Prospective students flock to ND

Spring Visitation weekend aims to draw minority students to join the Notre Dame family

By MEG HANDELMAN
News Writer

Campus was buzzing this past weekend with a new type of excitement: prospective students. Spring Visitation weekend, an annual event held for minority students, drew hundreds of potential future undergraduates to campus for a weekend of exposure to life at Notre Dame. The weekend is filled with activities, meeting alumni, current students, going to see club shows, sports games, trying the food, etc.” freshman Jasmine Moxley said. “When you leave, you’re exhausted, but still wishing the trip was longer. And, you are convinced that you want to come join the Notre Dame family.”

Moxley, who attended Spring Visitation last year, said she wanted to reciprocate and volunteered to host a prospective student. She said the four-day, three-night trip was long a dream come true. “I thought Notre Dame is doing a fantastic job right now welcoming prospective students,” she said. “When I was a prospective student, the minute I stepped on campus I felt welcomed and really comfortable here and the events during the weekend just enhanced those feelings.”

Moxley said her prospective student shared the same feelings. Junior Briana Cortez also chose to host a prospective student after having a positive experience attending Spring Visitation as a high school senior. “Before I came on Spring Visitation weekend, I was not considering Notre Dame as an option,” Cortez said. “After I visited the campus and saw how beautiful it was, how great the people were and the opportunities I could have realized this was the place for me. I hosted a student because I wanted to show my prospective student how great the campus was like my host showed me.”

Moxley said prospective students are eager to get a feel for everything from the academic life and opportunities to the social aspects of campus.

CUSE establishes journal clubs

By GRACE McCORMACK
News Writer

Students interested in biology, humanities or the social sciences now have the chance to discuss their interests and prepare for graduate school opportunities with three journal clubs started this semester at the Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement (CUSE).

Club founders Dawn Hopkins and Caroline Wilky, both graduate fellows at CUSE, said these journal clubs provide a chance for undergraduates to engage in more recent and challenging literature than they might get in a classroom.

“[For] students who know they’re interested in the humanities but haven’t really decided which specific major they want to be or whether they’re interested in history or philosophy, this is a good place to discern those interests,” Wilky said.

SMC dances for charity

By KAITLYN RABACH
Saint Mary’s Editor

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Tiberi said the event’s continued success and recognition as a valued Notre Dame tradition.

Low temperatures on Saturday posed the possibility of having to cancel the ninth-annual event, but by race time, runners received the go ahead from safety crews monitoring the event. Junior Connor Reider, running in his first Holy Half, commented favorably on the weather conditions at the start of the race. “When we started the race, the weather was beautiful. Once we were done, though, we were quickly reminded it was only 30 degrees outside,” Reider said. “The freezing wind combined with being soaked and not running around made a long warm shower even more appealing.”

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By AUBREY BUTTS
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Runners prepare for the start of the Holy Half Marathon outside Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday morning. The race, now in its ninth year, raised funds for the Family Justice Center and Women’s Care Center of South Bend.

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Baslica of the Sacred Heart
7:15 p.m.
Meditate on the Passion.
College hosts younger siblings

Saint Mary’s invites students’ family members for weekend of activities on campus

By TABITHA RICKETTS

Saint Mary’s College welcomed a variety of young faces to campus to celebrate Little Sibs Weekend with several days of circus-themed activities.

“I brought my brother to Little Sibs last year, and I really wanted to be a part of it this year,” sophomore Chloe Derank, co-chair of Special Events for the Residence Hall Association (RHA), said. “I was reading ‘Water for Elephants,’ and I was like, ‘We should have a circus!’ and that’s what we ended up picking.”

The weekend was an opportunity for Saint Mary’s students to share their campus with younger siblings and relatives, including spending a night in the residence halls. Events began with registration at 5 p.m. on Friday, where participants received a t-shirt that displayed the circus theme. The group ate s’mores and played board games in Regina Friday evening, Derank said.

Derank said Saturday’s circus in Regina North Lounge drew the largest crowd. She estimated about 120 siblings showed up, accompanied by around 75 Saint Mary’s hosts. “From 9 [a.m.] to 12 [p.m.] we had a circus with a bunch of different games, and [the siblings] could get prizes and snacks,” Derank said. “We had this game called ‘Spray Away’ ... and I think that was probably the biggest hit.”

Sophomore Kaity Maierhofer coordinated “Spray Away,” a game that allowed the younger siblings to squirt water at her. She also hosted her own siblings for the weekend. “Spray Away’ went really well,” she said. “I don’t know if [the siblings] enjoyed squirting me or the balls more, but it worked out.”

Other attractions included magic shows, a temporary-tattoo parlor, a photo booth and slushies, first-year Maureen Hutchinson, fellow RHA Special Events co-chair, said. In the afternoon, siblings had the opportunity to make their own Chex Mix and color Easter-themed coloring pictures for arts and crafts, Hutchinson said. After, the group visited Dance Marathon, a dance-themed fundraiser for Riley Hospital for Children in the Angela Athletic Facility.

“We did a scavenger hunt through there with [the siblings], and go to see all the fun stuff,” Derank said.

Saturday’s activities concluded with an evening showing of the DreamWorks picture “Madagascar 3: Europe’s Most Wanted.”

The weekend ended Sunday morning with an obstacle course for the siblings to play on. “It was really fun,” Maierhofer said. “In my personal experience, it [was] better than last year. My sister had more fun than she did last year.”

Derank said her participation in last year’s event inspired her to become involved with planning this year’s weekend. “A lot of the ideas for things came from Pinterest,” Hutchinson said. “The crafts [especially].”

Little Sibs Weekend accommodated visitors ranging from around one year old to 18 years old, Derank said.

“I think we did a pretty good job [of entertaining with that age range],” she said. “I think the circus was able to do that a lot.”

Maierhofer said she and her sister enjoyed the flexibility of the weekend. “It works out well, knowing that you can do all of the activities, or just have your sibling come out and just [enjoy the weekend] with them,” Maierhofer said.

Despite the inevitable stress involved with planning, Derank and Hutchinson said they felt the success of the weekend was worth it. “The best part was a little boy probably 3 or 4, [popping] his T-shirt at registration,” Derank said. “His sister held up the shirt ... and he got so excited because there was a circus animal on it ... and that was just the best moment.”

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Following the traditional journal club format, members have a week to read an article pertaining to their club’s subject before meeting to discuss the content, Hopkins said. The three clubs each have a different subject to explore throughout the semester and are titled “Biology,” “Biology, Politics, and Religion” and “Environment and Emotion.”

Hopkins said the clubs’ interactive formats get students to think on a higher level about their chosen discipline. “You can read the literature as it comes out, not stuff that was published five years ago,” Hopkins said.

Students interested in science or medical school can particularly benefit from journal clubs, Hopkins said. She said the ability to analyze and evaluate primary literature is invaluable to any student, especially one seeking graduate or medical school.

“Science is moving quicker than a textbook,” Hopkins said. “We discuss and we ask questions about the things we may not have understood, about the literature or the methods used … and learn more from reading primary literature, which is different than reading a textbook. You have to read on a higher level.”

The humanities and social science clubs are also beneficial to students of all disciplines by allowing them to engage in the scholarly process, Wilky said. Through thoughtful reading and discussion, students learn to become “contributors to knowledge, not just consumers,” she said.

“This [journal club] is a great place for students to practice those skills that you need to be a successful graduate student or to produce, as an undergraduate, a research project,” Wilky said.

Commonly employed in scientific graduate studies, journal clubs not only teach students important lessons in research evaluation and analysis, but also articulate ideas and intellectually discuss, Wilky said.

Students are encouraged to join any of the three journal clubs, which meet twice a month. To join, contact tmrd@nd.edu or visit the CUSE website at cuse.nd.edu

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“Runners can challenge themselves physically and, at the same time, help those in their community. The race is about so much more than running.”

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Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J.— When Teddy Jackson heard Sunday morning that the lone winning ticket for a $338.3 million Powerball drawing was sold in New Jersey, the Toms River resident combed through his 40 tickets and hoped for the best.

About 20 minutes later, after checking each ticket at least a couple times, Jackson realized he would have to go work on Monday.

“There were a few where I had one or two numbers, but that was it,” the 45-year-old electrician said Sunday. “Now, I have to watch someone else get my money, but the powerhouse I would have gotten ... it was fun to dream about those things for a few minutes while I checked everything.”

Details on where and when the winning ticket was purchased and other related information were not disclosed Sunday by New Jersey Lottery officials, who also would not say if anyone claiming to hold the ticket had contacted them as of Sunday afternoon.

They said information on the ticket would be released at a news conference on Monday morning at the lottery’s headquarters in Lawrenceville.

Lottery officials say it was the fourth-largest jackpot in Powerball history. The numbers drawn were 17, 29, 31, 52, 53 and Powerball 31. A lump sum payout would be $221 million.

Retailers in New Jersey said the growing jackpot had spurred a big boost in ticket sales in recent days, and many people were willing to stand in long lines to get their tickets. Staffers at some stores said Sunday that they didn’t know where the winning ticket had been sold.

“We are hoping that we sold it here because that would be a blessing for one of our customers in these tough times,” said a worker at a Camden area convenience store.

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**Skydivers fail to deploy parachutes**

**Associated Press**

MIAMI — Two Icelandic skydivers who died during weekend jumps at a popular southwest Florida camp did not deploy their main parachutes, the co-owner of the facility said Sunday. Deputies found the bodies of the skydiving instructor and a student Saturday after the two didn’t return from a jump with a group, setting off an hours-long air and ground search around the Zephyrhills facility, about 30 miles northeast of Tampa. Pasco County sheriff’s authorities identified the victims as 41-year-old instructor Óskar Arnarson and 25-year-old student Andrimar Pordarson of Iceland. They had deployed separately, not in tandem.

The fact that the men didn’t deploy their main parachutes could mean that they lost altitude awareness and didn’t know where they were during the dive, which is unusual, said T.K. Hayes, co-owner of Skydive City.

Both men had backup automatic activation devices, which deploy if the main parachutes are not deployed in time. “Those devices activated on both of them ... but the reserves did not have time to deploy fully,” Hayes said. “They were out of the containers but not inflated in time before they impacted.” Hayes was at the scene with officials Saturday, sorting through the men’s gear to determine whether all parts had been functioning properly.

“Like most accidents, most of the time it’s human error,” he said. “I doubt there’s an equipment problem here, to be honest.” But he stressed that authorities are still investigating.

The two men had successfully completed two other jumps Saturday morning with 20 other people. But when they didn’t return from their third jump, their disappearance tipped off a search, Pasco County Sheriff’s spokesman Melanie Snow said.

The bodies were discovered by spotters from the air early Saturday evening in woods south of the Zephyrhills Municipal Airport, Snow said.

The victims were part of a group of about 12 who travel from Iceland to Florida every year to jump, Hayes said.

Arnarson, the instructor, had been to the facility before, but Pordarson had not, Hayes said.

The area is a popular destination for skydivers. Skydive City is a 14-acre property that includes RV campgrounds, a tiki bar, cafe and regular shows by a reggae band, according to its website.

Hundreds of skydivers jump each day at the site this time of year. Hayes estimates that overall, the facility assists about 75,000 jumps a year. Accidents are rare, but they happen, he said.

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**Amputee trains troops**

**Associated Press**

SAN DIEGO — The actor who has been back from war for just over a year when friends invited him to an unusually intense boot camp for troops preparing to deploy.

The dead happened not on a military base but at a film studio, where Marine and Navy medics role-played wartime rescue missions with actors who had, in real life, lost limbs in motorcycle or car accidents or to ailments such as cancer.

Those on hand weren’t sure how Joel Booth would react. The 24-year-old had been attached to a Marine battalion in Afghanistan as a naval combat medic — until he stepped on an explosive and doctors, two years ago, amputated his right leg below the knee. Since returning home he’d had to learn how to get around, how to dress and medic practices the type of rescue missions he’d once been on, saving the amputee actors — and, in the end, had to be saved.

Then the young veteran did something unexpected: He asked for an audition.

Perhaps, he thought, this injury that had forever altered his life could help save someone else’s. What he didn’t know was how much the war would help him, too.

“In society, amputees are seen by people on a large scale as having a disability, being weaker. But ... even someone who doesn’t have a hand can still open a car door and learn to be able to defend themselves,” he said.

“It’s the same thing for me.

I’m not afraid of it just because something bad happened. For people who haven’t been in combat, it’s hard to understand.”

Producer Stu Segall, best known for the TV show “Silk Stalkings,” started Strategic Operations in 2002 shortly after the launch of the Iraq war to offer the military what it calls “hyper-realistic” training by using movie-making special effects and actors.

The group has since trained hundreds of thousands of troops in recreated scenes from Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia and other hotspots. The creators strive to make the re-enactments as jarring as possible so troops experience war first in a controlled environment, and learn not to be rattled by it.

“Marine 2nd Lt. Daniel Blank, a commander who has gone through similar training, said amputee actors add a degree of realism that no one else can.

“The visual effect is invaluable because it’s something you don’t encounter every day.”

He said Blank, an Iraq war veteran, “There is no way to recreate that aspect of real combat, seeing a brother hurt in that kind of way.”

Since the inception of Strategic Operations, the group’s founders had made a concerted effort not to use veterans who lost limbs in combat.

“We felt it was one of those things. Why would you ask somebody who has gone through this experience to relive it? And we had plenty of veterans who lost limbs in combat.”

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Cute as a button

Christian Myers
News Writer

If you take a step back and think for a sec-

ond about the expression “cute as a button,” you’ll probably end up thinking to yourself, “What does that even mean?” The obvious reply is: “Nobody knows what it means, but it’s provocative.” True, very true, but what if we dig a little deeper?

Don’t worry. I did the digging for you. After exhaustive research, I’m prepared to share the true origins of the phrase “cute as a button” with the Notre Dame community.

First, the words cute and button come to English from Latin by way of French.

The etymology of button is as follows: late Latin buttonem became the French bouton and subsequently the English button.

The word cute is an abbreviated form of aigu, which means small (you may remember something small is also true of the English acute). This seems irrelevant to mean a condition that appears abruptly. Aigu is often used in medical terminology to mean a condition that appears abruptly and needs urgent care (which is also true of the English acute). This seems irrelevant to consider that button can refer to a pimple or spot.

Finally, the term “cute as a button” is known to have arisen in the 1800s, a time when diseases like chicken pox, measles, mumps and the dreaded small pox threat—sounding as if—sounded as if.

Now, we bring it all together. In a time when chicken pox and other diseases ran rampant, a word recently derived from another word used for sudden symptoms and the need for urgent care and a word derived from another word used for dermatological spots find themselves in the same unex-

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Trust the ‘Landlord’

Carly Anderson
Guest Columnist

Shortly after my graduation, I had the pleasure of taking a weekend road trip to the New Hampshire coast with some friends after beginning my work with a group of AmeriCorps volunteers in New Haven, Conn. We had every-

thing we needed to make the most of a New England summer afternoon: a sandy beach that tapered off into a wild and craggy coastline, sweet salt air, a warm breeze, cold drinks and easy conversation. While tossing the frisbee in the shallow surf, I noticed a rocky outcrop a few hundred yards offshore.

“I want to swim out to that island!” I asked my fellow frisbee-tossers.

“Are you talking about those rocks?” he replied. To his point, my destination was less an island and more a large cluster of rocks peeking over the waves.

“Yes. It’ll be an adventure.” As I ar-

 ticulated my plan, its appeal only grew in my mind. I assumed my companion would be equally willing to join in my little expedition, yet his response took me aback.

“No way,” he said. “Oh, it’s not that far...” I cajoled. “Carly, I’m not swim-

ming out there.” In his defense, the wind had picked up and the surface of the water could hardly compete with the comforting lure of the warm sand. I was decided, however. Despite the temperature, despite my companion’s protestations and despite the fact my “island” was an unknown mess of rocks a small distance from the shore, the moment offered a question: will you swim to the island?

I met Ms. Alison Rivera, president of St. Martin de Porres Academy, while she was on Notre Dame’s campus for a fall recruiting visit. We instantly con-

nected, both being vegetarian yogis. She possessed the spark of a kindred spirit, committed to living with a sense of mission and compassion. We remained in touch and in late March, I received an email from St. Martin de Porres. Ms. Rivera invited me for a weekend visit. They were searching for teaching fellows, and she wanted me to consider a position at the school. Despite my uncertainty, despite my reservations and despite the fact this wasn’t part of “the plan,” I went.

Ultimately, I chose to join the com-

munity of young teachers at St. Martin de Porres in an old convent on the out-

skirts of New Haven, Conn., embark-

ing on a year-long journey in urban education. Officially, I’m serving with the Notre Dame Mission Volunteers AmeriCorps through an adminis-

trative post — “Graduate Support Coordinator” — at our Nativity school. Unofficially, however, I am a surrogate parent, sibling, coach and mentor to the 57 students in our building as well as to our high school-aged “gradu-

ates,” now spread across various local public, private and parochial high schools. I monitor grades, coordinate service and enrichment opportunities, collaborate with guidance counselors and confiscate cellphones when texting girls become more appealing than geometry homework. Not even my wild imagination could have envi-

mended myself living this life from my perspective as a wide-eyed freshman moving into McGlinn Hall. It is the un-

expected, however, that makes the ad-

venture so thrilling. My life and work at St. Martin de Porres is exhausting, and it’s certainly neither a sexy nor lucrative business. It is, however, some of the best work I can imagine.

In “The Pilgrim’s Regress,” C.S. Lewis writes, “You may be sure the Landlord has brought you the shortest way: though I confess it would look an odd journey on a map.” I am certain mine would look an odd journey on a map. I’m equally certain my future wanderings will look odder still. Even so, I trust the “Landlord.”

In any great journey, the defining moments pose resounding and ter-

rifying questions. Is your conviction stronger than your fear? Will you go to this place you do not know? On that summer day in New Hampshire, I abandoned the beach, braving the waves alone to swim to my “island.”

When I finally reached the barnacle-

covered rocks, the wind and the waves crashing against the rocks roared, the silence was loud and breathtaking. From my little island off the coast of New Hampshire, for a few brief min-

utes, all I could hear or see was the sky and the ocean. And in that moment, I felt victorious.

I pray that you always choose to swim to your islands. There will al-

most certainly be good, sound, ratio-

nally sound, and inadvisable to risk the waves. Let your conviction be stronger than your fear. Keep the faith. Relish the adventure.

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An issue I’d like my fellow class-
mates, faculty and staff to consider is the role of eminent domain in American politics. For those who do not know, eminent domain is defined as “the power to take private property for public use by a state, municipal-
ity or private person or corporation authorized to exercise functions of public character, following the pay-
ment of just compensation to the owner of that property.” Eminent do-
main stems from the Takings Clause in the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution, which reads, “... nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just com-
 pensation.” While one may initially think this power may benefit society for the betterment of “public use,” I think eminent domain is an issue in itself that we Americans need to further consider. We should also dis-
cuss whether a free society can exist with a clause similar to this in the Constitution.

The Takings Clause is recognized historically as the Founding Fathers’ attempt to curb the manipulative seizing of property, but it has not always been interpreted as such. Eminent domain has been recently criticized in the Supreme Court’s de-
cision in “Kelo vs. New London,” and has also been described as the “des-
potic power” by the Supreme Court in “Vanhorn’s Lessee v. Dorrance,” a 1795 case regarding constitutional law and power. Without a doubt, this power has faced consistent opposi-
tion from the beginning of this nation to the present. Since this country’s found-
ing, eminent domain has be-
come more and more of an issue, gaining most recognition through the 1954 Supreme Court case of “Berman v. Parker.” In its decision, the Supreme Court ruled “public use” could be interpreted much more broadly than it had been previously, opening the floodgates for abusive governments and private developers to “reason” that property should be seized for redevelopment — which in turn would provide for the “public use.” Thirty years later, the decision in “Hawaii Housing Authority v. Midkiff” stated the government could break up oligopolies and redistribute property as an intention of lowering housing prices. Unfortunately, what actually happened afterwards is that property values doubled over the next six years since the first fee simple titles were just transferred to other owners, who then sold the land for profit. The culmination of a state using eminent domain as a police power over the courts was sent to the Supreme Court in “Kelo vs. New London,” a 2005 case in which the Supreme Court ruled private property can be seized and transferred for private commercial development to create “economic development” and “more tax revenue” as justifications for the decision. A private company intended to build its headquarters in New London, Conn., which the city argued would bring in economic stability to the region, more money for the city through taxes and commerce and would benefit the public as a whole through its business. For these rea-
sions, the five-to-four majority of the Court ruled that since taking Susette Kelo’s home would benefit society at large economically, the taking was legitimate. The dissenting justices ruled this decision would set a prece-
dence for a “reverse Robin Hood” form of action, in which the powerful could take from the poor. Justice Sandra Day O’Connor wrote in her dissent, “Any property may now be taken for the benefit of another private party, but the fallout from this decision will not be random. The beneficiaries are likely to be those citizens with dis-
proportionate influence and power in the political process, including large corporations and development firms.” Again, in this statement she is illustrating that the wealthy can lobby for their own interests against the less powerful, with Justice Clarence Thomas arguing, “Something has gone seriously awry with this Court’s interpretation of the Constitution. Though citizens are safe from the gov-
ernment in their homes, the homes themselves are not.” To make matters more embarrassing for the Supreme Court, if you Google-search, “What happened to Kelo’s property,” you can find images of an empty field where that private firm was supposed to develop. So while the Supreme Court effectively chose a winner and a loser in the “free” market, the winner end-
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“The Constitution only guarantees the American people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself.” – Benjamin Franklin

Benjamin Franklin’s noble words perfectly begin the documentary “Happy,” a film that pursues happiness all across the globe in attempts to catch a glimpse on how to achieve it for ourselves.

The documentary starts off by introducing an Indian rickshaw driver, Manoj Singh, who lives in a shack with no running water. In the monsoon season, rain soaks him, his wife and their children. Every day he pulls wealthy families around in a makeshift rickshaw cab in his flip-flops. And yet, the female voice that narrates the scene soon informs me that this man—who I had been pitying seconds earlier—is as happy as the average American.

“I feel that I am not poor,” Manoj Singh says, “but I am the richest person.”

Why is this man happy, when he seems to have so little? No house, no television, no modern amenities — and somehow, a joyous smile graces his face.

This wonderful documentary seeks to find out what happiness is and how to obtain it.

The examples depicted in this film are quite telling. For those of you who didn’t get to see the film showing this weekend on campus, here are insights into the keys to happiness from the film:

“Nature is good medicine — this is my happiness.” – Roy Blanchard Sr.

One key to happiness is centering yourself with your surroundings.

Roy Blanchard Sr. lives in the bayou of Louisiana. His house is humble, small and he watched the destruction of Hurricane Katrina destroy his family’s land.

On his little motorboat, cruising past birds and crocodiles in the muddy swampland, his childlike smile teaches an important lesson.

So often we are running nonstop and we forget about the beauty that surrounds us. Roy Blanchard finds happiness sitting on the edge of the bayou, taking in the birds, the sky and the splendor of this Earth. Without moments of stillness such as Roy’s, we can often lose sight of what is really important.

A moment of clarity can put a lot in perspective and can force us to put away our trivial worries.

This problem is very common for the typical college student: another week, another exam, another problem that seems like the end of the world. You’ve got a philosophy paper, an accounting test and you’ve run out of flex points.

As you mope back to your room from another late night of studying, stop for a moment and look around you. You might be surprised by what you see and hear: the signs of spring beginning to show, a bird chirping in the distance, the weeping willow standing proudly in front of Walsh — things you may never had noticed before.

Maybe in that moment you’ll see that Roy is right; a moment on a park bench on Quad looking at the Dome could be just the medicine you need.

“I think that each person has to be what they want to be.” – Ronaldo Fadul

Another key to happiness is doing things that bring you peace.

Ronaldo Fadul spends his days surfing the waves on the coast of Brazil. His house is bright pink, surrounded by palm trees and buzzing with life but otherwise unremarkable. His hair is long, curly and overgrown. He’s wrinkled and tanned from the sun. He seems unexceptional, but his philosophy is undoubtedly noteworthy.

To be yourself, is to do what brings you tranquility in life — that is his motto.

He casually addresses the camera with his laid-back air and eloquently suggests that we follow the trail that brings us closer to peace, no matter what the path might be.

For us, his philosophy means to major in what you love, major in something that brings you peace and enriches your soul. Or perhaps, it means take this time in your life to live the dreams never realized — learn to rock climb, knit and bake soufflés. Whatever brings you contentment can bring you closer to joy.

“You can make a choice and you do make a choice when things happen in life.” – Melissa Moody

Another key to happiness is being able to overcome adversity.

Melissa Moody was a debutant, voted one of the most beautiful women in America. She had a loving husband and great kids. One day her hand got stuck in the handle of a truck and she was run over. The whole right side of her face was crushed. She went through hundreds of surgeries over nine years to reconstruct her face and even still gets weird looks from strangers. After the accident, her husband divorced her and became an alcoholic. The trauma reacted memories of being molested by her father. In all respects, her life was in a period of great adversity.

However, Melissa professes that she is happier and more grounded than she was before. Adversity has taught her to appreciate life, not to fret over the little things.

Perhaps that C+ on your last test isn’t the end of the world. Instead of looking at the bad grade and dwelling on the past, Melissa teaches us to look to the future and see where we can improve.

Instead of looking at our weaknesses, we should appreciate our strengths. For happiness does not mean our lives are void of adversity, quite the opposite. Melissa shows us that in the face of turmoil, we must grow, persevere and hold on to hope.

“Compassion from birth is in our blood.” – the Dalai Lama

Another key to happiness is compassion.

The San Bushmen tribe of the Kalahari Desert is more closely genetically related to our ancient ancestors than any other group in the world today. They are hunters and gatherers and rely heavily on each other for food and shelter. They live in grass huts and are virtually shut out from the modern world.

“It doesn’t matter what we’re doing, just being together makes us happy,” one humble member of the tribe said, as if this is the most simple idea in the world.

When one member of the tribe becomes sick, everyone, young and old, comes together to aid that person in the healing process. They care for each other, love each other and laugh with each other.

Companionship and friendship are things that we cherish as a Notre Dame community. Even more, we must be aware that showing love and compassion for others can fill us with the greatest happiness. Maybe buy a coffee for a stranger behind you in line at Starbucks or give the last piece of treasured banana bread to a friend having a rough day. Give and you shall receive.

“Happy” provides us with some ideas on how to achieve happiness successfully, revealing the keys to joy. If nothing else, consider watching this documentary on Netflix over spring break. I’m not sure if this movie has all the answers, but it seems like a step in the right direction for our journey to joy.

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“Happy”

Wadi Rum Production

Director: Roko Bolić
Starring: Gregory Barns, Roy Blanchard, Mihaly Csekeztenhelyi

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This past Friday, Marty McConnell gave a group of Notre Dame students and community members a crash course in slam poetry. McConnell is both a literary and oral poet, with her book “Wine for a Shotgun” recently released and a history of touring and competing as a slam poet. In one jam-packed hour, McConnell led a poetry slam workshop that went through the rules of slam poetry and techniques that can enhance a poet’s performance. McConnell’s skill and wisdom successfully imparted knowledge upon attendees, but the value of the workshop moved past mere skill building.

McConnell described a poetry slam as a game involving poems. Participants each perform three-minute poems that are then judged by three to five judges. These slams, usually occurring in bars and coffee shops, are “just a way to get people in to hear poetry”.

The real value of poetry slams, McConnell said, is the ability of a poetry slam to make the poet accountable to the audience. Poetry slam judges are random audience members, not professionals with special training. Some slams encourage the audience to let the poet know if they dislike what is happening on-stage.

This wasn’t the first time I had gone to a small, intimate show at Legends, but it was the first time I felt truly disappointed in the end. I wish The Ataris the best in their forthcoming tour and hope that someday the audience how poetry can be used to relay authentic emotions that might be controversial. McConnell performed her poem “The World’s Guide to Beginning,” a poem about sex and its links to personal and literal beginnings. McConnell describes the poem as a sex-positive personal anthem.

The topics and language of “The World’s Guide to Beginning” could have been considered a bit controversial for her audience at Notre Dame. McConnell’s choice of poem, however, taught audience members one of the great values of the poetry slam: it allows expression for all ideas and emotions, whether or not they follow social convention.

McConnell’s coaching in performance style and the value of poetry is a precursor to “WHAM, BAM Poetry Slam,” a slam poetry contest hosted in the Snite Museum on April 18 at 5 p.m. Students can compete in this one-round poetry competition to put Marty McConnell’s coaching advice into action. Students looking to work on improving their poetry before the poetry slam can attend meetings with Spoken Word ND, a student group dedicated to growing as performance poets, at 8 p.m. on Thursday nights in 108 DeBartolo Hall.

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Crying reveals best of sport

Vicky Jacobsen Sports Writer

I hate crying. I can’t stand it. Seeing another adult burst into tears fills me with paralyzing dread. I wish the no-crying-in-baseball adage could be extended to cover homecoming dances, room picks and getting back midterms.

So you would think that I hate Tray Woodall’s break-down after Pittsburgh lost to Wichita State in the NCAA tournament Thursday. Not so.

When the senior guard went to face the media and declared his performance the worst of his career before dissolving into tears, he managed — at least for a moment — to sweep away the cynicism that surrounds big-time athletics.

After the sexual assault-scandal that marred the year in Steubenville, Ohio, unceasing NCAA sanctions at powerhouses like Ohio State and the University of Miami and Olympian Oscar Pistorius’ alleged murder of his girlfriend, all the claims about the “character-building” effects of athletic competition begin to sound like a load of mumbo jumbo. Look at Johnny Manziel’s online course load or Matt Leinart’s ballroom dancing-only schedule in his last year at USC — neither example lends much credibility to the “student coming before athlete” talk. And even if we disregard any allegations that Cam Newton’s fathershopped him to the highest bidder, it’s hard to believe that Newton was fully dedicated to his team-mates or Auburn after transferring twice.

But when Woodall tearfully apologized for letting his team down after he scored just two points in the last game of his college career, it was painfully obvious that he meant every word. As team-mate Dante Taylor put his arm around the despondent point guard, the whole world could see that these weren’t just a bunch of guys in search of individual glory while wearing matching shirts. These were teammates in the purest sense of the term — young men who worked together, cared about each other and were accountable to one another.

Any general manager or professional free agent will say that sports is a business. Well, that’s true. It would be silly to act like any form of entertainment with revenue streams in the millions of dollars isn’t a business. But I sincerely doubt that executives at Coca-Cola sob openly after unsuccessful board meetings. Pittsburgh itself would have benefited financially if the team had made a deep run in the tournament, but Woodall would be no richer today if he had led his team to victory. He hadn’t hurt his draft stock — he didn’t have to do any beginning with him. He wasn’t mourning lost dollars and cents, and a lost opportunity, the last chance he had to cut down the nets and bring glory to Pitt. That doesn’t strike me as business as usual.

Woodall’s emotional reaction flies in the face of stereotypes that paint all athletes as arrogant, overly macho and self-centered.

NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Indiana escapes near-upset by Temple

Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — Indiana’s season, the one that’s supposed to finish with confetti falling and red and white nets coming down, was minutes from ending in shock and disappointment.

The Hoosiers were on the brink.

As the clock ticked down, coach Tom Crean wouldn’t allow himself to think about defeat, so his mind wandered elsewhere.

“That’s when you just pray,” he said.

Request answered.

Victor Oladipo hit a 3-pointer with 14 seconds remaining and the top-seeded Hoosiers, unable to stop Temple since Khalil Wyatt for most of the game, shut him down in the final three minutes for a 58-52 win on Sunday in the East Regional.

Trailing by four with 2:56 left, the Hoosiers (29-6) closed with a 10-0 run and advanced to the regional final, where they’ll face Ohio State.

“Right from the right wing with six seconds left and Indiana’s Christian Watford grabbed the rebound and was fouled,” Crean said.

With his hands on his hips, Wyatt walked dejectedly up the floor as Dayton Arena rocked and the senior pounded his chest. The Hoosiers’ heartbeats finally slowed. On Saturday, Gonzaga became the first No. 1 seed to be knocked out and, until Wyatt’s miss, Indiana was in danger of zigging with the Zags.

Instead, Indiana will pack up and head to the nation’s capital and a homecoming for Oladipo, who is from Upper Marlboro, Md. The junior will get to play in front of family and friends.

“I’m just glad that we’re going,” Aterack finally said, downplaying his heroics.

Indiana senior Jordan Hulls, who has played in more games for the Hoosiers than any other player, returned in the second half with a protective wrap on an injured right shoulder. He knocked down a 3 with 8:49 left to pull the Hoosiers within 41-40 and give Indiana’s fans something to do other than complain about the officiating.

Indiana’s Victor Oladipo and Cody Zeller celebrate during their game against Temple. The Hoosiers defeated the Owls 58-52.

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An ostrich’s eye is bigger that its brain.

The fingerprints of koala bears are virtually indistinguishable from those of humans, so much so that they could be confused at a crime scene.

Porcupines float in water.

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Irish overwhelm William & Mary

By PETER STEINER
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Facing William & Mary for the second time this year, No. 27 Notre Dame defeated the Tribe, 6-1, on Saturday in Williamsburg, Va.

The Irish (11-7) took two of three doubles matches to secure the doubles point and won five of six singles matches to take down William & Mary (8-13). Although the event was played in a different format Saturday, Notre Dame had previously defeated the Tribe in November at the Tribe Invitational, held in Williamsburg, Va.

“I think we did a good job of adjusting to the surface there,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “We were forced to play indoors as it was a little chilly. Their courts are rubberized so we made a nice adjustment. For the most part, everybody was in control of their matches.”

Entering Saturday’s match, Notre Dame had lost six of its last seven doubles points. The team reversed that trend, taking two matches at No. 2 and No. 3 doubles, 8-6 and 6-4, respectively.

The Irish continued their strong play in the singles lineup, winning all the matches at No. 1 through No. 5 singles. Irish senior Greg Andrews first defeated Tribe senior Anton Andersson 6-2, 6-0, at No. 1 singles. Irish senior Michael Moore finished his match next, winning at No. 5 singles by the same margin.

“W e i t e r, it was particularly impressed with Michael Moore,” Bayliss said. “When junior Ryan Bandy and sophomore Wyatt McCoy have had to miss (due to injuries), Michael has stepped in and really caught fire and had some pretty significant wins.”

Irish senior Blas Moros and freshman Quentin Monaghan both won their matches in two sets, losing only five and three total games, respectively.

“The top three guys really took care of business,” Bayliss said. “We won all of those matches pretty quickly as with Michael’s. So we were ahead 5-0 before we had the two matches that had to finish. The drama was gone fairly quickly, but I was happy to see the adjustments we made on all the courts.”

Although Irish junior Billy Pecor dropped the first set at No. 4 singles, 4-6, he fought back to win the second set, 7-5, and the third-set super tiebreaker, 10-7. Irish freshman Alex Lawson also started slowly, but he was unable to win the third-set super tiebreaker and ultimately lost his match.

With the victory, Notre Dame improved to 5-2 in its last seven matches. Five regular season matches remain on the Irish schedule before the team hosts the Big East championships at the Eck Pavilion.

“T h e i n s i d e t h e w o r k are the goals to get a little cooperation from Mother Nature and become readjusted to outdoor play and tie up the loose ends in our résumé, which includes more reliable doubles,” Bayliss said. The Irish will play Ball State on April 1 in Muncie, Ind.

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ND SOFTBALL

Offense carries team to weekend sweep

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In their opening weekend of Big East play, the Irish swept Seton Hall by large margins across the board and extended their winning streak to seven.

The weekend began with a doubleheader Saturday. In the first game, the Irish (22-7-3 Big East) pulled ahead early. Sophomore outfielder Emilee Koerner hit a double to start the action for the Irish and scored off of a sacrifice fly from senior catcher Amy Buntin. Another double hit by junior pitcher Laura Winter brought the score to 2-0 before the first inning was over.

“The top of our lineup really stepped up and performed this weekend,” senior outfielder Kelsey Thornton said. “Emilee Koerner went 3-3 with an amazing weekend. On top of that our pitching staff was able to completely shut down their hitters.”

Notre Dame pulled ahead to 4-0 in the top of the third. In the top of the fourth, Buntin hit an RBI single, sending Koerner home. Winter followed with a double, sending two more of her teammates to the plate and bringing the score to 7-0. The Irish brought the lead to 10-0 before the Pirates (10-14, 0-3) were able to respond. In the bottom of the fifth, Seton Hall scored off of a solo homerun and an RBI single, bringing the final score to 10-2.

In their second game of the day, the Irish took another early lead. At the end of the first inning, the Irish led 4-0. In the top of the second, Buntin hit an RBI single and Winter hit a three-run homerun to bring the score to 8-0 at the end of the second inning.

The progress of the second game mirrored the first game’s action. At the top of the fourth, the Irish led 10-0. The Pirates responded with a solo home run to bring the final score to 10-1. Sunday, the Irish proved they retained their momentum from the previous day’s successes when Koerner hit a home run on the first pitch of the game and kicked off a strong first inning that saw the Irish pull ahead, 4-0, by its conclusion. In the top of the second, Koerner smacked another ball over the fence, bringing the score to 5-0.

The Pirates responded in the bottom of the second with a two-run home run, but the Irish never gave them another chance to score and the game ended with a 10-2 advantage.

Despite the long weekend, Thornton said the team’s overall goals for their Big East conference schedule kept them motivated in every game.

“One of our team goals is to win every game in our Big East schedule,” Thornton said. “We had a great start to that goal this weekend and I think we were able to send a message to the rest of the Big East. I think they know that we are here to win this conference.”

The Irish next get the chance to prove their dominance Thursday when they take on Western Michigan at 4:30.

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ND WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Reaney leads record-setting NCAA performance

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Notre Dame swimming and diving collected 10 records on their way to 10th place finish in the 43-pool schools in the NCAA Championships. The Irish scored 55 points over the course of the weekend to obtain the highest finish in school history in the perennial college swimming event in the BUIP natatorium in Indianapolis, Ind.

Sophomore Emma Reaney led the team’s efforts throughout the weekend, earning four All-America citations and finishing fifth in the 200-yard and 100-yard breaststroke events.

“I think that [our finish] shows a lot about the girls that were there and how far determined and hard work can get you,” Reaney said. “We really wanted to prove ourselves on the national stage and I think we were able to do that.”

Reaney was the only Irish swimmer to reach the finals, which feature the top eight swimmers in an event, and she did so in both the 200-yard and 100-yard breaststroke.

In the 200-yard breaststroke, Reaney placed fifth with a time of 2:06.77, which broke her previous school record set earlier in the season. She became just the third Irish swimmer or diver in program history to finish in the top five of an event at the NCAA Championships.

On Saturday, Reaney also took fifth in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 59.19, just 0.05 seconds behind third place.

“We have been working on the little things a lot and so I made sure to keep all those things in mind (during the race),” Reaney said. “I’ve been counting strokes a lot more often than normal and consciously thinking about turns.”

In addition to receiving All-America honors in those two events, Reaney also received All-America citations in the 100-yard individual medley and 200-yard backstroke relay.

Senior Kim Holden closed her Irish career by reaching the consolation finals in both the 200-yard breaststroke and 400-yard medley relay. In the backstroke event, she placed fifth with a time of 1:54.29, good for 13th place overall. Her finish earned her Honorable Mention All-America honors, her first such accolades in her career.

Junior Kelly Ryan also earned All-America honors in the 200-yard backstroke with a 1:50 place finish overall in the event. In addition, she was a part of the 400-yard medley relay squad.

On the diving side, senior Jenny Chiang reached the consolation finals of the 3-meter diving event and finished 12th to receive the first All-America honors of her career as well. After finishing second in the Big East to Louisville, and 10th out of 43 schools at the NCAA Championships, the Irish hope to continue their momentum going forward into next season.

“As a team as recruiting, it will bring a lot of very fast girls to look at the team and school that probably wouldn’t have otherwise,” Thornton said. “I think to watch this program grow and to be a part of it.”

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ND finishes second in nation

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame placed second overall at the NCAA Championships in San Antonio, Texas, behind Princeton. The Irish fell seven match wins short of the Tigers for first overall, but as a whole had a set of strong performances that put them directly ahead of Penn State, who placed third, and the 22 other teams in the tournament.

The women's team combined both the men's and women's scores, and both groups performed well in San Antonio. One of the highlights of the day for the Irish was the women's first, where Notre Dame gained the most points out of any team towards its team score. In the women's final the Irish accumulated 40 compared next to the next best total of 28 accrued by Columbia.

Iris freshman foil Lee Kiefer placed first overall and sophomore foil Madison Zeiss placed third.

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Holt expects victory in S.C.

By KIT LOUGHRAN

Following recent successful invitational appearances, the Irish take to the course again at the Briar's Creek Invitational in John's Island, S.C., on March 25-26.

No. 23 Notre Dame enters the invitational as the highest ranked team in the field. The Irish are confident in their ability to win the tournament, Irish coach Susan Holt said.

“Based on the rankings, we are looking to win this entire thing,” Holt said. “I like our chances. Our confidence is high right now,” Holt said. “We've had great finishes recently.”

With team confidence high, the only challenge facing the Irish in South Carolina is the inclement weather. Rain showers have limited the team’s opportunities to practice and the team’s chances to perform well, Holt said.

“We have been hoping to get a practice round in, but it has been pouring rain here,” Holt said. “If it’s the case that we cannot get a practice round in, then it will be much more challenging to finish at the top.”

Despite the undesirable weather both in South Carolina and back in South Bend, Holt said the Irish have seen gains in their performance on the season and experience they doors in high school, so this is the season and experience they love. The weather adds a new element and can have a big impact on performances. “We're really optimistic in our outlook after coming off of such a strong indoor season.”

Along with the change in scenery, a number of events changes the shape of the meet during the transition from the indoor season to the outdoor season. Javelin and steeplechase are added to the field events and 400-meter hurdles are added on the track. Also, the short hurdle distance moves from 60 meters to 100 meters for the women.

“If we can, and considering all these factors we have made improvements.” As the Irish enter this tournament, the team’s focus is consistency, Holt said.

“Our top three players are playing well, so we want to get that rock consistency throughout our top five,” Holt said. “We want to get our four and five spots to come through to help the other three out and get that balance.”

The No. 23 Irish hit the links for the Briar's Creek Invitational at the Briar's Creek Golf course in John's Island, S.C., on March 25-26.

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FENCING

Irish impress in opener

By LAURA COLETTI

The Irish kicked off the outdoor season this weekend with an impressive showing at the Victor Lopez Invitational in Houston, taking first overall on the women’s side and fifth overall on the men’s.

Notre Dame amassed six first-place finishes, five runner-up finishes and 23 top-five finishes throughout the day. On the women’s side, sophomore Jade Barber won the 100-meter hurdles and contributed to the first-place 4x400-meter relay team with juniors Megan Yanik and Michelle Brown and freshman Margaret Bamgbose. Yanik also won the 400-meter race and sophomore Mary Esther Gordon won the triple jump. On the men’s side, sophomore Chris Giesing won the 200-meter sprint and participated on the winning 4x400-meter relay team with juniors Pat Ferrney and Jarred Buchanon and senior Brendan Dougherty.

Senior captain Chriissy Finkel said that the squad was happy to get back outside.

“The start of the outdoor season is always exciting,” she said. “A lot of athletes from the south or far west only competed outdoors in high school, so this is the season and experience they love. The weather adds a new element and can have a big impact on performances. We’re really optimistic in our outlook after coming off of such a strong indoor season.”

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Finkel said she is pleased with Notre Dame’s showing this weekend but knows the team needs to keep working if they are going to reach their goals of winning the Big East championship and qualifying for the NCAA Championships. “As a team, we need to focus on consistency and making a smooth transition,” she said. “Additionally, injury prevention will be key over the next two months. Many distance runners have been at full intensity training since the cross country season and that pounding adds up over time.”

In their next competition, the Irish team will split and send athletes to both the Oliver Nikklof Open in Cincinnati and in the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif. Both events run from March 29-30.

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TRACKAND FIELD

Irish kick off with strong showing

Junior sprinter Michelle Brown competes at the Alex Wilson invitational on March 2.

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Lloyd spearheads Irish rout

Loyd said the Irish were able to withstand the Skyhawks' comeback attempts by playing strong defense.

“We just had to stay together and when we came together as a team, we played really strong and defensively,” Loyd said. “We get better at talking and stuff like that, but we played really a tough defense.”

Butler, who had 23 points in the first half, hit a jumper and a 3-pointer to reduce Notre Dame’s lead to 38-31. 4:39 left in the half. But the Irish went on a tear after the subsequent television timeout, scoring the final 11 points of the first half to take a 49-31 lead into halftime.

“I think it was just getting our transition game going and it start- ing on defense,” Irish junior guard Kayla McBride said of the last first-half run. “They missed a few shots, and they get our transition game going.”

After an occasionally tight first half, Notre Dame cruised in the game’s second frame. The Irish went on an 11-2 run to open the second half, widening their lead to 60-33.

The Irish never led by fewer than 18 points in the second half en route to finishing the game with a 97-64 victory.

Notre Dame dominated the game on the boards, out-rebounding Tennessee-Martin 49-14. The Irish also scored 55 points in the paint, while holding the Skyhawks to only 22 points inside.

“I was really pleased with our offensive play today,” McGraw said. “I thought we got a lot of good shots, a lot of good layups and at- tacked their zone very efficiently.”

Butler is currently seventh in the nation in scoring, finishing with a season-high 37 points to lead all scorers. Skyhawks junior guard Jasmine Newsome, the na- tion’s fourth-leading scorer at 22.9 points per game, was limited to 15 minutes due to foul trouble.

“I thought [Butler] had prob- ably the best individual game any- body’s had against us all season long,” McGraw said.

Notre Dame junior guard Kayla McBride finished with her second double-double of the season, recording 22 points and 10 re- bounds. Junior forward Natalie Achonwa added 16 points for the Irish and scored her 1000th career point on a 3-pointer with 1:06 mark of the second half, becoming the 32nd Notre Dame player to reach the milestone.

“I was so happy for [Achonwa] to get her thousandth point,” McGraw said. “And Kayla McBride, she’s an All-American…probably the best player in the country, very steady, very consistent and did it all tonight.”

Notre Dame will face No. 9-seeded Louisville on Tuesday in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday in Iowa City.

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Women’s Basketball | ND 97, Tennessee-Martin 64

Hilling sets wins record

By jack heffern | Sports Writer

Senior Ellie Hilling has won several games over her long career that were more important than this weekend’s matchups against No. 19 Rutgers and Villanova.

But after helping No. 7 Notre Dame shut down both the Scarlet Knights (8-2, 0-1 Big East) and Wildcats (5-4, 0-1), no goalies in Irish history has recorded more wins than her 41.

“The wins were just a test- ment to Ellie and all the work that she puts in,” Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said. “She worked very hard this week in scouting our op- ponents, and it’s special thing for her to be able to have her name in the record books.”

The 15-0 record-setting week- end featured 20 saves and just eight goals allowed but was far from Notre Dame’s only excep- tional performance as the Irish (8-0, 2-0) continued their unbeaten start.

Against Rutgers on Friday, the offense propelled the Irish early, as the team jumped out to an early 3-0 lead and never trailed in their 9-3 victory. Seven different athletes scored for the Irish and the defense allowed the Scarlet Knights just one first-half goal. In addition to stopping shots, Hilling was a force on the women’s side, enabling the team with five ground balls as she recorded her record-breaking 40th win.

“Ellie has been unreal this sea- son, especially these past two games,” sophomore defender Barbara Sullivan said. “If we com- mit a foul and give them a free- position shot, I know she’s going to stop it, because she will.”

Notre Dame rode that momen- tum into its 9-3 win against Villanova on Sunday, and the Irish defense won the day. The Wildcats managed just one goal each in both halves, while the Irish offense exploited the second half to secure a 14-2 victory. Irish sophomore midfielder- es Caitlin Gargan was the breakout star of the day, as she tallied four goals and six points after scoring just three goals in her previous six games.

“[Gargan] has been consis- tent, and has persevered through her development this season,” Halfpenny said. “Today’s game is the perfect example of what hap- pens when you stick with it, work hard, and stay focused on the moment.”

Sullivan also had a break- through moment of her own, as the preseason all-conference selec- tion sparked a fast break and put the Irish up, 7-0, on a goal of the second half. Halfpenny said the team couldn’t have been happier to see Sullivan, who leads the team in ground balls and draw controls, finally find the back of the net.

“Barbara can be a force all over the field,” she said. “She’s the most, well she’s the most well-controlled player, whatever we need, she gives it to us.”

With the pair of wins, Notre Dame has now won its first eight games for the second consecutive season. The Irish will have 12 full days off but Halfpenny said they won’t be able to rest on their laurels as they prepare for their next game at No. 20 Louisville on April 5.

“It’s a huge confidence boost for us to be able to come in here and win our first eight games,” Halfpenny said. “It’s a really good game plan for us and we are going to be ready to get back. We are going to have to bring all our weapons for that battle.”

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ND takes series from Seton Hall

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

After dropping a close 4-3 game yesterday, the Irish bounced back and beat Seton Hall 3-2 in both doubleheader games Saturday to clinch the series.

In Notre Dame’s past 13 matchups with the Pirates (8-12, 1-2 Big East), they have been decided by one run. The Irish (14-6, 2-1) redeemed themselves after the Pirates swept them in three last games season. Irish coach Mika Aoki attributed the close matchups to pitching and both teams’ scrappy mentalities.

"I don’t know if we necessarily get the upper hand because we dropped three of them to last year,” Aoki said. "I think a lot of it has to do with how well they pitch. I think a lot of it is to do with how well we pitch, and I think they are two very similar teams in terms of pitching. They might run a little bit better than we do, we might have the edge in terms of hitting, but like I said they pitch it well.

On Friday, Notre Dame trailed early and could not make a comeback. Seton Hall grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning on a wild pitch by Irish junior right hander Sean Fitzgerald. The major damage came in the top of the third, when the Pirates plated three unearned runs. Pirates senior shortstop Giuseppe Papaccio and sophomore first baseman Sal Annuziata hit back-to-back doubles to put Seton Hall up 4-0.

In the bottom of the fifth the Irish began chipping away. Pirates senior ace Jon Prosniski. Irish sophomore designated hitter Ryan Bull singled and then advanced two bases on an error by the Pirates second baseman. Irish junior pitcher Adam Norton came in to put down the threat and got one out, but Kevin Corrigan didn’t see anything in Rutgers that caused the lack of offensive output early. The Irish simply were not executing.

"It had very little to do with what Rutgers was doing,” Corrigan said. “They played the same game plan that we’ve seen and expected them to play. We just played very poorly.”

For much of the game, the Irish were ineffective, turning the ball over 14 times, grabbing two fewer ground balls than Rutgers and putting only 21 of its 38 shots on goal. But Marlatt saved the Irish with his fourth-quarter barrage.

"We didn’t move without the ball,” Corrigan said. "We didn’t attack the cage. We didn’t handle the ball well, and we didn’t shoot well.”

"My takeaway is that we’re not going to win that many games if we play that way,” Corrigan said. Notre Dame outshot Rutgers 38-25, senior goalie John Kemp had six saves.

There were a few bright spots for Notre Dame in the otherwise frustrating day. Junior midfielder Liam O’Connor won 11 of his 17 faceoffs, and the Irish killed all but one of the Rutgers man-up opportunities.

The Irish have played three games in eight days and Corrigan said they will take a few days off before preparing for a matchup with St. John’s on Saturday at Cawley Stadium at 1 p.m.

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Irish scrape by Knights

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

No. 3 Notre Dame barely escaped with a 7-6 win over Rutgers on Sunday in Piscataway, N.J., behind three fourth-quarter goals from junior midfielder Jim Mafatti that propelled the Irish in their Big East opener.

Irish coach Kevin Corrigan, however, was not at all pleased with his team’s performance on either end of the field.

"I thought we did not play well at all," Corrigan said. "But we made enough plays to win. We’re not going to win many games playing like that.

The Scarlet Knights (2-7-2 Big East) held Notre Dame (6-1, 1-0) scoreless for the entire first quarter and nearly 10 minutes of the second stanza. Freshman attack Matt Kavanagh broke through with a goal at the 5:35 mark. Senior midfielder Ty Kimball fed Kavanagh with an assist. Kavanagh had two goals, and senior midfielder Ryan Foley and junior attack John Scoscia each scored once. Sophomore attack Will Rogers added a second.

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The two squads were deadlocked at one until the bottom of the seventh. With the bases loaded and two outs, Bull hit a sharp RBL ground ball up the middle. Pirates sophomore Jose Lopez deflected the ball with his glove and all runners reached safely. Kutsulis then came to the plate and hit a routine ground ball to third, but Seldon threw the ball down the line and the Irish scored on an error to make the game 3-1.

Irish freshman reliever Nick McCarty picked up the win in the eighth innings of relief. McCarty (3-3) ran into some trouble in the eighth giving up a run, but Sliana came in to get the last six outs for an Irish victory.

Notre Dame will host Kent State at 12:30 p.m. today at Coveleski Stadium.

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The Riley Prize in Art History & Criticism

The Department of Art, Art History and Design is pleased to announce its annual competition for the Riley Prize in Art History and Criticism. Current Notre Dame undergraduate and graduate students are invited to submit essays on any topic in the history of art or art criticism for consideration in the competition. Essays must deal with the visual arts. They may have been written in conjunction with a course taken at the University, but need not have been.

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Two copies of the submission must be delivered to the Art Department Office by 4:00 PM, Wednesday, March 27th to be eligible.
forward Derek DeBlois’ initial shot, but Wolverines freshman defense- man Jacob Trouba controlled the re- bound and passed back to DeBlois for an easy shorthanded finish on the crease past the scrambling Summerhays.

The goal seemed like it could have swung momentum in Michigan’s favor, but Tynan said Notre Dame’s experience in ral- lying from deficits gave the i rish confidence.

“Obviously, that was a bad one to give up, but the same thing hap- pened [Saturday in a 3-1 semifinal victory over Ohio State],” Tynan said. “We were down a goal, we know what we’re capable of. We just came back harder. I thought we had a ton of chances all game long.”

Notre Dame capitalized on one of those chances in the sec- ond to tie the game when junior captain and center Anders Lee scored his team-leading 20th goal of the season at the 10:35 mark. Junior defenseman Stephen Johns’ slapshot sailed wide of the net, but rebounded off the boards to junior forward Jeff Costello who back- handed a pass to Lee in front of the goal.

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Irish freshman winger Mario Lucia handles the puck during the CCHA championship at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Lucia assisted on sophomore Austin Wuthrich’s game-winning goal to give the Irish a 3-1 win.

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Along with Grace, fifth-year seniors Dan Fox and Carlin Calhoun and senior Kendall Moore will vie for time at both inside linebacker positions. “Everyone wants to be a starter, everyone wants to be that guy,” Grace said of replacing Te’o. “We want to compete, we want to fill that role. No matter what happens we have a lot of great guys that can play inside linebacker. We’re all going to be working for whatever role we end up having and we’re all going to bust our butts off to get that.”

Irish coach Brian Kelly said there is no depth chart at this point, but Grace practiced with the first team-defense during the 30 minutes of media availability during Wednesday’s opening practice.

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Irish bow out to No. 10 seed for third straight season

By ANDREW OWENS
Senior Sports Writer

DAYTON, Ohio — Another NCAA tournament appearance arrived and vanished all too quickly for Notre Dame on Friday night in a cascade of turnovers, poor defense and overall sloppiness in a 76-58 Irish loss to Iowa State at University of Dayton Arena. Irish coach Mike Brey dedicated last off-season to discovering a solution for his program’s annual March woes — Notre Dame hasn’t reached a Sweet Sixteen since 2003 and has now lost its first tournament contest in three of its past four trips — but the Irish once again sputtered to the finish line.

“(It) stings, you know,” Brey said. “It’s the next step for our program. It’s what keeps me up at night and trying to figure out how we can be better at this.”

No. 7-seeded Notre Dame (25-10, 11-7 Big East) claimed an upset win over second-seeded Iowa State (27-9) and the Fighting Irish are now 0-3 in NCAA tournament play since 2003.

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Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “We’re just proud to be able to compete at the highest level.”

“After two periods, I thought our team would bounce back in the third, and they tried, but our team couldn’t get anything going. We had opportunities but we just couldn’t get the ball in the net.”

Irish freshman forward Jack Cooley walks to the bench during Friday’s 76-58 loss to Iowa State at University of Dayton Arena. Cooley contributed 14 points and five rebounds in his final game for Notre Dame.

ND looks to Grace in Te’o’s absence

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Editor

Forget about blitzes, stunts and sub packages. Irish defensive coordinator Bob Diaco is thinking about baking cakes.

Diaco’s defense returns eight starters to a unit that finished last season ranked second in the nation in scoring defense at 12.77 points per game. But through they only need to fill three positions, Diaco said the Irish need to tear things down and start anew.

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By SAM GANS
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DEtroIT — Notre Dame came from behind in the last CCHA championship game ever played to win the Mason Cup with a 3-1 victory over Michigan on Sunday in Joe Louis Arena and clinch a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

Irish sophomore forward Austin Wullich scored the go-ahead goal 29 seconds into the third period on a one-timer after catching a feed from freshman forward Mario Lucia, who received a pass from junior center TJ Tynan. The game winner gave Notre Dame its third CCHA championship in program history.

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