Sprint CEO donates to University
Notre Dame alumnus and wife make endowed gift to ND, Boys & Girls Club

By LESLEY STEVENSON
News Editor

Sprint CEO and Notre Dame alumnus Daniel Hesse and his wife Diane made an endowed gift to the University as well as a donation to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America to bolster an ongoing partnership between the two organizations, according to a press release issued March 7 by the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Joseph County (BGSCIC).

“The two service organizations that I have devoted the lion's share of my time to for many years are the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Notre Dame,” Hesse said. “Each institution is different, but both have much in common.”

“Believe that each is the best organization of its kind in the world, and both are deeply committed to community service, so it was logical to think about a gift that would involve the two institutions together.”

The Hesses’ total contribution contains two components, BGSCC executive director Joy Fitzgerald Kelly said. The larger portion, an endowed gift of an undisclosed amount to Notre Dame, will support the hiring of a new “full-time community-based learning and volunteer coordinator who will act as a liaison among students, teachers, parents and other community members.”

The second component, a gift to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, was made to “bolster an ongoing partnership between the two institutions,” Kelly said.

Michael said she has found her niche in the mathematics department at Saint Mary’s, which has become “her home away from home.”

As president of Indiana Epsilon, the College’s chapter of the Pi Mu Epsilon (PME) Mathematical Honors Society, Michaels, raised money to send nine members to the Joint Mathematics Meeting in Baltimore.

These sales were record-breaking, and more importantly, the number of members were able to send to the conference was also a new record,” Michaels said. “It was very exciting, and I have loved serving my term as president of PME.”

Chair of the mathematics department Colleen Hoover said Michaels’ dedication to raising money to send

SMC announces valedictorian

By KELLY KONYA
Saint Mary’s Editor

Senior Brianne Michaels, a computational mathematician major and economics minor, has been named Saint Mary’s College valedictorian, making her the student with the highest cumulative grade point average in the class of 2014.

Michaels, a native of Valparaiso, Ind., said she has had a love of math for as long as she can remember.

“The power of mathematics is so intriguing, and a major in mathematics leads to an endless number of career opportunities,”

Club Fever changes policies

By JACK ROONEY
Associate News Editor

Club Fever announced several safety policy changes following the March 1 shooting outside the club in downtown South Bend, club owner Dee Davis said last week.

The shooting occurred near the intersection of Michigan and Wayne streets as a crowd of people exited Club Fever in the early morning hours of March 1, according to a report in the South Bend Tribune.

In response to this incident, club owner Dee Davis said Club Fever will institute new safety and emergency policies.

“We are playing a [public service announcement] every hour that we are over 50 percent capacity that informs patrons of exit locations,” Davis said.

Davis said Club Fever will enforce an “increased scrutiny of false IDs.”

“It’s amazing how many Notre Dame students seem to come from Connecticut,” he said.

Club Fever will continue to prevent already intoxicated patrons from entering, Davis said.

“People are posting signage at the doors advising that it is against state law for us to knowingly admit visibly intoxicated persons,” he said.

“So if you want to get in, go easy and sober,”

Incident reported on campus

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI
Editor-in-Chief

A female Notre Dame graduate student was approached by a lone male suspect as she entered her car in the C1 (stadium) parking lot between approximately 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. March 10, according to an email sent March 11 from the Office of Campus Safety.

The email stated that the woman locked her car upon entering it, and the male attempted to enter the vehicle. The woman was able to drive safely away without further incident.

“Our concern has been heightened as [Notre Dame Security Police] learned this afternoon from our partner law enforcement agencies that similar incidents have occurred over the course of the past several weeks in the South Bend area under similar circumstances, including time of day,” the email stated.

Dave Chapman, deputy chief for Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP), said the incident paralleled others in the South Bend area that have drawn police attention.

“Recently, a subject has been panhandling in parking lots and has been stopped numerous times by the police,” Chapman said. “We do not know if any of the calls to area law enforcement and Notre Dame are related.”

“We want our students, faculty and staff to be aware of this incident that occurred on campus and the possibility of similar actions occurring elsewhere in the area.”

NDSP regularly patrols all areas of campus. In the email, the Office of Campus Safety said any suspicious activity should be reported immediately to NDSP.

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In celebration of St. Patrick’s Day, South Dining Hall served corned beef and Irish beef stew and had singers entertain students with iconic Irish and pop songs played during dinner Monday evening.

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SMC selects Emmy winner as commencement speaker

By EMILY KEFALAS
News Writer

Judith Mayotte, a humanitarians

Judith Mayotte, a humani-
tarian, professor, author and
Emmy Award-winning televi-
sion producer, will deliver the
167th Commencement address
at Saint Mary's College on May
17, according to a press release.

Mayotte and Helen Murray
Free, a pioneering chemist,
will receive honorary doctor of
degrees from the College at the

Mayotte for exemplifying a life
of dedicated service.

“From her Midwest roots in
Wichita, Kan., through her re-
markable career from convent,
to TV journalism, academia and
Cape Town, South Africa, Judith
Mayotte has demonstrated a
life of unstinting excellence in
service to the marginalized of
the world,” McElroy said.

In the 1960s, Mayotte taught in
the inner cities of Los Angeles.
Kansas City and Milwaukee as a
Sister of Charity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary, McElroy said.

In the next two decades, Mayotte
worked as a production

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on the pre-game.

Davis said these changes will be good for the students for whom the club is a popular destination. The biggest effect on the students will be that we will be more vigilant about admitting intoxicated patrons,” he said. “Students tend to want to save a couple of bucks and get blasted before they arrive, and some sneak in their own booze. If we see that, they won’t be admitted that evening.”

Davis said the club will also help intoxicated students make their way back home if they are not able to drive themselves.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Disneyland don’ts

Erin McAuliffe

This spring break on my trip to California (do not call it Cali ever, that is for the “nobs” according to locals) I spent some time at airport terminals and Disneyland. At both, I was required to wait in lines to ride things, pay too much for food and witness some awful fashion decisions.

Some see airports as an extension of their bedrooms, wearing everything from Snuggies to Juicy sweatsuits. Although, I admit, it is of the utmost importance to be comfortable on the impending flight, there are ways to accomplish this that do not involve bedazzled pink velour. If it were up to me, the TSA would have a fashion police division.

Besides sloopy clothing choices, there are also the inevitable people carrying pillows or even a Pillow Pet through the terminal. I understand that it makes a good flight nap, but the consequences are dire.

One of my friends insisted on carrying her moose Pillow Pet with her on the trip and ran into an interesting situation when we had to visit the restroom. Yes, the Pillow Pet entered the bathroom. It then sat next to an unassuming stranger for four hours. Snakes on planes would almost be a preferable animal encounter.

On the topic of animals, my trip to visit Disneyland also involved interesting stylistic choices. It was as if all the girls I had seen in the airport had shed their sweatsuits for short-shorts. I felt a little hesitant about my own outfit choice for the day — I had to wear my running shoes and therefore resembled a midwestern soccer mom prepared to chase her kids around all day — until I stepped out of the car and spotted an older lady in the parking lot with a shirt reading “Don’t Hate My Glam.” Now I’m all for sending the haters to the back, but wearing that on a shirt is a little too “#Teambold.” Also, I’m not sure what glamour she was referring to since she had on jean shorts, sneakers and a ponytail — the only “glam” insight was the sequin embellishment on her t-shirt.

From there it only got worse. There was a plethora of girls in sorority shirts, sporting Nike shorts and sneakers in juxtaposition to a plethora of girls in sorority shirts, sporting “glam.” Now I’m all for sending the haters to the back, but if someone puts his hand on you, send him to the cemetery.

Mia Lillis

We are ND

“Be peaceful, be courteous, obey the law, respect everyone.” Malcolm X.

Respect. A word most often associated with Aretha Franklin, respect can go by many other names in our society such as politeness, deference, courtesy, etiquette, reverence and obedience, to name a few. Respect is by and large considered to be a necessity in most social interactions. Even radical revolutionaries like Malcolm X recognized the importance of the age-old social nicety. But where exactly does respect come from? While little academic research exists concerning the broad topic of respect, a great deal of theory exists concerning politeness. Sociologists such as Erving Goffman, Penelope Brown and Stephen Levinson have identified politeness as a social ritual practiced by society in order to preserve each other’s “faces” or public identities.

When we enter the public, sociologists claim that we attempt to preserve our self-esteem and our sense of independence in action. Thus, politeness is a way to circumvent any threats to these qualities. For example, in order to avoid threatening a peer’s sense of independence in action, I may ask them to “Please help me out with the group’s Prezi. It’s not too much of a burden?” rather than demanding that they “should make the group’s Prezi.” In the latter case, the threat to independence in action is completely bare, while in the former, the threat to independence is masked by social niceties.

If we are to believe politeness theory, then this raises an inevitable question: why is it that humans are so affronted by a threat to their independence in action that they have created an entire (arguably time-wasting) linguistic system for avoiding these threats? Politeness theory would answer that such masking is necessary in order to ensure that all parties in a social interaction feel affirmed. Additionally, one could argue that masked threats to independence are necessary for preserving a sense of equality in interactions. This explanation becomes more interesting when one examines various contexts in which our society requires respectful behavior.

For example, the timeless adage, “respect your elders.” Several articles have already been written concerning the various problems with this proverb, such as its inherent ageism, arbitrariness and its unjustifiability (after all, when was the last time you were told to respect your elders only once they have earned your respect?). This cultural precept requires politeness on the part of the youth, but in no way requires an equal politeness from the elder. In this case, politeness and respect are being used to enforce a social hierarchy — and as a result, it is impossible for the primary actor deferring respect to remotely believe the social interaction to be an equal one.

The same can be said for another common social ritual: respect for authority. As early as the first days of class, our society runs on an eternal cycle of inherited, unquestioned authority, then perhaps, in the name of equality, we ought to be questioning, rather than blindly respecting authority. Anyone who demands your respect at the expense of your sense of self or basic human rights is clearly failing to treat you as an equal or as you deserve to be treated.

In the wise words of Malcolm X, “Be peaceful, be courteous, obey the law, respect everyone, but if someone puts his hand on you, send him to the cemetery.”

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

THE CRIMEA VOTE WAS FAIR AND LEGITIMATE. JUST ASK OUR INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS FROM NORTH KOREA.
It’s March, so let the madness begin

Griffin Adams
University of Utah

It’s that time of year again and I’m already starting to feel the effects. The brackets are out, the regions are set and every college basketball fan’s mind is now racing. There is a reason this season has become known as March Madness. It is absolute pandemonium. Between the upsets, buzzer beaters and Cinderella stories, the NCAA Tournament has become the most entertaining event in basketball and, quite frankly, in all of sports.

Before you start to fill out your brackets, here are some tips to keep in mind.

The most important rule to remember while putting together your bracket is that your “real” or “serious” bracket will always suck. That’s just the way the college basketball gods like to have it. All the top teams are top teams for a reason and should make their way to the Sweet Sixteen, Elite Eight or Final Four, right? False. There has only been one time in the history of the Tournament, when Kansas won the title in 2008, in which all the No. 1 seeds made it to the Final Four. That said, there have only been two times in history in which No. 1 seeds made the Final Four. Yeah, I’m confused, too.

Personally, I hate the top teams and will always cheer for the underdogs. Is that necessarily the smartest thing to do when filling out a bracket? No, but don’t count out some of the lower seeds or mid-majors. In the past two seasons, a No. 15 seed has upset a No. 2 seed three times. Some may remember Florida Gulf Coast and its magical run to the Sweet Sixteen last season as a 15 seed, but the thing is, there is a team like that every year.

That’s the tricky part of picking a bracket — who will be this year’s Cinderella? It’s easy to pick the top teams against inferior opponents, but picking the one team that will upset supposedly superior talent is the real challenge.

Remember, when picking a Cinderella team, look at experience. It is hard enough for a team with the most highly touted freshmen to make a deep run in the Tournament, but now imagine a mid-major team trying to do it. They need to have some experienced players and good coaching.

Another tip that may prove helpful is looking at the last 10 games of the regular season, including a team’s respective conference tournament. Teams that play well at the end of the season tend to carry that momentum into the tournament, which could ultimately lead to an upset or championship run.

Will any of these tips work? There’s a good chance everything I have told you will be extremely wrong and your bracket will be the worst in your pool. That’s the beauty of March Madness, though. Truthfully, no matter how dumb a bracket may look, everyone has a shot.

A few years back, I had a friend who knows nothing about basketball and picked the entire bracket solely based off the team’s colors. Her eventual champion was Florida, and guess who won the Championship that year? Yup, the Gators.

Whether you choose statistically, analytically or just by a team’s mascot, it truly does not matter. Fill out a bracket or two, because chances are that no matter how smart you think you are, your bracket will still have a ton of red on it, and you will lose a lot of money.

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**Scene Writer**

Abnormally green colored food is generally a sign that it must be spoiled and inedible. However, there is one day a year when green food is intentionally served and celebrated: St. Patrick’s Day.

Once, my mom decided to get in the St. Patrick’s Day spirit and make us an entirely green breakfast. She added green food dye to our milk and served green eggs with green pancakes. Although it tasted the same, there is something about green food, especially in the morning, that left me unsure of how to feel about what I had just ingested.

I may be irresolute in my feelings toward dyed green foods – part of me wants to be spirited but the other part is saying, “I do not like green eggs and ham. I do not like them, Sam-I-Am!” – however, there are a few green things in this world that I am completely sure of my stance on.

### Elphaba: Perhaps the most misunderstood, cruelly represented character in modern times, Elphaba, the young version of the green Wicked Witch of the West in the “Wizard of Oz,” had me shedding tears during “Wicked.” She was a free spirit who dealt with glitzy narcissistic Glinda even though she had no interest in being “pop-uuu-lar.” She is later framed and made to look evil in the musical, so she defies gravity on her broom and leaves Oz. She is such a strong female lead who doesn’t let the haters get her down.

**Edamame:** This wonder-bean provides me with the protein I need when the grilled chicken in the dining hall is inedible. It tastes great salted and it is so fun to pop the beans straight out of the pod.

**Money:** “Cash Rules Everything Around Me” – Wu Tang Clan

The Green Light: One of the first times I saw a deeper meaning in a literary work, the green light in “The Great Gatsby” comes to represent hope, specifically Gatsby’s hope to carry out his dream of reliving his past with Daisy. (Not to mention, green lights on the road are rather great.) I also just loved this book and have since tried to emulate Daisy whenever applicable. For example, I cut my hair into a pixie and own too many embellished, flapper-inspired dresses.

Kermit: “Okay, Kermit thinks, “It’s not easy being green;” however, he ultimately accepts and enjoys it. He comes to realize, “I am green, and it’ll do fine. It’s beautiful, and I think it’s what I want to be.” Kermit is adorable and manages to put up with Miss Piggy’s pursuit of him.

### The Wicked Witch of The West: She filled my childhood with green nightmares. Her cackle and herd of flying monkeys succeeded in terrifying me. When she set the scarecrow on fire, it was the last straw.

**Pears:** They’re mussy and hard to eat. They are too small to pierce but also roll off forks. I can’t eat them without spilling half the floor on.

**Money:** “It’s like the more money we come across the more problems we see.” – The Notorious B.I.G.

**Algae:** I avoid this stuff when swimming in the lake and yet it manages to get stuck under my swim cap. Also, they sometimes sneak it into smoothies and juices, which is questionable. Algae overall is pretty putrid.

**Unripe Bananas:** Also, ripe bananas. I hate bananas. They are the grossest texture and they stink, literally. The smell infiltrates any food around them. In grade school, my friends and I would trade lunch food. Grace sometimes had bananas in her lunch, and one time I traded her my chips for her Goldfish and all the Goldfish tasted like bananas. The incident was a tragedy and I never traded with Grace again.

I hope your St. Patrick’s Day was filled with the former green things and devoid of the latter. Especially unripe bananas.

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### By ALLIE TOLLAKSEN

**Scene Editor**

March 9 marked the beginning of a new “Cosmos,” a continuation of or sequel to Carl Sagan’s beloved 13-part series, which premiered in 1980. This time around, “Cosmos: A Personal Voyage” is retitled “Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey” and features the beloved astrophysicist and science spokesperson Neil DeGrasse Tyson as its host. Like the original “Cosmos,” the series features a modern version of Sagan’s “Spaceship of the Imagination,” this time with Tyson traversing the universe with, of course, some seriously updated animation and information.

The show’s pilot updated Sagan’s spaceship and was a nod to the original “Cosmos” in many ways. Discussing the history of the universe, Tyson employed the “cosmic calendar” seen in the original program, scaling the time of the Big Bang to today in just one calendar year.

Along with our knowledge about the universe and life on Earth, other things have changed between the original and new “Cosmos.” While the original series featured compositions from Greek composer Vangelis, exposing him to an American audience, the new series employs an already-familiar composer. Scored exclusively by Alan Silvestri (“Forrest Gump” and “Polar Express”), the soundtrack to “A Spacetime Odyssey” is a beautiful accompaniment to the breathtaking animation of the Spaceship of Imagination soaring through the solar system.

But not all changes were as welcomed. Rather than live-action historical reenactments or basic descriptions of science history, the new show’s pilot featured artistic animation (think “The Tale of the Three Brothers” from the seventh Harry Potter movie) to tell the story of 16th century Italian Giordano Bruno’s vision of universe. This part ended up a little more distracting than informative, and due to its heavy criticism of the Church, received plenty of criticism itself.

The animation style works slightly better in the show’s second episode, where it is used to describe speciation and evolution in a scene with animated bears, and over-all, the show so far has managed to blend old elements of Sagan’s original series with new science and technology rather impressively.

The pilot closed on a heartwarming note, with Tyson walking along a beach and speaking to the camera about the origins of life just as Sagan did three decades ago. Tyson not only gives a glimpse into Earth’s history but also discloses his history with Sagan himself and his origins as a scientist. Tyson talks about the story of meeting Sagan as a young boy, explaining that he was not only an inspiration to the young, aspiring scientist, but a mentor and friend. With that, “Cosmos” doesn’t just revamp a classic, but pays homage to the scientist who convinced 600 million viewers around the world to tune in and learn about the universe in 1980.

It will be interesting to see how “Cosmos” tackles the variety of scientific topics Sagan covered in his original program and whether the show will draw and keep viewers in a time when seeing images of outer space isn’t as novel as it once was. In a recent interview with Parade, Tyson cited the popularity of scientific series, like “CSI” and movies like “Gravity” as evidence that an American audience is interested in something like “Cosmos.” However, the show’s executive producer Seth MacFarlane (yes, that Seth MacFarlane) has mentioned in recent interviews that trusting an audience to watch such a science-heavy series every week is risky.

However risky, both host and producer have stressed the importance of opening the eyes of audiences to not just the wonders of the world but the importance of scientific thinking, and for that “Cosmos” should be commended. And with two excellent episodes under their belts and a pilot that racked up a reported 17.5 million viewers, it looks like McFarland and Tyson have nothing to worry about.

“Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey” airs Sundays at 9 p.m. on Fox or can be viewed online at www.cosmosontv.com.

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The Adult Swim animated series “Rick and Morty,” created by Justin Roiland and Dan Harmon of Channel 101, began its first season in early December of last year.

After a break during the Winter Olympics, the show returned on March 10th to finish up the back half of its first season run. Only a few weeks into its airing, Adult Swim renewed the series for a second season, and high ratings in its timeslot ensure that the show will continue to be around for a while.

“Rick and Morty” centers around a crackpot scientist, Rick, and the outlandish, technology-influenced misadventures of his and his unconscious, nervous grand-son, Morty. The concept comes from Roiland’s disturbing animated short positioning “Back to the Future” might have been like if Doc Brown were a child molester. Scaling back from that crude, one-note parody and steering away from the movie series in general, Roiland and Harmon developed the show for an interested Adult Swim. Together, they combine the former’s familiarity with weird fantasy from his work on “Adventure Time” with the latter’s penchant for somber heart in wackily-comedies, showcased throughout his live-action sitcom “Community.”

The duo’s unique backgrounds and expertise have aligned immediately, given the strength of the first seven episodes. “Rick and Morty” tends to tackle some fairly deep ethical and moral dilemmas concerning the titular characters — aliens that, still, have an absolute fear of nakedness, resulting in the duo running around in the nude for much of the episode.

Rathere demented and crude, the show still manages to display its heart when necessary. In fact, it does so in a stark manner often not seen in any television series, let alone a ridiculous, animated show for adults. Particularly, this realistic melancholy comes from the relationships between the show’s five family members. Morty’s parents have their issues as husband and wife, and Rick’s ongoing endeavors surrounding their family only act to exacerbate them. With all the sci-fi notions, these character beats and conflicts remain believable due to strong voice acting, animation and writing, and they help to ground even the most absurd moments in bitter reality.

Each episode that has aired thus far has featured at least two or three major talking points to explore, both within the context of harder science and social human-ity. This speaks volumes to the strength of the series, ably melding the two while staying supremely funny in such a short amount of time. Expectations remain extremely high for the final few episodes of the first season, as well as the already confirmed second season.

Adult Swim and the show’s staff have done very well with making the episodes available freely for free online, whether on YouTube, the Adult Swim website, or even releasing an episode early via 15-second videos on social media site Instagram. Catch-up through these services and watch Monday’s at 10:30 PM on Adult Swim.

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“GIRL”

By THOM BEHRENS
Scene Writer

Last year, R&B singer, recording artist and hip-hop, electro and pop producer Pharrell came back into the spotlight with guest appearances on the tracks “Lose Yourself to Dance” and “Get Lucky” on Daft Punk’s album “Random Access Memories.” While his vocal performance relied completely on an underwhelming use of his charming falsetto, he undoubtedly deserves thanks for helping the French duo bring funk back into the pop music scene. After a hit year filled with albums pushing this same disco-esque agenda, Pharrell has tried his hand at recording his own work again with “GIRL,” released March 3. While Pharrell does a wondrous job bringing back the appeal of slower, dance-paced pop songs led by click drums, clean guitar and synth progressions, he has failed at moving the genre forward.

His first track, “Marilyn Monroe,” is a different foreground put to the same scenery as Daft Punk’s album opener, “Give Life Back to Music.” And just as Daft Punk utilized Pharrell’s signature falsetto on their lead single, his own “Gust of Wind” uses the violin movement and talk-box vocals that have now become synonymous with Daft Punk.

However, Pharrell does not owe his sexy, sweet and sour synth symphony to Daft Punk, who purposefully tried to move away from analog on their latest album. “The 20/20 experience” (albeit, Timberlake duets strongly of Justin Timberlake’s intriguing and saucy dance music. Pharrell, while obliging our ears and giving us an excellent dance album, has failed to contribute anything new to the trend of pop music.

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The perfect imperfection

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Sports Writer

I once had a classmate ask me if I fill out my NCAA bracket by picking the teams with the prettiest uniforms. It remains, to this day, the most offensive thing anyone has ever asked me. Part of my indignation stemmed from the implication that a girl could not possibly watch enough basketball to intelligently fill out her own bracket. The rest came from the fact that I actually do fill out my brackets using completely arbitrary and unreasonable criteria, but I like to think my own methods are much more creative and entertaining than picking pretty colors.

Let’s be honest about bracketology: even the experts aren’t very good at it. Like Cubs fans at spring training, at this point in the game we are all filled with an inordinate amount of optimism. We take a fond look at our still-unsmirched optimism. We take a fond look at our still-unsmirched optimism. We take a fond look at our still-unsmirched optimism. We take a fond look at our still-unsmirched optimist.

Let’s face it: if you really, really dislike a school or a coach, it is no fun to pick that team to win it all (even when you know they have the best chance). So let you own prejudices make your decisions for you. You can’t stand Duke, so every year I have it losing by the second round (Mercer, the pressure’s on you). My fondness for UConn means I give the Huskies one more win than anyone would reasonably expect, and I always give the benefit of the doubt to small, Midwestern, private schools that no one has ever heard of in any other context. Problems with this method: When Duke does win, I’m doubly angry.

Impossible Names

The only thing better than awesome names? Hearing over-exaggerated boasts. Announcers stumble over “Arcidiacono” when calling a Villanova game. Problems with this method: No. 2, Louisville, “Ridiculous” does not count.

Prettiest Uniforms

Okay, I’ve already said I don’t approve of strategy. But let’s look at the numbers: UCLA and North Carolina, both known for their particularly attractive blue uniforms, have won a combined 16 national championships since 1920. Those are pretty good odds.

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Irish fall outdoors to Trojans

By Greg Hadley
Associate Sports Editor

Going up against one of the most dominant programs of the last decade, No. 8 Notre Dame was swept away by No. 4 USC on Friday in Los Angeles, losing 7-0 and dropping every point for the first time this season.

“USC is a great team,” Irish coach Ryan Sachire said. “They’ve won four of the last five national championships, and they’ve been a consistent presence in the top five for the last decade or so. So we knew going in that it would be a tough match for us to win. But at the same time, we did not perform at a level that we’ve played at in other matches this year.”

The Trojans (15-2) feature five ranked singles players, including two in the country’s top 15, and rolled past the Irish (11-5, 1-2 ACC), not losing a set in singles play. Sachire said some of his squad’s poor play could be blamed on the outdoor playing surface.

“Part of (the problem) was due to that we were playing our first outdoor match of the year,” Sachire said. “The style of tennis that wins outdoors compared to the style that wins indoors is a little bit different. It’s a little slower, you have to be more patient and make better decisions. … From my experience, the first match outdoors is always a little bit difficult because you’re adjusting to that particular style of play.”

In doubles, the eighth-ranked Trojan duo of senior Ray Sarmiento and junior Yannick Hanfmann downed sophomore Alex Lawson and senior Greg Andrews, who entered the match ranked 18th in the nation, 7-5, 6-3. “USC did a great job of making us work for everything that we got,” Sachire said. “In certain circumstances, we tried to be a little too offensive. We tried to pull the trigger too early and go for winners when they weren’t there. … I think we needed this, and it was a great learning experience for us.”

With the loss, the Irish have dropped two straight matches against top-10 competition and have yet to record a victory in March. Sachire said some of the team’s struggles have come from the middle of the lineup.

“USC blanked the Irish 7-0 on Friday at Marks Stadium in Los Angeles.

“Greg Andrews and [sophomore] Quentin Monaghan did a good job of adjusting to the conditions, but Eddy and Ryan were still playing indoor tennis. So we’ve talked about it and done some drills in practice. They’re going to learn from it.”

“We got beat by a team that was better than us on that particular day,” he said. “We’re making a very concerted effort to not buy into that notion if we play them again, we can’t win. We can beat them, and we just need to work and play better.”

The Irish take the court and look to rebound on the road Friday against Clemson at 2:30 p.m. in Clemson, S.C.

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Irish place fifth in Naples

By KIT LOUGHRAN
Sports Writer

The Irish held on to finish fifth at the Talis Park Challenge at the Talis Park Golf Club in Naples, Fla., on Sunday and Monday.

Notre Dame took fifth out of 14 teams after three rounds in the two-day tournament with a score of 908 (299-295-314). The Irish sat in third place overall after the tournament’s first two rounds, which took place Sunday.

“As a team we definitely played better day one of the tournament,” senior captain Niall Platt said. “We were in decent position to make a move [Monday], but we had to count a couple of really high scores, which made it impossible to move up the leaderboard.”

Two Notre Dame golfers — Platt and junior Patrick Grahek — notched top-10 individual finishes, Platt in a tie for third and Grahek in a tie for seventh.

Platt’s six birdies in his second round highlighted his overall one-over-par finish at 217. “I was happy with the way I played individually,” Platt said. “Definitely gave away some shots when I didn’t need to, but I fought hard considering I didn’t have my best stuff. I gave myself a chance to win, which is always my goal.

“I wasn’t quite able to get the job done but I can’t complain with a T-3 finish.” Grahek also completed his best 18 holes in his even second round and compiled an overall 4-over 220.

Though the team secured a top-five finish, Grahek said the Irish did not play the course the best that they could have.

“As a team, we were right there going into the final round [Monday],” Grahek said. “Unfortunately, we couldn’t finish on the strong note we wanted to, but we are only beginning our spring and have a long way to go.

“I felt as though we had as much potential as the players on Vanderbilt who ended up winning the tournament. We’re close, and we’ll get there soon.” Grahek said the course itself also posed challenges for the Irish.

“The greens were incredibly fast and difficult to putt on with the high winds,” Grahek said. “Mentally, it was challenging as well trying to grind for so many shots.”

With this tournament behind them and the spring season coming into full swing, the Irish said they will take the lessons learned from the greens of Talis Park as they move forward in the season.

“(Going forward,) we just need to play better,” Platt said. “At this point it’s going to be tough to make it in to NCAAs as an at-large bid, so we just need to keep building momentum leading up to the ACC Championship.”

The Irish next play in the Lone Star Invitational in San Antonio at Golf Club at Briggs Ranch on Monday.

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ND WOMEN’S GOLF | CLOVER CUP

Nhim medalist in Arizona

Observer Staff Report

Just one stroke separated Notre Dame from the top of the leaderboard at the Clover Cup as it came in second place to Louisville over the weekend.

The competition — hosted by Notre Dame at Longbow Golf Club in Mesa, Ariz. — saw 15 teams from across the nation compete Friday through Sunday. The Irish carded an 889 over the three days, good for 25-over-par over the three rounds of golf.

Irish senior Kristina Nhim took home medalist honors as she picked up her first career victory by shooting a 3-under-par 213 for the weekend, including a tournament-best 4-under 68 on the tournament’s opening day.

Notre Dame sat in third place through two days of play but used a pair of even-par, 72-stroke rounds from junior Ashley Armstrong and freshman Jordan Ferreira to edge out Colorado, Mississippi and Michigan, who filled out the rest of the tournament’s top five.

However, it was a single stroke that kept the Irish from completing a six-stroke, final-day comeback on leader Louisville. The Cardinals shot an 11-over 299 on the final day but held on to card a 24-over 888 for the tournament.

Notre Dame is back in action Friday when it travels to The University Club in Baton Rouge, La., to take part in the LSU Golf Classic.

ND MEN’S GOLF | TALIS PARK CHALLENGE

ND concludes indoor season

Observer Staff Report

The Notre Dame men’s and women’s track and field teams finished 17th and 29th respectively at the NCAA Indoor Championship in Albuquerque, N.M. concluding Sunday. Each Irish athlete that participated in a preliminary event qualified for finals as the Irish competed in their final meet of the indoor season.

Both the men’s and women’s sides qualified a team for the distance medley relay event that took place Saturday. Graduate student J.P. Malette, seniors Patrick Feeeney and Nick Happe and freshman Jacob Damford finished in 9:41.90 to take fourth place in and earn the team five points.

On the women’s side, seniors Kelly Curran,Alexa Aragon and Michelle Brown and sophomores Danielle Aragon, posted a third-place time of 11:11.54 to earn six points.

Graduate student Jeremy Rae, who finished in 3:57.25 in the Meyo Mile earlier in the season to post a new school record, posted a time of 4:04.37 on Saturday to finish fourth in the preliminary stage and qualify for the final. On Sunday, he finished in a time of 4:05.07 to finish ninth nationally.

Junior Jade Barber competed in the 60-meter hurdles. Her preliminary time of 8.13 seconds on Saturday ranked eighth and qualified her for the final on Sunday. She bettered that time in the final, finishing in 8.10 seconds to finish in seventh place and earn two points for the women’s side.

On Sunday, the Irish men had two athletes running in the 400-meter dash, Patrick Feeeney and fellow All-American and junior Chris Giesting, Feeeney put the finishing touches on an accomplished indoor career with a time of 46.19 seconds to finish in seventh place, and Giesting finished two spots ahead in fifth place with a time of 45.74 seconds. These results earned the Irish men two and four points respectively.

Giesting and Feeeney also ran in the 4x400-meter relay on Sunday along with seniors Harvey Smith and Jarrod Bachannon, That unit, anchored by Feeeney, finished in eighth place with a time of 3:00.51, earning the Irish eight points. The dominant Oregon program claimed a national title for both genders. The men finished with 52 points, and the total of 12 for the Irish tied them for 17th place with Nebraska and USC. The Ducks’ women’s team scored 44 points to edge Texas by a half point; the Notre Dame women tied a trio of Pac-12 programs in USC, UCLA, and Arizona State in 29th place with eight.

Notre Dame now turns its attention to outdoor season beginning late this month. The Irish are back in action March 26th in Austin, Texas for the Texas Relays.
Irish drop road series to Virginia Tech

Observer Staff Report

After falling to host Virginia Tech in a doubleheader Saturday, the No. 22 Irish pulled out a win over the Hokies on Sunday at Tech Softball Park in Blacksburg, Va., to save the weekend.

The Irish (19-7, 3-3 ACC) and the Hokies (13-12, 4-4) have faced each other 15 times in program history, with the Irish winning 11 of those matchups. The Hokies decreased this gap over the weekend, starting with a 5-4 victory in Saturday’s first game.

Notre Dame took the lead at the top of the first inning when junior outfielder Emilee Koerner hit a home run, her team-leading sixth. The Irish and the Hokies traded scores until the Hokies took the game with two home runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Senior Laura Winter pitched all six innings for the Irish, striking out five batters and allowing nine hits in the loss. The Irish came out fast again in Saturday’s second game against the Hokies, with sophomore Allie Rhodes leading the team from the circle. Sophomore infielder Micaela Arizmendi scored to give the Irish a one-run lead in the second inning, but however, Virginia Tech clawed its way back into the game to take the 3-2 victory with a run in the sixth inning.

Rhodes gave up all three runs, allowed eight hits and struck out three batters before leaving the game in the sixth for freshman Rachel Nasland to pick up the final two outs.

In Sunday’s game, the Irish did not take the initial lead, but they did come out with a 9-5 victory to prevent the Hokies from sweeping the series. After Irish junior catcher Cassidy Whidden scored and tied up the game at one in the second inning, the Hokies did not take the lead for the rest of the game.

The win featured runs from Koerner, Whidden, junior infielders Jenna Simon and Kately Haas, senior outfielder Monica Torres, senior infielder Chloe Saganowich and sophomore outfielder Megan Sorlie. Winter and Rhodes teamed up to limit Virginia Tech to five runs, earning a combined eight strikeouts.

Notre Dame hosts its first home games of the season this weekend in a three-game series against Pittsburgh. The Irish will take on the Panthers at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday and again Sunday at 12 p.m. at Melissa Cook Stadium.

Senior outfielder Monica Torres slides into third base before the tag during an exhibition game on Oct. 9, 2013. Torres scored a run during Notre Dame’s 9-5 win over Virginia Tech on Sunday.

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man-down (situations), We got goals in almost every way, and that allowed for a lot of people to get in and share the wealth.” Junior midfielder Nick Oseillo added three goals for his first career hat trick and freshman midfielder Sergio Perkovic scored his first two ever goals — strength of the season on seven shots. The Irish outshot the Cavaliers, 40-26, collected more groundballs, 34-21, and converted on both of their man-up opportunities while holding Virginia to one goal on five man-up chances.

Senior midfielder Liam O’Connor turned in a season-best performance on face-offs, winning 19 of 24 matchups to bring his season win percentage up to 70.1 percent, good for first in the nation. O’Connor also scored once and added an assist, his first goal and first point of the season.

“Liam dominated in the midfield and on face-offs, so we were playing make, take it for a while,” Corrigan said.

The Irish offensive scored in bursts, including a 5-0 streak in the second quarter and a 7-1 run in the fourth. The Virginia defense, which entered the game allowing 11 goals per game, surrendered 28 shots on goal and cleared the ball just once in the fourth quarter as the Irish scored nine goals in the period.

On defense, freshman goalkeeper Shane Doss recorded nine saves and took his second win of the season.

“Shane played very well on Sunday,” Corrigan said. “They got some good opportunities on him, and he made some really big saves for us. The fact that we were able to keep the ball away from them for long stretches was significant as well.”

Despite the win, Corrigan said he believes his squad can continue to improve, especially so early in the season.

“We need to improve in all areas, really,” Corrigan said. “Our late game isn’t quite as good as it was earlier in the season, we’re still a little bit better, just a tiny bit better,” Aoki said. “We’re knocking on the door, but we’re just not heeding the opportunity that do not win a conference tournament if both teams went undefeated. Notre Dame and Connecticut have played 12 times over the last three years, and the two teams could compete head-to-head in the tournament if both make it to the championship game.

Achonwa said the Irish don’t mind being called the “other” undefeated team.

“It takes the light off of us,” Achonwa said. “If we’re not put in that spotlight, that’s fine by us. … We will get on the floor, anything that we have to do to get there, we will do so, that doesn’t mean we will get all the glory, so be it. At the end of the tournament, it will be our opponent who will be the champion, that’s all we want.”

McGraw said she was looking forward to tomorrow’s practice, now that Notre Dame knows who its opponent will be.

“I think the intensity level is going to be ratcheted up tomorrow from today, I think that will be interesting to get to practice and to see how she goes,” McGraw said.

According to Achonwa, Notre Dame’s first energy source is McKay.

“Our energy level, our competitiveness, our drive all comes from the top down, starting with coach McGraw and the fire that she brings,” Achonwa said. “It inspires us and motivates us to compete much harder, to give that much more energy and to work that much harder.”

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Hockey

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into the second period on the power play to give Notre Dame a 1-0 lead just 19 seconds into the game, but Boston College scored the game’s first goal — two in the first period and two in the third. Eagles junior forward Johnny Gaudreau — the top pointscorer in the country and runaway favorite to win this year’s Hobey Baker Award as the best player in the nation — tallied two goals and two assists for the victory. It was Notre Dame’s first defeat of the season after a 2-1 loss to Maine on Feb. 7 and snapped an Irish eight-game unbeaten streak and six-game winning streak.

Boston College continued the momentum early into Sunday’s game as Eagles senior forward Kevin Hayes scored less than five minutes into the game. But Johns found his third goal of the series in the first to knot the score.

Irish sophomore forward Sam Herr gave Notre Dame a brief advantage early in the second period with his 14th goal of the year before Boston College senior forward Patrick Brown made the game even again less than four minutes later. But, however, the Irish a 3-2 lead with less than five seconds remaining in the second period, and Irish senior captain and forward Matt Black put the game away with a goal in the game’s final two minutes.

Irish senior goaltender Steven Summerhays stopped 30 shots in the win. Gaudreau had recorded a point in 31 straight games entering Sunday, but was held off the scoresheet for just the second time this season.

“It was three games in three days, which college kids aren’t accustomed to, but that applies to both teams, and I think the tempo of the four games leading into this was a little odd,” Jackson said. “So overall, I think our guys did a good job defending, I thought we transitioned well from that defense — we scored a couple of really nice goals off transition.

With the win, Notre Dame prevented Boston College from appearing in the Hockey East semifinals for the first time since 2004. The series victory also helps Notre Dame’s chances to clinch a spot in the NCAA tournament.

The Irish currently sit eighth in the PairWise rankings. The six conference tournament champions and the top 10 teams in the PairWise seedings make up the 16-team tournament.

Up next for the Irish is a meeting Friday with UMass-Lowell in TD Garden in Boston at 5 p.m.

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“We absolutely had a strong case for it (the overall No. 1). ’We absolutely had a strong case for it (the overall No. 1),” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “I’m sure that last year came into play, and I’m not sure it’s supposed to, but I think as defending national champs, they had the No. 1 seed all locked up.”

After years playing a Big East/Big Ten schedule, the Irish and Huskies did not meet during the regular season, in which both teams went undefeated. Notre Dame and Connecticut have played 12 times over the last three years, and the two teams could compete head-to-head in the tournament if both make it to the championship game.

Achonwa said the Irish didn’t mind being called the “other” undefeated team.

“It takes the light off of us,” Achonwa said. “If we’re not put in that spotlight, that’s fine by us. … We will get on the floor, anything that we have to do to get there, we will do so, that doesn’t mean we will get all the glory, so be it. At the end of the tournament, it will be our opponent who will be the champion, that’s all we want.”

McGraw said she was looking forward to tomorrow’s practice, now that Notre Dame knows who its opponent will be.

“I think the intensity level is going to be ratcheted up tomorrow from today, I think that will be interesting to get to practice and to see how she goes,” McGraw said.

According to Achonwa, Notre Dame’s first energy source is McKay.

“Our energy level, our competitiveness, our drive all comes from the top down, starting with coach McGraw and the fire that she brings,” Achonwa said. “It inspires us and motivates us to compete much harder, to give that much more energy and to work that much harder.”

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Baseball

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about ourselves,” Aoki said. “I and think that’s the best thing that about ourselves,” Aoki said. “I think as a coaching staff you start to look at certain things and you’re like, ‘Oh, gee, maybe this is the thing that gets us heading in the right direc- ‘Unfortunately it didn’t turn out to be that way.’

The series against Duke played out much like the three-game series against UConn. State. On Friday, se- nior right-hander Sean Fitzgerald allowed just three runs in seven- and-two-thirds innings of work, while freshman second baseman Cavan Biggio picked up two RBI and freshman third baseman Kyle Fiala accounted for the third Irish RBI. But Notre Dame could not muster another four-run inning, and the Blue Devils got the best of junior right-handed reliever Cristian Torres 2-1 into win, 4-3.

The Irish scored just one run between both ends of Saturday’s doubleheader, dropping the first game, 4-1, and the second, 1-0.

“It wasn’t like we played poorly against Duke. We played well, they just played a little, just a tiny bit better,” Aoki said. “We’re knocking on the door, but we’re just not heeding the opportunity or walking through that door, that kind of a work in progress. You try to stay as patient as you can with this crew and hope that we will start to take advantage of those opportu- nities that we have.

Notre Dame heads back to the diamond Tuesday to take on Robert Morris (Ill.) in Chicago. First pitch at CSU Baseball Stadium is scheduled for 7:05 p.m.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be charms and sincere to get about professionally. Prioritize your long-term goals and welcome someone to whom you can hand over a task or help. You can help fill a void you’ve been feeling. A partnership will help stabilize your life personally and professionally.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Forcibly talking will help keep you on track. An unusual opportunity is apparent. Don’t let it pass you by, because you are two involved in trying to do the impossible. Go with the flow and you will find your way to victory.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): T Stay calm, collect your thoughts and engage in calm communications that are geared toward positive changes. There is much you can accomplish if you refuse to let negativity interrupt your ideas, intentions and plans for future development.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Plan strategically and fairly. Protect your interests andcrease your value. What will you do to ensure you remain ahead in this area? Don’t let uncertainty within relationships be your downfall. Look out for your best interests and ensure you are standing on solid ground.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be prepared to wheel and deal to the best of your ability. Nothing will come easy, but it will be worth your time and effort to do your best and push for what you want. Unexpected really could wind up in your favor.

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Irish bound for Toledo

By SAMANTHA ZUBA
Assistant Managing Editor

The Irish finished the regular season ranked No. 2 in the country, earned the ACC regular season title, won the ACC tournament and now prepare for their next challenge in the NCAA tournament as the No. 1 seed in the Notre Dame region.

Senior forward Natalie Achunwa acknowledged the long tournament road ahead but said her team was happy with the announcement.

“We have a lot to accomplish before we get to that national championship, but at the end of the day, that’s what we wanted,” Achunwa said.

Notre Dame (32-4, 16-0 ACC) will play No. 16 seed Robert Morris in its first-round tournament matchup Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Toledo, Ohio, and ESPN will broadcast the game. This will be the first tournament appearance for the Colonials (21-11, 14-3 NEC) since 2008, when they lost to Rutgers.

“It’s good for women’s basketball, good for the program, but we have a long way to go, and it starts with Robert Morris,” senior guard Kayla McBride said.

Baylor and Kentucky were announced as the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds, respectively, in the Notre Dame region.

Softball vs. Virginia Tech

By VICKY JACOBSEN
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