Fundraiser donates record amount of hair

Students shave heads, donate hair to support cancer research and show solidarity with patients

By CHARITHA ISANAKA
News Writer

Last week, more than 800 Notre Dame students raised almost $30,000 for cancer research through The Bald and the Beautiful (TBAB). "We’ve had a record number of hair donations, which is something we are very happy about," senior Betsy McGovern, co-chair of TBAB said. "We will be donating over 1,200 inches of hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths." Students participated in TBAB by purchasing hair extensions, shaving their heads or donating their hair. The fundraiser benefited St. Baldrick’s Foundation, Memorial Hospital of South Bend and Pantene Beautiful Lengths. Some patients at Memorial Hospital also shaved their heads at the event, which took place over three days, McGovern said. "Angel is a seven-year-old patient at Memorial who came with his family to shave his head in front of a cheering crowd of Notre Dame students, including the football team," McGovern said. "Watching Angel shave his head was one of the most exciting moments of the event."

Company sells economically sustainable goods

By CHARLIE DUCEY
News Writer

Custom Elevation, a company three Notre Dame students created, aims to elevate the lives of Nicaraguan artisans by selling customized handcrafted hammocks and wooden wine-bottle caddies at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

Senior Roberto Pellas and juniors Christian Estrada and Dave Keeney said their company seeks to broaden these artisans’ exposure to international markets, provide them with a safe and well-equipped working environment and help them earn a steadier and more substantial income. The three students began planning their company in the summer of 2012 in response to the challenges artisans in the Nicaraguan town of Masaya faced. "Tourists come from all over the world just to buy hammocks in Masaya," Pellas said. "The problem is there is a saturation of shops in a confined space and the competition drives prices down." Pellas and Estrada, natives of Nicaragua, said they have admired the hammocks made by these artisans since their childhood. As a result, Custom Elevation sells Nicaraguan hammocks, known as Amakas, as well as wooden wine caddies, called Vineras. "These artisans have talents with two materials — cotton and wood," Estrada said. "We wanted to find the best product in these categories that suited the American market."

Hurley appointed registrar

Observer Staff Report

University Provost Thomas Burish has appointed Charles "Chuck" Hurley registrar of the University, according to a press release Monday. Hurley has served as Notre Dame’s interim registrar since Harold Pace’s retirement in 2011. He also served as associate University registrar and director of the Summer Session, the release stated.

The registrar’s responsibilities include overseeing information systems, preserving student academic records and supporting academic programs, according to the press release. Hurley will also supervise the implementation of the University’s academic code, course schedule development, classroom scheduling, summer session administration, and coordination of commencement ceremonies and other University convocations. Hurley is a 1993 alumnus of Notre Dame who received a master of science in administration from the Mendoza College of Business in 2001 and a master of arts in theology from the University in 2007. Hurley joined the University’s staff in 1996, establishing Notre Dame’s first institution-wide degree audit and online class-search system. He also worked to improve academic technology services to the community and formerly served as president of the Indiana Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

NDSP investigates forcible fondling

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) is investigating a report of forcible fondling made on Sunday, according to an email alert sent to students Monday.

The incident occurred late Friday evening in a residence hall room during a social gathering, the email stated, and the complainant knows the accused.

Fforcible fondling is defined in the email as "the touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, forcibly and/or against that person’s will; or, not forcibly or against that person’s will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her
The festival began in 1967 at Notre Dame. The Observer regrets this error.

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“What is your favorite summer activity?”
Presentation advocates global food justice

Global studies professors Sonalini Sapra and Laura Elder challenged students to question where their food comes from and consider the global impact of what they eat in their presentation “Sowing the Seeds of Global Food Justice in the 21st Century” on Monday. The lecture kicked off Saint Mary’s Food Week, presented by Student Government Association.

Sapra said she encountered two research groups, Navdanya and the Deccan Development Society, while she was working on her dissertation in India. Both groups were dedicated to eliminating genetically-modified organisms from food and making organic food products more accessible. Physicist and environmental activist Vandana Shiva founded Navdanya in 1982, Sapra said. “Vandana Shiva created this group because she felt that India was being taken over by monocultural crop production,” Sapra said. “She believed in a biodiverse farming system. Navdanya imports training to local farmers about what it means to practice biodiversity.”

Sapra said she had the opportunity to meet Shiva while planting with Navdanya in Dehradun, a city in northern India. “She brought in some organic kidney beans… it was the first time I ever sampled anything that was organic, and it was the most delicious thing I have ever experienced,” Sapra said. “I was like, ‘Where has this thing been my whole life?’”

The Deccan Development Society works with Indian women of the lowest caste, giving them land and teaching them organic-cultivation techniques, Sapra said. “What I was looking for were some of the strategies they were using to fight against genetically-modified seeds and products from entering their community,” Sapra said. “The seeds they sell are all packaged in cow dung or other substances in a way that prevents pests from getting in, while keeping the entire process organic.”

Sapra said while Navdanya and the Deccan Development Society encourage the removal of genetically-modified organisms, or GMOs, from products, many people in India argue GMOs are necessary. “The argument for genetically-modified seeds is that they use less pesticides,” she said. “But actually, if we look historically, those seeds used 400 million pounds of pesticides in the production of generic engineering. If genetically-engineered foods were the solution to more sustainable agriculture, I’d be all for it. However, there is nothing that leads us to believe that.”

Elder said speculation in the food-commodities market has global consequences. The-trick here is that commodities traders have always been exempted because they are trading commodities.”

Elder said increasing transparency through stricter regulation and rules could prevent the negative consequences of speculation. Both Sapra and Elder encouraged students to question where their food comes from and demand more sustainable options. “People know nothing about where their food comes from,” Sapra said. I think the dining hall is really trying to do better and supply more sustainable food options. If students demand a change, that is where they are more willing to change.”

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Sonalini Sapra
global studies professor
Onion staff visits campus

By LESLEY STEVENSON

News Writer

Scott Dikkers and Ben Berkley of the Onion spoke Monday to students in Washington Hall about the satirical news group’s history and creative process during what Dikkers told the audience “might be the most important hour of your life.”

Dikkers, a former cartoonist who joined the Onion staff in 1988, currently serves as vice president of creative development. Berkley, who began working for the Onion as an editorial intern, is the “editorial manager for the onion as an editorial manager caroline schuitema said. "We are an avenue for catharsis," he said.

Berkley said once stories have been picked, the staff collaboratively brainstorm and plans the stories. Eventually, the pieces are paired with often-elaborate original graphics created by the Onion staff members, he said.

When asked by an audience member how the Onion makes sure stories do not cross the line, Dikkers and Bentley immediately laughed and said they want to be able to joke about almost anything, but acknowledged that in some instances discretion is necessary.

“We wanted something that wasn’t traditional standup,” SUB special events programmer Caroline Schuiterma said. “We wanted something that students would see and think, ‘Oh, that’s different, that’s worth going to.’”

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Crime

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her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

The definition is legally established by federal law, cited in the email as the Jeannie Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics, or the Clery Act. The applicable Indiana Code for this event is sexual battery, according to the email.

“Ferocious fondling … and other sexual assaults can happen to anyone,” the email stated. “Being aware of your own safety and watching out for your friends are important steps you can take to reduce the risk of sexual assault.”

NDSP and the Committee for Sexual Assault Prevention website provide information about sexual assault prevention and resources for survivors of sexual assault. To report a crime in progress, suspicious activity or another emergency, dial 911 from any campus phone or 574-631-5555 from a cell phone.

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Senior Caitlin Desmond, co-chair of TBAB, said having families from Memorial Hospital attend the event added to the atmosphere and overall meaning of the fundraiser.

“When planning such a large event like TBAB, sometimes you lose sight of the greater impact it has and the people it touches,” Desmond said. “When families from Memorial Hospital came, it reminded me of the real cause and the importance of this event.”

Senior Michael Petravick, finance co-chair of TBAB, said the event raised almost $30,000 and the committee will continue to accept donations until May 1. The money from the hair extensions will go to Memorial’s pediatric oncology unit and donations from the head-shaving will go to the St. Baldrick’s Foundation’s pediatric cancer research.

“Although we fell short of our monetary fundraising goals, reaching participation records tells us that TBAB is becoming a more influential and prominent event on [the Notre Dame] campus every year,” McGovern said. “Over 500 people came for hair extensions and close to 400 heads were shaved, reaching double digits for female participants.

“I love seeing all the bald heads on campus,”

McGovern said she believes social media played a major role in this year’s large turnout.

“Several of the shavees [including one woman] found out about TBAB through our Twitter and Facebook accounts and through one of our four clips on local news channels,” McGovern said.

Petravick said TBAB will become more sustainable and continue to be a tradition in many dorms as the committee works to receive club status.

“With multiple dorms participating, many students come to know the event as a dorm tradition and want to continue building community by participating alongside their friends,” he said.

Desmond said that he believes people choose to participate in the fundraiser because it is almost impossible not to be affected by cancer in some way.

“I think people choose to participate in TBAB because at some point cancer impacts our lives, whether it is through a relative, friend or classmate,” Desmond said. “So, by donating money and participating in the event, it brings a sense of solidarity with those going through treatments.”

Sheely Frantz, an Elkhart, Ind., resident and one of the female shavees, said this event was the first step in her long-term goal to fight cancer.

“Everyone I know knows someone with cancer,” Frantz said. “Wouldn’t it be great to raise awareness and possibly know what cancer is? Maybe it doesn’t seem possible, but if you do it, just doing a little shaving can help cure it! Well, those are the questions I asked myself and that is why I shaved my head.

“It was truly one of the best experiences of my life. It wasn’t too hard for me,” Frantz said everyone who attended the event was very supportive and she hopes to encourage others to get involved with the fundraiser next year.

“When having a bunch of guys shaving, you get ready for when you get your head shaved is priceless,” Frantz said. “I really hope the community of South Bend gets more involved next year and I would love to do whatever I can to help create more awareness and participation outside of campus.”

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“The Vineras are made of nia- mbar wood, one of the best in Nicaragua, with a laser engraving of the Notre Dame logo. The Amakas are hand-woven, a skill that has been passed on through many generations in Masaya.”

Kenney said the company’s biggest challenge was designing products that would appeal to Americans.

“Our products went through several redesigning stages in order to achieve what we con- sider to be a high-quality ham-mock that appeals to the [United States] customer base,” Kenney said.

Pellas said the hammocks are especially marketable to college students because they enable students to relax in a cool and unique way. Custom Elevation plans to release a seat hammock next semester that Pellas said could hang from a lofted bed.

The company founders said a building was renovated on the Notre Dame campus to provide a safe place for the Nicaraguan artisans to produce these handicrafts, complete with three workrooms, storage and a bathroom.

“It really gives them a sense of dignity to work in an organized, professional manner,” Pellas said.

The artisans ship the products from Nicaragua to Miami. Notre Dame takes care of transporting them from there to the Hammes Bookstore.

Custom Elevation debuted its Amakas and Vineras dur- ing the Blue-Gold weekend. It sold approximately 60 percent of its total inventory, which the Custom Elevation members said they expected because the prod- ucts were new to the market. They said they hoped their newly launched Twitter and Facebook accounts will help them clear out the rest of their inventory.

“We believe that social me- dia is vital to our company,” Pellas said. “We want people to see that purchasing a product from Custom Elevation is not only an investment in a world-class piece of art, but also a step towards giving these arti- stists the recognition that they deserve.”

Custom Elevation received the Fellow Irish Social Hub award out of a pool of 200 companies, many of which are led by much older entrepreneurs, Estrada said. The award provides $7,500 for research and development, as well as support from mentors with experience in business ventures.

“Not only did we appreciate [Notre Dame’s] recognition of our work this far, but more im- portantly, we really think this award can take us to the next level as a company,” Estrada said. “We now have access to Innovation Park and a team of Notre Dame alums that have successful which entrepreneurial busi- ness experience.”

The company founders hope their future will include high sales at the bookstore and the introduction of new products, such as a seat hammock, pencil holder and cup holder, opening the possibility of expansion.

“We really want to make it work at Notre Dame, and once we are well-integrated, then we want to expand to other univer- sities,” Pellas said.

Kennedy said Custom Elevation may even involve itself else- where in Central America in the future.

“We want to bring money into economically-depressed com- munities in Nicaragua and eventually other countries as well through promoting community- owned businesses,” he said.

At its core, Custom Elevation grounds itself in the Nicaraguan community.

“We are collaborating with Mentores Solidarios [a Nicaraguan non-profit] to pro- vide high-school scholarships for the children of the artisans,” Estrada said. “It’s not just about giving them jobs. We consider these people family.”

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The long road back

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Sports Writer

In case you're interested, the NBA play-offs started this week. In case you're really interested, it looks like there are going to be some pretty good teams competing this year for the glorious position of being curb-stomped by the Miami Heat in the NBA Finals. (And I'm not even a Heat fan.) But let's be honest: can you think of a team that could conceivably beat LeBron and company four times out of seven games? Truth be told, I don't really care about any of the players that are playing this postseason. I'm more interested in one player who is not.

No, I'm not talking about Kobe Bryant. Yes, I'm talking about that other guy. Derrick Rose.

Recently, a Chicago Bulls fan declared he was going to launch a lawsuit against the Bulls for what he claims is over $20 million in lost earnings. He says that Derrick Rose's refusal to return to the court has sat this entire season and may miss the postseason while recovering from a torn ACL. Among other things, the man claims that Derrick Rose's refusal to return to the court has caused the Bulls to lose his services for the entire 2012-2013 season, resulting in missed pay. He's right. The Bulls are going to lose him. Do they deserve the money? More importantly, are they getting fair value for their money?

No, it's not the Bulls. It's me. To be perfectly honest, I've watched Derrick Rose play since he was a little kid. I have always been a huge fan. His talent was obvious from the start. I have watched his slow recovery and wanted to see him reclaim his throne. But with the amount of stuff you cram in those rooms, you're acting like you'll be living here for the remaining portion of your lives. In his case, your probably have at least one of the following: A mini fridge with one leg that is too short and wobbles whenever you touch it, four to five box fans (unless you live in one of the post-1970s palaces), a TV older than you are, a couch older than the aforementioned TV or an assorted set of T-shirts from freshman year events you hardly remember. When it comes down to it, you have more junk crammed in those tiny rooms than I have ever owned in my thirties and conservation-laden lifetime! This excess junk, which I have seen in almost every dorm room I've visited, has one thing in common. You'll probably never use it after you leave. Boom, I said it. You won't wear your UConnfest T-shirt to go get coffee with friends. You won't take those box fans to your new apartment. You definitely won't use your mini fridge to store your food! Even your trusty bicycle that usually gets you from point A to B without the chain falling off probably won't follow you when you leave. Unlike all the fond memories you have of my high fives and tender dance moves, they will be forgotten!

Now that we're on the same page, I have an idea to pitch. All these bikes, clothes, fridges and other possessions often get crammed into a trash room until it looks like my closet (I have a lot of capes). Why not put them to better use? I'm talking about Old2Gold. Old2Gold, the University's year-end campus yard sale, is an annual win, win, win situation. All you have to do is set this string of wins in motion is donate your gently used and unwanted goods to designated drop-stations situated around campus. There will be signs who will guide you through this process and psychologists to help you through any separation anxiety you may have (that is a boldfaced lie). Wood pickups will occur in the wee hours of May 2 and 3, and regular donations will be picked up May 6 through 20 from 7 to 9 a.m. These items will be sold at the ninth annual Old2Gold sale June 15 from 7 to 10 a.m. at Notre Dame Stadium.

The generated proceeds are given to nearly 40 local charities that assist in organizing the sale. You get to keep using your trash room without climbing a mountain, someone else gets a new mini fridge for a bargain and a local nonprofit gets funding to continue serving the community. Ask Charlie Sheen may have once said, "Old2Gold is winning, winning, winning!" If he potentially said that, he would be right! When you donate to Old2Gold, you're also reducing and reusing. Your old fridge keeps chillin' for another three years, one less fridge is bought new and global resources are saved. In the end, everyone is happy, especially I am. So, in all seriousness, I encourage you to move all your items out of your residence hall at the end of the year and donate the items you don't think you'll use to Old2Gold. Save the planet, help others save some money and serve the community by donating to Old2Gold! GreenMan out.

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timents to The GreenMan at askthegreenman@gmail.com and let him answer you with a sustain-
able twist. The GreenMan will be here every other week to provide you with insights you never knew you were missing out on until now.

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A bipartisan appeal for marriage equality

Shaya Ellis
Reason Will Prevail

Adam Newman
Stetson Potential Exit

On most issues, we could not disagree more. One of us is a moderate Democrat who is socially liberal and fiscally conservative. The other is a staunch conservative Republican who believes the federal government is currently acting outside the scope of the Constitution. Regardless of our differences, we will focus on what we agree on: marriage equality for all Americans.

The issue of marriage equality in the United States dates back to when laws were enacted to prevent marriages between blacks and whites. In 1963, the Supreme Court decided in Loving v. Virginia that Virginia’s prohibition of marriages of different races was unconstitutional.

Chief Justice Earl Warren’s opinion for the unanimous court held, “Marriage is one of the basic civil rights of man. To deny this fundamental freedom subverts the principle of equality at the heart of the Fourteenth Amendment. The Fourteenth Amendment requires that freedom of choice to marry not be restricted. Under our Constitution, the freedom to marry, or not marry a person resides with the individual and cannot be infringed by the State.” These tenets of freedom and equality outlined by Chief Justice Earl Warren in his opinion for the Supreme Court state the foundation of marriage equality for all Americans and question how government officials who swore an oath to uphold the Constitution deny citizens equal protection under the law.

With respect to marriage equality, we must say that ‘gay rights’ should not be a question. All Americans should have equal rights, especially those of minority groups. Our history has shown it is politically easy to not recognize that marginalized groups should receive the same rights other citizens receive. While many states have decided against gay marriage in elections, it is not fair to leave the rights of a minority group to the whims of the electorate. If we had left the rights of other minority groups, such as blacks and women, to the whims of the electorate, it would have taken much longer for these groups to receive equal rights.

By granting rights to these citizens, we progressed toward our nation’s goals of liberty and justice for all.

While the arguments for gay marriage are strong, the arguments against are very weak. Many believe marriage should only be between a man and a woman because only a man and a woman can conceive a child. Given this, our society not allow heterosexual couples who cannot have children or who do not want children to get married! The simple reality is it is not the government’s place to label marriage as a reproductive institution only. It is an institution based on love, regardless of want or ability to bear children.

Many believe gays will destroy the institution of marriage. The reality is heterosexuals are in the process of destroying it. The current divorce rate stands at 50 percent. The percentage of adults married is at historic lows, the percentage of adults never married is at historic highs. It is also sheen laranca for our society to discriminate against two men or two women who have dated and lived with each other for years by preventing them from getting married while allowing Kim Kardashian and Larry King to get married as often as they would like.

The sad part is those who see themselves as social conservatives should support gay marriage. By allowing more gays to marry, we can create more stable families that can adopt more children and allow them to grow up in a home with two loving parents. A lot of critics say there are harmful effects for children in gay families, but these critiques are more based in bigotry than research.

A compilation of research on this topic compiled by the American Psychological Association yielded: “Fears about children of lesbian or gay parents being sexually abused by adults, ostracized by peers or isolated in single-sex lesbian or gay communities have received no scientific support. Overall, results of research suggest that the development, adjustment and well-being of children with lesbian and gay parents do not differ markedly from that of children with heterosexual parents.”

We write this article because we believe marriage equality is an issue that years from now will be a non-political issue, just like equal rights for blacks and women. Gay marriage will come, as Chief Justice Earl Warren once wrote, to reflect the “evolving standards of decency that mark the progress of a maturing society.” When we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, we proclaim liberty and justice for all, but in a country where gays are denied the benefits of marriage, can we honestly say there is liberty and justice for all?

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Coming up short

While working on an uninspiring paper for my philosophy class recently, I overheard an extremely upsetting conversation. I wasn’t really listening at first, but as the number of blatantly racist comments increased in frequency and severity, I just couldn’t focus on my work anymore. At one point, someone said, “I hate Mexicans. I didn’t have a problem before I came to Saint Mary’s College, but then you go to the mall and there are so many people before I was born in the Midwest of the United States, but it’s just so annoying how we’re everywhere!”

I did really just hear that? I was tempted to butt in with: “I feel your pain. I never had a problem with white people before I was born in the Midwest of the United States, but it’s just so annoying how we’re everywhere!”

In the 9 months that I have been a student at SMC, I have never heard about or encountered first-hand more instances of prejudice than I ever had before. Perhaps I just didn’t have enough exposure previously, or maybe I’m just more aware now, but whatever the case, one thing is clear: This is absolutely unacceptable. I came to SMC believing the communities here and at Notre Dame were welcoming and enlightened. And while there are a substantial number of people who fulfill these expectations, I have been sorely disappointed with how often I have witnessed the opposite.

More so, I am disappointed with myself. I am disappointed I haven’t had the courage to say something, despite clearly not being a part of the conversation. I’m not a confrontational person and even have a tendency to choke in friendly social encounters, but that’s no excuse. The disappointment I feel when I don’t speak out is worse than the anxiety. I can’t justify my lack of action by saying it’s none of my business. Fighting oppression is everyone’s business, and if we’re not standing up, we aren’t doing our jobs. So, I’m going to challenge myself. Next time I encounter another instance like this, I’m going to speak out. I ask you do the same.

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freshman
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April 23

The spirit of a marathon

On Monday at 1:34 p.m., I crossed the finish line of my ninth marathon. Over the past three days, I’ve been struggling to make sense of what happened that day. Though the motivation behind these events is still unknown, I do know my family and I were part of the target, and for whatever reason, we were spared. But others weren’t, and their losses cannot be replaced.

Marathons are a unique sporting activity because they simulate the very real-life experience of having to reach deep down for strength to continue onward when your body is saying you have nothing left to give. This makes running a marathon a very personal and truly emotional experience, and it explains why the spectators are so important to us runners. Numerous times during the race Monday, when I was apparently looking in need of motivation, I would hear from someone nearby: “Go, Colleges — you’re almost there!” These people didn’t know me, yet they supported me anyway, reading the name I had scribbled with a marker earlier that morning on my bib. This outpouring of unconditional support from one human being toward another is the heart of a marathon experience. This is precisely why it is unbelievably painful and difficult to comprehend the events that occurred at the finish line Monday.

Some people say marathons are crazy. And I don’t always disagree with them; we are a people that run 26.2 miles until our legs feel wobbly and call it fun. But one thing’s for sure: Marathons remind us of what’s good in people. We are seeing countless examples of this in stories that continue to emerge from Monday — stories of runners continuing onward toward the hospital to donate blood and volunteers who moments before had been handing out medals and were now applying tourniquets to wounds. This good will continue, and so will our propensity to run until our legs feel wobbly. To those who were cheering us on, to those who came out to support a marathon, I want to say thank you. Don’t let this break your spirit, Boston. We’ll keep coming back to show good always triumphs over evil and nothing can break the spirit of a marathon.

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April 23

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not a confrontation

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This past week, with the weather changing drastically on a daily basis, I was in the mood to do nothing but lie in bed and watch dramatic movies, and that's exactly what I did. I randomly stumbled upon the 2012 British film "Ginger and Rosa" and decided to give it a try. Set in 1962 in London amid the Cuban Missile Crisis, the film focuses on two young girls and the impact world politics had on them. The main character Ginger is played by Dakota Fanning’s little sister Elle, who nails her role as conflicted and borderline-depressed teen.

The beginning of the film shows the relationship between Ginger and her best friend Rosa, played by “Beautiful Creatures” actress Alice Englert, who have been friends literally since birth after their mothers met in a London maternity ward. Ginger’s mom is played by “Mad Men” actress Christina Hendricks, an appropriate choice for the mom of a redheaded girl nicknamed Ginger. (We find out later that her real name is “Africa,” a name chosen by her radical father who was merely a teenager when she was born.) The 17-year-old girls are shown hitchhiking, smoking, chasing boys and drinking in bars together, with the matured Rosa leading her naive and innocent friend. Ginger’s parents scold her for hanging out with such a bad influence, but that only makes her more rebellious and eager to go against their wishes. However, soon their friendship takes a turn for the worse after an inappropriate relationship forms between Rosa and Roland, Ginger’s father.

During the first hour of the film, careful watchers could predict the upcoming scandal because of the subtle yet strange looks exchanged between Rosa and Roland. For example, when Roland is driving Rosa and Ginger around in his convertible, he adjusts the rear-view mirror to show him only Rosa’s face. This relationship throws Ginger completely over the edge and begins her downward spiral into complete depression.

Not only does Ginger have to face that her best friend has a relationship with her own father, but she also has to deal with her extremely unhealthy relationship with her mother. Although not yet divorced, Natalie and Roland are separated and live in two different apartments. The film depicts the negative relationship between Ginger and her mother while hinting at the deprecating relationship between her and her father. During a shouting match a few months into Rosa and Roland’s relationship, Ginger tearfully proclaims the situation in front of everyone, bringing Natalie to hysterics and leaving Rosa and Roland behind to take the blow. Natalie’s reaction throws the family even further off balance and is juxtaposed with the politics of the heightened threat of nuclear war. I was constantly engaged in the plot since it was all so fast-paced and intense, with both family and political drama happening simultaneously.

I’m warning you now, this film does not have a happy ending, but I still enjoyed it. The backdrop of the Cold War and the threat of nuclear Armageddon connects well with Ginger’s unstable mental health and shows a different side of a well-known story. The talent among the actors makes for a deep, meaningful film that I would recommend to anyone looking for a good drama.

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"Ginger & Rosa"

Danish Film Institute

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Yesterday as I listened to Avril Lavigne’s new single “Here’s to Never Growing Up,” I was automatically transported back to 2002 when I was in fourth grade sporting Limited Too, dancing around the house singing “Sk8r Boi.” With her punk-rock style and catchy pop songs, Avril Lavigne topped the request list at all my middle-school dances, so when I heard she came out with a new song more than 10 years later I immediately added it to my favorite playlist. The great thing about this song is it sounds exactly like all our favorite throw-back jams. You would never know a 28-year-old was singing it an entire decade after her peak.

Despite the lack of originality, Avril’s new song has a lot to offer. First of all, it reminds me of my all-time favorite song “Forever Young” by Bob Dylan with its lyrics such as “Say, won’t you stay forever stay/if you stay forever hey/We can stay forever young.” Even though this theme has been a tad bit overdone between Jay-Z’s “Young Forever,” Taylor Swift’s “Never Grow Up” and most recently Kesha’s “Die Young,” I still have yet to tire of it. Avril’s latest attempt manages to be different enough with its pop beat and catchy verses to set it apart from the previous tunes.

Although the background music and rhythms sound like they were taken straight out of her early 2000’s hits “Sk8r Boi” and “Complicated,” the lyrics have definitely matured since then. This song is actually labeled “explicit” on iTunes, so it is not exactly something you would want to play in public. The music video has a nostalgic tone that fits in perfectly with its theme of never growing up. In fact, the cover art for the single is a picture of Lavigne wearing heavy eye makeup and holding a teddy bear, reinforcing the “forever young” motto of the new single.

As it gets warmer out and the number of school days dwindles, songs like this will be sure to put you in a happy summer mood. This new single is destined to be a summer favorite, and I can already picture myself driving with the windows down, blasting Avril’s latest hit. Even though she has been in and out of the music scene for the past 10 years, I believe this song has the potential to launch her comeback career.

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Across campus, there is an undeni-able fascination with the huge popula-tion of squirrels running about. Most of us probably had never seen a squirrel up close until one of them started following us around, begging for the sandwich in our hands like a domesticated dog. These unusually large and strangely orange creatures have been the star of many an Instagram photo.

Though these crazy animals are good for a laugh when you lure one in with pea-nut butter or see one darting up campus trees, I’ll just go ahead and say it: they’re really not that great. In fact, they’re annoy-ing most of the time.

And while I’m not one to be into hipster trends, I do have the (literal) underground alternative to these overexposed, main-stream squirrels: the elusive chipmunk. Why the chipmunks, you ask? Here’s my list of reasons.

Diet
There is no way our campus squirrels practice healthy eating habits. After all, we put them in the path of temptation all the time. I certainly don’t want to of-fend any squirrels or make them feel like they must fit the cookie-cutter ideal of the skinny, airbrushed squirrel on maga-zine covers, but come on. Hanging half your body down into the trashcan to dig out whatever you can find? Just admit you have a problem, squirrels. It’s not like there’s a shortage of food on campus.

Chipmunks, on the other hand, are ex-posed to the same temptations as squir-rels: thousands of people walking around and dropping food. Yet, when was the last time you saw one of them walk up to you while you were minding your own busi-ness, waiting for your friends in front of the dining hall? Or stalk you while you try to eat your Grab n’ Go bagel on the way to class? My best guess to explain their regular size is that chipmunks eat a more healthy quantity of food for their size.

Exercise
It is true that squirrels are seen running around from time to time. But more often, you see them lumbering around, just wait-ing on the food to come to them or cling-ing to the edge of the trash can with their back legs while they go cave diving into it. Sometimes they stalk after you or trod up to you, expecting free handouts. Or worse, they run across your sidewalk path in their public efforts to get frisky, which is gross and probably a violation of du Lac.

Chipmunks on the other hand, are always on the run. Like sprinters, they dash from place to place, always on the go. Maybe they really do eat as much as squir-rels but burn it all off with their constant running. Chipmunks seem to mirror the athletic feel of Notre Dame’s campus, with so many students coming in from varsity high school sports. They may not come as close as the overly-friendly squirrels, but they’re more exciting to watch when you do see them.

Access
Squirrels up close are exciting because you probably don’t get that anywhere else. Yet their excessive exhibitionism makes their charm fade pretty fast. We get it, you’re not afraid of us. But that doesn’t mean you get to shadow me across South Quad because you want my popcorn. Squirrels are the equivalent of those people who stand on stage at Fever just to point at people like they’re completely awesome, even though they probably aren’t. Squirrels are some-where between outright attention hogs and just embarrassingly shameless in their quest for food, attention and action. They beg for free food, dumpster dive and just embarrassingly shameless in their quest for food, attention and action. They beg for free food, dumpster dive and think they deserve your attention just be-cause they exist. Have some pride in your-self, squirrels. You don’t have to put it all out there all the time.

Chipmunks are the exact opposite. They’re elusive, mysterious and fleeting. They’re like that crush that ignores you, making you want him or her more. They know what’s up on the actual under-ground scene. They probably have a whole city organized in the underground tun-nels. Instead of worrying about squirrels taking over campus, we should be looking at those who go unnoticed: chipmunks. Squirrels are too lazy and slow to bother taking over anything, and what more do they want than food anyway? Chipmunks taking over would be way more interest-ing and unexpected.

Lastly, and not to be superficial, just look at them: chipmunks are way cuter than squirrels. They’re like the cuter mini version of those lazy squirrels who have let themselves go. (And whoever told squir-rels that orange is the new pink is serious-ly disturbed). Squirrels look like they’d be heavy to hold and a mess of fur, while chipmunks could fit in your hands while you pet their tiny heads. If you haven’t noticed these little guys around campus yet, keep your eyes peeled. Chipmunks are the new thing, and squirrels are so last semester.

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Proposals for a better NFL draft

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How the NFL Draft ever got this big is both difficult and easy to understand. Last month, between ESPN and NFL Network, 8.1 million fans watched Roger Goodell announce the picks of the NFL Draft from Radio City Music Hall. As a result of this enormous audience, there is more money at stake, more pressure, and more reading between the lines as to what’s more noteworthy than the 7.8 million that tuned into last year’s NBA Western Conference Finals between the Thunder and Spurs.

If you’re trying to explain the magnitude of the NFL Draft to someone not already aware of the significance of the NFL in America, you will fail. It’s like trying to illustrate the immensity of Vince Wilfork to someone who’s never met anyone bigger than Wes Welker.

On the other hand, for football fans and coaches who can’t pronounce the name Nnamdi Asomugha, it makes perfect sense. It’s been two and a half months since the Super Bowl and four months since most teams played a game. Fans are thirsty for anything related to football and the NFL Draft is the first round of the draft, even if it means dealing with Mel Kiper, Jr. for five hours.

To increase the number of viewers (and money), the NFL and television networks have made some changes to the draft over the years. In 2001, they now allotted just 10 minutes per selection in the first round, instead of 15. And in 2010, the draft evolved into a multi-day event. This has been super effective in increasing the number of viewers and extending the enormous amount of attention the draft receives over an entire weekend.

This year, ESPN and the NFL Network have agreed not to show selected players on the phone in the green room or at home with their newest teams, meaning there will be a true drum roll leading up to the announcement made in Radio City Music Hall. This will certainly increase the theatrics, though I’m sure scoring commissioner Roger Goodell more attention is a good thing.

But even with these changes, the draft still typically loses its luster near the end of the first round. So, I’ve got some suggestions to make the draft better when it reaches its most popular spot in America.

Interview the teams’ fans after the picks. We don’t need to listen to the Gruden rave about every player selected in the first round.

Get a knowledgeable, passion-filled fan, maybe even from each team, and let them voice their opinions on the selection. Hearing the Jets fans’ reactions are always entertaining, so why not extend that to every team?

Next, let kids announce the draft picks of one entire round. Who doesn’t love hearing kids at a baseball game announce the players up to bat? This will lighten things up in the middle of the draft and create a special connection between the lucky kid and the selected player.

Allow teams to jump in at the start of a round by forfeiting a certain number of later or future draft picks based on the round. Trades are an exciting aspect of the draft, and there are probably teams willing to move up but unable to find a trading partner. Allowing this would add intrigue and even more strategy to the draft. Teams could move up without a trading partner to grab a player they really want, but only for a considerable price.

The final suggestion will never happen, but I’m still thinking about it is enough to make fans salivate. Change the draft from its current format to an auction style. The idea is taken from the increasingly popular fantasy football draft format where teams have a budget to select players. Give successful teams from the previous year fewer points than those finishing at the bottom of the league to draft a certain number of players and let the madness ensue.

It’s impossible to imagine the excitement from an auction-style draft. Each team would have a chance to draft any player, but they would have to make significant sacrifices to grab a top prospect. While small divisional rivals would surely arise and fans would cheer for every outcome positively affecting their team. The amount of strategy involved would skyrocket and the NFL Draft would become one of the biggest events of the year.

If you want Te’o, you have to probably move up a little bit,” Kiper said, adding: “It’s really whether they want to roll the dice or not.”

Spielman has suggested he’s not worried about whatever risk Te’o might bring. It’s a unique set of obstacles to navigate.

After becoming one of the most celebrated college players in the country, in part because of the supposed relationship with a woman who was said to have died during the season and inspired him to play his best, Te’o has had to deal with the ensuing embarrassment from the revelation that this girlfriend did not exist.

Spielman said he didn’t see the due diligence required to research Te’o any different than for other players.

“ar field try explaining the magnificence of the NFL in america, you could illustrate the immensity of Vince Wilfork’s 300-pound frame. This will certainly increase viewership and extend the enormous amount of attention the draft receives over an entire weekend. At least 25 operators at 1-800-844-2392 will help you.

With pair of 1st-rounders, will Vikings take Te’o?

Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The Minnesota Vikings have two picks in the first round of the NFL draft and one big hole in the middle of their defense. The Vikings have vowed to find their starting middle linebacker in this year’s draft, and the famous-for-more-than-a-month Floral Manti Te’o could be still on the board when they’re on the clock with the 23rd and 25th selections Thursday night.

The Heisman Trophy runner-up from Notre Dame, whose school-record seven interceptions last season made him a national story well before the hoax began about his fake girlfriend, could be a good fit in Minnesota. The Vikings, after all, took three of his former Fighting Irish teammates over the last two drafts and have five guns from Notre Dame on their roster.

“It would be perfect for what they do,” ESPN analyst Mel Kiper Jr. said, comparing Te’o’s skill set to that of former NFL middle linebacker Chris Spielman, the brother of Vikings general manager Rick Spielman.

But while many mock drafts have Te’o pegged in purple, Kiper said on a recent conference call with reporters that he doesn’t believe Te’o will be available at No. 23. Georgia’s Alec Ogletree is another prime linebacker prospect who could project away from the off-field concern; he was arrested for drunken driving earlier this year and also suspended for games last season against Georgia Tech.

If the Vikings can’t get, or pass on, Te’o and Ogletree, they could find Kevin Minter of LSU or Arthur Brown of Kansas State to line their in the second round.

“If you want Te’o, you have to probably move up a little bit,” Kiper said, adding: “It’s really whether they want to roll the dice or not.”

Spielman has suggested he’s not worried about whatever risk the multi-skilled Percy Harvin has, which will add strength to Seattle’s already potent offense.

The Vikings found potential future stars in the first round with left tackle Matt Kalil and safety Harrison Smith, and sixth-round selection Blair Walsh made the Pro Bowl as a kicker. They also picked cornerback Josh Robinson, fullback Rhett Ellison and wide receiver Jarius Wright, who made significant contributions as a rookie.

That productivity ramped up the team’s timeline to return to competitive status in the stacked NFC North, so much so that Spielman uncharacteristically splurged in free agency to sign wide receiver Greg Jennings away from rival Green Bay to help withstand the loss of Harvin.

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Orion is Latin for “large pear.” A basket of onions was considered a respectable offering in ancient Egypt, second only to a basket of bread. Onions, with their circular layers, represented eternity and were found in the eyes of King Ramses IV who died in 1166 B.C.

Kissing may have originated when mothers only passed chewed solid food to their infants during weaning.

The earliest form of eating processed food occurred in early hunting cultures when the men who made a kill would be rewarded with a meat of the partially digested contents of the stomach of their prey.

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‘Revis Island’ officially enters Tampa Bay

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Darrelle Revis walked into the Tampa Bay Buccaneers weight room and received a round of applause from some of his new teammates.

The warm reception meant a lot to Revis.

The three-time All-Pro may have left the New York Jets feeling underappreciated, but he's a welcome addition to a defense that ranked last in the NFL last season and is expected to help transform the Bucs into a playoff team.

And, the well-paid Revis is confident he's up to the task.

“We're going to make a lot of noise. Don't worry about that,” the seventh-year pro said Monday. “I think this was a great move on my part to be a part of this organization.”

The star cornerback acquired from the Jets said he's going to "do my best" to play up to expectations that come with a new six-year, $56 million contract.

He also insisted during a news conference that he holds no grudges against his old team, which was reluctant to give a player coming off surgery to repair a torn knee ligament such a commitment.

“I have nothing to prove to the New York Jets,” Revis said. “I have nothing to prove to anybody.”

Weeks of reports about the 27-year-old's future ended Sunday when the Jets traded Revis to the Bucs in exchange for the 13th overall pick in this week's NFL draft and another selection next year.

Generally regarded as the best cornerback in football, Revis also agreed to what he conceded is a “unique” contract that includes no guaranteed money.

“The contract will take care of the money,” the seventh-year pro said. “I've just got to go out and play.”

The Buccaneers not only are banking on Revis to be physically ready to open the season in September against — yes — the Jets, but believe he's far enough long in his recovery to reasonably expect he'll be able to get on the field for the start of training camp this summer.

“We did our due diligence,” general manager Mark Dominik said, “or else we wouldn't have made a deal of this magnitude.”

Revis was entering the final year of a contract that would have paid him $6 million in 2013, $30 million less than he'll receive annually with Tampa Bay. His old contract also included a clause that would have prevented the Jets from using the franchise or transition tag on him next year.

So rather than risk the chance of losing Revis as a free agent in 2014 without receiving as much compensation as the cornerback would have commanded now, the Jets decided to trade him.

Tampa Bay, which was more than $32 million under the salary cap, was thought to be the most likely suitor.

“We felt it was one of those win-win situations for both organizations,” Dominik said.

Nevertheless, talks between the Bucs GM and new Jets general manager John Idzik dragged on for a couple of months. Negotiations heated up when Tampa Bay insisted a deal be in place a minimum of a week before the start of the draft.

The teams agreed to compensation last Thursday. Dominik then received permission to contact Revis' agents to begin discussions on a long-term contract and eventually flew the cornerback to town for a physical on Sunday.

Revis said he met Idzik for the first time last week and that the Bucs GM told him he wanted the cornerback to remain in New York.

Asked if he felt Idzik had been untruthful, Revis said: “Yeah...I felt that type of vibe.”

At the same time, the seventh-year pro said he's not bitter about how his stay in New York ended. He admitted he “felt some type of way” when he learned the Jets were willing to trade him, but insisted he's not upset.

“It's over. It happens. I've got to move on. It's a new chapter in my life,” Revis said. “I don't have a sour taste in my mouth. Not at all.”

Instead, the cornerback said he's focused on doing everything he can to get back on the field and help his new team.

The Bucs, 7-9 a year ago, haven't made the playoffs since 2007. They haven't won a postseason game since winning their only Super Bowl in 2002. Revis hardly considers himself a savior.

He said he's joining a talented team with a playoff-caliber roster even without him, citing quarterback Josh Freeman, receiver Vincent Jackson and running back Doug Martin by name. Jackson and Martin made the Pro Bowl last season, and Freeman is coming off a year in which he became Tampa Bay's first 4,000-yard passer.

“I can go down the list of players we have on this team. We have some great guys. That was one of the things me and my agents looked at to be part of this organization. We have some guys who can already play,” Revis said.

Schiano, beginning his second season, agreed.

“He doesn't have to do it alone,” said Schiano, who coached against Revis when the cornerback was in college at Pittsburgh and Schiano was at Rutgers. “He has a good supporting cast.”

The trade also reunites Schiano with his old college coach Dave Wannstedt, now the special teams coach in Tampa Bay, and defensive backs coach Jeff Hafley, who was his position coach at Pitt.

“I'm going to do my best. That's how I work. I'm going to bring as much leadership as I can to this team,” Revis said. “Our biggest goal is to win, and there's no better place to win than here.”

And as for beginning the next phase of his career by returning to New York to face the Jets?

“It's going to be fun,” he said, a smile spreading across his face. “It's Week 1. You can't go around it, you can't go over it.”
Irish rise to top on Day Two

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After finishing Sunday in second place, the No. 26 Irish concluded the second round of the Big East championship Monday in first place after firing a three-under-par 285.

“The team played very well today,” Irish coach Susan Holt said. “The team effort was exactly what we needed.”

Notre Dame’s score of 285, which marks the team’s best round this season, pushed its team total to three-over-par 579 after two days. Second-place Louisville sits one stroke behind the Irish. Though Notre Dame had a successful first round, Holt said the team improved from the first day to the second.

“The team played a lot better today,” she said. “The team shot nine shots better than the first day and really capitalized.”

The Irish entered the second round seven strokes behind the Cardinals after shooting a six-over-par 294 Sunday. Irish freshman Lindsey Weaver, ranked 18th nationally, maintained her second-place standing after firing a two-under-par 70. Weaver birdied four holes on the front and two more on the back nine. She leads the Irish with a total of nine birdies in the tournament.

Fellow Irish freshman Talia Campbell finished the second round tied with Weaver on the leaderboard after shooting a three-under-par 69. Though Campbell bogeyed the 11th hole, she was able to finish the round with three birdies and four pars.

“The team really capitalized on the opportunity to make birdies,” Holt said.

Irish sophomore and defending Big East champion Ashley Armstrong finished the round with an even-par 72 and sits in 13th place. Junior Kristina Nhim climbed from 11th place to 10th and rounded out the Irish scoring with a two-over-par 74. Sophomore Kellie Orifice finished the round with a four-over-par 76 and rose from 22nd place to 17th.

“Though we had a couple hicups along the way, overall the team played really well, and we are happy with it,” Holt said.

After two successful appearances, the Irish are in prime standing to claim the title, Holt said.

“We are back in position to win the tournament,” she said.

Paired with Louisville and Cincinnati in the third round, the Irish will have to keep consistent and not let down on the final day, Holt said.

“The course is giving up low scores, so we are going to have to earn it,” she said.

The Irish tee off tomorrow at 8:50 a.m. on the Reunion Resort Tom Watson Golf Course in Orlando, Fla.

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Belles rebound with win over North Central

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Coming off a loss against Hope in Michigan on Saturday, the Belles hosted North Central on Monday, winning 6-3.

The Belles (10-6, 4-2 MIAA) won two of three doubles matches, losing only the No. 2 doubles of freshman Margaret Faller and sophomore Shannon Elliott. However, Elliot and Faller won No. 3 singles (6-2, 6-0) and No. 6 singles (6-1, 6-1), respectively. According to Saint Mary’s coach Dale Campbell, the Belles’ doubles play facilitated their strong singles play.

“We got an early lead with doubles but those same players in doubles gained confidence and more practice to perform well in singles,” Campbell said.

Junior captain Mary Catherine Faller and sophomore Jackie Kjolhede also recorded victories in their singles matches. Kjolhede won the No. 6 singles slot 6-3, 6-0 and Faller recorded a 6-0, 6-1 victory at No. 5 singles.

Campbell said the Belles’ doubles and singles competition improved but their consistency did not. He pointed to sophomore Kayle Sexton’s 6-0, 1-6, 2-6 loss. Sexton led the match after winning the first set but lost her next two sets. Freshman Audrey Kiefer’s No. 4 singles match followed a similar trajectory as she lost a tiebreaker after having won the second set 6-0.

“We should have been more consistent and played aggressively from the start to the end of the match,” Campbell said.

Campbell also said the Belles will continue to focus on their conference with two regular season games remaining against Calvin and Kalamazoo.

“Our focus is in our conference and to make the playoffs,” he said.

“We have to be in the top four to qualify in the championships and we have to make a strong finish.”

The Belles will now prepare to host conference opponent Calvin (5-10, 3-4) on Wednesday.

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Irish coach Mik Aoki said Jagielo’s success in 2013 is simply the product of his skill set and work ethic.

“He’s one of the top hitters in the nation,” Aoki said of Jagielo. “He’s a kid who is really talented. ... When you combine that [Jagielo’s] work ethic with his hard work, you see what he’s capable of doing.”

Toledo (14-24, 6-9 Mid-America Conference) enters today’s game having won two of three against Central Michigan over the weekend.

Junior outfielder Tyler Grogg leads the Rockets in batting average from his leadoff spot, hitting .370 with a .450 on base percentage on the season.

In their lone contest last season, the Irish beat the Rockets 7-3.

“You definitely can’t take these mid-week games lightly,” Jagielo said. “We have to come out and jump on them early and stay aggressive.”

Sophomore right hander Matt Ternowchek will make his third start of the season for the Irish today. Ternowchek is 4-2 with a 4.36 ERA.

Notre Dame has performed well against its non-conference opponents this year, posting a 17-6 record against teams outside the Big East. The Irish will look to continue that trend today against Toledo before taking on another non-conference opponent, Michigan State, at home Wednesday.

“For me, there’s no question that your ability to play well mid-week and keep your team feeling good about themselves leads to a higher level of play on the weekends,” Aoki said. “But there’s all critically important. You just go out with that one pitch at a time, one game at a time mentality.”

Notre Dame will take on the Rockets at 3 p.m. today at Mercy Field in Toledo, Ohio.

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conference game is important for us to make the NCAA postseason,” Buntin said. “If we focus on one game at a time we will be playing in the Regional tournament.”

Buntin said Notre Dame’s pitching has dominated during the win streak. Junior Laura Winter was named Big East Pitcher of the Week for her combined efforts against Pittsburgh and Michigan State last week as she kept the Spartans and Panthers off the scoreboard. It will be important for the pitching staff to stay strong today against the Huskies, Buntin said.

“Our pitching staff this week did a great job attacking and keeping the Pitt hitters off balance,” Buntin said. “We had a plan for each hitter, and we were able to execute that plan to allow our defense to make easy outs. Coach was happy with how we played this weekend, but she is always looking for ways to improve.”

Buntin, Winter and the rest of the Irish will begin play today at 12:00 p.m. in Melissa Cook Stadium. The second game is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m.

“She was happy with how we played this weekend, but she is always looking for ways to improve.”

“Callie Selner and Morgan Bedan pitched and caught an excellent game (respectively),” Sullivan said. “Our defense was also stellar. We had some clutch hits in game one as well, especially from Morgan.”

According to Sullivan, Saint Mary’s played its most complete game of the season in the first game, which made its let-down in the second game more disappointing.

“We were the best we have been all season in game one. It was incredibly impressive and fun to watch,” Sullivan said. “We let game two slip away which was disappointing but I think we learned the mistakes we cannot make going into our last six games of the regular season.”

Selner and freshman pitcher Sarah Burke combined to allow six earned runs in six innings pitched in the second game and the Belles’ defense allowed two more unearned runs to score. Burke started but was pulled in the third inning. Senior shortstop and captain Emily Sherwood had a strong game at the plate for the Belles, going 2-2 with a run scored.

Sullivan said her team must prepare for more of tough conference games in order to prepare for the upcoming MIAA tournament.

“We are certainly being challenged the most we have been all year and we have a lot of pressure on us to perform at the highest level possible,” Sullivan said. “Every game is important at this stage of the season.”

After a day off today, the Belles will return to conference play Wednesday against Trine in Angola, Ind.

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issues besides the weather a bit. We had a few games played the day before but recently,” he said. “The round of 32 moved up to Monday due to thunderstorms, forcing teams to potentially play four games in a row and live in six days or make it to the championship. This will test not only each team’s skill, but also their mental toughness,” Lynch said.

It’s a lot in a short time, which is why it’s exciting,” he said. “Adding extra games in the final week adds to the intensity and makes it survivable,” he said.

While Lynch feels that all the remaining teams have the talent to make a deep run and possibly win, one team stands out from the rest: defending champions and No. 1 seed Sophomores at Holy Cross, known last year as Hoops I Did It Again. The squad returns all five members of last year’s title squad, which is highly unusual in Bookstore Basketball.

“It’s not normal to have the entire team come back the next year,” Lynch said. “Most of the time only one or two guys return. They are an extremely talented and intriguing team.”

The rest of the top five teams each bring their own strengths to the table, ranging from big men to solid defense to impressive guard play.

The remaining 16 teams have been re-ranked based on their performance this year and will benefit from warmer weather tonight, although there is a strong likelihood of rain.

“The rain increases parity among the teams,” Lynch said. “It makes the mental aspect that much more important.”

Of course, the tournament is not just about basketball. Most of the proceeds will go to Jumblapal, a charity founded in 1995 by Notre Dame alumni who wanted to keep kids in Jamaica off the streets and provide them with an outlet to release their energy through basketball camps. Bookstore Basketball has partnered with Jumblapal since 2002 and has become its biggest donor. Two members of the Bookstore Basketball executive board travel to Jamaica each year to see the camps firsthand.

“Jumblapal is very big. This year the ‘Harlem Shake’ was popular with team names,” Lynch said.

A key concern for the executives is eliminating any names that hint at discrimination.

“No discrimination about sexual orientation, race, gender, etc.,” Lynch said.

Another common naming theme is Notre Dame traditions, represented by teams such as this year’s ‘Dulocked and Loaded.’ Lynch said these types of names have become more popular in recent years.

“Every year there’s more and more about dorms or statuses on campus, different historical aspects of the school,” he said. “I think it’s an extremely good thing for this tournament. This was Year 41 for Bookstore Basketball. I’m biased because I’ve been involved so much, but I think this is one of the coolest traditions here at Notre Dame. It’s a part of the culture here, and it gets summed up in the team names.”

Some students have expressed displeasure at having their team names rejected. Sophomore Chris Scanlan said the committee could loosen their reins a bit. His team name, “Peter Northstars,” was rejected. “If it’s not outright obscene or offensive, I don’t see why they need to censor the names. It takes away a lot of the freedom you need to be able to be clever. It’s why ‘the funnest’ names are lame, out-of-date or beaten-to-death pop culture references.”

Sophomore Tim Scanlan also expressed disappointment at having his team’s name rejected. “Off Constantly” failed the committee’s appropriateness tests last year.

“We were truly saddened that our thoughtful name was rejected,” Scanlan said. “It was tongue-in-cheek. We merely wanted to convey how ‘insane’ our game was and felt that we couldn’t convey that properly through ‘Team 542.’ We wanted everyone to know how mentally unstable our whole outfit was: constantly off or off constantly.”

Despite complaints from some students, Lynch said he enjoyed the creativity of team names.

“One of my favorite things is to see the creativity,” he said.

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biggest challenges for the executive board is anticipating which current events students will use for team names. These names need to be filtered on a year-by-year basis.

“We sit down as our executive group for more of the present-day happenings in the world of sports and entertainment,” Lynch said. “We address some of the themes that may come up and we come up with rules amongst ourselves so we can decide year by year what is appropriate. There are things that come up every year in the world of sports and the world in general that we have to address with names.”

This year, Notre Dame students paid homage to the school’s Catholic heritage by choosing names associated with the pope and the papal election. Two pope-themed names made the official Top 10 list: “We Found Love in a Paperless Place” and “We Like Our Popes Like We Like Our Breakfast: Ex-Benedict.”

“Pope Benedict’s resignation and probably the election of Pope Francis” was one of the most popular this year, ‘Call Me Maybe’ last year. Lynch said. “If there’s a hit song, that can be big. This year the ‘Harlem Shake’ was popular with team names.”

A key concern for the executives is eliminating any names that hint at discrimination.

“No discrimination about sexual orientation, race, gender, etc.,” Lynch said.

Another common naming theme is Notre Dame traditions, represented by teams such as this year’s ‘Dulocked and Loaded.’ Lynch said these types of names have become more popular in recent years.

“Every year there’s more and more about dorms or statuses on campus, different historical aspects of the school,” he said. “I think it’s an extremely good thing for this tournament. This was Year 41 for Bookstore Basketball. I’m biased because I’ve been involved so much, but I think this is one of the coolest traditions here at [Notre Dame]. It’s a part of the culture here, and it gets summed up in the team names.”

Some students have expressed displeasure at having their team names rejected. Sophomore Chris Scanlan said the committee could loosen their reins a bit. His team name, “Peter Northstars,” was rejected this year.

“Personally, I think the restrictions are a little strict,” Fidlan said. “If it’s not outright obscene or offensive, I don’t see why they need to censor the names. It takes away a lot of the freedom you need to be able to be clever. It’s why ‘the funnest’ names are lame, out-of-date or beaten-to-death pop culture references.”

Sophomore Tim Scanlan also expressed disappointment at having his team’s name rejected. “Off Constantly” failed the committee’s appropriateness tests last year.

“We were truly saddened that our thoughtful name was rejected,” Scanlan said. “It was tongue-in-cheek. We merely wanted to convey how ‘insane’ our game was and felt that we couldn’t convey that properly through ‘Team 542.’ We wanted everyone to know how mentally unstable our whole outfit was: constantly off or off constantly.”

Despite complaints from some students, Lynch said he enjoyed the creativity of team names.

“One of my favorite things is to see the creativity,” he said.

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Schedule for Tuesday, April 23

All conference sessions are held in the Notre Dame Conference Center in McKenna Hall.

Morning Session: 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

8:45 a.m.  Ahmad Moussalli (via web), American University of Beirut

“Islam and the Public Intellectual”

Commentary: Rashied Omar

Chair and Moderator: R. Scott Appleby

10:45 a.m.  Paul Horwitz, University of Alabama

“The Blogger as Public Intellectual”

Commentary: Richard Garnett

Chair and Moderator: Matthew Storin

Afternoon Session: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.  Kenneth Miller, Brown University

“Science in the Crosshairs: The Public Role of Science and Scientists”

Commentary: Jessica Hellmann

Chair and Moderator: Jeffrey Feder

Afternoon Session: 4:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

4:00 p.m.  J. Bradford DeLong, University of California, Berkeley, NBER, and Kauffman Foundation

“The Economist as Public Intellectual”

Commentary: Timothy Fuerst

Chair and Moderator: Richard Jensen

Evening Session: 7:15 to 9:00 p.m.

7:15 p.m.  Gilles Andréani, Paris II Panthéon-Assas University

“The Former Diplomat as Public Intellectual”

Commentary: George Lopez

Chair and Moderator: A. James McAdams

Questions from the Audience

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BASEBALL

Upstart Irish prepare for matchup with Toledo

By JOHN SANDBERG

With a three-game home sweep of Quinnipiac in the books, Notre Dame hits the road today for another non-conference matchup as it takes on Toledo.

The Irish (22-15, 4-8 Big East) continue to get production at the plate from junior infielders and All-American candidates Eric Jagielo and Trey Mancini.

The duo combined to go 12-24 with 11 RBIs over the weekend. Jagielo and Mancini are batting .383 and .319, respectively, and have combined for nearly half of the team’s run production.

“We’ve been able to hit three and four since my freshman year,” Jagielo said. “For the three years that I’ve been here it’s been kind of fun hitting back-to-back with him. … If [I] don’t succeed or get a hit in a particular situation, I don’t feel any pressure because I know most times he’s going to pick me up.”

Jagielo ranks first in slugging and on-base percentage among Big East hitters and sits just behind Louisville’s Ty Young for second place in batting average.

“Coming off this summer [in the Cape Cod League], I learned so much about coming to the park every day and not trying to do too much,” Jagielo said. “When you try to do too much you come out of who you are, and that’s when you start failing instead of doing what you’re capable of doing.”

ND SOFTBALL

Streaking squad takes on Huskies

By LAURA COLETTI

The Irish are riding a seven-game win streak heading into tonight’s doubleheader against conference rival Connecticut.

Notre Dame (33-10, 13-1 Big East) swept Pittsburgh on the road last weekend and is looking to keep the ball rolling against the Huskies (22-29, 6-8). Senior catcher and captain Amy Buntin said playing a conference opponent makes the pair of games more important.

“UConn is a Big East opponent that we can’t take for granted,” she said. “We need to start each inning today with an attack mentality. This year UConn is a young team with little experience in their lineup.”

Because of the short turnaround between the weekend series with the Panthers and today’s doubleheader, the Irish practiced lightly Monday just to stay sharp, Buntin said. Rather than have a full practice, the squad participated in a light hitting workout while resting the pitchers.

“With the Irish practicing a little bit light tonight, we’re improving both offensively and defensively. It is easy to see we are playing with more confidence at this point in the season.”

While Notre Dame’s Big East record makes qualifying for the conference tournament a sure bet, the Irish are beginning to weigh their odds of qualifying for the NCAA Regionals. According to Buntin, this focus makes each game for the remainder of the season more important.

“With the Irish focused on the season,” she said. “UConn is the largest outdoor five-on-five basketball tournament in the world. And it’s also a hotbed for creative team names, some more and some less appropriate than others.

For the executive board that oversees the tournament, determining the appropriateness of team names is a balancing act. Senior president Matt Lynch described an involved process that requires the Bookstore Basketball executives to work with the Student Activities Office (SAO).

“It’s kind of a multistep process between our group of Bookstore executives and people at SAO,” Lynch said. “Multiple people work at it to make sure that we get rid of the ones that are inappropriate from the weeks of registration to the tournament.”

Lynch said that one of the