Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame exchange students

By KATIE McCARTY
News Writer

For a small number of Notre Dame students, taking classes at Saint Mary’s is a normal part of their daily schedule. Junior John Brahier, who is majoring in mathematics at Notre Dame and pursuing a secondary education minor at Saint Mary’s, said he has taken several required courses for his minor at Saint Mary’s.

Notre Dame physicist discovers Earth-like planets

By HENRY GENS
News Writer

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‘A face behind the numbers’

Students and faculty work to promote immigration awareness across campus

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

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Crepp said the telescope focuses on a particular section of the nights sky and measures very slight changes in the brightness of stars.

It all starts with Kepler staring continuously at a hundred-and-fifty thousand stars, and there’s this patch of sky that it looks at with an unblinking eye,” Crepp said. “It’s monitoring the brightness of stars and whenever a

Junior Shannon Levery, sophomore Grace Girardot and junior Marianna Prado participate in the Border Issues seminar in southern Arizona.
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Voices of Faith Gospel Choir will perform.

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Arliotta Stadium
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The Irish face off against the Marquette Golden Eagles.

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Eck Baseball Stadium
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Notre Dame vs. Connecticut.

Workshop: Write First
Coleman-Morse Center 203
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Lecture: The ABEGHKK’IH Revolution
Jordan Hall of Science
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Notre Dame Jazz Band will perform.

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Notre Dame vs. Eastern Michigan

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Students sample desserts during the First Year Sorting Ceremony on Thursday. The Harry Potter-themed desserts offered to eager first-years included butterbeer, black licorice wands, cauldron wands, and rock cakes.

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“Undecided, cheesy, predictable.”

Justin Wollington
freshman
Dillon Hall
“True American hero.”

Alexa Lodenquai
freshman
Lyons Hall
“Peppy Long Islander.”
SMC magazine contributors share work at reading

By KELLY KONYA  
News Writer

"Chimes," the biannual art and literary magazine of Saint Mary’s College, will be released next week. The magazine features various creative works from Saint Mary’s faculty and students ranging from first years to seniors.

Senior and co-editor Laura Corrigan said many students have two pieces in the magazine, which is the maximum accepted per student. Corrigan said she hopes the Saint Mary’s community will appreciate the pieces in this year’s edition.

“We hope people will read and enjoy all of the pieces accepted this year and will be encouraged to submit next year,” Corrigan said. “We also hope the writers’ hard work and creativity is accessible for others to enjoy.”

Haemmerle said “Chimes” has had a long history—the first issue of the magazine was published in September of 1892. The magazine has developed from here, primarily a literary magazine to include art work as well,” Haemmerle said. “It also is published digitally on the ‘Chimes’ website.”

Haemmerle said that there were 36 poetry submissions this year, 19 of which were chosen for publication. A chapbook was chosen and 10 of these were chosen, she said.

Senior Landess Kearns said she is very excited about her poem, which will be published in this year’s edition.

“I was thrilled when they chose my poem,” Kearns said. “It’s always such an accomplishment to have work recognized by others.”

“I loved the reading last night because it is fun to share a creative piece with other people who love literature and art like I do.”

Rose Franzen  
senior

and I think that “Chimes” does a great job at selecting a wide variety of student pieces.”

Corrigan said students and professors read both fiction and non-fiction pieces during the first official “Chimes” reading Thursday night in Spies on Lower Court at Saint Mary’s. Corrigan said attendance at the reading by both students and professors was better than expected.

Sophomore Maria Monreal, senior Elizabeth Elsbach and sophomore Anna Fanelli read their pieces at Thursday’s gathering, where other writers shared their work as well.

Elsbach said she has enjoyed being published in the “Chimes” multiple times through her years at Saint Mary’s, and likes seeing the literary talent in the community. She shared one of her poems at Thursday’s event, Elsbach said.

“I read one of my poems called ‘Grinding the dregs at the Chimes’ event,” Elsbach said. “It’s about sexuality and how people exploit it. It’s always a pleasure to be chosen.”

Senior Rose Franzen said she read one of her fictional short stories, entitled “My Brother’s Keeper,” about her brother coming back from active duty.

She said she enjoyed sharing the story with others interested in art and creative writing.

“I loved the reading last night because it is fun to share a creative piece with other people who love literature and art like I do,” Franzen said.

Fanelli, a Humanistic Studies and German major, said that as a community we’re honoring the work of students from various majors.

“I was shocked when one of the girls was a Biology major,” Fanelli said. “It’s cool that not only English majors take part in this publication.”

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Campus unites to ‘reclaim the night’

By REBECCA O’NEIL  
News Writer

The chant “Join together. Free our lives. We will not be victimized,” echoed through campus as students from Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame united to take a public stand against sexual violence Thursday night.

The two schools collaborated in this year’s Take Back the Night event, which featured a candlelight vigil at the Grotto, a march through Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s campus and a Speak Out with dinner in the Hospitality Room of South Dining Hall.

The event was co-sponsored by the Gender Relations Center (GRC) at the University and the Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO) at the College.

Christine Caron Gebhart, director of the GRC, said Take Back the Night’s theme reflects the center’s overarching purpose.

“Our goal is to help students think about and form healthy and safe relationships where we as a community care for one another and for ourselves because that is what we are called to do by God,” Gebhart said. “For some, this is part of the process of healing and reclaiming their voice after an event that has taken their power.”

Gebhart said each part of the event was designed with a specific purpose. The prayer service serves as time to heal, she said. The march was a time to publicly eliminate taboos associated with sexual assault and the dinner gave people an opportunity to share their stories and have supporters listen, she said.

“Then we break bread together because that’s what we do as a community because food can be comforting, it could be a way to gather but most importantly a way to heal,” Gebhart said.

She said the structure of Take Back the Night reflects a Sunday Mass.

“We gather together, we break bread, we become stronger and go forth in the world and make changes so that peoples’ dignity is preserved and protected, especially the most vulnerable,” Caron Gebhart said.

Nicole Sanga, a sophomore fire starter who attended the dinner and speak out, said the event means something different to everyone and a great deal to those who are victims of sexual violence.

“It’s personal,” Sanga said. “I feel like it means something different for everyone. Holding an event like this each year shows that we are trying to address topics like this, which do happen on our campus. I have friends who look forward to this each year because for them, it’s a way to continue the healing process.”

Gebhart said the event also culminates strong sense of unity and shared responsibility.

“It’s also a time for us to stand together in solidarity—to break the silence that often occurs around issues of sexual violence and assault,” Caron Gebhart said. “It’s that time of year when we stand in solidarity and realize that this support extends beyond our campus, our community to include people and students who have been impacted and to remind us that we as a community, Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s have to stand against this.”

The solidarity extends past gender, sexuality, race and social standing, Gebhart said, emphasizing the number of men who attended the event.

“I think the presence of the men is incredibly important because it causes their impacts their lives: some directly and some indirectly but most importantly, what it really says to us is that this is our issue, not a men’s or a women’s, not a gay, not a straight’s but about humanity,” she said.

Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame were not the only community participating in Take Back the Night. The South Bend community and IUSB also held Take Back the Night events on Thursday.

Take Back the Night is relevant in both a literal and figurative sense, Gebhart said.

“Often victims will talk about this shadow, which is why you have groups like Out of the Shadows, but also you know, under the veil of night it’s easy to do violence to one another because we can dehumanize one another,” she said. “It’s both literal, in the sense that it is when sexual violence occurs, but symbolic in the sense that that is what happens to people who experience this. We’re going to be a light for them.”

“As we walk around campus, we’re not competing with other events. We are all standing together, saying we need to be a part of this night, this day and in this way people will speak out.”

“Don’t just need to take back this night, we need to take back every night and every day.”

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“I’ve taken a number of classes at SMC, all part of my secondary education major,” Brahier said. “SMC has the education program I was looking for, so when I graduate, the plan is that I’ll have both the secondary education minor and a license to teach.”

Junior Madeline Swan, who is a math and sociology double major, also has a secondary education minor at Saint Mary’s.

Swan said the small class sizes, good learning environments, and caring professors are instrumental to her success at Saint Mary’s.

Her experience at Saint Mary’s has helped her move past common prejudices held between female students at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s, Swan said.

“The professors have been awesome and I have met some truly great classmates,” Swan said. “Also, this has helped me break down stereotype barriers for me that are typically present between SMC and ND girls.”

Brahier said it was initially difficult to be the only male in many of his Saint Mary’s courses, but the transition has gotten easier with time.

“It was a big difference for me at first because I came from an all-boys high school, so to go to classes of almost all girls was a pretty big change,” he said. “Obviously there was a bit of an adjustment period at first, but it’s not really a big deal in the long run.”

Brahier said his decision to enroll at Saint Mary’s was due to Notre Dame not offering the education training he wanted.

“My plan after graduation is to teach math in a high school, but Notre Dame doesn’t have an Education Department that directly prepares students to be teachers and helps with the licensing process,” he said.

Brahier said taking courses through the education department at Saint Mary’s has been a positive experience and his professors take an interest in student success.

“The Education Department at SMC has sponsored some really cool events related to social justice in education and is a big proponent of service-learning,” Brahier said. “By and large, the faculty I’ve worked with at SMC have been great—they seem to really care about each student and want us to do our best. In general, I think that’s definitely true at Notre Dame as well.”

Notre Dame students enrolled in Saint Mary’s classes are assigned a Saint Mary’s advisor in addition to their advisor at Notre Dame, Brahier said. His Saint Mary’s helps him choose his courses and build his schedule, he said.

Brahier said he works with his two advisors separately.

“If I have a question about education classes, I have to go to the SMC advisor,” he said. “For math or theology, I go to my advisor from each of those departments at ND.”

He said his courses at Saint Mary’s are determined by his major requirements, so he meets with his Saint Mary’s advisor regularly and registers for courses in person.

“Registration for my classes at SMC is relatively straightforward because I have a pretty set list of classes that I have to take, so basically I just meet with my advisor over there on a regular basis to make sure I stay on track from semester to semester,” Brahier said. “I don’t do any online registration for those classes—instead, it’s all through contact with my advisor.”

Swan said she feels fortunate to have the opportunity to study at both institutions.

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“It’s an awesome opportunity, and to me really the only difference is the guys being there in the future, and I would encourage any Saint Mary’s girl to try it out.” Norris said Saint Mary’s seniors are allowed to register for two Notre Dame courses per semester and other students are allowed one per semester.

Senior Academic Advisor for Saint Mary’s, April Lane said most students who take advantage of this opportunity want to take classes that are not offered at the College or to experience taking a class with new students and professors.

Norris said Belles took the Notre Dame classes “Irish Ghost Stories,” “Wind Ensembles,” “Maritime Affairs,” “Abnormal Psychology” and “National Security Affairs.”

Among other classes during the spring 2013 semester, Norris also said certain groups of students have a greater tendency to take Notre Dame courses than the average Saint Mary’s student.

“There are a few groups who consistently take Notre Dame courses, like ROTC, Music majors, and Engineering students,” Norris said.

Kiefer said she was worried at first that she might have to confront preconceived ideas about Saint Mary’s students.

“I thought it would be intimidating, and that I would have to overcome stereotypes of being a ‘Smick Chick’ at first,” Kiefer said.

“But after about one month of classes, I think everyone forgot I was even from Saint Mary’s.”

Sophomore Battol Alsawalha, a student in the dual engineering degree program, said she has not faced any negative stereotypes in her engineering courses.

“When working with my group members throughout the year on different projects, they never treated me differently or belittled my work just because I was a Saint Mary’s student,” Alsawalha said.

“Actually, many ND students are interested as to how the dual program functions and ask me about it when they find out I am from SMC.”

Senior Leslie Wilson, who enrolled in an Irish Folklore course this semester, said she had not taken a course at Notre Dame before registering for this course.

She said she chose the class because she had studied abroad in Ireland.

“I found that the course was very interesting and I wanted to take it because I had studied abroad in Ireland my sophomore year,” Wilson said.

“The subject interested me because it focused on an Irish subject, and there aren’t any Saint Mary’s courses like that.”

Other students choose to take courses that count toward graduation requirements, since many Notre Dame courses do not fulfill Saint Mary’s major requirements.

Sophomore Nicole O’Toole said she registered for a political science course titled “American Marriage” to further her interest in political issues.

“I love being in the mix with Notre Dame students,” O’Toole said. “At Saint Mary’s, most of my classes are filled with girls who are very similar to me. It is fun to be in a different setting with people of different backgrounds, races, religions, and, of course, genders. I think it really challenges me.”

Sophomore Grace Harvey, who enrolled in a Catholic Moral Theology course, said her Notre Dame course is less conducive to socializing than her Saint Mary’s courses.

“My lecture is double the size of my classes at Saint Mary’s, so many of the students do not interact with each other unless they were already friends coming into the class,” Harvey said.

“I feel like at Saint Mary’s we linger behind once class ends to talk to friends, but at Notre Dame, students treat class and leave quickly, like class is strictly business.”

Alsawalha said the size of her classes doesn’t make a difference in terms of access to her professors.

“Professors always provide office hours for all of their students to come and see them,” Alsawalha said. “Obviously, the way classes are conducted is very different but the classes here both provide an equally incredible teaching environment.”

Senior Norris and Notre Dame’s Saint Mary’s courses are equally challenging. Harvey said the difficulty levels of her courses vary with each professor and their teaching styles.

“it’s hard to compare course work because it all really depends on the professor,” Harvey said. “My Notre Dame course is challenging for different reasons, like the take-home tests and the length of the papers. Things I don’t have in my Saint Mary’s business courses.”

O’Toole said because her Notre Dame course is mostly discussion-based, the content of the course is both challenging and rewarding.

“It is interesting that my professor at Notre Dame completely leads the discussions and calls on each student by name,” O’Toole said. “It definitely makes you want to be prepared for class, whereas at Saint Mary’s we usually respond to each other freely.”

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Planets

planet passes in front of the star, it casts a shadow or blocks some of that light, and Kepler is sensitive enough to actually measure that. Crepp said he follows up with a ground-based optics approach to further characterize the system once notified by a sophisticated algorithm that combs through the Kepler data to determine planetary candidates.

“I use a large telescope from the ground and my role in this particular Kepler discovery was to follow up those objects of interest with imaging,” Crepp said. “From the ground I can actually see if there are any sources of contamination that might trick us into thinking we’re looking at planets, but we’re actually just looking at a vanilla binary.”

He said one of the most important aspects of this step in the process is ruling out all probable alternatives that may result in the signal being a false positive, such as when the system actually has two stars — a binary — that occult each other. This binary problem occurs with 50% of all stars, Crepp said.

Despite the recent discovery, Crepp said he believes they’ve reached the limits of what they can currently characterize in the Kepler 62 system.

Crepp said the next step, beyond continuing to look through the NASA database of roughly 3,000 Kepler Objects of Interest (KOIs) for other Earth-like planets, is to start looking for such planets closer to home.

Crepp said he is working to develop an instrument he calls the infrared Large Binocular Telescope Exoplanet Recovery, or iLOCATER, which will use a fundamentally different detection technique to search for Earth-like planets roughly 10 lightyears away — two orders of magnitude closer than the current sampling performed by the Kepler project.

“My instrument uses a different technique; it doesn’t use the transit technique, it uses more the Doppler radial velocity technique where you look at a star’s ‘wobble’ in and out-of the sky,” he said. “If a planet is orbiting a star it will orbit its center of mass and so if you just isolate what the star is doing, it’s being tugged on by the planet ever so subtly, a few meters per a second as it turns out — about as fast as you would run. It’s impressive that you can actually measure that for a star.”

Crepp said he will have the iLOCATER making measurements in two years, which will then allow researchers to make the next step in characterizing the atmospheres and composition of nearby Earth-like planets that are discovered.

Crepp said the discovery is an important step in human understanding of the universe, but it prompts more questions than it answers.

“It’s still a small step in the grand scheme of things but it’s an essential, really important step,” he said. “You answer one question and it brings up others.”

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Marisol Moreno, Institute for Latino Studies fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies fellow, and former president of Romance Languages and Literatures, also promotes immigration awareness through her courses.

Moreno said she has taught a U.S. Latino literature course with service learning in the South Bend community each semester for the past three years. Moreno said students in the course, which is restricted to juniors and seniors, attend a three-day tutor grade school middle school and high school students at La Casa for at least two hours each week.

Moreno said this community based learning helps students humanize the things they learn in the classroom.

“The idea behind this kind of pedagogy is the student is not only exposed to the academic questions in the classroom, but is stepping beyond the classroom and gaining real experience,” Moreno said. “It’s really powerful, because they can put a face behind the numbers.”

Senior Mary Pullano, a student in Moreno’s class, said interacting with immigrants at La Casa increased her understanding of complex immigration issues and the human side of those issues.

“What has made me most sensitive to immigrants is working with the immigrant families at La Casa, witnessing both their great need and great generosity,” Pullano said. “I have always understood that immigration is not a black and white issue, but the community based learning has helped me to see the deep complexity of the issue.”

Moreno said another part of her course is an immersion weekend in which students stay in the homes of families that are served by La Casa.

“While they’re there [students] are able to discuss some immigration issues like legal status and language barriers with their host families,” she said. “Many of [the families] are undocumented — and I’m always careful to use undocumented not illegal. After the immersion weekend and working at La Casa, students begin to understand how complicated this issue is.”

Senior Jim Ropa, also a student in Moreno’s class, said the immersion weekend exposed him to problems with the current U.S. immigration policies.

“I lived with a Mexican-American family for a weekend and realized that our flawed system could allow a woman who has been living here for 21 years, applying for citizenship throughout, [to] be the only person in her family of 17 people to still be considered illegal,” Ropa said.

Moreno said that overall her students’ work in the class and the opportunity it affords to interact with the local Latino community, which is why she continues to teach the course.

“It’s a really amazing opportunity and students really appreciate it. Seniors tell me they wish they had heard about La Casa sooner,” she said. “As long as I can, I’m going to keep doing Latino literature classes with service learning.”

Mike Hebber, director of student leadership and senior transitions at the CSC, said he created the CSC seminar “Immigration Advocacy for the Common Good” in partnership with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to help students learn advocacy skills.

CSC Immigration courses

Hebber said students who took CSC immersion courses related to immigration, like the “Border Issues” and “Migrant Workers” seminars, came back with the passion to advocate for immigration reform, but lacked the necessary skills and knowledge.

“Students come back from these immersion courses and have a strong passion for the issue and want to effect change, but they don’t necessarily possess the skills to implement change,” Hebber said. “So the course aims to equip them with the skills to act on their passion in an effective way.”

Junior Rachel Beck, who took the advocacy course after taking the CSC’s Border Issues seminar, said the course provided training for students in the course because immigration is an important issue for the church. The CSC promotes advocacy in accordance with Catholic social teaching, he said. “The global church is taking this issue seriously and advocating on behalf of immigrants. You could say we are an immigrant church, at least in America,” he said. “This, of course, is all rooted in the gospel.”

Students have also taken upon themselves to advocate and educate on the topic of immigration. Beck said after taking the advocacy course, she and her classmates have joined the Student Coalition for Immigration Advocacy (SCIA) and Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) in promoting immigration awareness.

She said the most recent collaborative project was a video entitled “Faces of Immigration,” which can be found on YouTube.

Ranged said much of what the group does next year will be determined by national politics and immigration reform measures before Congress.

“It’s all down to the current immigration proposal in Congress,” he said. “If anything comes out of that, it will become our focus. If nothing comes out of it, that will motivate us to do more here on campus.”

Ranged said he is encouraged by Jenkins calling the whole university’s attention to the issue.

“Continuing the discussion at an administrative level is a great start,” he said. “Any possible solutions to immigration problems are going to come at the administrative level. I think the administrators and staff doing their part, combined with our student efforts, will lead to a good impact on awareness and on advocacy efforts here on campus.”

Challenges of our time

Fr. Dan Groody, director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture within the Institute for Latino Studies, has worked as part of University’s task force on immigration commissioned by Jenkins.

Groody said his work on immigration issues began when he worked as a priest in Latin America.

“My work and writing has involved looking at the church’s response to immigration, the spirituality of migrants and the theology of migration,” Groody said. “It starts in my experience during the years I lived and worked as a priest in Latin America.”

Groody said because of the University’s Catholic tradition, he considers the University’s role in the national discussion on immigration to be providing an alternative basis to consumer culture and economics.

“I think there’s a more general conversation going on among college campuses. I think Notre Dame can take a leading role and show how Catholic universities can approach the issue,” he said.

“Other schools are looking at the economics, but the church has more to offer. We can focus on keeping families together, making sure agricultural laborers aren’t exploited, ensuring the dignity of all humans and recognizing the contributions that all groups can make to these goals,” Groody said the University is obligated to confront the issues entangled with immigration.

“Immigration is part of our university heritage, part of our catholic faith, part of our service tradition and it’s also part of our present reality,” he said. “A university should be engaged in the challenges of our time.”

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Cost of amputating a leg? At least $20,000. Cost of an artificial leg? More than $50,000 for the most high-tech models. Cost of an amputee’s rehab? Often tens of thousands of dollars more.

These are just a fraction of the medical expenses victims of the Boston marathon bombing will face.

The mammoth price tag is probably not what patients are focusing on as they begin the long healing process. But friends and strangers are already setting up fundraisers and online crowd-funding sites, and a huge Boston city fund has already collected more than $23 million in individual and corporate donations.

No one knows yet if those donations — plus health insurance, hospital charity funds and other sources — will be enough to cover the bills. Few will even hazard a guess as to what the total medical bill will be for a tragedy that killed three people and wounded more than 260. At least 15 people lost limbs, and other wounds include head injuries and tissue torn apart by shrapnel.

Health insurance, as practically anyone who has ever gotten hurt or sick knows, does not always cover all costs. In the case of artificial limbs, for example, some insurance companies pay for a basic model but not a computerized one with sophisticated, lifelike joints.

Rose Bissonnette, founder of the New England Amputee Association, said that the moment she heard about the bombings, she knew immediately that her organization’s services would be needed. The advocacy group helps amputees navigate things such as insurance coverage for artificial limbs.

Bissonnette shared one group member’s struggle to get coverage for artificial arms as an example of the red tape some bombing victims could face. The woman “got a call from the insurance company and the person on the other end said, ‘How long are you going to need the prosthetic hands?’” Bissonnette recalled.

Bissonnette herself was in a horrific car crash 16 years ago that left her with injuries similar to those facing the Boston victims. Her mangled lower left leg had to be amputated and her right ankle was partially severed. Her five-month hospital stay cost more than $250,000. Health insurance covered all her treatment, rehab and her prosthesis.

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Acclimate to the policy

Since the Leprechaun Legion sent out an email proclaiming the new ticketing system for the football season, campus has been buzzing with mostly negative comments about the change. Many students are concerned the Notre Dame football experience will change for the worse. We fear football Saturdays will be the same if we have to worry about having less tailgating time, losing friends in the stadium or fighting over prime seating. People have been outspoken about their dissent, and a petition has circulated in an attempt to reverse the policy change.

The problem is not that the student body disagrees with the Leprechaun Legion’s goal for the policy change, increasing spirit and energy in the stadium. Everyone wants the football team to feel supported and the most ardent fans to be at the very front cheering them on. But, was altering the ticket system from a functional, assigned-seating plan to a general-admission policy the only solution?

The Leprechaun Legion could have used a variety of more positive incentives to encourage students to get to the stadium on time. For example, it could bring the Leprechaun and the cheerleaders out earlier, play live music, distribute free T-shirts or invite special guests to pump up the crowd. Notre Dame students don’t have a problem with generating hype on game days.

The issue is that this policy introduces a sense of friction and competition into the fan experience.

The second volunteer experience was nestled in the class of 2012. Both experiences were incredible — providing a new perspective on life and a valuable opportunity to experience the world.

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Finally, part of the reason the Legion implemented this new policy is because of its success at other schools, such as Ohio State University and the University of Oregon. If you know anyone at schools with general admission tickets, find out what strategies they use to make the most of their game day experience.

Even though we do not always approve of change right away, traditions here clearly have been molded so they can meet the needs of the ever-changing student body. At first there was a negative reaction to canned music in the stadium, but now, when “Crazy Train” blasts from the speakers, the entire student section is bursting with energy and good spirits.

Similarly, this change might receive negative attention at the moment, but years from now, it might become just another game day tradition to go into the stadium an hour and a half before the game, listening to music during a mini pep rally before kickoff.

No matter how much our campus is rooted in tradition, the passage of time means sometimes these traditions will be tweaked. Although next football season might be different because of the new policy, hopefully we will learn to accept it as a new perspective on life and a valuable opportunity to experience the world.

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Our generation has grown up with dramatic change—the world has reenvisioned through this “information age” in which we live and cultures have changed significantly too. We grew up around technology and witnessed the beauty and horror that can occur in the hands of mankind: the wonder of the Internet has awed us as we access books, journals and encyclopedias in just a few clicks of a mouse, the horror has occurred most prominently in the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Two hundred years ago, traveling by flight was unthinkable, just as telecommunication via interconnected networks was something of fantasy. In comparing modern society with the past, we’ve made great strides, but it feels as if something is still holding us back. Something about human nature is preventing our culture from attaining what some may call “enlightenment,” which indubitably will have different meanings to different people, but we can use one interpretation for the sake of the question that will follow in the next paragraph. Some would argue the initiation of force/nuisance in any scenario is a moral wrong and thus all human interactions should be voluntary and non-coercive—but we obviously do not have this truly free society, so what’s holding us back?

In considering the previous question, we should examine two dystopian novels many people debate on which is the truly accurate social commentary: George Orwell’s “1984” and Aldous Huxley’s “Brave New World.” Neil Postman famously distinguished the two books in a foreword to a novel of his own, writing, “What Orwell feared was that there would be no reason to ban a book, for there would be no one who would read it. Orwell feared those who would deprive us of literature because it is dangerous. Huxley feared those who would give us so much that we would be reduced to passivity and egoism. Orwell feared that the truth would be concealed from us. Huxley feared the truth would be drowned in a sea of irrelevance. Orwell feared we would become a cultural dregs. Huxley feared we would become a trivial culture. Orwell’s fear was with some equivalent of the feebles, the orgy porgy, and the centrifugal bumble-puppy. As Huxley remarked in ‘Brave New World Revisited,’ the civil libertarians and rationalists who are ever on the alert to oppose tyranny failed to take into account man’s almost infinite appetite for distraction. When added, people are controlled by inflicting pain. ‘Brave New World’, they are controlled by inflicting pleasure. In short, Orwell’s fear was of what we will ruin us. Huxley feared that our desire will ruin us.”

It’s obvious Postman believes both “Brave New World” and “1984” as books that illustrate completely separate viewpoints on human nature and what may be holding mankind back. Postman argues there is a fear of “Big Brother” and a fear of infidelity (or rather, preoccupation). My question to the readers is—a question I’d also like to contemplate further—are these two stories so different? Are they inseparable as Postman makes them out to be? In 1991, a Times-Mirror poll showed high school students at that time knew less, voted less, cared less and were less aware of current events than any other generation prior to that time. Since then, pundits have describing the past 20-30 years as the “Age of Indifference” or the “Age of Apathy,” which definitely maps to Huxley’s arguments about distraction. Since then, we can see all around us how so many are enmeshed by Angry Birds, what’s trending on Twitter, and other things some may consider “unimportant.” For those who have seen the movie “Supersize Me,” should we be surprised by the scene in which the young children recognized Ronald McDonald better than George Washington or Jesus Christ?

As far as Orwell goes, I think it’s hard to argue against many of his points too. Throughout our lifetime, the United States government has engaged in many practices that worry all of those concerned about civil liberties. We are regularly party lines the Patriot Act, undeclared wars, the War on Drugs, TSA, excessive public surveillance, Guantanamo Bay, indefinite military detention of U.S. citizens and drone strikes all come to mind—and that’s just a shortlist. One only has to look to other countries like Turkmenistan and China, which have censored the Internet and other forms of speech, engaging in a metaphorical “book burning.” As Orwell would say, we can look to China and Iran, where citizens are afraid to talk on cars or women. Although some would argue against his defense, we see what penalities whistleblowers like Bradley Manning face from our justice system. But, the point is that it is an undeniable fact there is some censorship in our country (obviously much more abroad) and there are things certain people out there don’t want you to know.

In concluding this article, I’d again like to ask my readers: What is holding us back from making our society more free? Was Huxley right—do people just not care about these issues anymore? Is rational that we know about Notre Dame football than about American history, geography or political discourse? On the other hand, is it just human nature to try to gain power and political influence, and then engage in censorship and surveillance to uphold that position as Orwell describes? Unlike Postman, I believe the ideas held by these two authors can possibly walk hand-in-hand—I’m not sure one is “right” and the other is “wrong” or that they are rivaled concepts defining mankind. But then again, maybe another author correctly predicted where society is going—we perhaps are on a different path that we would have never thought people give credit for. So, where are we going as a species? What do we have to look forward to in the future and how can we get there while upholding the personal freedoms that have made this country so great? I guess I’ll just form my own opinion on Huxley and Orwell based on what no one puts down their iPhones to read this—assuming “Big Brother” doesn’t censor the article first.

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By MIKO MALABUTE
Scene Writer

B.o.B, or “Bobby Ray,” is coming to South Bend.
Tonight. As this year’s Student Union Board (SUB) concert, hip-hop star B.o.B’s performance promises to be an energetic and absolutely vibrant atmosphere in Compton Family Ice Arena, with a no-holds-barred type of attitude towards his passion.

The southern Grand Hustle rapper has been through so much already in his relatively short career – so much struggle, so much role-reversal, and so much success. In seven years, B.o.B has tried to fit several rap stereotypes, from the “thuggish Atlanta” with “haterz everywhere,” to his more natural niche of the quirky, atypical singer-rapper that has propelled the B.o.B we know to fame as he produced the mainstream hit, “B.o.B presents: The adventures of Bobby ray.” This album which featured the well-known singles, “Beautiful Girls,” “Don’t Let Me Fall,” “Nothin’ on You,” and — of course — “Magic.” However, obviously this wasn’t always the case. His success didn’t come to him overnight, as the man so eloquently describes in his song “Airplanes”: “Before it even mattered what I had in my bank / Yeah, back when I was tryin’ to get a tip at Subway / And back when I was rappin’ for the hell of it.” Before he ‘made it,’ B.o.B battled through anonymity and hip-hop me-diocrity, where he released mixtape after mixtape just to gain a foothold in the hip-hop scene. As a matter of fact, two of his four mixtapes released voiced his own struggle for fame and recognition, as both were titled “Hi! My Name is B.o.B” and “Who the F*%k is B.o.B?,” both released in 2008. In a year such as 2008 which was dominated by rappers and singers the likes of Lil Wayne and Chris Brown, who could even begin to spare the tiniest bit of attention away from these musical powerhouses and direct it towards a relative no-name, B.o.B? Yet B.o.B persevered. His own drive and distinguished musical style, which he admitted was heavily influenced by “80’s music, techno, rock, funk, even doo-wop,” continued to put his name out onto the music scene. It was from there that he gained his fame, notably marked by his inclusion in XXL’s freshman class of 2009, along with hip-hop standouts Wale, Asher Roth, and Charles Hamilton.

Before we knew it, his freshman debut album, “B.o.B Presents: The Adventures of Bobby Ray,” was an absolute standout, so much so that even a casual listener such as myself could not help but hear the majority of the album from any – and seemingly every – radio station. And it’s not hard to understand why. He has a very versatile skill set of musical abilities, everything from rapper to crooner, which only helps to please a diverse audience.

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And it’s not hard to understand why. He has a very versatile skill set of musical abilities, everything from rapper to crooner, which only helps to please a diverse audience. A quick YouTube search of “B.o.B live performances” shows a large array of different performing styles, where B.o.B tenderly sings “Don’t Let Me Fall” while strumming away on his guitar, and another with him absolutely vibing with the crowd in an emotional and strong live performance in “Airplanes.”

So, a multifaceted performance from B.o.B tonight, April 26th should not be too hard to imagine. Even from the beginning, he’s had a knack for knowing how to approach each song – with it’s own respective style and ambience – with the right amount of energy and passion.

B.o.B performs tonight at Compton Family Ice Center at 6:30.

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Girls will love you

That cutie over there in your CSEM, she so classy that she doesn’t scream classy, she just radiates it. She’s humble, quiet and considerate, but you can tell she enjoys the finer things in life. One time, you two shared headphones while working on a group project and she blasted Italian arias with the pride usually reserved for Taylor Swift fans.

You’ve been meaning to ask her out on a date, but you think she deserves more than Burrito Night at North Dining Hall.

Here comes your chance. Slip into class all casual-like today or tomorrow and ask her about her plans for the weekend. You already know that she’s not going to B.o.B since the only genre on her playlists aren’t from this century. When she asks your plans, say you’re headed to the opera for extra credit in a class. Invite her to join. She doesn’t need to know that the only extra credit you’re trying to get is brownie points in her eyes.

Make it an event

You and your friends weren’t invited to any formals this semester. Honestly, you feel a little hummed. Your sexy self isn’t used to not putting on a dress and heading to an STR every weekend. As you look at the new, beautiful formal dress you intended to wear, don’t mope. Rise to the occasion.

Gather your friends, get all dolled up in your forlorn formal dresses and head on over to the Opera. Challenge yourselves to speak only in British accents the entire evening and see how much of the French arias you can understand without looking at the subtitles. Perhaps Intermediate French One did teach you more than “Ou est la bibliothèque?”

Embrace your inner hipster

You’re a cool cat and everybody knows it. Never caught dead listening to Vampire Weekend or The Lumineers, Kanye is the dominant artist flowing through your headphones. However, sometimes when no one is around, you listen to Pavarotti—that Italian tenor legend—to lull you to sleep or help you study. Man, that man had a voice like honey. You’ll never admit it to your friends, but you simply love opera. You can’t get enough.

The time has come, my dear friend, to embrace your inner hipster. Be true to yourself, no matter how many weird looks your friends give you. If they can’t embrace your inner opera-goer, they aren’t real friends anyway.

An epic story

Beyond all of these compelling reasons, this opera itself presents a really remarkable story with a lot of meaning. Its story centers on an order of Carmelite nuns during the French Revolution. Although they had once been praised and adored, the rebellious public at large now hates the nuns. A shy young woman, Blanche, joins the order just before the tide turns against the religious. The opera follows Blanche and her sisters as they face the reality of the New France and the consequences of their faith.

The show runs April 25, 26, 27, and 28. Thursday through Saturday it opens at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday the opera will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Mainstage Theatre, in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

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Maddon teaches new leadership

Regardless of the accomplishments you've notched in any leadership position, the people around you are always determining your fate. It's a rather dreary way of thinking, but you can also think of it in terms of caring for the people whose job it is to care about what you do for them. As a leader, if you don't genuinely care about these people then you won't be in the position to start.

In general, leaders don't have to have the fiery temper of a Lou Piniella or the intimidation of a Bob Knight to be respected. Because here, there is always a divide in the connection and bond one can form with those around him or her. It's safe to be distant and feared in order to gain respect, but it may not always be what's best.

But the hard-nosed, rigid Bobby Valentine replaced Francona in Boston with his stubborn my-way-or-the-highway mentality, which resulted in one of the biggest blunders in recent Red Sox history.

Sometimes as a leader, you gain more respect for the compassion, work ethic and humility you show those around you than for the callous, authoritarian pedestal or ego that comes with it. Determination and energy are contagious, and inspiration combined with friendship is a thoughtlessly thoughtful gift that can never fail.

It said that exasperation, compassion and anger are perceived as a weakness, but Joe Maddon has proven that it works itself out in the end. There were times when the detractors, the haters, the ones to whom you give your loyalty, who turn and spit venom at others while you put forth your fullest efforts.

It's as if doing the right thing wasn't enough motivation, as if you needed some other incentive to prove what you can really do. That's part of the veiled splendor of sports. There is always a winner and a loser, a win column and a loss column and a statistic to prove any point. Sure, in simple normalcy, there isn't a win column and a loss column or a Hall of Fame to show your worth. But there is always a caring team around, given you were always there for them. And no matter what anyone else can try to do, they will always be there to carry you along and make it all worthwhile.

There lies the win column of leadership, and the Hall of Fame of an unbroken bond.

Andrew Gastelum
Editor-in-Chief

Irish travel south to Bloomington for Cup

By KIT LOUGHRAN
Sports Writer

After a successful performance at the Lake Natoma Invitational last week, this weekend the Irish head to Bloomington, Ind. for the Dale England Cup.

The No. 12 Irish are ready to get back on the water and race again, junior Molly Bruggeman said.

“Unfortunately the river has been abnormally high this week and we haven’t been able to go out since we finished racing on Sunday,” Bruggeman said.

Despite the unfortunate conditions, the Irish have found alternative ways to prepare for the regatta this weekend, Bruggeman said.

“We have been working out on the ergometer or rowing machines and relying on previous weeks of training to prepare for this weekend,” Bruggeman said.

With the season coming to an end, the Irish have sighted the Big East Championship on the horizon. The conference title will be up for grabs in Mercer County, N.J. on May 19.

With this in mind, the Irish are looking forward to the great competition they are facing in the upcoming weeks.

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Belles take on Kalamazoo with playoff on the line

By SAMANTHA ZUBA
Sports Writer

Saturday marks the end of the regular season for the Belles, who will travel to Michigan to face Kalamazoo in a conference showdown with major postseason implications.

Kalamazoo (11-7, 6-1 MIAA) currently holds second place in the MIAA conference. Saint Mary's (19-7, 4-3 MIAA) sits in fourth place, the last spot that can qualify for the upcoming MIAA tournament. A loss Saturday would drop Saint Mary's to 4-4 in the conference and force a tie with Calvin for fourth. A win sends the Belles to the tournament.

Coach Dale Campbell said that the Belles know making the tournament is still a possibility despite Wednesday's 5-4 loss to Calvin, but the team can't focus on the tournament yet.

"Can't look ahead, just know in the back of your mind that it is possible," Campbell said.

Despite the low-scoring performance, the Belles had an opportunity to look ahead to the tournament, Campbell expressed confidence his players would be able to maintain the right mentality on Saturday.

"Tennis players are taught to keep their eyes on the ball and play the next shot, that simple, one moment at a time," Campbell said.

The Belles last defeated Kalamazoo in 2008 when the Belles qualified for the MIAA tournament by finishing fourth. Since then, Saint Mary's has struggled against the Hornets, most recently suffering a 6-3 loss in 2012.

"They are very tough in singles and seem to be growing in doubles," Bruggeman said.

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Belles sweep Kalamazoo

By MEREDITH KELLY
Sports Writer

The Belles swept MIAA conference opponent Kalamazoo at home this Thursday to hold their spot in the top three of the MIAA conference.

The Belles (19-13, 9-3 MIAA) beat Kalamazoo (5-17, 2-12 MIAA) 10-3 in the first game and 5-4 in the second game.

Coach Erin Sullivan said the Belles took advantage of their home-field advantage. The Belles are now 12-2 at home, and Sullivan said the fans and field aided the team in their win against Kalamazoo Thursday.

Junior pitcher Callie Selner helped the Belles to notch the win by making her mark on the mound and in the lineup. Selner went 4-for-4 in game one and hit a home run.

Freshman center fielder Jillian Busfield from Riley High School shined, as well. She hit her tenth homerun of the season, tying the single season homerun record at Saint Mary’s.

Although the Belles dominated, Sullivan said there are always ways to improve.

“We hit well but we should have had stronger hits,” Sullivan said. “The pitchers for Kalamazoo were not strong and we were over-swinging and way ahead of many pitches. We did bunt well, though.”

Sullivan said the Belles also needed to make more routine plays and to improve consistency at the plate for their upcoming games against important MIAA conference opponents.

Regardless of their flaws, Sullivan said the Belles will certainly be hard to beat in the tournament if they play their best in the next couple of games.

Saint Mary’s will make up Wednesday’s postponed game against Trine (29-3, 12-0 MIAA) today. Trine is currently first in the MIAA conference and was the 2012 conference champion. The Belles will then face Alma on Saturday at 2 p.m. in Alma, Mich.

Sullivan said the Belles’ chances of getting into the MIAA conference tournament are good, no matter what results they get in the next few games.

“If Hope gets swept tomorrow by Alma we will be in the tournament no matter how our last four games go,” Sullivan said.

The Belles will travel to Angola, Ind., today to play Trine.

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Pollak, Heffernan lead chase of Olivet

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Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s needs to close the gap with Olivet this weekend after finishing the opening round of the MIAA NCAA qualifier in second place Wednesday, 23 strokes behind opening day leader Olivet.

The Belles are looking for a strong performance out of junior Paige Pollak, who has sole possession of fourth place after shooting an 84 in the first round.

Sophomore Janice Heffernan, who was second on the team in scoring average before the tournament began, will look to improve on her first-round score of 95, easily her roughest outing of the year.

No matter how well Pollak or Heffernan plays, the Belles will likely need some help from Olivet. Their trio of season all-MIAA team members finished 1-2-3 in the first qualifier, headlined by medalist Adrienne Plourde’s four-over-par 76.

Despite the Comets’ dominating performance, Belles coach Jason Kolean said the Belles aren’t worried about how well the Comets are playing. Instead, Saint Mary’s plans to focus solely on “improving on our past performances,” she said.

“The girls have really pushed themselves this week,” Kolean said. “We have continued to work on each aspect of the game.”

Hope and Calvin round out the rest of the field, trailing Olivet by 31 and 40 strokes, respectively.

The second and third MIAA NCAA qualifying rounds will be hosted by Olivet on Friday and Saturday at the Medalist Golf Club in Marshall, Mich. The team with the lowest average score from the three qualifiers will earn the automatic NCAA berth.

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Athletes compete for Big East ticket

By GREG HADLEY
Sports Writer

For the last meet of the regular season, the Irish will once again split up their squad. Forty-six athletes will head to Hillsdale, Mich., to compete at the Hillsdale College Gina Relays, while 24 others will travel to Des Moines, Iowa, for the famous Drake Relays, one of the most prestigious meets in the Midwest.

With the Big East conference championship just a week away, the Hillsdale Relays will give Irish athletes who have not yet qualified for the championship one last chance. “Hillsdale is a little more local, and it’s a chance for as many people as possible to qualify for Big East (championships),” junior long jumper and captain Logan Renwick said. “Drake is a little more difficult to get into, so Hillsdale provides more chances for more people.”

Hillsdale also offers a decathlon for senior Ted Glasnow, who is coming off a career performance at the California Invitational last week, where he cracked 7,000 points for the first time. Glasnow, who finished third last year at the conference championship, leads the Irish event.

All of the Irish athletes competing at the Drake Relays have already qualified for the Big East championships, but for them, the meet is a chance to participate in a championship-like atmosphere and take on the best competition on their schedule. “It’s one of the biggest meets of the year,” Renwick said. “Not only is there lots of collegiate competition, but there are also lots of professionals.”

“The Irish compete this weekend at the Hillsdale College Gina Relays and the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa.”

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Irish try to redeem season

By CASEY KARNES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will tee off in its last tournament of the season Sunday with the Big East Championship in Orlando, Florida.

The Irish are coming off an 11th place finish (338-292-298) in the Hawkeye Invitational in Iowa City, Iowa on April 13 and 14. While the final results from that weekend may not have been stellar, there were some signs of improvement from the Irish. Freshman Corey Scupider tied the best round of his young college career, shooting a 67, a tournament low. He needs to develop emotional maturity,” Kubinski said. “He’s going to get better at that. With his talent, boy, he has a high ceiling at this game.”

Sophomore Peyton Vitter follows through after a shot in the Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic, held at Warren Golf Course in October. The Irish finished the tournament in eighth place.

“Scupider is not the only young golfer Kubinski praised. Freshman Zach Toste played himself into the starting lineup with a strong week of practice, replacing sophomore Tyler Wingo.

“Toste shot a couple 69s over the weekend… and won his spot for the week,” Kubinski said. “We’ve seen quite a few guys step up and play some good rounds in practice.”

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ND puts nine-game win streak on line in Chicago

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

The Irish hit the road this weekend to put their nine-game winning streak to the test as they face local Big East rival DePaul in a three-game weekend series. Notre Dame (35-10, 15-1 Big East) will carry momentum from its last game, an 11-1 victory over Connecticut that marked the 500th career win for Irish coach Deanna Gumpf.

“As a team we have found what we need to do in order to win,” senior pitcher Brittany O’Donnell said. “We discovered the team’s key to success and we are going to keep rolling with that.”

Junior pitcher Laura Winter and O’Donnell will continue to lead the squad on the mound, preventing hits and controlling the game defensively. Winter earned the title of USA Softball National Player of the Week earlier this week for her efforts in the recent Irish run.

The award, announced by the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) of America and USA Softball, has never previously gone to a Notre Dame player. At the plate, a deep Irish roster has fueled the squad during its winning streak. Sophomore catcher Cassidy Whidden, senior catcher Amy Buntin, junior outfielder Lauren Stahr, junior infielder Chloe Saganowich, sophomore outfielder Emilee Koerner, sophomore infielder Katey Haus, freshman outfielder Casey Africano, Winter and sophomore infielder Jenna Simon have all been key in driving the Irish offense to nine straight wins.

“Going into this weekend at DePaul we need to remember to take care of the small details,” Buntin said. “When the momentum shifts to the other team we need to find a way to quickly get on top again.”

The Irish offense will challenge junior left-handed pitcher Kirsten Verduin, a 2012 NFCA First Team All-American, who leads the Blue Demons (26-16, 13-3) on the mound. Her performance Wednesday led DePaul to a sweep on the road against fellow Big East squad St. John’s.

Offensively, the Blue Demons look to junior short-stop Allie Braden and sophomore outfielder Megan Coronado. Braden contributed four RBIs and four runs and Coronado added two RBIs and three runs to the double-header against St. John’s.

“Our goal is to win the conference and get to the NCAA tournament,” said O’Donnell. “If we focus and celebrate the small things then the big plays and victories will build from them.”

The first game will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon at Cacciatore Stadium, followed by a 3 p.m. first pitch that same day. The squads will face off again Sunday at 1 p.m.

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Waldrum’s team faces Haiti

Notre Dame freshman defender Katie Naughton dribbles past a Mexico defender in a scrimmage April 5 at Alumni Stadium.

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Irish return to Big East play against Huskies

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

The Irish look to extend their re-
cent success against non-confer-
one opponents this weekend as they
take their first conference rival in
five games. Notre Dame has won
four out of its past five games, but all
five were against non-conference
opponents.

This weekend, the Irish (23-16, 4-8
Big East) face the Big East con-
ference rival Connecticut (25-16, 6-7 Big East) in a three-game series.

In the Big East, the Irish are in
the back half of the field at four
under .500. Notre Dame is in
the bottom half of the field at four
halfpenny said she was im-
"I think every single game — Big
East and non-conference — in the
last 15 is critically important to get to
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um.

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ND faces young Marquette

By BRIAN HARTNELL
Sports Writer

With its postseason status still
up in the air, the No. 10 Notre Dame
will close out its regular season against Marquette on Saturday at
Arlotta Stadium.

The Irish (11-4, 5-3 Big East) have
dropped their last three games, falling to No. 5 Syracuse and No. 16 Connecticut over the weekend and No. 4 Northwestern on Wednesday night.

Despite Notre Dame’s recent struggles, Irish coach Christine
halfpenny said she was im-
pressed with the way her team
battle back against the peren-
nielly strong Hoyas. (14-2, 4-1
American Lacrosse Conference)
on Wednesday. Down 9-4 with 22
minutes to go, Notre Dame scored
four of the game’s last five goals to
cut the final deficit to two.

“I’m actually really proud of
my team’s effort [Wednesday] night and our will to compete,”

halfpenny said. “Winning the
draw battle against a team that’s
very good at the draw was a huge thing for us, and being able to
cause 12 turnovers against a really
good, championship-caliber team
[makes] us pretty excited about what we need to do next.

Going forward, the Irish need
to work on continuing to gener-
ate offensive opportunities, win
draw controls and limit turnovers,
halfpenny said.

“We really want to build off those
scoring opportunities, working
for the best scoring opportunities
against Marquette,” she said. “[We
want to continue] on our amazing
tenacity on the draw and limit our
turnovers, and this is going to be a
key for this young team."

halfpenny said she will prepare
her team for the contest. Saturday’s
game will honor its seven seniors in a
pregame ceremony before it takes
the field against Marquette. The
team’s seniors are guardskeepers
Ellie Hilling and Adelle Bruggeman,
defender Emily Connor, midfielder
McKenzie Brown and at-
tackers Betsy Mastroperi, Jaimie
Morrison and Jenny Granger, who
also serves as the team’s co-
captain.

halfpenny said this year’s senior
class has really made an impact
during its time at Notre Dame.

“The seniors have done a lot
for Notre Dame over the course of
their careers,” she said. “They’ve
definitely put their name in the re-
cord books in the last two seasons
with great starts as well as closing
spans on some good teams in the
country. We’re excited to honor
each and every one of them."

Notre Dame and Marquette will
play Saturday at 1 p.m. at Arlotta
Stadium.

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ND faces young Marquette

Notre Dame gathers pregame before its game against Georgetown on
April 14. The Irish defeated the Hoyas 13-12 in the contest.

Southpaw Anthony Mazri (3-4)
and Brian Ward (2-3), and redshirt
sophomore right-hander Carson
Cross (6-2), Cross leads the pitching
staff with a 1.50 ERA and 65 strike-
outs in 72 innings of work. "All of
their pitchers are pretty solid," Aoki said. "They have done a
good job there. Cross is a good fast-
ball-change guy. Right now (Mazzili)
just has a tough luck record. Last
year he was great. UConn has two
strengths, and one of their strengths
would lie in their pitching."

Connecticut’s other strength is
their base running. The Huskies
have attempted to steal 119 times
already this season and have been
successful in 53 of those attempts, a
78-percent success rate. The offense
is lead by senior J.J. Mazzilli, who is
hitting .329 with 56 hits and 34 RBIs,
but Aoki said the Huskies really be-
come dangerous once they get on
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"The have great overall team
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Irish test skills against Mexican U-20 squad

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Editor

Exactly one month ago, former Irish All-American defender Matt Besler squared off against Mexican striker Javier “Chicharito” Hernández when the United States battled Mexico to a 0-0 draw in a pivotal World Cup qualifier.

But in 2007, nearly six years before they faced off at Azteca Stadium, Besler and Hernandez took to the pitch at Alumni Stadium, where the Irish defeated the under-20 Mexican national team 1-0.

On Friday night, Notre Dame will conclude its eight-game spring slate with another match-up against the Mexican under-20 squad at Alumni Stadium.

Hernandez, who is now coached by Sir Alex Ferguson at legendary English club Manchester United, was reminded of that 2007 loss by his skipper, who also coached Irish head coach Bobby Clark at Aberdeen F.C., in the Scottish Premier League. Clark, who has a photo of Hernandez in that 2007 match sitting in his office, said he sent a copy to the striker by way of Ferguson.

“It’s funny, I actually sent a copy of the photo to Alex Ferguson. I said to Ferguson, ‘Make sure you give this to Javier Hernandez and just remind him that Notre Dame actually won the game 1-0.’ Clark said with a laugh.

In fact, the Irish have played host to a Mexican national team seven times in the last eight years, with Notre Dame leading the exhibition series 4-2-1. However, the series, which came about through Irish women’s soccer head coach Randy Waldrum and his connection to the head coach of the Mexico women’s national team, Leo Cuéllar, has been controlled in recent years by Mexico. The two Irish losses — both one-goal defeats — came in 2011 and 2012. This year’s Mexican outfit, meanwhile, is gearing up for June’s FIFA Under-20 World Cup in Turkey.

“This will be the best team we’ll play all year,” Clark said. “They’re gearing up for the World Cup in Turkey so this is an important game for them also. … They’re possibly one of the favorites in Turkey. … I think this is the best Mexican under-20 team we will have played. They’re very, very good. They’re just a fantastic soccer team.”

Clark had a fantastic squad last season, as the Irish rolled to a 17-4-1 record and the No.1 overall seed in the NCAA tournament. But Notre Dame, who fell to eventual national champion Indiana, 2-1, in double overtime in the third round of the tournament, must replace a pair of 2012 first-team All-Americans in midfielder Dillon Powers and forward Ryan Finley.

Given the new-look Notre Dame unit and Mexico’s prowess, Clark said he truly does not know how the Irish will stack up Friday.

“Honestly, I don’t really know,” Clark said. “This will be a good test. This is like, I always say, they’ll all be tests along the line. Every week we play a game on the weekend in the spring and we use it as a test to see where we are. There’s no question that this is the toughest test, we could say it’s the finals — it’s coming up to finals week so basically this is our soccer final.

“And this will give us a good guide of what we’re going to do and where we are as a team. The score will be important tomorrow night but I’m much more interested to see how we handle a game of this magnitude.”

Over the years the match has been well attended, especially by locals from northern Indiana. Clark acknowledged that at times it feels like an away game at home for the Irish, but he sees no reason the Notre Dame student body shouldn’t outnumber Mexico’s faithful.

“There’s no reason it should be that way,” Clark said. “This is a game our students should come out and support the U.S. It’s a great game to begin with but it’s also a fantastic opportunity to support the US. I think that’s huge. There’s no reason we should be outnumbered in our own house.”

The Irish face off with Mexico on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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No. 1," Edwards said. “Everyone knows us, I don’t know how, but they know us.”
However, most Bookstore fans remember Edwards and the rest of his team—sophomore Holy Cross basketball players Zoe Bauer, George Stainko and Darrell McIntyre, along with Notre Dame Sports Properties employee Beau Bauer—as Hoops I Did It Again, not sophomores at Holy Cross. Edwards said their new name not only reflects their current academic status, but also their desire for a fresh start in this year’s tournament.

“It’s a new year,” he said. “We’re trying to get another championship... so we’re just trying to do something new this year and try to improve.”

The team on the other side of the bracket, No. 2 Romeo Medical Clinic, will certainly try to thwart Sophomores of Holy Cross’ hopes of another championship title.

After falling to Hoops I Did It Again in the Final Four last year, Notre Dame juniors Tom Hickey and Tyler Gardner really opened up their zone. They found fellow juniors Dominic Romero, Jack Gardner, Tim Fulnecky and Kevin Timperman, who were looking for a few more players to round out their own squad, and formed the team that is now Romeo Medical Clinic.

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and never relinquished that lead the entire game. They dominated the first half, leading 11-5 at the break. D.G.P. clearly showed its frustration, as it was assessed a technical foul midway through the first half after showing Sophomores at Holy Cross’ Beau Bauer, Bauer and Holy Cross sophomore Darrell McIntyre led the team in scoring in the first half, each contributing three points.

Defensively, Edwards said the key was constant motion to tire out the bigger and older D.G.P.

“We just kept moving,” Edwards said, “[The goal was to] get the bigs out of the paint. They were slow so we just had to find a way to get them out of the paint.”

The chubby play continued in the second half, prompting D.G.P. big man Chris Stewart to plead, “No white on white crime” after Bauer and second-year Notre Dame basketball players Jack Cooley and Mike Bragg hammer—although Cooley did not play against Romeo Medical Clinic.

“The best part is getting to play strong, competitive basketball,” he said. “Once you leave high school, it’s kind of like your glory days are over. Here we get another shot at those glory days, which is really, really fun.”

With the speed and chemistry of Sophomores at Holy Cross up against the size and strength of Romeo Medical Clinic, the Bookstore Basketball Championship will be an exciting affair.

The final step in the quest for the 2013 Bookstore Basketball title begins Saturday at 7 p.m. at the bookstore courts.

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The Irish have yet to drop a game on the road, and they remain 1-0 in neutral-site games. Their first and only game at a neutral site came against Marquette at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Ill., on April 2. The Irish won that game 17-5.

“At the end of the day, it’s another game against a top-10 team,” Corrigan said. “It’s certainly going to mean a lot to us for seeding in the postseason. There’s a lot involved in this game for us.”

With both Notre Dame and Syracuse heading to the ACC from the Big East next year, the Irish and the Orange represent a budding rivalry.

“We’ll be able to continue what we hope has become a rivalry,” Corrigan said. “We didn’t beat them last year. It’s not a rivalry if one team wins all the time. We hope that we’re establishing this rivalry with them. I look forward to that extending into the ACC next year.

The Irish and the Orange will face off at 6:30 p.m. at MetLife Stadium on Saturday. The game will be televised on ESPNU.

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postseason accolades, including the Maxwell Award for the most outstanding player and the Bronko Nagurski Award for the defensive player of the year.

The draft continues Friday with the second and third rounds, followed by the remaining four rounds Saturday. In addition to Teo, other Notre Dame draft hopefuls include safeties Zeke Motta and Jamoris Slaughter, running back Cierre Wood, running back receiver Theo Riddick, defensive end Kapron Lewis-Moore and offensive linemen Braxton Cave and Mike Golic, Jr.

The second round begins at 6:30 p.m. in New York.

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**ACROSS**
1. Speak carefully
2. One of Disneyland's original attractions
3. Part of a modern address
4. Bloom who played Mary in “The Last Temptation of Christ”
5. Communicated without saying anything
6. *Not in one Million Years*...
7. Gotcha
8. Forest climbers
9. *Hey-y-y-y!* layer of tarry mud, with “the”
10. The Big Red Machine, on scoreboard
11. Masons, across the Pyrenees
12. Alternative to the superpower

27. Charm
28. Unquilted Castle
29. One often duped: Abbr.
30. Reason for denying entry, maybe
31. Attack as a cat might
32. Actress Landi of “The Count of Monte Cristo,” 1934
33. Hammer (Minos)
34. Gets something off one’s back, say
35. Long, for short: Abbr.
36. Quiet
37. Swamp birds
38. Like some statues and book spines
39. Lo...-
41. Hoops Hall-of-Famer Baylor
42. Start in print
43. Toplay figures
44. Hope for a miracle, maybe

**DOWNS**
1. Ice climbing hazard
2. Bone down (on)
3. Instrument whose name means “little goose”
4. Clearing
5. Actress Ward
6. Wheels-up announcement, briefly
7. Mexican Indiana
8. Like some fees
9. Electrically neutral subatomic particle
10. Starts suddenly
11. Go along, as one’s way
12. Every, in an Rx
13. The Star City of the South
14. It carries out many orders
15. Has a cold nose
16. Flir to Ro
17. Big name in texting
18. Pedicure problems
19. N.L. East team, in inform.
20. Silk. East team, inform.
21. Future, in astrology
22. Substance used in fillings

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:**
- Jason Lee, 43
- Renee Zellweger, 44
- Hank Azaria, 49
- Al Pacino, 73

**Happy Birthday:**

Communication will be your greatest asset. Follow through with plans and show your expertise, experience and responsible way of handling situations in both your personal and professional dealings. This is a make-it-or-break-it time in your life, and handling whatever you face head-on will help you reach the destination that suits you best. Your numbers are 4, 10, 23, 26, 33, 35, 41.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):**
Refrain from anger even if someone pressures you. Take a step back and get a clear picture regarding your next move. Make choices based on your needs, not what someone else wants. Offer suggestions, not your time or money.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):**
Show everyone how talented you are. Discuss your plans and engage in events that will add to your knowledge. The experience you gain will back up what you have been displaying all along. Love is highlighted and a celebration should be planned.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):**
Keep your personal life a secret. Focus on money, contracts and negotiations. Dealing with authorities can bring good results as long as you are receptive and willing to compromise. Offer suggestions but don’t appear to be pushy.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):**
The spotlight is on you. Take care of business and offer to help others. Size up and deal with you will impress someone who has something to offer you in return. A partnership can change your life personally or professionally.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):**
Tread carefully when dealing with peers, colleagues or family members. Don’t take on someone else’s chores without getting something in return. You are likely to be taken for granted if you aren’t careful. Think positively and make changes that improve your life.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):**
Put greater emphasis on money and how you handle your personal finances. An opportunity to save or invest as well as stabilize your future should be taken. You may be forced to alter the way you pay. Check out your options.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):**
You have discipline, strength and courage. Be creative in the way you approach partnerships and you will encourage the people around you to adapt your methods. A personal relationship should be altered to suit your current situation.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):**
Embrace change. You will have the charm and the expertise to succeed. Love and romance are in the stars, and travel or taking time off to be with someone you love will put a positive spin on your day. Live, love and laugh.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):**
Share your ideas and you will get the support you need to forge ahead. Partnerships will bring you greater opportunities as long as you lay down ground rules that delegate chores evenly. Offering help can turn into a paid position.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):**
Make home improvements that please the ones you love. Take on a project in order to make more money or find a way to turn a skill or talent you have into extra cash. Actions speak louder than words.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):**
Take it easy while traveling or dealing with people in your community with the potential to influence your future. Be prepared to deal with questions and opposition. Stick close to home and enjoy expanding your ideas and plans.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):**
Let your imagination wander. You’ll come up with remarkable ideas that can lead to a better income and long-term contracts. Budget wisely when it comes to personal items and needs. Save for something that can alter your life.

**Birthday Baby:**
You are persuasive, quick to react and determined to get your way.

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### Bengals draft Eifert 21st

**By MIKE MONACO**

For the third time in two years a Notre Dame player was selected in the first round of the NFL Draft. As the Cincinnati Bengals took former Irish tight end Tyler Eifert with the 21st pick. After deciding to return to Notre Dame following his junior campaign, Eifert hauled in 50 receptions for a team-best 685 yards and four touchdowns as a senior. The 6-foot-6, 251-pound Fort Wayne, Ind. native won the John Mackey Award as the top tight end in the nation. In the BCS National Championship Game against Alabama, Eifert recorded six grabs for 77 yards and four touchdowns while freshman attack Matt Kavanagh is close on his tail.

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**MEN’S LACROSSE**

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### Irish play Orange in Meadowlands

**By MATTHEW ROBISON**

No. 1 Notre Dame and No. 7 Syracuse will decide the Big East regular season championship Saturday at the Big City Classic in MetLife Stadium, the home of the Jets and Giants of the National Football League (NFL), in East Rutherford, N.J.

In Game One of the Classic, scheduled for 4 p.m., No. 4 Cornell and No. 12 Princeton will square off for conference supremacy, as well.

Playing in an NFL stadium presents a slightly different playing environment, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. “It’s always fun to play in these big stadiums in front of a big crowd,” Corrigan said. “You’ve got 70,000 seats and 15,000 people as opposed to 5,000 people jammed into Arlotta like this past weekend.”

The Orange (10-3, 4-1 Big East) had won four straight, including wins over both Cornell and Princeton, before dropping a 13-12 decision to Hobart in the Carrier Dome on April 16. Syracuse quickly rebounded with a 9-8 win over Providence on Saturday.

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**Top-two seeds earn spots in championship**

**By ALEX WILCOX**

In a battle of size versus speed, the quicker No. 1 Sophomores at Holy Cross withstood a second half surge from No. 4 D.G.P. to earn the 21-17 win. With the win, the defending champions advance to the championship game and keep their hopes of repeating alive.

“Today the key was just to play strong and play as a team,” Holy Cross sophomore Alajowon Edwards said. “It was a big challenge for us today, so we had to play as a unit.”

Sophomores at Holy Cross jumped out to an early 5-1 lead and that decision was returned for his senior season. Tyler Kelly said in a statement. “I rish head coach Brian Kelly said in a statement. “It was a big challenge for us today, so we had to play as a unit.”

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**Familiar foes meet in Saturday’s Bookstore finale**

**By MARY GREEN**

After two hard-fought semifinal games, the matchup for the 2013 Bookstore Basketball championship has been set.

One team’s appearance in the final might have been a surprise last year, but not so much this year. No. 1 Sophomores at Holy Cross, who was unranked last year, will look to defend its 2012 title against the No. 2 Romeo Medical Clinic.

For Holy Cross sophomore Alajowon Edwards, his team’s journey this year has been a little more difficult since it has played with a target on its back over the course of the tournament.

“It’s a big target because we’re