Candidates unveil visions for office

Six student body president and vice president tickets seek to win positions for 2013-2014

By JOHN CAMERON
News Editor

Official campaigning for the election of student body president and vice president began Tuesday, marking the beginning of the week-long race between six student tickets.

These tickets will face off in a debate Monday, Feb. 4, making their case to students, who will cast their ballots Wednesday, Feb. 6. In the event of a runoff, there will be a second debate Thursday, Feb. 7, and a final election Monday, Feb. 11.

Austin O’Brien and Nick Boggess

Freshmen Austin O’Brien and Nick Boggess are looking outward in setting goals for their potential term as head of student government.

“The main aspect of our platform is making Notre Dame students better citizens of South Bend, and at the same time making South Bend into the college town that students want to be a part of,” O’Brien said. “I would like to be able to find a way for students to be able to be more engaged in the community in order to develop our own unique student cultural scene.”

O’Brien, who hails from Granger, Ind., said he believes he has a home-field advantage when it comes to serving students and reaching this goal.

“I feel that being from the area qualifies me to represent the interests of the students of Notre Dame to leaders in the community who can help make our vision a reality,” he said.

Alex Coccia and Nancy Joyce

Juniors Alex Coccia and Nancy Joyce want to refresh the way student government engages with and serves its student constituents by refocusing the organization on advocacy.

“Student government has the potential to be a great advocacy organization for students,” Coccia said. “It requires being able to engage directly with students and their passions, persevere through the challenges we see.”

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Film festival focuses on non-violent resistance

By MEL FLANAGAN
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Peace studies course material and film study will converge at the fifth annual ScreenPeace Film Festival, where attendees will share in the experiences of five nonviolent resisters from around the world.

The festival, which begins Saturday, is co-sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Hal Cubertson, executive director of the Kroc Institute, said this year’s festival theme of non-violent resistance developed in response to the Arab Spring, a series of civil resistance movements in the Arab world that began in late 2010.

“We thought there would be significant interest in the Arab Spring and its impact around the world,” Cubertson said. “We decided to make the theme of nonviolent resistance the centerpiece because we knew of several films that related to this.”

The five films that will be performed this year include Night of the Generals, which recounts the nonviolent resistance that ended the 1973 coup in Chile; Jails, which documents the nonviolent movement for South African parliamentary elections; Gandhi; and The Power of the Powerless: Civic Resistance to a Degenerating Regime, which explores the nonviolent movement for the restoration of democracy in Bulgaria.

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Students explore careers, internships at fair

By ERIN AUCAR
News Writer

Notre Dame students trudged through the dreary weather in their best business formal outfits with freshly printed resumes and the determination to connect with and learn from representatives of potential employers at the annual Winter Career Fair on Tuesday.

While many of the students attending the fair were upperclassmen hoping to land that dream internship or full-time position, a number of younger students were there looking to get their feet wet in the professional world.

Freshman William Cheely was one such underclassmen attending mostly for the experience.

“I have absolutely no idea what to expect,” Cheely said. “I just want to look around and get a better idea of how these events work.”

With a slightly clearer goal in mind, sophomore Gregory Moyers viewed the fair as a broad but defined search for summer options. While the formal corporate positions offer tempting benefits of a steady paycheck and management experience, Moyers was looking for an internship that offered the possibility of a career.

“I’ll take anything, but I think if I could get an internship with the Associated Press, that would be ideal,” Moyers said.

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Kelly addresses Te’o controversy

Irish coach Brian Kelly speaks at BCS media day on Jan. 4 in Miami. Kelly spoke Tuesday about the Manti Te’o hoax.

By ANDREW OWENS
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Irish coach Brian Kelly publicly defended former linebacker Manti Te’o on Tuesday in the aftermath of the Jan. 16 report that revealed Lennay Kekua, Te’o’s purported girlfriend, to be a hoax.

Kelly said the timeline included in University President Fr. John Jenkins’ letter to University officials matched what he remembered.

“When I looked at it, that was all in line with my recollection of getting a phone call from Manti on [Dec. 26] and [Te’o] suppos- edly told Kelly and defensive coordinator Bob Diaco about the ordeal,” Kelly said. “Everything from there kind of followed the time line that that had been set up.

“So everything that [Te’o] told me, every little thing that’s come out of the past couple of weeks is what he told me. So I can only go on the information that he gave me.”

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:
What have you learned today?

Andrew Hyrcza
senior
Morrisey Manor
“I really need to invest in an umbrella.”

Anna Morton
sophomore
Howard Hall
“It’s important to have an umbrella even if it’s January.”

Bianca Almada
freshman
Cavanaugh Hall
“Rain boots are a necessity.”

Mike Gregory
freshman
Keenan Hall
“How to draw a perfect circle.”

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Students embrace new coaching program

By NICOLE MICHELS News Writer

Every Notre Dame athlete is encouraged to ‘play like a champion today,’ a motto that aspiring coaches among Notre Dame’s student body are learning to pass on to local youth teams.

Notre Dame’s physical education department has devised a coaching certification program in order to give students the tools to coach youth sports teams effectively, said Stephen Bender, visiting associate specialist in the physical education department.

“This program allows Notre Dame students to become certified coaches,” Bender said. “This program offers a pretty solid base to help our students get their feet in the door.”

Notre Dame’s coaching certification program, supported by both its physical education department and the Institute for Educational Initiatives, certifies students through the American Sport Education Program, as well.

Certification requires two courses — “Social Foundations of Coaching” and “Principles of Coaching” — as well as an exam, Bender said.

“The social foundations class is more about ways to motivate people, while the principles class is about teaching coaches how to coach … and getting them to realize that there is a lot more to coaching than just going out onto the field,” Bender said.

The social foundations of coaching course teaches the essentials of the “Play Like a Champion Today” Educational Series, an initiative that instills positive coaching techniques in organizations around the United States, Associate Program Director Damian Kearney said.

“The research behind this philosophy was conducted by Professor Clark Power, who found that a high percentage of children were leaving sports, basically because it wasn’t fun anymore,” Kearney said. “The concept of youth sporting around the country had become so focused on winning and professionalization that the end had strayed from what ‘youth sports’ had been meant to be. We want kids to have fun, maintain good physical fitness and to make friends.”

The “Play Like a Champion Today” staff teaches clinic throughout the country, Kearney said. He said the undergraduate course is more academic.

“We read social psychologists who have written on ‘flow’ in sports and the best performances come from athletes when they’re feeling an equal amount of challenge and fun — we get more into the science of how our philosophy came about,” Kearney said. “The end goal of the course would be for our students — if they go on to be coaches in communities — to know the reasons we get into coaching in the first place and to use techniques to raise not only good athletes, but good people.”

Bender said he seeks to offer a coaching practicum that allows interested students to get hands on experience outside of the classroom.

“If students want to get into the coaching practicum — which is basically student teaching for a semester by getting hands on coaching experience — I go out and find positions for those girls and guys to coach for a whole season at local high schools,” Bender said.

“I find coaches to take them under their wings while they coach — it’s an incredible experience.”

Junior Nick Conrad said the best part of his coaching experience was becoming a part of his team’s community.

“For me, I was fortunate enough to work at St. Joseph High School in South Bend, where I was welcomed into their family of players, coaches and staff,” Conrad said. “It was amazing how in four months I was able to become so invested in the school and football program. I still stay in touch with coaches and players and plan on volunteering again next year.”

Conrad said dealing with the interpersonal aspect of coaching proved to be the biggest obstacle.

“The most challenging experience of coaching is understanding your players,” Conrad said. “Understanding personalities and how to motivate is key. Since this was my first coaching job, it was also a challenge to recognize what drills and practice techniques were actually translating to field success and where I needed to focus my attention for practice plans.”

Bender said this practicum helps students to discern if they would like to pursue further coaching opportunities.

“The practicum solidifies their passion. They might be a little skeptical going out into the real world and seeing what coaching is all about, but everyone that we’ve placed has come back and said, ‘that was the greatest thing I’ve done at Notre Dame,’” Bender said.

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me versus what we’re seeing out there.”

Kelly said his initial concern was to figure out what had happened rather than worrying about when to release the information. He said he immediately forwarded the information to administrative officials.

“That was my first thought,” Kelly said. “Let’s find out what the heck is going on here. Because you get a phone call in the middle of the night, and the first thing is this young lady is not, in fact, dead. You don’t know what to think. So try to get dialogue and make sure that we begin to find out what happened here.

“As we went on in the process, our athletic director, Jack Swarbrick was, as you know, a center in it. And he was putting together all the pieces over a period of time. I don’t know that any of us were motivated by — we don’t want this to be a news story. We wanted to find out what the facts were.”

Kelly added that he was focused on coaching the Irish in the BCS National Championship Game against Alabama and was not involved in the decision on when to release the information.

Te'o, who struggled in the 42-14 loss, did not appear to be affected by the situation leading up to the game, Kelly said. He said he did not sense his captain played poorly because of the ordeal, but he added that only Te’o could answer that question.

“Manti’s a young man that continues to lead, and you don’t really see him — because, obviously, he went through a tough time during the year, and we didn’t really see anything there that would have set off an alarm that he was under so much pressure concerning the situation,” the third-year coach said. “I just didn’t see it as we practiced and leading into the game.”

Kelly said he thinks Te’o will be remembered as a “great leader on our football team on an undefeated team at Notre Dame”, and considers Te’o to be one of the best teammates he has witnessed in his 22 years of coaching.

“He was just special to coach, and he did all the great things that I think great players have to do on a day-to-day basis,” Kelly said. “And we’re going to continue to hold him in that type of esteem.”

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The investigation into the cause of Sunday night’s fire in O’Laughlin Auditorium is on-
going and a report is expected in a few weeks, Owen O’Brien, director of media relations at Saint Mary’s, said Tuesday. O’Brien said there is no imminent danger stemming from the fire. Saint Mary’s Security and the Notre Dame Fire Department were>alert-
ed of the fire at 10:59 p.m. Sunday and responded im-
mediately to put the blaze under control.

The College notified stu-
dents of the fire around 7 a.m. Monday via text, email and phone and an automated voice recording.

“Saint Mary’s uses an alert system that is programmed by the Fire Department,” O’Brien said. “When we want to make sure everyone gets notified, we USED TO USE an email or an automated alert. For this reason, we could not use the alert system. The phone number was not an emergency alert alert but rather a community notice. Since there was no imminent danger, we did not feel the need to send out an emergency alert.”

Since no one had been in the auditorium at the time of the fire, College admin-
istrators made the decision to send out a community notice several hours after the fire had been extinguished and not an immediate emergency alert, O’Brien said.

Karen Johnson, vice presi-
dent for Student Affairs, sent the community notice Monday morning to alert stu-
dents of the fire. Her message also informed students that classes were to be called for the day in Moreau Hall, which reopened Tuesday.

“Saint Mary’s College is dedicated to providing a safe environment for all our com-
community members,” Johnson said. “In cases of imminent danger to any member of the community, we use our Emergency Alert System to contact those persons im-
pacted by the situation.

In the case of the fire in O’Laughlin Auditorium, the auditorium was empty. No student, faculty or staff mem-
ber was in imminent dan-
ger and did not contact the community.”

O’Brien said there was no reason to assume a connection between this fire and another fire that oc-
curred in Moreau Hall in the fall.

“We do not believe that this fire was connected with the first fire that was in Moreau this past November,” O’Brien said. “The cause of the last fire was underdetermined and therefore not suspicious. All indications showed that the fire had not been caused with a purpose.”

When the fire alarm that went off inside the auditori-
um, O’Brien said Saint Mary’s Security was notified at the same time as the Notre Dame Fire Department.

“Since the Saint Mary’s Security is located on cam-
pus, they were at the scene and first to arrive at the auditorium when the alarm went off,” O’Brien said. “Notre Dame Fire Department followed shortly after, arriving within about three minutes. Saint Mary’s Security was trying to get the first floor smoke under control when the Notre Dame Fire Department arrived on campus.”

O’Brien said all safety pro-
cedures functioned smoothly Sunday evening.

“Saint Mary’s Security might not have been aware of how the College wanted to handle classes the next morning because decisions were being made throughout the night,” O’Brien said. “We made the information available on a need-to-know basis.”

A third-party specialist, First Response, has visited the building to expel the smoke that had seeped into Moreau Hall and caused classes to be cancelled, O’Brien said.

While Moreau Hall has reopened for classes, O’Laughlin Auditorium will be closed for an underdetermined amount of time. The next event scheduled for O’Laughlin is Dance Arts 2013: Dance Speaks on Feb. 14. It’s unclear at this time whether the venue will need to be changed, O’Brien said.

“There is water damage to the stage area and offices below the stage. Once the in-
vestigation is complete, First Response restoration specialist-
ists will clean and refurbish damaged spaces,” she said.

By JILLIAN BARWICK
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News Writer

To enhance the educational impact of National Stalking Awareness Month, Saint Mary’s Bellies Against Violence Office hosted speaker Debbie Riddle, whose sister’s tragic experience with a stalker made the all-too-common issue personal.

The Tuesday lecture focused on the story of Riddle’s sister Peggy, who met her stalker Park Kennedy through a study group while attending school in Albuquerque, N.M. In January 2003, Kennedy at-
tacked Klinke, later killing her and herself at a neighboring home she fled to.
Riddle said she remembers the last time she saw her sister.

“She looked like a walking cadaver,” she said.

Riddle said the stalking af-
ected her whole family.

“(Peggy) was terrified to be with her family, (worried) that Parkinson’s was going to have a purpose,” Riddle said. 

Riddle said the nature of the pair’s relationship drove a “weird” within the family once they began dating.

“Peggy was not to pay atten-
tion to … her family,” Riddle said. “(Kennedy) kept inserting himself between [the family] and my sister.”

Riddle said that she saw physical and behavioral changes in her sister as a result of the relationship.

“Her hair started to thin, she lost interest in things,” she said.

Once Klinke ended the re-
lationship in 2002, Kennedy began stalking her, requiring Klinke to keep vigilant about his presence in her life.

“She comes out [of work] and his truck is still there,” Riddle said. “She [couldn’t] live her life without looking over her shoulder.”

Once Klinke began another relationship the stalking es-
calated, Riddle said. She be-
lieves Kennedy was set off by Klinke’s rejection of a marriage proposal.

“He [waited] for her at work and [handed] her a dozen roses and a ring,” Riddle said. “That possession he had control of for three years [didn’t need him anymore].”

When Klinke reported Kennedy after he put up fliers with her picture, false state-
ments and phone number, Riddle said the police dis-
missed the incident.

“(The officer said) it’s really just a piece of paper,” she said. “There is really nothing you can do.”

Klinke had also vandalized

Klinke’s mother’s home in Ohio while the family was at a wed-
ding in Florida, Riddle said. He then flew back to New Mexico where he also vandalized Klinke’s boyfriend’s home.

For Riddle, the murder highlighted the need to raise awareness on the issue of stalking. She teamed up with the Stalking Resource Center of the National Center for Victims of Crime, legal activ-
ist Erin Brockovich and New Mexico State Rep. Heather Wilson to spread the word.

She helped record a “Roll Call Tape,” a video for police officers to use as a training tool and raise awareness of stalk-
ing so they pay attention to the stalking victims, Riddle said. She also shared the video with students, including the 911 call Klinke made before her death, where Kennedy can be heard saying, “Hang up the phone…”

Riddle encouraged students before the question-and-an-
swer session to pay attention to the signs of stalking.

“I would advise if you ever hear anything like you heard tonight … get help,” she said, “There are many, many ser-
viceS available, but I’m telling you, trust your instincts.”

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Sophomore Elizabeth Quinn speaks to representatives from KPMG at the Winter Career and Internship Fair. The event was held in the Joyce Athletic and ConVention Center on Tuesday.

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credential boosts, he said he is exploring nontraditional options as well.

“Right now I’m exploring some options. I’m interested in ac-
counting but I’m thinking about a leadership camp this year,” he said. “That way I can work up to more opportunities in the future.”

“I went so I could talk to some finance and consulting firms that I was interested in, so that I could learn more about them and their internship offerings,” she said.

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aspiring Algerian filmmaker. “normal!” about a young American couple and an festival portray the stories shown over the course of the “normal!” for the screenpeace treaty, rice said. “it’s like a film working when the rab spring but it’s not labeled a documentary the last days of 2010. protests begin in his country in a societal system in a country macro of how to act when you’re in rice said. “we can discern how to act appropriately within a film.”

The film sends a message of solidarity, rice said, and the way things are going, she said. “how do you react, how do you respond effectively?” rice said. “we designate films with our students about extracurricular activities, it’s a different way of contexts. it’s a different way of issues around the world,” he said. “paul and i are trying to get funding or to approve a club,” roemer said. “it can’t hurt to have an ally in the present and [vice president] when the university administers the relationship between campus and student government. “before we can successfully reach beyond the walls of our university, we must first unite our student body,” he said. “We will work together to encourage more night football games, more and better concerts, cheaper printing and Huddle prices, more reasonable meal plan rules, more trips and finally a cafe in [Debartolo],” he said.

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Believe in God, believe in yourself

Scott Boyle
The Sincere Seeker

Although it’s sometimes hard to admit, I get nervous easily. This was especially problematic in high school. My nerves made big decisions difficult. I always put off asking girls to dances until the last minute and told Notre Dame of my decision to attend on the day of the application deadline.

I’ve always felt more comfortable away from the spotlight. I’ve never liked organizing and have always been more content helping as a part of a team rather than leading one. So, college was great for me. There were always activities and people that needed help. I could be something to everyone and could stay away from big decisions.

Everything changed once I started this year in Campus Ministry. Suddenly, my opinion mattered more. I was given responsibilities. I was no longer just part of the team, but instead was responsible for leading it and organizing meetings, committees and programming. I was especially shocked — and scared — when I discovered I would be co-leading Notre Dame’s Senior Retreat. I helped with the Senior Retreat as a senior, so I figured I would not have any trouble this time around. This was not entirely the case, as I soon discovered. My co-leader, Katie, and I were tasked with overhauling the entire retreat. We changed everything from the previous year and gave it a different focus and structure. We took on a lot of responsibility and tried to organize the retreat so that little help was needed from others during the course of the two days.

I grew a lot during the preparations for the retreat. Learning to manage the stress and responsibility that came from juggling many different details and people. But perhaps my greatest insight came not at the end but near the beginning of the preparations in a conversation with Fr. Jim King, Director of Campus Ministry. And I’m just now starting to live into its truth. Fr. Jim and I were talking about my future and I mentioned to him I was, as usual, having difficulties making decisions. To shake things up, I asked him a question point blank. “Having known me for a couple of months, is that one thing that I could work on?” He replied to me almost without hesitation: “Look, you’ve got a lot of gifts Scott. I’d hire you tomorrow to work in Campus Ministry.” Then he paused. “But I can’t hire you.” “Why’s that?” I asked. “Because,” he replied, “you’re not confident in what you do.”

It would be no exaggeration to say these words have changed the way I look at myself. The more I thought about it, the more I realized Fr. Jim was right. I couldn’t make big decisions because I didn’t believe I had the capability to make them. In other words, I didn’t believe in myself. I realized I had been handicapped by my desire to make everybody happy. And this desire had hindered my ability and confidence in making decisions, decisions that may have been right but also difficult for people to hear or accept.

During the retreat, I learned very quickly that you can’t make everybody happy. I guess I could have if I had remained guarded and revealed only a part of myself into the process of planning and execution. But that’s not what I wanted. I wanted to pour all of myself into that retreat. Jesus too did not make everyone happy. Although he led his disciples with truth and love, he made some people so mad they crucified him on a cross. C.S. Lewis writes in this capacity: “To love all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal.”

So I’ve realized leadership, if done well, does not invite us into an ivory tower, but into vulnerability. Henri Nouwen comments, “I wonder if not all creativity [and leadership] asks for a certain encounter with our loneliness. And it is fear of this encounter which severely limits our possible self-expression.”

I realized I had been fearful of leading because I had been incapable of being vulnerable and opening myself to some of the hardest realities of life: criticism, failure and the loneliness that comes with these experiences. But, despite all my fears, Fr. Jim believed in me. And I still ran the retreat.

I think Fr. Jim reminded me of a deeper reality too: God always believes in us. There is nothing we cannot accomplish in Him. If we take a leap, He will not abandon us. He will support us as we discover ourselves and, most importantly, will give us the wings to fly.

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Freezing for a cause

Christopher Damian
Ideas of a University

For Christmas, I received a framed Sports Illustrated cover. The top reads, “The Notre Dame Miracle.” The story discusses the “Modern Irish,” and Tim Layden opens his piece by writing, “The echoes have been awoken, the thunder shaken down, and the new Notre Dame is marching onward to a victory that will be remembered for generations.”

The article chronicles recent changes at Notre Dame’s football program. It suggests that moral standards for Notre Dame athletes have dramatically decreased and that our athletes are becoming less a part of Notre Dame’s student body. Yet, comments by one “Weis-era employee” illustrate some irony. He told Layden, “I think the campus environment softens a kid. Then you’ve got to get him back over to the facility and unsoften him.” So at the behest of coach Brian Kelly, our players got facilities with their own training table, pool, Ping-Pong tables, an Xbox 360 and other video games. Football players now have more perks and fewer reasons to stay in the “softening” campus environment.

This employee seems to criticize the seriousness of this environment. Being a world-class athlete requires a certain commitment to excellence, and he suggests the campus environment is not conducive for this excellence. After living in the dorms, I have found these criticisms unfounded. When freshman dorm parties down the hall result in alcohol poisoning three weekends in a row, one must wonder what kind of environment these communities are seeking to create.

In a certain respect, our athletes are worthy of great admiration. I have met few Notre Dame students whose commitment to their studies matches our athletes’ commitment to their teams. Athletes are called upon to work their hardest everyday in practice and in competition, but few students do the same in their primary commitments as members of the University. It is easy to imagine students who are lazy in their classes. It is difficult to imagine a football player who is lazy on the field.

This, however, is not the entire story. Layden writes, “The current generation of Notre Dame football will be forever connected to the lives of Declan Sullivan and Lizzy Seeberg, both of whom died during Brian Kelly’s first season.” My Notre Dame experience will also be forever connected to these deaths, particularly the death of Lizzy, who was a waste of the world and unfortunately her dedication to excellence. She died after sustaining a broken spinal chord from a helmet to helmet collision.

In a Washington Post article, Notre Dame alumna Melinda Henneberger notes that this player was actively recruited and publicly praised by our current coach both before and after the incident. She questions why he was suspended during his senior year in high school for throwing a desk at a teacher who’d taken away his cell phone. In a different article, Henneberger notes another incident last year: “A resident assistant in a Notre Dame dorm drove a freshman to the hospital for a rape exam ... ‘She [the freshman] said she’d been raped by a member of the football team at a party off campus,’ the R.A. [said] ... ‘The R.A.’s parents, who met the young woman that same night, when their daughter brought her to their home after leaving the hospital ... said they saw — and reported to athletic officials — a hailstorm of texts from other players, warning the young woman not to report what had happened: ‘They were trying to silence this girl,’ the R.A.’s father [said].’ They succeeded. She never filed a complaint.

At the end of his career, Charlie Weis named Residence Life “the biggest problem on Notre Dame’s campus.” Now, with recent restructuring and turned heads, it seems our football program has won against the University, and others, including at least two young women and their families, have lost. While, according to our University president, “we did our best to get to the truth” of a girl who never existed, the events leading up to the death of Lizzy Seeberg still remain unclear. Lizzy’s family, which includes 13 Notre Dame and St. Mary’s alumni, now feels betrayed by the school they had always loved. Perhaps the “Notre Dame family” only goes so far as the football team.

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what your favorite ‘Downton Abbey’ character says about you

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The British Invasion has extended to our television sets, as in the last year or so “Downton Abbey” has joined the ranks of “Mad Men” and “Homeland” as one of the most popular — and critically acclaimed — shows on TV. Now in its third season, Americans just can’t seem to get enough of it.

And while the subject material of “Downton Abbey” is distinctly British (for those out of the loop, the show takes place at a fictional estate and deals with the lives of the resident nobility and servants) the ensemble cast of characters is entirely relatable and diverse.

If you remove all the funny costumes, tea and biscuits from “Downton,” you are left with an array of characters who display depth and range that rival that of any American TV show. Everyone has a “Downton” character they are most invested in.

The real question is, what does your favorite character from the show say about you?

**Lady Mary Crawley**

She’s beautiful and wealthy, but she’s also the resident drama queen/brat of Downton and always has to have her way. She desperately wants a husband, but won’t settle if he isn’t wealthy or good looking enough.

If you’re a fan of Lady Mary you probably major in something “sophisticated” like Art History and live in a new fancy dorm like Ryan or Duncan, the closest thing to Downton Abbey on campus. You’re looking for the ring by spring, but any old Dormer won’t do. You don’t understand the meaning of the phrase “beggars can’t be choosers.” Also, you wouldn’t dream of leaving your dorm room without your Longchamp bag, Northface jacket and Tory Burch flats. Most of all, you’re a daddy’s girl (even if you’re a dude).

**The Dowager Countess**

Sassy is your middle name. What you lack for in nobility you make up with witty banter and a fabulous wardrobe. Violet, as she is otherwise known, is played by the beloved Dame Maggie Smith (McGonagall, hey!) and she is a fan favorite.

Always equipped with a one-liner, the Dowager Countess is perfectly jealous of your friends in Mendoza who have actual jobs following graduation.

**Lady Sybil Crawley**

Where Mary and Edith went wrong, Sybil went right. The youngest Crawley sister is beautiful, down-to-earth and hardworking. Most of all, she marches to the beat of her own drums. She volunteers as a nurse and participates in protests, much to the chagrin of her father. But the most defiant thing she does is marry the family’s Irish driver Branson, who in addition to being quite handsome is a revolutionary (hey, no one is perfect.)

If Sybil is your favorite, you’re probably a free spirit who cares a lot about the world around you. You’ve participated in an SSLP, studied abroad and probably are majoring in something that interests you like Medieval Studies or Film, Television and Theater rather than following the Mendoza path. But you also know how to let your hair down and have a good time — the stage at Finny’s and the Cage at Fever are like your second homes.

**Carson and Mrs. Hughes**

The head butler and housekeeper of Downton, Carson and Mrs. Hughes can be somewhat stern and crusty, but they are loyal employees with great intentions.

If you like a take to either of these characters, you probably really enjoy keeping your room clean. A fun Friday night for you involves stacking your textbooks in a neat pile and dusting every corner of your living space. Extravagant purchases for you are a nice vacuum or a 12-pack of paper towels. You have impeccable attention to detail.

**Anna and Bates**

Anna and Bates’ love story has to be the most depressing — not sad, depressing — on television. Anna, the beautifully young maid, falls in love with Bates, who is older, already married, crippled and possibly a murderer. Talk about corny with a lot of baggage. But in inspirational fashion, the two defy the odds and not even the separation of prison time for the possibly wrongly-convinced Bates can deny their love.

If you are an Anna and Bates fan, you believe in love at first sight and that romance is real. You probably watch a lot of romantic comedies and aside from “Downton Abbey,” your favorite show on television is “The Bachelor.” Maybe you live in FW and your boyfriend lives in Carroll, or you live in Knott and your girlfriend in McGlinn. No matter, because distance doesn’t matter — only true love does.

**Thomas and O’Brien**

Picture a diabolically evil Anderson Cooper, and you’ve got Thomas. Imagine if Voldemort was female and bad bangs and sideburns, and that’s O’Brien. If any characters on “Downton Abbey” were to be considered villains, these are two. It’s amazing the plotting and scheming Thomas and O’Brien are able to do considering they’re supposed to be working full-time as servants. In previous seasons the two were always plotting some mischief together, but now, they’re at each other’s throats.

If Thomas and O’Brien are your favorite characters, you’re an opportunist who will stop at nothing to get ahead in life. You’re driven and cutthroat and probably plan on working at somewhere like Goldman Sachs following graduation. You would backstab your best friend to get what you want. Things that matter to you: swimming, being evil and rolling your eyes really well. Things that don’t matter: bad hair, friendships and use of your left hand.

**Mrs. Patmore and Daisy**

The resident kitchen All Stars of Downton Abbey also provide some much-needed humor on the program. If you like Mrs. Patmore and Daisy, you spend most of your time in the kitchen cooking elaborate recipes. You have trouble relating to your friends sometimes, like the time they weren’t as excited as you about getting a kitchen torch to make flan.

Daisy is also known for marrying William, another servant, on his deathbed, despite the fact she didn’t love him. This bothered her for a while before she came to accept she did the right thing. In a similar manner, you’ve probably been to your fair share of SYFs with boys or girls you didn’t fancy, but let’s be honest, if it weren’t for you they would be going solo (and not the cup type). You’re willing to sacrifice a bird by yourself to help others not necessarily because it is the right thing, but because you were seduced into doing it.

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hushpuppy’s father, wink, is a good father or a cruel man. he
yells a lot. he doesn’t baby hushpuppy in a way that most peo-
ple would treat a five-year-old girl. at the same time maybe that
love her and while he may make her do some uncomfortable
things it’s all in her best interest.

When we experience our worst nightmare unanchored on
screen, a curious process happens: our brains react as if we are
experiencing the zombie situation ourselves. When Will Smith’s character in the zombie-ravaged world of
"I Am Legend" fearlessly fights against the zombie masses, our
neurons fire instinctively with every move Will Smith makes.

One hypothesis is that the positive reinforcement for
watching zombie flicks comes from our subconscious belief
that since we walk out of the movie theater unscathed, we
would be able to handle a real zombie apocalypse. Perhaps,
though, a more selfish desire leads us to zombies. In the
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The greatness of March Madness

Jack Heffron
Sports Writer

Editor’s Note: This is the third in a 10-part series discussing the best event in sports. In this installment, Jack Heffron argues for March Madness.

The series is about finding the greatest event in all of sports. And, so far, writers have argued for some of the biggest games around. But why settle for just one?

I have an event of a bigger variety in mind. It takes over the country for three weeks every year, bringing us dream matchups and unknown underdogs. Almost everyone watches, and even those who don’t have a betting interest in it.

I guess the real question is this: Why have one great game when you can have 67?

March Madness is the king of sports festivals. It begins on Election Sunday, which falls on both the last day of spring break and St. Patrick’s Day this year, forming some kind of mega-holiday. On that date, the field is set, matchups are analyzed and everyone you know becomes an expert on bracketology (plus, how many other events have pseudo-sciences named after them?).

Then, the tournament begins officially with the First Four, an idea that added three more games that I initially despised. More is good but pushing much past 64 teams borders on overkill. Still, these games are a good way to ease into the tournament, and allow fans to watch small-time teams play on national TV for the right to be a sacrificial 16-seed. It’s the calm before the storm.

Then, the greatest four-day weekend in sports happens. The opening-round games are stacked to put the tournament favorites against heavy underdogs, but every year several Davids upend Goliaths to move on. Every game of the tournament is now nationally televised and streamed on the web, which is especially critical on the opening weekend. It has been estimated that billions of dollars of productivity are lost every year by the distraction these games cause and, if one of my professors has read this far, it’s the reason I won’t be in your class on Thursday the 21st. (Sorry, but that’s your fault for having class that day in the first place.)

And as the field of 64 winds down to 16 and 8, we go from fun upset bids to powerhouse matchups, with one-seeds meeting two-seeds to determine who will survive and advance.

The Final Four concludes the tournament and is an event on its own right. It has gotten so big the court has had to be placed in the center of an enormous football stadium to accommodate the crowds, and it always seems to feature games for the ages.

And when the tournament is over? Well, winning six games in a row in three stress-packed weekends against the nation’s best competition is basically impossible, but one team finds a way to do it every year. And, when they finally do, they get their One Shining Moment, and the title of undisputed national champion (something college football is still working on. A four-team bracket? Step your game up.)

Basketball is not like other sports. Whereas football puts all its emphasis on the regular season, every basketball team worth its salt will make the Big Dance. And, while the merits of one single tournament determining a champion can be debated, there’s no question about one thing: That one tournament is the greatest.

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The answer I gave Monday after a four-shot win in the Farmers Insurance Open was that he “never left.” But that’s not entirely accurate, because Woods was the undisputed No. 1 player in golf for the better part of a decade and now he’s not. Everything he did last year, Rory McIlroy did better.

You can believe Woods when he says he is excited about the year.

Torrey Pines was his fourth win in his last 16 starts on the PGA Tour. Perhaps a better indication of his game is consistency. He has finished in the top 10 in six of his last seven tournaments around the world, which doesn’t sound like such a big deal except that he hadn’t had a stretch like that since he “left” at the end of 2009.

So where is he now? It’s too early to say.

Golf is off to a quirky start this year. Four weeks into the season, one tournament finished on Tuesday because of wind and another tournament finished on Monday because of fog. It becomes even more stilted with the location. Woods took over the tournament during a four-hole stretch in the second round when he rolled in a 25-foot birdie putt, hit 5-iron to 5 feet for eagle, had a two putt birdie and then one-hopped his wedge off the flag for another birdie. His lead went from two shots after 18 holes, to four shots after 24 holes, to six shots at the close of business Sunday with 11 holes left.

After last week, I think he was irritated and I think he was a little upset at how he played,” Hunter Mahan said Monday morning. “I think he wanted to make a statement, and there’s no other guys in golf who can go to a tournament and make a statement, but he is. I think he’s making one this week, and I think he’s going to do everything he can to make this a double-digit win for himself and just kind of reclaim his dominance on the tour.”

It looked as if that would be the case when Woods two-putted the 18th hole for an eight-shot lead Monday. What happened the rest of the way was a walk. Woods hit two tee shots that barely traveled more than 200 yards—one that was pulled into the trees and caromed into a patch of ice plant (double bogey), another that was a chunk pop-up and left him a 4-iron to the green and 50 yards behind two guys he had been blasting by all day.

“This one is going to irk him,” Nick Faldo said, adding that Woods still had demons with his driving. Maybe so. The better measure of his driving is when the shots actually mean something. Woods looked more interested in getting off the golf course than winning by double digits.

Winning was never in doubt, however, and that’s what should be remembered.

The real measure, of course, is the majors.

Woods winning at Torrey Pines, with a red shirt under a black sweater vest, was a reminder of how long it had been since his last major title. It was five years ago that he won on a Monday afternoon at Torrey Pines to capture the U.S. Open. Woods celebrates after winning the Farmers Insurance Open by four shots at Torrey Pines on Jan. 28 in San Diego.
Associated Press

OTTAWA — Sergei Gonchar scored on the power play with 2:30 left in regulation as the Ottawa Senators battled back from a sluggish start to defeat the Washington Capitals 3-2 on Tuesday.

Jim O’Brien and Milan Michalek also scored for the Senators (4-1-1), who got 31 saves from Craig Anderson. Troy Brouwer and Matt Hendricks scored for the Capitals (1-4-1). Michal Neuvirth stopped 24 shots in taking the loss for Washington, which blew a 2-0 lead.

Gonchar’s winner came after Erik Karlsson wove through the Capitals’ defense on a man advantage before feeding his partner, who fired a one-timer that deflected of Hendricks in front and past Neuvirth with 2:30 left in regulation as the Senators’ power play with 2:30 left in regulation as the Senators’ power play with 2:30 left in regulation as the Senators’ power play with 2:30 left in regulation as the Senators’ power play with 2:30 left in regulation as the Senators’ power play with 2:30 left in regulation as the Senators’ power play with 2:30 left in regulation as the Senators’ power play with 2:30 left in regulation as the Senators’ power play with 2:30 left in regulation as the Senators’ power play with 2:30 left in regulation as the Senators’ power play with 2:30 left in regulation as the Senators’ power play with 2:30 left in regulation as the Senators’ power play with 2:30 left in regulation as the Senators’ power play.

A turnover by Guillaume Latendresse mid-way through the period at the Senators’ blue-line allowed Wojtek Wolski to jump on the puck and feed Brouwer, who caught Anderson moving the wrong way.

Washington then made it 2-0 as Hendricks tipped Jay Beagle’s shot at the net.

The Senators continued to struggle in the second and seemed incapable of breaking through the Capitals’ forecheck as Washington pinned the home side in its own end for nearly two minutes, leading to a chorus of boos from the 18,790 on hand at Scotiabank Place.

Notes: LW Kaspar Daugavins and D Andre Benoit were healthy scratches for the Senators. Apart from Spezza, D Jared Cowen (hip, out for season), D Mike Lundin (finger, two weeks) also missed out. ... C Brooks Laich (strained groin, out indefinitely), D Jack Hillen (upper body, out indefinitely) sat for Washington with injuries, while C Marcus Johansson, D Tom Poti and D Roman Hamrlik were healthy scratches.

New York — The New York Rangers already had depth problems at forward before captain Ryan Callahan left the ice with his left arm dangling.

The injury didn’t hurt the Rangers in the short term as New York held on for a 2-1 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night, but it could become troublesome if Callahan is sidelined for any length of time in this already shortened NHL season.

Callahan scored the eventual game-winning goal during a second-period power play and then got hurt in the third during a post-whistle scrum with Philadelphia’s Max Talbot, who dragged Callahan to the ice by his arm.

There was no immediate medical update regarding Callahan after the game.

The Rangers, who have won their past six games against the Flyers, struggled throughout. Philadelphia used its lone timeout, but it seemed incapable of breaking through the Rangers’ defense.

Philadelphia had a goal and an assist. "The little plays, especially blocking shots," said defender Michael Del Zotto, who had a goal and an assist. "The best way to stop the little plays, especially blocking shots."... D Brooks Laich (strained groin, out), D Jack Hillen (upper body, out indefinitely), D rolled the puck to the ice by his arm.

The Rangers had scored only twice in 22 power-play chances over their first five games, and failed again on their lone opportunity in the first period. But Del Zotto got involved again to help New York net its second goal.

Nash took a shot from the high shot that Del Zotto tipped in front of Bryzgalov. Callahan got the rebound, calmly settled the puck down as he shifted to his right, and then slid a shot into the open right side at 11:31 for his second goal of the season and 200th NHL point.

The Rangers struck quickly after their top line couldn’t get the puck out of its zone during the game’s first shift.

New York worked the puck around in the Philadelphia end, and Del Zotto let a shot from the left point that slid across the ice through a maze of legs and skates and found its way past Bryzgalov, who appeared not to see the puck as Brian Boyle and Benn Ferriero screened him.
 Holden savors final season

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Sports Writer

A senior capping off a storied career. An athlete crushing expectations since freshmen year. Winning accolades every step of the way, and now looking to carry the team to its top. Holdens swimming story sounds all too familiar.

Holden, a native of Mount Kisco, N.Y, has made a name for herself since stepping on campus back in 2009. As a freshmen, she burst onto the scene with four Big East titles and six all-Big East honors, and followed that up with a trip to the NCAA National Championships her sophomore year. Despite a shoulder injury that forced her to miss all but two meets her junior year, Holden set personal bests in all four of her events at last year’s Big East Championship, placing eighth in the 100-yard backstroke to win a Notre Dame record in the 100-yard backstroke. Not to mention, her best all-around efforts marked one of the belles’ best efforts in this year’s Shamrock Invitational.

“It’s definitely something we’ve been working on all season,” Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. “It’s definitely one of those weeks where our team is really clicking. That’s the meet where our whole team is rested and ready to swim the best races of our lives. It’s really exciting to be in that atmosphere, and it’s fun to see friends and family and be there with the team.”

“Since she is a senior, Holden knows her Notre Dame career is winding down and expects to be emotional.”

“Be honest, it hasn’t quite hit me yet,” Holden said. “It was just an awesome experience.”

“It’s definitely one of those memories that will not easily be forgotten. The venue was amazing; it was the most people I’ve ever seen at a swimming meet. It was awesome just swimming next to Olympians and some of the fastest swimmers in the world.”

While Holden did not qualify for London, she still believes the experience had a positive impact on her as a swimmer and has helped her this season. “From the training perspective, trials was a major motivator to stay in shape all summer,” Holden said. “Also, being in a big pressure situation like that, with everyone watching, definitely teaches you to control your emotions and focus, which obviously prepares you well for other meets.”

With the regular season winding down, one of the seniors Holden leaves she is well prepared for is the Big East Championship. “I’ve had that date circled on my calendar for awhile now,” Holden said. “At practice we’re counting down the days. Everyday our coach gives us a list of our workout for the day and in the corner is the number of days till the Big East Championship.”

Individually, Holden has done quite well at this meet in the past, winning seven Big East titles and finishing third twice. Despite her individual victories, she credits her success to the team. “The team atmosphere is really what brings out my best performance,” Holden said.

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Belles hope to rebound at Trine

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Coming off a 63-59 home loss to Kalamazoo, Saint Mary’s will visit Trine today in search of its sixth win of the season. The Belles (5-15, 3-8 MIAA) are looking to snap a four-game losing streak, their second-longest of the year, with another victory over the Thunder (10-9, 4-6). In those four losses, fouls and free-throw shooting have been major issues for Saint Mary’s, who shot only 52.2 percent from the line in its last game.

The Belles defeated Trine 59-43 in the first meeting between the teams Jan. 9. “Trine has some very good outside shooters, and they do a great job of reading the defense in their motion,” Belles coach Jennifer Henley said.

The victory over Trine marked one of the Belles’ best all-around efforts this season. The team finished the game with a season-high in rebounds and near season-highs in free-throw shooting and steals.

Sophomore forward Ariana Paul turned in a great performance against the Thunder, recording a double-double with 18 points and 20 rebounds. However, Paul is studying abroad this semester and will be unavailable for the rest of the season. In her place, freshman forward Eleni Shea has begun to make an impact, scoring 12 and 16 points, respectively, in her last two games.

Henley said she has been impressed with the overall talent in this year’s seven-player freshman class. “We have a very young team this season, and, over time, every single player has improved from where we started back in October,” she said.

Coming off a 50-47 win over Olivet, Trine will come out fighting for its first home win since Dec. 21. Since that date, Trine has won only three of its eight games. Trine has struggled against Saint Mary’s in the past, losing two of the last three meetings with the Belles.

The Belles will head to Angola, Ind., to face Trine tonight at 6 p.m.

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Senior winger Kevin Nugent chases the puck during Notre Dame’s 5-4 loss to Alaska at the Compton Family Ice Arena. Nugent scored his first collegiate goal during Notre Dame’s next series during a 5-2 home win over Ferris State on Jan. 26.

Nugent’s first career tally came after 64 games of waiting, and on a night his father and former Irish standout, Kevin Sr., was in the building to watch and celebrate.

But the timing was even more fortuitous for Notre Dame (16-10-0-0, 12-6-0-0 CCHA), as it proved to be a spark for the team when it needed it most. Nugent’s goal broke a 2-2 tie in the second and proved to be the game-winner, as the Irish won 5-2 to snap a five-game losing streak.

“That had a lot to do with the rest of the game and how we finished,” Tynan said. “He stepped up, and we all saw that and responded.”

And, while Nugent was instrumental in breaking the team out of its losing skid, he was also a key factor in keeping them going during it. Irish coach Jeff Jackson noted that his team didn’t get down or divisive among themselves after losing six of seven games and credited Nugent’s locker room presence as part of what kept the team together during a rough patch.

“You can’t be too serious all the time,” Nugent said. “You’ve got to keep it light. When you’re losing, the only way you’re going to get out of it is to stay positive … We’ve had the attitude of having fun first, and that has led to success on the ice.”

Even with the win, the Irish have still lost six of their last eight games and have a tough series ahead of them at Ohio State this weekend. But, instead of trying to reverse their fortunes, they will enter into Friday’s game riding a one-game winning streak, a bit of momentum Nugent hopes can keep them rolling.

“You hope that this is something we can build on,” he said. “We’ve been sticking with our gameplan, we’ve just needed a couple bounces. And once you start getting bounces, they all start coming.”

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program. So we’re, again, I think the best way I could say is that Jack and I are in lock-step in how we want to continue to build this program. So I feel really good about that.”

Former Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis signed a 10-year contract extension in his first year with the Irish. Swarbrick recently extended both women’s basketball coach Muffet McGraw and men’s basketball coach Mike Brey’s contracts.

Surgeries force Jackson, Fox out

Senior cornerback Bennett Jackson and fifth-year candidate Dan Fox both underwent postseason shoulder surgeries that will keep them out of spring practice. Jackson’s procedure repaired a torn labrum, and Kelly said Fox had a similar surgery.

Jackson started all 13 games for the Irish and racked up 65 tackles and four interceptions. Fox is expected back in the fall for a fifth season after totaling 63 tackles and a sack.

Kelly said he expects senior safety Austin Collinsworth, who missed the entire 2012 season after sustaining a shoulder injury, to return to action in the spring. Junior center Matt Hegarty and senior cornerback Lo Wood have also progressed in their recoveries, Kelly said.

Senior offensive tackle Tate Nichols may not recover and may not play again, Kelly said. Nichols was sidelined with a leg injury and may be eligible for a medical hardship. Junior offensive lineman Brad Carrico and senior running back Cameron Roberson were given medical hardships last semester.

A numbers game

Kelly said the possible fifth- and sixth-year players have not been decided.

“Once we finish up our numbers in recruiting, then we start to talk about our fifth-year guys,” he said. “They’re all, as we’ve had in the past, they’ll continue to train because they’re in school anyway. Then we’ll let them know what our decision is as we talk to the University relative to granting that additional year.”

Potential fifth-year players include left tackle Zack Martin, left guard Chris Watt and linebackers Carlo Calabrese and Fox.

Graduate student safety Jamoris Slaughter missed most of last season after he tore his Achilles’ tendon and has applied for a sixth year of eligibility.

“We’re still in the process of an appeal for an additional season of competition. We’re hopeful we’ll hear something before the conclusion of recruiting,” Kelly said. “It’s one of those things that everybody wants to know. I know I want to know. The media wants to know. Certainly Jamoris wants to know. But we just don’t have an answer at this point.”

Replacing Te’o, Cave

The Irish will have to fill glaring holes next season after the departures of All-American linebacker Manti Te’o and center Braxston Cave.

Kelly said Calabrese, Fox and sophomore Jarrett Grace are in the discussion to replace Te’o. Senior Kendall Moore is also in the mix. Kelly said the Irish have received a commitment from Michael Deeb, a three-star middle linebacker from Plantation, Fla.

Kelly said Hegarty, junior Nick Martin and sophomore Mark Harrell will all get looks for the center position.

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Kelly discusses Eagles interview, 2013 personnel

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
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The Philadelphia Eagles came calling, and Brian Kelly answered — but that’s all it was.

For the first time since Notre Dame’s 42-14 loss to Alabama in the BCS National Championship Game, the Irish coach addressed the media regarding his interest in the NFL.

“I will tell you that the discussion was more about intrigue on my part,” Kelly said. “I had obviously always been in the college game, really did not have a good grasp of the NFL set up. So for me, my head said let’s be more informed as it relates to the NFL, but my heart is in college football and with Notre Dame.”

Kelly said he wanted to learn more about the NFL but ultimately found the college game more attractive.

“Because we’re going to win again next year, and there are probably going to be teams that have an interest in coaching in the NFL, and I want to be able to tell them definitively that I want to coach in college,” Kelly said.

Kelly said the Eagles’ opening was not a distraction in the lead-up to the championship game.

“I wasn’t even certain I was going to interview,” he said. “It wasn’t even on my radar. So there was never any consideration. It wasn’t an option for me because I wasn’t even thinking about it, and hadn’t decided that that was the direction I was going to go.”

Kelly said the Eagles reached out via Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick either the day of or the day after former coach Andy Reid’s firing. Kelly’s agent then set up a meeting with the Eagles in Nashville — where Kelly accepted the AFCA Coach of the Year award — the day after the national title game.

“If there was anything that I would have done differently, it would have been to close that timeline relative to my interview and coming out with a statement,” Kelly said. “I was on vacation with my wife. We were away, we weren’t watching TV, but I should have been more sensitive to the fact that there was a time period going on and released a statement much sooner.”

As the recruiting cycle winds down and Kelly closes in on a top-five class, the possible coaching change could have been a problem, but Kelly downplayed the issue.

“So I think the recruits, I tell them up front that I’m committed to Notre Dame, I think if anything that may have been a problem, but it’s just not what I want to do,” he said. “I want to be a college football coach.”

Kelly talks extension

In light of Notre Dame’s first 12-win season in nearly 25 years, Swarbrick and Kelly have been discussing a contract extension since Dec. 6.

“We both want the same role: being one of their coaches, but it’s just not what I want to do,” Kelly said. “I want to be a college football coach.”

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At a time during which the Irish are attempting to get hot again, they’ll have to do so against a team that is currently sizzling.

Notre Dame (16-4, 4-3 Big East) will square off with red-hot Villanova on Wednesday night at Purcell Pavilion. The Wildcats (13-7, 4-3) are coming off home wins against then-No. 3 Syracuse and then-No. 5 Louisville in their past two games.

Villanova started the season 11-4 before losing three consecutive games to Syracuse, Pittsburgh and Providence. But the Wildcats recovered emphatically by downsing Louisville 73-64 on Jan. 22 and then besting the Orange 75-71 in overtime Saturday.

The Irish, meanwhile, busted out of the gates to a 14-1 start this season. Yet Notre Dame, which has since fallen from the top-25 rankings, lost three of its next four games, including a pair of tilts at Purcell Pavilion.

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The Irish rebounded Saturday to defeat South Florida 73-65 despite the absence of graduate student guard Scott Martin, who is out indefinitely with a knee injury. In Martin’s stead, senior forward Tom Knight made his first start of the season and propelled Notre Dame with a career-high 17 points and seven rebounds.

Irish coach Mike Brey said after the game that Notre Dame was confident in Knight despite his inexperience in a starting role.

“We injected him into the lineup off the bench playing key minutes last year and he was really good for us down the stretch,” said Brey of the Dixfield, Maine, native. “He was really good for us in the first-round game of the NCAA tournament against Xavier. We were down and he made some plays to get us back in it. And the other four guys are very confident in him because he’s a senior and he’s been in our

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Hockey

Nugent breaks through

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Senior winger Kevin Nugent is known in the Irish locker room as a grinder, a penalty killer and a consummate team player — a guy who hustles on the ice and keeps things light off of it. But, after three years of hard work, he’ll now be known in another role: goal scorer.

In the second period of Saturday’s game against Ferris State, Nugent came down the boards at the end of a shift, made a quick move inside to his forehand and threw a puck in at goal. The shot zoomed just inside the top right corner of the net, and the next thing Nugent saw was six-foot-four junior defenseman Stephen Johns jumping on top of him. Junior center T.J. Tynan picked up the puck for Nugent almost before it landed, and soon all four of the other skaters were celebrating on top of the senior.

“I was just going to take a shot and get off the ice, and it happened to go in,” Nugent said. “It was a pretty awesome feeling to see my teammates being happy for me … I’m glad it wasn’t a garbage goal.”

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