ND granted access to New York Times

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News Writer

Free online access to the New York Times is now available to Notre Dame students through the College Readership Program, an initiative funded by Notre Dame’s student government. Students were informed they would begin to have access to this service in a Feb. 12 email announcement.

The College Readership Program, which came to campus in 2003, provides 300 print copies each of the New York Times and USA Today, along with a smaller number of the South Bend Tribune to select locations on the Notre Dame campus. Maxwell Brown, director of the Department of Academic Affairs, said his department worked with representatives from the Times this year to extend the program to include the online access.

“Essentially, the New York Times is now offering this [online] program to academic institutions due to a change on their end of the subscription,” Brown said. “We subscribe to the College Readership Program, and because we have 300 copies subscribed to, we now get 300 online seats per day.”

Students can create an account on the Times website using their nd.edu email address, which will get them an online “seat” that lasts 24 hours. Brown said while the seat expires after 24 hours, the access is renewed simply by logging on again with the same password, and so the access is constant for all intents and purposes.

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In between preparing for exams and writing papers, students at Saint Mary’s have the opportunity this week to explore the history of the College during Heritage Week at the College.

The week is an annual event sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA) and is designed to celebrate and educate students about the rich traditions at Saint Mary’s. Throughout the week, students, faculty and staff are treated to various presentations, dinners and giveaways.

The Heritage Tours, led by Sr. Veronique Wiedower, vice president of mission at the College and Sister of the Holy Cross since 1973, continue to attract Belles ready to learn about their campus. Students visit multiple halls, rooms and buildings on campus and are given a history lesson as they walk throughout campus.

Senior and student body president Maureen Parsons said the tours are a great way for students to get in touch with the roots of their education and develop a deeper appreciation of the four years they spend at the College.

“We offer Heritage Week Tours so current students can learn about past women at the College who made a difference while they were here and after they graduated,” she said. “It is also an opportunity to see how far the College has come over the decades and improved over the years.”

Wiedower said the College was first founded more than 150 years ago when four sisters traveled from Lemans, France to Notre Dame, Indiana. They ended up in Bertrand, Mich. where they remained until 1855 when they moved to the College’s current home, across the street from the University of Notre Dame.

“When we first came here, we were a big farm,” Wiedower said. “There was nothing here.”

Wiedower said Saint Mary’s Academy, which became Saint Mary’s College in the late 1920’s after the construction of Lemans Hall, has always been “more than just a finishing school.”

“From the very beginning, we’ve tried to educate the whole woman,” she said. “We try to incorporate the fine arts, sciences, math and language.

Mother Augusta served as the first headmistress of Saint Mary’s Academy. Her parents loved the land so much, they moved to the area from Ohio to be with their daughter. According to Wiedower, the Avenue, one of the College’s most iconic features, resulted from the work of Mother Augusta’s stepfather.

Wiedower said she likes to start the tours on the front steps of Holy Cross Hall because of the special view it grants the participants.

“From the front porch of Holy Cross, you can see the Avenue,” she said. “Some of the sycamore trees that line that road are over 150 years old. They’re one of our legacies from the early days.”

In addition to the Avenue, the College is also home to many courtyards and gardens. Wiedower said these are prevalent throughout the campus because of the College’s mission statement.

“It says in our mission statement that we strive for aesthetic appreciation,” she said. “That’s why on campus we try to incorporate beauty in a lot of ways.”

In the early years of Saint Mary’s Academy, Wiedower said about half of the Sisters of the Holy Cross left their education commitments in Notre Dame, Indiana to answer President Abraham Lincoln’s call to religious women to act as nurses during the Civil War.

“We were on the ship ‘Red Rover,’ which was the traveling hospital on the Mississippi River,” she said. “After the war, we received a letter from the U.S. Navy saying we were the first naval nurses.”

Wiedower said the College has always prioritized the maintenance of a strong relationship to Notre Dame.

“Back then, we saw the campuses as one big campus,” she said. “Over here, we had women. Across the street, we had men.”

These connections and ties between the two schools came about as a result of the work of Fr. Sorin, founder of Notre Dame, and Mother Angela, the directress of the College from 1853 to 1870 and again from 1886 until her death in 1887.

“As a young girl, Mother Angela was visiting her brother, who was a student at Notre Dame,” Wiedower said. “Fr. Sorin spoke to her and in the week she was here, she decided to stay as a Sister of the Holy Cross. She was American-born, with lots of political and military connections and an American education.”

Mother Angela and Fr. Sorin worked together to develop the two schools over the years, in a legacy that Wiedower said still lives on.

“When Fr. Sorin had envisioned, Mother Angela built,” she said. “Together, the two of them built up Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame.”

Wiedower said she also wanted students to leave Saint Mary’s prepared to make a difference and understand what is going on in the world and what are the needs of it.

Heritage Tours are available throughout the rest of the week at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. To experience a tour or other events throughout the week, visit the SGA Facebook page and sign up via the Google Document.

Wiedower said she also offers tours other times throughout the year, including during the upcoming Junior Mom’s Weekend. To check availability and find out about scheduling a tour at other times during the year, call the Office of Mission.

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is a seat for you,” Brown said. The current user data shows that 500 seats seem to be the ideal number for the student body, providing enough spots for interested students without too many left empty each day, he said. Students would be concerned if the access if more than 300 are using it at any given time.

“The first day, we used as many seats as we had, but we think that was just a first push,” Brown said. “We haven’t gotten many reports of people getting locked out, so it looks like we have enough seats without buying more than we need.”

Student Body President Brett Rocheleau said the project’s goal was to make it easier for students to stay informed and updated on current events, especially given the widespread use of electronic devices on campus.

“The online access just allows students to use different media than the options we’ve worked with in the past with the College Readership Program,” Rocheleau said. “I think moving forward in the digital age, this will help connect the campus more.”

He said student government plans to pay attention to student usage patterns for the online access. “I think it will be interesting to see how students will use this online access,” Rocheleau said. “At any time, they can log on with their net ID and get in for 24 hours, even if they end up just reading one article they happen to be interested in. They’ll have a greater understanding of going on in the world around them and this will hopefully help them have more informed discussions with others on campus.”

Brown said this initiative fits into the mission of the Department of Academic Affairs to continue to seek students and make it easy for them to learn and acquire information.

“We’re always looking for ways to get to students, and we think it’s really important that people have this access to current events,” Brown said. “That’s why we have the Collegeate Readership Program. Now, we’re excited that students will have the access they need from all kinds of different (electronic) devices.”

The data that student government collects about the consumption of newspapers across campus shows that they/community values the print access, and every week nearly all 300 copies of the newspaper are used, he said.

“This initiative was a direct response to student desires,” Brown said. “There may eventually always have been there for the readership program in general. This is just a way to expand that.”

Students interested in using this access can create an account at nytimes.com with their Notre Dame email address. Brown said anyone with problems accessing the online content should contact student government for help.

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**Opera**

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Music and a bachelor’s degree in music from Saint Mary’s.

“I sang for the latter half of my senior year of high school in the choir for fun. I really couldn’t read music, but my parents always played classical music, so it was in my ear, I guess. I always had a healthy appreciation for the classical realm of music,” Anderson said. “I was always a science geek, so that’s what I had planned to do. I had a plan. I think I was in fourth grade when I said I wanted to be a neurosurgeon when I grew up.”

Upon arriving at the College, Anderson took the pre-med route, a choice that she said she thoroughly enjoyed at first. Soon after, Anderson said she found herself wanting to be a part of the choir at the College.

“I had wanted to try out for the Saint Mary’s choir since I had been in my high school’s choir,” Anderson said. “It ended up being a bit of a struggle to get accepted. I credit Dr. Nancy Menk for turning me to music. She encouraged me and told me that I should be a music major. Without her, I don’t think that I’d be an opera singer today. I’m so thankful for her.”

Anderson tried combining a double major between biology and music and entertainment to the tour, but found it difficult once her interests became more music-centered rather than pre-med, she said.

“It did not work. It was interesting to try to balance the two and was giving all of the energy and work to music which told me that was what I wanted to do,” Anderson said. “I just got this opera bug and I would go to more and check out almost all of the operas that we had and just listen to them. I loved them. I listen to opera every morning while drinking my coffee. It just excites me.”

After graduation, Anderson had a lot of catching up to do since she only had about three and a half years of vocal study under her belt at the time of graduation.

“The amount of vocal study I had up to that point was really not much compared to the people I met some of my lifelong opera friends there. I think it was a very good decision for me to go there. I had a great teacher,” Anderson said. “We had what was called ‘Opera Workshop’ which prepares you for the business of opera for music majors like how to get auditions in the real world, getting an agent, business stuff like that.”

After receiving her master’s degree, Anderson continued on to train as a young artist with Opera Western Reserve and attended such training programs as Bay Area Summer Opera Theater in San Francisco and the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria.

“More recently, I have worked with Opera Fayetteville and Opera North,” Anderson said. “I have been gaining bigger roles even more recently. Just this past two years I have been singing leading lady roles. It takes time, with the type of voice I have, to mature.”

As for any advice she has for the current music majors at Saint Mary’s, Anderson stresses that singing is a personal art form and students must always be passionate about their singing to succeed. “You have to love the art that you create and if you love it, other people will too because they will sense the joy that you put into it,” Anderson said. “The biggest thing is just to love what you do. If you love it and you enjoy it, that’s all that matters.”

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and entertainment to the games in hopes of attracting bigger crowds this year.

Last year we estimated that we had about 400 people come out to watch the finals, but we definitely think we can have more,” she said. All proceeds of the tournament benefit the Jumpball Basketball Programme, which partnered with Bookstore Basketball in 2002 to raise money for youth basketball camps in Jamaica.

“We made it a not-for-profit tournament where we give all the money to Jumpball. They run camps throughout the whole country of Jamaica for the youth, completely free of charge. For the kids there is a really up-and-coming sport down in Jamaica,” Lynch said. “The biggest [camp] is in Kingston and every year, two bookstore basketball representatives go down there.”

Last year, Lynch said he had a profoundly moving experience when he visited the Jumpball camp in Kingston.

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idea of what parents were looking for when they were buying highchairs.” Although the idea for the highchair came easily, Stachowski said she struggled the most when developing a form for the highchair.

She said her professor, Ann Marie Conrado, was instrumental in the process. “I actually ended up staying the week after school ended to finish and change some aspects of the process book before I submitted mostly because I didn’t have time during the semester to put as much attention towards this being in 21 credit hours and working a freelance job,” she said.

Designing a product is an extremely lengthy project, Stachowski, said. The senior was in the same Industrial Design course during the last academic year, and said she nearly did not take it in the fall because of time constraints.

“My professor convinced me to join last minute and I am glad she did,” she said. Stachowski was notified of her third-place prize at the end of January, and she said she was shocked when she received the phone call.

“Host part of my file the night before it was due for the competition deadline, and threw together everything I could to make up for what I lost just in time to submit it,” she said. “I never imagined I’d place after something like that.”

Stachowski will present her idea at the International Housewares Association Show during the first week in March. Senior Sunoh Daniel Choe received an honorable mention for his design of a towel rack, bathroom-organizer combination.

He said his idea his and his roommates’ need for more drying space encouraged him to create his product.

“I chose to design an elegant, hassle-free towel rack extension and bathroom organizer,” Choe said. “I was motivated to design something for towels initially because my roommate and I had the problem of not having enough space to dry our towels in the bathroom we shared. We had to resort to using work-around alternatives to dry our towels and I thought there should be an easier way to extend a pre-existing towel rack without having to drill any new holes into an apartment we only rent.”

Choe said his design eventually shifted towards a primarily female target demographic.

“After a bunch of interviews and short surveys, I quickly found out most guys don’t care about how well their towels dry and women are frequently dealing with the problem of storing their curling irons, straighteners and towels in their bathrooms,” Choe said.

Choe said the weeks he spent working on their respective projects with Stachowski after the 2012 fall semester ended were crucial to the successful design of their products.

“The extra hours that [Stachowski] and I put in eventually paid off as we both received recognition,” Choe said.

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Russian adoptee found dead

Associated Press

DALLAS — Russian authorities have blamed “inhuman treatment” for the death of a 3-year-old boy adopted by an American family, but Texas officials say they are still investigating claims that the child was abused before his death.

Russia’s Investigative Committee said Monday that it had questions about the death of an adoptee authorities identified as Maxim Kuzmin. The committee is the country’s top investigative agency.

Texas Child Protective Services spokesman Patrick Crimmins confirmed the agency had received a report on Jan. 21 of the death of a 3-year-old named Max Shatto, and that the Ector County Sheriff’s Office in West Texas was investigating.

Crimmins said CPS had received allegations of physical abuse and neglect, but had not determined whether those allegations were true. Sgt. Gary Duesler, spokesman for the Ector County Sheriff’s Office, said no arrests have been made and authorities are waiting for autopsy results.

An obituary for Max Shatto published Jan. 26 by the Midland Reporter-Telegram says he was born on Jan. 9, 2010, in the town of Pskov, near Russia’s western border with Estonia. The boy lived with a family in Gardendale, about 350 miles west of Dallas, before his death on Jan. 21, according to the obituary.

The boy’s listed adoptive parents, Alan and Laura Shatto, did not return a phone message Monday.

The death comes weeks after Russia announced it was banning all American adoptions in retaliation for a new U.S. law targeting alleged Russian human-rights violators. The ban also reflects lingering resentment over the 60,000 Russian children adopted by Americans in the past two decades, of which at least 19 have died.

Russian Foreign Ministry official Konstantin Dolyov said in a statement that the boy’s death was “yet another case of inhuman treatment of a Russian child adopted by American parents.”
Irony has a remarkable way of occurring regularly in everyday life. Most recently, an unfortunate Nike ad campaign starring the amputated Olympic hero, Oscar Pistorius, has showcased such irony with the tagline, “I am the bullet in the chamber.” Pistorius is in the aftermath of a confusing tragedy, in which he shot his girlfriend. It is not yet clear whether the shooting was intentional or not. In the middle of this confusing tragedy, during which could possibly be an incredibly difficult grieving period, Pistorius, like so many stars before him, has been forced to suffer through consistent criticism.

From even before the 1939 Black Sox Scandal, when Shoeless Joe Jackson went from a baseball great to a redacted footnote in the game’s storied history, stars have gone from deities to villains seemingly overnight. Such criticism is standard for athletes and celebrities, but is it right?

In a nation which celebrates its “innocent until proven guilty” moniker, mass media and the public have consistently rushed to judge and attack the same megastars that they have built up. Some might ask why these average people, fame must seem incredible, but these people often disregard the negatives: Few people to relate to, even fewer friends, widespread judgment. Most celebrities just have a gift and an astounding work ethic. They love the job, but don’t necessarily appreciate the side effects of fame.

Moreover, these celebrities are not morally different from average people. In fact, the competitiveness and ego that builds up great athletes often drags them down. Tiger Woods and Michael Jordan, for example, are two of the greatest athletes ever, but both have cheated on their wives. They’re ultra-successful, ultra-competitive people who society has made out to be unbeatable.

Oscar Pistorius is not on Michael Jordan’s level, but he was celebrated as an Olympic hero. Pistorius worked hard to be an Olympian, and with no precedent to compete on the main stage, probably had no expectations of fame. The popularity that companies such as Nike gave him, has turned from a blessing to a curse. Not only should Pistorius not be criticized for something that he hasn’t even been convicted of, but the moral standard for his behavior that he is being measured against shouldn’t exist.

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Carpooling confessions

The GreenMan

Ask the GreenMan

To my weary, weatherworn readers,
I have a tiny confession, well maybe it’s a bit bigger than that . . . I have a pretty massive friend-crush on those of you I saw cross-country skiing to class the other day. It was bold, it was daring, it was amusing and it was sustainable. Please let me know next time you do such green, adventurous things.

Also, unsurprisingly, your skiing got me thinking about transportation. I realize mid-winter isn’t the best time to lecture about taking advantage of the beautiful weather and walking whenever and wherever you can. However, winter is the perfect time for carpooling. If you live off-campus, cleaning off your car every morning is time-intensive and just plain miserable. As is finally feeling the heat warming your frozen fingers only to park in stadium lot five seconds later. If you carpool, this happens only once or twice a week! Pretty dece.

Other benefits! If you were thinking of sleeping through that 9:30 a.m. you feel too guilty when you know your friend is waiting outside for you. Also, Studebagel stops seem 10 times more legitimate.

Regardless of whether you’re living off- or on-campus, carpooling also eliminates the need for standing in the cold to pump gas. Even if I’m only outside to stick the pump in my tank, it always seems 10 times colder than it actually is. Or at least I imagine it would be . . . I don’t drive. Carpooling also curbs your spending habits. For instance, when you go to Target, you realize from the slightly inflated prices that purchasing a box of 100 fruit snacks is completely unnecessary. What could be better than these mini memory making, roadtrip-esque carpooling experiences?

The only thing I can think of is TRANSPO. No cleaning off your car, minimal shivering and saving some cents for your next thrift shop sweater. Also, wouldn’t it just be awesome to be on a first name basis with a TRANSPO bus driver? Charlie’s my favorite.

Enough of my rant. All I ask is that you give carpooling another chance.

#carpoolingiscozy,
The GreenMan

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Sarah Cueva

Daily Trojan

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 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, 2012, 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 within their own networks.

The fact that unfriendly powers are carrying out such breaches against institutions of free speech is unsettling enough, but the threats extend beyond mere invasions of privacy. Large attacks were levied 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 daylong 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 Chiranjeev 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 foolish 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.

The media’s constant bombardment of such threats is not only urgent but also necessary. The federal government is setting an example by passing serious legislation that will provide the tools necessary to combat lurking cyberthefts. 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 the terror that modern technology can bring. As such, the federal government must act so that we are prepared for whatever comes our way. Technological capabilities will only continue to grow as time passes, and as nations unfriendly to the United States develop economically and politically, the possibility of more serious attacks will only increase. Constructing a stronger defense in U.S. cyberspace is of paramount importance, and waiting longer could only harm the nation — the time for action is now.

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Mary Fishman is an alumna of Notre Dame who recently released “Band of Sisters,” a film about a variety of Catholic nuns in America and how the sisters strive for social justice. The Observer was able to speak with Fishman before the screening of her film in the Dellaramelto Performing Arts Center on Thursday. Here are some excerpts from their conversation:

What did you study while at Notre Dame?
I studied architecture. I was an architect and I had a second major in French.

That’s incredible, how did you then get into filmmaking?
Well if Notre Dame had had a big film program the way it does now, that’s probably what I would’ve majored in at that time, because it was something I kind of always – well not always, but since high school I got the bug for movies. But anyway, I ended up majoring in architecture, and I really loved that and worked at that for 20 years.

Architecture is kind of an up-and-down profession, especially when you’re young. I finally had a job where I wasn’t worried about losing it and I was probably comfortable enough in my profession when I thought, ‘Maybe I can start thinking about becoming a filmmaker.’

I started taking some classes at night. I took them at Columbia College and I ended up taking some at this co-op called Chicago Filmmakers. The first time I was actually holding a piece of film and did a few edits — where you tape it together and you hand crank it through this thing — something just came over me that said, ‘This is it.’ I had no doubt that this is what I want to do.

How did you come across the topic of your film and decide to make it the subject of your film?
I just thought the book was so inspirational, and I started researching the history of nuns in this country and was shocked at how much they’ve done to build this country in so many ways. I thought I’d like to do something to change the stereotype of sisters, in general and in popular culture.

I felt that their story was a model for the rest of us. It’s not just sisters that can be doing this kind of work, but they’ve found a way to really do it as a community and to support each other while they’re doing this great social justice work. I thought there were a lot of things [about the sisters] that many other people can learn from.

You had such a wide variety of individuals in this film — how did you choose whom to highlight?
Some of it was happenstance or luck as far as my meeting certain people or living near certain people.

For example, Pat and Joann, who are the main characters, live three blocks from me and we met on our parish Peace and Justice committee. And I met them at a point when they were just at the beginning of their journey.

The other people, like Nancy Sylvester, is a sister of the Monroe Immaculate Heart of Mary. When I told a friend of mine that I was focusing on social justice then they said, ‘Well you have to talk to Nancy.’

Nancy brought together people who became advisors to me, and we had some conference calls and they helped me figure out about the scope of the film and suggested other possible contacts. When you’re trying to decide about the individual stories, it’s what fits with everything else that we have, and what we have the best footage of. It’s a balancing thing — trying to have people in [the film] that are interesting in [and of] themselves and in the combination of women [in the film.]

I’ve heard comments from the nuns themselves, and from people of other faiths even, that they really see themselves in these women — they recognize them. And not just that they recognize them as Catholic sisters, but they also recognize something in [the sisters] that’s also in their own faith tradition or in their life experience. I think we found people that really serve the topic well.

You chose controversial political themes in a lot of ways (immigration reform and labor issues) — were you surprised at how involved sisters were in these issues or is this something you knew going into it?
When I first started doing research I was surprised. I was stunned really when I first heard of Theresa Kane [addressing] the Pope in 1979 [representing the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR)]. I just can’t even imagine anyone doing that today, and she did it extremely well. That was a big surprise to me, but once I started reading the books that sisters were writing in the ’70s and ’80s and still are [writing] about who they are, I knew what I was going to find.

It was a surprise to me, since I had contact with sisters since high school, but in high school I really wasn’t aware of what they were doing.

This film is coming out at a very opportune moment. Did you begin your research before the papal investigation of LCWR?
Oh no, I began it well before. I started really heavily researching and applying for funding in 2004.

That’s unbelievable — so you just came to this at the perfect moment?
Yeah, I guess it was just meant to be. But even then there was controversy and conflict with the Vatican. It’s been ongoing since the ’60s so this, I feel, is just the latest in a long unhappy chain of events where the Vatican just doesn’t seem to understand or want to support what the Catholic Sisters are doing and I think that’s a real shame.

What do you think we, as Notre Dame students, should take away from this film?
I think that Notre Dame is kind of the perfect place for Catholic’s to come together and be able to talk about the issues in the film. I think that Notre Dame is kind of unique … It seems to me that Notre Dame is unique in that it runs the gamut from people who are really involved in social justice and quite liberal to people who are more conservative … people who are more focused on the official doctrine of the church and more in line with the last two popes and their teachings.

I think at Notre Dame, people manage to be civil about [religious topics] and listen to each other so I would hope that the film will give students a chance to discuss some of those issues.

I think what we tried to do with the film was not say what people should think or believe, but just to give them something to think about.

“Band of Sisters” is playing Thursday, February 21 at DPAC at 7:00 p.m. Mary Fishman will be present for a Q&A session after the screening.

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Chaching with the Icon
LM: Tell me about one part of your outfit.
MJ: The designer is Cynthia Rowley. It was a recent outfit that I wore for a photoshoot. It was perfect for the environment.

LM: What is your style icon?
MJ: It’s hard to say. I love a pair of dark-wash jeans and a cardigan.
Hard to compare NBA's generations

Peter Steiner
Sports Writer

On Sunday, Michael Jordan turned 50 years old. To commemorate his birthday, ESPN and other media outlets aired reruns of his top games and days leading up to Sunday replaying Jordan's greatest plays and recapturing his greatness.

While I have seen these highlights countless times and heard his remarkable career recounted before by others, the celebration helped me realize that I don't really know exactly how great a player Michael Jordan was.

Back in high school, I read the book "Playing for Keeps: Michael Jordan and the World He Made," a biography outlining Jordan’s life and career. However, I was only 17 years old when he won his sixth championship. So despite reading the biography, watching a few games on games ladder reruns and catching reruns of his top plays, I still can't fully grasp Jordan's greatness because I, along with most people under the age of 25, didn’t get to watch the MJ dominate night in night out.

Instead, we — referring to the group without the good fortune of watching Air Jordan during his playing days — have the authority to compare the greatest players of different generations. Of course not, because that's one thing that makes sports so enjoyable. Looking back in the record books and sizing up the current crop of talent, mostly those of the past usually makes for great debates. Plus, these conversations allow us to reminisce about the former stars and their amazing feats. But I do believe comparisons across generations can sometimes be taken at face value and absolute should be rare.

I, along with most college-aged kids, don't have the authority to compare LeBron James or Kobe Bryant with MJ. On the other hand, it's the nature of sports and the continuous cycle of great players in sports history. We can all share in the memory of Lebron's performance in game six at the Garden last June. But when parents or TV broadcasters bring up Michael Jordan's "Flu Game" in 1997, those of us younger than 30 can't totally understand the significance of the game.

I guess I will just have to wait until I turn 50 years old (a scary thought) until I can accurately compare the newest stars with those from my younger years.

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NBA

Associated Press

Jerry Buss, the Los Angeles Lakers' playboy owner who shepherded the NBA team to 10 championships from the Showtime dynasty of the 1980s to the Kobe Bryant era, died Monday. He was 80.

He died at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, said Bob Steiner, his assistant. Buss had been hospitalized for most of the past 18 months while undergoing cancer treatment, but the immediate cause of death was kidney failure, Steiner said. With his condition worsening in recent weeks, several prominent former Lakers visited Buss to say goodbye.

"The NBA has lost a visionary owner whose influence on our league is inestimable and will be felt for decades to come," NBA Commissioner David Stern said. "More importantly, we have lost a dear and valued friend.

Under Buss' leadership since 1979, the Lakers became Southern California's most successful sports franchise and a worldwide extension of Hollywood glamour. Buss acquired, nurtured, and befriended a staggering array of talented players and basketball minds during his Hall of Fame tenure, from Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar to Bryant, Shaquille O'Neal and Dwight Howard. "He was a great man and an incredible friend," Johnson tweeted.

Few owners in sports history can approach Buss' accomplishments with the Lakers, who made the NBA finals 16 times during his nearly 34 years in charge, winning 10 titles between 1980 and 2010. With 1,786 victories, the Lakers easily are the NBA's winningest franchise since he bought the club, which is now run largely by Jim Buss and Jeanie Buss, two of his six children.

"We not only have lost our cherished father, but a beloved man of our community and a person respected by the world basketball community," the Buss family said in a statement issued by the Lakers.

"It was our father's oft-stated desire and expectation that the Lakers remain in the Buss family. The Lakers have been our lives as well, and we will honor his wish and do everything in our power to continue his unparalleled legacy." Buss always referred to the Lakers as his extended family, and his players rewarded his fanlike devotion with friendship, trust and two hands full of championship rings. Working with front-of-office executives Jerry West, Bill Sharman and Mitch Kupchak, Buss spent lavishly to win his titles despite lacking a huge personal fortune, often running the club at a profitable level only paying watered-down high-profile coaches Pat Riley and Phil Jackson.

Always an innovative business man, Buss paid for the Lakers through both their wild success and his own groundbreaking moves to raise revenue. He co-founded a basic-cable sports television network and sold the naming rights to the Forum at times when most of his era's stars were retired. "We rise by lifting others," Buss always said. Buss' style and that of the Lakers was more often than not truly unique — a characteristic that probably will never be seen again.

Buss was a cornerstone of the Los Angeles sports community and his name will all be synonymous with his beloved Lakers," Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said. "It was through his stewardship that the Lakers brought 'Showtime' basketball and numerous championship rings to this great city. Today we mourn the loss and celebrate the life of a man who helped shape the modern landscape of sports in L.A.

Johnson and fellow Hall of Famers Abdul-Jabbar and Worthy formed lifelong bonds with Buss during the Lakers’ run to five titles in nine years in the 1980s, when the Lakers earned a reputation as basketball's most exciting team with the flamboyant Showtime style.

The buzz extended throughout the Forum, where Buss used the Laker Girls, a brass band and promotions to keep Los Angeles fans interested in all four quarters of their games. Courtside seats, priced at $15 when he bought the Lakers, became the hottest tickets in Hollywood — and they are flat, with fixture Jack Nicholson and many other celebrities attending every home game.

Synchronized swimming closes season
Sailing travels to Texas, New Orleans; Tennis competes in first program event

Special to The Observer

The Irish placed second over the weekend at their last competition of the season, the Tri-States Synchronized Skating Championships in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Smaller than most of the team’s competitions this year, the Notre Dame skaters competed against only two other teams in their division. Miami (Ohio) hosted the Irish to take home first place, while Michigan State placed third.

It was an emotional performance for those graduating, especially for graduate student Amanda Rahie, who has been part of the team for all of her five years at Notre Dame.

Although the competitive season is over, the team will still prepare for several performances, and the skaters are excited to participate in these events.

Tennis

This past weekend, Notre Dame competed in the USTA Midwest Tennis On-Campus Sectionals in Madison, Wis., at the Nielsen Tennis Center. The team consisted of freshman Jack Schneider, sophomore Elizabeth O’Toole, sophomore Pat Power and freshman Christian Metzler, and was the only squad from outside the Lone Star State to sail.

The team made the trip back to South Bend with a fourth place trophy.

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This past weekend, Notre Dame competed in the USTA Midwest Tennis On-Campus Sectionals in Madison, Wis., at the Nielsen Tennis Center. The team felt it was a first time event for Notre Dame and the trip was a success as the team packed up and made their way back to South Bend with even more motivation to practice and work on their games in preparation for upcoming meets and tournaments.

The trip was a success as a first time event for Notre Dame Club Tennis. The team felt it was a great experience and appreciated the chance to become part of the USTA Midwest Section’s On-Campus League.

MLB

Soriano returns to Cubs despite fans

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — When he took over as Cubs manager last season, Dale Sveum knew the public’s perception — and one shared by many in baseball — of Alfonso Soriano wasn’t good.

In fact, it was awful.

He’s overpaid. He’s selfish. He’s unmotivated. He’s defensive. He’s a nightmare.

Sveum heard it all, but refused to listen. He wanted to see for himself, and wound up figuring out that Soriano was out to be dependable and driven — a model player and team leader.

“I’d seen him on the other side of the fence. I was completely blown away by the kind of person he is and the work ethic he puts in,” Sveum said Monday after the Cubs worked out under another chamber-of-commerce day of sunshine at Fitch Park, their spring training complex.

“I rank him as one of the top five people I’ve ever been around in the game.”

Take that, all you Cubs fans who have booted Soriano, cursed him and wished he had never stepped inside Wrigley Field’s ivy-covered walls.

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Juniors form strong pair

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

During her time at Notre Dame, junior Britney Sanders has been partnered with several teammates for doubles pairings, but somehow she always seems to come back to fellow junior Julie Sabacinski.

The pair started to work together when they were 15 years old playing in the junior league. When they were 16, Sanders and Sabacinski partnered and began playing doubles together. Together the pair won super nationals 18s in Arizona and won gold, silver and bronze balls in the competition.

When they came to Notre Dame, the friends were not originally paired together. Sanders played with then-senior Kristen Rafael and Sabacinski partnered with current senior Chrissie McGaffigan during their freshman years.

In their sophomore campaigns, the long-time partners were given a chance to play together at the collegiate level as they entered the tail end of their seasons. The pair went 7-1 at No. 2 doubles, including a 4-0 record at the Hoosier Classic.

Despite the success they have achieved throughout their years as partners, Sanders said no moment stood out to her. “I just like playing doubles with her all the time,” Sanders said. “It’s always fun competing with your best friend on the court.”

Though Sanders and Sabacinski dropped their first doubles match of the 2013 season Sunday against Northwestern, they will have more opportunities to be on the court together. Sanders said if given a choice between playing singles or doubles, she would opt for the camaraderie of partner play.

“Doubles and singles are two completely different things,” Sanders said. “I like playing both for different reasons, but if I had to choose I would pick doubles. I like having someone there beside me on the court.”

The Irish are next in action Friday when they host Baylor at 5 p.m.

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BELLES finish conference contest

By RICHARD HIDY
Sports Writer

After four months of training and competing, Saint Mary’s ended its season with strong individual performances in the marathon-like MIAA championships last Wednesday through Saturday.

The four-day conference tournament included multiple races that can weigh heavily on the energy levels of the competitors, but the Belles stayed together with their small, tight-knit group, even though they finished last out of the seven teams in the MIAA conference.

The tournament, held in Jenison, Mich., was won by Calvin College with a score of 802.5, followed by Hope College and Kalamazoo College at 764.5 points and 569.5 points, respectively. Saint Mary’s tallied 224.5 points after notable performances by senior Ellen Watson, freshman Carolyn Neville and sophomore Anna Nolan.

“The team held strong all the way through,” Belles coach Mark Benishek said. “We are one of the smallest teams out of all the competitors here so we feel like we were able to perform at a high level.”

Watson earned seventh place in her second session of the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:17.03, after recording the event’s third fastest time in Saint Mary’s history of 2:14.56 earlier in the day.

Neville and Nolan finished ninth and 14th, respectively, in the 100-yard freestyle, and Neville’s time of 54.72 was less than three-tenths of a second away from breaking the school’s record for that event.

Freshman Andrea Canacci became the first Belle diver in three years to earn points in the MIAA championships, finishing 14th in the 1-meter diving event.

Ninety percent of our team made it back to these finals which was great,” Benishek said. “With our quality times throughout the long weekend, we were able to stay motivated and get amped up heading into the next round of events.”

Not only was the meet a great swimming experience for young athletes like Neville and Nolan, among others, but it was also a memorable way to cap off the collegiate careers of seniors such as Watson and Liz Palmer.

The program returns nine swimmers to its roster next season after this year’s team featured seven freshmen.

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teammates, most recently took down Michigan sophomore Alex Petrone at No. 2 singles on Saturday, 6-4, 1-6, 6-2. His victory was crucial in No. 29 Notre Dame's 4-3 upset of the No. 21 Wolverines at the Eck Pavilion.

“I felt good. I was pretty nervous going in,” Monaghan said. “I’ve been here for and I couldn’t be happier. It’s much better winning as a team than individually.”

Leading up to Saturday, he had already defeated players from No. 7 Kentucky, No. 31 Memphis and No. 28 Harvard. “I think a mindset [I have in] that on every point that I’m going to battle for each point and try not to think about what spot [I’m playing] and focus on the match,” Monaghan said.

Monaghan found lots of success before collegiate tennis... He’s just been a win-win for Notre Dame much further this year and try not to think about what spot [I’m playing] and given me a lot of confidence.”

This confidence, along with his passion and determination, can only help him and the Irish continue to succeed.

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to fence, wanting to have fun,” McGrath said. “I ended up doing a lot better than I have been doing recently at individual tournaments... It was a good day for me... I didn’t have any goals about achieving anything going in, I just wanted to fence.”

Grannet McGrath
Freshman quote

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The Irish are not the only ones who have benefited from Monaghan’s decision to attend Notre Dame though, as he recognizes how much Notre Dame has helped him. “I came to Notre Dame because the coaches are great and I knew that I had the chance to get a lot better if I just worked hard and listened to what the coaches have said,” Monaghan said... “They have made an enormous difference and given me a lot of confidence.”

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this weekend was especially important in terms of setting him back on the right track for the rest of the season. McGrath was sick with the flu and did not compete in Notre Dame’s last tournament at Duke. Going into the Junior Olympics, McGrath said he was still recovering and hadn’t practiced for more than a week.

“I was really just motivated to go out there and have good, exciting bouts,” McGrath said. “I’d never had a mindset like that going into a tournament, and after the tournament I realized I’d never had as much fun as I did [on Friday].”

McGrath credited Notre Dame sports psychologist Dr. Miguel Franco for helping him develop this more relaxed approach toward competition. McGrath also said that this mindset that enabled him to be successful last Friday is something he’ll take with him as the season continues.

“After talking to [Dr. Franco] and listening to his advice, this is the first tournament I showed up to and I did so much better than I have the past few months,” McGrath said. “I really think I’m going to try to reframe that... I have a lot of motivation because I know this is the year this team can win an NCAA championship.”

Notre Dame rebounded with a much-needed road win after an ugly 71-54 loss at Providence on Saturday, a loss in which the Irish struggled mightily in the second half.

“For [the coaches] it was a matter of, ‘Let’s teach. Let’s help us offensively.’ Of course it sure didn’t look that way the first couple minutes, but it was, ‘Let’s challenge them to be physical,’” Brey said. “They were probably embarrassed that they didn’t have more energy and fight Saturday against Providence. It’s a good group of guys we have, I thought they themselves motivated themselves to really compete again tonight.”

The Irish now face a nearly weekend layoff before entering the homestretch of their conference schedule: just two home and two away games. Notre Dame currently sits at No. 5 in the conference, with three teams — Syracuse, Georgetown and Marquette — deadlocked at the top of the league. Brey said the victory gave his squad much-needed momentum heading into the break.

“I think you take away great confidence,” Brey said. “You take away a reinforcement of your identity.”

The Irish next host Cincinnati on Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. in Purcell Pavilion.

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bigger in the first half, but the Irish defense managed to contain the Panthers on the defensive end. Pittsburgh shot just 34.8 percent from the field on the night.

“Well when we started 1-for-19, it could have been (down) triple figures,” Brey said. “I love our toughness defensively because we weren’t very good offensively — and they were good defensively, give them credit. They’ve got a very good defensive team. But our defense let us hang around a little bit and we got at least a spurt before the end of the half. You felt like you had a shot.”

Sophomore forward Pat Connaughton shoots during Notre Dame’s 51-42 victory over Pittsburgh on Monday.
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Happy Birthday: You’ll have to draw on your uniqueness and set trends that inspire others to emulate in order to make your point or to get ahead this year. Don’t limit what you can do because someone objects to your unorthodox methods. This is the year to pursue your desires, beliefs, interests and directed direction. Your numbers are 2, 12, 17, 20, 26, 31.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get back to ideas and goals you have left undone. Exploring new ways to approach and execute your plans will lead to something extraordinary. Someone you’ve worked with in the past will show off what you have to offer. $$$

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Offer help, but don’t allow someone who has taken advantage of you in the past to do so again. Make suggestions, but focus more on doing what will get you ahead, not someone else. Let your intuition be your guide. $$$

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Avoid a dispute regardless of the circumstances. Someone will spread a rumor that can damage your reputation or hurt you professionally. You are best to keep your personal life private. Responsible action will help you avoid criticism and ridicule.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Talk to the person in power and you will find a way to get your ideas heard. Picking up information, skills or experiences will lead to a better position or a new endeavor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Stabilizing your finances is a must. You can make home improvements as long as you stick to your budget. Don’t donate or bail out someone else’s debt. Protect your assets and focus on the changes you can make to set a better future. $$$

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Explore new avenues or revisit familiar places, people or plans. Listen in what others have to offer and you’ll find a way to make what you are working toward even better. Love is career oriented, and doing so could lead to romance. $$

SCORPIO (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Improve your surroundings. Make alterations that will improve your lifestyle. Find entertainment that is cost-efficient and invite the people you enjoy spending time with to join you. Doing so can create a crisis. $$

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Do not let anyone make you feel like you have to make an impulsive decision. Take control, state what it is you want, and make it happen. Use past experience as a reference.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put greater emphasis on doing and being the best that you can be. The more you do to improve, the more confidence you will have dealing with future prospects. A move or change at home will help. Love is highlighted. $$

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Avoid problems with friends, relatives or neighbors. Stick to the rules and watch your luck when dealing with authority figures. Preparation will be the key in proving your point and getting what you want. Honesty is crucial. $$

Birthday Baby: You are trendy, engaging and versatile. You thrive on change.
Notre Dame tops Pitt on the road

No. 25 Irish pull forward to beat No. 20 Panthers for fifth consecutive time

By ALLAN JOSEPH and CHRIS ALLEN
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Fourteen minutes into their matchup at No. 20 Pittsburgh, it seemed like everything had gone wrong for the No. 25 Irish. Notre Dame (21-6, 9-5 Big East) had hit just one of its first 19 field goal attempts, and the Panthers (20-7, 8-6) had a commanding 17-3 lead in front of a raucous Petersen Events Center.

And then Irish coach Mike Brey earned a technical foul. Yet rather than completely folding for its second ugly road loss in as many games, Notre Dame reeled off a 16-3 run to end the first half en route to an improbable 51-42 victory.

“I was just trying to keep our guys fired up,” Brey said after the game. “And the climate changed. It was an incredible change in the building, the vibe changed, our body language changed.”

Junior guard Jerian Grant, who missed his first seven shots, paced the Irish with 13 points, a total matched by senior forward Jack Cooley.

“(Grant) was great, really made us go when he get’s going in the second half making plays for us. I love the fact that he shot it some behind ball screens, the 3 he hit behind a ball screen may have been the shot of the game,” Brey said in a postgame radio interview with UND.com. “But we had just great team effort.”

Sophomore guard/forward Pat Connaughton jump-started Notre Dame’s first-half run with a pair of 3-point shots spaced 35 seconds apart, the first of which came shortly after Pittsburgh extended its lead to 19-3 with the free throws following Brey’s technical foul.

The deficit could have been

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Freshman shines for Irish

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

Passion for the game and sheer determination. These two characteristics are not always present within athletes, but when they are, success usually follows.

Luckily for the Irish, freshman Quentin Monaghan displays both qualities and is already starting to find success high in the singles lineup this season.

“Quentin has two terrific qualities that set him apart from a lot of college tennis players,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “One is he absolutely hates to lose and will do whatever it takes to win a match. Secondly, he is truly passionate about tennis. We never have to suggest that he work harder or practice more. In fact, frequently we are encouraging him to leave because he finds tennis a lot of fun.”

Monaghan has already had his share of fun on the court this spring season, winning seven of the eight finished matches all at the No. 2 or No. 3 singles slot. The freshman, known as ‘Q’ by his

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Freshmen compete at Junior Olympics

By JOHN SANDBERG
Sports Writer

Three Notre Dame freshmen competed at the USFIA National Junior Olympics tournament in Baltimore, Md., this past weekend, with Garrett McGrath leading the way for the Irish as he took fifth in the junior men’s epee competition on Friday.

Fellow freshmen John Poremski finished 95th out of the field of 220 fencers from around the country. In the men's saber competition on Saturday, John Hallsten finished 13th out of the field of 162.

Friday’s epee action started early for McGrath and Poremski, with the first fencers squaring off at 8 a.m.

A 6 a.m. wake up call wasn’t exactly what he would prefer, McGrath said with a laugh, but he’s learned to deal with getting up and competing early in the morning.

The Junior Olympics tournament has implications for those fencers going onto the world championships, but the event is not affiliated with the NCAA and has no impact on the collegiate team standings. McGrath said the individual competitions like that the Junior Olympics offer a different dynamic than NCAA events.

“You have 40 people on the team and every single count for team wins,” McGrath said about the NCAA team competitions. “It’s one of those things where (the competition) is bigger than yourself…(But) in the individual tournaments it’s all about you.”

Though the results are listed in terms of individuals, McGrath said he still takes great pride in representing Notre Dame no matter the type of tournament.

McGrath, who at just 17 years old is one of the youngest members of the Irish, was the overall epee champion at the 2012 Junior Olympic Championships. Even coming off such a successful appearance in 2012, McGrath said he didn’t feel pressure going into this year’s competition.

“I just showed up wanting

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