Conference examines immigration
Archbishop discusses spiritual dimensions, encourages "different globalization"

By TORI ROECK
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To begin the Church and Immigration Conference, Bishop Alvaro Ramazzini of the Diocese of Huehuetenango in Guatemala gave the keynote address Sunday night in McKenna Hall. Both University President Fr. John Jenkins and Bishop Eusebio Elizondo of the Archdiocese of Seattle introduced the speaker.

In Jenkins’ remarks, he said the United States is in political gridlock when it comes to immigration reform, and while politicians are bickering, immigrants are dying.

“We need to elevate the terms of the immigration debate onto a higher moral plane,” Jenkins said. “While we certainly recognize the right of a nation to regulate immigration, we must also recognize the economic realities that force people across borders to find the means to feed their families. We must also recognize the undeniable economic benefits that immigrants, both documented and undocumented, have brought to this nation.

“We must recognize the history of immigration that has helped define our nation.”

Elizondo, chair of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Migration, said the Church’s obligation to care for immigrants began with Jesus himself.

“The Church has been involved in the immigration issue

Library purchases gospel facsimile

By EMILY MCCONVILLE
News Writer

According to legend, when Holy Roman Emperor Otto III entered the tomb of Charlemagne in the early 11th century, he found the great medieval king’s personal copy of the four gospels, written with gold on purple pages, complete with paintings of the four gospel writers. Recently, the Hesburgh Library purchased a facsimile of the gospels for $22,000.

The facsimile, held in the Rare Book room, is an exact copy of the original Coronation Gospels, made for Charlemagne in the early ninth century A.D. The original manuscript currently resides in the Imperial Treasury in Vienna, Austria.

Marina Smyth, the medieval studies librarian who organized the funds to buy the facsimile, said it was "probably the most expensive purchase [she’s] been to fund as a symbol of royalty. Notre Dame recently acquired a copy.

Dinner celebrates cancer survivors

By KATHRYN MARSHALL
News Writer

Cancer patient survivors, caretakers, students and families who have been affected by cancer celebrated the lives of local heroes at the third annual "Don’t Stop Believin’ Celebration of Life" dinner Saturday night, hosted by Saint Mary’s Stand Up to Cancer club.

Christie Hutch, a junior at Saint Mary’s and president of the Stand Up to Cancer club said everyone present made a difference.

“Everyone who comes really is a hero. Whether they have dealt with cancer personally or taken care of someone who has or whatever the case may be, I think it’s important to recognize these people,” Hutch said.

To start off the evening, local 12-year-old rising star Justin McCormick sang “Don’t Stop Believin’” by Journey. The talented young singer has been on a variety of singing shows and is in the process of building his career, Hutch said.

“He does a lot of things for the American Cancer Society and sings at the Relay for Life every year,” Hutch said. “His main song that he sings at all these competitions and things is ‘Don’t Stop Believin’ and because that’s the name of our event, he asked if he could perform.”

At the event, guests enjoyed an Italian buffet dinner.
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Accompanied by two other Bengal Bouts greats, senior Daniel Yi was presented the Boxer of the Year award, being only the 12th boxer to be a four-time Bengal Bouts champion in the 84-year history of the program.
Institute of Advanced Studies wins $1.8 million grant

By ALEX CAO
News Writer

Notre Dame’s Institute of Advanced Studies received the Templeton Grant for $1.8 million to research questions about the nature of human existence.

The grant, provided by the Templeton Foundation, will be used by the Templeton Foundation to “bring together, particularly, areas of religion and science,” Eric Bugyis said.

Bugyis, coordinator for undergraduate research in the Institute for Advanced Studies, said the grant would fund two senior researchers analyzing questions about the nature of human creativity and the place of the mind in nature.

“There are big questions that unite disciplines,” Bugyis said. “That is what the Institute is about, in general — trying to bring disciplines and trying to overcome the narrow focus you get often in university research.”

Bugyis said those questions are best answered with interdisciplinary study and working to understand the common core of the different disciplines, especially when subjects don’t share an obvious connection.

“You might think religion and science come together on issues like creationism and evolution and that’s going to be where the conversation happens,” he said. “For us though, the more fruitful dialogue happens when you go deeper.”

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Eric Falci
professor, University of California at Berkeley

By JACK ROONEY
News Writer

On Friday, Eric Falci, a professor at the University of California, Berkeley, presented a lecture titled “Northern Irish Poetry after the Troubles,” in which he explored and analyzed the effects of modern political and social strife in Ireland on the art of Northern Irish poetry.

Falci, who spoke as part of Keough Naughton Institute for Irish Studies’ Lectures and Public Talks Series, focused his talk on a twofold question of how poets responded to conflict and what patterns emerged therein.

“My question about Northern Irish poetry after the Troubles … is considering the very different social and political conditions in Northern Ireland in the past 20 years, how have poets addressed those conditions,” Falci said. “The second part of that question is what type of formal shapes have emerged?”

Falci concentrated on several specific poetic examples, including Michael Longley’s “Ceasefire,” Síneád Morrissey’s “Thoughts in a Black Taxi,” “In Belfast,” and “Signatures” and Allan Gillis’s “Laganside.”

Of these works, Falci said “Ceasefire,” which was published in “The Irish Times” three days after the 1984 ceasefire between the north and south factions of Ireland, is the most famous.

“Longley’s great poem, the most famous public poem of the Troubles, approaches the complex particulars of the political situation from the flank,” he said. “Even as it is manifestly about the contemporary situation in Northern Ireland and responsive to events there in a stunningly impressioned way, it stages multiple forms of displacement.”

Falci said the poem, which uses Homer’s Iliad as an allegory for the Troubles, reflects the uncertainty of the ceasefire and its surrounding events.

“I think ‘Ceasefire’ emphaizes the partial, unfinished quality of both the events of the poem, it was only a pause in the Trojan War, and the events in Northern Ireland to which the poem points,” he said. “There had been IRA ceasefires before. The fracture quality of the sonnet serves to forestall any too quick acceptance or even belief in the solidity of the peace.”

Falci said poets in Northern Ireland took on a more influential and political role during the Troubles, which resulted in their poetry assuming a discredited quality.

“From the start of the Troubles in 1968, poets, more than any other kind of cultural figure in Ireland, were called upon, and perhaps more felt themselves to be called upon, to respond to the outbreak of violence,” he said.

Falci said many Irish poets resisted the call to act as political or ideological spokespersons, or to provide some kind of artistically minded social commentary from the start.

Falci said the full impact of the Troubles on Northern Irish poetry cannot be measured, but regardless, the turmoil profoundly affected poets and their work.

“It is impossible to say whether the social and political crisis in Northern Ireland spurred great poetry or whether the great poetry would have happened any way,” Falci said.

“However we choose to understand the great likelihood of so many great poets in such a short time and in such a small space, it is certainly the case that the Troubles becomes a kind of structuring principle for that work and especially for its reception.”

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SMC retreat encourages reflection

By EMILIE KEFALAS

Fifteen Saint Mary’s students got a chance to retreat and reflect on their personal relationships with Christ this weekend at the Saint Mary’s Encounter Retreat, assistant director of Campus Ministry Regina Wilson said.

“Its purpose is to provide students with a time away for prayer, conversation, reflection time (in which) they are meeting Christ in their lives, and how Christ is calling them to serve the world,” Wilson said.

The getaway utilizes a popular retreat model aimed to encourage participants to know themselves and Christ on a deeper level by reflecting on their values, friendship with God, and vocation to be Christ to others, senior cellular and molecular biology major and retreat leader Emily Krach said.

She said the retreat included 6 talks, bookended by music and time to journal.

She said the retreat was created with a distinct path in mind. “First we explored inward and reflected on ourselves,” Krach said. “Then we moved upward and reflected on our relationship with Christ.

Lastly we move outward to bring our gifts and Christ’s teachings to the community.” The retreat moves from reflection on one’s personal relationship with God and Christ to how that personal relationship is supposed to lead one to be one in communion with other believers so as to bring life to the world, Wilson said.

Each leader’s talk reflected the speaker’s personal engagement with the given topic and provided the opportunity to witness where she has met Christ and how her life has changed because of this encounter, Wilson said.

“With Pope Francis talking so much about the culture of encounter, that our Christian life should be about meeting the other wherever she is, that we meet Christ when we seek to encounter the other in life,” Wilson said. “These themes have added so much in our understanding of the concept of ‘encounter,’ and in helping me, personally, help the leaders prepare to lead the retreat.”

Wilson’s role is to help the retreat team collaborate in addition to preparing them for their individual ministries on the retreat, Wilson said. “I meet with each of the speakers about their personal witnesses. I attend the retreat, but the student team really leads the whole retreat. I basically do the dishes,” Wilson said.

While all retreat leaders give talks, one facilitates the retreat experience, another leads prayer and ice-breakers and several of them lead small group discussions, Wilson said.

Wilson said the student leaders inspire her with their ability to provide a personal witness of their relationships with Christ and growth in their faith.

“The retreatants are usually ready for a time away in the midst of studies for personal prayer and reflection. And, naturally, the Holy Spirit always exceeds expectations by what she does among us,” Wilson said.

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responsible for.”
She said the library’s existing collection of 43 Carolingian facsimiles, or material dating from 800-900 A.D., motivated her to acquire the copy of the manuscript. The manuscript was made by Swiss publisher Faksimile Verlag, she said.

“The way it happens is, I look at this thing, and I say, hmm, this would be a good thing to have,” Smyth said. “One of my pieces of reasoning would be, we actually already have a very strong collection of facsimiles of Carolingian material.

“We also have two professors who specialize in Carolingian stuff — history, and then there’s an art historian who would be very interested in this,” Smyth said she raised $11,000 from the history, art and theology departments, the Medieval Institute and two medieval studies endowed collections. The other $11,000, she said, came from the library’s Special Acquisitions Fund, a competitive grant process. She said she ordered the facsimile by Nov. 14 and it arrived in mid-February.

“What I like about it is that it’s kind of a crown on a very fine collection of facsimiles of Carolingian manuscripts that we have,” Smyth said.

According to visiting paleography professor David Ganz, the original manuscript is important because it represents a rediscovery of a classical painting style, a recognition of the Gospel writers as historical figures. He said its purple pages and gold script denote the work of an extremely skilled scribe.

He said the value of Notre Dame’s facsimile lies in how exactly it resembles the original manuscript, down to the holes in the page and the flakes in the paint.

“The fact that the pages aren’t all the same size shows how carefully [the facsimile was made], and you can see the fold in the skin being reproduced — that’s what happens to the poor unfortunate cow on whom this was written,” Ganz said.

Ganz said the original manuscript, because it has a sculpted gold cover, is inaccessible to most scholars. The facsimile, which Ganz said is one of three in the United States, will be used as a research and teaching tool. It is accessible to all students and faculty.

“It’s not bought to sit in the Rare Book Room on the shelves,” Ganz said. “Just like the Dante collection, just like the Robert Creley collection, it’s there for people to study, and therefore, from now on, everybody taking an art history course may have the chance to see it.”

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The Coronation Gospels facsimile contains paintings of the gospel writers. The evangelists are represented historically, rare at the time.

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catered by Sodexo and were given raffle tickets for a free auction that included baskets donated by family and friends of club members and local businesses such as Edible Arrangements, Let’s Spoon and Flourish Boutique, Hutch said. She said the event was purely a celebration, not a fundraiser.

“To every other event [the club] does is primarily a fundraiser. ... We raise money for the national organization which is great because that goes purely towards cancer research, but this is the one thing we do that’s local and it’s to show our support as a community and as a college and as a club,” Hutch said.

To raise awareness for the event, the club placed a press release in the South Bend Tribune and hung posters around campus and in local areas including Memorial Hospital, Hutch said. She said approximately 75 people attended the event.

“Students joined the guests for dinner and I think every one learned something from talking to [the guests]. For me, it was their attitudes that affected me so profoundly,” Hutch said. “Each individual seemed to truly understand and embody the importance of living in the moment.

“The families whom I sat with at dinner said that hetting cancer really made them realize that you can’t sweat the small stuff. It was so inspiring for me and the other students to hear this from our guests.”

Junior Bridget Condon said she was touched by cancer patient who spoke during dinner.

“He spoke about his experiences with cancer and how the Saint Mary’s nursing students always made his treatment days a little better,” Condon said. “It really spoke to what we, not just as a club, but as a college, are all about. Whether we realize it or not, each and every one of our little acts of service can make a huge difference in the lives of other people,” she said.

Condon said she hopes the event made people aware of the immense local support available for those battling with cancer.

“It was great to be able to treat these heroes to a worry free night of fun,” Condon said. “While we cannot do everything, we can certainly do some things to show our love and support in their battles.”

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Supreme Court examines IQ of death row inmate

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WASHINGTON — A Floridian with an IQ as high as 75 may be diagnosed as mentally disabled and be eligible for help getting a job. But even his death row, the state says having an IQ higher than 70 categorically means an inmate is not mentally disabled and may be executed.

The Supreme Court barred states from executing mentally disabled inmates in 2002, but until now has left the determination of who is mentally disabled to the states.

In arguments Monday, 67-year-old Freddie Lee Hall is challenging the state’s use of a rigid IQ cutoff to determine mental disability.

Florida is among a few states that use a score of 70, as measured by IQ tests, as the threshold for concluding an inmate is not mentally disabled, even when other evidence indicates he is.

“Simply put, IQ tests are not a perfect measure of a person’s intellectual ability,” Hall’s lawyers told the court in written arguments.

In nine tests administered between 1968 and 2008, Hall scored as low as 60 and as high as 80, with his most recent scores between 69 and 74, according to the state.

A judge in an earlier phase of the case concluded Hall “had been mentally retarded his entire life.” Psychiatrists and other medical professionals who examined him said he is mentally disabled.

As far back as the 1950s, Hall was considered “mentally retarded” — then the commonly accepted term for mental disability — according to school records submitted to the Supreme Court.

He was sentenced to death for murdering Karol Hurst, a 21-year-old pregnant woman who was abducted leaving a Florida grocery store in 1978.

Hall also has been convicted of killing a sheriff’s deputy and has been imprisoned for the past 35 years. He earlier served a prison term for assault with intent to commit rape and was out on parole when he killed Hurst.

Hall’s guilt is not at issue before the high court.

Florida’s regulatory code says individuals with IQs as high as 75 may be diagnosed as mildly intellectually disabled, potentially allowing them to receive state aid. The code relies on the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, the authoritative manual of the American Psychiatric Association, setting an IQ of 70, plus or minus 5, as the upper range of intellectual disability.

The range reflects something that is true of all standardized testing — results are generally reliable, but not 100 percent certain, and they are reported along with a margin of error.

Psychiatrists and psychologists who are supporting Hall also say that an IQ test alone is insufficient for a diagnosis of mental disability. The groups say there’s a consensus among the mental health professions that an accurate diagnosis also must include evaluating an individual’s ability to function in society, along with finding that the mental disability began in childhood.

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Pistorius to be tried for murder in South Africa

Associated Press

PITRORIA, South Africa — A drone carrying a camera flew overhead the Pretoria courthouse to capture the opening of the murder trial of Oscar Pistorius Monday, as the mother of the woman he shot to death says she wants him to look in the eyes when he comes into the courtroom.

June Steenkamp, the mother of Reeva Steenkamp who was killed by Pistorius, was quoted in the Pretoria News, publishing an interview she gave to a British newspaper, saying that she will attend the trial to see Pistorius.

“I want to look at Oscar, really look him in the eyes, and see for myself the truth about what he did to Reeva,” said June Steenkamp, 67. “Whatever the court decides at the end of his trial, I will be ready to forgive him … But first I want to force him to look at me, Reeva’s mother, and see the pain and anguish I have felt.”

Steenkamp will be seated near Pistorius’ family, according to local media, so there is a possibility that their eyes will meet.

The intense public interest in the Pistorius trial is shown by the launching Sunday night of a 24-hour cable channel devoted to covering the court case.

The start of the trial marks the start of a dramatic new chapter in the life of the double-amputee athlete who ran at the Olympics and became a global star before he shot his girlfriend dead.

Prosecutors charged the 27-year-old Pistorius with murder in Steenkamp’s death and say it was premeditated. They say they will seek a life sentence if Pistorius is convicted, the sternest punishment available in South Africa. South Africa no longer has the death penalty.

If convicted on the murder charge, Pistorius could be sent to prison for at least 25 years before the chance of parole, the minimum time someone must serve if given a life sentence in South Africa. He would be older than 50 before he could be released.

The state says Pistorius intentionally killed Steenkamp at his home in the pre-dawn hours at Valentine’s Day last year by shooting her through a toilet door after an argument. Pistorius denies murder and says he killed his girlfriend by mistake when he fired four times through the door thinking there was a dangerous nighttime intruder on the other side.

A lesser sentence is possible if Pistorius is found guilty of murder but without premeditation. He also could be convicted of culpable homicide, South Africa’s version of manslaughter in which someone is killed through negligence.

Pistorius claims he was acting in self-defense against what he believed at the time was a threat to his life.

As well as murder, Pistorius faces a second charge of illegal possession of ammunition for bullets found at his Pretoria house that he allegedly didn’t have proper licensing for. Prosecutors say he also will be indicted Monday with two more gun charges relating to him allegedly shooting in public on two separate occasions before Steenkamp’s killing.

The serving of an updated indictment to Pistorius in court is expected to be the first move at the trial at Pretoria’s high court. He has not yet been formally served with the papers that include all four charges against him, although his lawyers have had the papers and details of the additional gun charges since last year, prosecutors say. The gun charges reportedly relate to him allegedly shooting out the sunroof of a car in one incident and another when he allegedly fired a gun inside a restaurant, apparently by mistake.

Russian military advances, alarms Western observers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Western powers on Sunday prepared a tough response to Russia’s military advance into Ukraine and warned Moscow could face further economic penalties, diplomatic isolation and bolstered allied defenses in Europe unless it retrains.

The crisis over Ukraine is a game-changer for President Barack Obama’s national security policy, forcing him to give up his foreign policy shift to Asia and to maintain U.S. troop levels in Europe to limit Russia’s reach.

The ill will and mistrust also could spread to Russia’s other global security fronts — Syria and Iran — where Russia has been a necessary partner with the West.

Russians in Crimea, where Vladimir Putin gave no indication that he would heed the West’s warnings, of hundreds of armed men sur rounding a military base in Crimea, a pro-Russian area. In Kiev, Ukraine’s capital, Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk alleged that “we are on the brink of disaster.”

Senior Obama administration officials said they believe Russia now has more than 6,000 forces in the region. The U.S. was also watching for ethnic skirmishes in other areas of eastern Ukraine, though the officials said they had not yet seen Russian military moves elsewhere. The officials were not authorized to publicly discuss the situation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Secretary of State John Kerry said he has consulted with other world leaders, and “every single one of them are prepared to go to the hilt in order to isolate Russia with respect to this invasion.” Obama spoke Sunday with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, British Prime Minister David Cameron, and Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski.

Kerry planned to travel to Kiev Tuesday for meetings with the Ukrainian government. Officials said the Obama administration would also focus this week on putting together a package of economic assistance for Ukraine.

The White House issued a joint statement Sunday evening on behalf of the Group of Seven saying the G-7 had suspended participation in the planning for an international summit in Russia this summer. In the statement, the U.S., Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom condemned Russia’s “clear violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.” They said Russia’s advances in Ukraine violate the “principles and values” on which the G-7 and Group of Eight economic group, which includes Russia, operate.

In Brussels, NATO’s secretary general, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, said Russia’s actions have violated a U.N. charter. He said the alliance was re-evaluating its relationship with Russia.

“There are very serious repercussions that can flow out of this,” Kerry said.

Western economic sanctions and visa bans, freezing Russian assets, and trade and investment penalties, Kerry said Moscow risks being booted out of the powerful Group of Eight group of world powers as payback for the military incursion.

Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew told a Washington audience on Sunday that the United States is ready to work with other countries and the International Monetary Fund to provide support to bolster Ukraine’s economy. He said he had been assured in discussions with IMF officials that the new government is prepared to pursue the necessary reforms to overhaul the country’s ailing economy.

Lew said that the administration was ready to supplement emergency IMF loans to cushion an economic shock economic reforms would have on vulnerable Ukrainians.

“The United States is prepared to work with its bilateral and multilateral partners to provide as much support as Ukraine needs to restore financial stability and to support its economic and political reforms that the new government implements the necessary reforms,” Lew said during a speech Sunday night to the annual policy conference of AIPAC, America’s largest pro-Israel lobbying group.

Several U.S. senators also called for bolstered missile defense systems based in Poland and the Czech Republic.

Russia is “going to be writ- ing major difficulties for the long term,” said Kerry. “The people of Ukraine will not sit still for this.”

They know how to fight.”

Still, it was clear that few in the West were prepared to respond immediately to Putin with military force.

At the Vatican, Pope Francis used his traditional Sunday midday appearance in St. Peter’s Square to urge world leaders to promote dialogue as a way of resolving the crisis in Ukraine.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., dis- cussing the potential of U.S. military strikes against Russian troops in Crimea, said, “I don’t think anyone is advocating for that.” One of the administration officials indicated that the U.S. was not weighing military action to counter Russia’s advances, say- ing the Obama administration’s efforts were focused on political, economic and diplomatic options.

President Obama said Sunday that he would personally call Russian President Vladimir Putin later Sunday night to warn him of the economic, diplomatic and military options available to Russia.

Obama said the United States and its Western allies would “take swift actions together” in response to the crisis in Ukraine.

Obama’s warnings followed a phone call Sunday night with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, British Prime Minister David Cameron, and Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski. Obama and the three European leaders agreed to prepare a joint statement calling for further economic sanctions and other measures to punish Russia.

Obama said the “international community needs to work together” to respond to Russia’s actions.

Obama also made a call Sunday night to Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, according to the White House.

Obama has authorized the national security team to prepare for a variety of scenarios in Ukraine, a senior administration official said.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, noted the United States is working with European allies on additional economic sanctions and diplomatic isolation of Russia.

Kerry said the administration would consult with European allies on economic and diplomatic steps to “isolate Moscow.”

Obama and his team are working on a “comprehensive response” to Russia’s actions in Crimea.

The official said the administration is considering a range of options that could include further economic sanctions, diplomatic isolation and bolstered allied defenses in Europe.

Obama’s call with Ukraine’s leader was one of three Obama made Sunday night. The president also talked to the leaders of France and Germany.

Kerry said the United States is prepared to work with its bilateral and multilateral partners to provide as much support as Ukraine needs to restore financial stability and to support its economic and political reforms that the new government implements the necessary reforms.

There is a “growing consensus” among the G-7 and Group of Eight that Russia is acting to “undermine the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.” They said Russia’s advances in Ukraine violate the “principles and values” on which the G-7 and Group of Eight economic group, which includes Russia, operate.

In Brussels, NATO’s secretary general, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, said Russia’s actions have violated a U.N. charter. He said the alliance was re-evaluating its relationship with Russia.

“There are very serious repercussions that can flow out of this,” Kerry said.

Western economic sanctions and visa bans, freezing Russian assets, and trade and investment penalties, Kerry said Moscow risks being booted out of the powerful Group of Eight group of world powers as payback for the military incursion.

Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew told a Washington audience on Sunday that the United States is ready to work with other countries and the International Monetary Fund to provide support to bolster Ukraine’s economy. He said he had been assured in discussions with IMF officials that the new government is prepared to pursue the necessary reforms to overhaul the country’s ailing economy.

Lew said that the administration was ready to supplement emergency IMF loans to cushion an economic shock economic reforms would have on vulnerable Ukrainians.

“The United States is prepared to work with its bilateral and multilateral partners to provide as much support as Ukraine needs to restore financial stability and to support its economic and political reforms that the new government implements the necessary reforms,” Lew said during a speech Sunday night to the annual policy conference of AIPAC, America’s largest pro-Israel lobbying group.

Several U.S. senators also called for bolstered missile defense systems based in Poland and the Czech Republic.

Russia is “going to be writing major difficulties for the long term,” said Kerry. “The people of Ukraine will not sit still for this.”

They know how to fight.”

Still, it was clear that few in the West were prepared to respond immediately to Putin with military force.

At the Vatican, Pope Francis used his traditional Sunday mid- day appearance in St. Peter’s Square to urge world leaders to promote dialogue as a way of resolving the crisis in Ukraine.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., dis- cussing the potential of U.S. military strikes against Russian troops in Crimea, said, “I don’t think anyone is advocating for that.” One of the administration officials indicated that the U.S. was not weighing military action to counter Russia’s advances, say- ing the Obama administration’s efforts were focused on political, economic and diplomatic options.
Inside Column

Working for you

Ann Mare Jakubowski
Editor-in-Chief

All of Notre Dame’s campus lost power 15 minutes into my first night as editor-in-chief, right at the beginning of my shift in the office. To be honest, it’s slightly terrifying when your one job is to be sure there’s a paper tomorrow morning, and the first time you ever try to pull it off there’s an hour-and-a-half long speed bump like that. But it taught me a few lessons that I’m going to carry with me for the rest of this year.

First, there are days when it takes a village to make a newspaper. It takes people hunched over laptops editing stories by candlelight, people scouring campus for quotes and interviews, and, of course, people around to reassure me that all this will be a funny story tomorrow and it’ll work out. It wasn’t until about 5 a.m. Friday morning that I became convinced that things actually would work out, but it did, and it will every time. And that’s only because of the teamwork and collaboration across the entire staff.

And that’s the second lesson: being able to rely on having a new issue made every single weekday is incredible, and I will not take it for granted anymore.

Sometimes, producing a daily paper goes off without a hitch. But sometimes, you spend your snow day laying out pages in the office that have to be finished before the St. Joseph County driving ban goes into effect at 6 p.m. And sometimes, you spend your first night in charge wondering if it’s at all possible to produce a 16-page paper from a laptop with 40 percent battery left.

Which brings me to the third (and most important) lesson: everything we do, every day, is motivated by all of you, our readers.

There’s no question in my mind that the work that goes into this paper is worth it every time. We write, take photos, design graphics and shoot videos because we believe that there are stories on this campus that need to be told, and that as your fellow students here, there is no one better equipped than we are to tell them in a way that goes in to this paper is worth it every time.

But, doing this also means that every day is incredible, and I will not take it for granted anymore.

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Letter to the Editor

A dangerous equivocation

I would first like to preface this letter by saying that I have no intention to rule on the legitimacy or morality of homosexuality or gay rights.

After having read several articles both in this newspaper and others, I have found a glaring issue with the method of argument. In light of this, I would like to call attention to a rather blatant logical fallacy that seems to constantly arise in the discussion of gay rights or the gay rights movement. Particularly, there is a fallacious equivocation of the civil rights movement of the 1870s that aimed to afford African Americans equality under law and the civil rights movement that is currently raging, which seeks to confer homosexuals certain rights.

The association seems quite fine at first glance. People should be given the same rights and same protections under the law — the intentions of each movement. The problem lies not with the intention, but the execution.

The civil rights movement of the 1870s is radically different from today’s homosexual rights movement in that the former provided for the emancipation of those who were not being treated as humans. There is a problem with treating people as property, and this movement turned our attention towards it.

The homosexual movement, though, is not even remotely the same. I think few, and probably extremely ill-informed people, argue that homosexuals are not people, and probably wouldn’t suggest them to be property. The logic is evidently flawed to evoke the name of the civil rights movement as the same basis for the homosexual movement. Homosexuals are people and ought to be guaranteed rights that are inherent to humanity.

Therefore, the question is not “Are homosexuals people?” but “What rights are guaranteed?” I can understand why many would want to associate these civil rights movements together, since slavery and objectification have long since been condemned. But, doing so is quite simply manipulative; the subject matter is categorically different. There is an inherent difference between rights afforded by humanity and the rights that the homosexual movement is calling for.

Don’t associate these two movements to draw support simply because people can commonly flock to the idea of emancipation. There cannot be false equivocation simply to progress the movement that is founded on critically different bases. The expansion of what rights constitute humanity and the conferral of those agreed to be inherent are not the same and ought not to be associated.

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Editorial Cartoon

Quote of the Day

“One is left with the horrible feeling now that war settles nothing; that to win a war is as disastrous as to lose one.”

Agatha Christie
English mystery writer

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The transformative power of adoration

Scott Boyle
The Sincere Seeker

It’s not often that I am at a loss for words. I love to write and talk about any and all subjects. But in the months I have been privileged to serve at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis, I have often times found myself searching for words. People often ask me, “Tell me about Roncalli. How are things going there?”

And I often pause. But lest my pauses give off the wrong impression, I have become accustomed to clarifying that I do, in fact, have things to say to them. Many things, in fact.

My problem (if you can call it a problem) is I frequently don’t know where to begin.

There was the time I attended a pep rally that was unlike any other high school pep rally I have ever seen. The gym was so loud and so consumed with Roncalli pride that I lost my voice (and my hearing) and didn’t even open my mouth. Or there was the time I watched the Roncalli football team pray together with their opponents at midfield after the varsity football game.

Then there are the students who regularly do the little things: who throw away an extra piece of trash in the cafeteria or wait to hold a door for a fellow classmate. Or there are the teachers who consistently show up early to provide tutoring, or stay late after a full day of work to coach, announce, or watch a game.

It has taken me a while to put my finger on just how we do it. Everybody is stretched so thin, yet things seem to always get done. We give so much, yet there always seems to be room to give a little more.

And it hit me just recently that I may have found the answer.

At any given time on the first Friday of the month, you can see students, faculty and staff gathered in the Roncalli chapel to spend time in adoration. Together in front of the consecrated host (which Catholics believe to be the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ) the Roncalli community gathers to adore and celebrate one of the most special and treasured realities of all: a God who loved us so much that he would become human.

And there, I think, is the key to Roncalli’s success.

Fr. Pedro Arrupe wrote, “Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love and it will decide everything.”

I’ve often thought of the experience of adoration like a big, lighted arrow, blantly and obviously reminding us of a truth that we should have etched in our hearts: “Jesus is here.” In the presence of such an awesome reality and reminder of God’s love, it’s hard not to walk away transformed.

But the most beautiful thing about our time for adoration is that it gives us pause as a community to remember a deeper reality, that “Jesus is here” every single moment of our lives.

For me, the Roncalli community is a testament to the power of God’s transforming love in adoration. We’ve all heard the old adage: “You can’t give what you don’t have.” And one of the things I think makes Roncalli so special is that regular adoration helps nourish us on our journey to consistently remember and live into the words of 1 John 4:18: “We love because he first loved us.”

And there, in front of Our Lord, we have a concrete reminder of that love. And I think it is easier to give in little ways and little moments when we can remember and celebrate what we already have: the awesome and unconditional love of God.

We are called not to hold onto this love as a possession only for ourselves, but to work to give it away each and every day. We must work, as the Roncalli mission statement proclaims: “to make God’s love complete among us.” We must work to share that love with the ends of the earth.

Adoration can be our starting point in this mission. There, we will encounter the Lord who gives us the strength to go that extra distance to proclaim his loving witness to the world.

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HHS mandate raises the stakes

John Madigan
Guest Columnist

Notre Dame continues to be embroiled in federal litigation challenging the Obama administration’s HHS Mandate. The mandate compels the provision of free contraception (including abortifacients) and sterilization services to female employees.

Private employers and their insurer subjects to the mandate must not only provide access to contraception and sterilization services, but also must provide them at no cost to employees regardless of what they are required to contribute for other healthcare services.

Last Friday, writing for a divided federal appellate court, Judge Richard Posner denied Notre Dame’s most recent appeal for relief from the mandate. His opinion was no surprise.

Earlier this month, Judge Posner rebuked Notre Dame’s attorney on oral argument, demanding at one point to know whether contraception is viewed by the Catholic Church as a mortal sin or as a venial sin. When

our religious liberty rights blow with the winds of executive power or de- pending on the judicial prodding and parsing of theological consider- ations, we are entering a brave new world of hostility to religiously in- spired moral values.

The HHS Mandate is a serious threat to religious freedom precisely because the Catholic Church’s teachings concerning sexual morality are directly related to our understanding of the relationship between God and man. They flow from the Church’s conviction regarding the sanctity of each human life.

Informed by sacred scripture and authoritative teaching, the Church proclaims that each and every hu- man person is uniquely created in the image and likeness of God. Catholic philosopher Alice Von Hildebrandt sums this up with elegant precision: “Animals reproduce, humans procre- ate.” That is, man and woman coop- erate together and with God in the co-creation of a unique human being, an immortal human soul.

Because we believe that procre- ation is such an extraordinary gift, literally a sharing of God’s creative power, we Catholics view complex questions concerning family plan- ning, pre-marital sex, reproductive technologies, abortion and a host of other issues relating to sexual moral- ity through the lens of our faith.

Francis Cardinal George, arch- bishop of Chicago and past president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, speaks often of the grave danger posed by the HHS Mandate. While recognizing that anti-Catholicism has a long history in the United States, George is also quick to note that respect for moral pluralism has been central to the American understanding of religious liberty.

Reasonable people often differ in their conclusions relating to moral issues. Our government has consist- antly respected such pluralism when it comes to religiously held moral imperatives. President Obama’s HHS Mandate stands in stark opposition to this legacy of respect for moral pluralism and religious liberty.

As Catholics, we do not demand nor expect that our fellow citizens will embrace our faith and its teach- ings. In fact, we acknowledge that Catholicism can be difficult to live out, even for many Catholics, and especially in our hyper-sexualized culture.

But we do expect government to re- spect our right to live and work guid- ed by our faith-based moral values. Has it really come to this — that executive branch discretion can be used to force private parties, includ- ing believing Catholics, to under- write a value-free notion of sexual liberty? And that this radical asser- tion of administrative power might trump a history of respect for reli- giously based moral norms?

The stakes in Notre Dame’s ongoing HHS Mandate litigation could hardly be higher for those who hold religious liberty as one of our most treasured constitutional rights.

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Raisins are not particularly deli- cious. “A Raisin in the Sun,” a play about a struggling African American family in 1950s Chicago, is not particularly enjoy- able. Employing simple steps of logic, it would seem that “Clybourne Park,” a play that is loosely based on “A Raisin in the Sun,” would be about as juicy as dried fruit.

Fortunately, logic has failed here, as it often does in the theatre. Accurately ad- vertised as “a biting comedy about race and real estate,” “Clybourne Park” was both captivating and challenging. As an audience member, it was hard to believe that the actors were college students; they seemed to be either their characters in the flesh, or at the very least Broadway stars.

Between the acts, the setting changed from 1959 to 2009 and the style changed accordingly, from comb-overs to Cubs jerseys and from pin-up curls to pixie cuts. The changing times highlighted the frustrations introduced by technology: in the first act, Bev, a middle-aged house- wife played by senior Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) major Renée Rodin, answered one phone call, but kept it short and stayed in the room, while the ro- tary phone was connected to a landline. In the second act, Lena, the audacious African American woman played by Zuri Eshun, was repeatedly interrupted by ring tones and made priceless vexed facial expressions.

In fact, every actor masterfully con- veyed their motives and emotions through physical cues. John Corr, a senior FTT major, and Rodin truly became Russ and Bev, a middle-aged couple living in a middle-class Chicago suburb. Corr con- vinced the audience and seemed con- vinced himself that the half-furnished stage was his home. He embodied a drained and disillusioned WASP, flipping through “National Geographic” and eat- ing spoonful after spoonful of ice cream. He spent much of the first act slouched in his easy chair, looking as if he had sat there every night for thirty years. Rodin for her part perfectly captured the pur- poseless housewife whose anxiety and apparent back-pain stems from a need to find a purpose and forget the past.

Rodin and Corr proved their versatility in the second act when they transformed into completely different characters. Rodin became a conciled lawyer who was repeatedly offended by the off-color jokes about color in the second act, espe- cially one that compared a white woman to a tampon, because they were both “stuck-up.” Corr became a crazed con- struction worker in the second act, whose swaggering gait, grey beard, and ridicu- lously loud calls to his fellow construction workers won chuckles from the audience. Junior Joey Doyle, who played Karl in the first act, then Steve in the second, deserves kudos for his commanding and convincing presence. In both acts, his character seemed to represent white males who are attacked in the modern age for lacking any qualities that would give them minority status. His character dislikes “tap-dancing” around sensitive topics, such as race, sexual orientation, and economic status, and consequently says what other characters prefer to leave implied. Though he tries to bring every- thing to light, his jokes end up making the play rather dark. It is this darkness, though, that makes the play pointed and profound.

His pregnant wife, played by freshman Sienna Widowik, is deaf in the first act, thus only communicating with her husband in sign language. She has no idea that her husband is trying to stop a black family from moving into the neighborhood be- cause it would “lower the economic value of the community.” Fast-forward to the twenty-first century, and her new char- acter can do everything that is going on and disagrees with her husband.

Widowik’s change from Betty to Lindsey seems to represent the changing role of women from the 1950s to the present day. Wives used to only hear what their hus- bands wanted them to hear, but now they no longer allow their husbands to filter in- formation for them. Widowik does a for- midable job of transforming from a deaf to determined wife, and her demeanor and haircut is reminiscent of a mature Emma Watson.

Symbolism was not limited to charac- ters; it was sprinkled over objects as well, mising them with meaning. Bev and Russ bickered over who would carry a trunk whose contents are concealed from the audience until the end. The trunk seems to symbolize the burden that Bev and Russ have carried since their son, a Korean War veteran, committed suicide after struggling with having killed inno- cent citizens.

Bev reminds Russ about carrying the trunk, but he replies that it is a “two per- son job,” implying that he cannot carry the burden on his own. Instead of volun- teering to help, Bev indirectly asks Lena and her husband Albert, who was ex- pertly played by both Bryce Wood and Troy Lewis, to bring down the trunk. Even though Russ was not eager to carry the trunk by himself, he is enraged when he sees other people carrying the load for him. In this way, the playwright Bruce Norris ingeniously uses the trunk to rep- resent Russ’ struggle between grief and pride.

In brief, the show was phenomenal, and students should tear their hair out and don sackcloths if they missed it. Not only did the actors deliver a flawless and realistic performance, the material of “Clybourne Park” left the audience with a reminder of the lasting effect of changing demographics and ethnic tensions both in the Chicago suburbs and throughout the United States.

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By JOHN DARR

This past Sunday, Jaden Smith was be- stowed the glorious “worst actor” Razzie award for his “performance” in the mind- blowing-terribad film “After Earth.”

Now, I don’t know much about film, but I do know something about Jaden Smith — from his Twitter account. The young man is famous for his, er, philosophy. In particular he admires, I needed to do more narrowing it down to which artists in par- ticular he admires, I needed to do more searching.

What I found was baffling. Jaden’s mixtape didn’t harken back to ’80s or ’90s hip-hop. It didn’t look back upon ’80s psychedelic or ’50s big band, and it certainly didn’t go back earlier. Instead, Jaden’s mixtape was ultra-modern. With slick, heavily-produced, atmospheric beats, Jaden’s music was rather similar to the average contemporary hip-hop song. Yet even more than that, Jaden chose to rap over two beats built on samples from extremely forward-thinking, chic elec- tronic artists Purity Ring and SBTRKT. Jaden’s claim that of Modern Music was impossible, sans Kid Cudi, just didn’t match up with the music he himself made.

When I took on Jaden Smith’s claim about modern music, I thought I’d end up with something to argue against. As it turns out, the claim was groundless. Jaden Smith loves modern music and he wishes to create it. It inspires him. What, then, was there to learn from this dead end?

As it turns out, Jaden’s musical fallacy is something we often claim ourselves. When we talk about music, we’re pretty dismissive. When an artist or time period of music comes up in a group conversa- tion, people usually choose sides, saying that said artist or time period is fantastic or terrible.

However, there are so many songs by a particular artist and so many artists in a particular time period. We’re often straight-up incorrect in assuming that we don’t like artist X or time period Y.

I know I suffer from the Jaden Smith- style fallacy; maybe you do too. Next time a friend or passerby brings up music you think you don’t like, stop and think about it for a minute. Maybe there was a catchy chorus or a special song in the pile you once thought was trash. If we can all learn from Jaden’s fallacy, musical world peace may one day be possible.

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By EMMA TERHAAR
Scene Writer

“I'm still not a country fan, that guy was just a great performer!” said junior Lucas Sullivan, resident of Keough Hall, as he justified how much he enjoyed himself Saturday night at Legends Country Fest featuring Jon Pardi and Thomas Rhett.

Legends was packed, as it should have been. Both acts are breakout stars with recently released albums and chart-topping singles. On top of this, Thomas Rhett is a favorite for ACM's Best New Artist of the Year award.

Jon Pardi started the night off, leading the event with a more old school country sound, without any particularly twangy or poppy undertones. The crowd loved him right from the first song, which transformed into a well-received set. When he crooned “Trash a Hotel Room” and “Empty Beer Cans,” my heart nearly exploded with happiness. The crowd was dancing around and singing along in a hot sweaty mess.

“It was a little piece of summer in the middle of this polar vortex,” said junior Hayley Johnson, resident of Lyons Hall.

Throughout the night, Legends collected a bit of steam from the sweat of the crowd, but it was a healthy and enjoyable kind of perspiration.

Things only got steamier when Thomas Rhett took the stage. He seemed to know that the crowd wouldn’t know all his songs, so he mixed in covers between his own bigger hits. As a well-known songwriter, Rhett tapped some of the pieces he had composed for his peers, while also pulling on classic country songs like “Friends in Low Places” and “The Joker.” Rhett even played some cross genre covers like “Suit and Tie” and “Beverly Hills.”

There were so many of those awesome concert moments when the crowd knows all the words to a song that the performer steps away from the mic and lets them run with it. When Rhett played his slow, sentimental song, “Beer with Jesus,” the more tenderhearted members of the audience shed a few tears. Then, amidst a dynamic chant for an encore, Rhett sauntered back onstage to warm Legends with a final song.

With such vibrant and emotional acts, the combination of Thomas Rhett and Jon Pardi onstage left the event as a great memory for country connoisseurs and first-timers alike.

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NBA misses the mark with mask request

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Sports Writer

"Those who have seen your face draw back in fear; I am the mask you wear." This lyric might be from "The Phantom of the Opera," and this might be a column about sports, but for those who saw the black mask LeBron James wore Thursday in his game against the Knicks, the comparison is not too far off.

For some, the Heat superstar resembled Batman; for others, he looked a little like Hannibal Lecter. But for the NBA, James just did not look fit for the hardwood.

Normally, I’m all for keeping the status quo in athletic attire. Icow with every new uniform the Oregon football team does each week because heaven forbid they wear the same one twice, and I cannot stand the corporate logos on soccer and WNBA jerseys. I will gladly trade the tradition of the Packers and the Yankees over the modernity of this year’s NBA All-Star Game uniforms and whatever adidas rolled out for March Madness last year.

Despite all this, I liked James’s mask, and I wish he had been able to keep it.

As much as we all know the adage that “there’s no ‘I’ in team,” professional sports, and even high-profile college sports, are all about brand.

Every athlete must have his own image for the sake of marketing, promotion, fan identification, etc. Everyone needs a “thing,” an image that is easily associated with an athlete and that athlete alone.

So please find this with their hair. For Allen Iverson, it was the cornrows. For Julius Erving and that athlete alone.

Some athletes find this with their hair. For Allen Iverson, it was the cornrows. For Julius Erving and Ben Wallace, the afro (and sometimes the cornrows for Wallace). For Troy Polamalu, I think we had higher expectations for ourselves than…

"The Phantom of the Opera," I know your point.

Jordan — well, you have an equipment that one player sometimes the cornrows for Wallace). For Troy Polamalu, I think your point.

Andre Agassi, it was the lack of hair that so contrasted with his trademark goggles, and the accuracy of his hook did not make any question how effective they were. Mike Tyson has the tattoo that wraps around his left eye, and no one wonders how tough the boxer is, both in and out of the ring.

The brand potential of facial features is hard to top. If you need further proof, take a look at Nike’s recognizable line of “Cooperstown Hair-photo” shirts with the famous outlines of baseball players’ facial hair. From classic figures like Rollie Fingers and Ozzie Smith to today’s stars like Jason Heyward and Joe Mauer, the sportswear giant has taken advantage of the distinguishable features that fans associate with their favorite athletes.

So, this makes me wonder: why would the NBA not want to take advantage of a marketing opportunity like the one presented by James and his mask?

There was so much potential in this idea. For Christmas games, he could hang little ornaments or lights from it and decorate it for the season. After Easter, James could switch out the black mask for a white one, since the rules of fashion would finally allow him to wear white.

But before he did that, he would have to wear a colorful and probably glittery Mardi Gras mask on Fat Tuesday. To add even more fun, the Heat could face off with the Pelicans that day, and the home team could hang little masks for the giveaway.

A shame — that was really a missed opportunity.

But perhaps all this potential was the reason why the NBA told James to wear a clear mask like every other player with a broken facial bone has to wear or nothing at all. Maybe taking the best and most visible player in the league and adding another element of marketability would create too potent a combination.

Either way, the NBA missed out on this one. And now, how am I supposed to get back all that money I just invested in the mask industry?

Classifieds

Men & Women finish 3rd

Smith said, “We know we probably should have won that race. Of course it’s motivation. It will give us something to fuel us. Success isn’t a very good teacher, but we’ll remember the loss.” The men’s point total on the weekend was 84, bolstered by Giesty’s victory in the 400-meter dash (46.43) and a pair of second place finishes by graduate student and middle distance runner J.P. Malette in the mile (4:09.58) and 3,000-meter run (8:16.33). Florida State and North Carolina came in first and second with 96 and 89 points, respectively.

The Irish women also came in third, with 65 points, thanks in part to a victory in the 60-meter hurdles by junior hurdler Jade Barber (8.19). Notre Dame’s 400-meter relay also had a strong performance, finishing second with a time of 3:40.05. Smith said the Irish believe they impressed the rest of the ACC in their first conference meet.

“I think we had higher expectations, but for the other teams, they are the others,” Smith said. “We thought we had a shot at winning. Something went well, some things didn’t go as well. But we thought we’d be right in the mix, and we were. I think (the other teams) were a little bit surprised by our first year in the conference.”

Notre Dame’s most impressive performer was undoubtedly Giesty, who took home MVP honors after earning 18 points for the Irish. His victory in the 400-meter dash, in which he ran a 46.83, was followed by a second-place finish in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.31. Smith said the year has already relished the opportunity to perform on a big stage.

“I was very impressed with Chris,” Smith said. “He completely stepped up. I’m pretty sure he PR’ed in [the 200]. Running a 400 and a 200, and then coming back the next day and running a 400 again, and another 200, that’s a lot to ask out of a guy. And he completely delivered.”

The Irish have next weekend off before traveling to the NCAA Indoor Championships in Albuquerque, N.M. on March 14-15.

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Superbowl Sunday Men’s mounties run in the one mile run during the Alex Wilson International at Loftus Sports Center on Feb. 22. She finished in 14th.

By CASEY KARNES
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In their first ever ACC Indoor Championships in Clemson, S.C., Notre Dame men’s and women’s teams both pulled out third-place finishes, and junior sprinter Chris Giesty was named the meet’s most valuable performer.

The men’s third place finish, however, was very close to being first place. Heading into Saturday’s final event, the 400-meter relay, the Irish sat in second place, just six points behind Florida State. The Irish relay, made up of Giesty, senior Pat Feeeney, freshman Harvey Smith and senior Jarred Buchanon, was in the lead during the second leg of the race, but disaster struck when Buchanon dropped the baton. The Irish relay’s failure to finish meant they received zero points, dropping the team to third place. Smith said that the event was disappointing considering Notre Dame’s high expectations but gives them motivation for the NCAA Championships, the ACC outdoor season and beyond.

“It stings, I’m not going to lie,” Smith said. “We knew we probably should have won that race. Of course it’s motivation. It will give us something to fuel us. Success isn’t a very good teacher, but we’ll remember the loss.”

The men’s point total on the weekend was 84, bolstered by Giesty’s victory in the 400-meter dash (46.43) and a pair of second place finishes by graduate student and middle distance runner J.P. Malette in the mile (4:09.58) and 3,000-meter run (8:16.33). Florida State and North Carolina came in first and second with 96 and 89 points, respectively.

The Irish women also came in third, with 65 points, thanks in part to a victory in the 60-meter hurdles by junior hurdler Jade Barber (8.19). Notre Dame’s 400-meter relay also had a strong performance, finishing second with a time of 3:40.05. Smith said the Irish believe they impressed the rest of the ACC in their first conference meet.

“I think we had higher expectations, but for the other teams, they are the others,” Smith said. “We thought we had a shot at winning. Something went well, some things didn’t go as well. But we thought we’d be right in the mix, and we were. I think (the other teams) were a little bit surprised by our first year in the conference.”

Notre Dame’s most impressive performer was undoubtedly Giesty, who took home MVP honors after earning 18 points for the Irish. His victory in the 400-meter dash, in which he ran a 46.83, was followed by a second-place finish in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.31. Smith said the year has already relished the opportunity to perform on a big stage.

“I was very impressed with Chris,” Smith said. “He completely stepped up. I’m pretty sure he PR’ed in [the 200]. Running a 400 and a 200, and then coming back the next day and running a 400 again, and another 200, that’s a lot to ask out of a guy. And he completely delivered.”

The Irish have next weekend off before traveling to the NCAA Indoor Championships in Albuquerque, N.M. on March 14-15.

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Irish finish sixth at ACC

Observer Staff Report

Fifteen school records fell Friday and Saturday as Notre Dame closed out its first ACC Championship meet with a sixth-place finish at the Greensboro Aquatic Center in Greensboro, N.C.

Friday’s finals saw the Irish take their first two gold medals of the meet. Senior Frank Dyer, who broke the team record in the 50-yard freestyle Thursday, swam his way to first place and a new program best in the 200-yard freestyle with his time of 1:33.30. Dyer also earned an NCAA A-cut to automatically qualify for the national meet at the end of March.

In the meet’s next event, the 100-yard breaststroke, junior Zach Stephens set not only a Notre Dame record but a meet record as well, hitting the touchpad at 52.59 to finish first. Though Stephens missed out on an A-cut by five hundredths of a second, he still picked up an invitation to the NCAA meet with his time.

Freshman Tom Anderson and sophomore Matthew Buerger also set new program marks Friday, with Anderson’s 3:43.82 in the 400-yard individual medley and Buerger’s 47.17 in the leadoff, 100-yard backstroke leg of the 400-yard medley relay.

The Irish continued their torrent of success in the four-day meet’s final two sessions Saturday. Stephens added another gold to his weekend haul in the 200-yard breaststroke. His time of 53.34 was also good for ACC meet and Notre Dame records. Dyer and Anderson each broke another mark in the 100-yard freestyle and 200-yard backstroke, respectively. Junior John Williamson’s 1:43.09 in the 200-yard butterfly netted him a record in the morning’s prelims, and he locked down fifth place in the event in finals. Kevin Hughes closed out the Irish deluge of records for the weekend with his program-best 15:47.0 in the 1,650-yard freestyle.

Notre Dame earned 907.5 points to finish sixth overall in the meet. Virginia Tech was the ACC champion with 1,264.5 points, while North Carolina State and North Carolina rounded out the top three.

Overall, the Irish established 15 new program marks, earned five A-cuts and 59 B-cuts and NCAA invitations and garnered four all-conference accolades — three for Stephens and one for Dyer.

The A-cuts and NCAA invitations automatically qualify for NCAA Championships, while the swimmers who finished with B-cuts are under consideration and must wait to see if their times are fast enough to make the field for the national meet.

After those times are determined, Notre Dame next competes at the NCAA Championship program from March 27 to 29 at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center in Austin, Texas.

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Notre Dame splits Irish Classic

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Notre Dame rebounded after losses to No. 19 UCLA and Michigan to beat Youngstown State and Appalachian State this weekend at the USA Baseball-Irish Classic in Cary, N.C.

“Second weekend in a row where I think we were knocking on the door of being 3-1 or even maybe 4-0,” Irish coach MIk Aoki said.

The Irish (3-6) lost to the defending national champion Bruins (7-4) on Friday night 2-1 despite sixinnings of two-hit ball from senior right-hander Sean Fitzgerald (2-3). Notre Dame managed just one hit off of UCLA sophomore right-hander James Kaprielian in eight innings.

“That’s UCLA MO,” Aoki said.

“They pitch the heck out of it and they try to make a couple of runs stand up. They were able to do that.”

Helped by a hit batsman, an error and a passed ball, the Bruins jumped out to an early 2-0 lead on Notre Dame in the first two innings. Fitzgerald allowed only two Bruins to reach second base in his final four innings.

“When you give two runs away to a club like UCLA who pitches it as well as they do and who’s as comfortable playing with a one or two-run lead like they are, it’s difficult,” Aoki said.

“That was their recipe for winning the national championship last year and unfortunately for us, we’ve seen that recipe be successful against us two years in a row now.”

The Irish also lost to UCLA 2-1, last year in Los Angeles. Fitzgerald also started that game, pitching six innings and giving up one earned run.

“We just didn’t get that equalizer and that go-ahead the last year or this year,” Aoki said. “It’s somewhat the nature of baseball and when you go against a team with the kind of arms UCLA has, you understand that runs are going to be at a premium.”

In the first game of a double-header Saturday, Michigan (2-8) beat Notre Dame 4-2, in 10 innings.

The Irish wasted another solid starting pitching effort, this time from sophomore right-hander Nick McCarthy. McCarthy threw 7 1/3 innings and allowed two runs on five hits.
Irish come up short in Senior-Day defeat

Pittsburgh dominates glass, beats Notre Dame 85-81 in OT

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Pittsburgh cleaned the glass before shutting Notre Dame's comeback bid with an 85-81 overtime win over the Irish on Senior Day.

The Panthers (22-7, 10-6 ACC) grabbed 21 offensive boards on their way to 21 second-chance points as they out rebounded Notre Dame (15-15, 6-11) 38-22. The Irish shot 23 fewer shots than the Panthers, who put up 65 shots.

"For a team that puts a lot of shooters out there, you’ve got to hurt them in other ways and that’s what we did,” Pittsburgh coach Jamie Dixon said. “You always love seeing good rebounding because it’s such an effort stat, and that’s why we’re so good at it.”

Redshirt senior Talib Zanna led the Panthers with 14 rebounds, including 10 offensive, and added 14 points.

"They just do a great job of attacking the boards,” Irish senior guard Eric Atkins said. “They’re athletic and I think they just beat us up. I’m not exactly sure why it was so tough.”

The Irish are now 3-0 when they are outrebounded by their opponent and drop to .500 heading into their final regular season game at No. 19 North Carolina. In Wednesday’s win over Georgia Tech, Notre Dame was plus-three in the rebounding battle.

"As good as our big guys were Wednesday, it was a tough night for them today,” Irish coach Mike Brey said.

After trailing by 12 in the first half, Pittsburgh opened up a seven-point edge with 6:24 left in the second half, but the Irish stormed back despite shooting 74 percent from the field and 78 percent from the field and 78 percent from the charity stripe in overtime to secure the win. Ju...
ND bests Virginia Tech for first ACC win

By KATIE HEIT
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The No. 12 Irish snapped up their first ACC win with an 18-9 victory over Virginia Tech on Sunday.

Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said the first conference win is a confidence boost going forward in her team’s first season in the ACC.

“I think obviously we’re really excited to get that win under our belt,” Halfpenny said. “I’m really proud of the girls with the way they did it. They really played our style of lacrosse and it was a really balanced effort playing at the peak of speed and the style that really exhibits all our strength. I give a lot of credit for the players to come out and play and get our first victory in the ACC and get us some confidence moving forward.”

Notre Dame (3-2, 1-2 ACC) pulled ahead early against the Hokies (3-2, 0-1) with a goal from sophomore attack Rachel Sexton just 30 seconds into the game. The Irish scored four more times in the following six minutes to take a 5-1 lead. A single goal from Virginia Tech lowered the gap to four with 23:21 remaining in the first half.

The Hokies put four more shots past junior goalkeeper Allie Murray in the first half, but the Irish offense proved too much for Virginia Tech. Sexton scored twice more before the end of the half, freshman attack Cortney Fortunato notched three in the first period and junior midfielder Caitlin Gargan closed out the half with two goals in the final 2:05. Single goals from freshman midfielder Alex Dalton, freshman attack Grace Muller and sophomore midfielder Hannah Hartman brought the score to 11-5 at the end of the first half.

Virginia Tech defense was able to slow the Irish a bit in the second period but could not prevent seven more goals for Notre Dame before the end of regulation. The Hokies started the second period with three goals in the first eight minutes, two on free-position shots, to bring the score to 11-8 with 22:39 remaining. The Irish responded with a 7-1 run in the remainder of the game to bring the final score to 18-9 and give the team its first ACC victory.

Gargan notched two more tallies in the second period, while sophomore midfielder Brie Custis, sophomore attack Kiera McMullan, freshman midfielder Casey Pearsall and senior attack Lauren Sullivan each got their first and only goals of the game. Muller rounded out the scoring for the Irish for her second goals of the game.

Murray had six saves in the first half before ceding her position to freshman goalkeeper Liz O’Sullivan, who recorded three stops in the second half. The Irish outshot the Hokies 35-26.

Notre Dame’s next contest will be against rival Northwestern on Wednesday. Halfpenny said Notre Dame’s victory against the Hokies will help carry them into the matchup.

“Seeing we have the ability to use different players to score is huge going to Northwestern,” Halfpenny said. “We have a huge battle with them … and having that nice offensive flow is going to help against Northwestern.”

Halfpenny said the early exposure Notre Dame has had to top teams so early in the season will give the Irish a leg up against the Wildcats (3-0).

“We were exposed to hard teams early and we learn to make adjustments,” Halfpenny said. “We’re going to use that going forward to Northwestern.”

The Irish are back in action Wednesday when they face Northwestern in Evanston, Ill. at 9:30 p.m.

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Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Ash Wednesday begins a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for the celebration of Easter. We remember Jesus’ forty days in the desert and our responsibility to care for those who today languish in “deserts” of their own. During this Lenten season, let us strive to turn from selfish ways, draw closer to God and grow in compassion for all in need.

I invite you to join me this Ash Wednesday in prayer and fasting for immigrant families and for humane immigration reform. Pope Francis has challenged us to reject the “globalization of indifference” toward the plight of migrants, and to imitate the Good Samaritan who “saw and was moved with compassion”. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for legislative reform in our nation that is not focused only on law enforcement, but includes also a process for earned legalization, a future worker program, protection for families, the restoration of due process for immigrants and initiatives that address the root causes of migration (Catholic Church’s Position on Immigration Reform, USCCB, August 2013). On March 2-5, Notre Dame will host a conference on The Church and Immigration, welcoming bishops, scholars, and other church leaders to discuss issues around migration. I invite you to join me in prayer for just and compassionate treatment of immigrants in our country and around the world.

Let us pray this Lent that God will touch our hearts and deepen a sense of solidarity with all people, particularly those in greatest need.

In Notre Dame,

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Junior guard Madison Cable surveys the floor during Notre Dame’s 100-75 win over North Carolina at Purcell Pavilion on Thursday.

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accelerated in the second half, during which time the Irish out-scored the Wolfpack 48-32.

“We were able to stay in the game, and then at the end of the half we got free for a couple of good looks and made a couple of free throws,” McGraw said. “And I thought that gave us momentum, and then we started the second half well.”

Senior forward Natalie Achonwa led the way for the Irish with 19 points, and four Irish players scored in double digits. Sophomore guard Jewell Loyd supplied 18 points, and senior guard Kayla McBride and senior forward Ariel Braker added 12 points apiece.

“Braker’s all-around performance, which included eight rebounds, particularly stood out, McGraw said.

“Incredible — she was phenomenal,” McGraw said. “I thought she was player of the game. She rebounded, she scored, she did a nice job defensively. She really played well.”

Wolfpack freshman guard Mash Spencer sparked production for NC State on offense with 18 points. Senior forward Kody Burke and senior center Markisha Gatling provided support with 15 and 12 points, respectively.

As a whole, however, the Wolfpack could not find a consistent rhythm on offense, as the Irish held the home team to 38.1 percent shooting. Notre Dame shot 56.1 percent from the field and also bested NC State in the free throw category, with 18-of-19 shooting compared to NC State’s 6-of-11 performance from the line.

The Irish also outrebounded NC State, 41-27, with Braker’s eight boards leading the way. McBride and Irish freshman forward Taya Reimer posted seven rebounds each.

Notre Dame prevented the Wolfpack from making second-chance shot attempts by snagging 31 defensive rebounds and holding NC State to just 11 offensive rebounds. The Irish recorded 10 offensive rebounds.

Next up for Notre Dame is the ACC tournament, which will take place from March 7-9 in Greensboro, N.C. The NCAA championship follows, with the first round beginning March 22.

“It’s a good way to go into the tournament,” McGraw said. “I think we feel good. We really need a couple of days’ rest to prepare for it because it’s going to be brutal. … No matter who you’re playing, you’re probably playing a team that’s going to the NCAA tournament, so it’s going to be a battle.”

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to compensate for lack of height and size.

140-pounds: Niels Seim def. Alex Bogucki-Baran

The bout started slow but heated up in the final round. Senior captain Seim came away with his first championship after a referee- stoppage in round three. In the first round, both fighters started slow and sized each other up in the opening seconds. Seim initiated the first contact with a hard right hook landing hooks to Bogucki-Baran’s body. The junior Bogucki-Baran retaliated with occasional hooks and jabs. He seemed to focus his energy on defense. Seim picked up the intensity in the second round, throwing a barrage of hooks and jabs to Bogucki-Baran’s body, forcing him towards the corners. The bout was paused after one of the graduate student’s powerful right hooks bloodied Bogucki-Baran’s nose. When the fight resumed, Bogucki-Baran rallied to finish the second round with a strong left hook carried over to the third round, Bogucki-Baran went on the offensive and tried to knock Seim off balance, but Seim did not let up as he landed combinations, particularly percs and jabs forced the referee to stop the bout.

Despite the outcome, Seim recognized Bogucki-Baran’s preparation and hard work.

“He did a great job preparing for the fight,” Seim said. “He knew my strongest punch was my right hook, at least my favorite punch.”

For Seim, the win meant a lot since the last two times he appeared in the finals, he walked away without a championship.

“Two years ago I lost [in the finals],” Seim said. “This is something I really wanted.” Part of me when I was looking to come to Notre Dame, I was looking at the Bengal Bouts program and I was looking for the boxers that I came so close twice, now finally to get my 1st, it’s incredible.

Being a senior captain, all together, it’s pretty incredible.

146-pounds: Chris Tricarico def. Garrett “Feds” Schmelling

In one of the most evenly matched bouts of the afternoon, the 146-pound weight division fi-
al, Tricarico and Schmelling squared off with the junior Tricarico taking the win over the freshman Schmelling. From the bell, Tricarico unleashed an all-out assault, throwing hooks and shots that came so close twice, now finally to get my 1st, it’s incredible.

The freshman from Fisher tried to put a stop to the onslaught with his own combination, but Tricarico continued to hammer away and powered through the first round.

In the second round, Schmelling found his rhythm, landing hooks to Tricarico's body through punches and hooks in his defense. Tricarico tried to respond with combinations, hurting Schmelling's head. The junior Schmelling never evaded all of the punches and continued to efficiently land to Tricarico's body and head. In the final round, Schmelling's comeback stalled, and Tricarico put Schmelling away with several powerful shots to the body and head, winning the championship.

Although Tricarico won the bout, he was very impressed with how well Schmelling, a novice, fought.

“I was incredibly impressed with him,” Tricarico said. “I’ve been doing this a whole year longer than him at this point. I kind of had him no training before. I think it was my experience kicking in (at the end of the fight!).”

151-pounds: Ben “Danger Zone” Eichler def. Patrick “Bedrock” Flint

This thrilling bout featured a senior champion and defending champion in Eichler going up against a fighter in Flint who was the defending champion in the 146-pound weight division.

The freshman evaded nearly all of Eichler's punches. In his defense, Eichler tried to connect with Schmelling's head. From the bell, Tricarico unleashed the 146-pound weight division fight. The freshmen were even throughout the first round trading jabs and hooks. Both fighters spent the first round fighting defensively. In the second round, Eichler was able to separate himself from the freshman by landing a searing right jab to Guiffel’s head, which caused Guiffel to screw up combinations that bloodied Guiffel’s nose. Guiffel ended the round on a strong note, however, landing a series of hard jabs of his own. In the final round, Guiffel did everything he could to make up ground, pushing Eichler into the ropes and counters with combinations of his own. Guiffel's jab was strong and powerful, landing jabs to Guiffel’s head. When Grasso went on the offensive, Ellinwood defended his position, and he delivered occasional counter jabs and hooks. The match once again turned towards Grasso’s favor as he finished the second round with a combination to Grasso’s head and Ellinwood’s exposed body. In the third and final round, Grasso made a valiant effort to put Ellinwood down. Ellinwood countered with strong jabs of his own to end Grasso’s series of uppercuts. Ellinwood boxed Grasso out of Grasso’s reach, landing jabs to Grasso’s side. Grasso retaliated with occasional hooks to the body. The junior b ogucki-baran focused his energy on defense. Seim retaliated with occasional hooks to the body. The junior Bogucki-Baran focused his energy on defense. Seim retaliated with occasional hooks to the body. The junior Bogucki-Baran focused his energy on defense. Seim retaliated with occasional hooks to the body. The junior Bogucki-Baran focused his energy on defense. Seim retaliated with occasional hooks to the body. The junior Bogucki-Baran focused his energy on defense. Seim retaliated with occasional hooks to the body. 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84th Bengal Bouts crowns champs

By MANNY DE JESUS, BRIAN PLAMONDON, CHRISTINA KOCHANSKI and GREG HAILEY

Sports Writers

134-pounds: Andy “Fisticuffs” Fausone def. Daniel “Jet” Lee

The 84th edition of the Bengal Bouts Finals started off with a fight defined by speed from both boxers, with the junior Fausone coming out on top by unanimous decision over the sophomore Lee. Fausone started the bout with quick blows to Lee's head and body, but Lee regained momentum with several jabs of his own. Fausone was able to put a halt to the offensive attack with a strong right hook to Lee's head and continued his strong start into the second round, forcing Lee to fight defensively. Lee attempted to turn the fight around with quick jabs, but Fausone's speed overcame Lee's rally as he countered with a left jab to Lee's temple. “I knew he needed the points, so he was trying to push it, and I think I fight best when I'm the one being the aggressor, so I just brought it right back,” Fausone said. He was able to use his speed to get him to the finals, and he used that speed to come away with the title. “Most of the guys I fight have been taller than me, bigger than me — at least in practice” Fausone said. “I find that speed is the easiest way to make their first ACC game unforgettable.”

By SAMANTHA ZUBA

No. 1 Notre Dame (2-1, 1-0) with an 11-10 comeback victory Saturday afternoon in Chapel Hill, N.C. The Irish trailed 8-3 early in the third quarter, but they managed five unanswered goals to tie the game by the first minute of the final period.

Heading into the second half, the Irish were able to maintain their composure. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. “The biggest thing we talked about (at halftime) was not to panic,” he said. “We wanted to stay the course, because I thought we played well in first half. We were doing a lot of great things but weren’t having much luck. Our quality of play was good, so our focus was to stay the course.”

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MEN’S LACROSSE | ND 11, NORTH CAROLINA 10

By KIT LOUGHRAN  
Sports Writer

The Irish did not fail to make their first ACC game unforgettable. No. 11 Notre Dame (2-1, 1-0) beat No. 2 North Carolina (3-1, 0-1) with an 11-10 comeback victory Saturday afternoon in Chapel Hill, N.C. The Irish trailed 8-3 early in the third quarter, but they managed five unanswered goals to tie the game by the first minute of the final period.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL | ND 84, NORTH CAROLINA STATE 60

Perfect ending

By SANITHA ZUBA  
Sports Writer

The No. 2 Irish capped their undefeated regular season Sunday with an 84-60 win over No. 13 NC State at Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh, N.C. Notre Dame (29-0, 16-0 ACC) wrapped up the ACC regular-season championship on Feb. 23 with an 81-70 win over Duke and followed that accomplishment up one week later by defeating NC State (24-6, 11-5) and winning its 32nd consecutive regular-season game, a school record.

“We’re thrilled that we are where we are right now,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “It’s very rewarding to go undefeated in the regular season. I think it shows what this team is made of in terms of their work ethic, their mental toughness to go

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HOCKEY | ND 2, BOSTON COLLEGE 1 (OT)

ND knocks off top-ranked BC

By JACK HEFFERON  
Sports Writer

On paper, the game didn’t mean much. The eventual results of the weekend’s games in Hockey East ensured that, whether they had won or lost against No. 1 Boston College on Saturday, No. 14 Notre Dame would still end up as the eighth-seed in the conference tournament.

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