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White House proposes compromise

Possible deal could allow Notre Dame to insure employees without directly providing contraception

By MEGAN DOYLE
Managing Editor

The White House proposed a new compromise Friday regarding religious nonprofits and the mandated contraceptive coverage, a deal that would potentially allow Notre Dame to issue a health insurance plan to its employees without directly providing birth control coverage.

The proposal suggested a separate, individual private insurance policy that could provide contraceptive coverage at no cost for the employees of faith-based organizations. 

"These proposed rules aim to provide women with contraceptive coverage without cost sharing and to protect eligible organizations from having to contract, arrange, pay or refer for contraceptive coverage to which they object on religious grounds," the proposal stated.

The proposal is an amendment to rules regarding minimum insurance packages set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services as part of its regulatory authority under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

If the proposal takes effect, objecting organizations could provide employees with a plan that does not offer contraceptive coverage. The health insurer providing the plan would then enroll those employees in a separate, stand-alone policy that only covers contraceptives at no extra cost.

The University, however, is self-insured. The policy proposed by the White House on Friday presented several possible approaches for self-insured organizations. In all, see HHS PAGE 3

President Barack Obama, pictured here at a press conference last week, suggested a compromise on contraceptive coverage Friday.

Observer Staff Report

Former bishop passes away at 80

Fr. John M. D’Arcy

"Since he became the bishop of this diocese in 1985, he has shown dedicated and affectionate care for Notre Dame," Jenkins said. "We remember him with gratitude and, though saddened by his passing, we believe he will be an advocate for us in the heavenly kingdom." Current Bishop Kevin Rhoades, D’Arcy’s successor, also expressed his condolences in a statement released Sunday.

“I am filled with deep sadness at the death of a dear friend and brother bishop,” Rhoades said. "We mourn the death of a good shepherd after having been blessed with his ministry for so many years." In 2009, D’Arcy boycotted the University’s Commencement Ceremony where President Barack Obama was to deliver the Commencement Address and receive an honorary degree, due to Obama’s pro-choice policy. In a statement released by the diocese at the time, D’Arcy said he would not attend the event because "a bishop must teach the Catholic faith ‘in season and out of season,’ and he teaches not only by his words — but by his actions." D’Arcy was ordained a priest on Feb. 2, 1957 and installed bishop of the diocese on May 1, 1985. He stepped down from his office in 2009.

Funeral services for Bishop D’Arcy have not yet been set, according to the diocese.

Observer Staff Report

Observer hires dept. editors

Six new editors will join The Observer’s Editorial Board in 2013-14 and two current editors will retain their positions, incoming Editor-in-Chief Andrew Gastelum announced Sunday. Sophomores Ann Marie see EDITORS PAGE 5

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By NICOLE MICHELS
News Writer

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Juniors gather in Duncan Hall to watch Super Bowl XLVII. The Baltimore Ravens beat the San Francisco 49ers 34-31.

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Residents of South Bend rent cross-country skis from the Bockne Memorial Fitness Center. RecSports offers cross-country skiing on the Notre Dame Golf Course when weather conditions are favorable.

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Question of the Day:
What is your favorite Super Bowl commercial?

Lindsay McSweeney
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"The Planters Peanut commercial."

Rob Luceri
junior
"The Doritos one."

Mary Kate Nelson
junior
"The one with the pug who wants the Dorito."

Gerry Wilson
junior
"Calvin Klein."

Maureen Connelly
junior
"Old people at Taco Bell."

Jay Wang
junior
"GoDaddy."

The Next Five Days:

Monday
Ethics Week Lecture
Mendoza College of Business
5:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
Presentation by John Sturm.

Tuesday
Engineering Seminar
Geddes Hall
3 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Seminar by Dr. Filippo Coletti of Stanford University.

Wednesday
Workshop: Interview Dos and Don'ts
McKay Hall
11 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
Interviewing tips and tricks from Ann Moran.

Thursday
Zen Meditation
Comer-Morse Center
6:15 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Practice sitting and walking meditation.

Friday
Basilica Mass
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
8:30 a.m.-9 a.m.
Led by Bishop Kevin Rhoades.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Saint Mary’s SGA updates policies

By JILL BARWICK
Saint Mary’s Editor

As turnover between administrations approaches in coming weeks, Saint Mary’s Student Government Association (SGA) will focus on several major calendar items at the college.

During the month of February, SGA will host Heritage Week and Love Your Body week with other organizations on campus.

During the week of Feb. 18, the college will also launch its Capital Campaign, a major fundraising initiative.

Another significant upcoming event will be elections for SGA, student body president Maureen Parsons said.

“Currently we are working on updating our election policies and posting policy,” Parsons said. “We have callout meetings next Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 11 and 12, where candidates will be able to sign up and note what they are running for.”

Parsons said she and student body vice president Meghan Casey will then go over the rules for elections with the candidates.

“Student body president [and] vice president and Senate elections will be the last week in February,” Parsons said. “Big boards and class boards will be the first week of March. Candidates can start campaigning that Sunday and elections are held that Thursday. We will be doing elections through OrgSync.”

Parsons and Casey will be running the callout meetings and approving each of the candidate’s platforms once it is complete.

“I also want to make sure that turnover is a smooth transition and the new president and vice president will feel comfortable in their roles,” Parsons said.

Casey said she hopes to have an abundance of applications from students for SGA positions, especially the Senate, for the upcoming year.

“Our Senate was not completely filled this year so I’m really hoping that more students will apply for positions within SGA so that the new structure can be used to its full potential,” Casey said. “I am looking forward to the transition so that Maureen and I are able to discuss our goals with the new administration and make sure turnover goes smoothly.”

But before turnover, Parsons and Casey both have goals of expanding the impact of SGA in their remaining time, and they said they hope the events in February, “big” according to Parsons, “is a smooth transition to the new turnover.”

“We want to get people really excited about Heritage Week and hopefully have the most successful turnout as possible.”

Meghan Casey
student body vice president
Saint Mary’s SGA

The upcoming year, in seven years, will “automatically arrange contraceptive coverage on an insurance policy,” according to Parsons.

“We want to get people excited about Heritage Week and Love Your Body Week have solid attendance,” Parsons said. “Following through with our goals for Heritage Week and the Capital Campaign means a great deal to us.”

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approaches, self-insured plans could work with the company that administers their health benefits to avoid coverage contraceptives.

A third-party administrator would “automatically arrange separate individual health insurance policies for contraceptive coverage from an issuer providing such policies,” the proposal stated.

A previous proposal had suggested a similar solution for self-insured plans, but under that proposal, the third-party administrator would have had no way to pay for the contraceptive coverage other than the revenue it receives from self-insured plans. That proposal was criticized by many as nothing more than an accounting gimmick.

The current proposal would lower fees in other parts of the ACA to provide third-party administrators with savings they could use to pay for the contraceptive coverage.

The third-party administrator would receive a credit on an amount that would offset a reasonable charge by the third-party administrator for performing this service.

University Spokesman Dennis Brown declined comment on the proposal until Notre Dame administrators have fully analyzed its contents.

Last May, the University filed one of more than 40 religious liberty lawsuits from faith-based organizations to contest the constitutionality of the contraception mandate. The lawsuit states the mandate would go against church teachings and therefore violates the First Amendment’s Religious Freedom Restoration Act and other federal laws.

A federal judge dismissed Notre Dame’s lawsuit last month, when U.S. District Court Judge Robert Miller Jr. ruled Jan. 2 that the lawsuit should be dismissed because the University’s claim is not yet “ripe,” meaning it is not ready to be litigated — in this case, because the rule regarding contraceptive coverage had not been finalized.

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From left to right Liz Busam, Emma Brink, Nicole Gans and Jackie Zupancic discuss student government topics.
Camp Kesem fundraiser makes magic

By AUBREY BUTTS
News Writer

Make the Magic, the inaugural fundraiser for Notre Dame’s chapter of Camp Kesem, will bring out the true meaning of the national organization’s name, student co-chair Lauren McGrath said.

“Kesem is the Hebrew word for magic, and it’s what drives the whole operation,” McGrath said. “We channel the magic and try to bring it out of our campers.”

Camp Kesem, a week-long summer camp for children whose parents have or have had cancer, is relatively unknown on campus, McGrath said, but this year’s Make the Magic event is a step toward changing that. The silent auction and dinner will be held Friday at the Inn at Saint Mary’s.

Notre Dame students can lead the camp as counselors to make a difference in the lives of these children, McGrath said. Beyond the benefits of helping children and their families during periods of uncertainty, Camp Kesem provides students with the opportunity to develop professional skills.

“A Camp Kesem Notre Dame counselor is someone who is crazy fun, great with kids and has absolutely no problem looking silly,” she said. “The mission of Camp Kesem national is twofold, to help these kids in the community but also to give student leadership skills that they can take with them throughout their life.”

Whether they spend their volunteer time dressing up in costumes for theme days, dancing at the talent show or taking part in a giant ice cream fight, students will never regret devoting a week of their summer to Camp Kesem, McGrath said.

“You definitely come away from the experience a more enriched person,” she said. “It’s hard not to see life in a different light and appreciate everything that you have after camp. Guaranteed, it will be the best week of your summer.”

The word “kesem” expresses both the structure of camp and the effects it produces in the lives of campers and counselors, McGrath said. For example, everyone has a nickname for the duration of the camp and can be whomever he or she chooses.

“It’s a way to escape from all the hard stuff,” she said. “When a parent is diagnosed, it affects the whole family, and these kids are forced to play mom or dad, whether that’s cooking dinner or providing emotional support, and to grow up very quickly.

Camp is a week when they can just be kids and be goofy again.”

The magic does not stop at the conclusion of camp, but rather extends throughout the year as a result of the sustained care and concern of the dedicated counselors, she said.

“It’s not just a week in the summer though,” McGrath said. “We have camper reunions for the families, and we create this support group within the families. We don’t want to be there just for the good parts. We want to be there for our campers throughout the year.”

While the Notre Dame chapter represents one branch of a national organization, the camp focuses on serving the needs of the local community, McGrath said. The chapter serves local children in South Bend and Mishawaka.

Further, cancer provides a common point of contact for the campers, counselors and community members or groups supporting the organization. Locally, the Kelly Cares Foundation and the Harper Cancer Research Institute are supporting organizations for Camp Kesem.

“Everybody has been affected by cancer in some way,” McGrath said. “Cancer is an absolutely terrible disease, but it’s also what brings us all together and allows us to have this week. Our counselors volunteer for individual reasons, but almost all sign up because they have also experienced the affects of cancer in their lives.”

Camp Kesem exists to serve the needs of children and their families, McGrath said, but the campers provide as much inspiration for their counselors through their courage and personal testimonies.

“You go into the week thinking, ‘I’m the counselor, and I’m here for these kids,’ and then by the end of the week, after all of the crazy games and bonding, the campers end up giving you more than you could ever give them,” McGrath said.

McGrath said planning Make the Magic, which will also feature a performance by the Notre Dame Glee Club, has been exhausting, but well worth it to see the joy on the children’s faces.

“So many people depend on us to make camp happen,” she said. “The campers light up my world though, and it makes all of the hard work completely worth it.”

Those interested in applying for a counselor position can find the application online at campkesem.org. Applications are due Friday.

Registration for “Make the Magic” can also be found on the organization’s website and will be accepted until Wednesday at midnight. The event will take place Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Gillespie Conference Center, part of the Inn at Saint Mary’s.

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the Patriots, so every time the Patriots go to the Super Bowl I watch it and care about the results," Loughran said. "The last two times they’ve gone to the Super Bowl they’ve lost — which has been upsetting — but other than that I don’t really care about pro football.”

Junior Emily Kaes said she would also root for San Francisco. "I really like football," Kaes said. "But usually when my team is not playing, I don’t care who wins and hope that the game is a good, exciting game to watch — but I hope the 49ers win because it’s the pre-med life." My team is the ravens," Kaes said. "If it’s any other team besides the Cleveland Browns, the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Baltimore Ravens — the teams in the Bengals’ division — I don’t care very much, and I always cheer against those teams.”

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This semester, I decided to broaden my horizons and take a gender and politics class. The professor recently asked the class to write a paper on the masculinity of war. My initial reaction to this topic was very constricted: Violence is often associated with male stereotypes, but other than that, how can masculinity in war be explained?

After learning more about the topic, I was surprised to learn that not only are active participants of war characterized as masculine, but the underlying structure and language of war itself is centered on male dominance. A drive to dig deeper into the patriarchy of war, I was surprised to see how few female voices were involved in foreign policy concerns, specifically in regards to the military. I have been perplexed to discover that even in a profession that involves women are inherently peaceful, and if I will always propose benevolent solutions to issues regarding international security, but I am a firm believer that when women are able to join in on discussions, different perspectives are brought to the table.

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One particular passage in the Bill of Rights. She opens her article by addressing the fact the Bill of Rights protects individual rights and analyses the repeated diction in the document — “the right of the people” — encompassed in the First, Second, Fourth, Ninth and Tenth Amendments. Gray continues her argument by stating if liberals stand for individual rights, they should also support the right to protect one’s self.

Many gun centralists will cite the passage in the Second Amendment regarding “the Militia” as exclusive to former servicemen and women, but fail to realize in chapter 13, section 311 (2b) of the U.S. Code, the document defines “militia,” reading, “The unorganized militia, consisting of (those) who are not members of the National Guard or the Naval Militia.” This includes all people, all individuals. We are all endowed by our Creator with the right to defend ourselves — not given by Congress, but by God. Many people often forget the Second Amendment was also designed to protect society from government tyranny, which is no less relevant today than it was in 1787; look at the expansion of the military-industrial complex of the past 20 years, the Patriot Act, forced government healthcare, public surveillance, “enhanced interrogation techniques,” drone strikes abroad — the list goes on and on, whether or not people choose to admit the truth.

After catastrophes like Sandy Hook, gun centralizers will take full advantage of the public’s disbelief to promote their agenda. After a particularly violent weekend in Chicago, Rahm Emanuel was infamous for quoting, “Let no crisis go to waste.” Violence exists in the heart and mind, not in a weapon. If we want to prevent another Sandy Hook or Columbine from occurring, society needs to tackle the root of the problem, not simply focus on the means to those catastrophic ends.

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Join the conversation

Who should come to Notre Dame’s 5th Annual Human Development Conference (HDC)? Just international development studies minors? Only political science majors? No — everyone and anyone who cares about world issues and innovative research to combat these issues.

We are civil engineers who are constructing bridges in Nicaragua. We are pre-professional students who are researching infant health in Bangladesh. We are anthropologists understanding women’s role in community development in Uganda. We all have something to contribute to the conversation, whether as an accounting major or as a graphic design student. It is only through collaboration that we come to a greater understanding of how everything intertwines. This is how we develop micro-finance programs for women in post-conflict Rwanda. This is how we combine different mediums to promote youth development. This is how we care for our fellow human beings.

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Through news websites, Twitter, Facebook and other networks, the American public knew of the events occurring in Newtown, Conn., just minutes after they began. And as time passed and more interest was garnered, questions were raised. Why is this happening? Who is doing this? What is happening to these people? Ours is an easily intrigued public that disregards the people involved in this tragedy.

Consulting kids, many of whom were trauma- tized by the events that occurred at Sandy Hook, is no display of journalistic integrity. It is a cruel and invasive act that only disrupts a community, and is how we care for our fellow human beings. No matter what our diplomas will say, we are all students of international development. Experts in every discipline must work with communities and fellow academics to provide solutions for pervasive global problems, from poverty to corruption to pollution. At the end of the day it doesn’t matter how many calculous problems you can solve or how many pages you can pump out during an all-nighter; what matters is ensuring that every individual may enjoy a fulfilling, dignified existence.

The 5th Annual Human Development Conference, sponsored by the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and cosponsored by SIT Study Abroad and the Center for Social Concerns, will take place on Feb. 8 and 9 at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Registration begins at 1:15 p.m. on Feb. 8, with panel sessions through the following evening. Please see http://nd.edu/~hdc for a complete schedule of speakers and events.

We hope that you will join the conversation as we seek to understand and aid the developing world. Together, we possess the ability to see the human faces printed on the pages of our textbooks, to hear the hope echoing in quiet places where we least expect to find it.
By EMMA TERHAAR

scene writer

An ocean of telemetronic beats, dub-step drops, banging drums pulsing upwards, breaking into lilting, wavy piano and clear vocals. Genre smashing, hipster rapping, one of MTV’s “13 Artists to Watch in 2013,” Twenty One Pilots put on an incredible show at Legends on Saturday night.

I left the concert sweaty, tired, hoarse and completely confused as to why I had never heard of the band before and what they were doing playing a half-full Legends.

Their music is difficult to describe. Each song was energetic, fun, creative and really easy to dance to. I spent the entire show jumping up and down, booty popping and doing the Bernie. Vocalist Tyler Joseph was a pretty fun rapper talking about his hatred of Sundays and other nerdy white college boy complaints, while still creating a sound that was a little scary and full of drops. Most songs started with some lines of rap accompanied by heavy bass and drumbeat.

They’d soon break into alternative piano pop for a few verses, proceeding to interweave the two sounds together. If Eminem went to a liberal arts college and then joined Neon Trees, he would make music like this.

The two-person group started the show wearing skeleton costumes and would sometimes put ski masks over their heads before starting a song. This might have seemed weird at any other concert, but for them, it just sort of made sense.

In between songs, Joseph would pull the old “make small talk with the crowd as we retune our guitars and catch our breath for the next song” bit. Despite how much I normally hate that, they were actually charming. Drummer Josh Dun sat laughing and watching Joseph call out members of the crowd, inviting one kid on stage and at one point telling the audience that they are not gay, despite many of their fans and concert goers thinking they are.

It was hard not to like both the band members and not want to root for their self-proclaimed “weird songs.” They paired crowd favorites like “Ode to Sleep” and “Car Radio,” with a ukulele cover of “I’m Yours” so we could sing along. Every audience member wanted nothing more than to convince these two kids to come hang out off campus after the show.

The opening band “New Politics” was a little bit less weird but a whole lot more British. The group played straight hipster pop, and had everyone in the crowd screaming and jumping up and down to “Yeah Yeah Yeah,” which closed out their set and will probably be one of the next songs I buy on iTunes.

Two final conclusions: MTV still knows what they’re talking about, and Twenty One Pilots would make an awesome SUB concert.

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When Super Bowl organizers selected Beyoncé Knowles to perform at Sunday’s halftime show, they weren’t just selecting one of the top-performing artists of all time to entertain millions of viewers around the world. They were selecting a bona-fide diva.

What does being a diva really mean? It is defined by dramatic behavior, ridiculous demands and a sense of theatricality? Of course not.

A diva is the best at what he or she does, and a diva knows it — and demands mere plebeians treat him or her as such. Divadom knows no boundaries — you can be a diva regardless of age, race, gender or sexual orientation.

But how do the greatest divas of all stack up? In honor of Beyoncé’s Super Bowl performance, here is a power ranking of the greatest global divas.

Beyoncé: Following the backlash she received for lip-syncing at this year’s presidential inauguration, Beyoncé belted out the National Anthem live at a Super Bowl press conference to silence all the critics. After the performance, she sarcastically asked, “Any questions?” Everything Beyoncé does screams “diva.” She and husband Jay-Z shelled out more than $1 million to rent a hospital floor for the birth of her daughter Blue Ivy, and they had a team of security guards rivaling the Secret Service on hand to keep the media and fans away. Other patients at the hospital were reportedly not able to access certain areas of the prenatal zone because of security.

Nothing says “diva” quite like putting your needs ahead of normal peasant folk.

Oprah: America’s moral arbiter is also one of its biggest divas. She actually retired from her day-time talk show so she could found her own television network — essentially, one show wasn’t enough for Oprah, so she needed an entire channel. She was one of the key boosters who launched Barack Obama to the White House in 2008, and she single-handedly dragged author James Frey onto television to confess he fabricated events in his self-described memoir “A Million Little Pieces.” Lesson learned: Don’t mess with the O.

Anna Wintour: The Editor-in-Chief at Vogue is notoriously known by nicknames such as “the Editor” and “Nuclear Wintour.” If you’ve ever seen “The Devil Wears Prada,” rumor has it that Meryl Streep based her performance as Miranda Priestley off of Wintour. Being a diva is all about making outrageous demands, and Wintour has written a $200,000 annual shopping allowance into her Vogue contract. Additionally, Wintour is so powerful in the fashion world that her approval alone is enough to spell success or failure for a designer’s collection. Even Notre Dame is in her debt — Wintour persuaded Brooks Brothers to hire then-unknown Thom Browne, an alumnus of the University who went on to design clothing worn by Michelle Obama at this year’s inauguration.

Anderson Cooper: Ever since he came out last year, CNN news anchor Anderson Cooper has been a one-man sassy machine. This has been especially evident on Twitter, where Cooper has put his verbal putdown skills on display. This was no truer than in the fall, when he was reporting from Gaza. An anonymous tweeter asked what would happen if the Palestinians knew Cooper was gay, to which Anderson responded, “Why not use your name and photo, coward? I have some more Fritos and keep typing.” And when a woman called Cooper’s reporting skills into question, he responded with this gem of a tweet: “Perhaps spend less time tweeting about coconut flan and more time actually following the news.” Face it, Anderson is a diva.

Hillary Clinton: Hillary is proof that you can grow into your diva status. When she was known as a stiff counterpart to her slick husband during her time as First Lady and then the stodgy counter figure to Barack Obama when she ran for president in 2008, Hillary was the exact opposite of diva. But to Clinton, and Clinton is the coolest cat in Washington. Whether it’s knocking back beers in Colombia, taking selfies with Meryl Streep or being honored with the “Texts from Hillary” website, Clinton has officially earned her diva title. The only way she can top herself is if she is elected to the White House in 2016 as Diva in-Chief.

Mariah Carey: Mariah Carey is a diva measured by how large her personality is, and very often that means she does not get along with other grandiose figures. Case in point: Mariah Carey, the queen of the celebrity feud. The list of A-Lists she has gotten into beefs with reads like a who’s-who list of Hollywood stars — Eminem, Nicki Minaj, Whitney Houston and Christina Aguilera. If you’re going to step in the ring with those celebrities, you better have some credibility. And Mariah backs up her words with talent and success. She’s won five Grammys, sold more than 200 million records worldwide and has had 18 No. 1 singles in the United States, the most of any solo female performing artist.

The Queen of England: Kate Middleton may be the darling of Britain, but let’s be real — the Queen runs the show. For starters, she had James Bond personally deliver her into the Opening Ceremonies of last summer’s London Olympics. In addition to England, Elizabeth II is queen of some pretty prime real estate, namely every tropical island you’ve ever wanted to vacation on — Jamaica, Barbados and the Bahamas, to name a few. The Queen knows she is a powerful, independent woman and best of all, she seems pretty content being the biggest royal diva around for even longer — her reign of 60 years is the second-longest ever for a British monarch.

Prince: Further proof that the diva title knows no gender boundaries. Prince is one demanding cat. Let’s look at his qualifications. First of all, Prince doesn’t play by the rules. In 1993, he changed his name to an unpronounceable symbol and in order to accommodate the switch, his record label had to mail out a massive batch of floppy disks containing custom font. In 2007, Prince performed what many consider to be the best Super Bowl halftime show performance ever in Miami. The weather did not cooperate during the show, but in typical diva fashion, Prince used it to his advantage. In honor of one of his most famous songs, he had stage lights turn the cascading rain around him purple. Best of all, Prince kicked Kim Kardashian off his stage during a concert for not dancing. Spoken like a true diva.

Elizabeth Taylor: Elizabeth Taylor may have passed away two years ago, but she has earned Diva Hall of Fame status. Let’s look at her qualifications, shall we? Jewelry collection worth a reported $150 million at the time of her death? Check. Eight marriages and seven divorces, including two each to Richard Burton? Check. Two Academy Awards? Check. Essentially, Taylor wrote the textbook on how to be a diva, and everyone has been following in her footsteps since.

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Marathons give everyone a shot

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The Boston marathon was one of the 20,000-plus participants who run in any given year, you either have to meet a qualifying time at a smaller marathon or receive a sponsors’ exemption, many of which go to charity runners who collectively raise more than $10 million a year. But their story is separate, but it is staggering: There are separ- ate qualifying standards for each age group (for the 75-plus club, it’s too late to start training), and the wheelchair race leads off the festivities.

The Boston Marathon was first run in 1896, making it by far the oldest of the annual major marathons (New York, the second, didn’t come around until 1904). The race is part of the festivities honoring Patriots’ Day, a Massachusetts state holiday held on the third Monday of April to commemorate the battles of Lexington and Concord.

I realize the Boston Marathon doesn’t get the same sort of attention paid to a lot of team sports. TV ratings are not all that high when the race is held on a Monday morning when most of the country is in the office. It does lack a lot of the spectacle that has become a standard part of American sports (No, Beyoncé will not be serenading runners as they struggle up Heartbreak Hill!). The sponsors probably won’t become household names, at least not in the United States. I’m sure last year’s winners, Wesley Korir and Sharon Cherop, are well known in Nairobi. And for the 48 states that don’t celebrate Patriots’ Day, there is no tailgating and no partying.

But are there any of those things good reasons to hold or watch a sporting event? I love the trappings of modern sporting events as much as the next person, but as humans we are still just a little too even when there is no money, glory or partying to be had. On the most basic level, we love sports because it is our attempt to transcend the limitations of the human body. We want to see the seemingly impossible done before our eyes. We want miraculous diving catches, gymnasts with strength and balance that appear to defy the laws of gravity and bicyclists who think it’s a good idea to pedal up the Pyrenees and ride back down.

While the marathon might lack the flash of some of those sports, it makes up for it in its elegant simplicity. For every participant, from the top runner in the world to the weekend warrior to the cancer survivor running for charity, the feat is the same. They might have different goals and expectations, but each is forcing his or her body to run a 26.2 mile course as every instinct wants to slow down.

We often hear that sports serve to inspire us. Who professional athletes do amaz- ing, but isn’t it even more meaningful when you see your neighbors, colleagues or fellow college students taking on the same challenge? I would have to say yes. So that’s why I’m choosing the Boston Marathon — the simplest and most demo- cratic contest on the athletic calendar — as the best event in sports.

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Irish top Tennessee

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Sports Writer

Their match took longer than expected, but the Irish defeated Tennessee at home by a score of 4-3.

The dual meet at Eck Tennis Pavilion began at 9 a.m. Sunday and was supposed to be finished by noon, when the Irish men’s team was sched- uled to have its match. But, at 1 p.m., the No. 18 Irish (4-1) and No. 25 Lady Vols (0-4) were still locked at 2-2, and the crowd looked on as Irish sophomores Molly O’Kionievski beat Tennessean freshman Tiffany Tavares 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 and Notre Dame freshman Quinn Gleason persevered for a 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 win over Lady Vols sophomore Caitlyn Williams.

“We knew it was going to be close,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said. “I didn’t see much of Molly’s match, but Quinn Gleason did a great job at the end of her match. [Williams] got it back to five all [in the third set], and Quinn played two great games.”

The Irish have now played in four straight matches where the outcome was determined by one point.

“We’ve played a tough schedule already, a lot of top-25 teams, and every match is going to be like that,” Louderback said. “Tennessee is 0-4, and they’ve lost four 4-3 matches.”

Although the result of the match was in doubt until the very end, Louderback said the doubles point, contested hours earlier, played a huge role in the outcome.

“We knew in going that it was going to be hard for any team to win four singles matches, because we’re so evenly matched,” Louderback said.

O’Kionievski and junior Julie Sabacinski swept Tennessee sophomore Jesse Grace and freshman Mimi Fotopoulos, 8-0, in their doubles, and the Ladies’ Vols’ No. 12 duo of junior Brynn Boren and senior Kata Szekely beat junior Jennifer Kellner and senior Chrsitie McGaffigan, 8-2. Although Gleason and junior Britney Sanders had earlier fallen behind 4-1 in their doubles match against the No. 41 duo of Williams and sophomore Joanna Henderson, the Irish rallied to grab the 8-6 doubles win and the first point of the match. The Irish lost two of their first three singles matches. In the No. 1 position 23rd-ranked Boren defeated Sanders and Kellner fell to No. 25 Szekely, both by scores of 6-3, 6-2. McGaffigan claimed another point for the Irish with a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Henderson. Although Sabacinski lost to Fotopoulos in two sets, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4), theirs was the last match to finish. The closely- matched players had a hard time building the two-point lead needed to win a game, and Louderback said the match was halted twice when the players didn’t agree on the score.

Within minutes of Sabacinski’s loss, the Irish gathered their things and prepared to board a bus to Iowa, where the Irish will play the second of back-to-back dual matches.

“Iowa has a couple of new kids that we haven’t seen, and their No. 1 girl [junior Ruth Seabroir] played at Florida State last year and transferred,” Louderback said. “So we thing they’re going to be tough, and I think on the road after playing today the doubles will be a key again tomorrow.”

Today’s match will be the home opener for the Hawkeyes (1-0), who beat Iowa State 6-1 on Jan. 26.

“It’s going to be another good one,” Louderback said. “We had a pretty solid, tight match with them last year, and at their place I think it’s going to be good.”

Notre Dame and Iowa will face off at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Complex in Iowa City, Iowa, at 4 p.m. today.

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Irish best tough competition

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame tacked another successful competition onto its 2013 resume Saturday, as the men’s and women’s teams combined to go 13-1 at the Northwestern Duals in Evanston, Ill.

The second-ranked women’s team recorded a perfect 8-0 record on the day, while the third-ranked Irish men’s squad went 5-1. Notre Dame, which made the long trek to New York the previous weekend to compete at the St. John’s and NYU Invitationalals, had a relatively short bus trip on its hands this weekend, traveling to Northwestern University for the one-day event.

On the women’s side, the Irish recorded eight victories, three of which came against ranked opponents, including No. 9 Temple, No. 4 Ohio State, and No. 1 Princeton. The Irish also beat Stanford and North Carolina en route to their undefeated day.

Irish epeeists compiled a 63-9 record over their eight matches, including 9-0 shutouts against Fairleigh Dickinson and Cal Tech. Sophomores Nicole Ameli and Ashley Severson both went 3-0 against defending national champion Ohio State, while senior epeeist Ewa Nelip posted a 3-0 mark against No. 1 Princeton.

The women’s foils recorded a combined 56-16 record Saturday. Sophomore foil Madison Zeiss joined her epee teammates in posting a 3-0 mark against Ohio State. The only match in which the foils were outscored was against No. 1 Princeton, as the Tigers bested the Irish 5-4.

With Saturday’s victories, the lady Irish improved their season dual record to 17-1, with their only loss coming at the hands of No. 3 Columbia at the NYU Invitational on Jan. 27.

On the men’s side, the Irish recorded five wins, including a decisive three-weapon sweep of No. 10 Stanford and a hard-fought one-point victory over No. 4 Princeton.

The lone Notre Dame defeat came against No. 1 Ohio State, a match in which the Tigers outscored the Irish 7-2 in the epee event. Notre Dame beat the defending national champion Buckeyes at the St. John’s Invitational on Jan. 26.

Senior and 2012 Olympian Gerek Meinhardt made his regular-season debut Saturday. The San Francisco native rebounded from an opening match loss to Ohio State, going 3-0 in the subsequent five bouts to finish the day with a 17-1.

Saturday’s wins put the Irish men at 11-5 on the season.

Notre Dame now turns its attention to this upcoming Sunday, when the men and women will compete at the Duke Duals at Duke University in Durham, N.C.

SMC SWIMMING AND DIVING | SAINT MARY’S 153, OLIVET 105

By DONG-HYUN KIM
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s earned its first win of the season Saturday, as the Belles defeated conference opponent Olivet 153-105 at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Freshman diver Andrea Caracci, who won both the 1- and 2-meter dive events, led the Belles (1-6). Other top performers for the squad included senior Ellie Watson, who placed first in the 500-yard freestyle, freshman Caroline Neville, who won both the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard freestyle and sophomore Anna Nolan, who took the 50-yard freestyle.

“We had great depth and excellence in all of the freestyle and both sprint and distance relays,” Belles senior captain Genevieve Spliter said.

Saint Mary’s won the meet by 48 points, but did not lead all throughout the meet. Olivet (0-6) had strong showings from its relay team and led the Belles before Saint Mary’s came back in its strong suit, the freestyle.

“The Belles hope the win will boost their confidence as they prepare for the MIAA championship. ‘We will hit the water pretty hard and just improve on our swimming techniques,’ Spliter said.

Saint Mary’s will next compete at the MIAA championships, which will be held from Feb. 13-16 at Jenison High School in Jenison, Mich.

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Irish take several events at Meyo

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The Irish claimed several impressive finishes at the 26th annual Meyo Invitational this weekend at Loftus Sports Center.

The meet drew a field of nearly 50 schools from a range of conferences. Notre Dame senior captain and pole vaulter Chrisy Finkel said all of the schools that competed enjoy the Meyo Invitational because of the meet’s atmosphere.

“This is the most important meet of the season that we host at home,” she said. “Students and the community come out to cheer, and the level of competition is much higher than anything we’ve faced during the year.”

On the women’s side, senior Rebecca Tracy placed first in the 5,000-meter. Feeney’s sprinter Patrick Feeney took first in his 3,000-meter event, and junior distance runner Walter Schafer won his 3,000-meter event, breaking her personal record by eight inches.

“It was very exciting for Ann,” Finkel said. “A few years ago, she blew out her knee pole vaulting, so to see her do that well was unbelievable.”

Junior distance runner Megan Yanik and freshman distance runner Michael Cleverger rounded out the Irish victors, with Yanik winning the 5,000-meter event and Cleverger winning the 5,000-meter.

“Because the competition is so great, every winner or top finisher we had was huge,” Finkel said. “It was really exciting to see how we spanned across a number of different events.”

The Irish will travel to Allendale, Mich., for the Grand Valley Big Meet Invitational this upcoming weekend.

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Team wins two dual meets

By MARY GREEN
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Nearing the end of an arduous three-weekend stretch of meets, Notre Dame faced one last regular-season test before the Big East championships when the Irish traveled to the Northwestern Invitational.

With strong finishes from a handful of swimmers, the team left Evanston, Ill., with a 191-177 win over Northwestern and a 210-160 victory over Missouri State, as well as a 212.5-155.5 loss to No. 20 Iowa.

Despite trailing Northwestern (4-5) by a point after Friday’s opening session, Notre Dame (9-2) overcame the deficit throughout the two sessions Saturday to pull out the win, its 400th all-time dual-meet victory against the Wildcats. Irish coach Tim Welsh said he left the meet impressed.

Welsh said his team’s depth played a significant role in Notre Dame’s doubly-victorious weekend, which boosted its record to 9-2; its best regular-season finish since the 2006-07 season.

“Something that you’ll notice is that it’s never the same guy [winning] every meet,” he said. “We have a lot of balance and a lot of depth, and that’s something that’s carried us through this season.”

The Irish have three weeks off from competition before they head to Indianapolis to try to defend their title at the Big East championships, which will be held from Feb. 27 to Mar. 2.

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Irish struggle in scrimmage win

Men’s lacrosse | ND 16, Detroit 8

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

They were national semifinalists last season. They are the No. 3 team in the nation. They beat Detroit 16-8 on Saturday at the Loftus Sports Center in the final scrimmage before the start of the regular season.

But Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said Notre Dame is not a good team.

“We’re just not very good,” Corrigan said bluntly after the scrimmage.

Corrigan said he saw problems with Notre Dame’s performance every place he looked.

“i couldn’t even begin to list it,” Corrigan said when asked what was the worst part of his team’s performance. “It’s a race for No. 1 when it comes to that. But more than anything else we didn’t handle the ball well. We’re fundamentally unsound. We don’t communicate well. We don’t work hard enough. We’re not physical enough. I don’t know, the list could go on.”

With two weeks to prepare for the season opener against Duke on Feb. 16, Corrigan said he needs to be a better coach, and he needs every member of his squad to step up.

“I look for all 46 guys,” Corrigan said. “We just have to pick it up. I have to do a better job first and foremost. If we’re this bad, then I’m not doing a good job so it starts with me.”

Corrigan said the scrimmage’s main objective was to prepare the team for Duke. Though he wasn’t pleased with Notre Dame’s performance, Corrigan said the win over Detroit was another step toward being ready for the Blue Devils.

“It’s another day of work, but it’s another day where we found out that we’ve got a lot of work to do,” Corrigan said.

Notre Dame will be back in action Feb. 16 to take on Duke in Durham, N.C., in its season opener.
Irish split Sunday doubleheader

Freshman Alex Lawson celebrates after winning a point during Notre Dame's 4-0 loss to Duke at the Eck Tennis Center on Sunday.

By PETER STEINER
Sporst Writer

In its marquee matchup Sunday at Eck Tennis Pavilion, No. 30 Notre Dame (4-3) fell to No. 1 Duke (5-1) 6-4, 6-4 en route to a 6-4, 6-4 victory.

The biggest bright spots from Sunday's match against the Blue Devils came from Monaghan, No. 4 singles player junior Billy Pecor and the No. 2 doubles team, Bayliss said.

The matchup was the team's annual "Pink Zone" game in support of breast cancer awareness and research, and the Irish were pink-accented uniforms and shoes.

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19 "La Dolce ___"
20 Steamboat white

**CRUSSWORD | WILL SHORTZ**

1  Bathroom floor coverings
2  Good nose- working in South Dining Hall...
3  "Mating" insects
4  Even the slightest bit
5  Sound boosters
6  Golf reservation
7  Towing org.
8  Orange snacks
9  Band's booking
10 Flairs Club event
11 UFO, shapes, traditionally
12 Prominent part of a basket hand
13 Title of "The Soprano"
14 Web address for Ford
15 Ambulance destinations, in brief
16 Letter before chinga
17 Start of a play

**SUDOKU | THE MEHPAM GROUP**

**PUZZLE**

1  3  7  2  4  1  6  5
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3  7  2  1  5  6  4  3
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5  5  4  3  2  7  6  1
6  1  2  4  5  7  6  3
7  3  7  6  2  8  4  9
8  2  1  8  9  7  3  4
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**SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE**

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Happy Birthday! Size up your situation and prepare to step into the limelight. Let your creative side be the key to the future with greater optimism. Explore new avenues and pick up as much information along the way as possible, and success will be yours.

Your numbers are 9, 14, 26, 33, 39, 45.

**ARES (March 21-April 19):** Participate in events and causes that interest you, and you will learn new things and gain a better understanding of the world. Business and pleasure are in a harmonious balance.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't worry about the things you can't change or people who oppose you. Focus on what you can do and do it well. Your leadership will be appreciated.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Nothing will be straightforward. Ask questions and determine by yourself whether or not you can take part in what's being asked of you. If an offer turns out to be more inviting than expected, be sure to read the fine print.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Size up your options and do whatever it takes to build your confidence. A unique situation will arise if you attend an event that features different cultural traditions. Community social events will lead to new beginnings and friendships.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Trouble at home can be expected. You’d be wise to get out and enjoy a paradise with someone who shares your interests and doesn’t judge you. Don’t give in to bullying or anyone trying to coerce you into something you don’t want to do.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Don’t hold back when discipline and hard work offer such good results. Too much of anything will be your downfall. Keep life simple, pursue goals with moderation and you will come out on top. An idea built on solid ground will be profitable.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Be unique, imaginative and engaging and you will be noticed. Your ability to pull things together will result in greater interest from someone who can offer you either personal or professional assistance. Love and romance are heading your way.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Stick to creative endeavors or home improvement projects. Talk will get you nowhere but into trouble with the people you love most. Make love, not war, and you will enjoy the comfort that goes along with a good relationship.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** A little discretion when it comes to taking a risk will be required. You have to look at what you are planning to do objectively and wager all the pros and cons before leaping into action. Protect your reputation first and foremost.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Take command. An emotional matter can be cleared up if you are compassionate and understanding with regard to the needs of those around you. Give and take will help you get what you want in the end. Take a unique and unexplored approach.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Look at your options but don’t make a decision just yet. Stick to a plan and make any rash decisions you’ve left undone. Shifting your mind what you want to strive for in the future will pay off.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Look over your important papers and you will discover something that needs to be dealt with and that can make your life easier financially. Keep your cool and feel about entering a new relationship with an open and uplifted spirit.

Happy Birthday! You are imaginative, entertaining and quick to respond. You are a Troublemaker.

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**Irish survive in overtime**

By MIKE MONACO

Sports Writer

Notre Dame surrendered a 12-point second-half lead, endured nine second-half lead changes and forced overtime Saturday against DePaul, but the Irish dominated the extra time in Rosemont, Ill., to win 79-71.

With the game tied 70-70 at the end of regulation, Notre Dame (18-4, 6-3 Big East) outscored the Blue Demons (10-11, 1-7) 9-1 in the extra period behind seven points from Irish junior guard Eric Atkins.

“I’m really proud of our team’s mental toughness,” Irish coach Mike Brey said in a postgame interview with UND.com. “They made the run, and it’s an unbelievable atmosphere — what a great college atmosphere and college game. We had to be mentally tough to kind of get through that, and I’m really proud of our group collectively.”

Atkins opened overtime by drilling a three-pointer. He then knocked down a pair of free throws just over a minute later and buried two more in the overtime period as the Irish rolled. Notre Dame limited DePaul to a single made free throw during the final five minutes.

“We start with game situations in the very first practice so you’re in everything in practice,” Brey said. “And we talked about that down the stretch. I said ‘Fellas we are in game situations. Nobody does it more than us. And I don’t think anyone’s better at them.’ And I thought our experience in game situations and poise really helped us.”

Senior forward Jack Cooley powered the Irish with a season-high 26 points and 16 rebounds. Atkins played 43 minutes and scored 16 points to go along with five assists and four steals. Fellow senior guard Jerian Grant also logged 43 minutes and chipped in with 10 points, five rebounds and five assists. Cooley, Atkins and Grant scored all of Notre Dame’s final 24 points.

The Irish led 39-30 at halftime and extended their lead to 46-34 a little over three minutes into the second half with a quick five points from Cooley.

But the Blue Demons stormed back over the next seven minutes and took a 56-55 lead with 9:25 remaining in regulation. From there, the teams continued to trade leads.

With 1:24 left to play, DePaul saw his best of late. We’ll have to spend more time on. "It’s still to be determined," Jackson said. "It’s our best player, everybody knows it. Everybody knows that we have trouble scoring, and we expect everyone that we play to try and get her out of her game offensively and make someone else score.”

McGraw said she thought Hollins was limited by her three personal fouls, two of which came in the first half. "We were trying to hold her to single digits, we did a pretty good job there," McGraw said. "I think she missed some shots, and she only took nine."

McBride scored 17 points in the first half and added two more in the second, and was complemented by the production from Irish senior guard Kaila Turner, who scored 11 points.

"I thought Kaila Turner gave us some great minutes off the bench," McGraw said. "She really stepped up when we needed a little bit of poise and composure." Bears senior guard Kayla Cook led her team with 12 points. She was the only Cincinnati player to end the game with double-digit points.

The win over Cincinnati was the 699th of McGraw’s career.

"No, I really don’t," McGraw said when asked if she thought much about her career milestones. "Not when you watch [former Tennessee coach] Pat Head Summitt."