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What was the worst gift you’ve ever received?

Lucy Du
Freshman
Ryan Hall
“A dog toy.”

Sean Onderdonk
Freshman
Morrissey Hall
“Awareness.”

William Mahone
Freshman
Morrissey Hall
“A pencil holder.”

Cooper Cohen
Freshman
Morrissey Hall
“Sobriety.”

Ashley Lawrence
Junior
Farley Hall
“A shake-weight.”

Chris Andrews
Junior
Keenan Hall
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Sophomore Dougie Barnard hits a backhand during a Feb. 16 match against Michigan. No. 27 Notre Dame will take on archival No. 2 USC today at 4 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Free “Beat SC” T-shirts will be handed out at the match.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Friday
Women’s Lacrosse
Arlotta Stadium
7 p.m.-8 p.m.
Game vs. Rutgers.

Saturday
Notre Dame Holy Half
Marathon
Campuswide
All day.

Sunday
Women’s Lacrosse
Arlotta Stadium
1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Game vs. Villanova.

Film: Monty Python’s “The Meaning of Life”
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
11:55 p.m.-1:38 a.m.
A classic satirical comedy.

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CSC conference fosters peace

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

This weekend’s Catholic Social Tradition conference will celebrate the 50th anniversary of “Pacem in Terris,” a papal encyclical that purports the importance of human rights.

The Center for Social Concerns (CSC) is sponsoring “Peace Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow,” the second biannual conference at Notre Dame. Bill Purcell, associate director for Catholic social tradition and practice at the CSC, said speakers will present academic papers related to achieving peace on earth.

“One of the key aspects the conference is trying to do is see how we look at ‘Pacem in Terris,’” Purcell said. “What have we done in the past to work for peace, what are we doing now and what can we do in the future?”

The conference will open Thursday evening with an address by keynote speaker Fr. Kenneth Himes, an associate professor of theology at Boston College, and will conclude with a Saturday evening Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Scholars from all over the world will present more than 40 papers during the course of the three days, Purcell said. The speakers, who are not only international but also interfaith, will explore peace and justice issues of all capacities, he said.

Sample topics include bringing peace to liturgy wars, utilizing modern methods of communication as a way of promoting peace and peace-building through women.

“Notre Dame is a place to bring in scholars from around the country and world to talk about Catholic Social Tradition,” Purcell said. “This conference is a way to gather these scholars so Notre Dame is a place where the Church does its thinking.”

In addition to scholars from around the world, Purcell said the conference attracts attendees from a wide range of places, including 25 states, 30 universities and other countries, such as Chile.

“It’s about learning about ways of engaging people from around the world,” Purcell said. “We’re learning international ways and applications of how do we be peace builders.

Although registration costs $150 for other attendees, the conference is free for Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary’s students, faculty and staff.

Purcell encouraged students to attend as a way to confront issues of peace and justice they are likely to encounter throughout their lives.

“These are great … lecturers to hear about ways to engage people from around the world,” he said. “Once you graduate here, you’re going to engage the world, and a great way to learn is to hear from folks who are already doing it.”

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SMC gift campaign begins

By JILLIAN BARWICK
Saint Mary’s Editor

Monday marked the beginning of Saint Mary’s annual Tag Week, which aims to inform students about the costs of running the College and the importance of donations to the school.

The Class Gift Campaign (CGC), a student effort led in conjunction with the Office of Annual Giving, organized the Week. Shelby Herms, Class of 2013 CGC representative, said students’ donations to the Annual Fund go to their class’s CGC account and immediately impact the lives of Saint Mary’s women.

“Your gifts accumulate over four years so that you can make a lasting and memorable gift to Saint Mary’s at graduation,” Herms said. “The Class of 2012 donated to the renovation of Angela Athletic facilities, which is one of the options for this year’s gift, as well as a scholarship in our class’s name.”

CGC will host a table in the Spes Unica Atrium to collect gifts every morning this week from 9 a.m. to noon, Herms said. The group will sell mugs that say “Once a Belle, Always a Belle” at the CGC table in the Student Center Atrium to day through Friday. Tag Week BINGO will be in the West Wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall on Thursday at dinner.

While gifts of all amounts are welcomed, Herms said the CGC is raising for Tribute Gifts of $20.13 in honor of the graduation class. A Tribute Gift is a donation from a student that honors someone who helped with her Saint Mary’s education. Each tribute will be published in the Commencement edition of The Observer and the honoree will be notified by email, Herms said.

“I think that [the] Class Gift Campaign is great because it allows us to recognize the gifts of past Belles by giving back to the College like they did,” Herms said. “I never realized just how much it takes to make the Saint Mary’s experience possible.”

Junior Maddy Martin, Class of 2014 CGC representative, said she knows how important Tag Week is this year because of the College’s recent Capital Campaign launch to raise funds.

“We are really pushing each class to give to their class gift in order to reach our goal dollar amount,” Martin said. “In regards to actual class gifts, the senior class votes at the end of their senior year where they want the gift to go to,” Martin said past classes have donated to the Spes Unica building and the restoration of the Sister Madeleva painting. The Class of 2012’s gift of more than $20,000 was the largest class gift to date, she said.

“I don’t think students realize how much it costs to keep this school running,” Martin said. “We take for granted electricity and water bills because they are always taken care of for us. It’s important for students to have this realization of just how much the College spends to keep us on campus because they are more likely to give back to the school.”

Junior Lauren Bruner, Class of 2014 CGC co-chair, said although asking students for money is difficult, it is important to give back to the College.

“Many students, including myself, would not be here without scholarships, which shows how vital donations are,” Bruner said. “It’s rewarding to be able to give back to the College and see your gift on campus.”

Junior Jillian Fata said it is important for students to recognize that the changes the College can make through the campaign.

Past gifts have gone to big projects, but they have gone directly to scholarships, meaning that a future Belle can have the same opportunities that we are fortunate enough to have every day,” Fata said.

“Class giving is a important part of being a student as well as an alumna, Herms said. Last year, 7,450 alumnae and friends of the College made a gift to help with the College’s expenses. Twenty percent of the College’s budget is a result of this support, Herms said.

“They contributed $30.5 million in gifts to support all aspects of our education — touching every corner of campus, from building new building), to installing wire-less internet, to providing toilet paper and hand soap in our bathrooms,” Herms said. We need the help to continue providing the Saint Mary’s experience, and making a gift is a way to thank you to all of the alumnae who have made your education possible!”

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Victim finds courage as leader

By REBECCA O’NEIL
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Daisy Hernandez, author of “Colonize This!: Young Women of Color on Today’s Feminism,” kicked off Saint Mary’s Student Diversity Board’s (SDB) 8th annual leadership conference “From Awareness to Action,” on Wednesday, March 19 in Carroll Auditorium.

Her broad “view of what leadership should be or can look like” set the stage for this year’s student’s diverse leadership like Hernandez should be or can look like the Midwest.

The keynote speaker was 11 years old when she had her first encounter with leadership. Her elementary school teacher prompted an argument on extraterrestrial existence on Neptune. Hernandez, cognizant of the fact she belonged to one of the few Latin American families in her New Jersey community, identified with the outsider and chose to affirm the E.T.’s presence.

“My uncle — my favorite uncle — actually had Resident Alien written on his ID,” said Hernandez.

Brought up in a Cuban-Colombian household, Hernandez belonged to a family of mixed immigration status.

“I was always aware of the challenges. There is a lot of fear that comes with being undocumented,” said Hernandez. “It took me a while to piece together who in my own family had ‘papeles’ and who didn’t.”

After her teacher read the budding writer’s essay aloud, her classmates were in ascension —aliens must reside on Neptune. Hernandez, amused by her success, Hernandez realized the power of her essay.

“I realized that if I could convince those kids that aliens existed, I could convince people of anything,” said Hernandez. Hernandez acknowledged that her growth was facilitated by many of her open-minded teachers. They made the subject matter fascinating by establishing connections and making the material relatable, she said.

The Catholic grammar school she attended had sex education classes in which concerned educators discussed HIV and AIDS in spite of the stigma that still existed in the 80s. She was exposed to the story of Ryan White, a teenager infected with HIV and barred from attending his high school as a result.

Who hasn’t been excluded at one time or another?” Hernandez said.

Her all-girls high school showed her the value of creating a safe space by its support group for students who underwent abortions, she said.

“Seeing what my teachers did outside of the classroom was inspiring.”

In college, Hernandez began to identify herself as a feminist.

“I think most people feel they’re beyond the ‘personal is political’ phrase, but I love it, and will always love it,” she said.

Hernandez said she participated in “Taking Back the Night,” which is a march through her college. Once the group’s protest concluded and they returned to the student center to discuss, Hernandez recalled that a young man in the back stood up and said his girlfriend was a victim of sexual abuse and asked what he could do to fix it.

“He had a very conventional idea of leadership. Very ‘I can solve this. I can do something about it,’” she said. “Of course, there was no solution. People told him he could not do anything but support her. In a way, get in touch with his own feelings.”

Hernandez also referenced the first congressional Senate meeting in 10 years that took place last week to address sexual violence in the military.

“A male survivor spoke before the Senate for the first time. He acknowledged he did not just speak for himself, other men had been abused,” she said. “That’s the kind of leadership in which survivors exist.”

Hernandez, a bisexual woman and victim of sexual abuse, said she found herself through his courage, attributing her success as a leader to the idea of “engaged empathy.”

“It is not pity,” said Hernandez. “It’s an appeal to our own sense of possibility. It unites us and then calls us to action. If we focus on the core of the issues, connections start to happen and changes made.”

It was this potential that inspired “Colonize This!: Young Women of Color on Today’s Feminism.” The collection of carefully selected stories co-edited by Hernandez includes pieces by people living incredibly diverse lives that encompass universal truths.

“The feedback is shocking to me,” she said. “It created a sensation of connectedness with people who had completely different backgrounds. Hernandez stressed that its contributors were not beanpicked by race.

“Curandera’ is Spanish for healer,” she said. “Books are ‘curanderas’ because of their healing force, their ability to create empathy.”

Hernandez closed her speech by encouraging the audience to write their own book.

“Art is such a great vehicle for social change,” Hernandez said.

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Bellah lectures on industry

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Dr. Robert Bellah, professor of sociology at the University of California at Berkeley, delved into the dilemma of human evolution, religion and modernization in his lecture on Tuesday in the McKenna Hall Auditorium.

The lecture drew together concepts of the modern world Bellah has compiled for his forthcoming book, “The Modern Project in the Light of Human Evolution,” which engages the consequences of rapid industrialization, especially environmental degradation and the way the human is viewed as a person. Bellah described the startling impact of industrialization by tracking the growth of human expansion with a social development index. In 2000 CE, human society earned an unimpressive rank of 4. By 100 CE the Roman Empire reached 43 on the index, a limit or “hard ceiling” which remained unbroken for centuries.

The industrial revolution in 18th century Britain shattered this “hard ceiling,” as the index topped 1000 by the year 2000 and is expected to climb to an immense value of 5000 in the next century, Bellah said. Such increases, though they drive his research, cause challenges for humanity.

In the face of this extreme change, Bellah said, “How do we as a species adapt to a rate of change that no biological species has ever faced before?”

To explain the immediacy of this question, Bellah considered Maltsus’ famous prediction

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member-funded organizations, as well as political advisers and congressmen. She said a highlight of these visits was a presentation at the Food and Drug Administration’s Center for Drug Evaluation and Research office.

“We learned about the ethical and policy dilemmas of drug development for rare and neglected diseases,” Cotton said. “They affect such a small portion of the population that the FDA’s guidelines for study sample size, whether children should be included in trials and so on, have to be reconsidered.”

Students attended weekly preparation classes before the trip, Cotton said. The course featured speakers from various scientific and engineering disciplines who talked about funding and ethics in their particular fields.

Cotton said she first thought of creating such a course after attending a talk by Kathie Olsen, a member of Notre Dame’s research and government relations team, titled “How Not to Get an NSF Grant.”

“I thought, ‘Oh God, I really don’t know any of this stuff,’” Cotton said. “And as someone interested in pursuing a career in science, I thought it was definitely something that I should know and that others might think was important as well.”

In July, Cotton and fellow junior biological science major Roger Smith pitched to Crawford the idea of creating a seminar to explore modes of and policies behind scientific research funding.

“Rachel had this great idea that science students could really benefit from a dose of policy because as scientists, we don’t create policy, but we inform it,” Crawford said. “By offering a small seminar in conjunction with the Center for Social Concerns, we could do just that and incorporate ethical aspects as well.”

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gain their property of mass through interaction with the Higgs field.

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Europe; our Church today no longer resembles the Church that Saint Francis of Assisi knew, when it remained confined to the Eastern Hemisphere," he said. "Our Church today has encompassed all continents and continues to grow.

Sophomore Cecilia Ruiz, whose family is originally from Oaxaca, Mexico, said the decision represents the sense that "the face of the Catholic Church is becoming more Latino.

"I believe that the selection of Pope Francis reflects the fact that... the face of the Catholic Church is changing," she said. "It has been a well-known fact that much of Latin America is Catholic... and I feel that with Pope Francis as our pope, the Church will grow more.

"It feels right that it should be led by someone who can connect with a large portion of the Church not only in a spiritual manner, but also on a cultural level," Ruiz said.

Although she has never felt the Church was disconnected from Latin America, Ruiz said Francis' Latino heritage fills her with a sense of solidarity.

"The Church" is being led by a man who can relate to my family and me on a different level," she said. "The fact that he speaks our language gives me a stronger tie to the Church... but no matter what ethnicity the pope may be, his leadership should make the faith of the Church stronger.

Esteban Rojas, a sophomore with family ties to Colombia, said he believes the choice is the "cardinals' way of acknowledging a "momentum shift" within the Church, as the Latino Catholic numbers continue to grow worldwide.

"Over the past century, the Church has definitely expanded in the Americas as opposed to staying in the European cultures," Rojas said. "I think (the cardinals) want a fresh take on the Church, and the new pope has proven that things will be different with his humility and leadership already.

"With Francis being a Latino, his background and culture can contribute to the Church beyond its European identity," he said. "He'll bring different insight that will benefit the Church worldwide, not just in Latin America."

Rojas said while the election of a Latino pope has changed the way he thinks of the Church, it has energized his faith.

"The cardinals obviously want a leader for the Church as a whole, and Francis is an excellent leader for the entire Church, not just the Latino population," he said. "It is exciting to see one of our own represented in such a high position, though, especially because it's never been seen before."

This is a "revolutionary pope," he said, and he will evangelize to the world by the way he leads his life.

"Something exciting is going to happen (in the Church), because he has already changed a lot of the standard protocol or traditions for popes in their first couple days," Rojas said. "I'm really excited to see what he has in store and how he handles such a huge leadership position."

Katia Fernandez, a sophomore born in Lima, Peru, said she did not dwell on what she first saw the new pope appear on the balcony. His Latin American background makes him family to her, she said.

Fernandez said she thinks a Latino pope will unify the Latino population in the United States and throughout Latin America.

"This election has strengthened my identity as a Latina Catholic," Fernandez said. "Having a Latino pope has brought me closer to my family and community, and I hope that Pope Francis... will be a household name for Latino families.

Sophomore Juan Rangel, a native of Mexico, said he hopes Francis will make Latin American issues known worldwide and bring new energy to the search for solutions.

"His actions just after assuming the role of pope, like insisting on paying rent and deciding against other papal traditions, demonstrates that he wants to portray himself as one of us," Rangel said. "I hope that image of himself is maintained and strengthened during his time as pope. It will not only help within the Church as Catholics are warmed by this personality, but assist in international affairs as he meets leaders around the world."

Rangel said he has high hopes for the papacy and it strengthens his faith to see that the faith is truly universal, not limited to Europe.

"I'm really excited to see what Papa Francisco will do during his papacy," he said. "I envision him to be as great as Pope John Paul II was, and I hope his background and personality truly aid in his role as leader of our Church."

For Fisher, the bottom line is not the cultural identity of the new pope but rather the legacy of faith he brings.

"Each pope offers new wisdom and gifts with the opportunity to serve Christ and the Church, and I look forward to this with Papa Francisco," Fisher said. "But while I have faith in the new pope, my faith itself or how I think about my Church, does not depend on his nationality.

"I only pray for a papacy blessed with true charity and love. I could not ask for more, and I expect no less."

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Bracket madness

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Everyone and their mother fills out a March Madness bracket. Literally. The ‘office pool’ has become as much a yearly tradition in America as fireworks on July 4th. It’s hard to find someone who doesn’t count the tournament among their favorite sporting events, and filling out a bracket has become integral to the March Madness ‘experience.’ I have no problem with that. That being said, when said people, knowing nothing about college basketball, unapologetically swoop in and steal my bracket pool glory, that’s a different story.

In my years of participating in various bracket pools, I’ve come to the conclusion that those who fill out a March Madness bracket generally fall into one of three categories:

1. The college basketball fans. People who have a genuine interest in the sport put a lot of time and effort into their brackets. Some are even familiar with the non-NCAA schools. These people are great to have around.

2. The group hide their brackets. Because I will steal them, copy them verbatim and cheer for James Madison. And just under a week ago, he was made an archbishop by the highest ecclesiastical office within the Church.

3. The steal my bracket pool glory, that’s a different story.

That being said, I have a tremendous amount of respect for this group just for their unfeathering faithfulness.

This last group of fans I have no respect for. My mother, whom I respect in all areas outside athletic expertise, probably falls into this group, as does your five-year-old sister and the neighbor who watches the Food Network all day. These people pick the 2006 George Mason team as their favorite sporting events, and filling out a bracket pool. This group wins 75 percent of bracket pools. This group wins 75 percent of bracket pools. This group wins 75 percent of bracket pools.

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In defense of same-sex marriage

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The Main Idea

Last Thursday, the movement against same-sex marriage saw its latest defection, as Senator Bob Portman of Ohio announced his support for marriage equality. Portman, however, is on the short-list for the VP slot on Mitt Romney’s presidential ticket, said he came to embrace his position after his own son told him and was gay. Reactions ranged from appreciative acceptance from some, to respectful disagreement from others. And then, of course, were the ideologues on both sides.

The Family Research Council’s leader, Tony Perkins, claimed Portman was at fault by offering support for “choices that are both harmful to [sons and daughters] and society as a whole.” Not to be outdone, some on the left voiced their disgust that Portman’s switch came only in the face of a personal connection to the movement — seemingly ignorant of the fact that their own party’s most visible face, the president, only endorsed the same position months ago.

Regardless of these reactions, however, Portman’s new position illuminates a growing trend in America, as more and more of the population recognizes a need for marriage equality. Slowly yet surely, state by state, same-sex marriage has become first a possibility, surely, state by state, same-sex marriage has seen its societies strengthened, not damaged, by it. I have a hard time believing that allowing loving adults to make their commitment official has the ability to harm anyone, much less lessen the value or meaning of marriage for others.

Some have hailed marriage as a historic institution. Again, I have no argument. But historic institutions are not always best left without change. Slavery was a historic institution. Democracy, as I've watched first-hand as religious groups, including my own Diocese, have been vociferously vocal and financial support to the “traditional” marriage campaign in Maine. But in the case of civil same-sex marriage, the question is not a religious one — at least it shouldn’t be. While religious leaders hail marriage as a religious institution, it is also undeniably a civil one, bearing legal and financial implications in addition to its consecration of commitment. Followers of countless religions, as well as those who follow none, are married.

Marriage, in its civil form, is ultimately distinct from its many religious forms. So long as civil marriage is governed federally, its availability must be governed by equality, rather than any given religious text or a religion’s lingering discrimination. While some states have come to guarantee this equality, the lack of a national acknowledgement and resolution of today’s most pressing civil rights issue draws unfortunate and yet well-deserved comparisons to civil rights issues of the past. As with those issues of the past, the rights of a few ought not be subject to the votes of the many. Regrettably, these decisions historically may not come solely at the ballot box but also by the correcting guidance of the gavel. Eventually, however, I have little doubt that equality will come to pass.

I readily acknowledge that same-sex marriage is often complicated by religious influences. I’ve watched first-hand as religious groups, including my own Diocese, have been vociferously vocal and financial support to the “traditional” marriage campaign in Maine. But in the case of civil same-sex marriage, the question is not a religious one — at least it shouldn’t be. While religious leaders hail marriage as a religious institution, it is also undeniably a civil one, bearing legal and financial implications in addition to its consecration of commitment. Followers of countless religions, as well as those who follow none, are married.

As Pope Francis, formerly cardinal Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina, assumes his duties as the leader of the Catholic Church, Laurence said, “This portion of the election process was of great interest to the Rev. John Laurnace, a Jesuit and professor in the theology department.

“I was fascinated by the reported way in which each cardinal, for every ballot, goes to the front of the chapel and, on his knees, lays his filled ballot in the altar, making a declaration before God that he does so without any outside influence and solely for the good of the Church,” Laurence said.

When all the ballots are in the chalice, the first scrutini- sizer mixes up the ballots and hands them to the second for counting. The second scrutinizer counts each individual ballot by transferring them to a second chalice. If 117 votes were not cast, the ballots are burned and the voting process restarts.

To count the votes, the scrutiniizers read each ballot aloud in front of the cardinals while tallying the votes one by one. Ballots with more than one name or no name at all are discarded.

After the votes are tallied, the scrutiniizers move to the “post-scrutiny” phase, where the three cardinals check the entire process. After verification, the ballots are burned to produce the smoke. If the smoke is black, the election process starts again. If it is white, a new pope has been selected by a two-thirds majority. As well as being a very secretive process, the papal election system is extremely secure.

First, the system is completely manual, so it is immune to technological risk or difficulties. The ritual used to cast a vote, in front of all the cardinals, is a defense against stuffing the ballot box.

Mott important, during the conclave, the cardinals all sleep and eat inside the Vatican together and are not permitted to leave until a pope is chosen. “The fact (is) that cardinals, if not all saints, are … all decent, God-fearing men, otherwise in this day and age they would never have risen so high in the hierarchy of the Church,” Laurence said. “It is a mystery of God why they take a solemn vow to preserve secrecy they can be counted on to keep it.”

William Thorn, a professor of journalism and a Vatican expert on campus, shared in the surprise of pope Francis’ election.

“I was stunned, first of all,” Thorn said. “I didn’t think it would be a Latin American, although it was certainly a possibility. (Bergoglio) was actually number two last time around. I think this makes a lot of sense.”

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The papal election process demystified

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There are less than 48 hours, people! March 22nd is the very last day of the drop period for Notre Dame students. Do you currently have five or more classes? Why? Why would you do that to yourself? Do you really need all those to graduate? Couldn’t you take one abroad? Or senior year when you have nothing but free time?

I'm not some rogue slacker playing the fictional, saucy devil character on your shoulder. Really, I'm just looking out for you. This is Notre Dame. We all care about each other's grades. I just want everyone to make Dean's List so as to challenge myself even more. But really, truthfully, all I'm saying is there is a point of no return coming up. After March 22nd, you get what you get, and those grades are on your transcript for ever. They will need to be reviewed by the deans and shared with friends. It will not matter if those grades are A's or D's.

Some people I have talked to have dropped classes before, some who have decided to continue. Here are some questions you should be asking yourself:

1. Do you currently have below a B-average in any class(es)? If you don’t, then good for you! If you do, then keep reading, comrade!

2. Are more than half the grades for the challenging class(es) done and recorded? Un-revisable, un-editable, and freedom? why did i never frolick

3. if so, then drop. drop right now.

4. If only half or fewer than half of the grades have been recorded for the class, then you could probably bring up that below B-grade. Yeah, you could totally bring it up. I mean, people have

done that before, right? My friend from high school's first cousin Jerry who goes to USC's ex-girlfriend had a D in her freshman-year chemistry lab after the midterm, and she ended up finishing the semester with an A-. Anything is possible!

5. Even if that was a true story, what are the chances you will be like that fictional friend of a fake cousin of a fake friend of mine? If you genuinely do not understand the material in the course so far and are struggling to the degree that you have a C or below, what makes you think you’ll suddenly be able to do really well? Sure, you can definitely do better, but in all likelihood, won’t you do only marginally better? Not amazingly, not perfect on every assignment. No one goes from barely scraping by to top of the class with a flick of a switch.

6. Bottom Line: There is nothing stopping you from doing reasonably well in this class. REASONABLY. Leaving you with a less than reasonable grade. If you can, if it is feasible in any way, drop it now. A summary of the wonderful life that awaits you after dropping a class:

What is all this wonderful space and freedom? Why did I never frolick in meadows and sunshine before?

That, my friend, is called free time. It is a beautiful thing. Enjoy it, read for leisure, exercise, bake delicious things from your Pinterest, do volunteer work, run that marathon, bond with those friends you never see! You might even do better in your remaining classes because you finally have time to do the work for them.

In the long run, you want to look back at college, see a good GPA and have a lot of memories of good times shared with friends. It will not matter that you dropped one measly little class.

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Step aside, Dorothy. The 1939 film “The Wizard of Oz” has been twisted and rewound for the recently-released Disney film “Oz The Great and Powerful.” Instead of following the beloved gingham-wearing homesick girl down the yellow brick road, this story focuses on the wizard himself, showing how he got to Oz in the first place. Taking the same form as the classic film, the new version of “Oz” starts out in black-and-white and transitions into color as the characters arrive in the Land of Oz. Also, just like Dorothy associates characters in Oz with real-life family members, having actors play dual roles such as the lion and Zeke, so too does the wizard see familiar yet transformed faces in Oz. With cameo appearances by the flying monkeys, a lion, a tornado, munchkins and, of course, the witches, this film kept the standard details while creating an entire back story to Dorothy’s adventure.

The storyline attempts to explain why in the original film the so-called Wizard of Oz is hiding behind a curtain, manipulating the crowd rather than performing real magic. With James Franco as a young Wizard of Oz, the new film goes back to Kansas in 1905 when a tornado takes not Dorothy but a boy (otherwise known as Oz) to the Land of Oz where he is mistaken for a prophet-like savior, someone who was meant to rescue the land from the power of the bad witches. Franco uses his charm and charisma to work his way up to the top and assume the position of wizard, meeting several interesting characters along the way just as Dorothy did.

Stepping out of her typical role of the sought-after girl in B-rated rom-coms, Mila Kunis is Oz’s sidekick for much of the film, playing the role of Theodora, otherwise known as the Wicked Witch of the West. She looks surprisingly normal and even innocent in the beginning of the 2013 film, wearing an oversized red hat and her big brown eyes resembling a naive puppy’s rather than an evil sorcerer’s. However, as the film continues, Kunis’ character becomes more and more like the green-skinned witch in the 1939 classic.

Starring as Glinda the Good Witch, Michelle Williams doubles as the character Annie in the black-and-white beginning of the film. With a desire to fight evil and the ability to travel in bubbles, Williams’ character is nearly identical to the original film’s Glinda, played by Billie Burke. Disney did decide to modernize the wardrobe; however, removing the pink glittery tulle and going with an almost medieval-looking silver dress accompanied by a fairly simple tiara and wand.

Regardless of the differences between this film and its predecessor, the acting and scenery is worth experiencing, whether or not the storyline is up to par. Maybe I’m biased from years of watching and singing along with Judy Garland in the original, but I do not think this film’s plot lives up to its name. The storyline was confusing, especially for a film targeted towards a very young audience. Aesthetically, the film is a success. The colors and costumes provide a beautiful backdrop for not-so-exciting action.

When I first heard about the possibility of a sequel/prequel to “The Wizard of Oz,” I was obviously counting down the days until the release date, what with having been Dorothy for at least three Halloweens and having played a munchkin in a middle-school production of “Oz.” (Don’t ask me why my 15-year-old tape into a dusty VCR, over the rainbow” and be completely satisfied with the story of Oz.

“Oz: The Great and Powerful”

Starring: James Franco, Mila Kunis, Michelle Williams, Rachel Weisz, Zach Braff

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First-round games deserve holiday

what college basketball is all about. The first round tests the toughness of every team, as schools from unknown conferences get their one shot at proving themselves to the world, and top seeds have to have the focus and drive to sidestep these underdogs’ best punch.

(Important note: After the addition of the “First Four” play-in games a few years ago, the NCAA has since referred to Thursday and Friday’s first-round games as the “second round.” Almost everyone else agrees this is stupid. It is.)

And the best part about Thursday and Friday is that it’s been perfected over the past decade. Across four channels, every game is now shown on national TV in its entirety, but the times are staggered just enough that a fan with two TVs can catch the dramatic finish to every game. (Though it’s better to have two or three screens if possible. Safety first.)

With so much joyful mad-

ness in one place, it only seems appropriate that a national holiday be declared for this four-day weekend, ensuring everyone is able to watch that next great 13-second’s shining moment. Professors, that’s where you come in. We trust you’ll do the right thing.

See you Monday.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Miller leads Wildcats into NCAA tournament

Miller’s father, John, was a legendary coach high school coach who led Blackhawk High School to four state titles and 111-game winning streak. A non-nonsense coach and father, John helped develop all three of his kids — Sean, Arch, now the head coach at Dayton and Lisa — into Division I players along with helping to groom his cousin, John Calipari, now the head coach at Kentucky.

After an appearance on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson as a 14-year-old — a star turn he doesn’t particularly like to talk about — Sean Miller achieved his lifelong goal of becoming a Division I player by walking on at Pittsburgh. But Miller didn’t just make the team.

Using his knowledge of the game, communication skills and unquenched desire to outwork everyone, he became the starting point guard and facto leader as a freshman on a team that included future NBA players Jerome Lane and Charles Smith.

A gritty player who never backed down from any person or any challenge, Miller led the Panthers to the NCAA tournament three times and was 10th in career free throw percentage in Division I history when he graduated in 1992.

“Having the opportunity to play in the Big East when I did and who I did, it was tough to survive,” Miller said. “You had to be able to do it and if you’ve learned how to survive in this game, you become a coach, you have a lot of those same qualities.”

Miller’s inner drive kept fueling success once he became a coach. A superb recruiter who can manage the game and motivate his players, Miller has developed into one of college basketball’s best coaches at 43.

He led Xavier to the NCAA tournament four of his five years, including the regional rounds the final two, and took Arizona to the West Regional fin- al in his second season in the desert.

After a third straight among the best-in-the-nation recruiting class, Miller has the 21st-ranked Wildcats back in the bracket this season — opening Thursday against Belmont in Salt Lake City — and has built a firm foundation for a program that has fallen into disarray following the retirement of coach Lute Olson.

“What we have ahead of our- selves is very bright because of the work Sean has put in,” Byrne said.

Miller’s burning intensity has fueled his success. He can be blunt, but that isn’t necessarily a bad thing.

Miller’s honesty has certainly worked well for him on the recruiting trail.

Unlike some coaches who make promises of playing time or roles on the team, Miller only tells potential players they will get a shot to play at one for one of the best programs in the country, laying out the system at Arizona and how it works.

His recruiting classes are an- nually among the best in the country.

On the court, Miller is always upfront about his expectations and evaluations of players, which, in the heat of the game, can lead to a few choice, top-of- the-lungs words or one of the best coach’s death stares in any other tournament.

For some, it’s too much:

point guard Jiovoli Turner and forward Sidiki Johnson left last year at the same time as the work sean has put in,” Byrne said.

Said Sean: “That’s a hard one when you work August, September, October, November, December, January, February, and here we are.”

It had been more than 20 minutes since Miller’s Wildcats had lost to UCLA in the Pac-12 tournament semifinals, plenty of time for the coach to cool off. Yet, as he wound his way through the postgame press conference, Miller was still wound up about a technical foul he received for questioning a dual-thousand call on senior Mark Lyons, a whistle he still believed wasn’t warranted.

The moment was quintessen- tial Miller.

Raised by a hard-nosed bas- ketball coach in hardscrabble western Pennsylvania, he played with an edge and coached the underdogs three times and was 10th in career free throw percentage in Division I history when he graduated in 1992.

Even in the high-intensity world of college basketball coaches, Miller stands out, a can’t-stop-losing mentality driving him to become one of the best in his business.

The Twitter bio of Miller’s wife, Amy, says it all: “Wrangler of 3 boys and wife to a very in- tense guy.”

“He’s a competitor,” Arizona athletic director Greg Byrne said. “And that’s makes him who he is.”

It’s what Miller has always been.

A native of Beaver Falls, Pa., he grew up in a blue-collar area about 50 miles northwest of Pittsburgh where hogs were hard to come by and dirt under the nails was how things got done.

Tonight’s how with Johnny Whitall at 1-0084 or Karen Kennedy at 1-5550. For more information, visit ND’s website at http://pregnancy_supp ort@nd.edu

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Sports Writer

Dearest professors of
Thursday and Friday classes, we’re not going.

Okay, well, we might have to. You might still take at- tendance, or make home- work due, or something similarly buzzing. But really, you should have just cancelled tomorrow’s class already.

Why, you ask?

Well, it’s the opening hole-shot of March Madness, a frenzy of 32 games in 36 hours that’s the most perfect two days of sports viewing around. From roughly noon to midnight, the basketball does not stop. Neither do the upssets, the craziness, the quirky small-school centers or the ridiculous mascots.

What would win in a fight, a Billiken or a Lobo?

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Belles learn from loss

By A.J. GODEAUX
Sports Writer

Though Saint Mary’s finished last out of the six teams at the competitive George Fox Invitational, held Friday and Saturday at Westlake Village Golf Course in Peoria, Ariz., the Belles still gained much-needed momentum moving forward.

The Belles started the match on a cold note, with only three of the six golfers breaking 90 – juniors Paige Pollak (86) and Alexi Brown (86) and freshman Claire Boyle, who shot 90, attributed the tournament. Freshman Claire Boyle, who shot 90, attributed the team’s subpar performance to rust.

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**Catching the Tide**

After their 41-14 loss to Alabama in the BCS National Championship, the Irish have doubled their offseason efforts to close the gap between them and the Crimson Tide. With that in mind, Kelly has had players focus on strength training, and said that many players have gained nearly 20 pounds of muscle since that defeat.

“We lacked depth at some critical positions which didn’t allow us to do some of the things I would have liked to in that period of time before the game, especially on the offensive line,” Kelly said. “The recruiting process, that’s one answer towards that question. The second answer towards that question is to just continue to build the strength of your football team. We need to continually get bigger, faster, stronger. Year Four is seeing those results really start for us right now.”

Kelly also said that he believed the championship would be a positive for his team this year, as it gave him team experience on the college football’s biggest stage, as well as the motivation to get back. It’s a great motivator for your football team,” he said. “I think the experience you gain from going through that process is invaluable. … They all want to get back there. They know what they did last year to get there. For them to do it again, they probably have to see more of the same.”

**Crossing Over**

With the graduation of standout senior Tyler Eifert, the Irish will need other tight ends to step up and replace the All-American’s production. In addition to senior Alex Welch, juniors Ben Koyack and Troy Niklas and early enrollee Mike Heuerman, the Irish added another athlete to the mix at that position with the addition of former Irish basketball forward Joey Brooks.

**Belles go .500 over break**

By MEREDITH KELLY
Sports Writer

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**SMC Softball**

The 6-foot-6 senior has not played hoops for Irish coach Mike Brey this season, although he has practiced with the team. Brooks will have the option of transferring to complete his basketball career at another school next season, but in the meantime Kelly is excited to see what the rangy big man can do on the gridiron.

“He’s an extremely athletic kid,” Kelly said. “He’s willing to do whatever we ask him to do. It will be fun to watch him go in there and compete, and we’ll give him an opportunity to do so.”

Brooks may not have any experience in college football, but Kelly was quick to praise his willingness to learn and work ethic.

“Kelly was quick to praise his willingness to learn and work ethic in making the adjustment. “The kid has worked really hard,” he said. “We like his attention to detail. Again, we’re going to give him a fair opportunity.”

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**Sophomore quarterback Everett Golson runs with the ball during the BCS National Championship game on Jan. 7.**

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Belles stifled by weather

By D.H. KIM
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Although the Belles came back rejuvenated from their week-long spring training in Orlando, they will have to wait a few days to put their additional energy to use.

The beautiful, sunny weather in Florida was perfect for the Belles because they needed reconditioning for their upcoming matches, which will be critical for making the top four and qualifying for playoffs. Coming back to their regular season, the Belles (2-4) were scheduled to play an away match against Indiana Wesleyan yesterday, but the match was abruptly canceled due to foul weather conditions.

“They said the game had to be rescheduled because the weather was bad and they have no indoor facilities,” Belles coach Dale Campbell said. “Normally it has to be at least 50 degrees or else it’s just too cool and windy to play outdoors for athletes.”

Both coaches from Saint Mary’s and Indiana Wesleyan have talked about possibly moving the game to early April, but no date has been confirmed yet. The staff members are likely to release a date next week.

“The Belles will continue their regular season when they face St. Francis on Friday. Ironically, the Belles have been our second time playing St. Francis, which would have made us familiar with them,” Campbell said.

The Belles look to finally face St. Francis (7-9) on Friday. Campbell has said the team is healthy and charged to start its regular season.

“It’s a non-conference opponent, but they are pretty local in the Fort Wayne area, so this match will be interesting,” he said.

St. Francis is currently in a two-game losing streak and has lost four of its last six games, including a tough 5-4 loss against Manchester College. St. Francis is likely to be motivated to get the team out of its losing skid.

The Belles are expecting a win soon, as they are getting desperate for some much-needed momentum to gain confidence before returning to their conference schedule next week. Luckily for both teams, the match will be held indoors at the Eck Pavilion.

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Irish freshman Alex Lawson prepares to receive a volley during a doubles match against Western Illinois on Jan. 19.

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Bend today.

- On the doubles courts, the Trojans also bring a set of skilled duos and diverse pairings across the board. Sarmiento and Hanfmann stand at No. 26 nationally, Hanfmann and Johnson come in at No. 63, and Gomez and Johnson take the No. 71 position.

The Irish bring the No. 69 pair of freshman Alex Lawson and junior Billy Pecor to the match. The numbers appear threatening, but the Irish, led by No. 96 junior Greg Andrews, are excited for the competition.

“USC is a great team, but there is definitely a vibe going around our team that we could be special this year,” Monaghan said. “We are definitely looking forward to the match.”

Doubles play against USC will begin in the Eck Tennis Pavilion today at 4 p.m.

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Irish dominate regional fencing

The Irish completed another stepping stone in their pursuit of a ninth NCAA title, turning in a dominating performance at the NCAA Midwest Regional meet March 9 and 10.

After excelling above the competition at the Midwest Conference Championships on March 2 and 3, the Irish didn’t let off the gas pedal, going up against much of the same competition in the regional meet.

The foilists were particularly impressive on the women’s side, with freshman Lee Kiefer and sophomore Madison Zeiss finishing one-two in a field of 20 foilists. The two combined for a 35-3 record, with Kiefer’s only loss coming to fellow Olympian Mona Shaito of Ohio State and Sieber’s only two defeats came at the hands of teammates. She fell to Kiefer and senior Grace Hartman.

“We train really hard with each other,” said. “That was definitely a key to our success,” and we were able to get our teammates’ backs out of the way early, which is definitely a plus in a meet like this.”

The epeeists did not disappoint either, with senior Courtney Hurley dominating with a 14-1 record to take first. Senior Ewa Nelin and sophomore Ashley Severson both posted 11-4 records, with Nelin taking fourth, while Severson took fifth based on tiebreakers.

Senior Liam Osiier claimed a runner-up finish in the women’s sabre, while freshman Johanna Thill grabbed fifth place for the Irish.

As impressive as the women’s foilists were, the men’s foilists may have managed to turn in an even better performance. Past NCAA champions senior Greg Meinhardt (2010) and junior Ariel DeSmet (2011) ran away from the field, as both

defeated 2012 NCAA champion Zain Shaito of Ohio State. The two fenced for the title, with Meinhardt avenging an earlier pool play loss to DeSmet to take the top spot on the podium.

In the saber event, there was yet another fence-off between two Irish for first, as freshman John Hallsten outlasted senior Jason Choy to take the regional crown. Junior Kevin Hassett took third in the event, giving the Irish another strong weapon on performance.

Junior Michael Rossi turned in a solid third-place finish in the epee event for the Irish, including a win in pool play against eventual champion Marco Canevari of Ohio State.

Freshman Garrett McGrath took fifth in his first Regional meet, while senior James Kaul took sixth in his last time on the strips for the Irish.

The Irish qualified twelve fencers for the NCAA Championships, the maximum number possible, for the sixth consecutive year.

Zeiss said that feat was definitely expected, especially with this team’s unity.

“We have one of the best team dynamics in the country,” she said. “Though this was definitely an individual meet, to have the whole team behind you helps a lot. No matter who won or lost, everyone was so supportive of everyone else on the team.”

The Midwest Regional was the last meet of the season for all but those dozen qualifiers, who will compete at the NCAA Championships in San Antonio this weekend.

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Notre Dame posts nine victories

In their season-opening appearance, the Irish finished last weekend with a total of nine victories at the Oak Ridge/ Cardinal Invitational in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

The Irish kicked off the regatta Saturday with four race victories. The first and second varsity eight, varsity four and novice four all posted first-place times.

The varsity eight team, led by senior coxswain Abby Meyers, finished with a time of 6:40.70 and defeated Duke (6:44.80) by more than four seconds. The varsity four posted a time of 7:53.90 to beat Kansas (8:00.40) and Duke (8:01.60). In the second varsity eight race, the Irish bested its opponents by ten seconds and completed the race with a time of 6:55:30.

The novice four team posted a time of 8:31.90 and claimed the fourth victory of the day in a close contest against Buffalo (8:49.20).

In addition to the race victories, the Irish first novice eight, second varsity four and third varsity four were runner-up winners in their individual races.

“After the first day of racing, we were very excited for the second race days," freshman coxswain Alex Techar said. "We were ready to get back out there and give it another go.”

The Irish did not back down the second day of the Invitational, and the team continued its day-one success by winning five of six races.

Paving the way for the Irish, the novice eight claimed the first victory of the day with a time of 7:15.20 to defeat Virginia (7:21.78) and Kans (7:31.86).

The varsity eight posted a winning time of 6:39.50 and defeated Louisville (6:43.17) by almost four seconds. The varsity four launch finished victorious with a time of 7:43.20.

The first novice eight took its first win of the spring season with a 7:18:00 time to edge out Louisville (7:19.45).

After a run of close races that resulted in runner-up finishes by less than a second, the novice eight launch was determined to win its race, Techar said.

The second varsity eight secured the final victory for the Irish with a winning time of 6:53.40.

The Irish lost the last race of the day and finished runner-up to Kansas in the second varsity four.

After such a strong appearance both days, the team was proud of its performance, Techar said.

“As a whole team, we did really well,” she said. “Everyone did better than expected, especially the freshmen.”

Upon their return to St. Joseph’s Lake, the Irish look to prepare for their next competition at the end of the month.

“Everyone is really excited to compete again and continue racing,” Techar said.

Notre Dame competes March 30 in East Lansing, Mich., against Michigan, Michigan State and Iowa.

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Saint Mary’s tops Middle Tennessee

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DAYTON, Ohio — After Matthew Dellavedova’s second straight 3-point shot was right on target, Middle Tennessee coach Kermit Davis called a timeout to reset his defense.

Dellavedova didn’t matter. Saint Mary’s career scoring leader had regained his touch, and nothing was going to stop him.

Dellavedova emerged from a deep shooting slump by scoring 22 points on Tuesday night, and the Gaels raced to a fast start in their second straight NCAA tournament appearance, beating Middle Tennessee 67-54 in the First Four.

The Gaels (28-6) make a quick trip to Auburn Hills, Mich., to play sixth-seeded Memphis on Thursday.

And Saint Mary’s can thank their point guard, who is back in the flow. He’d been only 1 of 18 from behind the arc coming into the game, though no one would know it by the way that first one went in.

Credit Dellavedova for making a difference, as he has all season. The point guard went 7 of 14 from the field, including 5 of 7 behind the arc, and had four assists and six rebounds.

“When he does that, he may be the best point guard in college basketball, when he shoots the ball like that,” Davis said.

Middle Tennessee (28-6) had little to show for its first NCAA tournament appearance in 24 years. Tweety Knight led Middle Tennessee with 16 points. The Blue Raiders went only 4 of 12 from behind the arc, hitting one fewer 3-point-er than Dellavedova.

“I wish it ended differently, but we broke the drought for MTSU going to the NCAA tournament in 20-plus years, so you hang your hat on that,” guard Bruce Massey Jr. said.

Saint Mary’s is making back-to-back NCAA tournament appearances for the first time in its history. The Gaels reached the round of 16 in 2010 before losing to Baylor. Not so good last year, when they dropped their opening game to Purdue 72-69.

Both teams were No. 11 seeds on Tuesday night. With four starters back and Dellavedova, the school’s career scoring leader, handling the ball and making the biggest shots, the Gaels were too much.

With that type of experience, Saint Mary’s is looking for one of its best finishes yet. The Gaels did pretty much what they wanted all season long, except for one thing: Beating rival Gonzaga. Saint Mary’s lost only three times in its last 22 games, all three times to the Bulldogs.

Middle Tennessee counted it a breakthrough just to be playing in the First Four — the Blue Raiders hadn’t been there since 1989.

They won the Sun Belt’s regular-season title and were expected to win the tournament and their league’s automatic bid, but were upset in the semi-finals, ending a 17-game winning streak. They had to sweat out a few days before finding out that the NCAA selection committee picked them over defending champion Kentucky and other basketball blue bloods for an at-large bid.

One main reason: Consistency, especially on the road. The Blue Raiders didn’t lose two games in a row all season until their last two tournament games.
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assists so far. But sophomore midfielder Jesse King is not far behind with 14 goals and seven assists.

The Buckeyes score an average of 11.83 goals per game and only allow 8.5 per game. But Notre Dame also has a variety of weapons on the offensive end. Freshman attack Matt Kavanagh has already made a name for himself as a scorer. He has 10 goals and four assists so far, as does junior midfielder Jim Marlatt. Sophomore attack Conor Doyle, in many ways the initiator of the Irish offense, also has 14 points with nine goals and five assists.

Corrigan also praised several other players.

“[Senior attack] Sean Rogers, Conor Doyle, [senior midfielder] Steve Murphy, Jim Marlatt have all been outstanding this year,” Corrigan said. “And that’s just offensively.”

On the defensive end, senior All-American goaltender John Kemp has been particularly solid, as expected. Although the Irish have allowed more goals this season than last, Kemp has played every minute between the pipes, regulation and overtimes, making 46 saves in five games.

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Irish continue tough stretch

Coming off three straight overtime games, No. 3 Notre Dame takes on No. 8 Ohio State today in Arlotta Stadium, its fifth game against a top-10 opponent.

When the Irish faced Hafstra, the No. 7 Pride were not yet in the top 10. But after beating the Irish and moving up, all six of Notre Dame’s opponents thus far have been in the top 10 at least once during the season. But the Irish (4-1) welcome the challenge of playing the best teams in the country from a variety of conferences.

“Our schedule is incredibly tough,” Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. “Ohio State will be the sixth team in a row that we play who’s in the top 15. It’s a challenge and our guys have met the challenge.”

The Buckeyes (5-1) come to Notre Dame riding the momentum of a big win over No. 14 Virginia in Charlottesville, Va. Buckeyes senior midfielder Dominique Alexander scored the game-winner with 1:48 remaining to seal the 11-10 victory.

Almost midway through the season, the Buckeyes’ only lost came to No. 5 Denver in Columbus, Ohio on March 9. The Irish come into today’s game off a 13-12 overtime victory over the Pioneers on Saturday in Denver.

Senior attack Logan Schuss leads the Ohio State offense with 16 goals and seven

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MEN’S LACROSSE

Irish senior midfielder Ryan Foley runs past North Carolina junior midfielder Ryan Creighton during Notre Dame’s 10-9 win March 2.

MEN’S TENNIS

Notre Dame hosts No. 2 USC

The No. 22 Irish return home tonight to host No. 2 USC, their highest-ranked opponent this season. Notre Dame (10-6) will play in their familiar indoor arena after a 2-1 weekend of outdoor play in Alabama over spring break.

While the squad hoped to win the Blue Gray Classic last week as the No. 1 seed, the Irish still saw the weekend as a success despite an upset loss to unranked Boise State in the semifinals.

“It was a good experience and a good test of our ability to deal with tough conditions,” freshman Quentin Monaghan said. “Although we didn’t win [the tournament], it was a great experience.”

Notre Dame saw great improvement in doubles play during the tournament and looks to continue progress on the doubles and singles courts today.

“I think we have some confidence and momentum going into USC,” Monaghan said. “We have played great matches at the Eck [Tennis Pavilion], and we all look forward to a great match.”

Southern California boasts an elite squad with a deep roster of individuals. In singles play, it brings eight ranked Trojans led by No. 2 junior Emilio Gomez. Also in the top-10 nationally is No. 9 junior Ray Sarmiento. Next in line is No. 23 sophomore Robert Quiroz to round out the top tier of the squad. No. 61 sophomore Eric Johnson, No. 65 sophomore Yannick Hanfmann, No. 87 freshman Max de Vroome, No. 90 sophomore Jonny Wang and No. 93 junior Michael Grant close out the ranked opponents traveling to South