Right to Life Club represents Notre Dame on March

By MARIA DO
News Writer

This year’s March for Life in Washington, D.C., presented a new sense of urgency for the pro-life movement, sophomore Mary Olivia Balmert said. Balmert was just one of more than 600 students and faculty members representing the Notre Dame Right to Life (RTL) club who converged Friday on the National Mall. The group joined 650,000 people from across the country who marched in protest of the 1973 Supreme Court decision on Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion. Balmert, who serves as one of the commissioners for Notre Dame RTL, said the 2013 March for Life was especially significant:

SMC students energized by D.C. experience

By JILLIAN BARWICK
Saint Mary’s Editor

The presidential inauguration Monday was not the only event that drew crowds to Washington D.C. last week. Friday was the March for Life, an annual pro-life rally held in the city around the anniversary of the Supreme Court’s decision in Roe vs. Wade. Among the more than half-million in attendance were members of Saint Mary’s Respect for Life Club, a group dedicated to promoting awareness for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Senior and club president Allison Rhea said the March is an important part of the club’s

Musical group earns award

By AUBREY BUTTS
News Writer

Art changes lives.
The success of Venezuelan conductor Jose Antonio Abreu and his children’s musical group El Sistema in demonstrating this principle has earned him contributions in Venezuela.

Observer selects future editors

Observer Staff Report
Meghan Thomassen, Matthew DeFranks, Marisa Iati and Nicole Michels have been chosen to help oversee The Observer’s editorial operations in 2013-2014, including Editor-in-Chief Andrew Gastelum announced Sunday. Thomassen will assume the position of Managing Editor, the No. 2 spot at the paper, while DeFranks, Iati and Michels will serve as Assistant Managing Editors. A junior majoring in English with minors in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy and Philosophy and Literature, Thomassen will assist Gastelum in managing all departments of The Observer’s print and online editions. A native of Rowley, Mass., Thomassen is a resident of Pasquerilla East Hall, but is currently studying abroad in London. She has served as Viewpoint Editor since March 2011, and has been involved in a variety of projects for The Observer, including the paper’s redesign, The Observer Passport blog and a recurring column in the Scene section called “Know Thy Shelf.”

“This paper has been a part of my life since my freshman year and I can’t wait to get to work,” Thomassen said. DeFranks, a resident of Zahm House, is a junior majoring in Finance with a

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:
What is your life motto?

Gabe Jacobs
freshman
O’Neill Hall
“Eat, sleep, architecture ... minus the sleep.”

Michelle Wadowskksi
freshman
Pasquerella West Hall
“You miss 100 percent of the shots you don’t take.”

Michael Vaclav
freshman
O’Neill Hall
“Second place is the first loser.”

Lindsay Smith
senior
Welsh Family Hall
“Be interesting.”

Kathy Wadowskksi
freshman
Ryan Hall
“Hakuna Matata.”

Jack Souter
sophomore
Fisher Hall
“Fisher for sure.”

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The NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Monday

“The Thin Justice of International Law”
1:10 Eck Hall of Law
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Lecture by visiting speaker Steve Ratner.

Tuesday

Diversity Reception
Joyce Center
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Networking with organizations that embrace diversity.

Winter Career and Internship Fair
Joyce Center
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Meet more than 140 employers.

Wednesday

Pink Zone Dodgeball Tournament
Joyce Center
2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

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Thursday

Christian Unity Prayer Service
Keenan Hall
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Service in honor of Christian Unity Week.

“S Broken Cameras”
De Bartolo Performing Arts Center
7:00 p.m.-8:45 p.m.

For the Screen Peace Film Festival.

Friday

Snow and Ski Boarding Weekend
Rockne Memorial
4:00 p.m.

Hit the slopes in Harbor Springs, MI.

Men’s and Women’s Track and Field
Lofts Sports Center
4:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

For the Meyo Invitational.
Activist to address stalking

By REBECCA O'NEIL
News Writer

Saint Mary's College will host Debbie Riddle, a noted speaker on stalking awareness, as part of Stalking Awareness Month activities. The event, sponsored by the Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO), will be held in Vandervenn Theater on Jan. 29 at 7 p.m.

Riddle, an awareness activist since 2003, sought change in the government’s approach to stalking prevention after her sister, Peggy Kline, was murdered by an ex-boyfriend and stalking of one year. Kline’s death occurred just six days before the court case against her harasser went to trial.

Connie Adams, director of BAVO, said Riddle’s speech was originally set for October 2012, but was rescheduled due to weather — coincidentally to the 10th anniversary of her sister’s death.

Riddle intends to share Peggy’s story in her speech, which Adams said was “a touching and powerful testimony.”

“I believe understanding the impact stalking has through a personal lens magnifies the power to prevent it,” Adams said. “After all, knowledge is power.”

Riddle will also share general information about stalking and its impact on our country, specifically on college campuses. In addition, she will discuss the importance of intervention, coordinated community responses and prevention initiatives.

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Connie Adams
directorBelles Against Violence Office

U.S. at alarming rates. One in six women experiences stalking in her lifetime and one in 19 men experiences stalking in his lifetime, Adams says.

“As with other types of power-based personal violence, college-age women are at the highest risk.”

Senior Cristina Bueno plans to attend the event. She said she believes the talk is relevant to college students because relationships at this age begin to intensify and can spin out of control.

“I think stalking is a prevalent form of harassment on college campuses because it is very easy to find out where someone lives, who they hang out with and their class schedule,” Bueno said. “Campuses can be small and close-knit and that makes it easy to find someone and follow them around.”

Bueno believes that Riddle’s speech is beneficial for the Saint Mary’s community because it offers a personal account of just how dangerous an accelerated romantic relationship in college can be.

“People need to be able to recognize the signs of a stalker, whether they are being stalked or someone they know is being stalked,” Bueno said.

“It is important to know the facts, be able to recognize the signs and to realize how you can take action to protect yourself and those you care for.”

Adams said she hopes the event will be informative for students.

“My hope is that participants gain a better understanding of stalking as a whole,” Adams said. “There are many misconceptions in our society about violence. Events such as Debbie’s lecture allow us to gain a better understanding of the issue and empower us to create change.”

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Professor forms reading group

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

Students and faculty members eager to learn about a rapidly growing style of reporting will find an outlet in the literary journalism reading group, which meets for the first time today.

Josh Roland, visiting assistant professor of American Studies, said he formed the club to facilitate discussions about the genre of journalism, which takes the form of a short story or novel.

The reading group aims to meet every two weeks and will eventually switch to convening early Friday afternoons, Roland said. It will have no attendance requirements.

Roland said he developed the idea for the group while he was teaching a course called “Literary Journalism in America” at Case Western Reserve University.

“Students really responded well to the readings to the point that several told me they were continuing to read certain authors like David Foster Wallace over the summer and have discussions with each other on Facebook about these readings,” Roland said. “So I thought I would give that interest some organization and started the group.”

The club began with 10 people and grew to more than 40 students, faculty and staff members by the end of the year, Roland said.

“It was pretty remarkable, and I attribute it all to the compelling nature of these stories,” he said. “It’s just such a different experience to be reading something that feels like a short story or novel, but that know it’s been thoroughly reported and is 100 percent accurate.”

The literary journalism reading group at Notre Dame will seek to provide a similar structure for the growing interest in this new form of reporting, Roland said. The club currently consists of 24 students and faculty members.

Sophomore John Pratt said he signed up for the reading group after developing a fascination with literary journalism in Roland’s class last fall.

“It has a stronger story-like feel, while still remaining true to journalistic standards of accuracy,” Pratt said. “One of the aspects of literary journalism that excites me most is the fact that the personality of the author can come through very strongly as a result of the symbolism, character development and story-like features that are prominent.”

Group members will read a combination of pieces of writing, Roland said. The club will look at work by John Jeremiah Sullivan, Susan Orlean and Joan Didion, among others.

Roland said he is open to suggestions about works to read and topics to discuss.

“We’ll talk about whatever anyone wants to talk about, whether it’s formal themes, structures, and techniques in the writing, to questions about the reporting, to just whether or not we like it,” he said. “It’s completely open and laid back. The goal is to make people feel comfortable talking about whatever they find interesting, confusing or compelling.”

Pieces of literary journalism are compelling examples of storytelling, Roland said. They have an untraditional structure and do not follow the classic reporting style of giving the important facts first.

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The Kellogg Institute has benefited individual participants in the program and the greater Venezuelan society, a fact demonstrated by the ongoing support of eight successive governments. Currently, 300,000 children across the country currently participate in Abreu’s arts education programs, and his model has spread to 25 other nations.

While the Kellogg Institute’s annual award has typically recognized distinguished individuals serving Latin America through political, economic, educational or religious actions, Reifenberg said Abreu’s unique approach deserves recognition.

“We hope that even more people will learn about Maestro Abreu and his project by giving him the award,” Reifenberg said.

Every year, the Institute solicits hundreds of people for nominations, ultimately narrowing the group to 40 or 50 individuals, Reifenberg said.

“I think if you look at the past recipients, it’s a really remarkable group of people,” Reifenberg said.

The award consists of a $15,000 cash prize and a matching amount donated to a charitable organization recommended by the winner. It is funded by a grant from The Coca-Cola Foundation.

The Kellogg Advisory Board member and president of the Coca-Cola Foundation Mexico stated in the press release that the award is a great honor.

“The Notre Dame Prize for Distinguished Public Service in Latin America is recognized as the most prestigious prize in its category,” Calderon stated. “The University of Notre Dame is to be commended for leading this effort which is both a distinction for these outstanding individuals and an inspiration for the younger generation.”

Reifenberg said Maestro Abreu will officially receive the award this upcoming spring at a ceremony in Caracas, Venezuela, during which one of the El Sistema youth orchestras will perform.

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“Sometimes there can be a tendency to think that the pro-life movement is a single group of people, but going there you can see that there is a range of people who are trying to change something in the government.”

Sophomore RTL media communications Andrew Weiler was one of 50 student leaders carrying the official March for Life banner at the very front of the entire crowd. “It was great being with a group of young people leading the march, leading the way and showing people that we are a generation that really cares about this issue,” he said.

People from across the nation as well as other countries contributed to the diversity of protesters at the capital this weekend, Weiler said.

“Sometimes there can be a tendency to think that the pro-life movement is a single group of people, but going there you can see that there is a range of people who are attending an event like this,” Weiler said. “There were even people from Ireland that we saw and so a whole bunch of people converged here in Washington, forming a single group in solidarity.”

Freshman Christian Tavitas said a group of women representing the Silent No More Awareness Campaign provided an especially moving testimony. The Christian affiliated group seeks to share the personal stories of women and men who have experienced abortion firsthand.

“The world will see this group of women behind us whose stories of conversion from pro-choice and pro-life gave the event an emotional quality,” Tavitas said. “Even though they had abortions before, they gathered here to show their regrets. It was just amazing how you feel for them and you realize that we need people like them to make any difference.”

Hoping to present the celebration of life, Notre Dame’s presence at the capital also captured attention from other supporting organizations of pro-life, Weiler said.

“People were definitely excited to see Notre Dame here in part because we are a very national and preeminent Catholic university around,” he said. “People have started to notice our presence. Also, we sang our Alma Mater so it just shows that my fellow students were also standing up for the dignity of all people and it made me very proud to be a Notre Dame student.”

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“I’m looking forward to helping The Observer more effectively facilitate conversation about issues important to the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s communities,” Iati said.

Michels serves as Assistant News Editor and is a native of Glenview, Ill. A resident of Cavanaugh Hall, Michels is an English and Political Science double major. She has experience covering the 2012 presidential debates and the Notre Dame Forum.

“I’m so excited to help lead the staff at The Observer as we continue to serve the Notre Dame community,” Michels said.

Gastelum will begin his duties as Editor-in-Chief on March 4, and the rest of the Editorial Board will assume their roles March 18.

March for Life

BRAZIL

Nightclub fire kills 230

Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Brazil — A fast-moving fire roared through a crowded, windowless nightclub in southern Brazil early Sunday, filling the air in seconds with flames and a thick, toxic smoke that killed more than 230 panicked partygoers, many of whom were caught in a stampede to escape.

Inspectors believe the blaze began when a band’s small pyrotechnics show ignited foam sound insulating material on the ceiling, releasing a putrid haze that caused scores of university students to choke to death. Most victims died from smoke inhalation rather than burns in what appeared to be the world’s deadliest nightclub fire in more than a decade.

Survivors and the police inspector Marcelo Arigony said security guards briefly tried to block people from exiting the club. Brazilian bars routinely make patrons pay their entire tab at the end of the night before they are allowed to leave.

But Arigony said the guards didn’t appear to block fleeing patrons for long. “It was chaotic and it doesn’t seem to have been done in bad faith because several security guards also died,” he told The Associated Press.

Later, firefighters responding to the blaze initially had trouble getting inside the Kiss nightclub because “there was a barrier of bodies blocking the entrance,” Guido Pedrero Melo, commander of the city’s fire department, told the O Globo newspaper.

Authorities said band members who were on the stage when the fire broke out later talked with police and confirmed they used pyrotechnics during their show.

Police inspector Sandro Meinerz, who coordinated the investigation at the nightclub, said one band member died after escaping because he returned inside the burning building to save his accordion. The other band members escaped alive because they were the first to notice the fire.

“It was terrible inside — it was like one of those films of the Holocaust, bodies piled atop one another,” said Meinerz. “We had to use trucks to remove them. It took about six hours to take the bodies away.”

Television images from Santa Maria, a university city of about 260,000 people, showed black smoke billowing out of the Kiss nightclub as shirtless young men who attended the university party joined firefighters using axes and sledgehammers to pound at the hot-pink exterior walls, trying to reach those trapped inside.

Marisa Iati served as an associate sports editor and an ethics minor in journalism, a junior pursuing a minor in journalism, Ethics and Democracy. She is a native of Miami and is a resident of Ryan Hall, Iati is a junior pursuing a minor in journalism, Ethics and Democracy. She led The Observer Passport blog while studying abroad in Toledo, Spain, in Fall 2012 and has experience covering Notre Dame student government and Relay for Life.

“I am thrilled to get to work and improve The Observer for our students,” DeFranks said.

“I felt strongly that every person has the right to life,” she said. “I attend each year to support the sanctity of life club.”

This year marks Rhea’s fifth time attending the rally, which she said was a powerful experience.

“I feel strongly that every person has the right to life,” she said. “It demonstrates the value of the world will know the importance of every life, big or small.”

Cuevas said. “I am very fortunate to have had the opportunity to march for such a great cause.”

Rhea said she and her group were proud to formally represent the College this year with a banner.

“Many of the groups bring a banner indicating where they are from to the March for Life,” she said. “For the first time, Saint Mary’s College Respect for Life Club took a banner to the March this year. It was exciting to have the opportunity to carry the banner and represent the club at the March.”

Rhea said the massive assembly of people at the March is a strong reminder of the pro-life movement’s conviction.

“It demonstrates the value of standing up for what you believe,” she said.

Now back on campus, Rhea said she is looking forward to taking her experiences with the rally and applying the mission of March for Life to the club.

“The March for Life is just one way to support the sanctity of human life,” she said. “In continuing to follow our mission, the club plans to continue to work with a variety of local organizations that promote life.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

The iPhone lifestyle

By Sarah Swiderski

This past Christmas I ditched my Samsung slide-phone and joined the iPhone community. My previous phone, “Sammy,” and I had a love-hate relationship. It would turn on and off by itself and would sometimes fail to send messages. On the bright side, it was indestructible.

My phone would often make its way to the bottom of my backpack and hide under notebooks and textbooks resulting in many accidental calls to people who knew I was in high school but forgot to delete their numbers. Despite the abuse it was hounded under Shakespeare text and a calculus book, my phone would come out unscathed. I’m pretty sure the phone would survive the apocalypse.

I used to leave old Sammy in my dorm room. I would forget to charge my phone and, to the dismay of many, I would forget my voice mail password, resulting in misinformation and receiving less than pleasant phone calls.

However, all of that changed on Christmas morning. My parents decided to get me a smartphone to help me as I job search and become more organized.

The theory was I would now be able to check my email and not miss important updates if I didn’t have my computer to check my account. The new phone was meant to make my life easier.

For the most part it accomplished that. I no longer need the password to my voice-mail. I can now take pictures and send them to far away family and friends. But although life is easier, it is more stressful.

My first week back at school was spent in fear my phone would go off in class because I hadn’t quite mastered the art of silencing my phone now.

Just need to imagine I still have Sammy. One thing is for sure: how I look at a phone will never be the same.

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Marching for and talking about life

By Elliott Pearce

This weekend, hundreds of Notre Dame students, faculty, and staff demonstrated their opposition to abortion by participating in the March for Life in Washington. More than 400,000 others joined them on the March. Whatever one thinks about the pro-life/pro-choice debate, one can deny the March for Life made a strong statement that a broad coalition of Americans wants to end the practice of abortion in this country. Though I support their efforts, I did not join that group of students and faculty in marching for life.

I did this partly for selfish reasons: I did not want to sacrifice two nights worth of sleep and many hours of potential homework time for the cause. Some activist I am. I also stayed home from the March for another, more legitimate reason. I believe there are many other ways those who are pro-life can engage the rest of America in a conversation about this practice. I am going to discuss a few of them in this article in the hope both the students at Notre Dame who are pro-choice and those who are pro-life can continue the conversation and learn how to better care for human life in all of its stages.

The conversation about abortion, insofar as it is illuminating and productive, centers around the question of when the fetus becomes a human person. Almost anyone would agree it is not right for a parent to kill their baby because he or she does not want to take care of it or feels he or she cannot. Those who are pro-choice, however, think the fetus is not a baby, but merely a lump of tissue that can be removed with no more consequence than an appendix. When does this lump of tissue acquire personhood and all the protections it entails?

I believe almost anyone who gives the question some thought, even those who are pro-choice in most circumstances, would say a fetus is a person at some time before it is born. The threshold of viability is currently around 23 weeks, or a little less than six months, according to the March of Dimes. If a baby were born at six months and survived, is it any less of a person than one born at eight months or nine months? If a six-month-old baby outside the womb is a person, one who lives inside the womb is a person, too, because personhood does not depend on one’s location or mode of sustenance, especially when the “non-person” unborn could likely adapt to the born person’s state and survive. Even before a fetus becomes viable, though, it begins to display many human characteristics, such as the possession of recognizable limbs and organs and the performance of behaviors like yawning. It may be hard to argue a blastocyst is a child — though I will do it all day long if you want me to — but it’s much easier to argue one shouldn’t kill something that opens its mouth and yawns.

What implications does this have for the conversation on abortion? Those who are both pro-choice and pro-life could agree to restrict abortion in the second and third trimesters, both for the sake of protecting what is more clearly a person and preserving the health of the mother, which can be threatened by invasive late-term abortions. This conversation has already born fruit in the form of the 2003 ban on partial-birth abortions, and could bear more in the future with a ban on dilation and evacuation, another late-term abortion method. Similar conversations could also lead to better enforcement of laws prohibiting minors from getting abortions without parental consent, and enactment of these laws in the states where they are lacking.

If pro-life activists want to achieve their ultimate goal of making abortion not just illegal but acknowledged by all as morally wrong, they must engage their opponents in productive conversations that affirm what people from different sides can agree on before hammering away at points of difference. This approach will not only lead to the enactment of beneficial legislation, as it already has. It could also lead people to consider the other side’s position more favorably and bring them closer to finding and embracing the truth — the whole truth — together. Pro-choice activists have taught the pro-life community to care about mothers affected by abortion in addition to the children, about other human persons whose lives are threatened after they are born and about the circumstances that cause people to consider abortion. What else will we learn, and teach, if we continue this conversation? Only God knows.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON
This past weekend, roughly half a million students, pro-life activists and other individuals flocked to Washington for the 40th annual March for Life, led by a delegation from our own University of Notre Dame. As most people probably know, the March for Life commemorates the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade that led to widespread legalization of abortion in the United States. For many, the day of the march for life serves as a reminder of the importance of protecting fundamental freedoms of choice. To me, however, the day has always served as a reminder of the significance a single issue bears on our politics, and has also made me question whether this really makes sense given the realities of modern politics.

The dichotomy between pro-life and pro-choice has become one of the most significant splits in politics. If you're pro-choice has become one of the most complex places, and the problems we face as a nation are significant. By basing our voting on anything short of a comprehensive overview of a candidate’s views is to do a disservice to our nation and to ourselves. Ruling out candidates because they hold one particular view on one particular issue is simply inconsistent with the world in which we live and the realities of our current situation.

The challenges we face are truly daunting. Our federal government is currently $16 trillion in debt, and in a few months we stand to once again reach the debt ceiling. More than 12 million people are unemployed nationwide. Income inequality has been growing over the past few decades, and social mobility has stagnated with it. Our education system does not educate students, and our healthcare system is still not fixed. Our immigration policies are remarkably broken, our entitlement spending threatens to bankrupt us and our political system itself is riddled with gridlock. With these problems in mind — not to mention the significance of issues like terrorism, civil liberties, energy, the environment, China, tax reform, gun violence, civil liberties or corruption — does it really make sense to base political judgments so heavily on someone’s views on one issue alone? Back in 2010, then-Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels took a lot of flak for advocating what he termed a sort of temporary social truce in our politics, with social issues like abortion taking a backseat as we handle the many issues with which we are currently faced. As he put it, “If there were a weapon of mass destruction attack, death would come to straights and gays, pro-life and pro-choice. If the country goes broke, it would ruin the American dream for everyone. We are in this together.

Whatever our honest disagreements on other questions, might we set them aside long enough to do some very difficult things without which we will be a different, lesser country?”

Daniels’ idea was right when he suggested it, and it holds true today. The challenges we are facing are simply too broad and too important for anything less than our full focus. Making decisions based off of one issue — or, even worse, making decisions based off of labels distilling one issue down to a phrase like “pro-life” or “pro-choice” — isn’t the kind of approach that will do us any good. The world is a complex place. It’s time the way we think about politics and public policy reflects that.

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Thursday morning sported one of the most beautiful South Bend sunrises I have ever seen, and there were two members of our community who almost did not live to see it.

This morning, I watched as two runners traveling toward Saint Mary’s College on Douglas Road swerved off their path to avoid an oncoming car. In the pitch-black and fog of a 7:15 a.m. commute, there is so little visibility on that road it is frightening. This morning, as usual, I was leaning over the steering wheel straining to find the perimeters of my lane, grateful for the sun sends a laser beam through your windshield at daybreak, there is no side of the road. There is no middle line, either, just the distance you as a driver must keep from the oncoming car, making the side of the road even less of your focus and concern.

You cannot see runners on Douglas Road. Even if you do, there is no guarantee you can avoid them if the weather is bad.

Whose fault is it that two people almost died? The driver in front of me? The runners? The snowplow driver who overslept yet again? I know who I blame, but suffice it to say this: It is imbecile for runners and vehicles to share Douglas Road on any morning, period. South Bend has inclement weather — often. We all know this, so we need to act accordingly. To say Douglas Road, in particular, is poorly cleared is a euphemism. Perhaps runners think they are safe on the side of the road, but when it is snowy, there is no “side of the road.” When it is foggy, there is no side of the road. When the sun sends a laser beam through your windshield at daybreak, there is no side of the road. There is no middle line, either, just the distance you as a driver must keep from the oncoming car, making the side of the road even less of your focus and concern.

I have had a scare like this on the same road once before, and two times is plenty for me to beg you as my classmates to stay away from Douglas Road for your morning exercise. We have lost too many brothers and sisters to total accidents to take this lightly. Please, please spread the word to anyone you know who enjoys morning runs to change their route to somewhere safe. May I recommend either of our stunning campuses?

Bethany Ledyard

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Opus Hall

Jan. 24
This past weekend I went to the Wakarusa Dime Store in Wakarusa, Ind., and discovered a magical land where all of your favorite 1990s candy is always in stock and happiness shines over the entire place like a beautiful rainbow.

I had been alerted to this store last week because of a unique feature on the second floor: a life-size version of the children’s board game “Candyland.”

You purchase a ticket to play the game and are then escorted upstairs where the real competition begins. Each player is given a deck of “Candyland” cards and then the race towards the finish line gets heated.

The most unfortunate part of the game is that there is no Queen Frostine, but it’s a quaint funny activity for a lazy Saturday afternoon.

Admittedly the playing space is littered with mannequins dressed in candy themed attire that are a little off-putting if you’re not in a large group, but it would be a great place to go with a huge group of girls.

Once you’re finished with the game you are handed a nifty little gift bag of free candy that includes everything from candy cigarettes, Jolly Ranchers and gummy worms to candy necklaces and Bazooka gum.

The journey doesn’t end there, though. Once you return downstairs you’re free to explore three rooms of all the best candy you can imagine. They had old-school candy from the 1950s next to homemade candy exclusive to the store. If you remember the film “13 Going on 30” you might remember a candy called “Razzles” making an appearance. Well this place has those ... in three different varieties. It had Warheads by the dozen for 25 cents apiece.

It had a ton of different flavors of saltwater taffy in old-fashioned barrels and it couldn’t have been more charming. They also had a section full homemade fudge and chocolates.

In keeping with the old-fashioned theme of the place they had old-school Coca-Cola, root beer and Crush bottles.

All in all, the place was both an incredible opportunity to have some good, stupid fun and an excuse to eat all the candy you can possibly imagine.

The best part is it’s not far from campus at all, just a ten-minute drive away from Notre Dame.

I had seen the store before but never really understood what it was. Now I can confidently suggest to anyone who needs to find a fun afternoon activity that they check out the adorable Wakarusa Dime Store.

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The 24th annual Student Film Festival, held this weekend in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, offered students an incredible opportunity to check out some of the budding talent in their midst before they become too famous.

The event was a perfectly timed two-hour show featuring 15 short films.

Five of the films were documentaries coming out of the Film, Television and Theater department’s Documentary Video Production course.

One short film was a documentary in particular close to home. Seniors Bri Nehlungen, Collin Erker and Siobhan Martinez followed three Muslim students at Notre Dame and examined their experience at a Catholic school.

It was touching to see what they thought was valuable about the unique situation they find themselves in at Notre Dame.

The moment where one sophomore describes the process of putting on a head scarf in the morning felt in a small way like you were genuinely learning about her life.

Other documentaries covered little-known hobbies. Seniors Grace Carini, Marty Flavin and Andrew Cheng hung out with two small-town baseball teams that play by the original rules of America’s pastime, complete with 25-cent fines for cursing, spitting and stealing bases. It was funny, captivating and showed the charm of days past.

“Amie’s Image” was a heartwarming piece about a disabled artist in Chicago who fell on hard times and worked with a Catholic Charities organization to be part of a budding group of artists who are economically disadvantaged.

It wonderfully showcased the work of these charities at creating a comfortable and stimulating environment for people who need help, but it was mostly about the ever-present optimism that Amie had throughout all of his work.

Another documentary called “The Sculptor” was all about a young artist living in Oklahoma and creating ornate sculptures for a nearby monastery. It raised interesting questions about the state of religious art in America and how difficult it is to create beautiful things when the demand for your work has diminished.

Many of the non-documentary films were silent films.

One particularly powerful silent film was titled “Clergy.” It was a young priest struggles with the temptation brought on by one of his attractive female friends. It was dark and captured the difficulty of making the choice to remain chaste at such a young age.

The ending left you on the edge of your seat and borderline uncomfortable.

The short film “Three’s a Crowd” was a touching testament to the sadness of a loved one and the ways it sticks with you through the rest of your relationships.

Another well-done piece was called “Sinking.” It was the only film with no human characters and zero dialogue. Using a compelling soundtrack, sophomore Ashley Puffer was able to personify a toothbrush so much so that you laughed at times and sighed in relief at others.

Some films left the audience puzzled, particularly one called “Mimesis.” It was about the possession of a young female poet, but through the twisting and lyrical narration and supernatural elements it was difficult to completely comprehend the meaning. Perhaps that was the point.

Some horror films were able to cause waves of unsettling feelings in such short spans of time.

One called “Shadowpainting” did a fantastic job of turning the process of painting a woman into a thrilling and dark story.

The reception of all films was overwhelmingly positive and the hard work each filmmaker put into their projects clearly showed at the festival this past weekend.

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Nothing compares to the Super Bowl

Mike Monaco
Sports Writer

It’d be a little weird if I asked you what you will be doing next Sunday. I could say football because that’s a safe bet, but I’d say there is a 100% chance you will be watching the Super Bowl.

It’s the last sporting event like it. Every year, and if they get a chance to even slightly interested in football, they want to see how many tune in because they love football knowledge and interest. The Super Bowl is the best event in sports.

The Super Bowl is typically the second most-watched sporting event in the world behind the UEFA Champions League final. CBS will broadcast the game to more than 200 stations in the U.S. Dial Global Radio will have the game on roughly 600 stations. People in more than 185 countries will watch a game being played in 30 different languages. It’s quite simply the best event in sports.

The key is it’s an event. It has entranced the world for four hours, spanning a wide spectrum of football knowledge and interest. Many tune in because they love football. They want to see how Colin Kaepernick fares against the United States. It’s the most concentrated day of sports.

The Super Bowl is the most world-encompassing sporting event. In this installment, Mike Monaco argues for the Super Bowl as the best event in sports.

Editor’s note: This is the first in a 10-part series discussing the best event in sports. In this installment, Mike Monaco argues for the Super Bowl.
Men's Swimming | Shamrock Invitational

By MARY GREEN

In its last home meet of the season, Notre Dame split the Shamrock Invitational with a 279-69 win over Towson and a 264-100 loss to Harvard at Rolfs Aquatic Center this weekend.

Despite their first dual-meet loss of the season, the Irish (7-1) once again displayed their depth throughout the field against Towson (3-8) and Harvard (6-6). Irish coach Tim Welsh said he believes this versatility has been a strong point for his team this season.

“One thing that’s been clear all season and this was very clear this weekend is that we have a great deal of depth,” he said. “Our depth throughout the program is really strong said. “Our depth throughout the entire time,” he said. “I’m really encouraged by what we had taking place. “The team committed to racing, despite being tired,” Holden said. “We paid attention to our details and really used this meet as a rehearsal for what’s to come.”

The 400-yard freestyle relay team of sophomore Emma Reaney, junior Kelly Ryan, freshman Cat Galletti and sophomore Suzanne Bessire broke a 22-year-old record by just under a half second with its time of 1:58.03. Reaney said she attributed the success of the team to Irish coach Brian Barnes telling the underclassmen to focus on performing for the seniors.

“We really came together and clicked as a team,” Reaney said. “It was senior weekend, and Brian told all of us underclassman to swim for our seniors, and I know that made me want to perform well.”

On the second day of competition, Holden snatched another pool record when she took down the record in the 100-yard backstroke by just over two-tenths of a second.

In addition to the victories in each individual and team event, four members of the Notre Dame squad swam NCAA B-cut times. Holden made the cut in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke. Reaney’s times in the 100-yard butterfly and the 200-yard individual medley put her within B-cut times, as did sophomore Bridget Casey’s in the 200-yard butterfly.

Reaney said the victory indicated good signs for the Irish as the team heads into Big East competition.

“I think we all surprised ourselves,” Reaney said. “We were so tired and hadn’t rested in the slightest for this meet, but a lot of our girls were posting times faster than we did at the Ohio State Invite where we were rested. It’s a great indication for how Big East is going to go, I think.”

The Irish will be back in action Feb. 9 when they travel to Toledo, Ohio, for a meet against Toledo.

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Women's Swimming | Shamrock Invitational

By KATIE HEIT

The Irish dominated in the pool this weekend, falling only one point short of school record in a dual meet after they crushed the Towson Tigers 309-60 in the Shamrock Invitational at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Notre Dame (3-4) claimed victory in every event in the meet and broke several school records. Senior Kim Holden dropped the Rolfs Aquatic Center record in the 200-yard backstroke by just over two-tenths of a second.

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Irish recover from loss to sweep Memphis

By MEGAN FINNERAN Sports Writer

Notre Dame did not let a close 4-3 loss to No. 28 Harvard on Saturday ruin the weekend, bouncing back the following day to sweep No. 31 Memphis 4-0 Sunday in Norman, Okla., at the ITA Kick-Off Weekend. The No. 30 Irish entered the weekend coming off another 4-3 loss last Tuesday to No. 37 Northwestern.

“Today didn’t come out aggressive or confident enough for Harvard,” senior Blas Moros said. “We didn’t play the level we are capable of, but to their credit they took advantage of the opportunity.”

The Crimson captured the first point when they won doubles play, beating the Irish duo in each of the three matches. From there, the competition picked up as points bounced back and forth. After stealing a victory Sunday in the No. 5 and No. 1 courts from the start and stayed

WOMEN’S TENNIS

ND 4, GEORGIA TECH 3: NEBRASKA 4, ND 1

Squad wins close opener, struggles in second match

By KATIE HEIT Sports Writer

After stealing a victory against Georgia Tech by one point Saturday, the Irish fell decisively Sunday in the final game of the ITA Kick-Off Weekend to Nebraska, losing 4-1.

Notre Dame (3-2) came back from a 3-1 deficit Saturday to take down the Yellow Jackets (2-1) 4-3. Though co-captains junior Jennifer Kellner and senior Chrissie McGuigan won their doubles matchup 8-3, the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles teams could not compete with Georgia Tech and the Irish lost the doubles point.

Down 1-0, McGuigan put the Irish on the board with a 7-6, 6-4 victory over Georgia Tech’s Megan Kurey at No. 4 singles.

With the score knotted 1-1, junior Britney Sanders, ranked No. 58 in ITA rankings, fell to No. 39 Elizabeth Khazanov 6-4, 7-6 at No. 1 singles. Shortly after, junior Julie Sabacinski dropped her match 7-5, 6-4, putting the Irish behind.

From there, the Irish began their comeback. Notre Dame’s next two victories were close matches, but the Irish managed to pull through. With the match tied 3-3, the final point fell to junior Jennifer Kellner.

“She was so tough and pulled it out for our entire team,” McGuigan said. Kellner said her 4-6, 7-6, 7-6 victory that clinched the match was valuable for the joy it gave her teammates.

“It felt good to see everyone so happy,” Kellner said. “Personally, however, I have a few things I really need to work on.”

The match Sunday against Nebraska proved to be more than the Irish could handle, however, as they entered the championship match. Again, the Irish fell behind early with the loss of the doubles point. In singles play, only two members of the Notre Dame squad managed to win a set. Freshman Quinn Gleason snatched the only point for the Irish with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Nebraska’s Stefanie Chaudhuri 6-3, 7-5, 6-0, but Moros said. “It showed a lot about our character and I believe it is a good indicator of what is to come the rest of the season.”

Pecor added the first singles point to the Irish board, beating junior Johnny Grimal 7-5, 6-1 on the No. 4 court. McCoy followed suit, beating sophomore David O’Leary 6-2, 6-3 in the No. 5 spot. Monaghan closed out the day, beating freshman Lukas Vrnak 7-6, 6-2 in the No. 3 spot.

“We just came out strong from the start and stayed on them the entire time,” Sandy said. “I think the difference was that we came into the Memphis game with a greater desire to win and compete.”

The Irish return home next weekend to host Duke and HPU in a series of dual meets Feb. 3 in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Sophomore Wyatt McCoy hits a forehand return during Notre Dame’s 7-0 victory over Western Illinois on Jan. 19.
MEN’S LACROSSE
ND 7, U.S. NATIONAL TEAM 10

Loss to top competition helps squad prepare

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

Despite four goals from freshman attack Matt Kavanagh, Notre Dame fell to the U.S. National team 10-7 in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., on Saturday.

The Irish also scrimmaged Buenavista, Fla., on Saturday.

National team 10-7 in Lake University in Bloomington, Indiana relays, held at Indiana finishers at this weekend’s track and field

By RICH HIDY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame posted a total of six victories and 35 top-five finishers at this weekend’s Indiana Relays, held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind.

The women’s 4x800-meter relay team of junior Kelly Curran and Alexa Aragon, freshman Sydni Meunier and senior Rebecca Tracy led the way for the Irish, winning its race with a time of 8:47.94. The mark broke a Gladstein Fieldhouse record that had stood since 1988. The main goals for the Irish were to continue to set a standard for Big East and Nationals competition and ensure more runners could qualify for these competitions.

“Most of the runners who qualified (for the Big East) last week didn’t run this week so they could stay on campus and go through strenuous training,” freshman distance runner Josh O’Brien said. “Our goal is to peak at the Big East and at the indoor nationals tournament.”

The difficulty of travelling to another part of the state can throw runners off sometimes, but the Irish were successful in adjusting to the away meet.

“A four- or five-hour drive can sometimes take the spring out of your legs,” O’Brien said. “At the same time, when you travel there is a lot of excitement around the meet.”

Sophomore twin sprinters Jade Barber and Kaila Barber also claimed victories at the relays, with Jade winning the 60-meter hurdles event and Kaila placing first in the 200-meter event. Elsewhere, junior sprinter Patrick Feeley won the 400-meter event, which marked his fourth consecutive meet win and at least one first-place finish.

Overall, the meet was a success in preparation for Notre Dame’s biggest home meet of the season, the Meyo Invitational, which will be held this upcoming weekend.

“Meyo is a huge meet for us next week,” O’Brien said. “It is very well known, and historically individual standout has come in to participate. The Meyo Invitational begins 4 p.m. Friday at Loftus Sports Center.”

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Irish attack Westy Hopkins looks to pass during Notre Dame’s 8-6 win over Syracuse on April 28, 2012, at Arlotta Stadium. The Irish fell to the U.S. National Team, 10-7, in Buena Vista, Fla., on Saturday.
Up 1-0 at the first intermission, Irish junior forward David Gerths deflected in junior defenseman Stephen Johns’ shot from the point and, later in the period, ref-erees overturned a Ferris State goal after video review showed the puck hit the post and did not completely cross the goal line.

The Bulldogs went up 2-1 in the second period, following goals from senior center Travis Ouellette and junior center Cory Kane. Sandbacked between the two goals was a failed penalty shot attempt by Lee, who was denied by the pads of Bulldogs goalie and freshman goalie Richard Kitching.

Unlike Friday, however, the Irish responded with the next goal, as freshman forward Thomas DiPaoli received a long pass from Johns and scored a four-on-four goal from inside the left faceoff circle over Williams’ glove at the 12:03 mark.

Less than three minutes later, the Irish went ahead for good when Nugent scored in a simi- lar fashion to DiPaoli. Freshman forward Mario Lizotte chipped the puck into the offensive zone, and Nugent corralled it before releasing a shot from the faceoff circle high and glove-side. Nugent said he hadn’t thought much about his individual goal- less run, and was happy to pro- vide a lift to a team that had been struggling for victories.

“To be honest with you, I was just happy to put our team ahead,” Nugent said. “We’ve ob- viously been through a tough stretch right now. I know that’s what I’m supposed to be say- ing to (the media), but that’s the honest truth. It was a big goal for us and we needed to come out here and get a win tonight.”

Less than a minute into the third period, Lucia provided breathing room for the Irish when he scored to put Notre Dame up 4-2. Junior center T.J. Tynan ended any hopes of a Bulldog comeback when he scored a five-on-three goal with under three minutes remaining in regulation.

Jackson referenced a second period timeout when the Irish were down 2-1 as a potential turning point in the contest. “I was getting into their clock. … But our guards made great decisions with the ball in the second half,” Notre Dame outrebounded the Bulldogs 34-17 behind the bruising work of Knight, senior forward Jack Cooley and se- nior center Garrick Sherman. Cooley, who scored just six points, made his presence felt with 14 rebounds.

“That’s where our game was when we were going to play with Tom Knight in there and given how they’ve been hurt on the back- board, we made a real con- certed effort that we have got to get up on the board and win that battle,” Brey said. “And I thought that was really a key.”

South Florida junior forward and leading scorer Victor Rudd was held to just seven points. Freshman forward Zach LeDay led the Bulls with 17 points and sophomore guard Anthony Collins finished with 12 points and eight assists. Collins was held to just two points in the second half.

“He puts so much pressure on you,” Brey said of the South Florida point guard. “We talk- ed about 20 ways of how we were going to deal with him and the ball screen. First half we didn’t do a very good job at all. Second half I thought we did a very good job. But he just keeps putting pressure on you, getting into the lane deeper and deeper. If we didn’t fix that, we would have lost by 15 and we did a better job in the second half.”

Notre Dame fixed its de- fense on Collins and fixed its overall play in the second half. Brey said playing with a newly-minted starter changed the Irish strategy and getting out in transition fueled the victory.

“We didn’t play since Monday and we were kind of reinventing our self with more three (perimeter players) around two (post players),” Brey said. “When Scott plays we stretch you a little more, four around one. But I thought we pounded away. We got on the offensive board with Jack and Tom and Sherman, rotat- ing them.

“We were able to run because they’re a very good defensive team. You can’t play against their set ‘D’ for 40 minutes. It’s hard on you. The easy buck- etts made us believe maybe we could get one here today.”

The Irish return to Purcell Pavilion on Wednesday to take on sizzling Villanova, who is coming off wins against a pair of top-five teams in Louisville and Syracuse.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:
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Happy Birthday: Look at the bright side of life. Negative thoughts will bring negative reactions. You must focus on what you can do. Initiate new projects and take a serious look at how you can make personal and professional improvements that will raise your standard of living. Have confidence in your ability to reach your goals. Your numbers are 6, 11, 27, 30, 43, 46.

ARES (March 21-April 19): Someone with something to say will propose an innovation or information affair to the situation you face. This will be the best way to change to a better future, and will also help form a new relationship. ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

TAROT (April 20-May 20): Choose your words wisely. You are likely to start a flawed project unless you are cautious. Put an emphasis on your personal life and your relationships with those around you. ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are in the midst of great ideas, but don't expect control, make sure that your plans are feasible. You may want to rethink the rest of your life and make changes, as this will ultimately be able to contribute to your plan. Move forward thoughtfully. ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make your voice heard, and people will listen. If you are not used to being centered, it will be helpful to share your views. ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Deal with money matters. Cash in on an investment if it will help you pay off a debt. Cut your losses and regain your financial security. A lifestyle change will ease your stress and improve important relationships. ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

Personality Cards: (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't be too quick to make alterations to please someone you love. You have to make smart moves for the right reasons. ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Proceed with caution. Not everyone is on your side. Information is likely to be withheld, or a problem with an institution, government agency or legal settlement will develop. Don't leave anything to chance. Do your research. Romance is highlighted. ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

Birthday Baby: You are aloof and mysterious. You readily attract attention and popularity.
**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 89, PROVIDENCE 44**

**Sky-high scorer**

**Diggins scores 2,000th career point as Notre Dame cruises; road test against Tennessee awaits**

By VICKY JACOBSEN

Sports Writer

When it came time for highly-recruited senior Skylar Diggins to announce her college choice in the fall of 2008, she sat in front of gathered family, friends and media in the Washington High School library and opened her letterman jacket to reveal a t-shirt with “Irish” printed over her number “4.”

Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw wore a replica of that t-shirt under her black blazer at the press conference following Notre Dame’s 89-44 win over Providence Saturday. When Diggins, now a senior guard for the No. 2 Irish (18-1, 7-0 Big East), scored her 2,000th point.

“What she’s brought to Notre Dame and what she’s done for this community is amazing.” McGraw said of Diggins. “Everything she does represents Notre Dame so well and the program so well, and wherever she goes from coast to coast, she’s such a good ambassador for our program.”

Diggins, who is now fourth on Notre Dame’s all-time scoring list, entered the game with 1,999 points. She didn’t leave the crowd waiting for long. Notre Dame won the tip, junior forward Natalie Achonwa served the ball to Diggins and Diggins finished the lay-up just four seconds into the action.

“I wanted to get it over with as quickly as possible, just not think about it,” Diggins said. “But the crowd, they’re always loud and always exciting, but the roar that came when I made the basket is something I’ll never forget.”

But Diggins wasn’t done just yet. A few minutes after her first basket, she went on a 10-0 run of her own, making four consecutive field goals to stretch the Irish lead to 20-4. She didn’t miss a shot until the second half and finished with 21 points on nine-of-10 shooting.

Providence (6-13, 1-5 Big East) struggled to compete all day: Diggins alone outscored the Friars until several minutes into the second half, when she was already done playing for the game.

The starting lineup, including Achonwa (14 points) and freshman guard Jewell Loyd (10 points), got much of the second half to get back on track. The Irish generated numerous scoring chances — senior forward Kevin Nugent’s game-winning goal, the first goal of his career. Notre Dame (16-10-0, 12-6-0 CCHA) got on the board 6:34 into the first period Friday night when junior center and captain Anders Lee scored on a rebound off a shot from senior defense-man Sam Calabrese.

The Bulldogs (13-10-3, 11-8-1 CCHA) responded in the second period, as senior forward and captain Kyle Bonis scored on the power play 3:18 into the period and sophomore center Dom Panetta gave Ferris State the lead with 7:41 remaining in the period. Bonis added an empty net goal in the third period to seal the game.

The Irish generated numerous scoring chances — junior forward Bryan Rust and sophomore defense-man Robbie Russo each hit the post with a shot in the first and second period, respectively — but could only muster one shot past Bulldog sophomore goalie CJ Motte.

“I think we got our chances, we just hit those posts,” Calabrese said. “That’s not an excuse, but at the same time, we’re getting the chances, we’re getting open shots, we’re getting looks, but I think those net-front battles really would help, and I think we’ll get a little more consistency here with some guys back.”

Saturday’s game began similarly to Friday’s, with the Irish...