Power outage shuts down campus

No injuries reported in hour-and-a-half-long incident Thursday evening, causes remain undetermined

By LESLEY STEVENSON, JACK ROONEY and CATHERINE OWERS

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The entire Notre Dame campus lost power around 9 p.m. Thursday evening for “undetermined reasons,” according to University spokesman Dennis Brown.

“Power was restored across the campus at 10:33,” Brown said. “No injuries were reported. Power plant personnel are working to determine the cause.”

Brown confirmed that people had been trapped in elevators during the outage, which lasted about an hour and a half.

Certain locations on campus, including residence halls, quickly regained power after the outage, reportedly through backup generators.

Firefighters and police flocked to the power plant on North Quad after the outage began.

Brandon Russo, a sophomore employee at the Huddle, said he got stuck in an elevator.

Emergency responders gathered at the Notre Dame power plant after the outage. Parts of the University were without power for an hour and a half, and causes of the outage remain undetermined.

Professor discusses social reconstruction

By GABRIELA MALESPIN

News Writer

Professor Dinka Corkalo Biruksi, visiting research fellow of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, presented her research Thursday on social reconstruction in post-war societies in a lecture titled “When Community Falls Apart: Challenges of Recovery and Social Reconstruction in the

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SMC candidates prepare for elections

By EMILIE KEFALAS

News Writer

Tickets for student government “Big Board” and Class Board elections at Saint Mary’s were in full campaign mode Thursday following Wednesday’s student body president and vice president campaign speeches, assistant director of Student Involvement and Multicultural Services Graci Marschting said.

“Elections are a vital part of the Saint Mary’s experience,” Martsching said. “Nearly every aspect of a student’s Saint Mary’s experience is impacted by the people who are elected to the Big Boards, which include Class Boards, Student Diversity Board, Student Activities Board and Residence Hall Association.”

Martsching said the elections will engage all the participants, who will come from Notre Dame, around the campus.

Conference to address human development

By CAROLYN HUTYRA

News Writer

The sixth annual Human Development Conference at Notre Dame’s Kellogg Institute for International Studies will take place this weekend from Feb. 28 to March 1.

The theme of this year’s student-led conference is “Transforming Development: New Actors, Innovative Technologies & Emerging Trends,” according to conference co-chair and senior Eddie Linczer.

Linczer said, “No matter if your interest is healthcare or gender issues, failed states, emerging technologies, there is a wide range of panels,” he said. “There’s really something for everybody.”

A main goal of the conference is to encourage discussion on the theme of forming development, Linczer said. He said he hopes the conference engages all the participants, who will come from Notre Dame, around the campus.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:
What is the song of your soul?

Emily Moser
junior
Lewis Hall
"Timber" by Pitbull ft. Ke$ha.

Erich Jegjer
freshman
Sorin College
“You’re Still the One’ by Shania Twain.

Logan Lally
sophomore
Stanford Hall
“Everyday is Awesome” by Tegan and Sara.

Matt Aimbinder
freshman
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“Hate Being Sober’ by Chief Keef.

Monika Tilmans
sophomore
Lewis Hall
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“In the Cut’ by Wiz Kalifa.

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THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Friday
Blood Drive
Hammes Bookstore
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Walk-in or by appointment.

Saturday

Cultural Show:
“FiestanG”
Stipan Center
8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Filipino dance show.

Sunday
Men’s Boxing: Bengal Bouts
Joyce Center
2 p.m.-4 p.m.
Final matches.

Monday
Spring Town Hall Meeting
Washington Hall
2 p.m.-4 p.m.
With Fr. Jenkins.

Tuesday
Concert: Schola Musicorum
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
9 p.m.-10 p.m.

Lecture: “Democratic Poland: 25 Years After the Fall of Communism”
Hesburgh Library
6:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
By Hanna Suchow ska.

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Corrections

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Notre Dame guard Whitney Holloway moves the ball up the court in the final moments of a 100-75 win against North Carolina. Shortly after the game concluded, the Purcell Pavilion lost power, leaving Irish coach Muffet McGraw to conclude her team “shot the lights out.”

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University to host immigration conference

By KATIE McCARTY  
News Writer

Notre Dame’s Institute for Latino Studies (ILS) will host “The Church and Immigration” conference next week in McKenna Hall Conference Center, which will focus on the role of the Catholic Church in immigration reform.

Rev. Daniel G. Groody, C.S.C., associate professor of theology and director of the Immigration Initiative at the ILS, said the conference aims to promote the increasing importance of immigration reform, highlight the issues involved and make connections to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

“235,000,000 people are migrating around the world today, and in the United States alone 10 to 12 million of those are undocumented,” Groody said. “If Notre Dame as a Catholic university had nothing to say about this, how would it be taking seriously its Catholic identity or a Catholic institution?”

The conference will explore what roles the Catholic Church can play in promoting immigration policy and practices, Groody said.

Part of what has made America the great country that it is are the immigrants who have helped make it what it is today,” Groody said. “The focus of this conference is on what the Church has done, is doing and can better do in response to this challenging and important issue.”

The ILS will host various speakers, including several bishops and University President Fr. John Jenkins, and will hold workshops such as “Human Trafficking” and “Immigrant Voters and the Changing American Electorate.” Groody said the United States can do more to aid immigration reform.

“People migrate because of economic need, the violation of human rights, weak juridical structures, environmental disasters and many other reasons,” he said. “While the United States cannot accept every migrant in need, there is much more it can do.”

Groody said the conference is born out of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, which are based directly with the dignity of the human person.

“However one identifies oneself in liberal or conservative terms, the heart of Catholic Social Teaching deals with justice in the world and building a peaceful society,” Groody said.

“Catholic universities should take a role in that process. Notre Dame is involved in this issue because this is both a national and global issue of significant importance.”

Colleen Cross, project coordinator of the conference, said the initiative critically engages the issue of immigration in the United States.

“Building on Notre Dame’s long-standing commitment to a faith that does justice, as well as the significance of immigration in Latino communities, the Immigration Initiative seeks to highlight the Church’s commitment to immigrants and immigration reform in the United States,” she said.

The conference will run from March 2 through 5.

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Love Your Body Week promotes empowerment

By KATE KULWICKI  
News Writer

Love Your Body Week continues at Saint Mary’s College on Thursday with a self-defense class, Spa Night at Hannah’s House and a screening of the documentary “SomeSlay Melissa.”

The self-defense class, co-sponsored by Athletes, BAVO (Belles Against Violence Office), Security and Women’s Health taught participants five basic physical moves that are part of the Self-Awareness and Familiarization Exchange (SAFE), national program offered by the National Self-Defense Institute. Connie Adams, director of the BAVO office, said self-defense is a role in that process to what individuals can do to reduce personal risk of experiencing violence.

“Perhaps the most important reason [self defense] falls within the category of risk reduction is because it empowers participants. Another benefit is that it helps participants take one thing away. I hope it empowers, confort and peace of mind,” Adams said.

During the program, facilitators discussed the importance of trusting one’s instincts. Recognizing one’s own inner strength empowers women to have the ability to trust in themselves, Adams said.

“From what I have witnessed, Love Your Body Week focuses on recognizing your inner strength, being grateful for who you are and respecting yourself as well as others,” said Adams. “In my experience, sometimes women have a difficult time trusting [their] instincts, trusting themselves.

“By encouraging women to connect with these instincts and follow them, we are supporting the overarching mission of LYBW,” Adams said.

A spa night was held at Hannah’s House, a maternity home in south Bend, which is the community partner of Le Mans Hall Saint Mary’s women spent the evening with the mothers of Hannah’s House painting nails, doing facials and watching a movie.

“The event was created in order to promote the idea of dedicating time to caring for your body and connect with the community. We are hoping to make this a tradition,” Adjunct Professor Judy Carruth said. Thursday night’s events also included a screening of “SomeSlay Melissa,” sponsored by Project HEAL, a national nonprofit organization that promotes healthy body image and raises money for those with eating disorders who cannot afford treatment.

“SomeSlay Melissa” is a documentary inspired by the journal writings of a girl battling an eating disorder and her mother’s effort to understand the disease.

“While ‘SomeSlay Melissa’ is a story of loss and does contain some difficult content, ultimately, it comes down to hope,” leader of Le Mans’ chapter of Project HEAL and junior Mackenzie Woods said. “It is only through this type of education and awareness that people will be able to get through their struggles so we thought this was a great opportuni to do that,” Moorhead said.

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Panel explores body image

By ALEX VINEGAR  
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Students gathered in the Student Center on Wednesday night to hear panelists discuss struggles with body image as part of Love Your Body Week at Saint Mary’s.

Junior Sam Moorhead, Social Concerns Committee chair for the Student Government Association, said the idea of having a panel present at Love Your Body Week was suggested by the positive results of a panel at Support a Belle, Love a Belle week in the fall.

“Throughout the school year we have one week where we try to open people’s eyes about body-related issues. . . and it is such an important issue that so many people struggle with but not many people talk about,” Moorhead said.

Junior Mackenzie Woods started the night by sharing her experience with anorexia. She named her eating disorder “Ed” and said that Ed chose her.

“Ed is the voice that lives inside me, pushing me to embody perfection in its most extreme form,” Woods said. “You could say I was destined to develop an eating disorder from early on. The eating disorder isn’t something I chose. Quite the contrary, in fact; Ed chose me as one of his victims.”

Woods recovered five years ago and has stated that with the help of family, friends and her faith, Ed was a gift, Woods said.

“It may seem strange that anybody could see a gift in a disease. . . but it can happen to anyone,” said Edgeman.

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PrismND to sponsor LGBTQ retreat

By LESLEY STEVENSON

PrismND, Campus Ministry and the Gender Relations Center (GRC) will co-sponsor this year’s 24-hour retreat for students who identify as LGBTQ community this April.

Students who do not identify as gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning (LGBTQ) are also welcome to participate, PrismND’s spirituality committee chair Steven Fisher said.

“It’s Notre Dame’s mission to nurture an inclusive campus for every individual student,” he said. “Recognizing that the current campus climate for LGBTQ students presents its strengths and challenges, the retreat opens an opportunity to foster a sustained and active LGBTQ community at Notre Dame, one where individuals can find support, fellowship and even friends to laugh with while engaging questions of personal growth.”

Ed Mack, Campus Ministry’s assistant director for pastoral outreach, said PrismND’s spirituality committee engaged him last fall to explore the possibilities of collaborating on a retreat for LGBTQ students. Fisher said the group believed a retreat would offer a new way for PrismND to serve Notre Dame’s LGBTQ community.

“We made a choice to create a retreat where LGBTQ students could come to reflect and rest, and begin to share their questions and experiences with faith, spirituality and sexuality,” Fisher said. “To accomplish this in the context of community — we hope — will foster a deeper sense of fellowship among LGBTQ students at Notre Dame.”

Fisher said members of PrismND’s spirituality committee drew inspiration from previous retreat experiences with Campus Ministry but planned activities specifically to offer the LGBTQ community “an intellectual, spiritual and social experience.”

“We have tailored this retreat to serve and respect a diverse LGBTQ community with a variety of experiences regarding faith, spirituality and sexuality, including those that are Catholic and non-Catholic,” he said. “Retreatants can expect to listen to the personal stories of four speakers, reflect on their experiences with their peers, engage unique experiences of prayer, relax and simply socialize in a home-like atmosphere.”

Mack said having a retreat would offer an appropriate venue for participants to confront and reflect on issues they face every day.

“I think many people search for meaning in life, as well as trying to deepen their relationship with God and others,” he said. “A retreat is a great way to dedicate some special time to thinking about, and discussing, the place of God and others in my life and the meaning of my life.”

Mo Doyle, the GRC’s assistant director for LGBTQ student concerns, said the GRC agreed to support PrismND in planning the retreat because the GRC’s mission aligned perfectly with both PrismND and the retreat itself.

“The GRC seeks to engage the campus in respectful dialogue and to build a community that fully honors the human dignity of each person as a child of God,” she said. “As such, co-sponsoring an event aimed at providing participants the chance to reflect on the intersectionality of sexual orientation, gender identity and spirituality in an environment that is safe, supportive and welcoming falls directly in line with the mission of our office.”

Doyle said the LGBTQ retreat could become an annual event if PrismND and student demand support the venture.

“Since the LGBTQ retreat is one originated by students to address a specific student-identified need, the continued support of student leaders around campus would be crucial in maintaining this as an annual event,” she said.

Doyle said the 24-hour retreat would be held April 11-12, at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Students interested in participating can visithttp://campusministry.nd.edu/undergraduate-resources/re-sources/retrats-pilgrimages-lgbt-retreat/.

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Play to honor legacy of former SMC president

By REBECCA O’NEIL

This spring, Saint Mary’s Center for Spirituality (CFS) will sponsor the 2014 Spring Lecture series “Witnesses to the Love of God: The Leadership of Catholic Women Religious,” which will feature scholars from across the nation throughout March 6 to April 8.

The lectures will be complemented by an original play memorializing the life of Sister Madeleva Wolff, Saint Mary’s director of media relations Gwen O’Brien said. “Sister Madeleva was a visionary, an educator, a medieval scholar, a poet and a woman of deep spiritual conviction,” O’Brien said. “In her 27 years as president she put those gifts to good use leading Saint Mary’s to national prominence as a premier Catholic liberal arts college.”

This season marks the 50th anniversary of Wolff’s death. In preparation for the semi-centennial, students in associate professor of English Laura Haigwood’s writing proficiency course last semester wrote essays about the life of the College’s former president.

The College’s drama department will also contribute to the lectures’ commemoration of Wolff’s life. Susan Baxter, a senior lecturer in communication studies, asked her students to write dramatic monologues about Wolff, which she used to create a 90-minute play, O’Brien said.

“I am so grateful to Laura Haigwood and Susan Baxter for their tremendous work on this project,” CFS director Elizabeth Groppe said. “Susan in particular has spent many long hours on the play composition and production.”

Baxter also drew heavily from memories submitted by alumnae, actual quotes from Wolff and research by Gail Porter Mandell, a Wolff biographer and professor emerita of humanistic studies, O’Brien said.

“Gail Porter Mandell writes in her biography, ‘Madeleva: One Woman’s Life,’ that Sister Madeleva would never have developed her many gifts without the example of the female role models she found in the convent, the literary world and the Catholic tradition,” Groppe said.

This year’s lecture series intertwines the College’s historic example of women’s leadership with that of contemporary religious figures.

“The play, ‘Madeleva: A Play in Several Voices,’ will bring Sister Madeleva to life for a new generation of young women, for whom she is a model of a woman who surmounted many challenges to become a distinguished scholar, poet, educator, and leader in both Catholic higher education and the life of religious communities of women,” Groppe said.

The play will take place March 20, at 7 p.m. in O’Laughlin Auditorium. Tickets will be free for Saint Mary’s, Notre Dame, Holy Cross, Indiana University South Bend and Bethel College’s students, faculty and staff. Otherwise, ticket prices are $10 for adults and $5 for senior citizens.

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Aftemath of War. Biruski’s research, which started in 2000 and has continued through both the Kro Institute and Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (ISLA), focused on the process of social reconstruction as a society goes through in order to achieve normalcy after a conflict or mass traumatization.

“Generally I talk about two processes,” Biruski said. “The process of individual recovery, and the process of social recovery, where individuals need to deal with their post-traumatic stress and the community needs to find ways to deal with painful collective history in relation to narratives around ‘who they are’ in the past.”

According to Biruski, the community of Vukovar currently faces a demographic division between Serbs and Croats. While pre-war relations among Serbs and Croats were relatively peaceful, post-war relationships between Serbs and Croats have been characterized by an identity that permeates aspects such as schooling, sports and business relations.

“It’s more than obvious that social metric is not there anymore,” Biruski said. “It means that an important source of social support is lacking, which makes services for reconciliation and integration harder. According to Biruski, there are four levels of social reconciliation which require different skills and techniques that reach the community needs in the community of Vukovar. While schools in Vukovar before the war were integrated and possessed a common Croatian dialect, education is now segregated between the two ethnicities. The transformation comes in the form of instruction in respect of language. According to Biruski, history is a delicate and poorly-handled subject in both ethnicities.

“We do not claim that school division actually created negative relations,” Biruski said. “However we do argue that separate schooling does not help in social reconstruction. By preventing students from speaking, education, they lack a possibility to meet others.”

Biruski said her research demonstrated that children in Vukovar are less equipped both socially and psychologically to contact or form relationships with people of another ethnicity, while adults, because they have already possessed well-integrated relationships between Serbs and Croats, are more equipped to engage in relations between Croats and Serbs.

“The only reality children have is the reality of a divided class,” Biruski said.

Biruski said another factor that influences social reconciliation is the perception of the definition of reconciliation in a divided society.

“We would be able to generate more on the typical processes and obstacles in social reconstruction when we talk about the aftermath of war,” she said.

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"Almost 300 students together in the first line of the class cruised through the school and their parents would give them a homespun lunch. Parents would hear the first scream of children and just start crying, "Go, go, go, go, go!"... it was a moment that hit us like a wave, "We're going!""... It was just a moment of complete relief," said Sitka.

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Research

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country and around the world.

“I think a lot of Notre Dame students who have studied abroad have a great amount of interest in social justice work. Our current student body president, Lauren Osmanik, and I both came to Notre Dame because of Social Concerns’ programs or in study abroad programs in the developing world,” Linzer said.

Delegations will travel to places as far as India and Uganda. Dennis Harasko, Associate Program Director of the Kellogg Institute for International Human Development Studies and Solidarity, said Notre Dame partnerships form research initiatives and programs with universities in these countries.

“One of the ways we think we can educate the student body is to support our interest in building a community of scholars interested in development and to partner with universities around the world in their university to participate in this conference,” Harasko said.

According to the Kellogg website, the theme of this year’s conference was inspired by the evolution of development and the constant introduction of new technologies. Linzer said he and his fellow co-chair, senior John Gibbons, were inspired by their time spent studying abroad in China.

“In our time in the developed world, we really were fascinated by the new inventions by companies like SME. We were really excited by these low-cost technologies are really transforming the way business can be conducted,” he said.

“We were really interested in new methodologies to measure the effectiveness of aid in development programs. In line with that, we had the idea of the conference chose a broad theme in order to demonstrate inclusion to all forms of research, including science, economics, political science, history. Eddie and John basically wanted to think about, what’s the best way to present new trends in development and what are some of the factors that are at play in international economic development,” Harasko said.

Harasko said about six to seven sub-themes revolve around the theme of transforming development: these themes focus on collaboration, mobile technology, community interactions and projects with NGOs.

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Marchtung said. Current student body presi dent and vice president of the class of 2015, Adam Hill, were inspired by their time spent studying abroad in China.

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Diane Orlowski, library security monitor at the LaFortune Student Center said that members asked students to evacuate.

“We cleared the building because the elevators weren’t working,” she said. “Once the decision was made [to evacuate], it took maybe 10 min- utes to clear it.”

Senior Shelley Kim said she heard a “buzzing sound like a dog in the library”, for about an hour and a half.

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People make memories
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In this space exactly one year ago, I said one year feels like a long way away. Well it’s here, and I’m not sure how I feel about that. Seriously, I honestly don’t know what to think. I started at The Observer during my first week of college — my first assignment was here, and I’m not sure how I feel about that. And ever since then, well, I’ve been hooked.

The observer. My life at Notre Dame is not complete without The observer, which ultimately means that my memories from Notre Dame would not be complete without The Observer.

But great experiences make great memories, and great people make great experiences. And here, at The Observer, I couldn’t find a greater group.

I’ve done my job over the past year for these people, because they have done so much for me, individually and collectively. That’s what motivated me, and that’s why the reward was so fulfilling.

Out of an assignment, I found a rush of blood. Out of solitude, I found confidence. And out of the basement of South Dining Hall, I found lifelong friends.

Which is why I’ve been haunted by a question asked so much of me the last week. Every time I saw someone from The Observer with the last few days, he or she asked me, “Are you sad to be done?” Yeah, you know what, I am sad to be done. But I’m happy they asked this question, when they could have asked, “Are you happy to be done?”

I’m happy to be asked because this place and these people mean so much to me. That someone would consider me more sad than happy to move on is the ultimate compliment to what I have done throughout the past three-and-a-half years. I won’t miss the hours or the workload or even the fruit snacks. But in the long run you don’t remember being on-call 24/7, the stress or the Easy Mac meals. You remember the people. So far, I’ll miss Deb and Meghan and everyone else I have befriended and given me so much inspiration. You know I would have listed you all, but I can hear the orchestra playing.

I still don’t know what to think, other than my time spent here is something I will never get back. For the rest of my life, I will live with these memories and with nostalgia teasing me by asking, “Remember when…” No matter what, I just hope I’ve made my mark here and with you.

However big or small, we all make a mark on this community. Mine just happened to be made in black and white andnewsprint. I hope to hoping that mark will never fade away.

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Day of Man total announced

Dear Notre Dame community,

On Feb. 12, you once again showed what it means to be a community that stands for so much more than itself. On that cold Wednesday, you all came together with the men of Siegfried Hall and helped to raise $8,377.77 for the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

This was our most successful year ever because of each and every one of you. Whether you donated money or gave us some hot chocolate to warm us up, we cannot thank you enough for your help.

This leaves only one thing to say: Congratulations, Notre Dame community! When we asked for help, you responded. When the homeless of South Bend needed your help, you willingly donated your hard-earned money.

And God said, “Let there be light” and there was light, but the Electricity Board said He would have to wait until Thursday to be connected.”

Spike Milligan (1918-2002) Irish comedian, writer, musician, poet, playwright, soldier and actor

On behalf of the men of Siegfried Hall, thank you and God bless.

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O’Toole-Pie’ for SMC government

Sunday afternoon, The Observer Editorial Board interviewed the tickets campaigning to be the next Saint Mary’s student body president and vice president. The three duos outlined their respective goals for the upcoming term and their previous relevant experience. After debating the plans, goals and qualifications of all the candidates, we unanimously endorse juniors Nicole O’Toole and Marissa Pie’ for student body president and vice president.

While candidates McKenna Schuster and Sam Moorhead have had extensive experience within the Saint Government Association (SGA), O’Toole and Pie’ (a former news writer for The Observer) also have held significant roles this year. Those jobs have given them inside knowledge and experience that will likely ensure their success as leaders in the next year.

As junior class president this past year, O’Toole brought the Navy Dance back to Saint Mary’s, raised money for her class and inspired philanthropy work in the South Bend community. Pie, as SGA’s co-chair of market research and media, has worked alongside all the “Big Boards” on campus to create advertisements and to promote SGA activities. O’Toole and Pie’s backgrounds in SGA and their various accomplishments have prepared them to continue current initiatives and to introduce new plans during their administration, as they have already established relevant leadership experience and countless contacts in the Saint Mary’s community.

The third ticket, Anna Ulliman and Elizabeth Kenney, offered unique ideas to connect the current community with alumnae but did not have student government experience at Saint Mary’s or extensive ideas regarding present campus concerns. O’Toole and Pie’ have developed many objectives for their tenure, including making technology more accessible on campus. They plan to start this development by demystifying Orgsync, the portal for all student clubs and activities, which many students have expressed is difficult to understand. O’Toole and Pie’ plan to address this issue by hosting a mandated Orgsync training session for club presidents in order to inspire a domino effect that encourages students to better utilize the resource.

O’Toole and Pie’ also plan to tackle the financial problems that the current SGA administration is struggling to manage. The initiative is one of the most important for the community, as without a working budget, SGA cannot allocate funding for campus activities and clubs. O’Toole and Pie’s pro-active approach to this issue, which the other two tickets left unaddressed, particularly impressed us.

Another key distinction between the three tickets was their differing views of the SGA Senate and the number of SGA committee chairs. Schuster and Moorhead said they hope to create new positions in SGA to increase student involvement, while Ulliman and Kenney did not address these topics in their platform. O’Toole and Pie’, however, said they believe SGA has too many positions, which leads to overlap and idle responsibilities within the administration. They plan to combine certain positions and to ensure that the Senate produces focuses on students’ needs.

While the pair may find it difficult to accomplish their broad range of goals during their one-year tenure, we appreciate that O’Toole and Pie’ had detailed, rather than abstract, lists of objectives. The duo’s balanced energy and complementary backgrounds convinced us their plans are practical.

Of all three tickets, O’Toole and Pie’ had the most detailed strategies for accomplishing their goals and energetic, harmonious personalities that made them seem one step ahead of their competitors. We feel confident O’Toole and Pie’ would be the best option for student body president and vice president because of their collaborative team dynamic, their concern for crucial campus issues and their ability to make plans and to put them into action.

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An agonizing countdown to Lent

Gary Caruso
Capitol Comments

Yesterday a friend sent me one of her habitual "OMG" text messages bemoaning how quickly next week's arrival of Ash Wednesday has overtaken her psyche. She is the type of person who announces a struggle of the day and then seeks advice or simply an audience to "hear" her never-ending quandaries. She seems so beseeched by daily stress that "Drama" would be her middle name.

"Stressing to make my mind and heart pure in preparation to endure the heartache of Easter," she declared her message. Historically, her spiritual spring agentry is like an obsession in the name of the Lord, so that her friends can see a liturgical watch by her ma- num. How much sacrifice is enough? Might my proposed denial of pleasure be too easy a hurdle to overcome? Will a difficult goal be impossible to resist, ensuring that I fail another personal Lenten effort this year? Her fixation for seeking advice overshadows her friends.

"ENOUGH," I rudely shot back in all cap-il letters from my iPhone while my mind resur-rected flashes of my own past lenten passions. My ghostly remembrances rise from a conflicted time in my life that was long on classroom or schoolwork knowledge, but short on life experiences. Today, while better understanding and appreciating human friendship and a sense of community, I still cannot thwart my insistence of those who are indifferent and over-dependent. In my mind, your personal defeat is only per-manent when you lose hope.

I continued texting, "Why do you ruin Fat Tuesday each year by dragging everyone into your self-inflicted manufactured dilem-mass? Just do it yourself for a change." Last year I had vowed that she would never again haul me into her pre-Lenten muddle. Give up sex. Give up sweets. Give up anything — large or small — but give up trying to entice me into deciding what you should or should not eliminate from your life for the next 40 days. For God's sake, I thought, there should be a law against anyone who procrastinates so much that it iritates others.

While I satisfied myself for telling her off in my mind, in my heart I knew that I was a haughty, pompous intolerant idiot for fash-ing back at her. I had become one of those narrow-minded persons Pope Francis had warned about. The pope asked us to exam- ine what kind of love we brought to others and if we treated others like brothers and sis- ters or if we judged one another. I had failed on all three accounts; I had excluded, mar-ginalized and judged my sister in her time (although one of many annoying things) of need. It is disappointing for me to admit, since I like many of my generation, consider myself a Pope John XXIII Catholic — or who is less moralizing and more inclusive and tolerant. Pope Francis will forever be known as the "who am I to judge" pontiff, leading less by non-negotiable ideology and more by an inclusive vision of service that stimulates innovation within church theology and organizational structure. His presence answered the yearnings of "XIII-th"-ers have sought for decades, especially which affects gender, birth control and sexual orientation issues within the Church. Our new fundamental papal outlook on life and the world is as transformative to our faith as any dogma from years past. Someday, we will proudly look back on the Pope Francis Catholics who are incubating within our youth today.

Exudes an open perspective that significantly contrasts with the more reactionary approach of earlier popes. Francis distanced himself from an explicit moralizing and disapproving tone of past pontiffs and many sitting bishops. Last March, he unilaterally eased into a truce aimed to lessen the culture war that over decades had decreased the number of Catholic churchgoers in developing coun- tries, while isolating the Vatican from much of the world. In essence, the reign of Francis is a permanent Lenten call for all Catholics to live God's merciful love for all people rather than to condemn sinners for having fallen short.

What Lent is about is to call us to do, Francis has already done in less than a year as our leader. John Paul II and Benedict XVI used static tradition to safeguard against the triple threat of secularism, relativism and liberal- ism — many times at the expense of hu-mankind. For example, when Francis sees acts defined as "an intrinsic moral evil," he first endorses the existence of the person with love, not the act.

Francis writes in his first major apostolic ex-citation, "The Joy of the Gospel," that, "We must respond to the faithful, to society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually in their needs, rejoicing with those who rejoice and mourning with those who weep; arm in arm with others, we are com- mitted to building a new world."

Lent is a time for gestures of modesty and compassion, for a commitment to help build a new spirit and nourish a renewed soul. I told my friend that I am happy to offer advice that will assist her journey. I will respond not only during Lent, but also for as long as Francis is my pope or I am on this earth. Suddenly, the countdown to Lent seems effortless.

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Telling our stories

Mr. Martin,

We were happy to read your letter to the editor. It is never easy to attempt to begin a conversation about sexual vio-lence and other gender issues on this campus.

We wanted to let you know that there is a place where people are actively, tirelessly and continuously trying to have this conversation and keep it alive: the Loyal Daughters and Sons production. This show is a place where dialogue about sexuality, sexual vio-lence and gender issues occur on stage, as student actors portray the very real experiences of other Notre Dame stu-dents who have shared their stories with us.

We all know that Notre Dame is not a perfect place. Members of Our Lady's University are hurting, feeling the ef-fects of sexual violence, experiencing discrimination due to sexual identity and facing the tense gender relations that exist on this campus. We wanted you to know, Mr. Martin, that while it may seem like this hurt is not only overwhelming to grasp but also hidden beneath the gilded view that many peo-ple have of this campus, knowl-edge, remember and empower it year after year through the telling of these very personal Notre Dame stories.

We remember the students affected by sexual violence, either as survivors or friends of survivors.

We remember the students that feel excluded from the “Notre Dame Family” because of their sexuality and we acknowledge the difficulties they face.

We remember the countless hours, weeks, months and years survivors spend healing from the violence they experience on this campus.

We remember every student that wanted to speak out about these issues, but felt silenced.

We invite you, Mr. Martin, to come see our production and help us con-tinue this dialogue. The show is in the Carey Auditorium on March 20 at 9:30 p.m. and on March 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Thank you,

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Loyal Daughters and Sons Production Staff
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A divided family

This week has been difficult for one of my friends. It comes to my personal be-liefs and feeling part of the Notre Dame community. It all started this Sunday when I read the Viewpoint article this week on intolerance and Ann Coulter coming to campus, including the com-ments on them. Then, in class Monday morning, my professor posed the simple question to the class of who was in favor of raising the minimum wage, and I was the only one in the class to raise my hand. I came out of both these events aware of the divide that seemed to exist between my classmates and me, and I began to question for the first time my place at this University that I have cared about so deeply.

However, the issue that truly com-pounded all of these feelings came when my roommate and I argued over climate change and whether atheists could act morally or not (I feel like only at Notre Dame such a wide variety of topics are discussed, but I digress). Anyways, when the debate turned quite contentious for both of us, we could not even stand to be in the same room with each other, and I found myself living in another friend's room, spouting any-thing but any curse word of which I could think. What came next revealed a lot to me. Our mutual friend expressed worry over these issues coming between our room-mate and me. I stated that I was used to these types of arguments, coming from a big family, and he replied, "you will always love family, and he isn't a part of your family."

The more I thought about this state-ment the more it became clear; yes, I will always love my roommate because he is like family to me. I am all in favor of rational discourse that avoids confronting opinions, and I believe it is even necessary to foster a great community. However, one of the things we pride ourselves on here is that we are all part of the Notre Dame Family. Maybe I am naïve enough to believe this family actually exists, but if does, it appears to me that we are allowing partisan lines to divide it and letting ourselves be filled with animos-ity towards each other instead of love. This causes us to undermine the com-munity as a whole (and Exhibit A would be Congress).

As my story shows, I am definitely part of the problem, but I know it is something on which we could all im-prove. Just today, when I asked my friend in College Republicans what he made of the controversy involving Ann Coulter, he told me that they are en-joying the outrage that it was causing on campus. So, maybe instead of this competition to see which side is more "tolerant," we can start working to-wards being a true Notre Dame Family. "Remember, Ohana means family and family means nobody gets left behind or forgotten."

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I have never been a big reader of magazines — I’ve always preferred books. Books teach life lessons, take you on adventures and stay with you for years; magazines highlight stories of Miley Cyrus’ most recent escapades or tips for how to “get flatter abs in six days!”

Sure, magazines are fun to flip through every once and a while, but usually I find them somewhat meaningless. As a 21-year-old woman, ironically, women’s magazines are sometimes the most difficult to stomach. The pictures of thin and glamorous models and articles helping us each perfect our hair, careers, relationships, body, etc., have always left me feeling strangely inadequate. But this all changed when I read Verily.

Started just last year, Verily is self-proclaimed to be a “new kind of women’s magazine: one that celebrates the best of who you are” — not who you should be. Thus, Verily is able to cover the traditional women’s magazine topics of style, relationships, lifestyle and culture with meaningful and relatable articles. For example, one of my favorite recent articles was a piece by Tim Carney, senior political columnist at the Washington Examiner and a visiting fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. Although many women worry about their bodies after pregnancy, Carney argued childbirth actually caused him to love his wife’s body even more, viewing it as a miraculous place where life begins.

Of course, not all articles are so serious. There are also pieces on websites for affordable vintage clothes, how to build a budget, tips for how to have more productive mornings, healthy recipes and regular updates on fashion. Although similar stories might be found in other women’s magazines, all content within Verily is applicable to real-life women. As we know, budgets do not allow for a $700 pair of pants and fashion is not restricted to couture pieces straight off the runway.

Yet the content is not the only thing Verily has to offer. The photography, design and layout of the magazine are also beautiful. In place of flimsy, glossy pages, Verily feels almost like a book, with articles or pictures begging to be hung on the wall. Simple yet sophisticated, the magazine’s style reflects its purpose: to cater to real women.

Adding to its authenticity is Verily’s strict no photo-shop policy, creating pictures that look semi-vintage but also realistic. There are no photo shoots in amazingly exotic locations with futuristic themes, but pictures of coffee shops and apartments, places where women actually spend their time.

Just like books help me to get away for a while, Verily allows me to take a step out of the chaos and pressures of college life and remember what is truly important. It is not to be beautiful, rich, thin and successful but rather to be beautiful in my own way, imperfections and all, rich in friends and family, happy and thankful for the body I was given and successful not just in my career but also in character.

Perhaps most importantly, the magazine inspires me to follow my own passions, write my own articles and be the best woman I can be. Now, in addition to books, I love to curl up with a hot cup of tea and read Verily, turning the last page with the same sense of calm and accomplishment when finishing a book. I have learned new things, experienced something beautiful and been reminded to love who I am.

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This was not exactly the kind of message I wanted to pop up when I was downloading an app. Visions of helicopter parents danced in my head, but the helicopters were so loud that I couldn’t hear the soccer moms and “cable to real-life women.” As we know, budgets do not allow them on the wall. Simple yet sophisticated, the magazine’s style reflects its purpose: to cater to real women.

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“...and he turned out to be my true love. Smileback encouraged me to "SEND HIM A MESSAGE!" I started my seduction by telling him secrets about himself that he never knew.

“You’re a cartoon.” I typed. I deleted the period. I took a deep breath and sent it. I knew he would respond immediately; incorrect grammar is such a turn-on.

“Hey! I’m just a cartoon,” James R. sent back. “Go to the ‘People’ tab and send a smile to a real person!” I could hear his nonexistent voice dripping in condescending charm. A cartoon rejected my smile. I had hit a new low. This cartoon smiled at me when he saw my picture, and sent me to talk to "real people" when he read what I had to say. Well, if cartoon boys like their girls smiling and silent, I don’t want their smiles anyways. I deleted the app immediately.

Okay, maybe I looked through the guys in the area and then deleted it. Or waited a few days to see if anyone else would smile at me before I purged it from my phone. But even if they had “smiled” at me, I would not have been up to talk to them. I was still recovering from the James R. debacle. Separation from a guy who “smiled” at you can be hard, especially if you never met him in person. Smileback taught me a valuable lesson: be careful whom you smile at. They may reject you because you’re a “real person.”

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As I said in the first installment of Hollywood Bookie, there's no technically "legal" way to gamble on Hollywood, but that's kind of what makes it exciting, isn't it?

The 86th Academy Awards will strut their stuff Sunday on ABC, capping off a year of film that was supposed to hearken back to the golden ages of mov- ies, when every year was a murderer's row of lasting classics.

Instead, we got cuckolded by a string of movies, rang- ing from crushingly boring ("Out of the Furnace") to the self-serious ("The Secret Life of Walter Mitty") to the "Oh, you thought that was self-serious?" (August: Osage County"). The cream of the crop turned out some great films, but the highest-grossing movie of the year was still an above-average-at-best sequel of a sequel with a Muslim scarecrow red herring and a self-immo- lating head scratcher of a villain (Iron Man 3).

All of which leads us into this year's Oscars, which ar- rive in a flurry of comments in the vein of "Well, I don't love it, but I'd rather vote for that than support the poli- tics of Movie X." In all my life of sort of caring about the Oscars but not caring too much to be able to turn my nose up at them and also not being deemed a nerd and/or the oscars but not caring too much to be able to turn my nose up at them and also not being deemed a nerd and/or hook a Sinéad O'Connor type stunt while performing it live at the ceremony.

All that said, "Ordinary Love" from Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom has a few things going for it as an underdog — it's from a movie about one of the most revered figures in history (Nelson Mandela), it's from a movie that people really wanted to love but didn't, and so this is the only real shot it has at winning an Oscar, and it's performed by a band (U2) that bleeds social activism and doing the right thing and whatnot but without being too aggressive about it. And along with all that, it's not too bad of a song.

Bet: $2.5 "Ordinary Love" from Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom at 6/1 to win $150

Will Pharrell Williams wear a Mountain/Buffalo Hat during his performance?

Yes — 2/5
No — 17/10

Bet: YES. $30 on Absolutely at 2/5 to win $12 and the last $5 we have on Hope So at "Worth it?"/Definitely

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Johnny Football not clear No. 1

The draft may still be nine weeks away, but with the NFL combine all over the media, you can’t help but wonder who will be the No. 1 pick of the 2014 draft.

There’s one player no one can ignore — whether that be for better or worse Johnny Manziel. Everyone knows Johnny Football — either for his performance on the football field or his performance in the party scene. The first-ever freshman Heisman trophy winner in 2012 has quite the college career. But is that all there is to him? Will Manziel only be remembered as a college legend, or will he become a hero in the NFL as well?

Recently, ESPN NFL analyst Ron Jaworski said he wouldn’t pick Manziel in the first three rounds of the draft. Jaworski is not giving him the credit to be the No. 1 pick — fair enough. But he’s dumping him into the third round, or even later. With all the hype that has surrounded Manziel since his first season as Texas A&M’s starting quarterback, this projection adds quite the twist to Manziel’s NFL future.

Those like Jaworski don’t see Manziel’s style of play ing into making it at the NFL level. Yes, they admit that he has an incredible performance with 382 passing yards, four passing touchdowns, 73 yards rushing and a score on the ground. Clearly, he’s got the talent.

Will his impromptu approach and unique mechanics make it at the next level? That’s what NFL coaches want to know.

As Manziel tries to fight this image of being the impulsive player, his bravado remains unflattering through all this combine speculation and attention. His trademark audacity has aided him in maneuvering through these combine press conferences — similar to how they assist him in swiftly avoiding pass rushers and completing that pass. He can’t think of another college athlete that would dare a professional team to pass on him. Manziel actually said the Houston Texans, who hold the top draft choice, would be making the “worst decision they’ve ever made” if they fail to draft him with the No. 1 pick.

Clearly, Manziel knows who should be the No. 1 NFL draft pick, but I think I speak fairly when I say that the Houston Texans and the rest of us are still left a little uncertain. With his height and size, party-scene character and style of play all under scrutiny, it’s really difficult to say with any certainty that Manziel will be selected as the No. 1 pick. He can play the game, no doubt. But can he excel at the professional level? We will see how Manziel’s self- deeming demeanor along with his agility and impromptu (sometimes misjudged) execution come into play at the combine.

Only the first round of the Draft on May 8 will tell if Manziel truly is the No. 1 pick.

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Lee scores twice in Isles win

Jeffrey Lupul put Toronto ahead 4-3 with just over six minutes left in the third period as the Leafs scored three goals in four minutes for a 7-2 win over the Penguins in Pittsburgh. Lupul then added an empty-netter in the final minute for his eighth goal in 25 games on the season.

Cardinals dominate Owls

Louisville coach Rick Pitino said his team showed the kind of focus that likely will be needed as the Cardinals head into the Olympic break. The Cards are in the midst of a six-game stretch in which five are on the road.

The Headers

NHL: NEW YORK ISLANDERS 3, TORONTO 4 (OT)

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — The New York Islanders have been on the losing end of many roll er-coaster finishes this season. So Lubomir Visnovsky’s over- time goal lifting them to a wild 5-4 win over the Toronto Maple Leafs was especially satisfying.

The veteran defenseman’s unassisted tally 1:55 into extra time ended a two-game losing streak. The Islanders had 11 shots on goal; the Maple Leafs had 34.

The Islanders outshot the Maple Leafs 31-21 in regulation.

The Islanders put together a five-goal third period and continued their streak to start 2014.

The Islanders’ goal was the 11th of the season for New York, which improved to 5-1-2 since the start of the month. Toronto’s goal was the 17th of the season for the Leafs, who are 2-2-1 since December 26.

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Irish senior Frank Dyer competes in the Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 31. Dyer set a Notre Dame record in the 50-yard freestyle with a blistering time of 1:44.01 for second-place honors in the 200-yard freestyle relay. The Irish face Virginia Tech this weekend. "One of those cool treats in life." - Henry Hilliard, Sports Writer

Irish senior Ryan Bandy prepares to strike a forehand shot in Notre Dame's 4-3 win over Kentucky on Feb. 2.

By HENRY HILLIARD

Notre Dame will make its home ACC debut tonight against Virginia Tech at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The No. 6 Irish (10-3, 0-1 ACC) hope to regain their footing after two weeks marked by narrow 4-2 losses against defending national champion Virginia and top-ranked Ohio State.

The No. 40 Hokies (7-3, 1-0) enter the matchup with four wins in their last five matches. This is the first time they have faced the Irish as members of the ACC.

"It is all about how you compete," Irish coach Ryan Sachire said. "The mental difference is what allows you to win these close matchups, and we have a great opportunity to show that against Virginia Tech this weekend."

This is the second consecutive weekend the Irish have played at home. The Buckeyes came from behind and won four consecutive points on Saturday to secure victory in front of an Irish crowd that was over 400 strong. Notre Dame, however, was able to secure an easy 4-0 victory that same afternoon over Ball State.

"It is not easy playing at this level of competition on a weekly basis," Sachire said. "The last few years we have really put an emphasis on recruiting a combination of talent and character. Our guys are pushed to the limit on many levels and it is important that they can handle that pressure."

The match against the Hokies provides an opportunity for the Irish to regain momentum as they enter the second half of their campaign. Whether victorious or not, Notre Dame will have to refocus quickly. The Irish have a rematch at the Cavaliers (6-1, 1-0) on Sunday.

"Our approach is the same whether we are playing the top-ranked team or an unranked team," Sachire said. "One thing we emphasize as a program is that the process is the same no matter who we are facing. You have to bring energy and consistency to win any match."

After Sunday's matchup, Notre Dame will be out of action for nearly two weeks before it ventures to Los Angeles to play USC on March 14. The match against the Hokies will be the last home match for Notre Dame until March 28, when the Irish host ACC foe Duke.

The Irish face Virginia Tech at 6 p.m. tonight and Virginia at noon on Sunday.

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Irish ready for inaugural ACC home match

Irish senior Frank Dyer competes in the Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 31. Dyer set a Notre Dame record in the 50-yard freestyle with a blistering time of 1:44.01 for second-place honors in the 200-yard freestyle relay. The current leader is North Carolina with 415 total points, followed by Virginia Tech (4:24.06) in 12th and 13th place, respectively.

Kevin Hughes (4:23.26) and Tom Anderson (4:24.06) tied for fifth place in the standings, with 325 total team points.

The Irish resume competition Friday at the Greensboro Aquatic Center, with preliminary heats for the 400-yard individual medley, 100-yard butterfly, 200-yard freestyle, 100-yard breaststroke and 100-yard backstroke beginning at 11 a.m.
By MATTHEW GARCIA
Sports Writer

While most of Notre Dame’s events at the ACC Indoor Championships in Clemson, S.C., take place Friday and Saturday, a Thursday schedule with four opening events ended in success for the Irish.

Early in the evening, graduate student Ted Glasnow led the Irish men in the heptathlon, who claimed the victory in the shot put portion of the event with a mark of 14.21 meters. Glasnow also finished fifth in the men’s long jump (6.66 meters), men’s high jump (1.93 meters) and men’s 60-meter race (7.22). Glasnow stood in third place overall after the first four events of the heptathlon with 1,021 points.

Junior Carly Loeffel and senior Meghan Moore competed for the women in the pentathlon, with Loeffel grabbing two top-five finishes. Loeffel was one-hundredth of a meter away from taking home the same honors as Glasnow, placing second in the shot put with a mark of 12.30 meters. In the running away finish, Loeffel finished fifth in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.92 seconds.

Moore finished in the top 13 in all five events to claim 11th place overall.

The day ended with the men’s and women’s distance medley relays. The men took first with a time of 9:49.99, while the women came in second with a time of 11:16.59. The two finishes marked the end of the first day of competition for the Irish, who stand in first place overall in both the men’s and women’s side and fourth on the women’s.

Even though freshman sprinter Harvey Smith did not compete Thursday, he said he still took note of the team’s strong start.

“We took first in the distance medley relay; that will give us 10 points, so that is nice for tomorrow,” Smith said. “Our main competition is probably Florida State, and they did not run it, so we have the advantage there.”

Friday comes with an exciting schedule of eight finals, including the conclusion of the heptathlon. Action in Clemson begins at 11:00 a.m. with the 60-meter-hurdles portion of the heptathlon and ends with the men’s 5,000-meter race. Saturday will bring another 22 finals, including the mile run, a strong point for the Irish coming into this weekend.

Smith said the team is ready for the weekend and enjoying the time together on the conference stage. Moreover, Smith said he expects the Irish men to turn in strong performances in the mile run, the men’s 400-meter dash and the men’s 4x400-meter relay.

“We had a team meeting, and we are just ready to go and run,” Smith said. “Everyone is feeling good. Everyone has fresh legs. The team is starting to bond, which happens when you go on long trips.”

“I’m in a position I haven’t been in before,” Smith said. “I feel good. For now, I’ll have to work at those kinds of plays. With that, I think I’ll be fine.”

Additionally, replacing 2013 Big East Player of the Year Eric Jagielo has been a challenge for the Irish. Last spring, the third baseman was drafted in the first round of the MLB draft by the New York Yankees.

So far this season, Irish freshman infielder Kyle Fiala has stepped into Jagielo’s spot, starting four of Notre Dame’s first seven games at third base. Despite an impressive high school resume, Fiala has struggled to start the season, hitting just .125.

“Fiala did enough to warrant another weekend,” Aoki said. “He had one tough error, but as the weekend went on, I thought his at-bats got better. He had a big double against Santa Clara and had a couple other hard-hit balls. Defensively, there were maybe three plays where I don’t think another third baseman in the program could have made those kinds of plays. With that, I thought he did enough to lengthen out his leash a bit as our third baseman.”

Oddly enough, missing from Notre Dame’s schedule this weekend is No. 8 NC State, the sixth and final team in the tournament. According to Aoki, this was a strategic move on the part of the two teams.

“Since we’re playing NC State next weekend, we aren’t playing them in this trip,” Aoki said. “NC State, when they called us and asked us if we wanted to be included in this, specifically talked about this. At the time, the ACC schedule wasn’t out yet, so we decided that we would play each other if we happened to miss each other on the ACC schedule. But, if we were on the schedule for playing one another, we wouldn’t play each other in this tournament.”

Though the Irish have to wait until March 7 to play the Wolfpack (7-1) for the first time this season, the team will first have to take on another top-15 team in UCLA on Friday. The Irish will play the Bruins at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Cary, N.C., at the USA Baseball Complex.

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Defending champs await ND

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On Friday, Notre Dame will begin a four-game weekend with a matchup against No. 13 UCLA, the reigning national champions, as the Irish travel to Cary, N.C., for the USA Baseball-Irish Classic.

“As the defending champions, playing UCLA (4-4) will be a great challenge for us, but we have the luxury of playing them as recently as last year,” Irish coach Miko Aoki said. “I thought we played a really good game against them last season. It was a good, competitive game, so I hope my guys fired good about the opportunity to play UCLA. We’re very much looking forward to playing them this weekend.”

On Saturday, the Irish (3-4) will continue their weekend against Youngstown State (0-5) in an 11:30 a.m. game before their 3 p.m. game against Michigan (1-5-1). Then, on Sunday, Notre Dame will wrap up its weekend against Appalachian State (0-8) at 11 a.m.

“We’ve played Michigan twice a year almost every year I’ve been here,” Aoki said. “This year, we’ll be playing Appalachian State and Michigan later in the season, so it will be good to face them like this early on.”

At the same time, the Irish are not traveling south firing on all cylinders. This weekend, Aoki said Notre Dame plans to drop junior right-handed pitcher Scott Kerrigan from the starting rotation after a rough start to 2014.

“Though Kerrigan has already started two games this season, he has only made it through 3.1 innings and carries a 3.50 ERA,” Aoki said. “We’re going to [Kerrigan] out of the rotation for the time being while we just get him throwing and getting a little bit more confidence back in what he’s doing,” Aoki said. “For us to be good, we’ll need him to be good. For now, he’ll have to work through a few issues, but I think he’ll be fine.”

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minutes to play. Notre Dame (2-2, 0-2 ACC) improved at this point, matching North Carolina with two goals each, including the final goal of the game with one second left by senior defender Molly Shawhan on the feed from sophomore attacker Kiera McMullan.

“I am really proud of my team that, in the final eight minutes, we still saw fight,” Halfpenny said. “No matter the way the game went in the end, we scored a goal right at the end, and I think that shows that our youth will continue to grow.”

Even though the Irish lost, Halfpenny said there were still positives to take away from the game.

“At the end of the game we have some obvious things that we can build off,” Halfpenny said. “Our youth continues to impress us, we had strong efforts on the draw from [junior midfielder] Margaret Smith, and that gets us really excited about what we’re going to see the rest of this season.”

The loss drops Notre Dame back down to .500 and leaves it searching for its first conference win. That said, Halfpenny stressed the season is still young, and now is not the time to be worried.

“We can’t panic,” Halfpenny said. “We have to learn to play with poise, confidence, and quickly overcome the small mistakes so they don’t lead to big ones.”

The Irish must move on quickly from the loss, as they immediately head to Blacksburg, Va., to take on conference foe Virginia Tech on Sunday. The Hokies dropped their first game of the season to James Madison but have since won their last three, including most recently a 15-8 victory against Longwood.

Virginia Tech is led offensively by redshirt senior attacker Julia Heaps and her 20 points, including 13 goals on 18 shots, and junior attacker Megan Will, with 18 points and two game-winning goals. The Hokies boast freshman Meagh Graham in goal, who is 3-0 on the year and has 27 saves.

After falling to North Carolina on Thursday, Notre Dame will look to get its first ACC victory against Virginia Tech at Thompson Field in Blacksburg, Va., on Sunday at noon.

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rebounced from the loss, partic-ularly this week in practice.

“I thought our guys did a great job of bouncing back this week,” Corrigan said. “We were very competitive in practice. The guys really played hard and I really liked our approach. … Our lead-ership did a great job of picking everyone up, which you need.”

“The captains and seniors) are extremely important after a loss, but it’s not just them. You need guys in every class to help pull each other up, and we have that leadership on this team.”

Beginning with the matchup against Penn State, the Irish now find themselves in the middle of a scheduling gauntlet, which has them facing seven consecutive ranked opponents in a seven-week span. Some coaches might worry about their team fatiguing after consecutive games against top-of-the-line competition, but Corrigan said that is not on this team’s radar now or moving forward.

“That’s not an issue at all,” Corrigan said. “Our guys know how to compete and I think they do a good job of getting them-selves back in the mindset that they need to be in on game day. … I won’t dispute that it’s a tough schedule, but at the end of the day, it’s only 12 games (in a sea-son). I’d hope we’d be able to pre-pare for that and more.”

After going head to head with the stalwart Nittany Lions defense, last weekend, next up on the docket for the Irish is another marquee matchup, this time going against North Carolina’s high-octane offense.

The Heels’ offensive attack is led up front by attackman Joey Sankey. The 5-5 junior attack-man and inside Lacrosse second-team preseason All-American has already scored nine goals and added six assists in just three games, including a seven-point performance against Dartmouth on Saturday, which tied his ca-reer high. Junior midfielder John Tutton, a first-team preseason All-American, has also already found the back of the net six times this season for the Heels (3-0), who have scored 58 goals in their three games, all blowout victories.

“They’re extremely prolific of-fensively,” Corrigan said. “They’re averaging 19 goals a game, and they have a deep, talented, offen-sive group with a lot of people you need to worry about. So for us, we’ll have to control the tempo, not allow any easy goals and get them into the six-on-six where we can defend them.”

In order for the Irish to get back in the win column, Corrigan said they’ll have to improve on the offensive end as well.

“We struggled against zone de-fense,” Corrigan said. “In the sec-ond half [against Penn State], we had a lot of missed opportunities on the offensive end, too. We had to clean that up this week, and I think we did.”

The Irish take on the Tar Heels at 12 p.m. Saturday at Fetzer Field in Chapel Hill, N.C.

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you always have a love affair with your point guards.’ And that is true. I mean, I love those guys. I mean, I was always hesitating if I was really connected with those guys, starting with [current Irish assistant coach] Martin Inglesby (who played under Brey much of the time). I didn’t think I’ve been more connected to a guy than Eric, and he’s had an amazing care-

er for us.”

Akins is the only half remaining
of what was supposed to be a veteran Irish backcourt after the Dec. 22 departure of senior goaltender Steven Summerhays with a knee injury. His replacement, junior goalie Pat Connaughton, has made 52.3 percent of his field-goal attempts.

Knight has primarily come off
the bench in his career but has made 25 career starts, including 16 this season. In his two years with Notre Dame, Knight has bought in to our program, our system, our style.”

Although Irish junior goalie/ forward Pat Connaughton could forgo his senior season to begin his professional baseball career, Brey said he does not expect this to serve as the de facto senior day for the co-captain.

“Know there’s a chance this could be, but I don’t think of that it will happen because he and his parents are so adamant about wanting to come back and play basketball and gradu-

ating in December,” he said. “And then whenever our season ends next year, he’s gone because there will be no more duties here. I think he looks forward to coming back. He loves basketball, and obviously, he’s got one more year to do it and then he’s full-time throwing that fastball and whatever else.”

Notre Dame will celebrate its seniors and conclude its home season Saturday by welcoming Pittsburgh at 2 p.m.

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**HIGHLY PUNLIKELY | CHRISTOPHER BRUCKER**

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Happy Birthday. Don’t fold under pressure or let anything get you down. Take action and make change happen, and you will find a way to turn any negative you face into a positive this year. Opportunities are heading your way but strategy and preparation will be required to measure the degree of success you can achieve. Embrace change. Your numbers are 13, 24, 38, 42, 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Sharing is fine, but only if you receive something of equal value in return. Resentment will set in if you have been taken for granted. Protect your possessions and refrain from donating. It’s time to put your needs first. 4 stars.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep your conversations light and free from gossip. Don’t make promises that will end up causing emotional stress. Acquiring knowledge will open doors to new friendships. Changes must be made for the right reasons in order to bring the best results. 3 stars.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don’t let laziness or a lack of realism stand between you and your success. Stick to what you do best and focus on getting ahead and you will reach your goal. The motives behind someone’s assistance may be questionable. 3 stars.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You’ll have to be imaginative and prepared to wheel and deal in order to get things done on time and to your satisfaction. Simplicity, directness and affordability should always be incorporated into whatever you decide to pursue. 4 stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Whether money is owed to you or by you, it’s time to pay up. Set a budget or payment plan that is fair for you or the person who owes you. A partnership will lack of equality isn’t maintained. 3 stars.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stabilize with people who have something to offer. Put pressure emphasis on the way you present and promote who you are, just how you look and what you have to offer. Love is on the rise and relationships will brighten your personal life. 4 stars.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Participation will make the difference. You can sit back and wait, or be forward and go about what you need. Deal for a fair attitude or demanding people be the reason you remain stationary. The pressure is on to get cracking. 3 stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It’s important to talk for a straight answer when dealing with emotional matters. Don’t confuse issues by making excuses or letting others get away with something that will ultimately ruin your reputation. Take control of the situation. 4 stars.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Address issues that have been hanging over your head. Be precise and precise and you will get to the bottom of a situation that needs proper attention. Make a good decision and don’t change your mind. 4 stars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Strive out confusion by taking care of business personally to your past. Whether it is an investment or a friendship that is dragging you down, the time to act is now. Protect your position and your rights. 3 stars.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look, see and do. Don’t wait to be told or for someone else to make you feel important. Set up your own state and do something about it. Whether you are concerned with a health, financial or legal issue, now is the time to act. 3 stars.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): An unpredictable attitude will confuse the people around you. You may know what you are striving for, but someone looking out for you may not be able to use the method behind the measures you are taking. Share your thoughts. 3 stars.

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**CONTROLLED CHAOS | HILARY MANGIAFARO**

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**Men's Basketball**

**Seniors close out home careers against Pitt**

By JOSEPH MONARDO
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Notre Dame hosts its final regular-season contest of the season Saturday in what will be the last game in Purcell Pavilion for a trio of Irish players.

Senior guard Eric Atkins, senior center Garrick Sherman and graduate student forward Tom Knight will lead the Irish (15-14, 6-10 ACC) against a Pittsburgh team that has dropped five of its last eight contests.

After a difficult season that has left the Irish decisively out of consideration for the NCAA tournament, Irish coach Mike Brey said he hopes to see his seniors set the tone against Pittsburgh.

“I think it’s really in their hands how we finish, and rightfully so,” he said.

The co-captain Atkins has 1,370 career points and has averaged more than 11 points and 2.5 rebounds per game in each of his past three seasons. He has reached at least 110 assists in four straight seasons and has played an average of at least 37.8 minutes per game each season since sophomore year. After starting six contests as a rookie, Atkins has been in the starting lineup for all 86 of Notre Dame’s games over the past three seasons.

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**Women’s Basketball**

**Ridiculous pace of ‘Irish’ Hoosiers makes them a team to watch**

By A.J. GODEAUX
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**Lacrosse**

**Irish remain winless in ACC**

By ALEX WILCOX
Sports Writer

Turnovers doomed No. 12 Notre Dame from the beginning as the Irish fell to defending national champion and No. 1 North Carolina, 19-9, in their first road contest of the season Thursday at the Kelley Rink in Chapel Hill, N.C.

“Our team has to learn a really tough lesson regarding turnovers,” Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said. “It’s really tough to win a game with 19 turnovers.”

The game started slow, with limited action for both teams through the first five minutes. North Carolina (5-0, 1-0 ACC) struck first with 25:07 left in the first half, and in the next seven minutes opened up a 5-0 lead that left the Tar Heels comfortably ahead for the remainder of the game.

Out of the gates, both teams seemed cheeky,” Halfpenny said. “Unfortunately, Carolina got on the board first and gained quick momentum and were able to slow us down.”

North Carolina kept that five-goal cushion for the remainder of the half, going into the locker room up, 9-4. The Tar Heels dominated the second half as well, opening up a 10-point, 17-7 lead with less than eight minutes remaining.

“I don’t know if we can play any better than that,” Halfpenny said.

**Icers take on Boston College in final game**

By CASEY KARNES
Sports Writer

No. 14 Notre Dame will ride a three-game winning streak into its final regular season game against No. 1 Boston College at Kelley Rink in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

The two teams will complete their regular-season series Saturday after they faced off outdoors at Fenway Park in Boston on Jan. 4. Led by junior forward Johnny Gaudreau’s two goals, the Eagles (25-4-4, 16-1-2 Hockey East) were able to earn a 4-3 victory over the Irish (19-12-2, 8-9-2), Senior