Debate highlights Monday’s runoff

Candidates reflect on election experience

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A six-ticket race was whittled down to two potential platforms to represent the Notre Dame student body when Wednesday’s election resulted in a runoff between juniors Alex Coccia and Nancy Joyce and juniors Dominic Romeo and Philip Hootsmans.

Following last night’s runoff debate, Coccia said he and Joyce plan to go into today’s election with the momentum gathered from student support for their ticket.

“We have really been honored by the excitement and enthusiasm behind our campaign,” Coccia said. “Going door-to-door in the dorms has really opened our eyes to the breadth and depth of interests within the student body, and we would be very excited to turn that momentum gathered from student support into today’s election with the opportunity to engage higher-order questions about the human condition,” Roche said. “You’ll be engaged in a lot of busy-ness in the rest of your life,” he said. “[College is] an opportunity to withdraw from your world and reflect on the past as much as the present, on other nations as much as your own.”

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Students government finalists face off

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The two tickets still in the running for student body president and vice president squared off in a runoff debate Sunday night in LaFortune, reiterating the pillars of their platforms before the final round of voting today. Juniors Alex Coccia and Nancy Joyce form one ticket, competing against fellow juniors Dominic Romeo and Philip Hootsmans. Coccia and Romeo are the candidates for president, while Joyce and Hootsmans are running for vice president.

The debate focused largely on diversity and inclusion on campus, and each ticket’s plans to create more unity and cohesion among members of the student body. Both tickets emphasized students and faculty over a casual lunch in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall.

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Student hits ‘GameDay’ shot

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Senior Casey Murdock had the luck of the Irish on his side Saturday morning when he made a half-court shot at College GameDay to win $18,000.

“When I saw the ball bank into the hoop on the second shot, I honestly did not know how to feel,” Murdock said. “I was completely at a loss for words.”

Murdock hit the shot on his second attempt during the ESPN program’s broadcast from Purcell Pavilion.

The avid basketball fan said he plans to act responsibly with his winnings.

“I’m definitely going to save the majority of it; I’ll invest it somehow so that I can prepare for life after college,” Murdock said. “At the same time, when something like that happens, you need to celebrate somehow, so I’ll figure out a way to have fun with a little bit of it.”

Murdock’s favorite part of the experience was the crowd rushing the court to pile on him after he made the winning shot. Being surrounded by a horde of people, including the Notre Dame men’s basketball team, was completely overwhelming, he said. “It felt like the entire Notre Dame scene PAGE 6
QUESTION OF THE DAY:
Who is your favorite recording artist from this year?

Andrew Lynch
senior
“Jay-Z.”

Eily Andruszkiewicz
junior
Walsh Hall
“Mumford and Sons.”

Ethan Swan
Sophomore
Kough Hall
“Taylor Swift.”

Lizzie Heilmann
sophomore
Welsh Family Hall
“Fun.”

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senior
Fisher Hall
“Mackelmore.”

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11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Public reading of Shakespeare’s 154 sonnets.

Friday
Business Lecture
Mendoza College of Business
10:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m.
Speaker: Julia Silverman.
CSC Open House
Coaler-Manor Center
6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Part of Junior Parents Weekend.

Notre Dame students display homemade signs on the live broadcast of ESPN’s “College GameDay” in Purcell Pavilion on Saturday morning. “College GameDay” came to Notre Dame to cover the men’s basketball game against Louisville, which the Irish won 104-101 in five overtimes.
Happy Light benefits college during winter

By REBECCA O'NEIL
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Saint Mary’s is offering a solution to its students’ weather-induced woes. The Happy Light is available in Women’s Health by appointment only, imitates sunlight with special fluorescent bulbs that are twenty-five times brighter than normal bulbs.

Students are welcomed and encouraged to take advantage of the pseudo-sunlight, director of Women’s Health Elizabeth Fourman said.

“The counselors had been reading about the benefits of the Happy Light for years, so we finally purchased our Happy Light in the fall of 2010,” she said. “It’s used to treat SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder), which is prevalent in the northern U.S.”

Up to 25 percent of people in the northern U.S. have some symptoms of SAD, Fourman said, and the disorder is more prevalent in females, which made Saint Mary’s an ideal location for the light.

With lows in the 10s and highs in the 40s this winter season, Fourman said South Bend’s weather may be detrimental to academic success. For those afflicted with the disorder, the environmental inconsistencies are hazardous to both physical and emotional health.

Consistent exposure to sunlight or artificial light may mitigate the effects of the disorder. Fourman said those who have used the light usually notice a small improvement in mood and energy.

“There is a direct correlation to improved symptoms with regular use,” she said. “The symptoms of SAD also improve with regular exercise, good nutrition, hydration, counseling, regular sleep cycle and for some, medication.”

Saint Mary’s is not the only school to try this unconventional method, Fourman said. “I don’t know of any locally, but some schools with multiple lights rent them for a week at a time, or have students check them out from the library, and some have students schedule appointments like we do here,” she said.

Ideally, the light should be used daily. Fourman said, but with students’ busy schedules, that often is not an option. Typical sessions run from 15 to 60 minutes, but most people use it for about half an hour.

“Students start making appointments for the Happy Light in November. The most we’ve had in one week is 11, but usually it’s less than that,” said Fourman.

Sophomore Logan Nevenon visited the light for the first time last year. “I hadn’t heard of it before and I thought I would try it because I was not feeling like myself. I was pretty down,” said Nevenon.

The Texas native went to the Happy Light twice a week for about three weeks and did homework.

“Girls from warmer climates request the Happy Light more frequently,” Fourman said. “Our dreary weather lasts for months, and a lot of us forget what the sun looks like until it comes back in the spring. Many students who come from a more sunny climate have a difficult time adjusting to our clouds.”

Unfortunately, the light’s effects do not work for everyone.

“I didn’t feel any different than I had before I tried it, so I decided not to go back. It didn’t work for me,” said Nevenon.

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Dame community was celebrating this amazing moment not only for me, but with me,” he said. “It truly made me feel like part of a family, and at that point there was no more I could ask for.”

After the shot, Murdock said he found his friends and captured the moment through taking pictures and then continued celebrating at his home.

“I returned to my off-campus house, and as soon I walked in the door all of my friend piled on me and started screaming with excitement,” he said.

Murdock said he practices shooting the ball around almost every day and has made half-court shots before, but he did not actually practice in preparation for “College Gameday.”

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“CWIL took over and broadened the scope of the film festival to include foreign films from around the world,” Derakhshani said. “The week features five films that illustrate various issues that women in different countries frequently deal with. They range from the challenges of growing up as a biracial woman in Canada to historical and contemporary feminism in Islam.”

As part of a women’s college, Derakhshani said CWIL is uniquely placed to feature women filmmakers and bring issues women face from around the world to the eyes of the Saint Mary’s community. The center worked with the Women Make Movies, an organization that promotes films by and about women, to put together the event.

“The World Cinema Festival gives everyone the opportunity to learn about and engage with the rich tapestry of the world,” Derakhshani said. “The filmmakers we are featuring tell stories of women leaders in various cultures around the world. …The women are telling their stories in their voices and that is a powerful example of leadership.”

The films are free and open to the public. They will be shown in Vander Vennet Theater in the Student Center each night at 7 p.m.

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their commitment to actively seeking out suggestions and input from the student body, using the position of student body president and vice-president to better serve the Notre Dame community and respond to their immediate concerns.

Coccia discussed his involvement with the 4 to 5 movement on campus and said he hopes to continue to advocate for the interests of all students on campus, beyond the “mainstream” concerns.

“What I’ve been able to do with the 4 to 5 movement is really build a team of people to make what was a marginal coalition a mainstream conversation,” Coccia said. “Through that, we were able to make a real, concrete policy change as well as…a more welcoming environment for [all] members of the community.”

Joyce echoed this approach, citing her involvement with smaller, “niche-focused” groups like Arabic Club and a diabetes support club on campus and expressing her appreciation for the work these smaller organizations do.

“We have such a diversity of passions and interests here on campus, so we want to make sure that these smaller groups are really able to use student government,” Joyce said. “You shouldn’t have to be a group that attracts a huge number of students to attract a huge number of sources you need from student government.”

Romeo said he believes the key to fostering a sense of inclusion campus-wide will be increased awareness of the groups and activities on the margin of campus life, making their concerns and events more publicized.

“We think these issues of diversity and inclusion deal with the issue of equality — how do we get every student at Notre Dame to feel equal?” Romeo said. “In talking to a lot of students… the answer we’ve heard overwhelmingly is awareness. We’ve got to make the student body aware of the issues.”

Romeo hopes to continue the conversation about instances of injustice or inequality across campus, setting precedent for how the student government will respond and offering an alternative to unproductive, immediate emotional responses.

“We don’t want to forget that the ND student body is very diverse and a very welcoming group,” Romeo said. “We want to do things to remind us of that. We want to do weekly Observer editorials to lift up students who are doing something good, and at the same time we want to celebrate diversity.

“We think if more students are aware of these things, naturally there will be a movement where the whole student body is going to look at each other on the same plane.”

Each candidate spoke about his or her personal background and the ways in which their individual experiences at Notre Dame qualify them to lead the student body.

Coccia said his experience in student government has set him up to be successful as student body president, able to connect with administrators and act efficiently with them. These connections will enable him to begin work with administrators immediately, putting the student government’s plans into action right away.

“I’ve been able to build good working relationships with administrators across campus to get things done effectively,” Coccia said. “It’s hard to go in cold without these relationships, but I can go in immediately and really start working with them and having the conversations.”

Joyce said her involvement with class council and participation in smaller clubs on campus has refocused her priorities and made her a more passionate advocate for them.

“I believe that student government really needs to be about more than the mainstream or just the large groups on campus,” Joyce said. “We need to make sure that everyone on campus thinks that student government is a resource for them. That’s how we approach student government.”

Hootsmans cited his international background as a major formative experience, and said he is committed to fostering the sense of inclusion that he has personally experienced.

“I was born in Japan, lived there for four years, then lived in Connecticut for seven years, then I moved to China,” Hootsmans said. “I know [how it feels], to be in a place where you’re completely different from everybody else; I have that experience.

“It doesn’t take a lot to make someone feel welcome… and I think that’s where my background comes into my approach, because I believe that from the top of student government you can create a culture that can emphasize this and be more welcoming.”

Romeo said he sees his lack of experience with student government as a positive thing that allows him to approach issues more creatively with a broad background of experience.

He cited his leadership roles with the Appalachia Seminar and The Shirt committee, his experience walking on to the football team and his time abroad in China as the formative moments in his Notre Dame experience.

“I’ve worked with all different kinds of things, and I think this wide array has formed me into a person who can approach issues not just from one-sided way,” Romeo said. “I’ve been through all kinds of different experiences and have seen things in all kinds of different lights, and I can get things done accordingly.”

Students can place their votes for student body president and vice president today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. through all kinds of different links to e-mails to students by the Judicial Council.

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Pursued for its utility is only useful insofar as it serves an end, but knowledge sought for its own sake fulfills a greater purpose. “Knowledge is the human capacity that most resembles divine, and therefore, when we engage knowledge as a good in itself, we are engaging in a religious activity.”

Mark Roche professor German and philosophy

Therefore, helps me discover who I am and how I ought to live my life,” he said.

Roche said liberal arts classes enable students to develop communication and critical thinking skills that will be useful in their careers. They provide preparation for entering new professional fields and eventually working in jobs that do not yet exist.

A liberal arts background also helps people communicate well with each other, Roche said.

“To encourage effectively the participation of others, to draw them out in the discussion, to challenge the view of interlocutors without irritating them to such a degree that they turn away from the discussion, is to enact a kind of diplomacy,” Roche said.

Roche advised students not to choose majors based on employment prospects but rather on what will most fulfill them.

“If you get a Notre Dame degree, you’re going to get a job, so it doesn’t matter all that much what you major in,” he said. “But you have to worry in this sense: If you choose business, are you getting enough liberal arts classes to really flourish in the long term?”

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You’re trolling Facebook as per usual when you see a notification inviting you to an event. “Thank God,” you think, “someone finally got around to looking for my Valentine’s Day Night.”

Wrong. You couldn’t be further from the truth. You’ve been invited to the most unfortunate of social media official gatherings: the theme party.

Don’t get me wrong, like an old-fashioned night of house party debauchery as much as the next shameless college male. It’s a great opportunity to meet people while avoiding shell out a whole dollar for a 32-ounce drink at T’s. That’s right, when you require me to put on jorts, wear ironic business formal attire or paint my face, just… ain’t nobody got time for that.

Frankly, Legacy Village rent is pretty steep, and the money tree we had in our backyard died before Christmas, so the last thing I want to do is trek to Walmart or the thrift shop — regardless of the potential Maddenmoore lyric. Twitter references — to buy some ugly piece of clothing I will never wear again, an exception being the sacred institution of ugly sweaters parties, which I’ve never attended.

The worst part of theme parties may be the unpredictability. If you get an invite to a “pants party,” you have to ask yourself how serious these hosts are about having a house full of people in funny pants. I’m not going out of my way to get funny pants only to show up to a room full of denim clad, non-funny pant-wearing twinks. It play it safe and ignore the theme. Big mistake. The chanting of “Pants, pants, pants” upon my arrival still echoes in the core of my soul.

Then there’s the before and after. If you’re really popular, as I choose to self-identify, it’s likely you’ll have multiple engagements on any given Friday — or Saturday or Wednesday or Thursday. If you commit to substituting your shirt with an American flag, you will undoubtedly look stupid at the pre-game, or the pre-game for the pre-game or the post-game Funny’s appearance. God forbid the theme is subtle enough that it could appear as though you are just awkwardly dressed, requiring you to inform every acquaintance that you don’t actually consider tie-dye apparel to be socially acceptable — that’s just for the theme. I swear, you usually look good.

Also, no one looks good in theme-wear. The point of going out is to make an effort for fear of provoking an attack, so one may or may not recognize, but on any given night, if you feel the original golden rule is too trite, to determine what should count as a rights and how far we should go in upholding them. One should follow the golden rule regardless of their religious beliefs for his or her good. Even someone who believes human beings are no more than very smart animals cannot deny that people are also very dangerous animals. Everyone knows not to do things to a bear that it does not like for fear of provoking an attack, so one should have the same respect for human beings.

What if one person has so much more power than another that he believes he can abuse that person with impunity? I propose this circumstance occurs far less often than most people think. The frustrating resilience of terrorists and militias against which our military has fought for the last decade attest to this fact. One may succeed in violating another’s rights for a time, but the more prolonged and egregious these violations become, the more likely it is the violator will provoke a stronger response than he can withstand.

One can use the golden rule to understand positive rights as well, like those to food and medical care. Even a committed capitalist must admit if too many people in a given society do not think they can acquire the basic necessities of life through labor, they will appropriate what they believe they deserve through government redistribution of wealth or even violent action. Therefore, the wealthy have good reason to look after the poor.

Using the golden rule as our guide, we can define rights in this way: one must recognize another’s right to those things that any person would fight to defend or to acquire. I believe this definition is powerful and universal because it is based not on the presence of external moral strictures that one may or may not recognize, but on one’s regard for his own well-being and on fear of conflict with those as dangerous as himself.

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Three birds, one stone

Conor Durkin
Out of Right Field

As President Barack Obama begins his second term, his agenda and the agenda of Congressional Republicans seem to have an interesting degree of overlap and conflict. With a bipartisan group of Senators creating a plan for immigration reform, for instance, it appears we may finally be able to resolve the issue early on this year. Yet in many other instances, the GOP’s central focus on deficit reduction and the economy makes it easy to imagine Obama will be unable to pursue other progressive objectives, such as addressing climate change. But what about a policy to help the environment, the economy and the deficit at the same time? Believe it or not, there’s a policy that could do exactly that — a carbon tax.

A carbon tax is fairly simple to understand. Such a tax would put a price on the carbon emissions caused by the burning of any fossil fuel, like the emissions from a factory or the gasoline that goes in your car. The theory behind such a tax also makes sense. Causing pollution creates what’s known as a negative externality, a situation in which those using a product gain all of its benefits but don’t bear all of its costs. Using gasoline, for example, emits pollution into the atmosphere, but drivers don’t see that part of the cost they impose on the rest of us.

It’s easy to see how a carbon tax is the right approach for environmental and energy policy. The current regulatory approach relies on CAFE standards to reduce emissions by dictating what cars manufacturers are allowed to produce. A far more effective approach in my view is to let manufacturers decide which cars to produce, but to let consumers bear the full weight of the costs of driving. Instead of regulating what manufacturers can make, a carbon tax would instead change people’s incentives to drive and would elevate demand for more fuel-efficient cars, giving car companies a strong incentive to make better and more fuel-efficient vehicles instead of merely ensuring their cars comply with some arbitrary standard. In energy policy, I also believe it’s important to ensure we have a true level playing field without the government picking winners and losers, as we’ve come to hear about a great deal. But without some sort of carbon tax, the playing field isn’t level — pollution-causing forms of energy like gasoline and coal have an implicit advantage over clean energy, since consumers don’t bear the full cost of the action.

Instilling a carbon tax would eliminate this problem by ensuring consumers bear all benefits and all costs of the use of that energy, instead of biasing the system in favor of dirtier sources of energy by having society as a whole bear their negative effects at no cost to the producer.

It’s equally important to understand how to use a carbon tax to help with our economy and deficit reduction. Luckily, the government in British Columbia has provided us with a perfect case study of doing just that. A few years ago, British Columbia implemented a carbon tax of $25 per metric ton of carbon, which has since been raised to $30 per ton. As a result of the revenues from this tax, the government was able to massively reduce other tax rates, like their corporate tax rate, which now stands at only 10 percent. Compared to our 35 percent tax rate — the highest in the industrial world — this seems absurdly low. I’m not generally enthusiastic about pointing to Canada as an economic role model for the United States, but here the results seem clear. Estimates vary on the revenues from a carbon tax, but most ballpark a figure between $100 billion and $150 billion per year for a carbon tax of $20 to $30 per ton. For the sake of comparison, President Obama’s “Buffett Rule” gimmick would bring in only $40 billion over a decade.

This type of revenue could be used to dramatically reduce both corporate and individual income tax rates, helping to boost our economy while protecting the environment. Moreover, a portion of the revenue could go directly to deficit reduction, ensuring that our long-term fiscal challenges are dealt with as well.

I’m often struck by liberals who think we must take immediate action on long-term issues like the environment but not on long-term issues like the national debt, and am sometimes equally as puzzled by my compatriots on the right who have the opposite approach. To both camps I ask, “Why not do both?” Let’s kill three birds with one stone and put a price on carbon in a manner that will help the environment, the economy and the national debt.

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Cybersecurity should be an utmost priority

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National security threats often invoke images of bombs, guns and invading military forces, but one of the most pressing threats to the United States involves none of these things. Instead, powers hostile to the United States and its interests have quietly launched domestic cyberterrorism attacks against U.S. banks and, most recently, against popular American news agencies. Such subtle acts of espionage, and the likelihood that they will only continue to become more damaging, translates into a dire need for Congress to quickly pass legislation that beefs up cybersecurity defenses.

The issue of cybersecurity came to the forefront of national discourse last Wednesday, when The New York Times revealed that they had fallen victim to a four-month-long network security breach that was reported to have originated in China. The initial breach occurred around Oct. 25, the publication date of an article reporting on the family of the country’s prime minister. This disturbing news was followed by revelations that The Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg News and The Washington Post experienced similar issues with their own networks.

The fact that unfriendly powers are carrying out such breaches against institutions of free speech is distressing, but the threats extend beyond mere invasions of privacy. Large attacks were leveled in September against the online systems of JP Morgan Chase, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, U.S. Bank and PNC Bank, resulting in at least day-long denials of service.

Such attacks indicate that much more is at stake, with some especially problematic areas being not only economic institutions and tech firms but also power grids for nuclear power plants and water purification systems. “Nation-state attackers will target critical infrastructure networks such as power grids at an unprecedented scale in 2013. These types of attacks could grow more sophisticated, and the slippery slope could lead to the loss of human life,” said Chiranjev Bordoloi, CEO of security company Top Patch.

According to a CNN interview with James Lewis, a cybersecurity expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, at least 12 of the world’s largest military powers are working to construct complicated cyberwarfare systems.

It would be no stretch to say that the United States has the most to lose at the hands of these powers if our government continues to put cybersecurity on the backburner.

Though the media’s constant bombardment of the public with images of war-ravaged Afghanistan would suggest otherwise, the events in a remote desert nation do not necessarily pose a greater threat to national security than seemingly less dangerous cyberattacks. The recent infiltration of U.S. systems by our legislators of this and should prompt them to not only engage in serious discussion with other nations such as China, but also quickly pass legislation that would re-allocate substantial defense resources to building a stronger cybersecurity system.

Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Mich.) spoke to the immediacy of the situation in an interview with POLITICO: "Foreign cyberattackers are targeting every aspect of the American economy every day and Congress needs to act with urgency to protect our national security and our economic institutions.

With the defense budget and looming sequestration cuts up for debate, Congress needs to take advantage of an opportunity for bipartisan cooperation. Instead of continuing partisan bickering on troop withdrawals and timetables, lawmakers must work to pass serious legislation that will provide the tools necessary to combat lurking cyberthreats.

Attacks on public utilities and power plants can create not only inconvenient but dangerous situations for everyday Americans, and the crash of a bank’s computer system can wreak economic havoc. In addition, some of the nation’s most sensitive intelligence information could be discretely collected and used against us in unexpected attacks.

Aggression in cyberspace is unfortunately a product of our times, truly illustrating both the magic and terror that modern technology can bring. As such, our leaders must act so that we are prepared for whatever comes our way. Technological capacities will only continue to grow as time passes, and as nations unfriendly to our interests have at their disposal a wide array of weapons.

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It’s that time of year again. Lent is upon us.

You know the drill: It’s time to give something up or start doing something good that you’ve always been meaning to do.

In the back of my mind, the majority of little Catholic kids did as their parents asked. We looked longingly over at the cookie jar and tried not to complain when taking out the trash.

Yet, the moment Lent was over, we went back to forgetting to wash the dishes and gripping ourselves on Reese’s when no one was looking.

Even now as college students, Domers can fall into that same routine. Sometimes it can be hard to force ourselves to really commit to giving up something or taking up something for Lent. And once Lent is over, we go back to the same habits.

However, maybe we need to change our perspective. Beyond preparing ourselves for Jesus’ resurrection and trying to reflect on what that means to us, Lent provides us with the perfect reason to start fresh. It’s a time to look at ourselves objectively to see where we struggle, to see what we take for granted.

Here are just a few suggestions when contemplating your Lenten plans:

**Enrich Your Soul (and your stomach)**

Regardless of what your religion may be, Notre Dame is a center for spiritual discovery. In all the hustle and bustle that is Notre Dame, it’s easy to come up with excuses for not taking time to reconnect with our faith. Yet, there are so many great arenas for prayer and spiritual life in campus across our flocks. So do an extra hour of homework on Saturday. Make time.

Go to the Basilica on Sunday. Head over to the Iron Sharpen Iron on Thursday night and learn from the rich faith traditions of Christian denominations other than your own. Go to a dome mass throughout the week, whether it be Milkshake Mass or Fondue Mass or Chili Mass. Let yourself enjoy a chocolate-covered marshmallow as you meet new people and realize how truly amazing this ND community is.

**Give Up One Guilty Pleasure**

Only get Starbuck’s during Midterms and Finals (if at all). Pass on the fro-yo. Resist the candy wall in the Huddle. Bid farewell to Ben and Jerry. Don’t wait in line for pasta stir-fry. Avoid the tempting smell of the burrito bar. Walk right on past and deny yourself the pleasure of making your own pizza or your own waffle.

Instead, contemplate the unthinkable — eat a vegetable. Reintroduce yourself to the salad bar. Smuggle a banana from the dining hall. Eat a peanut butter sandwich for a late night snack.

**Cancel Your Netflix**

Running from class to class overwhelmed with the stress of juggling a personal life, 18 credits, and multiple club activities, the little things can be overlooked. A few moments of silence would do any Domer good.

In the hour you’d normally be watching “Mad Men” or “Say Yes to the Dress,” get coffee with an old friend you haven’t seen in a while.

As the weather gets warmer, sit on a park bench on God Quad and crack open a good book. Make the trek to North Dining Hall for dinner with a PW Purple Wreath. Go to the Grotto and light a candle for someone you know who is struggling.

Count your blessings each night, even on those days when you pass out on a desk in the library at 3 am. Meditate and calm yourself down when you feel overworked. Pray.

**Do Your Own Thing**

Regardless of what you chose to do for Lent, a little spiritual spring-cleaning can always do some good. 40 days seems like forever, but the truth is, 40 days is just long enough to make a change for the better. And maybe this Lenten season, one of these changes will stick.

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Stop me if you’ve heard this before.

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That’s Budden questioning his own success in his hip-hop, not taking time to reconnect with our faith. And yet, there are so many great arenas for prayer and spiritual life across our flocks. So do an extra hour of homework on Saturday. Make time.

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By MIKO MALABUTE
Scene Writer

Stop me if you’ve heard this before.

“Their artist who has the heart and lyrics that actually speak to you. Here’s a guy that people can actually relate to.”

This is not refraining to us, and to be quite honest, it’s made us weary of listening to anyone new that has been inadventurously channeled our way.

In an arena where standing out has become the norm, where trying to be an individual has become too trying for both the artist and listener, it’s often tough to approach something new and expect something even remotely worthwhile.

In comes Joe Budden, with his newest album “No Love Lost.” Budden allows himself yet another platform to truly be himself.

There were questionable “filler,” “attention-grabber” songs in the album. “No Love Lost” Budden’s work truly seeks to communicate to his audience the image of a man that believes he has come full-circle. Budden speaks on topics such as failure, perseverance, love, vices and other subjects that are all indications of a “been-there, done-that” man who can bestow his knowledge onto his fans.

A solid foundation for a good album, no?

More often than not, there were occasions on the project where Budden tried to transcend his hit-or-miss history with music, as much as his own style would allow.

Songs such as “Castle,” where pensive piano chords complement Budden’s exasperated, yet soothing voice, portray a man who has it all but simultaneously has nothing. Similarly, “All In My Head,” with fellow Slaughterhouse member Royce Da 5’9” and vocalist Kobe, shows Budden questioning his own success and position in life. These are two examples of songs that made very pointed efforts to bring forth Budden’s very real insecurities.

However, these efforts were punctuated too often and too soon by the aforementioned “filler, attention-grabber” songs, songs that were absolutely unnecessary, considering the style and audience Budden tries so hard to appeal to.

“She Don’t Put It Down,” featuring Tank and Lil Wayne, is perhaps the largest single from the album and could be regarded as one of the largest reaches in Budden’s career. With a peculiar, sub-70s synthesizer mixed in with a cacophony of drums and Wayne’s even more peculiar style of rapping, this song is definitely a head scratcher.

The odd tune is followed immediately by the song “N.B.A. (Never Broke Again),” this time with the assistance of French Montana and Wiz Khalifa.

Yet even those two mainstays couldn’t accomplish much, as the song comes off as your stereotypical hip-hop, embellishing everything that is frustratingly predictable about the culture and lifestyle. Rather, they simply manifest a song that merely feels like a drawl and — ultimately — a likely candidate for the “Next” button on your iTunes.

These kinds of records should normally add versatility to the almost one-dimensional style that Budden brings, but all that they bring is Budden down from the air of “superstar rapper” to “average Joe.”

It’s hard to say what Budden can really do when seemingly his entire career has been chalked up to “hit-or-miss.” It’s tough to so grossly generalize it. But Budden’s consistency is lacking, and the unpredictability of his records reflects the air of an inexperienced rapper, not the wise, hardened man he portrays himself as in this album.

“No Love Lost” is somewhere between mediocre and good, but a man who tries to come off as a man who’s come “full-circle” should have no business having an album in that category.

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**“No Love Lost”**

Arist: Joe Budden

Label: Murd Muzik

Entertainment
Emilie Terhaar
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“I was told you guys clam up when we talk about sex... but I’m gonna do it anyway.”
That was said by comedian Andy Haynes at Legends on Saturday. Haynes followed comic Andrew Santino in the two-hour stand up night. Before I talk about their funniness or unfunniness, let’s go over what I realized when I talked to the audience out.

Some comedy shows are sort of like concerts in the sense that the audience has the ability to set the tone of the room, performance, and even sensory experience. A perfect example was last spring when Sam Adams came to St. Mary’s auditorium rows, and predominantly fat when they don’t really think they’re listening. Watching last Saturday’s show was a case study in understanding yourself and your peers. Both comics picked the low hanging fruit and went for sports first. They made a lot of hockey and football jokes that were well received. My favorite sports-related joke was Andrew Santino’s constant purposeful mispronunciation of Mani To’e (Manitoto, Monit tuh twowow, Monteite titootoo). Then they centered in on sex and pot jokes, which was when it became apparent to me just how conservative we are at Notre Dame. That was not a secret, but I guess I thought of it as an exaggerated stereotype, or one of those things you kinda think about but don’t really believe. Like how girls always say they’re fat when they don’t really think they’re fat.

What makes us conservative is the fact that we aren’t openly luscious, or casual when it comes to taboos. Whether we like it or not we’ll always possess some shame because of our Catholic conservative surroundings.

Anyway, they were both freaking hilarious. Santino was better. He’s the bigger star. He’s been on “The Office,” and hosts “Punk’d,” but Haynes, who’d been on “Conan” and “Jimmy Fallon,” was pretty lol-worthy himself.

Santino was better because he felt the audience out. He reacted to all his surroundings.

When the fan turned on he made jokes about God turning the wind on, he fake freaked out on someone taking a picture, hit on females in the audience, and made up a mock TV show theme song about a group of two boys and a girl sharing a table in the front row that criticized one of the boys for being “the third wheel.”

Anything that happened was ready for, and turned into a joke, or had a story that related to it. The presence of a British boy in the audience started a ridiculous tirade on the disgusting Brits. Haynes tried to bounce off the audience too, but he wasn’t quite as good at it.

There was a really nice bit where he asked a table of girls where they were from and the four of them said “Connecticut,” “Florida,” “I’m Chinese” and “Alabama.” He took that into a bunch of jokes about Asians, China, and American inadequacy. I applaud Haynes’ attack of a shorts-wearing male audience member: “What are you trying to prove? You’re making white people look bad. Are you connecting with your viking heritage?” He finally publicly abused shorts-wearing in winter.

One of the regular comedians from Student Stand-Ups, Will Docimo, was a nice opener. Very goofy guy, a little pre-rehearsed, and too normal for my taste, but he was funny nonetheless.

All in all it was a really funny night, I laughed for about two hours straight, more laughs per minute than watching “30 Rock” or “Workaholics” which is huge in my book. I left thinking they were too talented for the twentyish people who showed up at Legends.

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Irish take down Spartans

BY PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

Playing in a difficult road environment, the No. 29 Irish took down No. 48 Michigan State, 6-1, at the MSU Indoor Tennis Facility in East Lansing, Mich., to claim their second road victory of the spring season.

No. 8 Gonzaga 63, No. 13 Butler 64

No. 1 Butler led by five with 38 seconds left in regulation, but the Zags stole the lead right back, as Elias Harris used the win-
dow to drift the jumper. Barlow (remember him?) scored with 27 seconds left to give Butler a 62-61 lead. But, Gonzaga's Kelly Olynyk hit a pair of free throws with four tucks left on the clock to seemingly win it for the Zags. Butler had a last chance, just Barlow traveled. Game over. Not so fast. Gonzaga threw away the inbounds pass. Jones caught it, weaved in to the lane and threw up a floater for the win as time expired. Students, meet the court.

And...whoa. Wow. How's your bracket looking? Gosh, isn't March Madness great? Wait, it's only February? This is the regular season? Incredible.

It's one of just a few words acceptable to describe what has transpired around the college basketball season.

It seems every day there's another buzzer-beater, another clutch shot at the end of regulation, another upset, another Goliath slayed, another court stormed.

Chaos can be great, and it certainly is right now.

But I'm here to help make sense of what has happened this year. Sure, the games have been exhilarating, but which ones have been the best?

Let's break down the five best games of the season. My primary criterion here is thrill. Broad, I know. But let's dive in.

1. Saturday: No. 25 Notre Dame 104, No. 1 Louisville 51 (5 OTs)

Unbelievable. I won't spend too much time on this because you can all read about this on the back page, and (I hope) you've heard by now. But, here are the essentials: Five overtimes. That's right. Notre Dame trailed by eight with 50 seconds left in regulation, Jerian Grant scored 12 points in roughly 48 seconds, and did I mention five overtimes?

2. Dec. 15: Butler 88, No. 1 Indiana 86 (OT)

With a pair of Indiana schools duking it out in Indianapolis, this game was back and forth throughout. Butler led by five with 38 seconds left in regulation, but Indiana stormed back and cut the lead to one on buckets from Vogt Ferrell and Victor Oladipo. Ferrell then drilled a three-pointer with 10 seconds left to tie it at 76. In overtime with the game dead-
locked at 86, Butler sophomore walk-on guard Alex Barlow ma-
neuvered into the lane and buried a short jumper to win it for the Bulldogs.

3. Saturday: Wisconsin 65, No. 3 Michigan 62 (OT)

With Michigan leading 55-54 with about a minute to play in regulation, Wolverine guard Trey Burke stroked a jumper to give Michigan a three-point edge. But Wisconsin's Jared Berggren posterized Burke at the other end, slammed home the dunk and made it a three-point play to tie the game. With three seconds left in regulation, Michigan's Tim Hardaway Jr. nailed a three to give the Wolverines the win. Or so we thought. Badgers guard Ben Brust hit a running half-court shot as time expired to force overtime, where he also hit the eventual game-winning triple.

4. Tuesday: No. 3 Michigan 76, No. 10 Ohio State 74 (OT)

What a week for Michigan. Ohio State led by as many as eight in the second half, but Hardaway Jr. made five straight threes to bring the Wolverines back. Burke and Ohio State's Deshaun Thomas each hit a three down the stretch. The game went to overtime, where point guards Burke and Aaron Craft squared off with relentless defense. Burke got the last laugh, however, as Craft, who tried to tie the game at 76 with his team down by two, was blocked by Hardaway Jr. as time expired.

5. Jan. 19: No. 13 Butler 64, No. 8 Gonzaga 63

Relax. Just because it didn't go to overtime doesn't knock it from the top five. Gonzaga led by one with about 90 seconds left. Butler's Roosevelt Jones hit a jumper to take a one-point lead, but the Zags stole the lead right back, as Elias Harris used the win-
dow to drill the jumper. Barlow (remember him?) scored with 27 seconds left to give Butler a 62-61 lead. But, Gonzaga's Kelly Olynyk hit a pair of free throws with four tucks left on the clock to seemingly win it for the Zags. Butler had a last chance, just Barlow traveled. Game over. Not so fast. Gonzaga threw away the inbounds pass. Jones caught it, weaved in to the lane and threw up a floater for the win as time expired. Students, meet the court.

Whew. I'm out of breath. There are another half dozen or so tilts that could have made the list as well, but these are my top five. No. 1 on the list was a timeless-
less classic. Any time you play five overtimes, you've reserved a chapter in the history book. I put Butler Indiana at No. 2 because of the matchup. Butler was unranked, Indiana was No. 1. And the teams matched each other shot for shot down the stretch until the unknown Barlow ended things. No. 3 earned its spot because of the half court shot. Simply remarkable.

Among other things, No. 4 had tremendous defense between Craft, Burke and Hardaway Jr. And No. 5 made the cut because of the quick changes in the last four seconds. Free throws, travel, turnover, game-winner. Man, if only games were like this in March.

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It’s Time” -Imagine Dragons

So this is what you meant
When you said you were spent
And now it’s time to build from the bottom of the pit
Right to the top
Don’t hold back

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When you said you were spent
And now it’s time to build from the bottom of the pit
Right to the top
Don’t hold back

Packing my bags and giving the academy a rain check

It’s time to begin, isn’t it?
I got a little bit bigger, but then I’ll admit
I’m just the same as I was
Now don’t you understand
That I’m never changing who I am
Irish take final dual meet

By MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

In their final dual meet of the season Saturday, Notre Dame looked primed for the upcoming Big East championships, defeating Toledo, 176-123.

The No. 19 Irish (4-4) won 12 of the 16 events against the Rockets at the University of Toledo Student Recreation Pool.

“It definitely gives us much-needed momentum going into this two-week break [prior to the Big East championships],” sophomore swimmer Emma Reaney said. “Toledo’s gotten a lot better as a program, and this win also gives us a lot of confidence going forward.”

Reaney was one of three Irish swimmers to record multiple event wins at the dual meet. She earned victories in the 200-yard freestyle and breaststroke events as she added more achievements to an impressive season that has included multiple Big East swimmer of the week honors.

The other two Irish swimmers to match Reaney on Saturday were senior Jaime Malandra and junior Kelly Ryan. Malandra, the Irish’s top distance swimmer, won both the 500-yard and 1,000-yard freestyle events. She finished the 500-yard freestyle a scant .75 seconds ahead of sophomore teammate Bridget Casey. “It was Jaime’s last dual meet, and it was also special as her first double win,” Reaney said. “Her distance events have been coming along really well, and I’m excited to see her swim at the Big East championships.”

Meanwhile, Ryan earned victories in the 50-yard freestyle and 200-yard backstroke. On the diving side of the team, the Irish swept both events as sophomore Allison Casareto took the 1-meter diving title while freshman Lindsey Strepey won the 3-meter event.

After swimming in meets four and five of the past five weekends, the Irish will look to qualify swimmers for the NCAA championships.

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Belles’ comeback falls short

By KIT LOUGHAN
Sports Writer

Despite its attempt at a comeback, Saint Mary’s fell to Alma in a 72-61 decision Saturday at Art Smith Arena in Alma, Mich.

Saint Mary’s (5-19, 3-12 MIAA), which trailed by 21 points late in the second half, went on a 15-0 run to bring the game within six points, but Alma (7-15, 6-8) stood its ground and stopped the Belles’ momentum to secure its victory.

The Belles opened the game with baskets by junior guard Shanylnd Bia and freshman forward Eleni Shea, who gained a 6-0 lead. Despite back-and-forth lead changes between the Belles and the Scots, Alma eventually broke through with six consecutive points to take a 16-11 lead. Saint Mary’s senior guard Kayla Wolter and Shea hit back-to-back shots to keep the Belles within reach of the Scots, but it was Alma’s junior Angel Arbo that took a 41-28 lead into the half.

The Scots immediately took to start the second half and secured a 21-point lead. With eight minutes left in the game, the Belles took charge. Forcing the Scots into committing seven turnovers and five fouls, the Belles went on a 15-0 run. Bia and Wolter combined to make seven free throws, while Shea, junior forward Katherine Wabler and freshman forward Krista Knape combined to score eight points and bring the game to 67-61 with two minutes left.

In the last two minutes of play, Alma terminated the Belles’ run with a layup and two free-throws following a foul made by the Belles. Saint Mary’s only shot one free throw during the last minute of the game, and Alma secured the 71-62 decision.

Even though Saint Mary’s lost, the team has several reasons to be proud, Belles coach Jennifer Henley said.

“We had moments of great basketball tonight,” Henley said. “The team worked so hard tonight, and I am proud of their effort.”

The team’s effort was seen in the individual successes of the Belles players. Bia led the team with 18 points, while Knape took 17 points and 11 rebounds. Shea also contributed 14 points in the losing effort.

The Belles now approach their final conference game of the season against Hope. Saint Mary’s will look to continue improving its game in preparation, Henley said.

“We have to continue to improve our transition defense,” she said.

The Belles face Hope on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Angela Athletic Facility.

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Duke survives scare from Eagles

Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston College coach Steve Donahue had troubling home loss to his team.

The Eagles blew a five-point lead with 2:15 left and lost 62-61 to No. 4 Duke on Sunday night. Mason Plumlee had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Blue Devils, including the winning free throw with 26 seconds left.

“When you play like that and you do those things, and their cockiness and their ability to compete over long stretches compared to six weeks ago and over last year — it doesn’t make them feel any better,” Donahue said. “I just wanted to win for these guys to get rewarded for what they’ve done. I just wanted to do things right. We didn’t lose the game. They won the game. They made plays down the stretch. I know it doesn’t make them feel any better.”

The improved Eagles took them-No. 23 North Carolina State to the wire but fell 67-61 with two minutes left. Eleven days later, BC led now-No. 8 Miami late before falling when Olivier Hanlan missed a late free throw that would have sent the game to overtime.

On Sunday, they let a late lead slip away, going scoreless over the final 2:14.

“I think we had some breakdowns on defense and on our rotations,” Hanlan said of the closing minutes. “We had some good looks, but they played good defense.”

And, in the end, it was another tough BC loss. Five of its Atlantic Coast Conference losses have come by five points or less.

Seth Curry added 18 points for the Blue Devils, who watched the three teams above them in The Associated Press Top 25 lose to unranked opponents this week — and then nearly joined them.
Irish split doubleheaders

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

The Irish began their season by going 2-2 at UNC Charlotte's Fast Pitch Classic over the weekend. Notre Dame split the games on both days of the tournament, losing twice to Wisconsin and defeating UNC Charlotte and Presbyterian.

The Irish (2-2) opened the weekend against the Badgers (4-1), who took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning on a home-run. Although Notre Dame got runners on base throughout the remainder of the game, the Irish were held scoreless.

"Wisconsin had constantly hitting with runners on base," Notre Dame senior pitcher Brittany O'Donnell said. "We had a lot of opportunities to score, and we hit the ball hard, but we hit it right at people."

O'Donnell tossed a gem during Notre Dame's second game on Saturday, pitching six innings of one-run ball while giving up only five hits and one walk. The Irish went 3-0 during the fourth inning, as they loaded the bases with nobody out. After senior catcher and captain Amy Buntin and sophomore outfielder Kelsey Thornton reached the bases, sophomore catcher Cassidy Whidden broke the game open with a three-run homerun to right center field. The Irish went on to win 8-1.

"All the hard work during practice we put in as a team contributed toward the outcomes of our victories," O'Donnell said. "Defensively, we were very solid."

As a pitcher, it's a great feeling knowing you have that type of defense behind you that will make the plays."

Sunday brought another Irish defeat at the hands of Wisconsin and a high-scoring win over Presbyterian (4-1). Junior pitcher Laura Winter took a no-hitter into the fifth inning, when Wisconsin sophomore outfielder Marissa Mersch recorded a single. The teams played into extra innings, and the Irish gained a 2-0 lead in the top of the eighth inning when Thornton scored off a wild pitch. The Badgers answered, though, and continued to do so until the 11th inning, when they hit a walk-off homerun to earn the 6-5 victory.

The second game of the day, O'Donnell and freshman reliever Allison Rhodes combined to pitch the Irish to an 8-5 victory.

Buntin said, in spite of the losses, she was pleased with her team's performance this weekend.

"Going into this weekend we were expecting to dominate in pitching, defense and offense," she said. "Although we struggled with the offensive part of our game early in the weekend, we definitely found our rhythm toward the end after some nice pitches. It was only the first week-end, and we still have a long season ahead, so I am confident our bats will find the ball more consistently."

The Irish will head to San Diego next weekend for the Campbell/Cartier Classic.

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Top-ranked teams struggle

By BRENDAN BELL
Sports Writer

The No. 2 Notre Dame men's squad went 1-2 at the Duke Dual Meets, slipping against No. 1 Penn State 16-11, and No. 10 Duke 15-12, while earning a 17-10 win against Johns Hopkins in Durham, N.C.

Senior epee James Kaull paced the Irish throughout the men's event, going 2-1 in each of his three matches on his way to a 6-3 record overall. Kaull said that the toughest competition was against No. 1 Penn State, especially since the Nittany Lions will be a challenge as the season moves on.

"Penn State is our big rival for the national championships, so that was kind of a grudge match," Kaull said.

As the team's leadoff, Duke had an opportunity to capitalize on a signature win against the Irish, winning a close match in two of the three weapons. As for Johns Hopkins, Kaull said that the Blue Jays pose a challenge every time the teams meet because of their intensity level.

"They're not typically competitive," Kaull said. "They always bring a lot of intensity because they've got nothing to lose. They were very energetic from the beginning."

Kaull said that the team was disappointed in its performance, but have a long season ahead of them.

"On the men's side, this is probably our poorest tournament so far," James Kaull senior epee Irish "It's been a frustrating season."

"We were not as prepared as we probably should have been for these teams," Kaull said. "It's a long season, and I think we're going to have a few more losses in the future."

Saint Mary's did not bloom as spring season began, falling to Case Western, 9-6, and Ohio Northern, 7-2, on Saturday at One Wellness Sports and Health Center in Eastlake, Ohio.

The Belles (2-0) were unable to gain much traction against either opponent in singles or doubles.

Case Western (4-0), ranking seventh in the region, proved to be exceptionally tough, as the Spartans took all nine flights.

Saint Mary's coach Dale Campbell had nothing but praise for his team's opponents.

"Case Western was definitely a tough opponent, and they have a good chance to be highly ranked nationally sometime during the season," Campbell said. "And Ohio Northern is also a strong opponent. Hopefully, facing these two teams can show us what we need to do to get to their level."

The separation between the clubs showed, as Case Western swept the Belles, 9-6, and Ohio Northern (6-1) nearly did so, winning 7-2.

After the match, Campbell made no excuses for his players, placing the focus on his team's quality of play.

"Don't think we played particularly well against these two solid teams," Campbell said. "I wasn't necessarily pleased with our overall play. We made too many errors and have a lot to work on in both doubles and singles."

One bright spot that shone through the otherwise dreary weekend was the play of the Belles' second doubles team, consisting of freshman Margaret Faller and sophomore Shannon Elliot. The duo followed up a well-contested defeat against Case Western with a 9-7 victory against Ohio Northern, one of Saint Mary's two wins against the Polar Bears.

The other winner was junior Mary Catherine Faller, a returning captain. The Belles' No. 1 player. She was able to pull out a victory in singles, clawing back to win in a tiebreaker. After falling in the first set, 4-6, Faller reversed the score to win the next set, and then pulled out the tiebreaker 10-7.

These two wins counted as the entirety of the Belles' victories this weekend, but Campbell said he saw reason to hope improve- ment will lie in the future of his program.

"We can use this weekend as an opportunity to grow, to better ourselves," Campbell said. "We only had four weeks of practice before this, so we can use this experience to see what we need to improve for the next match."

The Belles have a long layoff before their next match on March 10 against Illinois Wesleyan.

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Belles drop first two matches

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Case Western (4-0), ranking seventh in the region, proved to be exceptionally tough, as the Spartans took all nine flights.

Saint Mary's coach Dale Campbell had nothing but praise for his team's opponents.

"Case Western was definitely a tough opponent, and they have a good chance to be highly ranked nationally sometime during the season," Campbell said. "And Ohio Northern is also a strong opponent. Hopefully, facing these two teams can show us what we need to do to get to their level."

The separation between the clubs showed, as Case Western swept the Belles, 9-6, and Ohio Northern (6-1) nearly did so, winning 7-2.

After the match, Campbell made no excuses for his players, placing the focus on his team's quality of play.

"Don't think we played particularly well against these two solid teams," Campbell said. "I wasn't necessarily pleased with our overall play. We made too many errors and have a lot to work on in both doubles and singles."

One bright spot that shone through the otherwise dreary weekend was the play of the Belles' second doubles team, consisting of freshman Margaret Faller and sophomore Shannon Elliot. The duo followed up a well-contested defeat against Case Western with a 9-7 victory against Ohio Northern, one of Saint Mary's two wins against the Polar Bears.

The other winner was junior Mary Catherine Faller, a returning captain. The Belles' No. 1 player. She was able to pull out a victory in singles, clawing back to win in a tiebreaker. After falling in the first set, 4-6, Faller reversed the score to win the next set, and then pulled out the tiebreaker 10-7.

These two wins counted as the entirety of the Belles' victories this weekend, but Campbell said he saw reason to hope improve- ment will lie in the future of his program.

"We can use this weekend as an opportunity to grow, to better ourselves," Campbell said. "We only had four weeks of practice before this, so we can use this experience to see what we need to improve for the next match."

The Belles have a long layoff before their next match on March 10 against Illinois Wesleyan.
Irish shut down Pirates in second half

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

Despite some sluggishness from a strange traveling schedule designed to avoid the Northeastern blizzard, No. 2 Notre Dame ran away from Seton Hall in the second half to win 69-49 Saturday in South Orange, N.J.

“Defensively, we played much better in the second half, held them to just 22 points,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “I was pleased with the defense. Offensively, we could have shot the ball a little bit better. We could have executed a little bit better. But overall, I was pleased with the defense.”

Junior forward Ariel Braker tied a career-high with 15 points and nine rebounds, and junior forward Natalie Achonwa had 11 points and nine rebounds, as well.

The Irish (22-1, 10-0 Big East) led by seven points at halftime, and Seton Hall (8-15, 3-7) did everything it could to stay close before Notre Dame pulled away.

Senior guard Brittany Morris led the Pirates with 16 points. Last year, the Irish blew out Seton Hall by 38. This year’s team posed a different challenge.

Anne Donovan, a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame, has notre dame's 117th career win

This was the 117th career win for senior guards Skylar Diggins and Kaila Turner, which tied last year’s class for most wins in four years.

Turner sat out Saturday’s game with a torn tendon in her elbow, but McGraw said the team hopes she will return in time for the Big East tournament.

Notre Dame now faces a quick turnaround as No. 11 Louisville (20-4, 8-2) comes to Purcell Pavilion tonight in a showdown of two of the Big East’s best teams.

“The turnaround was difficult,” McGraw said. “We had a lot to do yesterday. That was hard. It’s hard to get everything in. So we just tried to stick to a couple basic things. But that’s going to be really difficult to have that quick turnaround.”

The Cardinals are riding a six-game winning streak and currently sit at third place in the conference. On average, Louisville causes six more turnovers a game than it gives up, so Notre Dame will have to take care of the ball.

“It’s a big challenge,” McGraw said. “This is a really talented team. They’ve got great guard play. There are really, really a lot of mismatches for us defensive-ly. They score a lot of points. This is the best team we’ve played, probably, since Connecticut. This is a team that plays good defense and really scores well.

But the Irish are on a 17-game winning streak and have been nearly unbeatable at home, their only loss this year coming to No. 1 Baylor on Dec. 5. With an Irish win, Diggins will reach 118 — a new program record — tonight against Louisville in Purcell Pavilion at 9 p.m.

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Three qualify for Big East meet

By RICH HIDY
Sports Writer

The Irish continued their pursuit of Big East glory at the Grand Valley State University Big Meet in Allendale, Mich., as three more team members qualified for next weekend’s conference championships.

Junior sprinter Aijah Irsery finished sixth in the 60-meter event with a time of 7.62 and 10th in the 200-meter event in 24.94 seconds, good enough to be Notre Dame’s seventh representative in the Big East championships.

“This was a tune-up meet in preparation for Big East next week, so everyone who competed this weekend is really looking forward to doing well at this point to carry that momentum to the championships,” junior middle distance runner Mike Bradley said.

On the men’s team, junior hurdlers Jarrod Buchanan and Bryce Wood each performed well enough in the 60-meter hurdle event to meet conference-qualifying standards. Buchanan finished in 11th place overall with a time of 8.29, while Wood clocked in with a mark of 8.33 and a 16th place finish.

Freshman hurdler Aaron Dunn earned his second-fastest time of the season in the 400-meter hurdle event. He finished 23rd overall in the event with a time of 49.95.

The Irish will look to come back together as a team over the next week and cap off their training with strong performances at the Big East championships. The men’s team finished first at last year’s championships.

“Everyone’s seeing improvement in their fitness, and the athletes competing at Big East are looking forward to making another run at a championship,” Bradley said.

Notre Dame will travel to Geneva, Ohio, on Friday to compete in the Big East championships.

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Irish senior center Garrick Sherman attempts a shot in overtime during Notre Dame's 104-101 win at Purcell Pavilion Saturday.

**Miracle**

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Apparently the doghouse lets out for overtime. The 6-foot-10 center hadn't played in the last two games, and then came in with a casual 17 points and six rebounds when senior forwards Jack Cooley and Tom Knight fouled out. In overtime.

And Sherman's loop-de-loop tip-in with five seconds left to force a fifth overtime had a storybook sparkle to it. All Louisville junior guard Russ Smith had to do was take the foul. Instead, he went for a la-yup, looking for the touchscreen pass when taking a knee would have put it away.

But the understated hero of the evening was Irish junior guard Eric Atkins.

Yes, he shot an uncharacteristically hasty 3-pointer. Sure, he had a costly turnover at the end of the third overtime. And I do remember some missed free throws that made the game a little too close in the end, but, at that point, what constituted high-blood pressure anyway?

The junior captain played 60 minutes. Sixty. More than any one else on the floor, and, surely in more than half of that, he was guarding the versatile Smith or handling the ball. He was unassuming, yet motivated, quiet, yet confident. And he was often the only player on the floor with a full year of game experience.. He willed the Irish to a win.

It’s easy to say this game could be the turning point of the season for the Irish, a la Syracuse all the way back in 2012.

But, what if this game is a turning point for Notre Dame basketball? I’m convinced it could be, but, are the students?

**Sweep**

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goal of the night on a breakaway at 8:26 to make it 6-3. Michigan’s second short-handed goal at 11:51 to make the score 6-4, but Rust put the nail in the coffin with 15 seconds left in the game when he scored an empty-netter.

Saturday’s game looked similar to Friday’s game, with lots of scoring and some teams breakdowns.

The Irish scored the only goal of the first period when Costello received a pass across the ice from Calabrese and took the puck into the zone with a Michigan defender on his right shoulder. Costello muscled past the defense and put it in the five-hole of Rutledge before crashing into the net.

The second goal for Notre Dame was a power-play goal at 6:26 in the second period. It came when Lee won a face-off in the neutral zone, and the puck slid to the side of the net, and Lee trailing, hammered it home for the 2-0 lead.

Michigan’s first power-play goal came at 8:50 when sophomore left wing Alex Gurtler fired a shot from the slot past junior goaltender Steven Summerhay’s left shoulder to cut the lead down to one.

Lee reestablished the two-goal lead at 14:29, when he stopped a puck in the neutral zone and created a two-on-one with Rust skating besides him. Lee passed the puck across to Rust, who tapped it in to make it 3-1.

The fourth Irish goal came at 16:07, when freshman center Steven Fogarty was up against the boards and passed the puck behind him sophomore to sophomore right wing Peter Schneider, who hit it in the top right corner.

Michigan scored its second power-play goal with 34 seconds left in the second period when sophomore left wing Phil Di Giuseppe put a rebound between Summerhay’s legs to make the score 4-2. Notre Dame scored twice within the first 1:38 of the third period to seal the game. Sophomore right wing Austin Wittrich got the first one on a slap shot, and Gerths got the second, hitting in a pass from Costello to make it 6-2.

“It was great to get some secondary scoring this weekend,” Jackson said. “David Gerths had a good weekend and then we got goals tonight from Wittrich and Schneider. That makes a big difference when we don’t have to rely on one line to score.”

Michigan tied the game at 6:23 from Lynch to make it 6-6, and then junior defenceman Ben Bennett put in a wrister at 17:02 to make the game 6-4. Moving forward, Jackson said the team will need to lock down special teams.

“I didn’t like the two short-handed goals and the power play goal,” Jackson said. “Special teams are a concern for me. Tonight we did not give up a goal. That was what we did in the first half of the season. The fact that we came back in the second half.”

“We’ll get our penalty kill back in order,” Jackson said. “We won’t go very far if we don’t improve that.”

Jackson said, “We’ve got to give them some credit.”

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**Grant**

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Big East reached overtime, they had to overcome losing four players to foul trouble on top of the continued absence of graduate student guard Scott Martin in injury. Three players who rarely see the court were forced to assume leading roles in the five overtime periods, most notably senior center Garrick Sherman, who scored 17 points and corralled six rebounds in 22 minutes, without seeing action in regulation.

“It was amazing how different guys step forward, but we’ve had that already this year with Scott Martin going down (and senior center) Tom Knight came through for us,” Brey said. “We’ve had guys do that and I think it’s a little bit of a trademark of our program: Guys deliver when we ask them to deliver.”

“Sherman’s” had set himself up to help us and what he did was fabulous. All of the sudden we got another thing going on for us that wasn’t there earlier.

In a context Notre Dame led 27-24 at halftime, sixche Irish players reached double figures and kept finding ways. Something like this you can certainly build on.”

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Celebrities Born on This Day:
- Chloe Grace Moretz, 16; Emma Roberts, 22; Elizabeth Banks, 39; Laura Dern, 46

Happy Birthday: Discipline will be required, but in the end the result will be stellar. It is now time to evaluate your past and determine what’s really required in order to move forward. Put new plans into play and you will ease your stress and discover a way to build a brighter future.

Crossword

Highly P君likely

Christopher Brucker

Crossword

Across
1. Suddenly arrivals
5. Applauds
6. Impression
14. Multinational coin
23. Just now
25. Misplace
27. Result of siding
28. Wailing cry
30. Nifty
21. “There ___ an old woman...”
22. “Just messin’ with you!”
23. The fourth letter of “cannot,” but not the first
25. Pipa-playing god
26. ...rous
27. Kimono sash
28. Generous spirit melodramatically
31. “Oui, oui” across the Pyrenees
32. Dispose of (off)
34. Mythical bird of prey
35. Citizen of Elizabeth’s capital
37. Nobody doesn’t like, in a way
41. Dairy farm product
42. Long-distance letters
43. Use a Kindle, say
44. Hit 1990s exercise video
45. “...Maria”
50. Standoffish
51. German city, where Einstein was born
52. Elizabeth of cosmetics
54. Sulfuric —
55. Santa —
56. “I don’t think so!”
57. “Venerable” English historian
58. Buxie’s nickname

Down
1. Fly catcher
2. “Born...”
3. What a tyrant rules with
4. Impressions
5. Tech news site
6. “My Reverend Father”
7. Singapore company specializing in pharmaceuticals
8. Flexible
9. Theatrical
10. “I Spy, ABR!...”
11. Consult
12. Spiriting dizzyly
13. United with a dowry
14. Gift or response
15. Man
21. Black-bordered text
22. Ache
23. Get an effort
24. Make a big meal
25. Big pieces of
26. “My parents are going to kill me!”
27. Great Dane
28. “Green part of a flower”
30. “Dame...”
31. “Wheat...”
33. “Not yet”
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35. “Whey...”
36. “Wheee...”
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38. “Whee...”

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The Mepham Group

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Thriller for the ages

Five-overtime game longest in Big East regular-season history

By ANDREW OWENS
Assistant Managing Editor

When the Irish players arrived at their lockers prior to the latest thriller between Notre Dame and Louisville—an epic that will likely live longer than the Big East itself—they found a prop from Irish coach Mike Brey that served as the theme in Notre Dame’s 104-101, five-overtime triumph at Purcell Pavilion on Saturday night.

Brey, who often jokes with Louisville coach Rick Pitino about the teams’ propensity to decide the annual contests in overtime (five of the last six matchups between the teams have now required extra periods), placed boxing gloves in each of the players’ lockers to show his team they were in for another knockout fight in front of a primetime audience.

“(On Friday) he showed us a highlight tape of boxing knockouts and he said that tomorrow is going to be a 15-rounder,” senior forward Jack Cooley said. “We’re like, no, matches go 15 rounds. We’re never going to be a 15-rounder. No, we’re never going to be a 15-rounder.”

And then we played five overtimes today. That’s absurd.

Jerian Grant did not make a single field goal in the first 39 minutes of action, but the Irish junior guard singlehandedly erased an eight-point deficit in the game’s final 45 seconds. After exploding for three consecutive three-pointers, Grant put forth one last heroic attempt, but this time he hit a layup and the ensuing five throws with 16 seconds left to tie the game at 60.

The Cardinals failed to get a shot off at the other end, and Grant’s performance — 12 points in 45 seconds — forced overtime in front of a sellout crowd.

“I just got in the zone,” Grant said. “Coming into this game, I wanted to make a statement for myself. I kind of want to lead my team. So I had to make plays.”

In postgame interviews, several players compared Grant’s heroics to that of NBA legend Reggie Miller, who scored eight points in 11 seconds to beat the New York Knicks in the 1995 Eastern Conference semifinals.

“Never in my life have I seen that,” sophomore guard Pat Connaughton said. “If there’s one person I could say could do it, it’s Jerian, but I’ve never seen anything like that in my life.”

Once the No. 25 Irish (19-5, 7-4) got to an early 16-2 lead, the Irish (18-11-1, 14-7-1-1 CCHA) got to an early 1-0 lead, as Brey took the puck to the right side and passed it into traffic in front of the net, where Costello got a stick on the puck and popped it up. Lee then hit the puck out of mid-air past Wolfes freshmen goalkeeper Jared Rutledge.

Notre Dame jumped to a 2-0 lead after Costello got the puck over rutledge’s right pads. So sophomore goalie Mike Johnson’s brothers. So sophomore goalie Mike Johnson’s brothers.

Michigan took this momentum into the second period, scoring 37 seconds in to tie the game at 2-2. Wolverine senior right-winger Kevin Lynch wrapped the puck around the goal and passed it across the face of the net to freshman center Cristoval “Boo” Nieves, who hit it in the wide-open right side.

The Irish got a power-play goal of their own at 4:55 in the second. Costello got the puck on the right side of the net and made a no-looked backhand pass to a streaking Rusk, who flipped the puck past Rutledge for the 3-2 lead.

40 seconds later, Costello fed Lee a perfect pass across the ice, and Lee had to simply put his stick on the puck and touch it in for his second goal of the night.

It was a big night for the Johnson brothers. Sophomore defenseman Eric Johnson tallied his first-career goal, while older brother Mike got his second straight start. At 7:05 in the third period, Eric got the puck from junior right wing Jeff Coelho and fired a laser past Rutledge to make the game 5-3.

Rutledge got his second

Irish score 13 goals in sweep of Michigan

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

With a 7-4 win Friday and a 6-4 win Saturday, the No. 12 Irish swept Michigan in the season series for the first time since 1972-73 and the second time in history.

This was a big weekend for us,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “We need to get every point we can, especially at home.”

The weekend’s scoring craze was fueled by the first line of wing Jeff Costello and right wing Bryan Rust. The trio combined to tally nine goals Friday and six points Saturday.

“Everyone played a part in miracle victory

Andrew Gastelum
Associate Sports Editor

That wasn’t a court-storming. That was a celebration.

Irish coach Mike Brey celebrated that miracle of a win with his players. His players celebrated that miracle of a win with students. Students celebrated that miracle of a win with other students.

And there was plenty to celebrate. Down eight with 46 seconds, junior guard Jerian Grant became a legend of Notre Dame basketball. He hadn’t made a shot in the first 39:14. Then, he finished with the last 12 points for the Irish, accounting for three 3-pointers and one how-did-that-actually-just-happen moment. Grant was “All Bold Everything,” as he popped a jumper and he was sweating.

Forward freshman Cameron Bierschdied did too, with the Irish down three with 16 seconds left in the second overtime. So did senior Garrick Sherman? Yeah, that Garrick Sherman.

Thriller for the ages