Graduate
to study as Gates scholar

By KYLE WITZIGMAN
News Writer

Adam Cowden, a 2012 Notre Dame graduate, has received one of 40 Gates Cambridge Scholarships to study at the University of Cambridge starting Oct. 1.

“An opportunity to study at Cambridge wouldn’t have been possible without the scholarship,” Cowden said. “There’s a really cool opportunity [at Cambridge] to build community and collaborate to solve the world’s issues.”

Cowden, a political science major and philosophy, politics and economics minor, described the intensive, thorough selection process that narrows a field of 800 to a final group of 40.

According to Cowden, the departments at Cambridge create a shortlist of applicants of about 200. The Gates committee then review and select about 100 for interviews in Seattle. Cowden said that the Gates committee only selected 90 this year.

At the interviews, Cowden said the experience was friendly. “They go out of their way to encourage you to enjoy Seattle and engage with the other finalists,” he said.

“You have a panel interviewing you. Mine was social sciences. [The panel] includes some professors from Cambridge, past Gates Cambridge Scholars and others,” Cowden said. “They asked what I thought about policy and if I drafted a policy, what would it be and why.”

Cowden said his initial

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‘The Revolution of Human Dignity’
Nanovic Institute sponsors discussion on emerging conflict in Ukraine

By ANNETTE SAYRE
News Writer

In light of the recent violence and turmoil in Ukraine, the Nanovic Institute for European Studies hosted a discussion Monday evening in the LaFortune Student Center.

The panel, titled “Euromaidan: Revolution in Ukraine?,” was led by Yuri Avvakumov, Nanovic faculty fellow and assistant professor of theology.

“The slide show prepared by Avvakumov began with a slide that changed the title of the discussion to say “Euromaidan: Revolution in Ukraine,” which he said reflected the emerging conviction that the situation in Ukraine is indeed one of revolution.

“I thought that I would start with this title because when we discussed this event and its title, three days ago, a question mark after the title was still appropriate. Now you have to replace the questions mark with an exclamation mark,” Avvakumov said. “The revolution in Ukraine has happened. This is absolutely clear.”

Avvakumov said the term “Euromaidan” originated from a hashtag used on Twitter in reference to the protests. The “Euro” refers to the Ukrainian people’s demands for an alliance with the European Union and “maidan” refers to the name of the Independence Square in Ukraine’s capital, Kiev, where the protests have taken place.

Since November of last year, Ukrainians have been protesting the corruption of their

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Pilot DART reform launches

By JACK ROONEY
News Writer

In an email to the sophomore class last week, the student government Department of Academic Affairs said the Class of 2016 will take part in a pilot program for the DART registration process that condenses course registration into one three-hour window this March.

“A proposal has been brought forth for an adjustment to the registration period for sophomores in March 2014,” the email said. “Instead of the normal spread of two days, all sophomores would register on a single day within a succinct three-hour period.

“Additionally, the sophomore class time tickets would be scheduled from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. to minimize conflicts with classes, department exams, etc. Time tickets are spread out across the three-hour window to avoid system overload.”

Max Brown, the director of Academic Affairs, said the course registration process will remain the same, aside from the

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Alumna addresses body image

By RONI DARLING
News Writer

In her talk, Grasso said she struggled with anorexia.

“i fought tooth-and-nail to break, but i knew it needed to happen,” Grasso said. “Instead, during a routine visit to my doctor, it was decided that I would be admitted to a hospital across the country specializing in the treatment of eating disorders, where I would spend the next few months getting help. I was heartbroken, but I knew it needed to happen.”

Grasso said, at first, she was very resistant to treatment.

“I fought tooth-and-nail to keep anorexia close simply because it became something with which I could curl up and always feel safe, even if it was killing me,” she said.

Now, Grasso has been out of treatment for two-and-a-half years, and, despite occasional setbacks and lapses, she said

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By BRIAN SANCHEZ
Editor’s note: This is the second installment in a five-part series exploring the events and discussions of Saint Mary’s Love Your Body Week, which aims to foster self-confidence and positive body images.

Love Your Body Week at Saint Mary’s kicked off Monday with cotton candy in the dining hall, followed by a discussion with Christina Grasso, an alumna of the Class of 2011, about her struggle with anorexia.

The Week, initiated four years ago by Saint Mary’s students, aims to promote self-esteem and educate students about maintaining healthy lifestyles.

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Itzxl Moreno
freshman
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“How much I love, admire and appreciate my older sister.”

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With Nina Glad Vienna Calucci.

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Joyce Center
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The Irish take on the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets.

Thursday
Women’s basketball
Joyce Center
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
The Irish take on the North Carolina Tar Heels.

Friday
Blood drive
Hammes Bookstore
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sign up for an appointment at givebloodnow.org

Saturday
Culture Show: Fiestango
Steeple Center
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Come celebrate Filipino culture at ND.

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In the Feb. 24 issue of The Observer, the article “Students attend immigration summit” incorrectly used the term “immigrant” as a synonym for “DREAMers.” “DREAMers” actually refers to undocumented immigrants who were brought into the country as children and have lived in the United States for 5+ years. The Observer regrets this error.

Lewis Hall residents and friends cheer for the dorm in the women’s interhall basketball championship game Monday at Purcell Pavilion against Ryan Hall. Lewis emerged the victors, 36-24, and ended Ryan’s two-year reign.
Students stand with Venezuela

By CATHERINE OWERS
News Writer

On Monday, students gathered in the Dooley Room of the LaFortune Student Center to raise awareness about the ongoing Venezuelan protests against President Maduro that have become increasingly violent over the past weeks.

Venezuelan university students began protests against the government Feb. 12, sophomore and organizer of the Notre Dame event Daniela Nunez said.

Feb. 12 was a national youth day, and college students started protesting against the oppressive government that has been in place for 15 years, “since then, some have been wounded and some have died,” Nunez said.

Students were able to take pictures with posters saying “I care Venezuelan” and “I am your voice, Venezuelan” as they held up the Venezuelan flag, Nunez said.

“We’re going to post these pictures and create a video that can be shared, to show that, even in South Bend, we care,” she said. There have also been campaigns by Venezuelans in other cities that are using the hashtags “30 in Venezuela” and “Pray for Venezuela” because, even if you can’t do much, you can still pray.”

Nunez said students joined with the Notre Dame Peace Fellowship on Friday to say a rosary for Venezuela.

“It was student-led and it went well,” she said. “We started standing in front of Stonehenge and proceeded to the Grotto to finish the last decade of the rosary.”

Nunez said she and other students are motivated to inform Notre Dame students about the crisis because the media censorship in Venezuela makes it more difficult for the protesters’ messages to reach outside audiences.

“Much of the media in Venezuela is controlled by the state, and most of the information is coming from social media like Twitter, Facebook and Instagram,” she said. “We want to raise awareness and point eyes towards the situation in Venezuela. There’s no respect for human rights by the military and police forces.”

Nunez said she has family in Venezuela, and feels strongly about supporting Venezuelans.

“A grew up with a strong sense of Venezuelan culture,” she said. “I am American, but I am also Venezuelan.”

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“As students, we have a social obligation to support students fighting for justice,” she said. “My heart goes out to all who are suffering and all whose voices are being silenced.”

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has continued to recover on an outpatient basis.

“Life began to get in the way of my eating disorder, rather than vice versa,” she said. “I began checking off boxes on my bucket list and seizing opportunities of which I had always dreamed.”

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Cowden

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reaction was a mix of surprise and relief.

“I didn’t think that my interview went well,” he said. “I was really surprised and happy. I studied in London while at Notre Dame, and I’m excited to go back.”

At University of Cambridge, Cowden will pursue a master of public policy in planning, growth and regeneration. He said he wants to apply his studies in the future.

“In the short term, I could be interested in going on to a Ph.D. Right now, I’m living at St. Casa Catholic Workers,” he said. “I think I would like to work in public policy that regenerates economically desperate neighborhoods. Or else, I could end up finding something else and being completely surprised.”

Cowden thanked specific members of the Notre Dame community for helping him along his journey to Cambridge.

“I would say that certain people as opposed to classes or a major helped me the most,” Cowden said. “I took a Latin American politics class with Fr. Tim Scully. I had to write a paper in that class that became the inspiration of my senior thesis.

“Dr. Jeff Thibert at CSUE really helped me through the actual scholarship process.”

Beyond the application process and classes, Cowden said the community aspect of dorm life at Notre Dame helped him along the way.

“We had a housekeeper in Sorin, Senja Begic. She was basically my second mom,” he said. “There was one time that I fell on God Quad and she tended to my wounds for two weeks. She helped us get through college.”

Cowden said he would encourage other students to apply for scholarships.

“Number one, make sure that you have a good reason for applying to the programs,” he said. “Second of all, if you do have those reasons in place, don’t sell yourself short. Don’t think there’s no chance at getting it. I thought I had a very small chance, and it worked out for me.”

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has analyzed the DAR T system via experience with the process, but second-year students have enough experience with the process, but still have enough room in their schedules to take a wide variety of classes.

“This is probably the best group to give [student government] good feedback,” Brown said.

He said new technology, specifically additional software, allowed student government to try the new registration process.

“Now that we have the software, we can condense the times and not worry about overloading the system,” Brown said.

The email said the registration process will remain the same for all non-sophomore students, but if the pilot program is successful, it may expand.

“If the sophomore registration in March is successful, then the Office of the Deans, Registrar and Student Government shall consider expanding the concise window to other classes for Fall 2014,” the email said.

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Ukraine

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Mass protests began after former Ukrainian president Viktor Yanukovych, who recently fled Ukraine, abruptly rejected a landmark association agreement with the European Union in November 2013, just one week before the anticipated signing of the agreement.

Avvakumov said the rejection came as a direct result of Russian pressure exerted on Ukraine in order to prevent the nation from starting the process of integration into the European Union.

Although this issue has greatly angered the Ukrainian people, Avvakumov said they are demonstrating against the corruption of their current government as much as they are protesting their former president’s reluctance to sign an agreement with the European Union.

Avvakumov said such corruption includes everything from nepotism and bribery to dis- regard of human dignity and the authoritarian style of the former president and the ruling party.

“We are a country of millions of Ukrainians, Russia, in its present condition, embodies these vices of the political system. By contrast, potential membership in the European Union can help fight the new authoritarianism and promote transparency, the rule of law, independent media and respect of human dignity,” he said.

Avvakumov said the protest began with young Ukrainians, though it includes a broad spectrum of middle-class citizens who are students, intellectuals, artists and representatives of small and mid-sized businesses.

“These are people who perceive that the political system forcibly takes away their freedom and their professional and personal future. These are people for whom Facebook, Twitter and YouTube are indispensable everyday tools,” he said. "These are intelligent people with a clear sense of human dignity and civil courage. They call the revolution 'The Revolution of Human Dignity.'”

The Euromaidan protest has swelled in number from 700,000 people in November to one million people more recently, Avvakumov said. The demonstrations began peacefully, but have since turned violent.

On Feb. 17 the Ukrainian government called for the use of military weapons, in an attempt to put an end to the rioting, Avvakumov said over 20 people have been killed and hundreds have been injured, but the protests have nevertheless continued.

"Euromaidan will not go away until they are convinced that the whole thing really functions and really works, and they get real transparency with their govern- ment," Avvakumov said.

Michael Gekhtman, chair of the mathematics department and a Ukrainian citizen, also spoke briefly about the crisis in Kiev. Gekhtman said he is worried the protests will have the same result as similar protests in 2004, which occurred in response to perceived corruption in a presidential election, and is concerned for the safety of his parents.

“What I am worried about is that it’s going to revert to what happened shortly after the Orange Revolution because the main players are the same — same poli- ticians,” he said. “These are very dangerous times. My parents still live in Kiev. I was there in October — no one expected this to turn out this violent this fast.”

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“The revolution in Ukraine has happened. This is absolutely clear.”

Yury Avvakumov

Nanovic fellow

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shortened registration period.

“It’s going to be exactly the same as it was before, but the time slots for registration will be compacted,” Brown said. “Absolutely nothing is changing about the DAR T process other than the time slots being closer together.”

Brown said the decision to try this new system came from a close analysis of the current system and the feedback student government received regarding time conflicts with the DAR T system.

“We asked ourselves, ‘How can we make this system administratively more efficient and operationally more user-friendly so that students get the best possible outcome?’” Brown said.

“Some of the feedback we’ve gotten about the DAR T process was that there were conflicts with class, exams or other activities.”

Brown said student government has analyzed the DAR T system via student comments over the past few years.

“Students clearly feel that two days for registration time tickets is outmoded,” the email said.

“Specifically, minimizing time tickets between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day for two days due to frequent conflicts with a variety of activities would benefit students.”

Brown said a student population as large as Notre Dame’s will inevitably have conflicts whenever the University holds registration, but student government felt it could still improve upon the current system.

“The fact of the matter is that whenever we DAR T, there will be some conflicts,” Brown said.

“[Student government] has really analyzed the system, and it’s an imperfect system, but we want to make it as fair as possible for as many students as possible.”

Brown said student government chose the sophomore class for the new pilot program because second-year students have enough experience with the process, but...
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INSIDE COLUMN

Ollie, the cab driver

Rebecca O’Neil
News Writer

The night was hazy and slightly dull. My friend and I were receiving attention from all the wrong sorts at a random party. We needed to blow that popsicle stand — quick. In typical Smick/dorm style, my friend hit up her beloved cabbie, Ollie. “He’s teaching me French,” she said.

The two of us are planning to move to Paris post-graduation, so any opportunity to practice the language is too welcome. The smiling driver said he would be happy to help us out in our bilingual endeavors. In the 15 minutes back to Le Mans Hall, I discovered that Ollie was from Rwanda. His schooling from kindergarten to high school was likeable enough, he earned the position of my friend’s favorite cab driver because they had exchanged life stories. Once she revealed to him that she had arthritis, Ollie offered to drive her wherever she needed to go. Although most Notre Dame fans trek from one parking lot to the next on foot, my friend’s autoimmune disease has made her averse to walks of over a few blocks. She was a committed tailgater and Ollie had her back.

A semester later, on my allotted bimonthly outing, I found myself off campus again without a ride home. I called up Ollie and our chat picked up where it had left off. He had no memory of me, but I knew him and asked questions over a thousand miles from where I grew up.

On my ride to Stadium Club, Ollie revealed that he was six years older when the Rwandan Genocide occurred. Although both my father and brother had most of his extended relatives killed, he and his younger brother managed to survive by staying with their grandmother. The Rwandan Genocide, which ended after three months in August of 1994, killed 800,000 men, women and children — roughly three quarters of the Tutsi population. In 2009, Ollie left his country to attend Notre Dame.

I had no memory of him but I knew him. In the two years we had grown accustomed to each other, Ollie had become a personal counselor. He would listen to me when I needed a shoulder to cry on, and he also offered an ear when I needed advice. I would sit next to him at dinner or just talk to him in between classes. Although his easygoing personality was likeable enough, he earned the position of my friend’s favorite cab driver because they had exchanged life stories.

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The smiles I gave him are the same smiles he gave me when I hugged him goodbye for the last time. Ollie was a special time for me. Every time I thought of him, I would smile and say “Thank you.”

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A senior reminiscences

Ollie, the cab driver

James Vignali
Viewpoint Columnist

Choosing to attend Notre Dame was hard for me — not because I didn’t think it was a great school — I’m just really bad at making decisions, and this one felt like it could be terminal. Eventually, I decided that the Notre Dame community really won out. At all the schools I had visited, I had been preoccupied with how people met each other, who they were friends with, where they lived, etc. I thought Notre Dame would be the best guarantor for a great community — it’s really all anyone seemed to talk about.

That summer, my family was on vacation when Residential Life emailed me to check the website for my room assignment. My brother had graduated the year before, and Keenan Hall had seemed to be the focal point of his time at Notre Dame. I didn’t know much about the other dorms; all I knew is that I wanted to be in Zahm. That name just meant bad things to me. Not only had I heard it used like a curse for four years, but I had witnessed public debates about it at worst when I visited and saw some degenerates play Bookstore Basketball.

When I logged online to bear witness to my eternal fate, I felt like Harry Potter putting on the Sorting Hat. “Not Zahm,” I thought to myself. “That’s it.”- I decided that I would be the 26-year-old Ollie attends Notre Dame fans trek from one parking lot to the next on foot, my friend’s autoimmune disease has made her averse to walks of over a few blocks. She was a committed tailgater and Ollie had her back.

Sandberg's meaning

John Sandberg
Sandberg's Meaning

The pen may be mightier than the sword, but for President Obama, it is the phone that reigns mightiest of all. He has put down the pen and picked up the phone that Obama’s go-it-alone rhetoric leads to unrealistic expectations among those Americans who view such consequential topics as much more political footwork than public policy than electoral battles, it can make Congress and make real progress on these issues, rather than setting yourself up to fail by pushing ahead alone.

Admittedly, 2014 is not the most conducive environment for legislative achievement. An election year might make for political theater, but for the majority of Americans who are more concerned with public policy than electoral battles, it can be a miserable experience. Nonetheless, Obama has a responsibility as president to take the lead in making 2014 a “year of action,” as he himself described it. Don’t allow members of Congress to put the business of governing on hold for their reelection campaigns.

Keep the important issues relevant. Promote national debates and search out allies and opponents in Congress to work with you even in the toughest political environments.

In simple terms — be a leader. At the very least, stop telling Americans that solutions to poverty, immigration and education, among other issues, can be achieved through the actions of one man.

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For the love of puns

I would like to congratulate Mr. Gianfalla on his column “The left's intolerant ‘tolerance’” (Feb. 18), in which he nailed the democratic party. You have thoroughly demoralized me and my fellow liberals, who are always waving our so-called tolerance in your face and not making off-hand misogynistic comments while doing so.

I simply cannot argue with Mr. Gianfalla. It is quite clear that the Democratic Party is not tolerant of the bigoted and intolerant, and ipso facto the party is intolerant, since the meaning of tolerance is obviously accepting all views with no opposition and thereby having no real stance on anything.

That’s just fair and balanced logic. For years, we have clearly been blind to the effects of our bigoted ways of opposing those who hold prejudiced beliefs, which call for the exclusion of certain groups from the full enjoyment of their human rights. You are right, Mr. Gianfalla, to show us that this vehement opposition to Conservatives has only introduced more hate and bigotry into the world in the form of the Civil Rights Act of 1965, the 19th Amendment and Brown v. Board of Education.

I cannot believe liberals don’t recognize it as support for traditional marriage when someone vilifies homosexuality. From now on, we will not be so beligerent towards those who persecute homosexuals, who are so obviously out to sabotage conventional marriage. My parents have often told me their so many years of traditional marriage would mean nothing if another form of marriage was permitted to coexist with traditional marriage. I am so glad Mr. Gianfalla condemned the liberals’ “war on the wealthy” because all that bloodshed has to stop. Oh wait, there’s no actual violence? Or, rather the seizing of wealthy individuals’ accounts — oh wait, that’s not happening either? Well, the calls for a truly progressive tax system and for addressing income inequality, which definitely merit the term “war,” must end. And if anyone still doesn’t think this has become a war, then please tell me why the liberals enlisted the help of a foreignocrat who rules from his Golden Throne in Rome to spread their un-American message?

Mr. Gianfalla also made great points about other issues that I do not have the space to cover here. Overall, it is clear the Democratic Party does not “spew tolerance” in the way we often claim to spew it. I am glad our eyes are now opened to our intolerance. Democrats should definitely return to the Constitution and Bill of Rights, but not as much those new parts with the “toleration” of universal suffrage and equal protection under the law because it would be intolerant of us to oppose the intolerance of our Founding Fathers.

John McMackin
sophomore
Keenan Hall
Feb. 25
By MATT McMAHON  
Scene Writer

Harold Ramis, famous actor, writer, director and director, died on Feb. 24 at age 69 after losing his battle with a debilitating autoimmune disease.

I was lucky enough to have parents who allowed me to watch somewhat raunchy movies at a young age. In fact, sometimes my parents would even entice my sister and me to watch these films. We were children and therefore thought anything our parents would champion for us to take part in, even — or maybe especially — pop culture-wise, should be avoided. So, against our woefully ignorant judgment, our parents had to force us to watch “Ghostbusters” as a family. Now, every year on their respective holidays, to this day, we have the tradition of digging out “Groundhog Day” and “National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation.”

Harold Ramis, director of “National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation,” was the center of a comedic movement, surrounded by other talented, likeminded actors, writers and directors. He was the comedic brain behind many influential and popular films — films that have maintained their lasting power over multiple decades. Beginning with his work on Second City TV and the script of critical classic “National Lampoon’s Animal House,” Ramis cultivated a brand of oddball comedy that was rather zany, but still appealed to the masses. What other gross-out movie gag is as universally enjoyed and cited as the candy bar in the pool incident from “Caddyshack”?!

Ramis’s movies were undeniably weird, but it was the weirdness he celebrated and found emotion in, making his work so widely accepted. He married his writing to the likes of John Belushi, Bill Murray, Chevy Chase and Rick Moranis. As much as their acting elevated his material, his writing and direction helped form what became each of their signature styles.

The distinguished writer and director’s impact was so prominent that his groundbreaking work is now commonplace. Harold Ramis crafted his own influential class of humor from groundwork laid by predecessors such as Mel Brooks. He ably combined this humor with underlying depth; a style used by many filmmakers today, especially Judd Apatow and Seth Rogen.

Ramis’s influence on mainstream, commercially appealing comedy can be traced to everything from the “American Pie” series, to Adam Sandler’s and the Farrelly Brothers’ older classics, to Comedy Central’s most recent successes “Workaholics” and “Broad City.” While he appeared quite understated both on and off the screen, there is no doubt Harold Ramis’s legacy on comedies will extend far into the future.

Thankfully, my parents were as stubborn in getting me to watch Ramis’s movies growing up as I was about not wanting to conform to their tastes. It speaks to the genius of the filmmaker that multiple generations can find laughter and satisfaction from the wacky aspects of his movies. This overarching blanket of recognition is hard to attain due to diverging comedic preferences, but Ramis consistently found a sweet spot. I look forward to sharing his work with my own children, as I know his movies will continue to provide definite comedy common ground.

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Everything is awesome in the wake of “The Lego Movie,” the brilliantly hilarious animated film crushing the box office over the past two weekends. The film features a variety of celebrity voice actors, a purposefully glitchy animation style and a furious pace of endless jokes, from the obvious to the subversive. What most people don’t realize is that the film’s creators have had prior success with another hilarious YouTube series, “Clone High.”

The film’s writer-director partners, Chris Miller and Phil Lord, have made a name for themselves in Hollywood by adapting existing properties for the big screen, raising the quality of the origin and bringing surprisingly fresh twists on expectations in each of their films.


Combining self-mocking and tongue-in-cheek humor with outrageous physical and visual gags brought the best out of the directors and the film’s stars, Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum, who played the least detestable role of his career that involves no stripping.

After that no-holds-barred R-rated comedy, the pair put out “The Lego Movie,” the No. 1 movie in America for two straight weeks and hands down the funniest movie I’ve seen in the last year. If you haven’t seen it, at least one of your friends has told you that you just absolutely have to.

But the writer-directors’ smashing worldwide success in the past few years can be traced back to a cheap-looking and short-lived cartoon, “Clone High,” that aired fully only on Canada’s Teletoon network in 2001 and 2002, just eight episodes of which were broadcast on MTV in America in 2003.

The duo’s comedic sensibilities are on full display from the first seconds of the show, which establishes it as a sendup of over-dramatic high school shows like “Dawson’s Creek” and later “The O.C.” The pilot, “Escape to Beer Mountain: A Rope of Sand,” the show opens with a very-young-sounding Will Forte announcing that “this is a very special episode of Clone High” followed by the show’s theme song, an emotional, 90s pop rock anthem that introduces the characters and central concept:

“Way, way, back in the 1980s / Secret government employees / dug up famous guys and ladies / And made amusing genetic copies / Now the clones are sexy teens / They’re gonna make it if they try / Loving, learning, sharing, judging / A time to laugh and shiver and / Cry / Time to watch / Clone High / Energetic and engaging, / Clone High / Our angst is entertaining, / Clone High / Our lives are never boring, / Who am I?”

The show proceeds to follow Abe Lincoln as the tall and awkward one, Joan of Arc as Abe’s overlooked female friend, Cleopatra as the girl of Abe’s dreams, John F. Kennedy as the popular jock and Gandhi as the hard-partying comic relief. On the surface, it’s a perfect parody of high school dramas with humor that hits hard and often, but it goes above and beyond easy parody jokes, making for a consistently funny, frequently brilliant comedy.

Most of the series is on YouTube and can be found with a little work. It is definitely worth watching for anyone who enjoyed “The Lego Movie” and wants to see more like it.

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If you want to check out some truly rich and lively synthesizers, you need to check out wunderkind-beatmaker Skuggedag. Songs like “New Worlds” and “Sex” from his LP “Time Team” are so rich and melodic that it’s truly difficult not to be wrapped in their lush embrace. A similar artist is Bonobo, who shapes synthesizers into worldly soundscapes grounded by groovy hip-hop beats. Kiara and Kong from Bonobo’s “Black Sands” LP grant an awesome glimpse into such a world.

TO DAD: Electronic music today is often focused heavily on sampling, or capturing and manipulating recorded acoustic sound. This means that standard instruments like electric guitars and even brass and woodwinds appear quite often in electronic music. Electronic music can, but certainly doesn’t have to be, simply made up of synthesizers and drum machines.

There are a plethora of amazing producers who sample out the wazoo. The first that comes to mind is Flying Lotus, an experimental hip-hop beatmaker with an ear for jazzy arrangements. Just check out the smexy acoustic bass lines fluttering throughout his “Cosmogramma” LP. If you’re more interested in the electric guitar, you can find a million riffs scattered throughout producer Baths’ “Cerulean” LP. If you’re really interested in the jazzier side of things, you should check out Colin Stetson’s History of Warfare releases, which combine electronic production techniques with single-take saxophone pieces.

To Lil’ Bro: Everyone loves vocals, even those anti-social electronic producer types. Just look at the host of producer/singer/songwriters there are today. Grimes, How to Dress Well, James Blake, Zola Jesus, Laurel Halo.

Many of today’s up-and-coming songwriters are turning to the computer instead of the guitar, given how easy it is to get access to production software these days. All of the above artists are awesome as far as solo artists go. There are, however, many electronic bands that offer fuller sounds and often more standard, approachable songs. Check out Animal Collective’s classic record “Merriweather Post Pavilion” or Friendly Fire’s lively “Pals” for a great, electronic-style party.

In all, most of the people who don’t like electronic music simply haven’t been listening to the right kind of electronic music. The electronic genre is huge and expansive; there’s something for everyone. I mean, if you were a hippo and electronic music a foreign place, let’s say North America, you might see a picture of South Bend and be all like, “I’m a hippo. There’s nothing for me in North America for me.” And then you’d never see Disney World or San Francisco or the San Diego Zoo. You’d be a sad hippo indeed.

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If you missed Bear Hands at Legends this month, you missed out on a chance to hear new tracks from the up-and-coming alt-rock group before their album release. But fear not — even if you didn’t catch Bear Hands’ new track “Disco” this month, by February 25 you’d be a sad hippo indeed.

“Disco” opens on a slightly disappointing note with “Moment of Silence”, a quiet, minimalist song with little melody or, unfortunately, allure. The song does build up by its last third, but fails to accomplish the cathartic release it aims to reach and instead sets the album on the wrong track.

The next two songs do manage to pick up the energy, however, with “Giants” followed by “Agora.” Strangely, despite “Giants” being the band’s most successful single thus far, it feels like there’s too much of a wobble and a bit of an “oh well” attitude to the rest of the album. The group managed to maintain interesting, chord progressions and instruments on their last album “Vile Iowa,” which was the album’s most successful single.

“Agora,” however, is a bit of a letdown. While “Giants” was a bit of a letdown, the band’s new album “Distraction” contains a few more tracks to find on the album. The band’s new album is a bit of a letdown, but while “Agora” gave “Disco” promise and the previously mentioned tracks managed to deliver, the album has its share of confusing missteps. While “The Bug” and “Bad Friend” pick up by their chorus, “Bone Digger,” which sounds like Youth Lagoon with Rau’s low, distorted vocals, does just the opposite, falling flat after a promising intro.

Similarly, “Peacekeeper” and “Vile Iowa” don’t seem to fit into the album. Though they are drastically different songs, they both stand out on the album almost to a fault. The former is the band’s obvious turn into a more rock-inspired direction, with heavy guitar and quick drum rhythms throughout that make you want to bite your bottom lip and nod your head. The latter is an experiment in slowing things down, with Rau whisper-singing the ballad that isn’t dynamic enough in its lyrics or melody to pull off such a mellow sound.

The album closes out fairly strongly, however, and the more mellow sound not accomplished in “Vile Iowa.” It’s in “Party Hats,” a toe-tapper that sounds Beck-inspired in the best way, and “Thought Wrong,” which shows Bear Hands’ ability to use experimental electronic instruments and integrate them with acoustic guitar for a sad, but nice ending to the album.

What Bear Hands definitely has down is Dylan Rau’s clear-as-day vocals over a catchy, uptight beat, and it’s clear from “Distraction” that the group can still do that well, while also offering more. However, what I was hoping to find on “Distraction” was an exploration in melody and lyricism that simply didn’t happen. Instead, the album is a confusing collection of tracks that sometimes get it right and other times miss the mark completely as the band experiments with instrumentals, tempos and themes. Perhaps it will just take time and another album for Bear Hands to get it right.

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By the time you read this, it will be old news. On Sunday, forward Jason Collins signed a 10-day contract with the Nets, played his first game since April 17, and became the first openly gay man to compete in the North American professional league. In some ways, it was an almost anti-climactic milestone. The crowd at the Staples Center in Los Angeles greeted Collins with polite applause, and he grabbed two rebounds and one steal in 11 minutes of play. If Collins was a "distraction" to his new teammates, it certainly did not show in their 108-102 win over the Lakers. On the contrary, Nets coach Jason Kidd compared Collins to Jackie Robinson and told the media that many members of the team wanted to play in the NFL. Although he isn't ready for a gay teammate, Collins is about as far from the league "isn't ready" for a gay athlete. "I believe homosexuality is a sin, that would hardly preclude Sam from joining the NFL," Donovan called the rankings a revolving door before his Gators took over the top spot, and he said this week replacing Connecticut, Florida senior forward Walter Hodge returned to the Top 25, but I find it hard to believe that Sam would be nearly as disruptive as many of his future colleagues. Even if we look at the issue from the perspective of Terrell Thomas, who believes homosexuality is a sin, that would hardly preclude Sam from joining the NFL.

In the past year, we have seen Aaron Hernandez, formerly of the Patriots, implicated in a double-murder. The Eagles kept wide receiver Riley Cooper on the team even after video surfaced that showed him intoxicating Cooper directing racial epithets and threats of physical violence at a concert security guard. And just this month, police in Atlantic City arrested Ravens running back Ray Rice after he allegedly knocked out his fiancee with a blow to the head and then attempted to drag her out of an elevator.

Both Rice and his fiancee, Janay Palmer, were charged with simple assault-domestic violence, and though the NFL could have handled Vanderbuilt is playing short-handed with only seven scholarship players and even used a couple walk-ons, the Gators with this new ranking will be tested quickly.

Florida senior forward Will Yegue says the Gators will handle the challenge well.

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Belles struggle in doubles, drop decision to Aquinas

**By ALEX CARSON**
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s dropped its second consecutive match, falling to Aquinas by a 6-3 decision Saturday.

For the second straight match, the Belles (1-2) failed to pick up a victory in the three doubles matches, giving the Saints (2-0) the early advantage.

Senior co-captain Mary Catherine Faller and junior Kayle Sexton dropped the No. 1 doubles match, 8-6, while juniors Shannon Elliott and co-captain Audrey Kiefer also dropped their doubles match — at the No. 2 flight — by a break.

“They served a bit better than us and [our opponents] are still volleying slightly better,” Belles coach Dale Campbell said. “We have to be more consistent in all phases of our doubles games. [Aquinas] was strong in doubles, but with these close matches, I know we have the ability to pull them out.”

Ultimately, it was those two top doubles matches that proved to be the difference Saturday, as Saint Mary’s and Aquinas would go on to split the singles matches. The Belles got their first victory of the evening at the No. 2 singles spot when Sexton dis­missed her opponent, Saints freshman Tiffany Tuori, in straight sets, 6-1, 6-3.

“I think [Sexton] is growing in her ability to play singles at the No. 2 position,” Campbell said. “When she moves her feet well, she can play some outstanding singles. She explodes into her shots when she is moving well.”

The Belles were then able to get a victory at the No. 6 singles spot for the second week running when sophomore Andrea Fetter dropped her opponent, Saints sophomore Jennelle Miller, 6-2, 6-4.

“Fetter’s consecutive wins at No. 6 singles just shows depth in our lineup,” Campbell said. “Andrea’s fight in those matches can only help to give our team confidence. I think we know you can have a battle in all positions and you never know where the victories will come from.”

The third and final win of the day for Saint Mary’s came in three sets when Elliott racked up her first victory of the season spring, defeat­ing Aquinas junior Ariana Khabdian, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.

 “[Elliott] battled well and took some pride in winning her match in the third set,” Campbell said. “Her oppo­nent was a great runner, but Shannon controlled her and made her move all over the court. Her shot-making eventu­ally wore down her opp­onent. It was nice for her to finish the match with a win as she was the last one on the court.”

The Belles return to action March 9 when they travel to Orlando, Fla., to kick off a five-match trip with contests against Cornell College.

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Nordic ski team races “Birkie”

**Special to The Observer**

The Notre Dame Nordic Ski team joined over 10,300 cross-country skiers Saturday in Southern America’s largest ski race: the American Birkebeiner, also called the “Birkie.” The race takes place in Wisconsin, over a trail connecting the cities of Cable and Hayward. The annual event is the American version of Norway’s Birkebeinerenrent and began in 1973.

Ten skiers from Notre Dame traveled into the tundra to compet­e in various events over Birkie weekend. Races ranged from 12 to 54 kilometers in length, and the cumulative length of the team’s races totaled to over 250 miles. For most of the team’s skiers, the event was a first-time experience, but for sophomore Iclier Oarciar, this event is a family tradition. The year was her fourth time competing in the 27k Kortelopet race, finishing third in her age group with an impressive time of 1:50:18. Senior Kevin Bednar also performed well in the 54k classic, finishing his first ski-marathon as third in his wave with a time of 4:00:41.

After the race, sophomore Adrienne Huschke said, “I’ve wanted to do the Birkie ever since I began skiing in high school, and now that I’ve done it, I want to come back every year because it was just such an amazing ex­perience.” Every 5-7k, volunteers greeted the skiers with water and snacks to refuel because in races of this length, replenishment is critical — skiers can burn up to 1,000 calories per hour while racing. Because of the proxim­ity to the Twin Cities, many of the team’s members from Minnesota were able to reunite with their families at the finish line and share the achievement with them.

Each year the event brings together skiers from all over the world to tackle the most elite competition in the country. “What I think about the Birkie is that it draws such a variety of skiers; competi­tors range from Olympic-level to novices,” said Bednar. “It’s amazing that as a third-year club, we were able to bring such a great representation of the University to the event. When we first dreamed up this trip, we never imagined so many students would be interested in going and doing something so crazy.”

The skiers spent the weekend at the nearby cabin of alumni Michael Dougherty, Class of 1982. Senior Marc Stahls said, “We are so thankful for the support of the Notre Dame family. It was only through the generosity and assis­tance of this community that we were able to achieve such a lofty goal.”

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Women’s Ultimate Frisbee

The Notre Dame Women’s Ultimate Club traveled to North Carolina this weekend to com­pete in the Asheville Invite, play­ing against teams from many different regions. Both A and B teams played in the tournament, enjoying a weekend of warm weather while seeing some new competition.

Notre Dame A started off the weekend very well, coming out with a 13-1 win over UNC - Greensboro in their first game on Saturday. In their second game of the day, the team faced off against George Washington University team. They were trailing 4-7 at halftime, but came out of half to score nine unanswered points, taking the game with a score of 13-7. In game 3, Notre Dame A faced tournament hosts UNC-Asheville in the showcase game, taking the lead from the outset and winning 13-3.

On day two, Notre Dame A enjoyed a first round bye and opened play with a semifinal game against Elon University. The teams traded points for the entire game, and Notre Dame A trailed 6-8 at half. Elon gained momentum and took a 10-7 lead, but Notre Dame fought back to tie the game at 10-10. Freshman Julia Butterfield caught the game winning point from sophomore Heather Fredrickson, and Notre Dame A was officially in the fi­nals. They faced long-time com­petitors Indiana University, and once again, the teams traded points and Notre Dame A found itself down at the half by a score of 8-6. But the team came back, and freshman Mary Hermann caught a hammer from Kelsey Fink to bring the game to an 11-11 tie. In the last few minutes of the game, IU took the lead, and Notre Dame suffered a heavy loss in the cham­pionship by a final score of 13-11.
Softball

欧阳女士，Phillips will not have the services of the starting third baseman, Katie Ayala, in the lineup against UC San Diego. However, the Irkys were able to hold on to the lead thanks to the hitting of pinch hitter Mary Peveto, who went 2-for-2 with a two-run home run. Phillips said that Ayala was a “great third baseman” and that the team would miss her absence. She added that the team would have to adjust to the absence of Ayala on the field. Phillips also praised the pitching of starter Megan Kurey, who allowed only one hit and struck out seven batters in seven innings. Phillips said that the team had a lot of confidence in Kurey and that she had pitched well in her last two starts.

The Irish fell just short of winning against Cal State-Fullerton, losing 4-3. The Irish had a strong performance from their starting pitcher, Jordan Hartman, who allowed only three runs in six innings. However, the Irish were unable to score enough runs to overcome the loss. Phillips said that the team needed to work on their hitting and that Hartman had pitched well. He added that the team would have to adjust to the absence of Ayala on the field.

The Irish are back in action this weekend at the Diamond Classic, with games against Arizona, Oklahoma, and Oklahoma State. Phillips said that the team was looking forward to the weekend and that they would have to adjust to the absence of Ayala on the field.

The Irish are 4-4 on the season and are currently in third place in the ACC. Phillips said that the team was confident and that they were looking forward to the weekend.
know I made the right decision to run at [Notre Dame].” In the men’s 400-meter dash, junior Chris Giesting claimed first by nearly a full second with a time of 45.89 seconds. That time ranks him fifth in the nation this year heading into the conference and national championships and claimed the Notre Dame record from Feeney, a fellow All-American.

Feeney said his and Giesting’s friendly rivalry has made both runners better. “About two hours after we broke his distance medley record, he took down my indoor 400-meter record,” Feeney said. “I still believe there will be a few more record exchanges as we end this indoor season. Not many All-Americans are privileged to compete against each other this indoor season. Not many collegiate athletes and left him just milliseconds from breaking the elusive four-minute mile.

Freshman Nate Richarz and junior David Schipper finished first and second in the pole vault at 4.75 and 4.60 meters, respectively, and junior Dominick Padovano threw 18.58 meters to claim a third-place finish in the weight throw. The Irish 4x400 relay of Giesting, Feeney, senior Jarrod Buchanon and freshman Harvey Smith finished at 3:07.58 and in third place behind ACC foes Florida State and North Carolina, setting another record mark. The distance medley shone on the women’s side, as well. Seniors Kelly Curran, Michelle Brown and Alexa Aragon and sophomore Danielle Aragon, each an All-American, easily claimed first place with a time of 11:05.07. That time is 10th best in the nation this year.

The Irish women earned four other first-place finishes. In the pole vault, senior Kelly Burke earned a victory at 3.60 meters with sophomores Libby Schichtel and Allie Sullivan finishing in a tie for second at 3.45 meters. Senior Vivien Devaney easily took first in the weight throw at 19.60 meters, freshman Taylor Driscoll came in eighth in the mile with a time of 4:51.38, and sophomore Margaret Bamgbose broke his distance medley record at 4:51.38. The Irish are back in action Thursday and Friday when the ACC Championships begin in Clemson, S.C.

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Belles drop final game to Brits

By ANDREW ROBINSON
Sports Writer

Despite a solid start and a late scoring run, Saint Mary’s streaky offensive efforts were not enough to overcome an emotionally charged performance by Albion in both teams’ final game of the season Saturday at Kresge Gymnasium in Albion, Mich.

Although the game was without postseason consequences since both teams sit in the bottom half of conference standings, it was nonetheless a meaningful way for the players to wrap up their seasons, or in some cases, their careers.

It began with a touching gesture, as the Belles’ 7-18, 5-11 MIAA allowed injured Brits senior guard Taylor Nugent to drive for an uncontested basket to begin her senior day matchup before being subbed out. The Belles (9-16, 5-11) remained within striking distance of the Belles to start, and a series of scores from Saint Mary’s senior guard and captain Shanlynn Bias made the game 16-15 in favor of Albion midway through the half.

However, the Belles were unable to contain the scoring ability of senior guard Brette DeBear, who led Albion on successive 10-2 and 9-0 runs to help take an eventual 43-29 lead into halftime.

“Albion was fired up and ready to go for their senior day,” Belles coach Jenn Henley said. “We had problems trying to contain their leader Debear, who killed us in the first half especially.”

Saint Mary’s fought back in the second half, but another 9-0 run by the Brits extended their lead to 56-35, a lead which they maintained comfortably for the rest of the game.

“I think my team played hard,” Henley said. “We made some runs in the second half, but time was against us.”

An energized 11-0 run by the Belles late in the half was not enough as the game was already out of reach, ending 77-65 in favor of the Brits.

DeBear, who averaged 18.0 points per game, was 13-19 from the field and ended up with 29 points on the day to cap off her career as the second-highest scorer in Albion’s history. Brits sophomore forward Emily DeWaters helped out on the boards, snagging 17 rebounds.

For the Belles, Bias finished out her career as a four-year contributor with a 19-point performance to finish the season at a team-high 14.7 points per game. The Belles’ other graduating senior and captain, forward Katherine Wabler, added eight points.

Saint Mary’s junior forward Ariana Paul had her third consecutive double-double with 18 points and 14 rebounds. She finished the season averaging 13.9 points and a team-high 8.1 rebounds per game.

Despite the team’s losing record, Henley said she was positive and hopeful when evaluating the season and looking to next year.

“Moving forward, we look to build on how much our program has grown this past season,” she said. “We should return a lot of players who gained valuable experience this season.”

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North Carolina, Virginia, Florida, Maryland and Northwestern. But after a visit to South Bend, Fortunato knew where she wanted to be.

“I visited the top-10 schools for lacrosse, and it’s just different,” Fortunato said. “It’s just a different place, and it’s hard to explain unless you come here. The combination of athletics and academics, and the tradition of the school, and everything about Notre Dame, other schools just can’t match it.”

Coming from the high school level, though, even the nation’s top recruit had a learning curve to deal with.

“The pace is a lot faster,” she said. “I definitely had to adjust during fall ball to the faster pace of the game and get used to the different players I’m playing with and their tendencies. But I think everything else is pretty similar, so it wasn’t too hard of an adjustment.”

But now that the season has arrived, Fortunato has thrived in the elevated level of competition, which she credits to the fact that there are no easy games.

“Every game is a big game,” she said. “Every game is exciting. In high school there were the big games, but there were the few in between that weren’t too crazy. Everyone is on the same level here. Everyone is here for the same reasons and wants to put in the same effort as you to achieve the ultimate goals.”

That competition will only get better, as the Irish will head to North Carolina on Thursday to take on the Tar Heels — the defending national champions and the nation’s unanimous No. 1. Fortunato has lofty goals for her four years under the Dome, but Fortunato said she isn’t looking any further than Thursday night in Chapel Hill.

“The number one goal is to win the national championship, but my goal for the season is to take it one game at a time, to play the best of my ability and to help this team as much as I can.”

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partners.

“I’ve gone to both nights,” Boomer said. “I wasn’t able to stay for all the fights each night, but I was able to see some friends and support them.”

Because of the small size of their division, all of the heavyweights have sparred against other weight classes, especially the 202-pound division, in the closest thing the fighters can come to experiencing a normal bout.

“I actually haven’t sparred against any of the other guys in my bracket,” Boomer said. “All of the guys I have fought against are in the weight class below me or had to drop out due to injury.”

This has not stopped the boxers from sparring. Daniel Yi said he has sparred more this year than any other year in the program and that the freshmen are getting more time in the ring than he used to.

Despite the small size of the remaining field, Boomer said he is not overly familiar with his competition, especially the novice fighters.

“I know Danny well because of the past two years [that I’ve been in the program],” Boomer said. “I’ve met both of the other guys, and I know who I’m fighting, but we don’t know each other particularly well.”

Yi is the heavy favorite to win the bracket after a dominating victory over former varsity basketball player Mike Broghammer last spring for his third championship. Yi dispatched Broghammer in just 17 seconds, sending him to the canvas and causing the referee to stop the bout. He will face Israel in the first semifinal, while Boomer and Jegier will square off in the second.

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Freshman attack Cortney Fortunato (right) sets up for a draw in Notre Dame’s 15-10 loss to Boston College on Feb. 15.

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ACROSS
1. Not so likely to be foiled again (4, 6) [Merry!]
2. Avoid
3. Make a running start at marriage?
4. Mixed bag
5. ‘Is you is or is you...ma’ baby?'
6. Bypoduct of a sad dairy cow?
7. Ming museum piece, maybe
8. Is a bookworm
9. Place in society
10. Tartan cap
11. Bypoduct of a homely dairy cow?
12. Oman man
13. Capote, to pals
14. Rogers
15. Old Carl Sagan series
16. ‘I would say...’ in texts

DOWN
1. Part of WW2
2. With caviar...or garbage?
3. Turkish U.I.P.s
4. Bypoduct of an idle dairy cow?
5. Poke (caramel candy)
6. What a magician pulls a rabbit out of
7. Janet of ‘Psycho’
8. Fit to serve
9. Bypoduct of a portly dairy cow?
10. Fruit in a still-life painting
11. Brand in Road Runner cartoons
12. Does fantastic stand-up
13. Mis, miss
14. Film
15. Paintball sound

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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HOROSCOPE  |  EUGENIA LAST

Happy Birthday: Taking on too much will be what drags you down. Set your priorities and converse the appropriate people to help. Emotional issues and partnerships can be dealt with, but honesty must be imparted and any negative energy must be released. Your personal space is important to keep in mind, and you need to reach out to friends. Keep an open mind and keep an eye on how others react to you so you can adjust accordingly. 

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make plans, but don’t share your ideas. Act in secret if you think it will make a major impact when the time is right to present or promote. Start with impulsiveness by your side. Struggle every move you make and avoid intolerance and criticism.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Put greater focus on yourself and the personal improvement of your home. This change will help you surrounding themes now and in the future. Limiting the best possible picture will be what captures the interest of someone looking for a partner or a partner you can offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Time and energy spent trying to accomplish the task at hand will lead you to get an arm’s-length away from a partner who supports your efforts and to boost your confidence.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Let communication lead the way. Interactions will lead to interesting information and good connections that will be valuable to you and others in case of legal, money or health issues. Ask questions and get clear directions. With a foot in the door, you will know where to go.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don’t be afraid to make changes. The initiative will help you gain respect, even though you are likely to face opposition from a jealous colleague. An unusual set of circumstances will transpose your money, health or legal issue. Get the facts straight and process.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take pride in what you do. Say what’s on your mind and enjoy networking and being a participant. Partnerships will flourish and romantic encounters will lead to a close bond with someone who supports your efforts and to boost your confidence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Try not to get out of shape or change your diet. You should make a habit of eating what you enjoy. For everyone direction looks promising and you’ll arrive at the point you desire. A new friendship or activity will be stimulating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make adjustments at home that will motivate you to be more creative. Taking part in an unusual event will broaden your outlook and help you expect your field. Avoid altered reality. Will capabilities will turn out to be prosperous. Enjoy the company of someone you’re known for a long time. Listen to what others are saying, but don’t be afraid to support your own personal vision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your emotions under control. You don’t want to give anyone the upper hand. Know what’s in your bank accounts and how much you can spend on something you don’t need. Someone you deal with may be absent-minded.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A partnership will turn out to be prosperous. Enjoy the company of someone you’re known for a long time. Listen to what others are saying, but don’t be afraid to support your own personal vision.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put more emphasis on money, contracts, legal matters and getting back on track. What do you do to make one orange positive change bring good results, but the other doesn’t mean you should be reclusive. Greater security will help build confidence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Take part in an event that it is possible sound a cause you believe in and you’ll form an alliance with someone who is able to help you advance. Make a decision by going above and beyond what your expectations and you will reap rewards.

Birthday Baby: You are quick, insightful and dedicated. You are a cause you believe in and you will form an alliance with someone who is able to help you advance.

JUMBLE  |  DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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**ND SOFTBALL | MARY NUTTER COLLEGIATE CLASSIC**

**Irish win four of six in California**

*By EVAN ANDERSON*  
Sports Writer

No. 24 Notre Dame traveled to Cathedral City, Calif., this weekend for a six-game slate against west coast competition at the Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic. The Irish won four of six games over four days, including three shutout wins and a 12-11 thriller over UC-Davis, though the weekend culminated in a nine-inning, 2-0 loss to No. 6 Oregon on Sunday.

On Thursday, the Notre Dame staff tossed 14 shutout innings to earn a pair of victories over Pacific (3-8) and Brigham Young and stretch the winning streak to seven games. In the afternoon game against Pacific, the Irish bats remained silent until the bottom of sixth inning, when they manufactured the game’s only run. Junior second baseman Jenna Simon recorded an infield single, stole second base and moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by junior center fielder Emilie Koerner. Freshman left fielder Karley Wester made the most of the scoring chance with a sacrifice fly to left. Freshman pitcher Rachel Nasland, who replaced sophomore pitcher and starter Allie Rhodes in the sixth inning, earned the first win of her Notre Dame career (1-0). In the second game, senior pitcher Laura Winter, fresh off her selection as one of 30 candidates for the 2014 Senior CLASS Award, gave up just a pair of singles and a walk and recorded eight strikeouts against BYU (6-9). Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said her team’s pitching is emerging as a clear strength. “Our pitching has been extremely consistent, and it has given us a chance to win every game we have played,” Gumpf said. “That’s always our goal.”

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**ND WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

**Fortunato finds success in early-season matchups**

*By JACk HEFFERON*  
Sports Writer

The NCAA instituted a new rule this year, stating that goalscorers must immediately drop their sticks after a goal so that officials can inspect them. And just three games into her Notre Dame career, Cortney Fortunato’s stick has already seen a lot of the turf.

The highly touted freshman attack from Long Island starred for the Irish (2-1, 0-1 ACC) this weekend, contributing four goals — including the game winner — and an assist in a tight 8-7 win over Stony Brook.

Fortunato didn’t just score, however. She contributed all over the field, tying for the team lead in ground balls and caused turnovers and stepping up for a key draw control down the stretch to put the game on ice.

Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said the game was a huge step for the freshman, and she praised Fortunato as part of a group of young players who took charge against the Seawolves (2-1, 0-0 America East). “Seeing [Fortunato] really step in to a strong leadership role was huge for us today,” Halfpenny said. Adjusting to the college game has come in stride for Fortunato, but that was to be expected. Coming out of Northport High, she was rated as the No. 1 recruit in the class nationwide. The offer letters rolled in from the elite of the college game, including Duke, Duke, Duke, Duke...

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**TRACK AND FIELD | ALEX WILSON INVITATIONAL**

**Records fall at final Notre Dame home meet**

*By EVAN ANDERSON*  
Sports Writer

Three school records fell Saturday as Notre Dame hosted nearly 50 schools from across the country for the Alex Wilson Invitational, a final tune-up for the Irish before their first visit to the ACC Championships in Clemson, S.C., next week.

Saturday also marked the final home meet for Notre Dame’s senior class, as the Irish do not host during the spring outdoor season. Senior and captain Patrick Feeney said his final meet at Notre Dame was bittersweet. “It was a pretty sad moment once I realized that the Alex Wilson was going to be the last meet I ran at Loftus in an ND uniform,” Feeney said. “The past four years have gone by extremely fast. ... After four years, I...”

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**BENGAL BOUTS**

**Heavyweights to debut in semis**

*By GREG HADLEY*  
Sports Writer

The 84th annual Bengal Bouts started Feb. 17, but for four fighters, all this meant was another week to train, watch their friends and nervously wait for their turn in the ring. Tonight, that wait will come to an end for the heavyweight division.

Only four boxers — sophomore Matt Boomer, freshman Erich Jegier, first-year law student Brian Israel and senior captain and defending champion Daniel Yi — are competing in the division, eliminating the need for a preliminary or quarterfinal round. Two other boxers started out the season with the heavyweights but were forced to pull out after injury.

As the other weight classes have narrowed down the field to the final four, the heavyweights have continued to train and prepare. “I’ve been training hard and trying to keep up the intensity,” Boomer said. “The other guys have been tapering off now that they’re fighting. I’ve just tried to use the extra time to become a better athlete because that’s ultimately what it comes down to.”

The wait, though, has ratcheted up the nerves for some fighters. “There is definitely a certain anxiety [in waiting],” Boomer said. “You want to get out there. You see your friends out there, and you want to be in the ring, too. At the same time, I’m not disappointed that I’m in the semifinals already. It just brings you that much closer to the title.”

Even though they were not fighting, most of the heavyweights still attended both the preliminary and quarterfinal rounds to cheer on their friends and training