We haven’t been able to take punches as well in these last couple of games.”

Georgetown sophomore forward Otto Porter seemed to smother every Irish run, recording 19 points including 3-for-4 shooting from 3-point range. Porter, alone, knocked down more 3-pointers than the Irish did as a whole. Notre Dame went 2-for-16 from beyond the arc and missed its last six.

“Tonight, clearly (Porter) was the best player on the floor,” Grant said. “He could definitely do it all. He was hitting his threes … He was doing it all tonight. Maybe if we see him again, we’ll have a different game plan.”

Grant led the way for the Irish with 13 points on 6-for-13 shooting, while Cooley recorded his 12th double-double of the season with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Meanwhile, freshman forward Cameron Biedscheid had a rough night shooting, going 0-for-8 from the field.

After starting Big East play with two wins, including a big road win over then-No. 21 Cincinnati, the Irish have fallen to 3-3, wedged into a five-way tie for fifth in the conference.

“I don’t think I could put my finger on it all, on what’s changed (since Cincinnati),” junior captain Eric Atkins said. “If anything, we all got a little cocky after starting the Big East 2-0. We need to all come back to earth and say to ourselves that we aren’t that good right now.”

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Hoyas overpower Irish in Purcell

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Associate Sports Editor

The Purcell Pavilion is usually the place that solves No. 24 Notre Dame’s Big East woes. Instead, following a 63-47 beatdown at the hands of Georgetown on Monday, Irish coach Mike Brey couldn’t get away any faster after dropping two of the last three at home.

“I told [my team] after the game that I don’t really have much to say, because I don’t really know where to start,” Brey said. “We’re going to need some new juice. And maybe getting away from here and going on the road will help us. I’m sure going to sell that.”

Notre Dame trailed throughout the night, only leading 2-0 a minute and a half into the game. By the 10-minute mark of the first half, the Irish trailed by 13 while shooting just 30 percent compared to Georgetown’s 59.1 percent. Notre Dame went the last 5:40 of the first half without a field goal.

The Irish (15-4, 3-3 Big East) suffered through three scoring droughts of at least four minutes apiece, with the longest drought coming after they cut the Hoyas’ (13-4, 3-3) lead to three with 12:01 left in the game. Soon after a 10-0 Irish run at the start of the second half, senior forward Tom Knight hit a turnaround jumper followed by a steal from junior guard Jerian Grant, who found sophomore forward Pat Connaughton for a reverse layup to cut the Hoyas’ lead to eight with 5:40 left in the game.

The crowd filed out of Purcell Pavilion to clean off their windshields amidst a blizzard. Only three points. The Hoyas’ subsequent 18-0 run silenced the crowd and stifled the Irish, who are now forced to examine themselves in the mirror while they stand at a crossroads.

This was ugly. Plain and simple. You won’t find any sugar coating here.

With five minutes left in Notre Dame’s third loss in four games — a 63-47 blowout home loss at the hands of Georgetown — the crowd filed out of Purcell Pavilion to clean off their windshields amidst a blizzard. If only Irish coach Mike Brey had a solution as simple as an ice scraper.

Notre Dame earned only a smattering of applause until early in the second half when the Irish narrowed what was a 13-point halftime deficit to only three points. The Hoyas’ subsequent 18-0 run silenced the crowd and stilled the Irish, who are now forced to examine themselves in the mirror while they stand at a crossroads.

The Irish lack a consistent outside shooter, while most of the points are garnered inside, which is very uncharacteristic for a Mike Brey-coached squad.

Cam Biedscheid has turned cold during Notre Dame’s recent struggles. His 0-for-8 shooting performance (0-for-5 behind the arc coating here.)

FENCING

Freshmen show skill in USFA NAC

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

While the Irish upperclassmen continued to practice in preparation for the start of the collegiate fencing season, several freshmen traveled to Louisville, Ky., for the United States Fencing Association North American Cup (USFA NAC).

Fencers compete as individuals in National Tournaments, as opposed to the collegiate season, during which they compete for Notre Dame as a team.

USFA NAC is a junior event, meaning only athletes under the age of 19 can compete.

Junior guard Jerian Grant dribbles the ball during a game against Georgetown on Monday in the Purcell Pavilion. Grant contributed 13 points to the 63-47 Irish loss.

Catherine Lee demonstrates capabilities, leadership in quest for gold in women’s foil

By STEPHANIE LEUNG
The Observer

Catherine Lee (men’s epee), Garrett McGrath and John Foremski competed in men’s foil. And John Hallsten competed in men’s saber. Lee turned in the best performance of the weekend, taking home the gold in her event.

McKee, who took home a bronze medal, said North American Cup helped the underclassmen continue to prepare for their first collegiate season. She also said once the collegiate season begins, the newcomers will need to adjust to a few major differences.

She said the length and individualization of the National Tournaments create a more relaxed atmosphere for the competitors.

Matches are longer, so you have more time to set up your actions and think, so it’s not as rushed,” she said. “There is definitely less pressure. You also...