Office of the Registrar to change class times

Senior associate provost says 2013-2014 changes should reduce scheduling conflicts

By CRISTINA SANCHEZ
News Writer

The Office of the Registrar recently introduced a series of scheduling revisions it will implement next academic year. Senior associate provost Christine Maziar said the changes aim to reduce the number of course conflicts.

“What we have done is opened up more scheduling slots, particularly on Monday and Wednesday mornings, that allow for classes previously held on Tuesdays and Thursdays to be held on Mondays and Wednesdays,” Maziar said.

Under the new system, some classes will start at 8:20 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and last an hour and 15 minutes. Maziar said the current scheduling system is “inefficient and increasingly causing problems for students.” It does not permit the scheduling of courses outside standard offering times unless the Office of the Provost and the Office of the Dean agree.

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SMC names Allison Sherman as valedictorian

By KELLY KONYA
News Writer

On Friday, Saint Mary’s announced the valedictorian of the Class of 2013 will be Allison Sherman of Batavia, Ill.

Sherman, a computational mathematics major, said she originally liked Saint Mary’s because of the professors’ commitment to teaching and the College’s small class sizes.

“There is a strong sense of community and the personal attention that each student receives was very important in my final decision to attend,” Sherman said.

Professor Joanne Snow, chair of the mathematics department, said she hired Sherman as a teaching assistant after having her as a “star student” in Calculus III. “Sherman has the rare ability to explain concepts that she clearly has mastered to other students who have not yet achieved the same level of understanding,” Snow said.

Sherman said her experiences as a teaching assistant in the department have encouraged her to pursue a career in education. She is in the process of applying to several colleges.

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Chemistry professor honored as Cottrell Scholar

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The Research Corporation for Science Advancement Chemistry (RCSA) recently named Notre Dame professor Zachary Schultz one of 13 Cottrell Scholars for 2013, a prestigious early-career award recognizing excellence in teaching and research in the physical sciences.

The RCSA is a philanthropic foundation that provides scientific funding for top early-career teacher-scholars.

“It’s nice because the Cottrell Scholar award is from people who have succeeded, recognizing what I’m trying to do is important,” Schultz said.

“It’s confirmation from the outside community that I’m on the right track.”

Schultz said his research currently focuses on developing analytical instrumentation for biomedical applications. Scientists use these novel methods to understand diseases such as diabetes and cancer by characterizing molecules on the surface of cells and honing in on micro-particles shed from distressed cells into the bloodstream.

Schultz said the research he accumulates in his labs outlines how he tries to teach his classes for undergraduate chemistry majors.

“In my instrumental analysis course, one of the requirements is a term project using actual state-of-the-art chemical instrumentation on campus to answer a research question,” Schultz said.

Promoting undergraduate science education is one of the key components of the Cottrell Scholar selection criteria and something Schultz said he

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Students accepted to study abroad programs for 2013

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News Writer

In a few months’ time, many Notre Dame students will disperse to locations as far-flung as London, Hong Kong and Perth through the University’s diverse study abroad opportunities.

Kathleen Opel, director of international studies,

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:**

Do you think Pigtostal will happen?

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**Steven Hayworth**
Senior
O'Neill Hall

"Why wouldn't it?"

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**Gabrielle Muzzarelli**
Senior
Lyons Hall

"Yes, it has to happen. It’s my senior year!"

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**Allison Kerin**
Freshman
McGlinn Hall

"I’m a freshman. I don’t know what that is."

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**Rob Weir**
Freshman
Keough Hall

"What is that?"

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**Jon Olansen**
Freshman
Dillon Hall

"Pinkstostal?"

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**Luke Grey**
Freshman
Keough Hall

"No, it didn’t happen last year."

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Sophomore defenseman Bobbie Russo takes a shot on goal in the game versus Michigan on Sunday. The Irish won the 42nd and final CCHA championship this weekend at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.
Center grants funding for summer

By CHARLIE DUCEY
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Although deadlines for many summer programs have passed, LoriAnn Edinborough, program director of the Global Internship Initiative at the Career Center, said students can still find internships through the Center.

Edinborough said the Go IRISH system, accessible on the Career Center website, is a good place to start and offers internships applicable to a number of careers. "The internships range the full gamut of functions and industries from film post-production in Chicago, to investment research analyst in Connecticut, to business development in South Bend," Edinborough said.

Aside from the Career Center website, Edinborough said potential interns can find openings on websites such as Internship.com and InternMatch.com. She said students can also create unique internship opportunities for themselves.

"Some types of internships that students want might not be posted online anywhere, so we work a lot with students on how to create your own internship, too," Edinborough said. "The Non-Profit Virtual Career Fair also connects interns with organizations, accessible on the Jobs/Internships tab of Go IRISH."

The Career Center grants funding for students interested in customizing their own internships, Edinborough said. Applications for this funding are on the Career Center’s website and the deadline is April 19. Edinborough said students can receive up to $3,000 for unpaid internships and up to $1,000 for paid internships.

Summer opportunities ought to focus on developing the skills employers want to see, including communication skills, personal initiative and strong work ethic, Edinborough said.

"During the summer, try to think about how to incorporate enhancing some of those skills," she said. "Edinborough said students should also pursue job-shadowing opportunities, conduct mock interviews and network. "Statistics say 70 to 80 percent of jobs are not posted, they are developed through networking," Edinborough said. "The same logic applies to internships."

Edinborough said it might be difficult to find an internship that fits a person perfectly, but for those who do show initiative and can navigate the various career search sites, summer internships present a stellar chance to bolster a resume and develop job skills.

"The bottom line is to connect with the Career Center," Edinborough said. "It’s no exaggeration to say that as far as internship opportunities, they have it covered."

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actively seeks to encourage. "In the course I teach, I allow students to choose whatever question they want to answer because if they choose something that they’re interested in then they’ll be much more engaged in learning," Schultz said. "The result is a pretty diverse range of projects over the two years I’ve taught this, from imaging the roughness of finishes to quantifying caffeine content in soft drinks."

The Cotrell Scholar recognition includes a $75,000 mon- etary award split over three years, Schultz said. He said this will then enable him to pay some of his undergraduate students to work in his lab over the summer.

"I tell my students, ‘If you’re going to work for me in the summer, you’re going to get paid because people get paid to do science,’" Schultz said. Schultz said the students were one of the main reasons he chose to join Notre Dame’s faculty in 2009. "It’s always fun to work with bright stu- dents and the University is heading in a really positive direction in terms of pushing science and science education," he said.

Although Schultz said Notre Dame has only recently begun focusing more on sci- ence initiatives, he said sci- ence has always been a part of the University’s history.

"One of the stories I al- ways tell people is about how Knute Rockne was a part-time football coach and part-time graduate student in chemis- try," Schultz said. "He gave up chemistry to pursue foot- ball full-time and I think that worked out all right for him. But it just shows that science has always been an integral part of the University."

Schultz said he discovered he wanted to pursue a career in research when he was a sopho- more at Ohio State University. "I was initially a pre-med student, but I didn’t enjoy dealing with sick people very much," Schultz said. "I found doing research to be fun and when I realized you could ac- tually have that for a living, the choice was pretty clear."

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said this year the Office of International Studies (OIS) received 1,250 appli- cations for programs from 904 unique applicants, most of whom are current- ly sophomores. She said applicants could apply for a first- and a second- choice program.

"The number of applica- tions we received was around what we usually get but just slightly lower than it was last year," Opel said.

OIS notified sophomores of their acceptance to an international program Feb. 8 and gave them one week to confirm their participation.

Opel said the acceptance rate for all study abroad programs was between 80 and 81 percent. Because of the competitive nature of study abroad programs, she said not all students were placed in their first-choice program.

"In some cases, we had great applicants where we only had a certain num- ber of beds," Opel said. "Oxford is a great exam- ple. We only have room for seven students. ... And therefore, even if we have 24 great applicants who meet all of our criteria, there are only seven spaces. That happens in a num- ber of our programs."

Students can choose from 40 programs in 30 countries, Opel said. Some locations, such as Dublin and Hong Kong, host mul- tiple programs. "London, Dublin, and Perth are the three most popular programs," Opel said. "There are also popu- lar programs in Tokyo, Spain and Rome, Italy, as well as smaller programs such as those in Puebla, Mexico; Nagoya, Japan and Dakar, Senegal." For the second year in a row, Notre Dame ranks ninth among American institutions of higher learning in the per- centage of students partici- pating in a study abroad program. Opel said this ranking was released as part of a report by the Institute for International Education (IIE), which monitors study abroad and international education opportunities for students. [IIE] waits one year af- ter they tabulate it, and then they announce it the next year. So we are actu- ally seeing the results this year from our study abroad period from 2010 to 2011, I believe," Opel said.

Opel said studying abroad can be formative personally and profes- sionally. She said it can broaden students’ per- spectives and teach them both about the world and about themselves.

"The kinds of things that you learn, if you embrace studying abroad, are re- ally important in your fu- ture career," Opel said. "Employers are looking for someone with good com- munication skills, with adaptability, someone who has some grit and de- termination. And one of the things that studying abroad does for you is that it builds all of those sorts of skills."

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Yan Song, a Fulbright teaching assistant at Saint Mary’s, offered a firsthand account of life in Lanzhou, China in the Mother Pauline Room of Cushwa-Leighton Library on March 25.

The presentation, sponsored by the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), gave faculty members and students a dose of Chinese culture. Home to Song and the three million others, Lanzhou marks the geometrical center of China and is the capital of Gansu, one of the country’s 34 provinces.

“It is a great tourist location because of the surrounding historical sites,” Song said. “With the Maiji Mountain Caves to the east and the Buddha Caves to the west, it attracts a lot of visitors.”

Lanzhou is the capital of Gansu Province and a major city on the Yellow River’s banks, Song said. “It is the most important river in Asia, the mother of China,” she said. “It is the most loved food in China.”

United States, she admitted she missed the food of her city the most. Elaine Meyer Lee, director of CWIL, said most of the “Chinese” food in the United States is Cantonese style, which

is more common in the southern part of China.

Song studied English for ten years in Lanzhou but said she had felt deprived of understanding American culture because she was not immersed in it. “I did not have a real vivid image of what Christmas was,” she said. “Now I have experienced Christmas and Halloween. It has furthered my education to see the different kinds of western festivals and celebrations.”

“We cannot learn basic cultural differences from our textbooks. We must cherish diversity of all the people here, and respect their traditions and celebrations.”

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teaching certificate programs and has not decided which program she will attend after graduation in May. “In the future, I hope to teach at the collegiate level and further my study of mathematics,” Sherman said. “I want to always be learning new things and I hope to inspire my own students to do the same.”

Mary Connolly, professor of mathematics, said she helped Sherman develop her love for mathematics and encouraged her to decide on a math major. Connolly said Sherman’s skills extend beyond academics.

“Computational mathematics is a major which combines significant computer science with higher-level mathematics classes,” Connolly said. “Allison is a very talented computer scientist, but one of her truly outstanding qualities is her generosity towards other students.”

Sherman said her key to success is entertaining a healthy balance of friends, academics and extracurricular activities. She balances school with her roles as treasurer of the Mathematics Club, president of the Saint Mary’s chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon, and participant in the National Mathematics Honorary Society.

Sherman’s former roommate Erin Masko said Sherman is a diligent student. “She never puts off work for the next day, but instead tackles it right away,” Masko said. “She is wonderful, and deserves this honor of valedictorian.”

Sherman said she is grateful to be honored as her class’s valedictorian. “I was extremely surprised, and I feel incredibly honored to represent my class,” Sherman said. “I owe a great deal of gratitude to the entire Mathematics Department faculty at Saint Mary’s, and in particular, Professor Snow, who has encouraged me throughout my collegiate career.”

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New Jersey man wins $338 million jackpot

Associated Press

PASADENA, N.J. — The winner of a $338 million Powerball jackpot told several media outlets Monday that his first priority will be helping his family.

Pedro Quezada, 44, entered Eagle Liquors store, where the ticket was sold, late Monday afternoon. The Passaic store owner ran Quezada’s ticket through the lottery machine to validate that it was a winner as a newspaper and television outlets recorded the moment.

The New Jersey Lottery confirmed that the winning ticket was validated at the store at 4:30 p.m. Monday, but officials said they didn’t yet know the winner’s name.

Quezada, an immigrant from the Dominican Republic, told reporters in Spanish that he was “very happy” and that he intends to help his family.

His wife, Ines Sanchez, told The Record in Bergen County that Quezada called her with the news Monday afternoon.

“I still can’t believe it,” she said. “We never expected it but thank God.”

The numbers drawn Saturday were 17, 29, 31, 52, 53 and Powerball 31. A lump sum payout would be $221 million, or about $152 million after taxes. It’s the fourth-largest jackpot in Powerball history.

The family’s apartment sits at the end of a short dead-end block that abuts a highway in Passaic, 15 miles northwest of New York City. Neighbors spoke with pride that one of their own had struck it rich.

Eladia Vazquez has lived across the street from Quezada’s building for the past 25 years. The block has a half-dozen three-story brick apartment buildings on each side, and Vazquez says it’s a neighborhood where everyone knows everyone, including what car they drive and what parking space they use.

Vazquez described Quezada and his wife as “quiet and not overly talkative” but sensed that they seemed to be working all the time.

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Carole Hedinger, executive director of the New Jersey Lottery, announces the winning ticket in the $338 million Power Ball lottery.

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Chivalry and healthy relationships

Jen Gallic
Ideas of a University

Three years ago, I arrived at school an overeager freshman excited for new experiences and, more than anything, excited to meet new people. Freshman orientation was a blur of activity, and I quickly hit the ground running, involved in just about every club I could find. About two months into school, I remember walking into the library feeling completely overwhelmed and a little exhausted. I had finally hit a wall. Looking around for somewhere to sit, a friend I hadn’t seen since orientation called me over to sit with him. Although we hadn’t seen each other since then, we got to talking and eventually started hanging out more...

With this friend, I noticed something unique. For a reason I couldn’t quite explain, I immediately felt at home with him and found him trustworthy. We would study in the library together often, and whenever we were there late, he would insist on walking me back to my dorm even though it required going completely out of his way. It was only a few minutes every night, but during those moments when we were together outside of the context of class or studying, we really started to bond. We’d talk about just about anything and eventually became best friends.

Reflecting back on the start of that friendship today, I realize that the reason I felt so comfortable with him was because he was constantly showing respect to me as a woman. Not in an obvious manner, but in the small things. He always insisted on walking me back and made sure to open the door for me. He didn’t do these things because he thought I was defective or weak, and he didn’t do them because he was interested in dating me (later in the year he started dating a mutual friend). He did them because he was a gentleman. As a gentlemen, he sought to show respect to me as a woman. Acts of chivalry have changed since chivalry’s original association with knighthood. However, the idea of chivalry should not be lost. Chivalry is about showing respect, and it is through learning how to respect all women that men become gentlemen. So hold open a door, walk a girl back (and if she doesn’t have to be a girlfriend or someone you’re interested in), smile, respect her as a woman and see what happens!

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Frosh-O used to consist of a lot of dancing. Men and women would run across campus, singing and dancing for each other. One Welsh Family Freshman Orientation co-coordinator wrote on her blog in 2010, “The dances always involve lots of hip-thrusting, booty-popping, body-rolling and shimmying.” The men responded with their own performances. I remember Backstreet Boys and hip-thrutil... lots of hip-thrusting.

But things have changed. One woman’s dorm decided to censor these dances because, it was argued, they reinforce “heteronormativity.” That is, these dances reinforce the idea that everyone is heterosexual and discriminate against sexual minorities. Year after year, I’ve spoken with students who were offended by these orientation rituals. It didn’t take long for me to decide that I had enough during my Frosh-O. After the first evening of dancing and being danced at, I decided to spend the rest of the time in my room.

Neither my friends nor I, however, found such antics to be unacceptable because of a reinforcement of heteronormativity. Rather, they reinforced gender stereotypes from a culture at odds with our Christian faith. This is a culture that says we can dance on each other, make out and sleep together Saturday night and then move on Sunday morning as if nothing happened. It is a culture that says the most important body parts (and the ones that the opposite sex ought to pay most attention to) are the ones connected to hips and chests. It is a culture that insists at the heart of all interaction between men and women is the need and desire for sex.

Surely this culture is at odds with a Catholic university that prides itself on excellence. While providing an inclusive, open environment for “sexual minorities,” it is important this nation’s preeminent Catholic university teach its students to form healthy relationships between men and women consisting of self-gift. Women’s dorms can get excited during spring training, which means it’s almost time for opening day. Allow me to explain.

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INSIDE COLUMN
Summer fever

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I start saying it’s almost summer New Year’s Day. Allow me to explain. This is not because the sun has started to come out and I feel the hope of warmth. That’s just not how Chicago or South Bend works. Jan. 1 means it’s almost time for pitchers and catchers to report to spring training, which means it’s almost time for spring training games, which means it’s almost time for Opening Day, which means it’s almost summer. I really like baseball.

As my dad (Hi, dad!) likes to say, “It’s spring training again, and hopes spring eternal.” Even if you’re a Cubs fan, you can get excited during spring training and say, “Maybe, maybe, this is the year.” Never mind. You all should give up.

But everyone else, even Astros fans (all seven of you), can get excited during spring training. Many are also laughing at the Yankees for acquiring Vernon Wells. I am. A lot. He’s 34, and the Yankees will fork over $13 million of the $21 million owed him next season. For a guy that hit .230 last season. And chucked a whopping 11 home runs. That’s some business when he played a full season. And hit .218.

Carrying seven of you, can hope. Baseball fans can still happen. Maybe he will have a gazillion dollars to hit .204 last year. I will bet on it because it’s spring, and anything is possible. Maybe, just maybe, they will be cheering for their team and that maybe, just maybe, they will be cheering for their team.

But that’s the beauty of the days leading up to Opening Day. You can ignore the numbers. When it comes to the hometown team, hope reigns over statistics. For example, I am blind to the fact that my dear White Sox paid Adam Dunn approximately one gazillion dollars to hit .204 last year. I will be less blind come July when he’s doing it because I was constantly showing respect to me as a woman. Not in an obvious manner, but in the small things. He always insisted on walking me back and made sure to open the door for me. He didn’t do these things because he thought I was defective or weak, and he didn’t do them because he was interested in dating me (later in the year he started dating a mutual friend). He did them because he was a gentleman. As a gentlemen, he sought to show respect to me as a woman.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

"Civilization is the process of reducing the infinite to the finite."

Oliver Wendell Holmes
American author and physician
**The opacity of hope**

Shaaya Ellis  
Reason Will Prevail

On April 16, 2009, the United States Department of Justice, at the behest of President Obama, released CIA memos that the Bush administration used to justify using enhanced interrogation techniques to solicit information that is vital to national security against suspected terrorists. The information provided in the memos was released with such detail that several watchdog groups, including Cause of Action, lauded Obama for his campaign promise to achieve absolute government transparency.

Last week, a watchdog group, the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, one of the groups that praised Obama for his transparency, derided his administration for its lack of clarity with its drone policy. Jay Carney, Obama’s press secretary, perpetuated the hoax that the memos do not exist and described the memos as “alleged memos that simply do not exist” when asked about the drone memos.

On May 8, 2011, The New York Times reported the existence of the drone memos. The New York Times said these memos were written in 2010 followed by months of extensive interagency deliberations and offer a glimpse into the legal rationale of the most significant decision made by the Obama administration — to move ahead with the killing of an American citizen without due process.

This is a troubling aspect of the war with no end in sight. Even more problematic than what can be considered victory in the War on Terror is the importance of transparency in government, especially when a president asserts dictatorial powers and authorizes extrajudicial killings by directing the launching of a remote-controlled drone.

In order to get a direct and concise response from the Obama administration, Republican Senator Rand Paul from Kentucky took to the Senate floor and commenced with a nearly 13-hour filibuster. After the filibuster, Attorney General Eric Holder provided Senator Paul with a letter that clearly stated the United States could not kill Americans on U.S. soil without due process.

Under no circumstance should the killing of an American on United States soil be held up as classified information. While certain information that is collected by intelligence agencies and pertinent to the War on Terror needs to remain classified, the standards by which the United States government decides when to take an American life is not one of them. The mere fact that this administration is kept in secrecy when it come to the drone wars and extrajudicial killings should disgust all Americans the same way many were in uproar about Abu Ghrabi.

The lack of transparency by this administration about drone strikes is staggering. Even after drone strikes were already being conducted and reported on around the world, former White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs was told by the Obama administration to act as if there were no such thing as an active US drone program — regurgitating the hoax that the entire project was completely nonexistent.

“When I went through the process of becoming press secretary, one of the first things they told me was, ‘you’re not even to acknowledge the drone program,’” Gibbs said last month on Chris Hayes’ morning show on MSNBC.

Military action without a formal declaration of war and targeted killings without a letter of marque and reprisal undermine our system of checks and balances and should be grounds for impeachment. Obama made a promise to be the most transparent administration in history. Even upon taking office, President Obama claimed, “Transparency promotes accountability, which encourages public engagement and furthers collaborative government,” but with respect to the hundreds of drone strikes that have taken roughly 5,000 lives, he has left the American people in the dark.

The President sailed heavily against the Bush administration’s use of enhanced interrogation techniques to solicit information that is critical to national security, but he goes on to expand the use of drones to kill people with no regard for the judicial process or the United States Constitution. With all the unconstitutional drone strikes throughout his presidency, it’s hard to believe that Barack Obama was not only a teacher of constitutional law but also a recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2009, a feat not even Mahandas Gandhi accomplished.

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**Israel-U.S. bromance must keep it real**

Jacob Sorrells  
The Hoya

Although I’ve had my share of fond bromantic escapades, it doesn’t take a fratstar to know a bonafide bromance when he sees one. We’re all familiar with the telltale signs: the effusion of endearing personal titles (e.g. “bro,” “dude,” “man”), constant reaffirmations of commitment (e.g. “I love you, dude”) and the consistent flow of inoffensive favors (e.g. wingmanning, bench-spotting, shampoo-sharing).

That is why, petty personal politics between Benjamin Netanyahu and Obama aside, the relationship between the United States and Israel appears nothing short of bromantic — and appropriately so. It satisfies all the aforementioned criteria. We lavish Israel with affectionate monikers like “our strongest ally in the Middle East.” U.S. politicians from both sides of the aisle constantly compete to see who can more eloquently flex their “I love Israel” muscles. The nations are continually exchanging technology and information.

According to this analysis, one assumes the United States and Israel will be bros for life, just like Harry and Ron, Scooby and Shaggy, Jay-Z and Kanye and the countless other stalwart bromances since Cain and Abel — or at least since before things got sticky. Right? Well, not so fast.

A real bromance is defined by something far deeper than nicknames, gushy utterances, favors and other frivolities. It’s defined by a mutual and honest concern for each other’s long-term welfare and, at times, can require a constructive — but more critical — type of brotherly support. U.S. actions undoubtedly reflect a concern for Israel’s security in the future. But what about Israel’s future as a democratic Jewish homeland? Unless the United States acts soon, it will neglect to meet its bromantic obligations.

As both parties become more and more entrenched in hawskiss pessimism, the window of opportunity for a two-state solution to the Israeli and Palestinian conflict is closing fast. If peace prospects die, as Israel we know it will soon cease to exist. Israel’s occupation of the West Bank will become a permanent de facto annexation. Israel will no longer enjoy the grant citizenship to all the people between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea, losing its Jewish majority and thereby ending the dream of a Jewish homeland, or it will withhold rights to vote and uproot its cherished democratic foundation.

In either situation, the Palestinians lose as well, as even the former scenario wouldn’t give them true self-governance. For these reasons — and many more — a two-state solution is the only option. To save its bromance and to save Israel, U.S. leaders must create a framework for bringing the two sides together to mediate a two-state solution.

Obama’s current visit to Israel and the West Bank could be a great step in that direction, but we must urge the president to make this trip substantive and not merely ceremonial. Both Israelis and Palestinians are distrustful of the other side, soured by decades of violence and failed peace attempts. It is unlikely that they will come to the table without a mediator. Obama must make peace a priority in his discussions with Israeli and Palestinian leadership. Two-state diplomacy cannot be overshadowed by other issues. We must seize this opportunity before the clock strikes midnight. This is no time to break the bro code.

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Oh, “Spring Breakers.” Where do I begin? Well, I’ll start by saying that, like it or not, this is one film you are never going to forget. From the crazed mind of Harmony Korine, the story of four wild college girls and their adventure down to Tampa, Florida, reaches the point of dream-like insanity from the opening montage. It’s hard to sum up my feelings for this movie, but I can say with complete certainty this is one of the funniest and most outrageous films I’ve seen in years. If the sheer hilarity of the movie wasn’t surprising enough, “Spring Breakers” offers a rather bold underlying reflection on the current state of youth in America. Who would’ve guessed?

Before we get into breaking this film down, let’s quickly jump into what this movie is all about. “Spring Breakers” follows the misadventures of Faith (Selena Gomez), Candy (Vanessa Hudgens), Brit (Ashley Benson) and Cotty (Rachel Korine) — four girls just looking for a good time.

As much as these girls are dying to go to Florida to join in the March madness, they don’t exactly have the funds to pay for the trip. So, what do they do? Steal a car, put on ski masks and rob a Chicken Shack, of course. Next thing you know, the girls are packing up to go down south and cut loose from the “boring” and repetitive college lives they’ve been suffocated by for too long. From the bus ride to their beach party destination, their world transitions into slow-motion, booze-filled montages to the tunes of dubstep.

From here, “Spring Breakers” breaks into an art-house style music video as we see boards of party goers getting trashed on the beach, at the pool and on hotel balconies. The girls participate in every moment of the madness, from keg-stands and foam parties to neon raves and鸡翅 shack robbery where in one take, we see from the get-away driver’s perspective the whole robbery as they drive around the restaurant. What is even more bizarre than Korine’s directorial style is the film’s dialogue. The greatest scene of the film (and perhaps out of any movie this year) comes when the girls ask alien to play and sing them a “sensitive and inspiring song.” His song choice is Britney Spears’ “Everytime,” which leads into a crime-filled montage with bed-jumping and gun-coddling. This scene is laugh-out-loud hilarious and may be enough of a reason to push people to see this movie.

While this movie is by no means everyone’s cup of tea, I urge you to see “Spring Breakers” solely for James Franco’s performance. The guy completely transforms himself into the low-life Alien as he steals every scene he’s in with a hysterical performance and delivery of his dialogue. The greatest scene of the film (and perhaps out of any movie this year) comes when the girls ask Alien to play and sing them a “sensitive and inspiring song.” His song choice is Britney Spears’ “Everytime,” which leads into a crime-filled montage with bed-jumping and gun-coddling. This scene is laugh-out-loud hilarious and may be enough of a reason to push people to see this movie.

So, do you think you can handle the madness of “Spring Breakers”?

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Tune In: WSND and WWFI

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Tired of listening to the same old iTunes collection? Top 40 not meeting your musical needs? Looking for a new way to procrastinate that paper? Expose your ears to Notre Dame’s on-campus, student-run radio stations, WSND and WWFI. Whether you are interested in new classical tracks, the latest indie release or a funny talk show, these programs can provide the aural pleasures you desire. The stations stream live at wvnd.nd.edu. WSND also broadcasts live at 88.9 FM.

Folk Music
Senior Melissa Jordan hosts “Feelin’ Folky,” an hour-long program dedicated solely to folk music. Jordan has been with WWFI for the past three years, hosting a different show focusing on a different musical genre each semester. Students looking for folk music select-ed by an experienced host can listen to Jordan every Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m.

Jazz
WSND’s program “Jazz Traditions” provides the opportunity to hear jazz music from a variety of traditions. “Jazz Traditions” broadcasts Mondays and Tuesdays from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. and Wednesdays from 8 to 10 p.m. Hosts Joseph Ahmad, Sam Kaczmarek and Benjamin Pfeifer, all seniors, play bebop, swing, fusion, modal and cool.

Indie Rock
Junior Cameron Goodman, one of WWFI’s Music Directors, plays indie rock and alternative music, with a focus on the obscure and the newly-released. His program, “Spending Warm Summer Days Indoors,” broadcasts Thursdays from 9 to 10:30 p.m. Those looking to expand their musical palette into a more hipster territory can tune in for the cutting edge of indie rock.

Symphony Orchestra
Every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m., WSND broadcasts highlights from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra’s radio program. Students looking to learn about classical music can listen in for performances of both well-known and obscure pieces and a brief context for these pieces, including who wrote them and why.

Student Comedy
The “Student Stand-Up Sit-Down Radio Show” broadcasts Wednesdays from 10:30 p.m. to 12 a.m. Host Robert Reichle, a senior, and his guests provide listeners with a comedic study break, which usually focuses on the various exploits of Reichle’s life. Students looking to hear some good comedy without taking a step outside their dorm room can listen to WWFI for this humorous stand-up style talk show.

Broadway
Freshman Jenny Poth hosts “ND on Broadway” every Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. Students interested in belting out to their favorite show tunes can listen in to hear a wide selection of original Broadway recordings.

Late-Night Listening
Students staying up late to finish that paper or cram for tomorrow’s exam can accompany their work with WSND’s pro-gram “Nocturne,” which broadcasts from 12 to 2 a.m. every night. Students play their own musical libraries, music from indepen-dent rock labels and any requests listeners call in. “Nocturne” can include any musical genre, from ’80s exercise tunes to jam rock.

Hip-Hop
Junior Mia Lillis hosts “Straight Out the Dungeons of Rap” every Monday from 12 to 2 a.m. Lillis has been steadily building her knowledge of classical hip-hop since her early high school years. Those interested learning about classical hip-hop or sharing an already-established love of the genre can tune in for this informative and interesting show on WWFI.

Don’t fear if your musical needs weren’t met by a program covered here. WSND and WWFI have a slew of other genre-based programming just waiting to grace your ears. Visit nd.edu/~wsnd and wvfi.nd.edu for more information on programming.

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Replay in NCAA needs improving

No matter if you watched four hours or 44 hours of basketball during the NCAA tournament four-day frenzy, your time was split between various categories — the game, the replays and the commercials.

Although seeing the same Bud Light commercial dozens of times and learning about the “Pickle Roll” over and over again was not the ideal way to spend a Saturday afternoon, the biggest detractor from some otherwise-exciting basketball was not the commercials, but actually the replays — specifically the referee replay reviews.

Seeing replays of high-flying alley-oops by Florida Gulf Coast or re-watching the 3-point daggers by Aaron Craft, Victor Oladipo and Shane Larkin is not what has got me tied up in knots. Rather, it’s the constant review of the referees stopped the game, moved on over to the official’s table and replayed the most recent series of events to make sure they made the correct call. To reduce unnecessary stoppages, reviews to adjust the clock should be almost completely eliminated. The majority of these reviews change the clock by less than a half-second and clock errors should even themselves out over the course of an entire game anyways.

Anyone who watched one or two games last weekend probably also learned the rules for flagrant fouls and the penalties they entail. There were also new topics — for example instant replay. Calling these fouls in the heat of the moment will help to differentiate inadvertent elbows from actual flagrant fouls caused by recklessness, malice or the particularly dangerous use of elbows above shoulder level.

As a solution to the whole referee review situation, the NCAA should adopt a similar system to the one used in the NFL. Give each team one replay challenge for the entire game with the ability to challenge any plays currently reviewable under NCAA rules. If you fail to use it though, don’t leave the last two minutes to the booth. Teams will almost certainly save their challenge until the end of the game to avoid going into overtime.

The only exception should be automatic reviews for potential game winning baskets at the end of a game. Finally, the NCAA should upgrade its replay equipment at tournament sites to speed up the process. As intriguing as it is to watch the referees watch themselves on TV, depending on the actual game broadcast is not efficient.

Refreree replay review is not infallible (just recall the mistake made Jan. 3 when Colorado should have had double Arizona on a buzzer-beater that was called off). But these changes would go a long way towards perfecting and speeding up the process itself.

Once instant replay in college basketball is improved, the only thing standing between us and a perfect NCAA tournament experience will be those commercials.

Florida Gulf Coast celebrates after defeating San Diego State 81-71 in the third round of the NCAA tournament on March 24.

Florida Gulf Coast steps into the spotlight

Associated Press

Sherwood Brown only wanted a bag.

The Florida Gulf Coast star walked into a restaurant on campus Monday and was quickly surrounded. People wanted autographs. People wanted photos. People just wanted to yell words of encouragement.

A school that opened a mere 16 years ago finds itself front and center in March Madness, one of only 16 college basketball teams left from a field of 68, hoping to win the NCAA national championship.

“[I] had no idea it was going to be like this, but I love it,” Brown said as he made his escape from the shop. “I feel like we’re getting a lot of America behind us. I guess you could say we’re a part of America’s team at this point.”

And the Eagles spent the day savoring their moment.

Lives in the campus bookstore snaked from one knee — what more than 100 people waiting for the chance to pay for their FGCU shirts and hats. Phone lines were jammed by those seeking tickets for this weekend’s South Regional, and even the university president half-seriously wondered if he would be able to obtain what he needed. And as they arrived at classes, players were met with applause.

“I think it’s just a big idea,” Eagles coach Andy Enfield said Monday as emails popped into his mailbox at a fairly dizzying rate. “One no one knows — one no one knew — what FGCU stood for, the letters. Now it puts our university in a national spotlight and rightly so, because this is a great place. It’s a young, vibrant university with just a lot of energy. I’ve been trying to tell that story to a lot of people.”

The Eagles play Florida in the South Regional semifinals Friday night, two wins from a most improbable trip to the Final Four. Seeded 13th in their region, FGCU knocked off both No. 2 Georgetown and No. 7 San Diego State in Philadelphia over the weekend to keep their season going.

Enfield’s lone mistake so far in the NCAA tournament may have been what happened when he went to bed around 5:30 a.m. Monday, roughly two hours after the Eagles landed home in Fort Myers after punching their ticket to the regional semifinals.

Before Enfield went to sleep, he forgot to silence his ringer. Suffice to say, he was awakened long before he wanted.

“I’m part of the moment,” Enfield said. “We’re happy to sacrifice a little of the success of our program.”

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Penn State, LSU prepare for tournament rematch

Associated Press

Baton Rouge, La. — Penn State coach Coquese Washington would like to believe her team’s experience beating LSU on the Lady Tigers’ home court in the second round of last year’s NCAA tournament would bode well for Tuesday night’s rematch.

She’d be pleased if LSU’s relative shortage of healthy players was something Penn State could exploit.

Washington is also wise enough — she has undergraduate and law degrees from Notre Dame, after all — to be cautious about the Lady Lions’ favored status against an LSU team that has won eight of its last nine games.

“They’re now playing their best basketball of the season, playing with a high level of confidence and playing on their home floor,” Washington said of the Lady Tigers. “That’s tough to play against, so we’ve got to be ready.”

Third-seeded Penn State (26-5), which advanced with an 85-55, first-round demolition of Cal Poly on Sunday night, has a deeper lineup and better reserves than LSU (21-11), which advanced with an 85-55, first-round demolition of LSU team that was limited to eight players, "so they know how to play with seven people the whole game,” Washington said. “They’ve dealt with it very, very well.

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Howland departs UCLA with gratitude

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES—Ben Howland kept it classy in departing as UCLA basketball coach on Monday, thanking the athletic director who had fired him a day earlier while noting the high expectations that come with running a program that owns a record 11 national championships.

Howland was applauded by supporters as he walked into a news conference at Pauley Pavilion for the last time. The 55-year-old coach expressed gratitude for his 10-year run in Westwood, the longest tenure since John Wooden retired in 1975 after 27 years on the sideline.

Howland had a 233-107 record that included three consecutive Final Four appearances and four Pac-12 titles, including this season, when the Bruins were 25-10. Their season ended with a 20-point loss to Minnesota in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

"As a coach, you always remember the losses way better than the wins," he said.

Howland said he’s excited about his future and wants to coach again, although he doesn’t know where or when that will happen.

"It’s where the best opportunity is," he said afterward. "I can live anywhere. I want to compete at the highest level."

He said he took the unusual step of meeting the media after his firing because he wanted to publicly thank his current and former players and staff. He recited a laundry list of names, including his wife, Kim, who kissed him after he finished.

No senior athletic department officials attended, including athletic director Dan Guerrero, who fired Howland in a meeting on Sunday.

Howland declined to discuss details of what was said.

I enjoyed our working relationship, his support and his regard for all we accomplished," Howland said, reading from a prepared statement he had worked on after being dismissed.

Howland sidestepped a question on whether he was treated fairly, considering the Bruins won the league’s regular-season title and lost in its tournament title game playing without freshman Jordan Adams, who broke his foot in the semifinals.

Howland’s four league titles were the most by any UCLA coach since Wooden.

"We had a great year. I was so proud of our players and coaches to win the Pac-12 championship," he said. "I feel very good about leaving here with a good nucleus."

However, Guerrero cited "a depleted roster" as one of the reasons he let Howland go.

Attendance lagged at games this season despite a $138 million renovation of Pauley Pavilion, and UCLA missed the NCAA tournament twice in Howland’s last four seasons. The Bruins haven’t reached the final 16 since 2008.

"It’s very complex," he said about coaching at UCLA. "There’s a lot that goes into it.

A national search is under way for Howland’s successor.

"They’re not going to have a hard time finding a great coach to come in here. They’re not going to hire a rookie," he said. "I just wish him the very best."

When he arrived in April 2003, Howland said there would never be another Wooden, who remained close to the program under Howland’s stewardship until he died in 2010.

"It’s a place that has such high expectations and that’s understandable," Howland said, calling UCLA “the premier athletic program in the country."

Howland pointed out that every player who stayed four years with him went on to graduate.

He said he either met with or spoke by phone with his current players, who are on spring break this week.

"I’ve encouraged them all to continue to work hard and to develop," he said. "I’m nothing but supportive of these kids and their futures here at UCLA."

UCLA coach Ben Howland objects to a call during UCLA’s loss to Minnesota in the second round of the NCAA tournament Friday.
Notre Dame excels despite weather conditions

By GREG HADLEY
Sports Writer

The Irish entered the Briar’s Creek Invitational in John’s Island, S.C., as the highest ranked team in the field at No. 23 and the clear favorite.

Despite the pre-tournament accolades, the Irish ended the first day of the tournament Monday in a close-fought contest, tied for first place with Coastal Carolina and East Carolina at 33 over par. Rain and wind slowed the golfers until play was suspended due to darkness midway through the second round. The Irish will complete the second round today and play the final third round. “(Monday) was a very long day,” Irish coach Susan Holt said. “The wind was consistently around 30 miles per hour, and the course was flooded yesterday, so we were playing it and really just seeing it for the first time.”

Sophomore Ashley Armstrong is in the midst of another strong performance, after winning the Inespirty Lady Jaguar Invitational last week. She is in third place individually after 12 holes in the second round. She currently leads all Irish golfers at three shots over par, just one shot behind the leaders.

Freshman Talia Campbell also played well, rebounding from a tough first round to score one under par through the first 11 holes of the second round, catapulting her into a tie for seventh place. “Ashley played excellent in tough conditions and managed the course very well,” Holt said. “We didn’t play a practice round, so to be only three over par is just great.”

However, the rest of the Irish struggled throughout the day. Freshman Lindsey Weaver is the highest ranked individual in the field at No. 8 but double-bogeyed three holes en route to a 12 over par day. The rest of the Irish all scored at least four shots over their season average. “We just didn’t play well as a team,” Holt said. “There’s no other way to say it. Every player had some problems. It was a little bit of everything overall.”

After the first 18 holes, the Irish were tied for seventh place, behind Kansas and Costal Carolina, both of whom they beat earlier this season. However, they managed to rally in the second round and put themselves in contention for the win heading into the final day. “The first round took [more than] six hours to finish,” Holt said. “It was exhausting. We played a little better the second time through. We just need to rest and be ready for tomorrow.”

The Irish finish play today at the Briar’s Creek Invitational.

Belles take game one, drop second to Franklin

By MEREDITH KELLY
Sports Writer

The Belles split a non-conference doubleheader against Franklin on Saturday in Franklin, Ind.

Saint Mary’s (6-6) took the first game 7-0 before falling 5-3 in the second game.

“The first run of game one came in the top of the third inning, courtesy of senior captain Erin Sherwood. Sherwood hit an RBI double down the left field line to bring freshman Ashley Watkins home. Sherwood then scored off an error by the Grizzlies center fielder on a bunt hit by senior Morgan Bedan to make the score 2-0.

With the Grizzlies (4-12) still scoreless in the top of the fifth inning, the Belles increased their lead to 6-0. Sophomore Victoria Connolly, sophomore Callie Selner and freshman Jillian Busfield all scored earned runs.

Belles coach Erin Sullivan said Selner was the team’s standout in the first game. Selner pitched a near-perfect game with no runs allowed, one hit allowed, four strikeouts and no walks. Selner also excelled at the plate with two hits and one run.

“The Belles took the win 7-0 and went into the second game feeling confident,” Sullivan said they may have been too confident. “I think we went into the second game thinking that we already had won it, when in reality, we hadn’t,” she said.

The Belles started off taking advantage of Franklin’s errors in the field in the second game. Sherwoodreached base oy an error by Franklin center fielder, then was brought home after a throwing error by Franklin shortstop.

The Grizzlies moved already in the bottom of the sixth inning, taking advantage of two Saint Mary’s errors. Franklin scored two unearned runs to win 5-3.

After splitting the doubleheader, Sullivan said non-conference games create less pressure than conference games — which may have led to a letdown from her team. “Maybe we needed that pressure to perform a little bit better,” Sullivan said. “But the only good thing is that it doesn’t hurt you for postseason play.”

In terms of postseason play, Sullivan said she believes her team has a lot more growing to do and a long road of hard work ahead of it. “We need to turn it around, we still have a lot of the season left,” Sullivan said. “We don’t want to think about quitting right now when we are only halfway through.”

The Belles are scheduled to face Defiance on Thursday in a home doubleheader.

Irish sophomore Ashley Armstrong lines up her shot at the Landfall Tradition tournament Oct. 23, 2011.

Snow ends Irish competition in Virginia

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Iron motivate Irish despite weather conditions

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six contests. The Golden Flashes have bounced back as of late though, winning six of their last eight games.

Much like Notre Dame, the Golden Flashes have faced several of the toughest teams in the nation throughout the early part of their schedule, including Virginia Tech, San Diego and No. 10 Louisville.

Kent State is coming off a series win against Northern Illinois this past weekend. In the series finale Sunday the Golden Flashes routed the Huskies 13-1.

The Golden Flashes surprised much of the college baseball world last year by making the first College World Series in school’s history.

Making the first college baseball world last year by being physical, Iowa's physical, we're going to play physical."

In addition to the two centers, Iowa relies on a trio of talented guards in sophomore Melissa Dixon and Samantha Logic and senior Jaime Printy. Both Dixon and Printy average double-digit points per game, while Logic has dished out 6.4 assists per game this season.

Irish freshman guard Jewell Loyd said Notre Dame will have to play fundamentally sound defense to contain the Hawkeyes' perimeter players. "They are all good guards, they all can shoot the ball really well," Loyd said. "Logic is a really good passer, so containing the ball definitely with her. I think just being able to stay to our principles in our defense and we'll see where that takes us."

McGraw said Logic and her teammates present a unique defensive challenge because the Irish will not be able to assign a second defender to any Iowa player. "I think that [Logic] is definitely somebody that's a challenge for us," McGraw said.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:
- Danica Patrick, 31
- Sarah Jessica Parker, 48
- Elton John, 66
- Aretha Franklin, 71

Happy Birthday! Embrace change and challenge anyone who stands in your way. Broaden your outlook and expand your friendships to include people from different backgrounds. Silence your temper and refrain from complaining about what you cannot change. Focus on the present and how you can achieve the goals that will lead to your advancement. Love is on the rise. Your numbers are 7, 8, 15, 25, 32, 43, 08.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): By allowing changes to take place, you will find what’s blocking you from progressing ahead. Learning a new skill or taking something you enjoy doing and turning it into a second income will help you get past any barriers you face.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Express your feelings. Learn all you can and you will be able to take advantage of a situation that develops with a partner or group. Let your intuition guide you and you will secure your position and enhance your reputation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you exaggerate, you will give someone the opportunity to make you look bad. Excess will be your downfall and pitching in and lending a helping hand will be your salvation. You can get what you want if you take an honest approach.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): By allowing changes to take place, you will find what’s blocking you from progressing ahead. Learning a new skill or taking something you enjoy doing and turning it into a second income will help you get past any barriers you face.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will attract attention. Don’t miss out because someone is trying to monopolize your time. Focus on what you want to do and how you can get ahead. Mastering something that will allow you greater opportunities should be your quest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Hold on to your cash. Don’t let anyone bully you into something you don’t want to do. Do your own thing and stick to the people you know well and trust. Someone is likely to make you an unrealistic promise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep personal secrets and avoid an unpleasant situation. A change in an important relationship can be expected if you or the other person feels pressured. Meeting new people or reuniting with someone from your past will change your outlook.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Listen to your intuition. Follow your heart and it will lead to a better relationship with the people in your life who mean the most to you. A contract, settlement or investment will turn out to be prosperous.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don’t be fooled by someone playing emotional games with you. Concentrate on your home and domestic situation and you will bypass a temptation that can lead to trouble. Love is on the rise, and the right partner will enhance your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will have to learn to work with the people in your life who mean the most to you. A contract, settlement or investment will turn out to be prosperous.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Good things come to those who wait. You will be able to finally make life-changing decisions that will be important in your personal, financial, medical and contractual obligations. Love is on the rise, and the right partner will enhance your life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Set your standards high and follow your gut feelings. Don’t let anyone push you or play with your emotions. An equal partnership is the only way you can move forward with anyone who wants to be in your life personally or professionally.

Birthday Baby: You are powerful, proud and intuitive. You are observant and responsible.
On the road again

Irish square off against Iowa in Iowa City for Sweet 16 bid

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

No. 2 Notre Dame may be the top seed in the Norfolk region, but it will be the road team tonight.

The Irish (32-1, 16-0 Big East) will face No. 9-seed Iowa at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City, Iowa, tonight with a birth in the Sweet Sixteen on the line. The game against the Hawkeyes (21-12, 8-8 Big Ten) marks the second time in three years Notre Dame has played a true road game early in the tournament. In the first round of the 2011 NCAA tournament, the Irish beat Utah in Salt Lake City.

Fortunately for the Irish, they have not lost a road game this season.

“Iowa has a home-court advantage here, everyone knows that,” Notre Dame junior forward Natalie Achonwa said.

“Virtually everyone in the gymnasium will be cheering for us. You would hope that we get some more Notre Dame fans out [to the] team. We’ve gone of tough places on the road, Tennessee, we’ve gone to Connecticut, we’ve gone to a lot of tough places on the road, so we know what that’s going to be like.

“The crowd’s going to be against us, there are going to be a lot of people cheering against us. You would hope that we get some more Notre Dame fans out [to the] team. We’ve gone of tough places on the road, Tennessee, we’ve gone to Connecticut, we’ve gone to a lot of tough places on the road, so we know what that’s going to be like.

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Belles start MIAA play with wins

By SAMANTHA ZUBA
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The Belles came up big this weekend with back-to-back victories at home against Saint Francis and Trine on Friday and Saturday.

Saint Mary’s (4-4, 1-0 MIAA) evened its record and snagged an important conference win in the process.

Belles coach Dale Campbell said the productive weekend should have a positive effect on the team’s attitude.

“Belles five points and the win to none after an 8-0 No. 3 doubles victory and the win by Faller and Sexton. The Belles also benefited from strong matches at the No. 2, No. 3 and No. 5 singles slots.

Sexton, freshman Margaret Faller and sophomore Audrey Kiefer provided three match victories against the couple of tough teams.

Sexton’s triumph was more secure. Saint Mary’s took six matches to Trine’s three. Several of the individual matches were nail-biters, however.

Sexton took a narrow 6-4, 6-4 victory. Margaret Faller played an even closer, more up-and-down match but managed a 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 win. Campbell said close wins are an important learning experience for the Belles.

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BASEBALL

Connaughton to debut

Observer Staff Report

No. 16 Notre Dame will take on Kent State this evening — weather permitting — in a single-game matchup at the U.S. Steel Yard in Gary, Ind.

Monday night’s game with Kent State was cancelled due to inclement weather.

A makeup game is not expected to be announced for what was supposed to be the first half of a two-game series against the Golden Flashes.

For the Irish (14-6), sophomore right-hander Pat Connaughton will make his first start of the season on the mound.

Connaughton spent the first month of the baseball season in a different uniform, playing for the men’s basketball team.

Connaughton was 4-4 in 10 starts last season, posting a 3.18 ERA with 40 strikeouts in 45 innings pitched.

Kent State (8-12) struggled at the start of this season, losing its first