Event highlights academic programs
Department faculty and student representatives offer guidance to undergraduate students

By CHELSEA WILLIAMS
News Writer

More than 80 academic departments and several service groups came to South Dining Hall on Thursday night to advertise their programs to undergraduate students.

“Majors night is great because there is a lot of information in one place without having to run around for weeks to gather the same information,” said Joshua Kaplan, Department of Political Science director of undergraduate studies.

Kaplan said making contact with the undergraduate directors at majors night at least once before declaring your major is critical to understanding what to expect from the courses and opportunities in a particular department.

“A lot of times, students will come in to the office thinking this major sounds good on paper, but they then discover the reality that this was not what they expected,” Kaplan said.

Freshman Daniel Pape, a biology major, said he felt the difference of seeing the directors in person and looking through the different programs’ displays.

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Speaker discusses evolution of Latino political satire

By ALEX CAO
News Writer

Albert Laguna, professor of American studies and ethnicity, race and migration at Yale University, spoke in Nieuwland Hall on Thursday as part of the Office of Multicultural Student Programs and Services’ Martin Luther King, Jr. Series for the Study of Race.

Laguna’s talk, “The Politics of Play in Latino America” focused on the politics behind Latino, specifically Cuban-exile, humor. Laguna said humor is a special aspect of Looking through the different programs’ displays, students meet with faculty and student representatives of various majors in South Dining Hall. More than 80 academic departments participated in the event on Thursday night.

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Globetrotters take the court at Purcell Pavilion

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

The Harlem Globetrotters, the world famous “Ambassadors of Goodwill,” are set to square-off against the World All Stars in the Purcell Pavilion on Saturday at 7 p.m. as part of their 2014 “Fans Rule” World Tour.

Herbert “Flight Time” Lang, a guard in his 15th season with the Globetrotters, said both long-time fans and newcomers will be able to enjoy the fun of the match.

“If you come to a Globetrotter game, you can come expecting to have a great time. You’re going to see some great, high-flying slam dunks… a lot of fun, a lot of crowd interaction and just a fun-filled event,” Lang said.

Lang said he will be joined on Saturday by Kevin “Special K” Daley, Will “Bull” Bullard, the all-time shortest Globetrotter Jonte “Too Tall” Hall and the 10th female signed by the Globetrotters Tammy “Time” Brawner.

Lang said he enjoys seeing how much young girls enjoy watching Brawner and the two other female Globetrotters on the current roster show off their skills.

“Little girls, of course, love to see a girl competing amongst the boys and competing well,” Lang said.

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SMC to offer new graduate program

By TABITHA RICKETTS
News Writer

Saint Mary’s College plans to institute a new graduate degree program offering a Professional Science Master’s (PSM) beginning in the fall of 2015 or 2016 thanks to a $1 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.

Saint Mary’s was one of 39 institutions that received a total of $62.7 million dollars to enhance career opportunities for college graduates.

“For more than a decade… the Endowment has awarded grants to Indiana colleges and universities to pursue activities that improve the job prospects of college graduates in the state,” Lilly Endowment’s Dec. 5 press release said.

The PSM website, science-masters.com, defined the program as “an innovative, new graduate degree designed to allow students to pursue advanced training in science or mathematics, while simultaneously developing workplace skills highly valued by employers.”

Steven Broad, assistant professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, said local Indiana partnerships are a major component of Lilly Endowment’s goals for the grant.

“This is certainly a focus for our development of the program,” Broad said. “We are working to identify a range of Indiana business, non-profit and education partners.”

Broad said this type of program is not a new topic on the College’s agenda.

“The idea of developing a PSM degree has been floating around for a couple years now, but it was only at the beginning of Fall 2012 that we landed on the idea of a program related to data analysis,” he said.

A detailed budget for the development of the program was laid out in the grant application, Broad said, which included funding for a new faculty position at Saint Mary’s.

Patricia Fleming, provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs, said professors from the Mathematics and Computer Science department would primarily teach the courses. However, the master’s program has several substantial differences from the traditional Saint Mary’s.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:
What historical period would you want to experience first hand?

Abby Hebert
junior
Walsh Hall
“The 20s. Or 60s, like Mad Men.”

Edwardo Meraz
junior
Alumni Hall
“The Middle Ages.”

Hermon Abea
junior
Pasquailla West
“Tudor England.”

Diana Gutierrez
junior
Breen-Phillips Hall
“The 60s, because of the countercultural movement, especially in Mexico.”

Fernando Lozano
senior
Keenan Hall
“The 50s. Hot rods and greasers.”

Michelle Wadolowski
sophomore
Pasquailla West
“The 20s.”
Food Services to offer coffee tastings

By NICOLE McALEE

 Notre Dame Food Services is set to host coffee tastings next week, at which students can sample free coffee and vote on which type will be served in the dining halls and at events catered by Food Services.

The coffee tasting, which will feature six vendors, will take place from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jan. 27 in the South Dining Hall Hospitality Room and from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 28 in the North Dining Hall Gold Room.

Chris Abayasinghe, director of Food Services, said that the change in coffee vendors comes in response to student feedback.

“This change has been in the works for quite a while, but you wouldn’t believe all there is to consider in brewing a cup of coffee,” Abayasinghe said. “We have heard feedback from our students; however, the main reason [for the change] is we want to serve a great cup of coffee.”

According to the Food Services website, the vendors at the coffee tasting will include Paramount Coffee, Intellegentsia Coffee, Hubbard & Cravens, Douwe Egberts, Javo and Nestle Professional. Representatives from each vendor will be at the tasting events to answer questions about their products and efforts to produce coffee sustainably.

“We chose three local vendors [Paramount Coffee, Intellegentsia Coffee and Hubbard & Cravens] who source and roast their own beans for our brewed options,” Abayasinghe said. “Some people believe that on-demand coffee is the best option out there, so we chose three vendors [Douwe Egberts, Javo and Nestle Professional] to represent this segment as well.”

Abayasinghe said student feedback would be critical in the selection of a new coffee vendor.

“We are looking for what flavor profiles the students prefer as well as which stewardship and sustainability issues mean to our students,” he said.

“This will guide NDFS in obtaining a product that our guests enjoy. This [coffee] will replace the coffee in the dinning halls, so we wanted the input of the people who will be drinking it regularly.”

Students can use their ID cards to access the coffee tasting, Abayasinghe said. Each taster will receive a card on which to note their preferences and will fill out a brief survey at the end of the tasting.

“This will help us determine which coffee we want to serve in the future,” he said. “After a vendor is chosen, we intend to conduct education sessions with our students about different brewing methods or styles of coffee.”

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Panel discusses role of thrift stores in social justice

By SAMANTHA CASTANEDA

The Justice Education Program at Saint Mary’s kicked off a semester-long series about materialism, justice and sustainability in a panel discussion Wednesday about thrift store shopping. Anne Watson, executive director of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County, explained how thrift stores aim to work towards social justice by putting the needs of people first.

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“The main core of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society is to provide for the emergency needs of people who ask us,” Watson said. “We provide food through home visits through a food pantry. We provide clothing through furniture.”

Watson said thrift store shopping could have an important economical impact in St. Joseph County.

“Shopping really makes a difference,” she said. “By shopping at our stores, you are helping the local economy. You are looking for the well-being of laborers right here and you can have the satisfaction in knowing that 100 percent of our revenue stays here.”

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For their employees, Goodwill emphasizes skill building, such as learning to create resumes, Howard said.

President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Michiana, Inc. Debbie Cole said shopping in thrift stores is important because so many lives can be impacted by thrift shopping and making contributions.

“At Goodwill, our motto this year is donate, shop, change a life,” she said.

Coble said grants made it possible for Goodwill Industries of Michiana to initiate programs that would help individuals who had been in institutionalized settings.

The Second Chance Program helps individuals gain valuable work experience while working with potential employers to help expel myths,” Coble said. “We started in 2010, and now this program serves just under 400 sex offenders per year. The money [for the program] comes from thrift shops.”

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“Thrift stores can also be used in creating social justice as a way of sustainability,” Chockley said. “What you spend your time and money on demonstrates what you value.”

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“Thrift store shopping is an opportunity for integrity in practicing what you preach,” Chockley said. “If you are committed in serving the poor, thrift store shopping is a way to be in community with them.”

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Discussion explores LGBTQ issues at SMC

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The Saint Mary’s Justice Education Program presented a discussion on LGBTQ justice Wednesday as part of a new semester-long series called “Justice Wednesdays” hosted by Dr. Adrienne Lyles-Chockley with presentations from various students.

The discussion of LGBTQ issues centered on how students could support family and friends in the LGBTQ community. Presenters junior Molly Smith and sophomore Bri O’Brien spoke about their personal experiences with supportive friends and family in the Saint Mary’s community.

Smith said she suffered from an eating disorder in her high school years that made discovering her own sexuality more difficult. She said she never considered questions of sexuality or gender despite therapy and group work. “No therapist or anyone put that out there,” Smith said. “A doctor asked me if I was straight and I automatically answered yes.”

Smith said there seemed to be no resources to help her consider her sexuality throughout her four years of struggling with an eating disorder. She said she began to feel more like herself the first time she opened her mind to being lesbian or bisexual.

Smith said she believes talking about the issues surrounding the LGBTQ community eases the problems that come from having a relationship on campus. “Having more open conversations can help those who question or who are out,” Smith said.

Smith said she and O’Brien, her girlfriend, have close friends who accept and love them, but she said she also faces conflicts with people who have opposing views. “The first semester of the year was fine, but then we found out people were spreading rumors and it was almost a slap in the face,” Smith said.

Smith said she and O’Brien knew little about the rumors and received dirty looks from girls on campus. O’Brien said she thought about switching schools after friends said they did not support her and Smith’s relationship. She said the conservative atmosphere of the Saint Mary’s campus increased her desire to transfer.

“I thought it would be easier to go to Western Michigan University, where they have a center for the LGBTQ community, but I decided to stay because what will happen to the LGBTQ community?” O’Brien said.

Assistant professor of communication studies Marne Austin said she believes students have more potential to create change than faculty. She said she would incorporate student suggestions into the readings for her courses and would share the suggestions with other faculty members.

“Neutrality is a guise for oppression,” Austin said. “Challenge to say something.”

Austin said she believes speaking up for the LGBTQ community can do more than refusing to talk about the issues the community faces.

“Silence is a choice. And when you choose to stay silent in moments of hate, you choose to let statements of hate, you choose to let those statements of hate perpetuate,” Austin said. “When a single-gendered institution offers graduate programs, they must admit men,” Fleming said.

The focus of the PSM program differs from past graduate programs offered at Saint Mary’s. The PSM degree will be much more technical and professionally oriented, Fleming said.

“Saint Mary’s offered an STD — Doctorate in Sacred Theology — [and] received permission from the Higher Learning Commission to offer a graduate degree in Education, Fleming said.

According to the College’s Dec. 12 press release, the last program ended in 1969. Fleming said Saint Mary’s is still able to offer graduate credit toward a graduate degree but not toward a degree itself, until establishment of the PSM program is complete.

Many aspects of the program are in development, Broad said. The Saint Mary’s press release cites projected open dates for an inaugural class in the fall of 2015 or 2016. “Partnering with businesses, specifically Indiana businesses, was a goal of the Lilly grant,” Broad said. “We have some strong relationships and several that are developing, and of course we are identifying potential partners with the kind of data needs relevant to the program for new relationships.”

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A prominent feature of the “Fans Rule” Tour is the opportunity for fans to vote online as to which four of five unorthodox rules will be applied during each individual game, with one rule enforced each quarter. Lang said fans have been able to choose rules since last year, but this year’s tour offers three new rule options:

- The “Hot Hand Jersey,” “Make or Miss” and “Trick Shot Challenge.”
- For “Hot Hand Jersey,” each team has an orange jersey they can pass from player to player and the player receives double points for any shots they make while wearing the jersey. In “Make or Miss,” the team starts the quarter with two players each and one player is added anytime they score while the shooting player is removed anytime they miss. In “Trick Shot Challenge,” each team’s coach receives three challenges flags and can challenge any player on the other team to shoot a trick shot that is worth five points if made but negative five points if missed.
- The fans also have the chance to vote for two rules that were instituted last year: “Six on Five,” where the Globetrotters’ opponents are allowed to send in an extra player for the quarter and “Two Ball Basketball,” for which a second ball is introduced. Another rule from the team’s last tour, the “Four Point Shot,” has been made a permanent rule for all games during this tour, Lang said.

Lang said he enjoys how the rule voting makes every game unique. He said his favorite of the options, and usually the fan favorite, is the “Trick Shot Challenge.”

“It’s just a way to change the game and let the fans decide what they want to see,” Lang said. Lang said one of his favorite parts of any Globetrotters show is interacting with fans for about half an hour after every game.

“During those moments you really get to see how you touched these kids’ lives, and at the same time it’s a chance for those adults who went to see the Globetrotters when they were kids to tell you about their experiences,” he said.

“Just to be able to bridge the gap between generations and allow the fans to share the happy memories that they had when they were kids is a pretty cool deal.”

With his 15 years with the team, Lang said he has played at Notre Dame several times. He said he appreciates the atmosphere each time he comes to the University, and expects the Globetrotters will continue to stop at campus on their tours.

“for some reasons, we always have a great turn-out here," Lang said. “They love the Globetrotters. As long as they continue to show up, we’ll continue to come back.”

The Globetrotters gained popula

ity not only in the South Bend area but also worldwide. He said the reason for this popularity is that the individual players, past and present, have committed to their roles as ambassadors of goodwill.

“I think we’re so beloved because we’re able to bridge gaps and we’re able to communicate with people without even speaking,” he said. “We accept the responsibility of being role models; everywhere we go we’re ambassadors of goodwill. Any player that joins the Globetrotters knows coming in that it’s more than just basketball. We go into hospitals, we go into schools delivering positive messages, we donate to charities and people recognize that.”

The guys are so talented before us we set such a great foundation for us to follow that it’s almost impossible not to do what we’re doing. “

Lang said he considers play

ing for the Globetrotters to be the greatest job imaginable, and one he never expected to have when he was growing up. Lang said when he was growing up in small town in Arkansas and he never thought or imagined he would have the chance to play professional sports, let alone on a team as popular as the Globetrotters.

Lang was a standout at Centenary College in Shreveport, La., where he headed the conference in scoring as a junior and won the college slam dunk contest as a senior.

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“Being able to see all of them in one place and talk to people at the same time rather than just looking on the Internet and getting one-on-

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one feedback is really nice,” Pape said. “I want to do, not what their parents want them to do."

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Latin American culture, which makes studying the culture all the more engaging.

“Academic and journalistic dis

course surrounding race is rarely made clear,” Pape said. “Yet at some point, a quotidian level, playful ways of representing culture or race is everywhere, for better or for worse.”

Latin American and Cuban humor was one that must balance popular culture and academia.

“Students interested in my class from a number of majors across the uni

versity taught me that students are looking for tools to make sense of race and humor,” he said. “Many of the students I taught this course to found that my goal is to provide a balance be

tween these two poles, to delight and instruct and help you appreci

ate the complexity and critical po

tential to thinking about race and play simultaneously.”

Laguna said what made Latin American humor so compelling to him was that, despite its being a huge part of Latin-American life and culture, the subject was greatly underestimated.

“The inspiration … came from growing up in Union City, New Jersey … over 80 percent Latino, situated over the Hudson River,” Laguna said. “I clearly remember the importance of it, seeing how highly visible role of humor in narrating ev
day, daily life … [so] I was galled by the lack of scholarship of humor in Latin America.”

Laguna said his interest in Latino, specifically Cuban-American, hu

mor also comes from its riveting, tumultuous history. Laguna said he spoke about particular publications that used humor to make political statements.

“Cubans have brought their par

icular brand of humor to the U.S., and used it to make sense of dying, sport, life and life in Cuba since the 19th century,” Laguna said. “(Here) is a satirical and political newspaper published in 1897, ‘Cacaraca,’ as printed in New York by Cuban exiles who op

posed the Spanish Government during the Spanish-American War.”

Laguna said Latino humor took on new forms in the 1970s when vi

sual mediums also began to incor

porate the style of comedy on the television. Laguna said his next book is an encyclopedia, which is titled “The Onion” and due to be published in the fall.

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“These kinds of skills will take you wherever you want to go in life.”

Denise Dellarossa, director of undergraduate studies of the Department of German and Russian Literatures and Languages, said students who remain undecided after majors night should not worry about selecting a major right away.

“Students need to do what they want to do, not what their parents want them to do,” Dellarossa said. “It’s so cliché to say do your passion, but one way to see yourself doing for the next 30 or 40 years of your life!”

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NOMINATIONS FOR THE SHEEDY EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Students and Faculty are invited to submit nomination letters to:

James Brockmole
Acting Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies
104 O’Shaughnessy Hall

This award honors one member of the Arts and Letters teaching and research faculty for outstanding teaching.

Deadline: Monday, February 24, 2014

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Our commencement speaker

Gabriela Leskur
Scene Writer

Last week, Notre Dame announced that Oxford chancellor Christopher Patten will speak at the University’s 2014 Commencement ceremony. While Patten’s list of achievements is lengthy and impressive, when Notre Dame students heard the news, many of our reactions sounded something like, “Christopher, who?”

We don’t mean to criticize Patten. He’s clearly a respectable man who may very well deliver a fantastic speech. Still, ever since the decision to honor President Barack Obama at the 2009 Commencement ceremony, Notre Dame’s selection of Commencement speakers has been distinctly vanilla.

While speakers like Andy Samberg or Bono might fall too far on the entertainment side of the spectrum, why not invite leaders such as Melinda Gates, who spoke at Duke last year? Or Google chairman Eric Schmidt, who spoke at Boston University in 2012? Seniors want to be able to state the name of their Commencement speaker with pride, and without having to explain who that person is or what they did to deserve an honorary degree from Notre Dame. Most of all, we don’t want to be bored or uninterested on one of the most important days of our lives.

We know choosing a Commencement speaker is a balancing act. Extending honorary degrees are momentous occasions plain who that person is or what they did to deserve an honorary degree from Notre Dame. Most of all, we don’t want to be bored or uninterested on one of the most important days of our lives. In the end, Notre Dame students are open to almost any Commencement speaker if they promise to be interesting, relevant, and reflective.

Writing a letter to the president and inviting Notre Dame’s student body to suggest a commencement speaker would make Notre Dame’s Commencement more interesting and relevant to our generation. After all, the Notre Dame community consists of students, alumni, and faculty members who have witnessed the world change around them. Surely someone within this community can offer a Commencement address about the current state of the world in a way that speaks directly to the challenges and opportunities facing the University.

Join us in post-racial America

Katrina Linder’s article on Jan. 23, “Post-racial America isn’t a thing,” is tragic. You say that you “would love for one’s skin color or ethnic sounding name not to play a part in the judgment of his or her character.” I suggest you begin by judging yourself not by the color of your skin, but by the content of your own character. You state that “racism is very much alive” at Notre Dame and “there still exists a distinct tension amongst a fair amount of the student body.” You identify “those innocent enough to hold nothing but positive views of their racially diverse peers” as “a rich heritage.”

As the darkness of winter encloses around my frostbitten hands and my puffy black coat, at times I find myself around my frostbitten hands and my snow, sleet and hail of South Bend’s ungodly weather. Hard not to feel like we are marching, with the crunch, crunch, crunch of our boots covered paths on our way to class, it’s important to execute with purpose and passion. While trudging through the snow-covered paths on our way to class, it’s important to execute with purpose and passion. While trudging through the snow-covered paths on our way to class, it’s important to execute with purpose and passion.

I’m proud to be, someone with a foundation in compassion, love, and charity — faith without compassion is twisted, and spirituality fostered here, but what do people do with that faith? I know Notre Dame has helped form me into someone I’m proud to be, someone with a foundation in compassion, love, and charity.

Even on the darkest days, there is something about my Notre Dame experience and the Notre Dame community that fills me with a little bit of light. Most Doners agree: there’s something special here. I’m not sure quite why this place is so special to me, but as “Siyahamba” echoes of the Basilica walls, I start to have an idea. While we all might march to the beat of our own drummers, we are all marching in the light of Notre Dame’s mission: to love and to commit ourselves to making the world a better place.

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Newspaper Article: "One small step for mental health"

Alex Caton

From Notre Dame’s mission statement includes the following: “The University prides itself on being an environment of teaching and learning that fosters the development of its students through disciplined habits of mind, body, and spirit that characterize educated, skilled, and free human beings.”

To that end, the University takes action to integrate these different facets of wellness into student life as seamlessly as possible. For example, nearly every University building has at least one chapel in it. If I want to pray alone, I have 57 chapels to pick from and that large, cave-like structure with the candles in it down by the lakes. If I want to pray with others, I can go to one of over 100 Masses on campus each week, or join on of 10-plus campus ministry groups representing all different faith traditions. Or I can put faith into action through hundreds of programs offered by the Center for Social Concerns and other places on campus. In short, the spiritual practices of the Notre Dame student are covered.

We prioritize physical fitness here as well. If I have the urge to work out, I can walk down the stairs to the St. Ed’s exercise room and find a bench, free weights, exercise ball, pull-up bar, stationary bike and treadmill. If I want to blast my peas more publicly, I can go to one of our two recreation centers. If it’s nice outside and I feel like doing cardio, there are two lakes cirkled by a track of a really convenient mile.

Notre Dame has no doubt created an environment where “disciplined habits of mind, body, and spirit” can form. What I question, and what I believe threatens the “educated, skilled, and free” hall of the commitment, is the University’s ability to ensure the positive mental health of its students with the structures it currently has in place. It is uncontroversial that mental health is not equivalent to intellectual prowess. There are unhealthy body builders just as there are spiritually rich vacant church-goers. By the same token, there are a host of immensely talented and gifted students on this campus who struggle with depression, low self-esteem, body image issues, high stress, the sense of self-worth can unmet expectations, and other similar afflictions, and so do largely in silence.

This is not to say that we can expect the University to ensure every student walk around 100 percent happy, 100 percent of the time, any more than we can expect every person here to be built like a polo model. However, Notre Dame can create an environment in which caring for one’s mental health is as natural, accessible, and socially acceptable as a run around the lakes. In this area, I am convinced that ND can do better.

One shortcoming and possible starting point for improving the University’s mental health efforts is the “Inner Resources Room” (IRR). The Inner Resources Room, for those who have never heard of it, is a room administered by the University Counseling Center (UCC) with a massage chair, light therapy, relaxing CD/DVD soundtracks (e.g., waves or chirping birds) and other stress relief paraphernalia. Students can sign up for 10- or 20-minute sessions, free of charge, to lay down in a massage chair and “let go” for a bit.

Predictably, most people who hear about the IRR are pretty enthusiastic about the prospect of a free 20-min ute massage and the relief it promises. Equally predictable is the tepid reaction people have on hearing the IRR’s location. The Inner Resources Room is located on the third floor of St. Liam’s Hall. While, administratively speaking, it may seem more convenient to have it near the UCC, in practice, it just means that fewer students go and fewer students talk about it. St. Liam’s is a place we associate with sinus infections and waiting. Despite the gothic architecture and very friendly staff, it has an unmistakable “clinical” feel to it. These are negative associations. Moreover, since visiting the IRR is clearly in the category of preventative measures in the same way that jogging and chiropractic care prevent heart disease, there is no conceivable reason why this zone of mystic, stress-reducing Zen must necessarily be confined to the cold atmosphere of a clinic. The indoor track is in Rolls, not St. Liam’s.

My suggestion, then, is to create dup licates of the Inner Resources Room in LaFortune and the Library, preferably on the first or second floors of both. Mental health is a sadly under-addressed need among the student body. Whatever the sources, the tools to prevent a greater number of students from succumbing to stress and disorder are within the financial and administrative capabilities of our school. Placing additional IRRs in more central and heavily trafficked areas would be a step in the right direction if we intend to make care for one’s mental health as ingrained and socially reinforced as care for other aspects of Notre Dame student life.

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Abortion eradication, not criminalization

Sarah Morris

With nearly 600 students representing Notre Dame at this year’s March for Life in Washington DC, I was prompted to re-visit my own views on such matters. While I belong to the religious group that includes some of my closest friends here at school, I offer an accompanying representation of the seemingly reticent minority on campus.

As a life-long, practicing Catholic who attends mass on a weekly basis, my pro-choice stance may seem strange to some. Yet, being pro-choice and having absolute respect for human life and dignity are not in any way mutually exclusive. The reality is quite the opposite: pro-choice policies (which go far beyond the single issue of abortion rights) focus on the important root causes and solutions that lead to fewer abortions, as well as protect women from heavy-handed government intrusion into personal medical decisions regarding their own bodies. Though my view may be the minority at Notre Dame, it happens to coincide with larger trends. According to a March 2013 Public Religion Research Institute survey, 54 percent of American Catholics believe that abortion should be legal in all or most cases. However, polling data only says so much of such a sober issue, which warrants much contemplation and respect, regardless of stance.

Indeed, it is after much contemplation and with great respect that I offer a pro-choice perspective.

If Roe v. Wade were overturned, abortions would not cease to exist, since the ruling’s overturning would only allow individual states to criminalize the practice, not ban it. Likewise, women would do so, and women would end up travelling and crossing borders in order to access services. Furthermore, women who lack the resources to travel such distances would resort to dangerous illegal procedures that result in far higher levels of injury and death to such distances would resort to dangerous illegal procedures that result in far higher levels of injury and death to those women.

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To some, these statistics and facts are not enough; to some, the current legal status of abortion in the United States is one of our nation’s gravest injustices and needs to be fought. Although such convictions are earnest and well intentioned, they are also narrow and short-sighted. Limiting a woman’s jurisdiction to her own body is not justice. Opening the door to dangerous, and certain, alternatives to legal abortions is not justice. Opposing funding to sex education, birth control, anti-poverty programs, and early childhood education is not justice.

Rather than beating a dead horse in spite of its obvious shortcomings, we must instead take a step back from the emotional, ideological whirlwind and approach these issues with the broader goal of the Church in mind. Victory against abortion is not its criminalization, but its eradication. Realizing the two are not one in the same is the first crucial step. Once that battle is won, we can begin to combat the real fight together.

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Sometimes it's just too cold to listen to music, and all you want to do is sit in your bed all day under your blankets, skip all your classes, turn on your television or laptop and let the day slide away under the hypnosis of 10-12 straight hours of movies and TV shows. But after burning through "Breaking Bad," "Orange is the New Black" and all the "The Land Before Time" sequels on Netflix (there are five on the site, thirteen films in the series), where, oh, where do you turn next?

Today we've revived one of all-time Space scene fillers, New to Your Queue, in honor of the cold, yes, but also of how I plan to spend my entire Friday.

Fargo

There's nothing colder than murder, am I right guys? Right? Anybody? That aside, this is possibly the ultimate cold weather movie. Taking place in the upper Midwest, in Minneapolis and, obviously, Fargo, the film follows Jerry Lundegaard, a struggling car salesman, moving to one of the most infamous death scenes in film history, perhaps the best moment illustrating the Coen brothers' pitch black humor. Film: "Fargo" (1996)

Director: Joel Coen
Starring: Frances McDormand, William H. Macy, Steve Buscemi
Best Line: "You betcha!" — Marge Gunderson

The Mighty Ducks

A movie that you might find is a lot more sinister than you remember from your childhood (Gordon Bombay is ar-rested for DUI, Coach Reilly is a force of emotional destruction on a team of eight-year-old kids, Emilio Estevez is a horrible actor, etc.), "Mighty Ducks" can still be appreciated for the cheesy greatness, and might be even better now 20 years later. Banks, the Quack chant, the triple deck, cake eater and all the rest of the classics are just as great now as Charlie Conway was bad in the movie. How does Bombay not have Banks take those shots? Conway was barely a skater. But I guess I'm just no Gordon Bombay.

Film: "The Mighty Ducks" (1992) Director: Stephen Herek
Starring: Emilio Estevez, Joss Ackland, Joshua Jackson
Best Line: "Yes sir, Mr. Duckworth. Thank you very much, Mr. Duckworth."

Cool Runnings

A particularly relevant movie today, what with the real life Jamaican bobsled team qualifying for the actual Winter Olympics, actually in real life, in a thing that really happened, "Cool Runnings" prophetically follows the comic journey of a based-losely-on-real-life Jamaican bobsled team on their way to the 1988 Winter Olympics. Led by former champion bobsledder and current bookie John Candy, now exiled from the sport after being caught cheating, a group of four Jamaicans who fail to qualify for the Summer Olympics as sprinters after one of them trips the two others in the trials. Over the course their improbable run to glory, they grow to respect the sport and each other, but not the Swiss, as any great sports movie teaches us.

Film: "Cool Runnings" (1993)
Director: Jon Turteltaub
Starring: Leon, Doug E. Doug, John Candy
Best Line: "I see pride! I see power! I see a bad-ass mother who don't take no crap off of anybody!" — Yul Brenner

Groundhog Day

The best film ever made about an underappreciated holiday, "Groundhog Day" follows Bill Murray's journey as Phil Connors, a Pittsburgh weatherman forced to cover the annual Groundhog Day event in Punxsutawney. Phil is none too pleased about his assignment, even insulting Punxsutawney Phil, the famous groundhog. He wakes up the next morn-ing to discover that he's in a time loop, reliving the same day over and over again. He tries to commit suicide numerous times and generally acts like a bad dude before realizing the errors of his ways and turning his life around in order not to have to hear "I Got You Babe" by Sonny & Cher every morning for the rest of his life. Film: "Groundhog Day" (1993)
Director: Harold Ramis
Starring: Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell
Best Line: "It's the same thing your whole life: 'Clean up your room. Stand up straight. Pick up your feet. Take it like a man. Be nice to your sister. Don't mix beer and wine, ever.' Oh yeah: 'Don't drive on the railroad track.'" — Phil Connors.

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If you haven't heard of Ilana Glazer and Abbi Jacobson yet, get ready for their names to enter your comedy vocabulary. The two Upright Citizens Brigade alumnae made their big television debut this week with the premiere of series "Broad City" on Comedy Central and as writers and stars of the show are sure to fly into your radar this year.

Though the show's pilot aired on Wednesday, "Broad City" isn't new by any means. The original concept began as a low-budget web series, with each episode on YouTube running about two minutes in length. It wasn't until the series caught the attention of fan and now-producer Amy Poehler that "Brooklyn City" was picked up by Comedy Central and turned into a half-hour long, original show, and we should definitely thank Poehler for it.

The extended length and (slightly) larger budget has added the opportunity for bigger plotlines and more character development in "Broad City," but the charm of the show has stayed the same—Glazer and Jacobson play two women living in New York, conveniently named Ilana and Abbi, as they stir up trouble, stretch their budgets and complicate each others' lives. While Abbi is the nervous, awkward and well-meaning friend, she is complemented by care-free Ilana, who may be the best antihero on TV right now.

While the show certainly has humble beginnings and two relatively unknown writers and stars, "Broad City" boasts quite a few big names in its pilot. Guest stars Hannibal Buress, Fred Armisen and Chris Gerhardt prove that though Jacobson and Glazer aren't household names, they've established themselves in the comedy world and show plenty of promise.

The pilot, called "What a Wonderful World," introduces Abbi and Ilana as they attempt to score tickets to a Lil Wayne concert despite having absolutely no money. Staying true to the short-form series from which it originated, the show jumps (almost distractingly, an area that might need work) from antic to antic as the women shamelessly attempt (and mostly fail) to raise the money. From stealing of- fice supplies to cleaning an apartment in their underwear for money, Glazer and Jacobson don't shy away from the absurd or obscene while showing off both funny writing and presence.

"Broad City" certainly isn't the first show originate on the internet; one of the most popular examples of the web-to-network transition "Workaholics," also on Comedy Central. In fact, "Workaholics" and "Broad City" are alike in more than their web beginnings. They're both low-budget, have creators as leads and are all about slacker friends making up elaborate plans that go horribly awry. However, Jacobson and Glazer manage to differentiate themselves from the "Workaholics" guys by offering a balance between absolute ridiculousness and hilariously awkward, self-aware humor. "Workaholics" is made funny by amplifying the stupidity and igno-rance of all three lead characters, but "Broad City" brings a different approach, with Glazer and Jacobson sometimes egging each other on a la "Workaholics" but also balancing each other out in an "Odd Couple" way.

Jacobson and Glazer's web episodes are structured much like its fellow web-series-turned-TV-show "Workaholics," the series has also drawn comparisons to other female-fronted shows like "Girls." But though "Girls" and "Broad City" are both writ-ten by and star women, "Workaholics" but also balancing each other out in an "Odd Couple" way.

"Girls" similarities end there. Rather than relate to or represent all 20-some-thing women in New York who don't exactly have it all together, but if Jacobson and Glazer's web episodes are any indication of what to expect in the television version, the "Broad City" and "Girls" similarities end there. Rather than relate to or represent all 20-some-thing women, it seems like Jacobson and Glazer are simply being themselves—sometimes selfish and mean, sometimes uncomfortable and weird, but consistently hilarious.

What I hope to see from "Broad City" is more of the ridiculous antics and crude, unapologetic humor that made the web series so great. Jacobson and Glazer have their act down, they all have to do is ignore the pressure to be TV's new "Girls" and write what they find funny. And if this first episode is any indication, they'll do just fine.

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LL Cool J will be hosting it for the third consecutive year. Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr are set to perform together. Long-winded acceptance speeches will be given, fashion choices will be judged and some of music’s biggest names will get together for various collaborative performances. It’s the 56th annual Grammy Awards and it looks to be quite a show.

Airing live from the Staples Center in Los Angeles on Sunday at 8 p.m., the so-called biggest night in music is set to air one night before the Grammy salute to the Beatles’ debut on “The Ed Sullivan Show.” McCartney and Starr’s performance will be in recognition of that night as they accept the 2014 Recording Academy Lifetime Achievement Award for their membership in the legendary band.

On the awards side of the night, Jay-Z received the most nominations (nine) but is not considered the favorite to dominate the airwaves Sunday night. Perhaps more surprisingly, Justin Timberlake was honored with seven nominations but none in any of the general field awards (Record of the Year, Album of the Year, Song of the Year and Best New Artist).

Record of the Year is most popularly predicted to go to “Get Lucky” by Daft Punk featuring Pharrell Williams and Nile Rodgers. Others nominated in this category are Imagine Dragon’s “Radioactive,” Lorde’s “Royals,” Bruno Mars’ “Locked Out of Heaven” and Robin Thicke featuring T.I. and Pharrell’s “Blurred Lines.”

Predictions for Album of the Year vary a bit more. The favorite seems to be Macklemore and Ryan Lewis’ “The Heist” and given the amount of publicity they received in 2013, this prediction doesn’t seem far off. However, Taylor Swift’s “Red” and Kendrick Lamar’s “good kid, m.A.A.d city” may give it a run for its money (even though the Grammys have historically proven aversive to give the award to a rap album).

The nominees for Song of the Year are Lorde’s “Royals,” Macklemore and Ryan Lewis featuring Mary Lambert’s “Same Love,” Pink and Nate Ruess’ “Just Give Me A Reason,” Katy Perry’s “Roar” and Bruno Mars’ “Locked Out of Heaven.” Given the amount of publicity surrounding the issue of same sex marriage, “Same Love” seems to have a particularly good chance of taking this award.

Perhaps the most surprising part about the category of Best New Artist is that Lorde was not nominated. Having received other nominations, it would seem this is award would suit her perfectly (though perhaps all of her controversy hurt her chances). The frontrunners in this category are Ed Sheeran and Macklemore and Ryan Lewis.

The performances for the 2014 Grammys are particularly exciting. Beyoncé and Jay-Z are set to perform together, marking Beyoncé’s first major TV performance since she dropped her new album in December.

The Grammys are famous for various collaborations between artists who’ve never worked together before and this year promises to continue the trend with some interesting combinations. Robin Thicke, whose infamous performance with Miley Cyrus was a hallmark of this year’s MTV Video Music Awards, is set to perform with classic rock band Chicago. This is perhaps one of the biggest jumps of the night and the contrast between the two performances is sure to be striking.

Metallica is set to give a performance with Lang Lang. The raw energy of Metallica mixed with the hypnotic effects of a piano could be magical. The finale is particularly exciting, featuring Daft Punk, Nile Rodgers, Pharrell Williams and Stevie Wonder. This collaboration will be interesting to watch — and as with most things, will either be hugely successful or a complete flop, though only time will tell which.

Whatever the events, this year’s Grammy awards promises to be an interesting night, even if the drunken acceptance speeches at the Golden Globes were almost enough to put you off of award shows for life.
Bears-Packers fueled by similarity

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It’s no surprise that these teams have become so intertwined that they define their success through comparison to the other. You can’t take pride in their nine NFL championships, second most in history, because the Packers have 13. It’s the parity that holds their NFL-leading 27 Hall of Famers, mocking the Packers for their paltry total of 22, also second-most. Someone else will be ready when your hated rival is leering at you from first place. Even the postseason trophies evoke bragging rights, as the name of the Packers’ Lombardi graces the Super Bowl trophy, while Halas in relegated to the NFC Championship trophy.

Ultimately however, it’s the games that make this rivalry great. Every time these teams face off, the electricity in the air is that, for lack of a better term, unrivaled by other matchups. When the Bears play the Packers, it’s the Super Bowl, a playoff spot or nothing at all on the line, fans can expect 60 minutes of relentless, all-out football. This year’s second game was a perfect example, a battle for the NFC North crown being played in the bitter cold by setting when Aaron Rodgers and Randall Cobb, who had missed eight and 10 weeks respectively but returned at less than 100 percent to battle the Bears, connected on fourth-and-8 with 38 seconds left for the touchdown from 48 yards out to complete the miracle comeback and win 33-28. It was the perfect rivalry game: the stakes were huge, victory was possible from the jaws of defeat and it sets up perfectly for a revenge game next season.

In the end, players and coaches are the ones who give rivalries meaning, and both the Bears and Packers are as invested in their battles as their fans are. Former Packers coach Lovie Smith first assumed the role in 2004, he said the team had only three goals: win the NFC North, win a Super Bowl and beat the Packers. These teams are part of each other’s DNA, and as long as they keep playing with such intensity, it’s hard to disagree with the perspective of Packers Hall of Fame defensive end Willie Davis.

“There have been great rivalries in American sports, but none has had the fire in the belly that the Packers and Bears have had,” Davis said in 2000. “None has had as much winning or emotion associated with it.”

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PGA TOUR

Tiger opens play with 72

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Editor's Note: This is the fifth in a 10-part series discussing the best rivalry in sports. In this installment, Casey Karnes argues for the Bears-Packers rivalry, the discussion on Twitter by using #BestRivalry.

Familiarity, similarity and jealousy. All great rivalries are built upon a combination of those factors. Every time two teams meet, animosity builds, snowballing into something greater with every altercation after the whistle, every insult passed around, every heart-breaking defeat. In the most heated of rivalries, fans don’t just want their team to win, they want the other team to lose. In the best of rivalries, these factors continue to blossom until the relationship between two teams becomes part of what defines them.

No rivalry combines these factors better than the yearly battles between the Chicago Bears and the Green Bay Packers. It’s the longest-running rivalry in NFL history, with 81 matchups since 1921, with two legendary coaches in NFL history, claiming to some of the most legendary in a 10-part series discussing the best rivalry in sports. In the Farmors Insurance Open, where the seven-time champion failed to break par in the opening round for first time in his career.

Cink ran off three straight birdies late in his round on the easier North Course at Torrey Pines for an 8-under 64. That gave him one-shot lead over Gary Woodland, who also was on the North, which is more than 680 yards shorter.

Perez was on the South Course, host of the 2008 U.S. Open and with greens so firm this year that it felt like a major. Perez had a 67, the best score on the South by two shots, and even more astounding is that he played bogey-free.

The South played nearly four shots harder than the North. Woods, making his 2014 debut, did not have any pars on the par 5s and had to settle for a 72.

“Even par isn’t too bad, but I didn’t play the par 5s worth a darn today,” Woods said. “Obviously, that’s (tantamount) to try to get any kind of scoring on the South Course. You’ve got to take advantage of par 5s because there’s not a lot of holes you can make birdie here. Subsequently, I didn’t finish under par.”

Even at eight shots behind, he wasn’t worried about a chance to win at Torrey for the ninth time — including a U.S. Open. The courses are so different it’s difficult to gauge where anyone stands until everyone has had a crack at both courses. The weekend rounds are on the South.

“I’m going to have to go out there and get it a little bit tomorrow to not be so far behind come Saturday or Sunday,” Woods said.

Cink did what he was supposed to do. The rough is up on the North, too, so it was important to keep it in play. He did that, allowing him to take on some pins.

“You want to really take advantage of the North Course because it will yield to you a little bit, and the South Course will not,” Cink said. “I did a great job of going out there, just playing shot-by-shot, not really getting too caught up on, ‘I have to birdie these holes.’ As a consequence, I actually made a few birdies and it felt great.”

His-his medallist, meanwhile, left awed.

He was coping with a back locked up on him, unusual for Mickelson because he doesn’t have a history of back pain. It got so bad that one point that Mickelson thought about withdrawing from his hometown event, especially after his 4 iron hit the trees at the North Course, but he eventually went out-of-bounds. Mickelson used his short game to make birdie, and then made another birdie on the next hole and he scratched out a 69.

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“Why? He grew up here,” Woods said. “This was his home course. He’s playing it more times than any tour pro certainly.

Perez has such a history at Torrey that his father, Tony, continues to announce the play- ers on the first tee at the South Course. And here’s even better history — Perez won a Junior World Championship at Torrey Pines, by beating some Orange County kid named Tiger Woods.

“Best day of my life,” Perez said. “I’ve known him forever. He’s always been great to me. He gives me advice here and there, but to beat him that year was fantastic. … I’ve got to hold onto that, so that’s about all that I got over him. But it hurts him, I’ll you tell, it hurts him.”

Perez was joking. He is full of bluster and always fun, a favorite among the players.

That’s what made Thursday so enjoyable. The weather was delightful, the course was rolling, the players filling the sky left of the fairway fair on the South. Perez had no bogeys on his card, and he would remember if that ever happened since the South was stretched out to prepare for the U.S. Open.

No one was surprised, but one round, but it was a great for Perez — and for Cink, who hasn’t won since his British Open title at Turnberry in 2007. The test for Cink is Friday on the South, especially considering that only three players broke 70 on the South — Perez, Charlie Hoffman (another San Diego native) and rookie Kevin Tway, whose father (former PGA champion Bob Tway) won this event in 1986.

DIVOTS: Jordan Spieth, who missed the cut at Torrey Pines last year as a 19-year-old making his pro debut, played with Woods and Jimmy Walker and shot 71… Fifty of the 62 rounds under par were on the North Course… The worst score on the North Course was a 77 by Brandt Snedeker and Derek Ernst.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Notre Dame squares off against No. 8 Louisville

Observer Staff Report

Almost two weeks after battling Northwestern to only the second tie in the program’s 56-year history, the Irish will travel to No. 8 Louisville to face off against the Cardinals. The Irish (4-4-1) have won three of the last five meetings against the Cardinals (4-2) while both teams were still members of the Big East conference.

The Cardinals blew past 234-65 Cincinnati their last time out on Jan. 11.

Notre Dame will look for strong performances out of swimmers such as junior John Williamson, an All-American whose time of 1:47.91 in the 200-yard butterfly against Northwestern netted him an NCAA B-cut. Elsewhere, junior Cameron Miller also qualified for an NCAA B-cut with a sizzling time of 55.08 in the 100-yard breaststroke against Northwestern. Other standout individual performanc es included freshman diver Joe Cosmos, who swept both the one-meter and three-meter diving events, chalking up 311.80 points in the one-meter and 339.50 points in the three-meter.

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Irish hit the road to face Wildcats

By RENEE GRIFFIN Sports Writer

Notre Dame (3-0) will play in its first away contests of the spring season this weekend at the University of Kentucky, with the potential to stretch its undefeated start to five matches. If the Irish do so, they could qualify for the ITA National Indoor Championships on Feb. 14-17.

The Irish will first face Minnesota on Friday night before playing either No. 8 Kentucky or BYU on Saturday. Head coach Ryan Sachire said he anticipates two quality matches.

“All four teams that are going to Kentucky are very good,” Sachire said. “All four made the NCAA tournament last year, and that’s not uncommon for them. You’re looking at, traditionally, four of the top 40 teams in the country and they all expect to have another great season. We’re prepared to have two extremely tough matches.”

The Irish will try to maintain momentum from last weekend, when they beat William and Mary, Michigan State and Toledo. The team got off to a fast start in all three of the matches, dropping only two decisions to Michigan State while shutting out the other opponents.

“I think one thing we did a good job of, in most circumstances, was starting strong off in our doubles matches,” Sachire said. “The matches go very, very quickly with not a lot of time to adjust, so it’s imperative to do the things we want to do right away.”

Minneapolis (0-1) enters the event with only one match under its belt for the spring season, a 4-1 defeat at the hands of Oklahoma State. Both BYU (4-0) and Kentucky (4-0) have experienced considerably more success in more opportunities this season. The Wildcats have a marquee win over then-No. 7 Duke on their résumé, as well. The weekend’s schedule may make the matches tougher for the Irish, as it is their first time traveling and their first time playing on consecutive days.

“It’s the first time on the road, the first time out of our building,” Sachire said. “It’ll be a neutral site against Minnesota, but it’s always a little adjustment. Being able to play on a consistently high level on back-to-back days will be tough, but we’ll focus on doing what we do and we’ll have plenty of time to practice on the Kentucky courts.”

Sachire said he has particular faith in the team leaders, most notably senior Greg Andrews, ranked No. 22 in the country, Irish sophomore Quentin Monaghan, ranked 90th in the country, did not participate last weekend due to injury but may make his return against the Gophers.

“We’re definitely hoping to get Quentin Monaghan back,” Sachire said. “He’s the second-best player on the team. It starts at the top with our captain Greg Andrews. He’s done an amazing job this year and at the end of last year of leading by example. When you have such a great leader, everything flows from there.”

Notre Dame will face off against Minnesota on Friday and either Kentucky or BYU on Saturday in the ITA Kick-Off Weekend tournament in Lexington, Ky.

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By MIKE GINOCCHIO
Sports Writer

Fresh off of a pair of convincing victories over the past weekend, the Irish get back to work this weekend with a tournament in Evanston, Ill., that already holds end-of-season implications.

Notre Dame (2-0) will compete in a tournament that features Northwestern, Oklahoma State and Arizona State (2-0).

Irish coach Jay Louderback said the tournament is a great early opportunity to see some of the best players in collegiate women’s tennis.

“The great thing for us is that all four teams are in the top 28 to top 29,” Louderback said. “I think Oklahoma State is ranked 29 and they’re the lowest-ranked team. It’s really good, especially early in the season, for us [to have this opportunity].”

Not only does this tournament serve as a chance for the Irish to get their feet wet against tough competition, but it provides an early opportunity to qualify for postseason play. The winner of the tournament this weekend will go on to compete at the NIT National Team Indoor Finals. Notre Dame’s first opponent is Arizona State, a team coming off a doubleheader sweep of Northern Arizona to start their season.

“We played some singles and doubles matches against Arizona State in the fall and all of the matches were tight,” Louderback said. “We lost two of them, won three of them in three sets so we know it’s going to be a tough, tough match.”

Notre Dame will turn to the strong play of team members such as sophomore Quinn Gleason, who won both of her matches the last time the Irish played with. The Irish will also be looking to continue riding a wave of youthful success, as freshmen Jane Fennelly, Mary Closs and Monica Robinson scored their first wins in dual matches.

Louderback said he is confident in his team going into the weekend’s play.

“It’s going to be fun for us to play that early against that good of teams,” Louderback said. “And we’re ready, I think our kids will play good ball. And if everyone’s healthy we have a really good doubles lineup too. We’re ready.”

The Irish take on Arizona State on Saturday in Evanston, Ill. Match time it 3 p.m.

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ND travels to N.Y. for two invitationals over weekend

By REBECCA ROGALSKI
Sports Writer

After last weekend at the North American Cup, the Irish look ahead to this weekend’s competitions at the NYU Invitational and Saint John’s Invitational in New York.

The invitationals, which are considered two of the largest and strongest competitions in the nation, invite only the best collegiate fencing programs to participate. Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said he believes the weekend’s events will be a huge test for his fencers, who will be matched up against elite teams such as Yale, Columbia, Northwestern, North Carolina, Saint John’s, NYU and Ohio State.

“In the NCAA system that we are in, you must compete against other colleges in order to gain points and create the team’s national rank or your individual rank,” Bednarski said. “In this invitational, it is basically win or lose. If we win them all, we will be ranked significantly higher, both nationally as a team and individually as fencers.”

A major challenge Bednarski foresees in this weekend’s competition is the length of competition time. “Events are scheduled from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day,” Bednarski said. “You can imagine that it is a very long and stressful day for these fencers, who are in constant focus mode throughout those seven hours. I hope that our fencers, both young and old, can stay concentrated and alleviate themselves of any pressures that might weigh them down.”

Bednarski and the rest of the team have high expectations for their more experienced fencers. This is especially true in regards to senior Gerek Meinhardt, who was recently ranked the No. 1 male foilist in the world.

“Gerek is an absolute superstar, and he will be leading this team on the men’s side and utilizing all of his experience,” Bednarski said. “He is a huge success, and it is great for him to be in a position to dominate at world fencing in foil.”

Other Irish competitors hope to stand out as well at the NYU invitational and Saint John’s invitational. On the women’s side, junior Madison Zeiss, sophomore Lee Kiefer and sophomore Nicole McKe are coming off strong finishes at the North American Cup last weekend. Bednarski said he is confident the Irish will perform to the best of their abilities in New York, despite knowing their opponents will be giving everything they have.

“Every single team this weekend will challenge us,” Bednarski said. “Even the weakest team will want to beat us. We have a good position as a team, and other teams such as Columbia, Saint John’s and Ohio State will put everything out on the table in order to beat us, and they can. We are pretty equal to all these teams, each is simply just better at different weapons.”

Bednarski said he believes success in this weekend’s invitational will ultimately come in the form of a solid performance from each of the lesser-experienced fencers.

“We are especially interested in our younger fencers, those who are not necessarily at the top, preforming well,” Bednarski said. “Our experienced fencers should give us a positive position, but the overall decision will be in the hands of those younger men and women that we have competing for us. They will fence in very important bouts, which will ultimately decide how we do.”

The NYU invitational will take place Saturday at the Coles Center in New York and the Saint John’s invitational will follow on Sunday in Carnesacca Arena in Queens, N.Y.

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Irish senior Rachel Beck lunges forward during the Notre Dame Invitational on Oct. 28, 2012.
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Northeastern on Nov. 30, Irish coach Jeff Jackson said he expects an elite challenge from his team's opponent this weekend.

“We're playing a very good hockey team this weekend,” Jackson said. “There's parts of me watching film that thinks that they may be the team to beat in that league. [Boston College is] extremely good. Lowell, Providence, they're all good teams. But Northeastern's certainly one of the top few teams in the country.”

Notre Dame (14-8-1, 3-5-1) will again head to a hot streak on a high of its own, following weekend sweeps of Alabama-Huntsville and Lake Superior State. While the unranked Chargers and Lakers may not have posed the same challenge as a conference foe like Northeastern, the Irish feel they'll be ready for the challenge this time around, senior defenseman Ken Appleby said.

“The last four games weren't against the greatest opponents, but if you want to win and watch the games, we did a lot of good things,” he said. “These are two huge games. We've played them three times since I've been here — all at the Compton — and they beat us all three times. So they have our number.”

Notre Dame will have to solve Northeastern's stout defense this weekend, and it will have to do it without one of its biggest weapons. Junior Robbie Russo, who leads the team's defensemen in both goals and assists, will miss the rest of the year after being declared academically ineligible earlier this week. Russo can still practice with the team, but Jackson said the team will look to a combination of players like freshman Ben Ostrile, sophomore Andy Ryan and junior Eric Johnson to pick up some of the slack on the blue line.

“All we need is [stability] back there,” Jackson said. “We don’t need star power, we need stable, good defensive play, good one-on-one play and smart, safe decisions. If our defensemen just play the game simple, make the easy play and get the puck to our forwards, that's the key.”

In the spirit of taking care of first things first, Jackson also emphasized the importance of getting points and wins on home ice. After a stretch of over two months without a true road game, Notre Dame will head back out to New Hampshire next weekend, with challenging trips to Providence and Boston College looming at the end of the schedule, as well.

With that in mind, and the Irish sitting in eighth place in the Hockey East standings, Jackson said getting the full slate of points at home is important as ever.

“We have to have success here at home, because it’s gonna be hard to win games on the road with the teams that we’re playing,” he said. “We need to get points on the road and we need to be really good at home. And if that happens, I think we have a chance to be a top-four team, and that’s what we should aspire to.”

The Irish will host the Huskies at the Compton Family Ice Arena this weekend, where the puck will drop at 7:35 p.m. on Friday and 7:05 p.m. on Saturday.

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some veteran guys that do a great job with leadership. Our morale is great and it showed with how we played and competed. We're disappointed we'd come up short but this group comes back in and goes to work every day.”

Wake Forest is coming off an 83-77 win over Virginia Tech on Wednesday night. Notre Dame beat Virginia Tech 70-63 on Sunday to snap a three-game losing streak.

In the win over the Hokies, Demon Deacons senior forward Travis McKie scored 24 points while sophomore guard Codi Miller-McIntyre added 20 points and 10 assists.

Miller-McIntyre is Wake Forest’s leading scorer (15.5 points per game) while sophomore forward Devin Thomas paces the Demon Deacons inside with 8.6 rebounds per game while shooting 54.2 percent from the field with an 11.0-point-per-game average.

The Irish could be without sophomore forward Austin Burgett for Saturday’s game, Brey said. Burgett was recovering from atrial fibrillation (irregular heartbeat) after suffering from it during Tuesday’s game against Florida State.

“We’ll do some tests, saw a cardiologist, but we’re feeling he can be back hopefully on the practice floor today,” Brey said. “The sad thing for us was he was playing well. I think he’s getting more and more comfortable as a player.”

Brey also said graduate student forward Tom Knight could make his return to the Irish rotation this weekend. Knight has been out since Jan. 7 after injuring his ankle and coming down with a sickness.

The potentially short-handed Irish will tip off against Wake Forest on Saturday at 3 p.m. in Winston-Salem, N.C.

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Extended Notre Dame’s lead to 59-34 in the second half. Junior guard Madison Cable added 10 points off the bench. McGraw said she appreciated the performances of both Malvery and Cable but thought Malvery could have played an even stronger game.

“They both got double-figure points, which was great, but I wanted a little bit more from Michaela as a starter,” McGraw said. “Madison, I thought, had a pretty good game overall.”

Before Notre Dame could find an offensive rhythm, however, Miami jumped to an early 13-7 lead. Senior forward Jassany Williams and freshman guard Adrienne Motley led the Hurricanes with 10 points apiece.

The Irish could not capitalize on free-throw opportunities, as they shot 12-for-20 from the line in the first half, compared to Miami’s perfect 7-for-7 mark. Irish senior forward Natalie Achonwa shot only 5-for-11 from the line.

The Hurricanes played physical defense and forced 10 Irish turnovers in the first half and 18 for the game.

“I was really disappointed in the turnovers,” McGraw said. “I thought that was a lack of focus and that was really disappointing, but overall, second half, I felt we did some good things offensively.”

Miami forced turnovers and off-balance passes in the first half until Achnowa propelled Notre Dame to a 6-0 run with three consecutive layups that evened the score at 13-13. Achnowa almost achieved a double-double by scoring 23 points on the night to go with nine rebounds. As a team, the Irish outrebounded the Hurricanes 53-35.

Achnowa said that although Notre Dame is a great second-half team, she hopes the Irish can start putting the pieces together earlier in the game.

“The part that would be great is if we could do it in the first half and that we could do it without having to do it, having to be in a close game, that we could just come out with that mentality,” Achnowa said.

Next, the Irish travel to College Park, Md., for a game Monday against No. 6 Maryland at 7 p.m.

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Irish overcome offensive struggles, pull away in second half to remain unbeaten on season

By SAMANTHA ZUBA
Sports Writer

The No. 2 Irish recovered from a rocky first half to rout Miami, 79-52, on Thursday in the Purcell Pavilion.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw praised her players’ ability to collect themselves and change the game after a sloppy first half.

“I think we have a lot of resolve, a lot of resilience, and I felt we came out at halftime and made a nice run and got up 20, and then everyone relaxed and then we just started to play better,” McGraw said.

Notre Dame (18-0, 5-0 ACC) didn’t quite execute the fundamentals early in the first half, but the Irish charged out of the gates to start the second half with a 10-0 tear that made the score 41-26.

The Irish outscored the Hurricanes (11-8, 3-3) 44-26 in the second half.

Notre Dame started to turn things around near the end of the first half. The Irish finally pulled away on a three-pointer from freshman guard Lindsay Allen with just under four minutes to play in the first half that put them up 28-26. Notre Dame led 35-26 at the half and rode its momentum back out of the locker room after halftime.

Allen, who scored a season-high 16 points, played a big role in Notre Dame’s victory, McGraw said.

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Irish senior forward Natalie Achonwa prepares to take a free throw during Notre Dame’s 79-52 victory over Miami on Thursday. Achonwa finished the game with 23 points and nine rebounds.

Grinding it out

Northeastern enters Compton on hot streak

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

No. 15 Notre Dame will look to cool down one of Hockey East’s hottest teams when No. 11 Northeastern visits South Bend for a two-game series this weekend.

The Huskies (14-7-3; 7-4-1 Hockey East) have been on a tear in 2014, grabbing wins against then-No. 6 Providence and then-No. 8 Massachusetts-Lowell before splitting a series with Vermont last weekend. That run has pushed Northeastern to second in the Hockey East standings, leading the peloton that’s chasing No. 2 Boston College, the runaway conference leader.

Based on the recent film he’s seen, as well as Notre Dame’s 3-2 loss to

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ND aims to end skid against Wake

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
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For the first time in program history, Notre Dame will head to Wake Forest when it plays the Demon Deacons on Saturday.

The Irish (11-8, 2-4 ACC) are coming off a last-minute 76-74 loss to Florida State on Tuesday night. Seminoles senior guard Ian Miller hit the game-winning runner in the lane with four seconds left in the game and Irish senior guard Eric Atkins’ desperation 3-pointer at the buzzer bounced off the front rim.

The loss was Notre Dame’s fourth in its last five games, all by eight points or fewer. The Seminoles shot 58.0 percent for the game, including 8-for-16 on 3-pointers. Irish coach Mike Brey said Notre Dame’s 3-point defense needs to improve.

“We can do a better job of being aware of shooters, getting out to them,” he said. “There are some nights where we go through stretches where we’re really good at it. There’s been stretches where we’re not very good at it.”

Wake Forest (13-6, 3-3) comes into the game shooting 31.8 percent from 3-point land while the Irish are allowing opponents to shoot 37.2 percent behind the arc, the worst in the conference.

Brey said the opponents’ 3-point shooting is a combination of Notre Dame’s poor defense and other teams simply making shots.

Despite the struggles in conference play, Brey said the team’s mood is still fine.

“I think our morale is great,” he said. “We’ve got