Prayer service remembers King
ND community gathers to honor Martin Luther King, Jr.’s civil rights legacy

By EMILY McCONVILLE
News Writer

Throughout his life, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stressed the importance of nonviolence and love in ending racial discrimination. This legacy was the theme of a prayer service in the civil rights leader’s honor, held Monday in the rotunda of Main Building.

The service consisted of a scripture reading, an excerpt from King’s sermon “Loving Our Enemies,” read by Dean of the First Year of Studies Hugh Page, a reflection from University President Fr. John Jenkins, and petitions and music from the Notre Dame Celebration Choir. It was followed by a reception on the building’s third floor.

In his reflection, Jenkins said King visited Notre Dame in October 1963. His address, “Loving Our Enemies” at a prayer service Monday in the rotunda of Main Building.

Leaders to receive degrees

Two prominent Catholic leaders will receive honorary doctor of law degrees from Notre Dame at the University’s winter Board of Trustees meeting in Rome on Jan. 27, a University press release stated.

Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, president of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, and Maria Voce, president of the Focolare Movement and the only female to lead a major Catholic lay movement, will be honored during the academic convocation at Notre Dame’s new center in Rome’s San Giovanni neighborhood, the release stated.

“Though their energy and good works, our honorees personify the fact that God’s love knows no barriers,” University President Fr. John Jenkins said in the release.

Tauran, a native of Bordeaux, France, became a priest in 1969 and went on to work in the Vatican’s diplomatic service in the Dominican Republic, Lebanon, Haiti, Beirut, and Damascus, the release stated. After Pope John Paul II elevated him to a cardinal in 2003, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI appointed him president of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue in 2007.

Tauran voted in the 2005 and 2013 papal conclaves, and he was the speaker who made the formal “Habemus Papam” announcement of Pope Francis’s election to St. Peter’s Square on March 13, 2013, according to the release.

Voce, a native of southern Italy, began to lead the Focolare Movement in 2008, which promotes unity and universal brotherhood in 182 nations, the release stated. She was the first woman to practice law in Rome’s modern judicial system and is a consultor for the Pontifical Councils for the Laity and for Promoting the New Evangelization.

While in Rome, Jenkins and other University officials will meet with Vatican leaders in papal congregational offices and pontifical councils related to Notre Dame’s mission as a leader in Catholic higher education, the release stated. The Board of Trustees will also conduct its regular business meetings in Rome.

Seminar explores border issues

By CAROLYN HUTYRA
News Writer

While snow virtually buried the Midwest during winter break, 11 Notre Dame students traveled down to the desert of southern Arizona for the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) Border Issues Seminar.

According to the CSC website, the seminar, which took place Jan. 3 to 11, was meant to “expose students to diverse perspectives about [the] Mexico-U.S. border and immigration issues.”

Seminar director and sociology professor Kraig Beyerlein said the experience is formative for students.
QUESTION OF THE DAY:

Besides that of your own dorm, what is your favorite dorm mascot?

Austin Jasper
Freshman
Morrissey Manor
"Badin."

Ed Bozik
Freshman
Morrissey Manor
"Badin."

Janelle Wanzek
Sophomore
Pasquerilla West
"Griffins."

Kayla Matthews
Freshman
Sorin Hall
"The Zahm Moose."

Philip Gilroy
Freshman
Badin Hall
"Badin Bullfrogs."

Ray Zhao
Sophomore
Duncan Hall
"Let’s just say I don’t know any."

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The Basilica of the Sacred Heart prepares a Mass dedicated to Blessed Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross. The Basilica reopened to the public Monday, following renovations that began during winter break.

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THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Wednesday
Social Concerns Fair
Geddes Hall
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
More than 40 service opportunities.

Film: “Downhill”
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
10 p.m.-11 p.m.
Part of Hitchcock series and one of his darkest early films.

Thursday
Majors Night
Arts Center
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Open to all classes.

Student Film Festival
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
9:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.
Continues with showings throughout the weekend.

Friday
Harper Chili Cook-off
Purcell Pavilion
3 p.m.-5 p.m.
Benefits the Harper Relay for Life team.

Men’s Hockey
Compton Family Ice Arena
7:35 p.m.-9:35 p.m.
The Irish play the Northeastern Huskies, and again on Saturday.

Saturday
Film: “Fatstaff”
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
1 p.m.-3 p.m.
The Met Opera Live in HD.

The Harlem Globetrotters
Purcell Pavilion
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
Tickets are still available.

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Today’s Staff

 Correction:
In the Jan. 20 issue of The Observer, the comic “Controlled Chaos” was incorrectly attributed. The creator of the comic is actually Hillary Mangiaglione. The Observer regrets this error.
Flourish Boutique moves and improves

By ALAINA ANDERSON
News Writer

Flourish Boutique, a favorite shopping destination among Saint Mary’s students, is relocating. The new location will be at Centennial Place, next to Gigi’s Cupcakes, Cooreman Smith said. The new store will allow Flourish Boutique to double its inventory, as well as add more dressing rooms, checkout stations, phone lines and designers, like Free People and Betsey Johnson.

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number at the beginning of the year led underclassmen to ask why and if this was the norm at Notre Dame. Coccia said the number of reports created a lot of concern. He said student government needed to do more compared to other universities. “We pray for every person who suffers from sexual violence and ask students to commit to prevention and to physically move it, so it felt like we had outgrown it. I felt like we had outgrown it. I think it’s really cool to make a move I have already been wanting to make.”

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“I just think it’s one thing to read and intellectually talk about things, and it’s a whole different experience to actually see what’s going on on the ground,” Beyelerin said. “I think it can potentially change people in a way that you can’t just do in a classroom setting.”

The goals of the border class and the seminar are three-fold. Beyelerin said the first is to provide “an intellectual, educational framework to understand broader debates about immigration, mostly from a sociological perspective.”

Beyelerin said the second goal of the class is to provide a unique, distinctive lens for understanding immigration in light of Catholic Social Teaching. The third goal is then to take students to the border for firsthand experience.

Although the class is not allowed to cross the border due to security issues, Beyelerin said students are able to approach the wall and, in some areas, see through it.

“From the students’ perspective it’s frustrating, but I also understand the constraints given the security issues,” he said.

As part of the seminar, Beyelerin said students participated in legal proceedings, humanitarian service with a group called the Samaritans, border ministry work, work with Catholic Charities and travel, all within the context of religion and immigration.

Prior to the trip, students attended class, wrote a preimmersion paper, and watched the documentary ‘Crossing Arizona,’ which recorded personal accounts of crossing the border. Beyelerin said as much as students anticipate the experience and imagine what may occur, post-immersion papers always indicate the students’ experiences are not what they expected.

Beyelerin said students saw migrants being sent back across the border to Mexico.

“About 60 migrants are processed in an hour and a half, which is pretty fast,” he said. “I think it would be great to see continual engagement about the issues.”

Senior Maggie Duffy said she initially participated in the seminar her sophomore year, but also served as the seminar’s student leader this past year.

Since her sophomore-year experience, Duffy has worked with a local immigration lawyer, added a supplementary major in Latino Studies, and spent several weeks in Arizona last summer, working with the humanitarian organization, No More Deaths.

“One of the most important aspects of the seminar is to sit with people who deal with the issues of immigration on a daily basis,” she said. “Seeing the passion and commitment that all these people have for protecting the rights of migrants and working towards change in our country is truly inspiring.”

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which he delivered in the same year as his famous “I Have a Dream” speech, concerned economic discrimination.

“He warned of dangerous notions among urban whites in the community and said it’s torturous logic to use results of segregation and discrimination as an argument for the continuation of it, instead of looking at the causes,” Jenkins said.

Jenkins said the late Nelson Mandela, who led the fight against South Africa’s oppressive apartheid system and later became the country’s President, embodied King’s vision.

“It’s interesting to think of Nelson Mandela with Dr. King,” Jenkins said. “Dr. King began life committed to nonviolence but died a violent death. Mandela started in armed resistance but renounced it and became the leader of his country. Today we remember these two men and their legacy of freedom, equality and dignity.”

The service, which was open to the public and standing room only, involved members of the community, as well as Notre Dame students, faculty and staff. Emmanuel Community Church pastor Shirley Gaston, who read a passage from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans, said she has attended the service in past years.

“I appreciate the fact that we still remember [King] at Notre Dame,” she said. “[University President] Emeritus Fr. [Theodore] Hesburgh was a person that really knew him, and for Fr. Jenkins to keep that tradition going, I’m very pleased.”

Student body chief of staff Juan Rangel, who read a petition, said the prayer service remembered King appropriately.

“I loved [the service],” Rangel said. “I thought the service did a good job of bringing the spirit of Dr. King in a peaceful and joyful way, and I liked especially how the community was involved, because you don’t see that a lot on campus.”

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thursday, january 23, 6 - 8 pm
south dining hall
all classes welcomed
New Year's resolutions

Ann Marie Jakubowski
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I’ve always been just a little bit too into New Year’s resolutions. Without fail, I go overboard and make plans that are far too ambitious every Jan. 1. Then, when those start to look a bit out of reach, I reassess around midterms, or at the beginning of the summer, or right before the start of the new school year.

In my mid-Christmas break delirium this year, I set some goals that have me kicking myself now that I’m back in the real world. For some reason, I decided this would be the year that, among other things, I run the Holy Half, earn a York Times daily, deepen the friendships I’ve already built, and make a plan for what to do with the rest of my life beyond Notre Dame.

One week into the semester, my progress has been minimal. I’ve gone running twice, skimmed the Times front page three times and managed not to fall behind during syllabus week. I’m a bit underwhelmed by my own progress.

Maybe I set ambitious goals and sub-consciously expect not to accomplish them, hoping any progress along the way makes me better off than where I’d be without the original goal. Maybe I enjoy the gratification of making long-term plans, even if I lack the discipline to work toward them day by day. Or maybe if I got up every morning with energy and concrete motivation, this really could be the first time I accomplished a goal.

My inevitable problem with the resolutions I make is when I realize how much time I’ve wasted each day or how much I’ve already missed and acknowledge I’d be better off if I’d been more productive. However, vast expansions and increased roles of government aid have made even the poorest of our society a fair shot at economic self-sufficiency. The collapse of the family structure in low-income communities has consistently been determined as a core cause of poverty. The current benefits system, our massive investment in reducing the causes and symptoms of poverty, is lost. I believe we are not seeing positive returns on our investment because further expansions of current government aid programs fail to foster opportunities of self-reliance and economic independence for welfare recipients, two crucial factors in allowing individuals an opportunity to move up and out of poverty.

Present government welfare programs keep the poorest of our society in a vicious cycle of dependence. A complex system of benefits hinders the successful attempts of the poor to become economically self-sufficient. An alarming number of citizens are becoming less able to escape the grips of poverty, as labor force participation is at a 35-year-lower. Two million more Americans receive disability payments than did five years ago, and 25 percent more receive some form of food assistance. A system of benefits and dependency reduces one’s incentive to work and even punishes attempts to do so with the threat of removing such benefits. This system handicaps those living in poverty by placing reliance on government aid as a more economically sound decision than participating in the workforce. A mere transfer of resources from the federal government to the poor does prevent the symptoms of poverty (the quality of life for the average poor person has greatly increased in the past few decades), but it does not create a system of self-sufficiency and economic security that would provide the poorest of our society a fair shot at economic mobility.

Further, the current benefits system fails to address some of the root causes of poverty, exemplified by the numerous anti-marriage incentives of welfare programs. The collapse of the family structure in low-income communities has consistently been determined as a core cause of poverty. A government welfare program that tells a tale of two cities, one of the Dickensian “New York City” that tells a tale of two cities, one of the super rich and the other of the hopelessly poor. De Blasio has laid out an aggressive agenda that involves a universal pre-kindergarten program, as well as expanding the reach of SNAP food stamp benefits. However, evidence of the last few decades has overwhelmingly shown that expansions of such government programs designed to fight against poverty have proven largely ineffective.

Over the past 50 years, the government has invested $20.7 trillion into means-tested welfare programs, while the official poverty rate has barely moved from approximately 16 percent. As author Robert Rector points out, the amount the government currently spends on welfare programs is more than five times the amount needed to eliminate all poverty in the United States. Further, the flawed Census measurement of poverty fails to consider the benefits of welfare programs, making it near impossible to target which welfare programs are effective and which are failures. As 70 percent of children born into poverty never reach the middle class, our government’s effort to end the cycle of poverty is failing. Somewhere in our current welfare system, our massive investment in reducing the causes and symptoms of poverty is lost. I believe we are not seeing positive returns on our investment because further expansions of current government aid programs fail to foster opportunities of self-reliance and economic independence for welfare recipients, two crucial factors in allowing individuals an opportunity to move up and out of poverty.

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Now, a government welfare program or “safety net” to help those who need assistance and support is undeniably necessary in a capitalistic economy. However, our current welfare state has transformed support into dependence. While our present system succeeds in providing individuals relief from the symptoms of poverty, it fails to provide the poor with an opportunity to rise above the poverty line.

Fighting poverty should not be a partisan issue. Any effort to classify either political party as “anti-poverty” is cheap political rhetoric that threatens to reduce our political discourse from a forum of diverse ideas and solutions to a collection of meaningless sound bytes. However, vast expansions and increased roles of government aid programs, while a sincere effort with virtuous aims, have proven unsuccessful in fighting poverty. In order to achieve our nation’s shared promise of providing even the poorest of our society with a fair chance at the American dream, we must transform our current welfare state. We must move from a system of cyclical dependence with little hope of upward mobility to a system of necessary relief aimed at an ultimate goal of economic stability through self-sufficiency.

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Mao, here and there

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Guest Columnist

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One of the most distressing incidents of cultural shock for many Chinese students studying in America is the wildly different interpretations of history in China and the West, particularly on the difficult topic of Mao Zedong, the first President of the People’s Republic of China. On the one hand, many Chinese students are often surprised and disheartened at the seemingly imbalanced, negative portrayals of the beloved leader. On the other hand, the firm defense of Mao from many American professors and students, especially those in Yale classes, is one of the hardest lessons I earned in college. Using multicolored pens, I spent two hours copying the thousand-character “definition” on a piece of A4 paper, using multicolored pens. It was one of the hardest A’s I earned in elementary school, but I did manage to remember one thing from the definition: “He mistakenly started the Cultural Revolution.” But Chairman Mao never makes mistakes!

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Last May, I visited Mao’s hometown in Shaoshan, Hunan Province. Official propaganda emphasized the poverty that Mao’s family experienced — and so, even all those years of my mom telling me “life was hard” aren’t so out there after all. As soon as schoolchildren begin reading, they read propaganda stories, some true but some exaggerated or fabricated, in Chinese classes. The stories teach important life lessons in values in a socialist society and the virtues of Chairman Mao and the Communist Party.

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Now that “The Wolf of Wall Street” has captured the attention of BuzzFeed articles and aspirational traders across the country, we can look forward to even more books being translated into films over the course of 2014. While a movie can never fully encapsulate the experience of a book, with luck, these re-imaginings can provide us with vivid and inspiring interpretations.

“Winter’s Tale” by Mark Helprin

No, it’s not Shakespeare, but it may as well be, since Helprin is an astounding author with an uncanny ability to tap into the fantastical and the mundane simultaneously. The trailer introduces Colin Farrell of “Saving Mr. Banks” as middle-aged Irish burglar Peter Lake and Jessica Brown Findlay of “Downton Abbey” as terminally ill Beverly Penn at the beginning of this extraordinary love story. Russell Crowe plays villain Pearley Soames, Will Smith plays the Judge, and together with a magical white horse, the cast is bound to create a magnificent performance.

“Divergent” by Veronica Roth

The next big dystopian series on the market, of course, must be made into a hit-em-hard action and romance movie. In a world where 16-year-olds must define themselves according to one personality trait, Roth’s heroine makes a choice that plunges her into a life of adventure and intrigue. While Shailene Woodley is no Jennifer Lawrence, this film’s fast-paced plot will nevertheless draw thousands on opening night.

“The Fault in Our Stars” by John Green

Shailene Woodley is at it again, but this time with a movie fit to succeed the likes of “A Walk to Remember,” but with a better sense of humor and a penchant for travel. “The Fault in Our Stars,” whose title is a variation of a line from Shakespeare’s “Julius Caesar,” was TIME Magazine’s No. 1 Fiction for 2012. The story follows Hazel, a terminally ill cancer patient, who meets cancer-survivor Augustus and sparks the escape of her life. Woodley plays Hazel opposite Ansel Elgort (who, coincidentally, was cast as her brother in “Divergent”).

“The Giver” by Lois Lowry

A childhood favorite of Millennials and the winner of the 1994 Newbery Prize, “The Giver” is a wise, acutely written novel that borders on science fiction à la Madeleine L’Engle. Twelve-year-old Jonas is chosen to become the keeper of memories for a seemingly perfect community, and he learns the true pains and pleasures that come with reality. The cast for this film is stacked: Meryl Streep, Jeff Bridges, Katie Holmes — and Taylor Swift. As long as Swift knows this book isn’t a “Fairy Tale,” the movie is bound to be a hit.

“Gone Girl” by Gillian Flynn

This book toppled the bestseller list for months, and for good reason. The suspense inherent in a potential xonicide, on the verge of a murder-mystery fifth wedding anniversary no less, took readers on a murder-mystery thrill ride. Ben Affleck is the main in question, and Rosamund Pike plays the missing wife, with other stars including Neil Patrick Harris and Missi Pyle. As of last week, however, rumors have it that the movie will have a completely different ending than the book.
By ALLIE TOLLAKSEN  
Scene Writer

John Jeremiah Sullivan, one of the country’s preeminent literary journalists, arrived on Notre Dame’s campus yesterday, Jan. 20, to meet with students both inside and outside the classroom. A contributor to the New York Times Magazine, New York Magazine and GQ, as well as a former editor at The Paris Review and Oxford American, Sullivan has won two National Magazine Awards and established himself as one of the most accomplished non-fiction writers working today.

Fortunately for us, he took the time to visit Notre Dame classes and speak to students about his work. After visiting with an Irish Studies class yesterday afternoon, Sullivan kindly sat down with me to speak about his current project, advice for college writers and what to expect for the talk he’ll be giving this evening, open for all students at the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

Born in Louisville, Ky., Sullivan spent most of his early life in New Albany, Ind. While he has moved many times since, living everywhere from Peru to Tennessee, his opinions about Indiana have changed over time.

“One now that I’m a little older, I’m starting to get really interested in Indiana,” he said. “I’m realizing what a fascinating place it is. It’s exotic in a weird way — so normal, it becomes exotic.”

Indiana, however exotic you may find it, makes its way into a few essays in “Pulpehead,” Sullivan’s critically acclaimed second book. Released in 2011, “Pulpehead” is a collection of essays from the journalist’s work at GQ, New York Times Magazine and Oxford American over the last 15 years. Spanning in topic from hidden caves to Michael Jackson to Hurricane Katrina, the 14 essays in “Pulpehead” perfectly showcase Sullivan’s unique journalistic voice as well as his ability to write about anything. Sullivan said, as he sat down for an interview yesterday, that he wouldn’t have it any other way.

“One of the things I love about this job is that it’s a graduate education that kind of never stops,” he said about the variety of stories he writes. “You have to inform yourself about things in order to write about them.”

Not only does Sullivan inform himself with an array of topics in his writing, preparing often times with months or even years of careful research, he also does a remarkable job of connecting with the people in each of his stories. Even when writing about those with whom he shares little in common, he manages to describe these individuals with touching intimacy and understanding. It’s almost as if the people he describes are fictional, created to allow the readers to peek into the psyche of whatever phenomenon, trend or celebrity he may be covering. The truly amazing part is that all of these characters, as Sullivan calls them, are real people.

“The trick of interviewing is getting to meaning. It’s easy to get people to talk. It’s even easy to get people to cough up secrets,” he said about what makes a good interview. “But in order to get a person to say what they really mean, you have to create a kind of comfort and trust. A mutual seriousness.”

There is no doubt that Sullivan has this talent for getting interview subjects to open up and engage in meaningful conversation, giving his stories great depth. It also is his ability to artfully describe the people he speaks with and gets to know that makes Sullivan’s work so captivating. Critics often use the word “empathy” to describe Sullivan’s style when telling another’s story, giving insight into the backgrounds and motivations of others. But Sullivan doesn’t necessarily see what he writes as empathic. Instead, he says, he gets to know people, trying to “understand their psychology, to break into their worldview” in order to best tell a story.

That we often empathize with the people in his essays is not due to some applied empathic tone on Sullivan’s part, but instead is a testament to the writer’s first-rate storytelling. He is able to make us understand subjects in his essays in ways we never have before by taking the time to understand and relate to them himself.

Though Sullivan is known for his conversational, first-person journalism and focus on current events ranging from music to reality television to politics, he also has a noticeable knack for American history. In many of his essays in “Pulpehead,” Sullivan masterfully incorporates this extensive knowledge of U.S. history, and he now has a new historical nonfiction book on the way. Focused on a “blind spot in American history,” the early 18th century in the South, his book is a change from literary journalism, but is a topic he has been researching for almost 15 years.

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“I think just try to ask yourself in as naked a fashion as possible, whether you have to be doing it, whether it’s something you need or want to do, or whether you’re doing it out of a lack of other avenues, because it’s not an easy life,” Sullivan said. “If you can be somewhere else happily, you might want to think about it, but I think there’s a tribe of us who really can’t be happy anywhere else.”

John Jeremiah Sullivan will be speaking tonight at the Hesburgh Center Auditorium at 7 p.m. His talk will involve the origins of the blues, its surprising connection to our very own Indiana and, of course, a chance to hear one of the best literary journalists working today. And it’s certainly a rare opportunity not to miss.

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to give the Tigers a one-point victory and snap a nine-game losing streak to the Crimson Tide.

In 2006, Auburn had Alabama afraid of a simple finger — the thumb. In the midst of a four-game winning streak against the Crimson Tide, the Tigers made sure Alabama knew about it and then backed it up with a 22-15 victory.

In 2010, Alabama jumped out to a 24-0 lead on the undefeated and Cam Newton-led Tigers. But Newton and Auburn clawed their way to a 28-27 win during a season that led to Auburn's second national championship.

And this past season, Auburn finished the Iron Bowl in style, with Chris Davis turning back a fourth down field goal 109 yards to lift the Tigers to a dramatic 34-28 win over the Crimson Tide. After Davis scored, he dropped the ball on the Jordan-Hare Stadium turf as the crowd rushed the field.

An Auburn ball boy picked up the ball and returned it to the school, even though it was estimated to be worth $100,000 if Auburn won the national championship.

To give you an idea of how much $100,000 is for one football, you can buy 1,333 Under Armour footballs from Eastbay for the same price. You can pay for your Notre Dame education with two of those balls. The valuation of this ball is a reflection not of the magnitude of this rivalry, but of the crazy fans that come with it.

Speaking of crazy fans, let's turn our attention to Harvey Updyke. Updyke allegedly poisoned Auburn's oak trees at Toomer's Corner, a place Auburn students tradition-ally celebrated big wins. That would be like Nancy Kerrigan-ning Notre Dame's Leprechaun or defacing Stonehenge. Clearly, UNC and Michigan fans do not care about their teams enough.

From Joe Namath to Cam Newton, "Roll Tide Roll" to "War Eagle," there is no rival-

ty, collegiate or professional that matches the Iron Bowl.

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Notre Dame dominates doubles to kick off 2014

By HENRY HILLIARD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame began its 2014 campaign with three wins over the weekend, boosted by a trio of victories in doubles performances. Throughout the Toledo competi-
tions, Notre Dame lost only one doubles match, giving the Irish a critical 1-0 lead heading into singles in each match-up.

The Irish squad featured seven different triumphant doubles duos in its matches against William and Mary, Michigan State and Toledo.

“We put a major emphasis on our doubles play throughout the fall and hope that this weekend leads to continuing doubles success as we enter our spring season,” senior Matt Dooley said.

Notre Dame played its weekend matches without its No. 2 player, sophomore Quentin Monaghan. When seniors Billy Pecor and Eric Schnurrenberger lost their first match, 6-2, the Irish found themselves in an early hole. The pair of senior Greg Andrews and sophomore Alex Lawson and the duo of seniors Ryan Bandy and Dooley rallied to win two straight doubles match-ups, prevailing the Irish to victory.

Sunday afternoon’s matchup against Michigan State proved to be the most competitive of the weekend.

“In a tight match like what we saw against Michigan State, there is obviously a lot more pressure,” Dooley said.

“In a competitive atmosphere like that, particularly in doubles play, there is a real emphasis on execution. Against the Griffins on Friday, Andrews and Lawson, the 21st-ranked doubles team in the country, won their match 6-3. They were joined by the duo of senior Billy Pecor and sophomore Eric Schnurrenberger, which guaranteed victory for the Irish.

The Irish doubles swept the Toledo duo in similar fashion Sunday night, as Andrews and Dooley cruised to a 6-0 win and the sophomore team of Nicholas Montoya and Kenny Sabacinski won 6-1. The two matches were completed within 22 minutes, as Notre Dame rolled the Rockets in doubles play.

Against both William and Mary and Toledo, Notre Dame did not even need to complete its third matches. On Friday, Dooley and freshman Josh Hagar’s match went unfinished against the Griffins. Lawson and Schnurrenberger’s match ended in similar fashion against the Rockets, as Andrews/Dooley and Montoya/Sabacinski’s victories had already secured a Notre Dame doubles victory.

“The key against teams like William and Mary and Toledo this weekend was making sure we kept focused and avoid the upset against some capable players,” Dooley said.

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Irish notch multiple top-10 finishes to start season

Observer Staff Report

Some of the top Irish fencers began their season this week-end at the North American Cup, a four-day international meet sanctioned by the United States Fencing Association and held in Virginia Beach, Va.

The competition began Friday morning with the Div. 1 Men's Foil, Junior Men's Sabre and Junior Women's Epee. No Irish competed in the Women's Epee, while five Irish competed in the Men's Foil, led by senior All-American Ariel Desmet. He finished fifth, good for the top finish of any Irish men's fencer at the NAC.

Desmet went through pool play undefeated and overpowered quarterfinal opponent Jason Chang 15-6, but fell 15-10 in the semifinals to Michele Caporizzi.

Freshmen Hazem Khazbek and Nick Kubik also cracked the top-30 in the foil competition, finishing in 24th and 29th, respectively.

After going 5-1 in pool play, sophomore John Hallsten placed 13th in the Junior Men's Sabre.

The second day of competition saw a bye of six Irish fencers competing in either the Div. 1 Women's Sabre or Men's Epee competition. Sophomore Johanna Thill finished 53rd in the sabre, falling 15-6 in the round of 64 after besting Irish freshman Allison Barry in the round of 128. Barry would finish in 79th.

Garrett McGrath paced the men's epee squad with a 31st place finish in a massive field of 255 fencers. Freshman Conrad Sutter finished in 32nd, bowing out after two nail-biting losses in the double elimination draw.

The Irish continued their strong performance on day three, as junior Ashley Severson turned in a third-place finish in the Div. 1 Women's Epee, tying for the top Irish finish at the NAC. Severson's 5-1 record in pool play had her enter the elimination round as the seventh seed, where she upset top seed Francesca Bassa 15-11 before succumbing 15-14 in the semifinals.

On the final day, McGrath added a sixth-place finish in the Men's Junior Epee to his high finish in the Div. 1 Epee. In the Div. 1 Women's Foil, sophomore Lee Kiefer and junior Madison Zeiss both notched top-10 finishes, with Kiefer finishing in a tie for third and Zeiss taking sixth. Both Kiefer and Zeiss finished pool play undefeated at 6-0, and Kiefer looked well on her way to a first-place finish until a 15-9 upset loss in the semifinals.

The Irish will get their first test as an entire squad next week-end when they travel to New York City for the NYU Invite on Saturday and the St. John's Invitational on Sunday.
Florida State since falling to the Seminoles, 70-57, in the third round of the NCAA tournament in 2011. Brey said the Seminoles have recently shown a dangerous combination of size and shooting ability.

“They made 16 threes last time they played at home, against Maryland (on Jan. 12),” he said. “My God, I hope they can’t do that again. They shot the heck out of the ball. Even though it’s a better shooting Florida State team, they’re really big. They play some big, physical guys.

“I don’t know how much we’re going to get in the low post, so we gotta get out and ball-screen and drive and kick. My biggest concern is I think we can defend the first shot. … We always do that pretty well.”

After trotting out their seventh different starting lineup Sunday against Virginia Tech, the Irish have used a different starting five in each of their most recent three games. Junior guard/forward Pat Connaughton has been the most consistent force in the ever-changing lineup and enters tonight’s contest with five straight double-figure scoring performances.

For Connaughton and the rest of the Irish, though, Florida State’s physical defense will be a challenge.

“Florida State’s defense is going to be man-to-man, physically on you, and it’s a little bit different look,” Brey said.

Following the trip to Florida State, Notre Dame has another road game at Wake Forest on Saturday before returning home for a pair of conference matchups.

“We got two tough ones,” Brey said of the upcoming road games. “As long as we stay steady through stuff. We didn’t overreact too much to our losses. … I would hope we’re more equipped to win on the road after (Virginia Tech). But we will really be challenged down there because they guard and get up on you and on the backboard physically.”

Looking to start a winning streak in ACC action, Notre Dame will tip off against Florida State in the Donald L. Tucker Center in Tallahassee, Fla., today at 8 p.m.

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Irish junior guard/forward Pat Connaughton leads the break during Notre Dame’s 70-63 victory over Virginia Tech. Connaughton finished the game with 21 points and eight rebounds, while averaging 14.1 points per game and 7.3 rebounds per game this season.
“With them out of the game, we had a tough time defending their 3-pointer. They were just on fire.”

The Irish surrendered more first-half points than they have all season, but headed into the locker room with a little momentum courtesy of senior guard Kayla McBride, who scored four points in the final two minutes to pull Notre Dame to within five.

“Kayla was just unbelievable,” McGraw said. “She’s the best player in the country, in my mind. At the guard position, there is just nobody better.”

With Lord and Allen back on the floor after the break, the Irish shut down the Volunteer offense, forcing 10 missed shots in a row. After clawing back to tie the game, Notre Dame broke the contest open on three straight 3-pointers from junior guard Madison Cable and sophomore guard Michaela Mabrey, pushing the lead to 58-51. Cable, Mabrey and freshman forward Taya Reimer all came off the bench and combined to score 36 points, compared to 16 from Tennessee.

“Michaela Maebry was just so poised, and Madison Cable was great on the boards,” McGraw said. “Taya Reimer was able to get in there and score as well. I was very pleased with all three and how they played.”

As the Irish began to pull away for the win, the crowd of 13,346 in Thompson-Boling Arena quieted after a raucous first half.

“It was a hostile environment at the beginning of the game,” McGraw said. “It was like an NCAA tournament game for us. We haven’t seen a crowd like that all year, so I’m very pleased with how we … kept fighting.”

After 20 straight losses to the Lady Volunteers, this victory marks the fourth consecutive victory over Tennessee for the Irish.

McGraw said her team still needs to make adjustments moving forward, as the Irish reenter ACC play, with a matchup against No. 6 Maryland looming.

“We have to rebound better,” McGraw said. “We were outrebounded by almost 10 to night and didn’t do the job on the boards that we needed. We can play better on defense as well. We need to work on our zone and fix it. They were beating us on the inside in the first half and we need to step up our half pressure.”

The Irish return to the court on Thursday in the Purcell Pavilion against Miami in an ACC matchup at 8:30 p.m.

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Do you want to help Notre Dame prevent cancer? You can be part of the effort. Students from all colleges are invited to submit proposals for innovative projects looking into the causes, treatment, and prevention of cancer.

**Winning proposal will receive a $12,500 research award.**

The College of Science and Harper Cancer Research Institute are sponsoring a new program for students to drive innovation in cancer research. Individual Notre Dame students or groups of students who choose to work in a team (no more than three) may apply. Undergraduate and graduate students from all colleges are eligible to submit research proposals.

The winning proposal will receive an award of $12,500 that will provide support throughout the academic year and summer. Funding can be used to support summer student stipends, research supplies, and travel. Innovative research proposals must be based on scientific research. Breast cancer projects will have special consideration. Students will also be expected to present their project at Harper Cancer Research Day.

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Horoscope | Eugenia Last

April 20-26: When you speak your mind, you’ll feel better. You have the courage and the resolve to say what needs to be said. Suddenly, you have a voice and can be heard.

April 27-May 3: Your new formation is solidifying. This week, you’ll take a strong position and be known for it. You’ll do well to avoid hasty decisions.

April 4-10: You’ll feel more in communication this week. You’ll be both open and expressive. You may feel more confident in your interactions with others.

April 11-17: You’ll move through changes more easily if you trust your own intuition. Follow your hunches and let your sense of what’s right guide you.

April 18-24: Your relationships will be the focus of your attention this week. You’ll be working hard to maintain or repair them. Be patient and understanding.

April 25-30: You’ll be more focused on your work this week. Your determination and hard work will pay off.

May 1-7: Your energy levels will be higher this week, and you’ll have a lot of energy to channel. Use it wisely.

May 8-14: You’ll be more introspective this week. Take some time to reflect on your thoughts and feelings, and consider how you can use them to improve yourself.

May 15-21: Your social life will be the focus of your attention this week. You’ll be meeting new people and making new connections.

May 22-28: You’ll be more focused on your work this week. Your determination and hard work will pay off.

May 29-June 5: Your energy levels will be higher this week, and you’ll have a lot of energy to channel. Use it wisely.

June 6-12: You’ll be more introspective this week. Take some time to reflect on your thoughts and feelings, and consider how you can use them to improve yourself.

June 13-19: Your relationships will be the focus of your attention this week. You’ll be working hard to maintain or repair them. Be patient and understanding.

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Second-half success

The Irish outscored the Lady Vols 45-24 in the second half of their 17th consecutive win this season

By GREG HADLEY
Sports Writer

Behind a barrage of 3-pointers and solid bench play, the Irish sped off to an 86-70 victory over the No. 12 Lady Vols. Down by 12 with five minutes to go in the first half, No. 2 Notre Dame used a 19-6 run to take a lead they would never relinquish on the road.

The Irish (17-0, 4-0 ACC) ran into foul trouble early, with sophomore guard Jewell Loyd and freshman guard Lindsay Allen drawing two a piece in the first 10 minutes. Tennessee (14-4, 3-2 SEC) responded by going on a tear, shooting 56 percent from the field in the first half, and mixing shots in the paint and beyond the arc. Junior point guard Ariel Massengale and senior guard Meighan Simmons combined to hit six 3-pointers and dish out nine assists.

“In the first half, Jewell Loyd and Lindsay Allen were sitting on the bench, and they’re our best perimeter defenders,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame looks to even ACC record

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Associate Sports Editor

After securing a much-needed win Sunday and halting a three-game skid, Notre Dame will look to pull its conference record to .500 with a trip to Florida State tonight.

The Irish (11-7, 2-3 ACC) defeated Virginia Tech, 70-63, in the Purcell Pavilion their last time out to improve to 2-1 in home-conference contests. Meanwhile, Notre Dame has dropped both its road games in league-play, heartbreaking losses to Georgia Tech and Maryland. After struggling to protect the ball and rebound effectively in prior contests, the Irish committed only 10 turnovers and came up with 11 offensive rebounds against the Hokies (8-9, 1-4).

“We are going to have to be better at that Tuesday because Florida State defends, and they are more athletic and powerful than this team,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “How we keep them off the board is going to be really interesting, and I am going to challenge our guys to do it.”

Florida State (12-5, 3-2) ranks fifth in the ACC with a scoring margin of 10.4, improving on Notre Dame’s eighth-place average of 6.6 points per game. The Seminoles have used two players off the bench to lead the way in scoring this season.

Despite not having a start between them in 17 games, senior guard Ian Miller and sophomore guard Aaron Thomas are first and second on the team in scoring with 13.4 and 12.6 points per game, respectively. Senior forward Okaro White is the leading scorer among the Florida State starters with a per-game average of 12.4 points. He leads the team in rebounds with 6.6 per game.

Notre Dame has not faced

Irish sweep season opener

By MIKE GINOCCHIO
Sports Writer

Being away from the court for almost two months might be a challenge for most teams, but the Irish opened regular season play with a pair of victories over Western Michigan and the IUPUI on Saturday, defeating both teams by a count of 7-0.

For Irish head coach Jay Louderback, the victories were a reassuring sign for the season. “I think you could definitely see we hadn’t played for a while,” Louderback said. “There was a little bit of rust. … We started off slow in the first couple of sets, but as the day went on, we played better and better. It’s a key for us to get everybody a couple of matches in the lineup before we start playing the ACC. So that was probably the Irish senior Julie Sabacinski returns the ball on Saturday against Western Michigan. Sabacinski defeated Bronco freshman Tracy Kuhle in straight sets 6-3, 6-1.