Graduate students celebrate inaugural Appreciation Week

By CHARITHA ISANAKA

This week’s first annual Graduate Student Appreciation Week offers graduate students the opportunity to develop their professional, academic and social lives in an effort to help them feel more included in the Notre Dame community.

Mimi Beck, program director of Graduate Student Life, said the graduate population often feels invisible at Notre Dame, a place whose identity is defined by the undergraduate experience.

“The hope is that our post-baccalaureates—who comprise nearly a third of the Notre Dame student body—will come to feel as welcome, as valued and as much a part of the university community as any other student on campus,” Beck said.

The week opens today with free coffee and donuts in the C1 and D2 parking lots and ends Sunday with an Oscar Night Party at the Fischer Hall. University president Fr. John Jenkins celebrated JPW Mass on Saturday night and

‘MMMBop’ fundraiser returns

By JILL BARWICK

Diners at the Noble Family Dining Hall were treated to the song “MMMBop” by popular 1990s boy band Hanson during lunch hours Feb. 11 — all of the lunch hours.

Junior Annie Kennedy, morale committee chair for Dance Marathon, was the driving force behind the Marathon’s new fundraising event, “Stop the Bop.”

“We’re playing Hanson’s song ‘MMMBop’ on repeat until we meet our fundraising goal,” Kennedy said. “The premise of the fundraiser is that people will get so annoyed with the song that they will be willing to donate in order to turn off the song.”

Senior Bridgid Hurley, morale committee member for the marathon, also worked toward the implementation of “Stop the Bop.”

“Between this past ‘Stop the Bop’ and the next one, which is scheduled for the Monday before the marathon [which is schedule for March 23], we hope to collectively raise $500,” Hurley said. “Once we reach $500, the song will stop playing on repeat.”

Kennedy said the Dance Marathon organizers wanted to try something new to garner the attention of the Saint Mary’s community members who had yet to donate to Dance Marathon. The first “Stop the Bop” kicked off Dance Marathon’s Riley Week, and
QUESTION OF THE DAY:
What is your favorite Girl Scout cookie?

Amanda Kotey
sophomore
McElhinney Hall
“Samoa’s.”

Devlin Anes
sophomore
Keenan Hall
“Shortbread.”

Shanice Cox
sophomore
Walsh Hall
“Peppermint Patties.”

Dre Smith
sophomore
Duncan Hall
“All-About-Me’s.”

Naomi Igboanugo
sophomore
Lyons Hall
“I have never had one.”

Tim Pusateri
freshman
Sorin College
“Tag-A-Longs.”

More than 200 musicians of the Concert Band, Symphonic Winds and Symphonic Band perform in the grand finale of the “Symphonic Dance” concert. The musicians performed in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center’s Leighton Concert Hall on Friday as part of the Junior Parents Weekend festivities.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Monday
Blood Drive
Rolf’s Sports
11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Give blood and receive a free t-shirt.

“Keeping Calm and Carrying On”
St. Liam Hall
5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Workshop for grad students.

Tuesday
Engineering Seminar
Goddess Hall
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Presentation by Professor Xueying Deng.

Four:7 Catholic Fellowship
Cavanaugh Hall
8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Student-led Catholic fellowship.

Wednesday
Laughter Yoga
St. Liam Hall
1 p.m.-2 p.m.
Part of the Wellness Wednesdays series.
All are welcome.

Bengal Bouts
Joyce Center
6 p.m.-10 p.m.
The men’s boxing tournament continues.

Thursday
Sewing Circle
Snite Museum of Art
10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Artist Marie Watt hosts a day-long sewing circle.

Friday
“Train Your Inner Jedi”
St. Liam Hall
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Use biofeedback tools to manage stress.

“Shadows of the Reef”
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.
Documentary by Mary Fishman (ND ‘82).

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Students ready for Mad event

By JILL BARWICK
Saint Mary's Editor

Though the weather remains cold, Saint Mary's students can look forward to heating up the competition between classes as the annual Midnight Madness approaches.

Midnight Madness, to be held Feb. 28, pits each class against each other in a night of minute-to-win-it games and a student and faculty dodgeball game that earn points for each class. At the end of the night, the class with the most points wins a pizza party and bragging rights.

The Student Activities Board (SAB) Traditional Events Committee is coordinating this year's Midnight Madness.

"We really hope that students will gain a sense of bonding with their classmates and engage in some friendly competition," senior committee member Megan Kloc said. "Most of all, we hope they continue to show pride in our school."

SAB Traditions also emphasizes an approach based on individual conversations and discussions, a style that SAB Traditional Events Committee has previously experience planning Midnight Madness. In the past, the athletics department-sponsored Midnight Madness, but Student Activities took over in 2011 in an attempt to revive the annual event.

"I have been lending my expertise on how to run the event and how to improve it from previous years," Kloc said. "Midnight Madness is an event that was popular many years ago and was revived so that a new generation of students could enjoy it as much as alumnae have in the past."

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Council

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comprehensive approach to these relationships between hall staff members and students, emphasizing an approach based on individual conversations with students.

Members of the group also discussed the procedural changes that apply to rectors dealing with first-time policy violations, additional meeting settings and more educational processes, the minutes stated. Another major topic discussed at the meeting was technology and the possible methods of re-laying information to students in a timely manner.

Towards the meeting’s end, the Council discussed the role of other students in the disciplinary process, both as peer advocates and members of an advisory board comprised of students, faculty and staff.

The minutes stated the group talked about education and transparency in Medical Amnesty, as well as the communication gap between students and rectores and the appropriate-ness of service as a punishment.

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Medical club plans film screening

By PETER DURBIN
News Writer

On Feb. 21, the Social Justice in American Medicine Club (SIAM) will screen a film outlining the various workings of the American health care system, one of the key aspects of the club’s focus.

The Fronline documentary, “Sick Around America,” explores the intricacies of the health care system prior to the Affordable Care Act, which was passed in March 2010.

“The documentary presents the viewer with several different cases in which our health care system has succeeded or failed,” sophomore SIAM member Kathleen Anthony said.

The club aims to approach the new health care system with a nonpartisan view, and Anthony said she hopes the movie will present students with a chance to examine the impending changes to health care in the next few years.

At its biweekly meetings, the members of SIAM focus on analyzing social and political rights issues of patients in today’s health care system, Anthony said.

“We promote growth in our members through education, discussion and advice from our senior members and doctors,” she said.

Anthony said the club attracts not just members who are interested in a career in health care, but also those interested in public policy, social justice, service and morality.

“The club is interdisciplinary in nature, and we hope to continue to broaden our appeal by working with different majors to gain different perspective on pertinent issues,” she said.

Although many members of the club are pursuing careers in medical and political fields, SIAM also boasts economics and philosophy majors who are avid members.

“I joined the club because my knowledge of the American health care system was limited, and I didn’t understand the great need that exists in our country for health care,” Anthony said.

The club’s mission has fostered growth in all of its members, Anthony said, specifically in their striving to greater serving the community.

“Our club helps us to understand what it is that we can do to serve the sick, needy and vulnerable in our society,” she said. “It produces informed, driven and compassionate individuals who can make a difference in the health care system.”

Anthony said she hopes the club’s members will effect change in their various fields through their knowledge of the inner workings of the health care system.

“We promote growth in our members through education and discussions,” Anthony said. “Through service in the South Bend community, we act upon our beliefs and serve.”

SIAM meets every other Thursday at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center. “Sick Around America” will be screened this Thursday at 8 p.m. in 136 DeBartolo Hall.

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Then-seniors Caitlin Puntillo and Kate Park participate in Midnight Madness last year. Puntillo holds Kate Park’s train as she makes her way down the bleachers.

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Megan Kloc senior

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Graduate

O’Hara-Grace Graduate Residences.

Social events include the Rock-n-Reekers dinner and concert Monday night, when rock band The Standard Deviants will perform while students enjoy free pizza. The Standard Deviants is composed of Brian Baker, associate professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Ben Bdenhour and Shaun Lee, both assistant professors in the Department of Biological Sciences. On the professional side, Beck said Associate Dean of Students John Lubker will host Grad School Game Plan on Thursday, during which he will teach skills for time management, overcoming distractions and maximizing productivity.

Tamara Shaya, a graduate student working toward her Master’s in International Peace Studies, said the Graduate Student Appreciation Week demonstrates Notre Dame’s commitment to its post-baccalaureate students and their contributions.

“I’m hoping the week will be a great opportunity for my friends and I to experience fun events, enjoy free giveaways, learn new skills and get to know other members of the graduate student community,” Shaya said.

The Graduate School and the Division of Student Affairs partnered to create Graduate Student Life in the summer of 2012, Beck said. The division aims to enhance the educational experience and quality of life for Notre Dame’s post-baccalaureate population.

“Hosting an Appreciation Week was seen as a great way to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduate and professional students while providing greater campus-wide awareness at the same time,” Beck said.

Graduate Student Life has been laying foundations for future growth during its first year of existence, Beck said. This includes the administration of a comprehensive survey of graduate student life, the first of its kind since 2006, to help guide decisions for programs and services in the future.

Additional projects include the creation of a Grad Ambassadors program to bring greater awareness to the needs, challenges and contributions of graduate and professional students.

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From left, juniors Michael Nettesheim, Greg Andrews, Patrick O’Brien, Patrick Wirth and Brian Campbell gather for a photo during the President’s Dinner in the Joyce Center for Junior Parent’s Weekend.

Junior

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the evening was capped off by the President’s Dinner. The Mass and Dinner represented the highlight of the weekend for junior Pat Laskowski.

“It made my parents and I feel … important,” he said. “We got all dressed up, experienced a grand celebration of the Mass, enjoyed delicious food and heard Fr. Jenkins speak about the significance of the weekend.”

The weekend concluded Sunday morning with the Closing Brunch in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

JPW junior co-chair Elizabeth Owens said the weekend’s events went smoothly.

“There were no major mishaps, everything went off without a hitch and, most importantly, the students and their parents all seemed to have a great time,” she said.

“Given that so many students are abroad, we are very pleased with the turnout.”

The weekend was challenging to plan, Owens said, but still worthwhile the time and effort to provide parents with an idea of what their sons’ and daughters’ everyday lives are like.

“It is structured so that our parents can see our dorms and classrooms, meet our professors and most importantly meet the people we’re sharing our experience with,” she said. “At this point in our college careers, we’ve established ourselves pretty well academically and socially, so we can give our parents a good idea of what we love about Notre Dame and why we call this place home.”

Junior co-chair Melissa Hallihan said the JPW Executive Committee and advisors were instrumental in the planning process.

“It’s been such an amazing opportunity as I got to meet many of my fellow juniors, communicated with parents and University staff and got an inside look into all the work that goes into planning events here at Notre Dame,” she said.

For some students, JPW was not an opportunity to meet their fellow juniors, but a chance to take advantage of an opportunity they previously had missed out on. The University invites seniors who missed JPW while they were abroad to participate in the events during the following year.

Senior Colleen Heberlein was abroad in London last spring, but said her parents still wanted to visit her on a weekend that was not occupied entirely by football.

“It seemed like the perfect opportunity for my parents to visit before the craziness of graduation,” she said. “Also, my parents heard great things about JPW from parents of my older friends and did not want to miss out on the experience.”

Heberlein signed up for JPW with one other senior and met up with others at the events. Despite being in the minority, she said she felt very included at the three major events.

“I did feel a little out of place and old at first, but I sat with senior friends at the events which helped,” she said. “It was obviously geared toward the Class of 2014, as it should be, but we never felt left out.”

Although she enjoyed her experience at JPW, Heberlein said she and fellow seniors wondered why the University doesn’t hold a parent’s weekend for junior sophomores when far fewer students are studying abroad.

“I wish my friends and I had been able to experience it together last year, but my parents were still able to meet a few of my friends and we had a great time,” she said.

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Family receives Army medals

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Hyla Merin grew up without a father and for a long time never knew who he was.

Her mother never spoke about the Army officer who died before Hyla was born. The scraps of information she gathered from other relatives were hazy:

- 2nd Lt. Hyman Markel was a rabbit's son, brilliant at mathematics, the bravest winner of a Purple Heart who died some time in 1945.
- Aside from wedding photos of Markel in uniform, Merin never glimpsed him.

But on Sunday, decades after he won it, Merin received her father's Purple Heart, along with a Silver Star she never knew he'd won and a half-dozen other medals.

Merin wiped away tears as the Silver Star was pinned to her lapel during a short ceremony attended by friends and family at her home in Westlake Village, a community straddling the Ventura and Los Angeles county lines. The other medals were presented on a plaque:

“Just confirms what a great man he was,” Merin said tearfully. “He gave up his life for our country and our freedom. I'll put it up in my house as a memorial to him and to those who served.”

Merin’s mother, Celia, married Markel in 1941 when he already was in the military. They met at a Jewish temple in Buffalo, N.Y.

About four months ago, the manager of a West Hollywood apartment building where Merin’s mother lived in the 1960s found a box containing papers and the Purple Heart while cleaning out some lockers in the laundry room, Merin said. The manager contacted Purple Hearts Reunited, a nonprofit organization that returns lost or stolen medals to vets or their families.

A search led to Merin. She became “kind of emotional, because I don’t have a lot of pictures, I don’t have a lot of stories, and I’ve always been a cryer,” she said. “My mother always was the stoic one, very strong.”

Markel was killed in the last days of World War II on May 3, 1945, in Italy’s Po Valley while fighting German troops as an officer with the 88th Division of the 351st Infantry Regiment, said Zachariah Fike, the Vermont Army National Guard captain who founded Purple Hearts Reunited.

“The accounts suggest that he was out on patrol and he got ambushed and he charged ahead and basically took out a machine gun position to save the rest of his guys.”

Zachariah Fike

Army National Guard

Merin said that in addition to the Purple Heart, which Pike kept for framing, the box contained letters and other papers, and her father’s Jewish prayer book.

“I found it very hard to look at. A lot of them were conducive letters,” she said.

Merin’s mother was told about the discovery of the Purple Heart but didn’t live to see it — she died Feb. 1 at age 94.
Gun raffles cause controversy

Guns are displayed at the annual New York State Arms Collectors Association breakfast in North Salem, N.Y., on Jan. 26.

CONCORD, N.H. — Police chiefs in New Hampshire wanted more money for their youth training program. A youth hockey team in North Dakota needed more ice time. Both saw giving away guns as the answer.

From car dealerships to political parties to hockey teams to yes, even police chiefs, gun giveaways are an attractive way to make money or draw in customers. But in the wake of the deadly shooting rampages in a Connecticut elementary school, such raffles are drawing criticism as the ease of obtaining firearms fuels gun-control debates nationwide.

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Community memorializes victims of fire

Survivors and relatives of victims mark 10th anniversary of Rhode Island nightclub fire that killed 100

WEST WARWICK, R.I. — Survivors of a 2003 nightclub fire that killed 100 people and relatives of those killed had nothing but praise for a Dec. 21 service Sunday at the blaze to mark the 10th anniversary of it.

Some brought flowers and paid their respects at the hand-made crosses that dot the site for each person who died. Others cried and spoke of missing their loved ones and the difficulty of moving past such trauma.

"People that weren’t here really don’t understand why we can’t let this stuff go. I was 30 seconds away from dying," said Walter Castle Jr., 39, a survivor who suffered third-degree burns in his lungs, throat and bronchial tubes. He said he lost many friends and was in counseling until 2009. Recently, as the 10th anniversary approached, he began having terrible nightmares and had to go back into counseling.

"It’s just very tough," he said.

The anniversary of the blaze is Wednesday. The fire broke out when pyrotechnics for the rock band Great White ignited flamboyant packing foam that had been installed in the club as soundproofing. Last month, a fire at a nightclub in Brazil killed more than 230 people.

Under circumstances that were eerily similar: A band’s pyrotechnic display set fire to soundproofing foam.

Among those who spoke Sunday was former Gov. Don Carcieri, who took office the month before the fire and still gets choked up when speaking about it. He remembered the days families waited at a hotel for word that their loved ones’ remains had been identified, and the anger everyone felt, asking how the tragedy could have happened. But he also remembered how people in Rhode Island, a state with a population of just 1 million, paid their respects at the hand-made memorial for each person who died and commemorate the fire that killed 100 people.

As soundproofing, last month, 85-year-old Angela Bogart, who was 19 when her mother, Jude Henault, was killed in the fire, said she has come to know and understand her mother more in the 10 years since she died, especially since she has become a mother herself.

"My mom lives in me in everything I do. I hear her voice wherever I go," she said. "When I walk hand-in-hand with my little girl, my mother is holding her other hand."

The ceremony also featured musical performances, a reading of the names of the people who died and 100 seconds of silence.

While somber, the annual gathering at the fire site took on a more hopeful tone this year than in years past because a foundation set up to build a permanent memorial secured ownership of the site in September after years of trying.

On Sunday, the Station Fire Memorial Foundation released final plans for the memorial.

They call for a 30-foot-high entrance gate topped by an Aeolian harp. Wind passing through the harp will create music, a reminder that it was music that brought people together that night.

The permanent memorial will include an individual memorial for each person who died and commemorate the survivors, first responders and those who helped care for families of the dead and survivors in the weeks and months after the fire. It will also include a pavilion as a gathering place.

"There are families who are being asked to remove the crosses and other personal mementos that have been left at the site at the make-shift memorial that has developed over the years. The items left behind will be buried in a capsule under an area that is now the parking lot. There will be no digging on the land under where the club once stood because of the fear of disturbing human remains.

Tonda Daniels, of South Kingston, R.I., decorates the memorial for her sister Lori Durante in West Warwick, R.I., on Sunday. On Sunday, the Station Fire Memorial Foundation outlined plans for a permanent memorial.

VATICAN CITY

Pope blesses huge crowds

VATICAN CITY — His arms outstretched in a symbolic embrace, Pope Benedict XVI blessed tens of thousands of cheering people on Sunday in one of his last appearances as pontiff from his window overlooking St. Peter’s Square.

Last week, 85-year-old Benedict shocked the world by announcing his resignation. He will step down on Feb. 28, planning to retreat to the Vatican City — his arms outstretched in a symbolic gesture to help them get in or out of the square.

There was still space in St. Peter’s Square for many, many couldn’t get in — or easily out.

Many were sitting on the steps of the basilica, including parents with babies in carriages and stalkers, elderly people using canes, and the disabled in wheelchairs — tried to squeeze through two spaces police left open in the metal barricades. In the square, some people panicked or called out to police to help them get in or out of the square.

Pilgrims and tourists had an easier time if they entered through spaces in the elegant colonnade that architect Gianlorenzo Bernini designed to cradle the sides of the St. Peter’s Square.

Benedict seemed touched by the outpouring of affection after his decision to go down in history as the first pontiff in some 600 years to resign. The pontiff told cardinals last week that he no longer has the mental and physical stamina to vigorously shepherd the church.

His resignation is sitting in our waterways," he said.
Cherish every day

Carolyn Hutyra
News Writer

This past week, one of my best friend’s neighbors passed away. The week before, the mother of a family friend died and a few weeks earlier another close friend of mine found out a teammate from high school was failing in his fight against cancer.

I say this not to cause sadness or despair, but rather to motivate. Each and every day we surround ourselves with people who have so much to offer this world. Our friends will grow up to be doctors, lawyers, teachers, engineers, scientists and so much more. We are blessed to know them, and I hope we all appreciate them.

Furthermore, I hope this encourages us to lead our lives to the fullest. Think of any high school or college graduation speech. The speakers are so quick to encourage us, and left in the new realm of opportunities that await us. Do we seize them? They say challenges will come our way, but will we be able to overcome them?

To answer those questions, I go back to one of my favorite quotes delivered by Leonardo DiCaprio in “Titanic.” “I figure life’s a gift and I don’t intend on wasting it,” he says. “You don’t know what hand you’re gonna get dealt next. You learn to take life as it comes at you … to make each day count.”

I wish we really could make each day count. If asked people to think back to last year, I wonder if they could list 50 great moments from 2012 they will remember for the rest of their lives. People tend to remember the big moments, the cool vacations, the rest of their lives. People tend to remember the big moments, the cool vacations, the athletic accomplishments, but the truth is that after a while even those begin to fade.

As college students, a good number of us have begun our third decade of life on this earth. Our generation still has time to make a difference, and I wonder at the impact we may have.

Last week I saw a posting on Facebook about an 87-year-old college student named Rose. Whether or not the story is true is debatable, but the lesson remains powerful nonetheless. Despite her age, Rose decided to enroll in college courses and over the course of the year she became a popular figure around the campus she attended. She told people she was completing the college degree that she was never able to finish all those years ago.

The story ends with her receiving an invitation to speak at a football banquet. Her speech centers on finding a way to laugh every day and having dreams to follow throughout life. At the end of the story there is a quote that goes, “We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.”

Say we live to a ripe old age. Will we be able to look back and say we lived without regrets? Say that if we could go back there would not be a single thing we would change? I hope so.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Standing in solidarity

On Feb. 6, you once again showed what it means to be a community that stands for so much more than itself. On that cold Wednesday, you all came together with the men of Siegfried Hall and helped to raise more than $5,400 for the South Bend Center for the Homeless. Seeing our state of cold for one day, you all reached into your pockets and pulled out so much to help those who must brave the cold every day. On behalf of the men of Siegfried Hall, we cannot thank you enough for your donations.

What exactly do we do on the Day of Man? Are we trying to prove our masculinity by showing off our muscles and enduring the cold without flinching? We would much rather describe the Day of Man as a time when the men of Siegfried stand together to be the men we wish to become: men who stand for something bigger than one person and one action, men who brave the cold to stand in solidarity with those who may need a helping hand. This vision defines the Day of Man and guides us into the elements on that cold February day.

Once more, we offer our gratitude for your help. This year, the Day of Man is once again a success because of your kindness. Thanks for standing alongside us in solidarity with those who may have fallen on hard times. Thanks for affirming our efforts and helping us to become the best men that we can be.

Andrew Ritter
Senior
Siegfried Hall

Johnny Dang
Junior
Siegfried Hall

Campaign emails are ethical

I write in response to the letter to the editor written by Sam Zappa (“Campaign solicitation: taking things too far,” Feb. 12) that was published in last Wednesday’s Observer. In his letter, Zappa expressed discontent with receiving unsolicited emails from campaigns during the student body presidential election, implying that such actions were unethical.

I was fairly unsurprised to read such a complaint in The Observer. However, I must object to the implied accusation of unethical behavior with Zappa’s letter. If sending a campaign email rises to the level of unethical behavior, then our world is truly in trouble. I find it amusing that Zappa’s reaction to receiving an unsolicited email that he had to take all of 10 seconds to delete from his inbox was to accuse candidates of lacking ethics.

This was an election. People campaign, be it with posters, emails or debates. I applaud both tickets for finding ways to do so within the rules established by the Student Senate and enforced by the Judicial Council. I apologize profusely to Mr. Zappa for having to take the time to delete an unwanted email, something no Notre Dame student ever has to do. Perhaps instead of leveling serious accusations of ethical violations at campaigns because they emailed someone, Mr. Zappa can submit a formal petition to student government to enact the change he desires.

Thanks for affirming our efforts and helping us to become the best men that we can be.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

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Thnk. It's Not Illegal Yet.

Throughout American history, politicians have always curbed the use of particular substances by the general population — we’ve always had a “War on Drugs,” so to speak. Legislation making it illegal to smoke, ingest or drink certain chemicals has been consistently passed under the idea that it benefits society, but the American people are starting to realize that the War on Drugs is a failure and is inconsistent with the ideology of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. As you have heard before, the Founding Fathers created this country on the principle of classic liberalism — meaning that individual rights reign supreme. Having just escaped and fought off the tyrant King George III, the Fathers knew that emphasizing individual rights would foster a stronger nation built on liberty. The reasoning that follows explains why we protect and defend the right to private property and freedom of speech: If your neighbor has his property damaged without compensation or is unable to criticize his government, we know the same thing can happen to us — so through individualism, society actually is made better off and communities are strengthened through these ties.

An issue I have with the American government is that if we are truly the land of the free, why am I not able to completely control what I put in my body? Thomas Jefferson has many memorable quotes, but I believe one in particular applies to the philosophy of self-ownership. He once said, “But it does me no injury for my neighbor to say there are 20 gods or no God. It neither picks my pocket nor breaks my leg.” While in context Jefferson was discussing religious tolerance, the same philosophy can be applied to the use of marijuana and other drugs — including alcohol. If my neighbors choose to smoke in their basement or at a club in Denver, who am I to tell them how to live their lives? I may or may not agree with that decision, but as a human being each of us is inherently born with the right to ownership of our body: the difference in lawmaking obviously occurs when external events occur outside of the smoking or drinking. If someone gets high and then gets behind the wheel of a car, the situation is obviously completely different, just as it is with alcohol. In the end, I believe everything can boil down to Jefferson’s analysis of private property — so long as other people do not affect you financially or do you bodily harm, they should be free to act on their own will.

The federal government has spent $51 billion fighting the “war on drugs,” all of which instead could have gone to help prevent violent crimes — or even more radically, stay in the hands of the people. According to DrugPolicy.org, in 2009 there were 2,424,279 citizens in federal, state or local prisons. This is equivalent to one out of every 99.1 adults — the highest incarceration rate in the world. Also, 1.53 million people were imprisoned for nonviolent drug charges in 2011 and roughly 650,000 were arrested for simple possession of marijuana. It is well known that African-Americans and Latinos have been disproportionately affected by the consequences of our current system and are disproportionately represented in prisons today; even rapper Tupac Shakur understood that the War on Drugs is a failure and wrote in one of his songs, “They got a war on drugs just so the police can bother me.” So I’m still wondering how it’s possible that “the land of the free” has the highest percentage of its citizens behind bars — is this not enough information to compel society to rethink some of its policies on drugs?

I would argue that we should legalize marijuana federally and allow states to regulate its use as we do alcohol, but inevitably there will be a significant amount of people who will oppose this legislation. Some irrationally say that “America will become the next red light district” while others just say they don’t think others should be able to do it. Legalization would be a radical change for our nation but we should encourage making people more free on all accounts; we don’t have a First Amendment so we can talk about the weather and we don’t have a right to self ownership without the ability to control our own personal habits. Censoring ideas through book burning has never solved any problems — putting issues out in the open for debate and encouraging people is how we can change a culture’s perspective. During prohibition, speakeasies became more popular than grocery stores; outlawing particular goods just makes the black market more profitable. Many positive outcomes of legalization exist besides eradicating underground trade — drug cartels would fall apart due to legalization of their product, leading to less violence across the country; there would suffer many people freed from jails in which they were placed for committing nonviolent crimes; more people would stay in school knowing they would need to rely on education rather than illegal deals to be successful. You think our current president would understand the need to reform this issue considering the results you’ll find after Google searching “Obama smoking blunt,” but maybe his previous statements on the matter were just smoke and mirrors too.

In a July presidential nomination debate, former Texas Congressman Ron Paul was (jokingly?) asked if he would support the legalization of heroin, in addition to marijuana. He replied rhetorically, “Yes … if we legalize heroin, how many people here would use heroin tomorrow?” and received a wild round of applause from thousands of South Carolinians.

While that is quite a step past marijuana reform, I think what he’s saying is correct. We don’t need a paternal government telling us what we should or shouldn’t do at the threat of a gun to make decisions. If you want to decrease drug use in society, you should be for legalization instead of threatening to use force on other people. It’s time to stop from the mentality that has shaped mankind for centuries; it’s time to stop telling people what to do or how to live their lives. I think if someone wants to have a smoke and they aren’t going to “break my leg or pick my pocket,” we should let them. It’s that simple.

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Cloud Nothings, an indie-rock group consisting of singer-songwriter Dylan Baldi, drummer Jason Gerycz, guitarist Joe Boyer and bassist TJ Duke, took to the stage at Legends this past Friday.

Cloud Nothings entered their performance with no introduction, no acknowledgment of the audience whatsoever, in a fashion that I mistook as enigmatic and possibly exciting. This style of “let’s-just-rock-and-roll” with no interaction with the crowd seemed to be a point of focus for Cloud Nothings, as it continued on after the first song, then after the second, then after the third.

Soon enough I began to wonder if they would ever address us. However, they just jammed away, almost refusing to look at us. Instead of being a presence on stage, they appeared engrossed in their instruments.

Cloud Nothings’ setlist from Friday night consisted of songs from their newest release “Attack on Memory,” released in January 2012. “Attack on Memory” was well received, scoring an 83 out of 100 on Metacritic — although I wouldn’t know it from their performance.

No, I learned this from searching up their set list at Legends, and it just seems so frustratingly unnecessary that I even had to go to such lengths such as that to discern whether they were seen as good.

The performance itself admitted—was not too bad — at first. Cloud Nothings’ opening did seem to set the stage for what many thought to be a powerful, emotional set.

Their opening song “Fall In” opened with a thunderous ambience. Baldi’s powerful riffs on the guitar seemed to be interlaced within the track, as Gerycz’s drums seemed to thud and pulsate throughout the venue.

However, from the start it already seemed apparent to me that this was not the indie-rock performance that I (or really anyone unfamiliar with Cloud Nothings) seemed to expect; it seemed like an odd hybrid between metal and angsty-teen rock. The singing by Baldi was definitely a plus, though it seemed stifled by the band’s own instruments.

Perhaps it was simply due to the equipment, or perhaps it was something that was not made a focal point — either way, it was truly unfortunate that Baldi’s voice was lost to the instruments, whereas they should have played complementary parts to each other. I’m certainly not saying that the music was bad per se, but definitely unexpected.

As the set list continued to progress on, the songs seemed to mesh into each other. This was certainly not helped by the fact that again, there was no introduction of the songs, and of course no clear indication from the performers to the audience.

Now I admit, perhaps I am just not as familiar with the band’s style as I should be. Perhaps this style of minimal interaction and maximum music is actually what’s expected in the indie-rock scene. But to me, the average attendee at a concert, I would think that a live performance would entail a bit more than what I saw from Cloud Nothings this past Friday night.

I appreciate that they came to Legends to perform for us, and I do wish Cloud Nothings the best, because I know that the band is a lot better than what I saw Friday night. However, I just couldn’t buy into their performance, which sadly seemed to just blow up in a cloud of nothing.

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A bit of a disclaimer: I had absolutely no idea what Second City was prior to Friday night. When I heard they were a comedy/improvisation group— “you know, kind of like SNL” — I had to see it for myself. And I was so glad I went to Washington Hall that night, because Second City easily earned first place in my book.

Second City’s performance was easily memorable, a complete, all-around show that featured a cast of five comedians and one pianist. At first the stage definitely seemed a bit too large for five average-looking comedians. However, they shined in their apparent normalcy, and the sum of their performance was greater than their parts, as they let their humor fill the entire stage.

The show opened with a few skits, something similar to — you guessed it — “SNL,” and they were all very well done. Second City seemed to pay attention to the little things during these skits: the ever-effective stone-faced look, while jokes brought out roaring laughter from the audience.

The skits themselves covered a wide variety of unpredictable jokes and most importantly, each skit felt like a skit — that is, no scene seemed to overstay its welcome.

The performances seemed to find all sorts of ways to press all the right buttons in the audience, whether it addressed immigration issues in Arizona, or the awkward “maybe she likes me, maybe she doesn’t” phase in a date. These skits were extremely topical and, to be quite honest, never seemed to fall flat. The lone dull moment during the entire night was the intermission.

However, where Second City truly shined was in its improvisational comedy. The comedians seemed to take everything in stride, even when some less-than-desirable suggestions were made from the audience for the improv skits. The cast handled it tastefully, diverting all of the heat of the tension and doing what they do best — turn it into a joke.

Second City offered three memorable improv skits. The first had four of the five comedians split up into rotating pairs and act out the skits offered from the audience. The second had the audience assist the cast in telling “a never-before-told tale,” showcasing their quick wit and ingenuity. However, the third was truly their most entertaining. It forced three members from the audience to take on different roles in one of the cast members’ “script.” Here we saw the audience try their best to emulate the actors’ brilliance to great approval of the rest of the audience.

As a testament to how largely attended Second City’s performance was, one of the audience-actors recounted how easily recognized he was all night, as he was faced with the same greeting from a wide array of people: “Hey, you were the one on stage tonight, right?” Indeed, he was.

Second City’s performance was nothing short of brilliant and everyone from the lead comedian to the pianist contributed to the performance as a whole, leaving everyone in the audience in either two positions: either sitting halfway out of their seat from laughing too hard, or standing in ovation.

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In the wake of her lights out Super Bowl Halftime Show, Beyoncé's long-awaited documentary "Life is but a Dream" premiered on HBO this Saturday.

Directed by Beyoncé and her pet filmmaker Ed Burke, the film focused on the period between Beyoncé firing her father as a manager and becoming a mother for the first time. It was a testament both to her ideas of parenthood as well as her idea of music as an art form.

The documentary opened with slow pans of suburban imagery as Beyoncé described her relationship with her father growing up. She was always searching for his approval but he never gave it to her and he pushed her to constantly be better.

When she describes her decision to let go of her father as a manager she highlights the importance of family as her motivation. With such a stressful career all she wanted from her father was a support system, not another member of her team.

When she decided to manage herself she said the biggest problem was deciding for the first time what she really wanted.

It’s impossible to imagine a person becoming so commercially successful that they need to step back and change what success might actually mean in order to find fulfillment.

Beyoncé needed to decide what kind of music she wanted to make now that she was in control of her path.

One of the most entertaining parts of the documentary is the amount of footage that comes from Beyoncé herself. It’s as if they’ve taken a video diary she created herself and interlaced it with footage of her performing onstage and one interview of her relaxed and at home.

She confesses that she’s obsessed with her computer and you can tell that at least 40 percent of the footage you see comes from her filming herself and the events of her life.

There’s only one interview with her done by the filmmakers, but it’s essentially asking her to describe in more detail the things she already reveals in her home footage. She is forthcoming in a way that is almost jarring from a woman who seems completely untouchable.

She discusses this phenomenon of celebrity as superwoman in the film as well. She talks about how we must assume that a celebrity’s life is perfect when all we see is an image on a gossip website but in reality she’s a vulnerable person just like everyone else.

We get to see some of those vulnerable moments very clearly in the footage of Beyoncé talking openly about her first pregnancy that resulted in a miscarriage. She described hearing the heartbeat, picking out names and telling her family the good news only to be crushed when she found out she would not be a mother yet.

The film does not dwell on the negative. We see her at her happiest when she’s talking about her pregnancy with Blue Ivy. She shows herself talking to her computer in the middle of the night just a week after discovering she is pregnant.

She breaks out of the calm and collected image she has been holding for just a second to show how truly excited she is.

We even see loving moments between her and her husband Jay-Z as they sit along the riverbank eating dinner and singing "Yellow" by Coldplay.

The entire documentary is about how she balances the fast paced life of a performer and preparing for motherhood, but the most fascinating part isn’t any of that; it’s just watching Beyoncé be the living Barbie doll we’ve all come to revere.

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“Life is but a Dream”
HBO
Starring: Beyoncé Knowles and Jay-Z
Directed by: Beyoncé Knowles and Ed Burke
It’s been a while since pitchers and catchers reported to spring training, and for many baseball fans that means it’s time to start researching for their fantasy team draft. But not me — if I wanted to devote the time and effort that it takes to play GM, I’d want to learn how to do it as a professional scout. More importantly, I’d be no good. Forget about talent or value, my drafting strategy would be based purely on how much I enjoy a player’s name. That might not be the best plan if you want to win your fantasy league, but if you’re a sports writer trying to maintain sanity finding joy in unusual names is sometimes a crucial survival skill. Here are a few of my favorites.

Best names to come out of the SEC
On their own, Batak was and Ming are both stellar names. Together, the defensive end from LSU can pretty much ensure that everyone will remember him, which is especially fitting as his last name has the word “lava” in it, more importantly, his first and last names begin with a plus.

Best nickname generators
Falcons running back Jacquizz Rodgers earned the nickname “Quizz Show” during his college years at Oregon State. Oddly enough, he has an older brother who simply named James. Honorable mention: Bengals running back BenJarvus Green-Ellis is also known as “The Law Firm” because, well, his name sounds like that of a law firm.

Best name, “How do you spell that?” division
T.J. Houshmandzadeh, best known as a Bengals wide receiver, has a Persian last name that translates as “son of wisdom or intelligence.” The only way you could list him incorrectly on the first try. But I think I’ll just stick to calling him Coach K.

Best names of retired Red Sox players
Former Red Sox third baseman Arquimedes Polo hasn’t played since his call-up to the Fenway Faithful. He has to find out which other player’s name is even comparable to his. Honorable mention: Let’s face it, he’s probably become known as one of the best catchers of all time, Yogi Berra would’ve been remembered as that Yankee player with the funny name.

Best names discovered in the minors
I’m still sorry that the Marlins released minor league outfielder Sequeyah Trubllood Stonecipher a few years ago, but I will never understand how he lost to eventual winner Rowdy Hardy in the Minors Moniker Madness championship in 2010. Honorable mention: Seth Schwindenhammer, a left-handed pitcher who came in second in moniker madness, would become the longest-named major league in history if he ever called up to the big leagues. His name literally means “swinging the hammer.” It just doesn’t get better than that.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Comic relief in sports’ best names

Nash Rangers come back to defeat Capitals

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rick Nash’s availability for a key matchup with the Washington Capitals wasn’t confirmed until the New York Rangers star got through the pregame warmup unscathed.

While no one was willing to talk about what is ailing the top left wing, whatever it is didn’t seem to show him down Sunday night.

Nash assuaged on surfing line-mate Carl Hagelin’s tying goal in the second period and registered a game-high eight shots on goalie Braden Holtby in the come-from-behind 2-1 victory.

Nash has been limited to three goals and nine assists in his first 14 games with the Rangers, following a blockbuster offseason trade. But his mere presence is opening up lots of space for those on the ice with him.

“They’re not going in, but I’m getting the chances,” Nash said. “A couple of points and point-blanks. I thought they were going in for sure. The exciting thing is Carl is putting them in.”

Rangers (8-5-1) tied it when Hagelin scored at 7:39 of the second. Ryan McDonagh fired a drive from the middle of the circle at the near post, which was tipped into the net on New York’s 30th shot.

Hagelin has scored five of his six goals in the past four games — netting at least one in each. That led coach John Tortorella to call him “probably our best forward” recently.

“He is one of the few guys who can beat his guy one-on-one most of the time,” Hagelin said of Nash. “That’s why you can hide a bit on the ice and try to disappear. When he makes that move, the D is supposed to be on me goes over to him, and I am wide open.

“When you feel good, you continue playing well, and goals are going to come.”

One on the power play finally did for New York when Derek Stepan scored the winner early in the third period.

It was the only time the Rangers’ power-play unit connected in five chances, but it came at the right moment and helped snap the Capitals’ season-high winning streak at three.

Washington (5-9-1), which lost to New York in the second round of last year’s playoffs, had been 11-5-2 in its last 16 regular-season games against the Rangers.

“We could have played better,” Capitals coach Adam Oates said. “We took too many penalties. We spent so much energy killing penalties. It took away from the rest of our game.”

Defenceman John Carlson put Washington ahead in the first, despite the Capitals being out-shot 20-8.

Washington went 2-1 on its trip and will play its next three at home.

“They played better than us,” Capitals forward Nicklas Backstrom said. “They had better chances. It’s tough, one-goal games coming down to the wire.”

New York improved to 5-1-1 in its past seven, despite entering the game with an NHL-worst power play that connected on only 10 percent of its chances.

The deciding advantage lasted only 7 seconds before clicking 4:25 into the third.

Brad Richards, bench for all but one shift in the third period of the Rangers’ shootout loss to the Islanders on Thursday, won a faceoff and then made a pass to Michael Del Zotto in the right circle. Del Zotto quickly found Stepan with a diagonal pass to the left post, where Stepan scored while down on a knee.

Henrik Lundquist stopped 27 shots for his seventh win. Holtby made 38 saves to earn third star of the game honors.

“I thought we were a lot better than them in the first period, but they had the lead,” Lundquist said. “The key for us was to stay patient, and we did.”

The Capitals’ power play, which has been surging recently, was held in check on four chances. Its final opportunity came up with 7 minutes left when Nash was called for tripping. Washington had scored a power-play goal in each of its previous six games, connecting on 8 of 15 opportunities.

The Capitals put instant pressure on the Rangers and Lundquist and nearly scored even before Carlson’s second goal when, just 1:19 Mike Ribeiro got the puck to Carlson for a hard drive from the right circle that got past Lundquist.

The Rangers dominated in shots in the first period, but had nothing to show for it despite three power play games that generated five shots. New York registered a season-high 20 while no one was willing to talk about what is ailing the top left wing, whatever it is didn’t seem to show him down Sunday night.

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“Love Like Crazy” by Lee Brice

Just ask him how he made it
He’ll tell you faith and sweat
And the heart of a faithful woman
Who never let him forget
Who never let him forget

Be a best friend, tell the truth
And overuse “I love you”
Go to work, do your best
And the heart of a faithful woman
Who never let him forget

Never let yourprain’gnokneegalyze
And love like crazy

Always treat your womanlike a lady
Never get to old to call her baby
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**Weaver leads team in first spring tournament**

**By KIT LOUGHRAN**
Sports Writer

In their season-opening appearance, the Irish finished seventh in the Seminole Match-Up on Sunday at Southwood Golf Course in Tallahassee, Fla. The Irish concluded the tournament with a 54-hole score of 906 (+62).

The Irish ended the first round of the tournament Friday with a 12-over par 300, which put them in eighth place at the start of the second round. Freshman Lindsey Weaver led the Irish with an even-par 72 to open the tournament. Right behind her was Campbell at 73 (+1). She shot one-under par on the front nine and posted a birdie, a bogey, a double bogey and six pars, to post a two-over-par on the back nine. Armstrong and junior Krista Nhim both contributed a 77 (+5) to the team tally.

"It was very windy and chilly," Holt said. "We battled and tried to hang in there, but we gave a lot of shots back in the end of the round."

Despite the harsh weather conditions, freshman Talia Campbell completed the second round with a par score of 72 to lead the Irish. She finished the round with three birdies, three bogeys and 12 pars, landing her the 26th spot in the tournament after two rounds with a score of 152 (+8). Weaver followed right behind Campbell at 73 (+1). She shot one-under par on the front nine and posted a birdie, a bogey, a double bogey and six pars, to post a two-over-par on the back nine. Armstrong and junior Krista Nhim both contributed a 77 (+5) to the team tally. The Irish posted a third round score of 307 (+19) to finish the tournament in seventh place. Georgia came back to win the 12-team tournament with a score of 54-hole score of 877 (+13). The Irish women were unable to gain the momentum in the final round needed to pull out a higher finish, Holt said. "We couldn’t get it going today," Holt said. "It was disappointing and we didn’t do as well as we had hoped."

Weaver again led the team in the final round with a 73 (+1), which secured her a 218 (+2) overall and put her in eighth place overall for individual golfers. Weaver shot four-over par on the opening nine holes but quickly recovered with four birdies and two pars to finish the round at one-over par.

There is great room for the Irish to improve going forward, Holt said. "We definitely have a lot to work on," Holt said. "Great individual rounds have to be more consistent. Everyone has her own things to work on, and when we get back, we will address those issues."

The Irish have two weeks to address these team and individual rounds have to be more consistent. Everyone has her own things to work on, and when we get back, we will address those issues."

**Irish sophomore Ashley Armstrong reads her putt on Sept. 15 at the Mary Fossum Invitational at Forest Akers West in East Lansing, Mich.**

**Patrick is first woman to win Sprint Cup pole**

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Danica Patrick has made history before — as a woman and a racer, in Indianapolis and Japan. The spotlight is nothing new. But never has it been this bright before. Patrick won the Daytona 500 pole Sunday, becoming the first woman to secure the top spot for any race in NASCAR’s premier circuit. It’s by far the biggest achievement of her stock-car career.

"I was brought up to be the fastest driver, not the fastest girl," she said. "That was instilled in me from very young, from the beginning. Then I feel like thriving in those moments, where the pressure’s on, has also been a help for me. I also feel like I’ve been lucky enough to make history, be the first woman to do many things. I really just hope that I don’t stop doing that. We have a lot more history to make. We are excited to do it." Her latest stamp in the history books came with a lap at 196.434 mph around Daytona International Speedway. Patrick went out eighth in the qualifying session, then had to wait about two hours as 37 fellow drivers tried to take her spot.

Only four-time Cup champion Jeff Gordon even came close to knocking her off. Gordon was the only other driver who topped 196 mph in qualifying. He locked up the other guaranteed spot in next week’s season-opening Daytona 500.

"It’s great to be a part of history with Danica being on the pole," said Gordon, who joked that at least he was the fastest guy. "I think we all know how popular she is, what this will do for our sport. Congratulations to her. Proud to be on there with her."

The rest of the field will be set in dual qualifying races Thursday. However the lineup unfolds, all drivers will line up behind Patrick’s No. 10 Chevrolet SS.

And she knows her latest achievement will mean more public relations work. The routine is nothing new for Patrick, who was the first woman to lead laps in the Indianapolis 500. She finished third in 2009, the highest finish in that illustrious race for a woman. And she became the only woman to win an IndyCar race when she did it in Japan in 2008. Hardly anyone witnessed that victory.

Leading the field to the green flag in NASCAR’s showcase event should be must-watch television.

“That’s a huge accomplishment,” team owner and fellow driver Tony Stewart said. "It’s not like it’s been 15 or 20 years she’s been trying to do this. It’s her second trip to Daytona here in a Cup car. She’s made history in the sport. That stuff that we’re proud of being a part of with her. It’s something she should have a huge amount of pride in.

“It’s never been done. There’s only one person that can be the first to do anything. Doesn’t matter how many do it after you do, accomplish that same goal. The first one that does always has that little bit more significance to it because you were the first.”
Squad drop close matches

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

Living on the edge finally caught up with the No. 19 Irish, as they lost to Purdue 4-3, at home on Friday and then dropped their Sunday match at Northwestern, 5-2.

No. 24 Boilermakers (3-1) won all eight singles matches, while the Irish (6-7) only took two.

“The game was won on court six,” senior Marcus Jung said. “Jian Xu played a great match today, and then we got a tiebreak win from our doubles team.”

On Friday, the Irish were down 1-2 going into the second set of the No. 4 singles match between Laney Buntin and Libby Pecor. But the Irish senior hung in there and came back to win 7-5, 6-4.

“Laney Buntin and Libby Pecor played a great match,” senior Fordhamer Kevin King said. “They were on fire all day.”

The Irish will try to improve their 6-7 record and get back to winning ways against No. 16 Michigan on Saturday in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

ND women’s tennis | PURDUE 4, ND 3; NORTHWESTERN 5, ND 2

Outfielder Carly Piccinich scored off of a wild throw by the Huskers catcher, but were unable to generate any offense after that.

From there, the Irish were able to change their momentum around in a doubleheader against Cal Poly (1-4), finishing 1-1 in both matches with top performances by O’Donnell and Koerner.

In the second game against Cal Poly, the Irish were down 2-1 in the bottom of the sixth. Junior outfielder Lauren Stuhrl hit her first home run of the year to bring the game to 2-2 and the Irish finished the inning with two more runs. The Mustangs (1-8) attempted to come back in the seventh inning, but the Irish defense clamped the 4-3 victory.

The Irish took off on their weekend trip to Columbus to face Ohio State on Saturday afternoon.

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ND falls to top-ranked Oklahoma in extras

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Though they left the Campbell/Cartier Classic with a record of 2-2, the Irish nearly knocked No. 1 Oklahoma from their pedestal in a 7-5 loss that went to extras innings. Prior to their match against the Irish, the Sooners (10-0) had not given up a run in four games at the Classic.

The Sooners led the Irish 2-0 at the end of the fifth inning, but the Irish (4-5) were right back in it in the bottom of the sixth, finishing the inning up 3-2.

In the top of the seventh, the Sooners tied things up when Oklahoma sophomore Laura Chamberlain beat the throw to home plate from Irish sophomore catcher Emilee Koerner.

The game went to extra innings from there. Oklahoma scored four in the top of the ninth, bringing the score to 7-3. In their last chance to gain the advantage, Notre Dame senior catcher Amy Buntin belted a two-run home run to right-center field to cut the Sooner lead in half. Oklahoma got out of that jam though and retired the next three batters to seal the victory.

Buntin said the matchup against Oklahoma was a good showing of our fight,” Buntin said. “Even though the scoreboard didn’t show it, we had a great game.”

Despite the tough game, senior pitcher Brittany O’Donnell said the team’s biggest challenge was playing up to their potential.

“The biggest competition this week was against our own,” O’Donnell said. “We are able to beat any team on a given day when we play to our fullest potential.”

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“After this weekend we figured out what we need to do to get our energy going by game,” O’Donnell said. “In a game like softball you need to celebrate the small victories within the game in order to win the big picture.”

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Iris take down Wolverines

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

No. 29 Notre Dame saw their momentum swing in the right direction as they came out on top of an exciting 4-3 match against No. 21 Michigan on Saturday in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

This contest marked the highest-ranked opponent that Notre Dame (6-4) has triumphed over this season. Prior to this weekend, the squad fell in another close 4-3 match against No. 7 Kentucky.

“I think we were just more motivated after the loss to Kentucky, and our guys fought really hard to beat Michigan,” junior Ryan Bandy said.

The fight against the Wolverines (4-3) lasted more than three hours and required three sets in four of the singles matches and tiebreakers in two of the doubles contests.

Notre Dame took a rough first set, losing it 6-3. Junior Billy Pecor and freshman Alex Lawson successfully won the No. 2 set, but Michigan’s No. 9 senior Evan King and junior Shaun Bernstein took down the Irish pair of junior Greg Andrews and senior Spencer Talmadge. Wolverines sophomore Alex Petrone and Michael Zhu secured the doubles point by taking down Bandy and junior Matt Dooley.

In the three previous competitions when the Irish have lost the doubles point, they have lost the match. But this weekend, the Bandy/Pecor duo came through with a 6-4, 6-1, 1-0 (10-2) win.

“Obviously, losing means there are things we need to work on, but we didn’t get blown off the courts,” Sanders said. “It just wasn’t our day.”

The Irish will try to get back on their feet at home when they host No. 18 Baylor. The Irish and Bears will square off at the Eck Tennis Pavilion on Friday at 5 p.m.

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Oklahoma takes down Boilermakers

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

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Team sweeps opening doubleheader, drops finale

Irish senior infielder Frank DeSico fouls a pitch off on April 29, 2012, against St. John's. The Irish won two of three games over the weekend.

By JOHN SANDBERG
Sports Writer

Notre Dame kicked off its 2013 campaign in Sarasota, Fla., this weekend with back-to-back wins against Florida Gulf Coast and Ohio State on Saturday before suffering a loss to Mercer on Sunday.

Saturday's doubleheader wins marked the first time since 1997 that the Irish swept their opponents on opening day.

In the season opener, the Irish (2-1) fell behind early to Florida Gulf Coast (2-1). Notre Dame trailed 4-0 until the bottom of the third, when the Irish scored once. In the fourth, a solo home run by senior first baseman Trey Mancini and a sacrifice fly by freshman shortstop Lane Richards brought the Irish within one.

In the bottom of the ninth, Notre Dame trailed 5-3 when junior infielder/outfielder Eric Jagielo launched a two-run home run beyond the fence in centerfield, tying the game as he scored 21 points, while walking two and striking out eight.

Junior forward Nataslie Ossewaarde also had his first appearance in the season opener, scoring 12 points, and Sophomore guard Ashley Daley added 12 points, while walking two and striking out eight.

Notre Dame again staged a late-inning rally. Trailing 5-2, Biggio and DeSico both reached base to start the inning. Two batters later, Jagielo doubled, bringing in Biggio. Mancini followed with a sacrifice fly to make the score 5-4.

Despite trailing, DeSico said Notre Dame was confident they could come back as they had the prior day.

“We kind of had some slow bases, even with that, we had some loud outs early,” DeSico said. “There’s no real panic factor that sets in [when Notre Dame trails early]. There’s a calmness over the whole team that really unexplainable. It’s awesome to be a part of that game and really makes your job easy.”

Freshman starter David Hearne shut out the Irish in his collegiate debut but turned in a solid performance. Hearne threw five innings, giving up three earned runs on four hits.

“Junior right-hander Sean Fitzgerald started on the mound for the Irish, giving up five runs on seven hits in five innings pitched. Freshman reliever Nick McCarty earned the win in relief, throwing five innings and giving up no runs on four hits.

“Senior guard Skylar Diggins attempts a layup in Notre Dame's 93-64 win over Louisville on Feb. 11. The Irish defeated Marquette on Sunday.

No. 2 Notre Dame led by 19 at the half and never looked back Sunday afternoon as senior guard Skylar Diggins led the Irish to a dominant second half and an 87-49 victory over Marquette at the Al McGuire Center in Milwaukee.

Diggins played a historic game as she scored 21 points to push her career total to 2,131 and take over second place on Notre Dame’s all-time scoring list. With three rebounds in the game, Diggins also became the first woman at Notre Dame to record 2,000 points, 500 assists and 500 rebounds in her career.

Diggins’ talent and leadership have played a major role in Notre Dame’s success over the past four years, Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

“I think that’s the sign of a good player: when someone makes those around her better,” McGraw said. “[Diggins] has a hand in every aspect of the game: scoring, assisting, rebounds, defensive pressure. McGraw said.

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“When you give your best effort and you really play that hard, you definitely got a lift off the bench. We’re a smart point guard. They know shot selection is important, and they know how to play with a lead. We continue to play hard for the entire game. I think that’s important to have. We definitely got a lift off the bench. Sometimes when it’s late in the game, and you’re up 20, you want to relax, but they keep up the intensity.”

Notre Dame’s next takes the floor against DePaul on Sunday at the McGrath-Phillips Arena in Chicago.
Team recovers from slow start to best Cardinal

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

It was not how No. 9 Notre Dame envisioned starting its season.

Getting off to slow starts are a constant at Notre Dame, and the team trailed 7-2 to Stanford after its first 30 minutes of play. But the Irish (1-0) rebounded quickly in the second half, outscoring the Cardinal (0-1) 10-3 to pull out a 17-5 victory Saturday at Laird C. Cagan Stadium at Maloney Field in Palo Alto, Calif.

Notre Dame got on the board first when senior attack Jaimie Morrison scored off a feed from senior attacker Jenny Granger minutes into the game. The Irish offense then fell into a 17-minute scoreless stretch, while Stanford went on a 3-0 run.

After Irish freshman midfielder Brie Cusick scored with 8:36 left in the half, the Cardinal scored four consecutive goals to take a 7-2 edge into halftime.

Junior defender Molly Shawan said the mood in the Irish locker room was surprising after the lackluster first half.

“At halftime, [Irish] coach [Christine] Halfpenny sat us all down and told us, ‘Alright, we got that first half out,’” Shawan said. “We weren’t playing like the team we had been practicing as for the past five weeks of preseason. But we’re really good at responding in times like that, so we all knew we would be fine in the second half if that had the chance to cool off.”

The two squads traded goals to start the second half, but Notre Dame quickly heated up, going on a 5-0 run to tie the game at eight. Stanford soon reclaimed the lead on a goal from freshman midfielder Lucy Dikeou, but the Irish tied it back up after junior attack Kaitlyn Brosco found the net.

“I think we definitely increased our energy level in the second half and as a team, all looked to each other for plays,” Shawan said. “Every single play we made, there were four or five people helping to make it happen. Both sides of the ball stepped it up in the second half.”

With the game deadlocked at nine, junior attack Lindsay Powell gave Notre Dame its first lead since the 25:50 mark of the first half when she scored with 11:32 to go. Less than three minutes later, Stanford clawed right back on an equalizing goal from junior attack Rachel Ozer.

Senior attack Betsy Mastropieri put the Irish ahead for good when she scored on a free-position shot with 5:40 left in the game. Junior attack Grace Dooley helped seal the Notre Dame victory when she scored on an insurance goal just seconds later to extend the lead to 12-10.

Notre Dame saw a balanced attack on the offensive end, as nine different players scored for the Irish. Powell, Dooley and junior attack Lauren Sullivan each had a pair of goals, while Brosco led the team with two assists.

“Before every season, we come up with team goals, and one of ours is to have eight different scorers,” Shawan said. “Everyone was just sharing the ball, and one person didn’t try to do it all — we all had each other’s backs.”

On the defensive end, the Irish held Stanford to eight shots in the second half. Senior goalkeeper Ellie Hilting made five saves in the victory, while freshman defender Stephanie Peragallo claimed four ground balls and two caused turnovers in her college debut.

Shawan said she believes the momentum from the second half will carry over to Notre Dame’s next game, a matchup with No. 13 Ohio State.

“I think we’re all excited that we got the first game jitters out of the way, and we know how to play and what we need to do,” she said. “We’ve been preparing all along for these kinds of games, and it was awesome to see everyone come together.”

Irish junior attack Kaitlyn Brosco evades two defenders during an April 18 game against Vanderbilt. Brosco had two assists Saturday.

“Even when things were going bad, we just turned around and said, ‘We can do this,’ and I’m sure it will be the same next game.”

After a long layoff, the Irish will meet Ohio State on Feb. 27 at either Arlotta Stadium or Loftus Sports Center, weather pending.

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ND WOMEN’S DIVING | MICHIGAN FIRST CHANCE MEET

Divers take top spots in Michigan

By KATIE HEIT
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The Irish diving team broke out on its own when it competed in the Michigan First Chance Meet at the Canham Natatorium in Ann Arbor, Mich. on Saturday, earning four top-three finishes in the 1-meter and platform dives.

The Irish have not had many chances to practice their platform dives, but that didn’t stop them from taking two of the top three spots in the competition. Freshman Lindsey Streepy took second place, earning her team 248 points, while freshman Emma Chiang, who took second in the 1-meter dive and earned 296.4 points, and sophomore Allison Casareto, who finished right behind her with a score of 291.45.

Casareto mixed things up in the competition, but said she wasn’t sure they paid off.

“I tried diving with a new order of my list of dives, to see if it had any positive effects,” Casareto said. “But I learned that I should probably stick to other list orders I have used in past meets.”

Casareto said she also used the larger meet to get acclimated to the kind of environment she will experience when she competes in the upcoming Big East Championships.

The Irish will be back in action when both swimmers and divers compete in the Big East Championships, beginning Feb. 27 in Indianapolis.

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Irish open season with win over No. 4 Duke

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

Junior midfielder Jim Marlatt exploded for a career-high five goals and freshman attackman Matt Kavanagh added four more in his first career game as No. 3 Notre Dame knocked off No. 4 Duke 13-5 on the road in the team’s season opener.

As a team centered around its All-American goaltender and stifling defense, Notre Dame (1-0) effectively shut down Duke’s (1-2) offensive attack in Durham, N.C., on Saturday.

“I thought our guys just made really good decisions,” Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. “I thought [senior goalie] John Kemp played really well. I thought the combination of those two things was pretty effective.

“The first game of the season can expose some weaknesses in teams, but Notre Dame has won 11 straight season openers, and has now beat Duke to open the year for two straight years. The Irish may not have played a perfect game, but they made plays when necessary,” Corrigan said.

“It wasn’t a pretty day,” Corrigan said. “It wasn’t going to be a pretty offensive day for anybody. It was really about making plays more than playing well, just because of the conditions. I thought that was what we did extremely well.”

Those sorts of plays aided the offensive outburst by Marlatt and Kavanagh. Senior attackman Sean Rogers and senior midfielder Steve Murphy both added two goals apiece.

“Those guys were terrific in scoring the ball,” Corrigan said. “But I thought they were also the beneficiaries of us playing good, hard lacrosse.”

Kemp faced 15 shots on goal and stopped 10 of them. In its first two contests of the year, Duke had averaged 16.5 goals per game.

Corrigan chalks up Notre Dame’s early-season success to its offseason and pre-season preparation. Under his tutelage, the Irish are 20-5 in season openers.

“I think our guys work extremely hard in the pre-season preparation. Under his leadership, the Irish are 20-5 in season openers,” Corrigan said. “We have optimal conditions to do that in the Loftus Center, so I think we go into that game well prepared.”

Notre Dame opened up a 6-0 lead and did not allow a goal until the closing minute of the first half. But the Irish answered right away with goals by Marlatt and Kavanagh before the halftime horn.

On paper, Duke played better than the score indicated. The Blue Devils had the advantage in ground balls and faceoffs and the two teams were even in the turnover department. But Notre Dame managed eight more shots than the Blue Devils.

Duke shuffled three different goalkeepers into the game, but none of them were able to slow Marlatt and the Notre Dame offense down.

Recently, Notre Dame and Duke have developed a non-conference rivalry. In 2010, Duke beat Notre Dame in overtime to win the national championship. In 2011, the Blue Devils bounced Notre Dame from the NCAA tournament in the quarterfinals. But the Irish have won the last two meetings.

“They’re a good team, and a team that we’ve kind of become rivals with, and I think continue to be rivals with,” Corrigan said.

With eight days between games, Notre Dame has plenty to work on before they head to Penn State to face the No. 15 Nittany Lions on Feb. 24.

“There’s a lot of things I think we can clean up and be a lot better at,” Corrigan said. “But for a first time and with the conditions we were in, I thought it was really a good effort. I thought our guys competed well. Now the trick is to see if we can play better.”

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Women win third title

By RICH HIDY
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The Irish displayed their supremacy among conference competition when they competed at the Big East Championships at the SPIRE Institute in Geneva, Ohio, over the weekend.

The Irish women’s team took the title home to South Bend, winning its third consecutive conference championship in Notre Dame school history, while the men’s squad finished in second place behind Connecticut.

“This weekend was an incredible experience for everyone involved,” Eric Sasbake, freshman middle distance runner, said.

Barber was named the co-Men’s Most Outstanding Track Performer of the meet after winning the 60-meter hurdles and running the first leg for the victorious 4x400-meter relay team. Barber also placed second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.04. Junior sprinter Michelle Brown finished first in the 400-meter event with a time of 53.30, good enough for the 11th-fastest time in the nation. Senior middle distance runner Rebecca Tracy ran the fastest mile out of conference competitors, recording a time of 4:04.72.

The Irish did not defend the men’s title, but they compiled 105.5 points overall and continued its bid for NCAA Championship success at Loftus Sports Center in the Alex Wilson Invitational on Mar. 1.

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Irish senior midfielder Jim Marlatt dodges a Yale defender May 13 at Arlotta Stadium. Marlatt scored a career-high five goals in Notre Dame’s 13-5 win over Duke on Saturday.
Lee

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rebounced off McKay’s right knee pad, a trailing Irish junior left wing Jeff Costello gained inside position on his defender and netted his eighth goal of the season.

As has been Notre Dame’s problem in the second half of the season, Miami quickly returned fire, scoring its own goal a minute later. But still holding one-goal lead, Notre Dame played tight defense and avoided penalties the remainder of the third period to secure the 2-1 victory.

Neither team scored a power-play goal in the game, but special teams, particularly the Irish penalty kill, played an important role in Notre Dame’s victory. With 90 seconds left in the first period, Irish junior right wing Mike Voran received a five-minute major penalty and game misconduct for hitting from behind. The Irish, helped by a Miami penalty splitting up the five minutes, held the RedHawks without a goal.

“Our penalty killing was obviously huge for us,” Jackson said. “We made some changes and had some guys that elevated their game and that’s what we have to have the rest of the way.”

Although the Irish won the tough match Sunday, they were on losing side of the close contest Friday night at Steve Cady Arena. Miami controlled the pace of play with their hard work along the boards. Their second goal came in a similar fashion, as junior captain Anders Lee threw a backhand at the net, where junior left winger Jeff Costello charged in to send the rebound his way.

The RedHawks scored in the third period to make the game 2-1, but the Irish closed out the game with more hustle and checking. With Miami’s extra attacker on the ice, it was the gritty Costello who trapped the puck in the corner, fighting off anyone who came after it until — and through — the final whistle.

For Irish coach Jeff Jackson, the win had to be a thing of beauty. During the team’s last five and seem to be hitting their stride at the right time.

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Notre Dame tops Miami in game at Soldier Field

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

It was a big venue, but a bigger game.
Playing outdoors at Soldier Field on Sunday, No. 12 Notre Dame defeated No. 3 Miami, 2-1, to split the weekend series after losing 3-1 on Friday night in Oxford, Ohio.

Sunday’s victory in the OfficeMax Hockey City Classic marks the first time the Irish (19-12-1, 15-8-1 CCHA) have beaten the RedHawks (19-8-5, 14-6-4-4) since 2010. The win also allows Notre Dame to remain in the hunt for a CCHA regular season championship, as the team sits three points behind first-place Miami and one point behind second-place Western Michigan.

“Sunday’s win is important for us in a big way as far as where we want to finish the season,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “To win a game against Miami on the road is a challenging feat, and we’re fortunate that we were on the road but not in their building.”

The game at Soldier Field was the first outdoor game for the Irish since their varsity program started in 1968. While the outdoor game presented a few challenges, the team handled the conditions well and stuck to its game plan of simplicity, Jackson said.

“The weather was beautiful,” Jackson said. “It was actually a perfect day, but the ice was soft in some areas and a little bumpy and you just have to play a smart game in that situation and our guys did.
“‘We talked to our guys about just keeping our game simple, not trying to do too much. … They kept it simple and I felt really good about the way we played.”

After a scoreless but well-fought first period, the Irish found the net first when freshman right wing Mario Lucia put away a pass from Irish junior right wing Bryan Rust midway through the second period. Rust took the puck after the Irish won a faceoff in the Miami zone, maneuvered past a RedHawk defenseman near the left side of the net and made a short pass to Lucia, who banged it home.

“I think scoring the first goal is huge, but it’s also even more important when you’ve got tough ice conditions,” Jackson said. “You never know when you’re going to get those kind of opportunities again.”

The Irish held the 1-0 advantage until the 8:33 mark of the third period. Irish junior center and captain Anders Lee advanced the puck against Miami’s defense and put a shot on RedHawk freshman goalie Ryan McKay. After the puck

I Irish succeed by keeping it simple, returning to basics

Walking around Soldier Field with its Greco-Roman columns and retro signs feels like a trip to the past — to a simpler time when stadiums were named after war heroes, not websites.

It was fitting, then, that the 90-year-old stadium in Chicago, played host to the Hockey City Classic on Sunday, as the outdoor games were billed as a return to hockey’s most basic roots of childhood games out on the pond.

And, keeping with the theme, No. 12 Notre Dame upset No. 3 Miami on Sunday by taking its game back to its simplest elements.

The Irish usually pride themselves on puck possession and surgical passing, but on the soft, bumpy ice they went with a decidedly more blunter game, stressing dump-ins, hard checks and getting pucks and bodies to the net.

Freshman left wing Mario Lucia will go down as the first goal-scorer in Soldier Field history, but the real work on that tally was done by junior right winger Bryan Rust, who drove through the RedHawk defense

Irish offese sputters in loss to Providence

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A lethargic Notre Dame squad never led against Providence on Saturday, and the Friars dominated the No. 21 Irish in the second half en route to a 71-54 win at the Dunkin’ Donuts Center in Providence, R.I.

Notre Dame (20-6-8-5 Big East) only trailed by eight at half-time, but Providence (14-11-6-7) stormed out of the gates to begin the second half, embarking on a 31-15 run in the first 10 minutes of the half to claim a 65-41 lead.

“They’re really good, and they were waiting on us today … and they delivered the blow,” Brey said in a postgame press conference. “That was the varsity versus the JV. A little bit today.”

Notre Dame had won five of its last six games, including a pair of overtime victories in its last two tilts. Providence, meanwhile, had won three consecutive games entering Saturday and has now won four in a row for the first time since 2004, which was also the last time the Friars had beaten the Irish.

Notre Dame had played six overtime games in its previous two games. Nonetheless, Brey was quick to credit the Friars.

“We’ve invested a lot emotionally and physically over the last week and my demeanor was certainly not to rant and rave,” Brey said. “I’m thinking, ‘We’ve got another one Monday night [at Pittsburgh] and we need to get out of dodge and try to get our energy back and see if we can get some juices back for ‘Big Monday.’ It’s been a long week, but I’d say 95 percent of today was Providence’s performance and they were fabulous.”

Providence junior forward Kadereh Batts scored 20 points, and junior guard Bryce Cotton, the Big East’s leading scorer, poured in 19 of his own. Friars senior guard Vincent Council flirted with a triple-double, recording seven points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists.

“They’re really hard to guard. I think [Providence coach] Ed (Cooley has) done a fabulous job with them, running their stuff. I don’t know if it was as much about us not playing great as it was them really playing well.”

And when Batts is doing that inside — he’s a pro — it’s just almost impossible to stop him.”

Notre Dame trailed by five in the waning moments of the first half, but Friars junior forward Lee Goldsborough drained a buzzer-beating three to extend the lead to eight heading into the intermission. Providence carried that momentum into its second-half run.

Senior center Garrick

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