By GREG HADLEY
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — No. 2 Notre Dame’s perfect run came to an ugly end Tuesday night, as top-ranked Connecticut broke away from the Irish in the second half of the NCAA national championship game on the way to a 79-58 win.

In the second half, the Huskies (40-0, 18-0 AAC) outscored the Irish (37-1, 16-0 ACC) 34-20 and dominated on the boards with a 34-13 edge in rebounding. With the absence of senior forward Natalie Achonwa, the Irish had no answer for Connecticut senior center Stefanie Dolson, who scored 17 points on 10-for-15 shooting and grabbed 16 rebounds.

“Obviously, not having Ace [Natalie Achonwa] is very crucial,” Irish sophomore guard Jewell Loyd said. “She brings so much to the table. But we didn’t do the little things. We didn’t box out, we didn’t communicate. We were kind of playing on our heels a little bit.”

Loyd finished the game with 13 points on 4-for-15 shooting, including just 2-for-12 in the second half.

“We made them look like the Miami Heat,” Loyd said. “It was us. I personally don’t think that they’re better than us. They’re definitely not deeper than us. We just played scared. We played tentatively. We let them control how we played. It happens.”

With 14:54 left in the first half, Dolson scored a quick layup that put the Huskies up 10-8 and sparked a 14-0 run. They would never trail again. Sophomore forward Breanna Stewart dominated inside and scored 14 points in the first half, tied for the lead among all scorers.

But the Irish rallied from the 22-8 deficit to keep the game close in the first half, closing to within five with 27 seconds left in the period. Loyd, senior guard Kayla McBride and sophomore guard Michaela Mabrey combined to score 34 of Notre Dame’s 38 first-half points, producing most of their offense from behind the 3-point arc, where the Irish shot 62.5 percent in the period.

In the second half, the Huskies came out aggressively and pushed their lead to 21 on an 18-4 run, while limiting the Irish to just 26 percent shooting in the period. The Huskies relied heavily on their starters, with just six points coming from the bench.

“I thought we were just overmatched,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “If we could have made them go to their bench a little earlier in the second half, we might have had a chance. That’s when we made our run in the first half, but unfortunately, they didn’t have to go their bench in the second half.”

After posting a career-high 12 points and nine rebounds against Maryland in the semifinals Sunday night, junior forward Markisha Wright was held completely in check by the Huskies, with no points or rebounds in 10 minutes of play. Freshman forward Taya Reimer scored six points and collected four rebounds while struggling to contain Dolson and Huskies junior forward Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis.

“It was a very physical game and we knew it was going to be physical,” Reimer said. “They just came out and punched us in the mouth. They are a great team.”

The matchup marked the first time in women’s basketball history that two undefeated teams were playing for the national championship. Despite entering as the favorite, Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma said that before tipoff he had been unsure of how his team would handle the pressure.

“You just don’t know how college kids are going to play on the biggest stage,” Auriemma said. “You don’t know how … the hype of the
Matchup failed to live up to the hype

Vicky Jacobsen
Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The UConn Huskies, as they have so many times before, accomplished the improbable. They made the first-ever matchup between unbeaten in the national title game — dare I say it? — a little bit boring.

Tuesday’s contest had all the makings of a game for the ages: a newly-renkided rivalry, the two undisputed best teams in the country and feuding coaches, not to mention finals for the nation’s individual player awards on both squads. There were some writers suggesting Monday’s game could help propel women’s basketball to national prominence the same way Larry Bird’s and Magic Johnson’s meeting in the 1979 final promoted the men’s game.

That’s definitely not what this game will be remembered for.

Sure, the Irish bounced back from a lackluster start to cut the halftime deficit to seven points, and they certainly would have been much more successful in the paint had they not lost senior forward Natalie Achonwa to a torn ACL in their Elite Eight win over Baylor. But even in the early going it was clear which was the better team.

It didn’t take a box score to recognize the depth from center Stefanie Dolson was unstoppable in the paint (although her stat line of 17 points, 16 rebounds and seven assists made that pretty clear as well). The Irish had no answer for sophomore forward Breanna Stewart, the AP Player of the Year and eventual winner of the tournament’s Most Outstanding Player award, or the comparatively under-the-radar junior forward Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis. The Irish have won games when their opponents’ stars have big nights, but not when three of their opponents put up big numbers. If we are being honest, when Connecticut stretched its lead from seven points to 20 in the opening minutes of the second period, no one who watched the first half was really all that surprised.

The Huskies simply looked more comfortable on the floor. Maybe that was due to their size advantage, maybe it’s just because they got off to a fast start and did not have to worry about clawing their way back into a game. Maybe, despite all their protests to the contrary, the Huskies really have gotten into the heads of the Irish.

(All of the bars traded between the two teams on Monday were par for the course for UConn coach Geno Auriemma, but less subtle than what we would usually expect from Irish coach Muffet McGraw.) But whatever the reason, UConn played like the looser team: they made the open shots the Irish missed too many times. UConn dominated the boards almost as effectively as the Irish did against Maryland, grabbing 54 to Notre Dame’s 31. The Irish, on the other hand, sent passes out of bounds and were visibly frustrated when a call did not go their way. Some teams can channel that sort of emotion into wins, but it was not working for the Irish on Tuesday night.

And while you do not have to like them, you have to admit Connecticut played an exceptional game made all the more impressive by the fact that it took just six players to complete. The Irish finished an excellent season with an excellent team. But it’s Connecticut who was perfect.

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Defeat

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With the win, Auriemma improves to 9-0 in national championship games for his career. His nine national titles surpass former Tennessee coach Pat Summit’s previous record of eight. The Huskies also set an NCAA record this weekend by playing in their seventh-straight Final Four.

“It means we’ve done something that no one else has ever done,” Auriemma said when asked what the nine titles meant to him. “So, you’re flattered and you’re grateful and you’re all the things that come with this kind of accomplishment, of course.

The loss is Notre Dame’s third in the national championship game in the past four years and marks a bitter end to the careers of seniors McBride, Achonwa and Ariel Braker, who leave the program with a record of 138-15 but no national championship.

[My time at Notre Dame] has been amazing,” Braker said. “I came in with two other girls who were just dominating and we set records. ... We went undefeated until the last game of our senior year. I couldn’t ask for anything better than that.” McBride echoed Braker’s sentiments.

“We’ve been through so much this year, so much adversity,” she said. “If you look at what our bench has done this year, I couldn’t be more proud of them. I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else or playing with anyone else.”

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McBride, Loyd named to All-Tournament Team

Observer Staff Report

Senior guard Kayla McBride and sophomore guard Jewell Loyd were named to the Final Four All-Tournament Team, as were Huskies junior forward Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis and senior center Stefanie Dolson.

McBride was named Most Outstanding Player. Dolson finished Tuesday’s game with 17 points and 16 rebounds, while Mosqueda-Lewis and Stewart added 18 and 21 points, respectively.

ND cold from floor

Connecticut shot 46.6 percent during Tuesday’s national championship title game. Notre Dame shot 35.5 percent. During the second half, the Irish shot just 25.9 percent. During the season, Notre Dame averaged 51 percent from the floor.

Notre Dame went into half-time with a seven-point deficit, but scored just four points in the first 10 minutes of the second half. During that time, Connecticut scored 16 points to open up a 21-point lead. The Irish scored just 20 points in the second half after reaching 38 in the opening period.

The Irish finished the game with 58 points, their lowest total score of the season. Before Tuesday night, their lowest offensive output came in an 88-70 win over Duke in the ACC tournament title game on March 9.

Connecticut makes history

This is Connecticut’s ninth national championship, the most of any women’s basketball program. The Huskies are still undefeated in national championship games. This was their fifth undefeated season.

Huskies’ stellar six

No bench! No problem: only six Connecticut players played for more than one minute. All five starters played at least 29 minutes.
The Bald and the Beautiful returns to ND

TBAB supports cancer research for sixth year in a row

By KATIE McCARTY
News Writer

In 2009, 140 Notre Dame students participated in the first iteration of The Bald and the Beautiful (TBAB). Since then, senior and co-chair Frank Soler said the event has grown exponentially in size.

"Students, faculty, members of the South Bend community and many other staff members participate in TBAB," Soler said. "With close to 300 shaves per year and close to 2,000

Mendoza receives No. 1 ranking

By MEG HANDELMAN
News Writer

Mendoza College of Business has done it again.

The College pulled off a five-peat, achieving the No. 1 spot for the fifth year in a row in Bloomberg Businessweek’s 2014 ranking of Best Undergraduate Business Schools.

“What makes Mendoza unique among business schools is our clearly defined mission to develop leaders who view business as a force for good in society,” Roger D. Huang, the Martin J. Gillen Dean of the Mendoza College of Business, said. “A lot of schools now say they have the same mission.”

According to a press release from the College, Mendoza’s undergraduate studies program ranked first in student satisfaction, second in academic quality and fourth in employer satisfaction. The College earned “A+” scores for teaching quality, facilities and services and job placement.

Huang said Mendoza’s top ranking this year is due to the efforts of many groups, programs and individuals across the entire University.

“The undergraduate admissions office recruits students who are passionate about their interests as well as high academic achievers,” Huang said. “The career center works tirelessly to place our students in jobs. The Division of Student Affairs is dedicated to providing students with the kind of experience that is the essence of Notre Dame.”

Huang said numerous alumni who help mentor and help students are also to thank.

“We describe ourselves as the Notre Dame family, and the ranking is a family achievement,” Huang said. “In the midst of the new digital revolution, Huang said the College has evolved to teach students newly important skill sets such as business analytics and social

‘Nuns on a Bus’ tour stops at SMC

By KATHRYN MARSHALL
News Writer

Sister Simone Campbell spoke on the “The Contemplative Call to Do Justice” at Saint Mary’s on Tuesday evening as part of the “Nuns on a Bus” nationwide tour.

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Sexual assault reported

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) sent an email to students Tuesday evening alerting them of a report of sexual assault committed by an acquaintance in a North Quad men’s residence hall early Saturday morning.

The email stated the report was made to a University administrator and warned students of the risk of sexual assault.

“Sexual assault can happen to anyone,” the email stated. “On college campuses, perpetrators are more likely to assault an acquaintance than a stranger. Being aware of your own safety and watching out for your friends are important steps you can take to reduce the risk of sexual assault.

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“The perpetrator, not the survivor, is responsible for any instance of sexual assault. Nothing a survivor does or does not do is an excuse for sexual assault.”
QUESTION OF THE DAY:
Who would you like to see participating in The Bald and The Beautiful?

Agustin Garcia
sophomore
Morrissey Hall
“Maggie Guzman.”

Katie Brennan
junior
Lewis Hall
“Fr. Jenkins.”

Paige Hardman
freshman
Panborn Hall
“Professor Igusa.”

Thom Berens
sophomore
Duncan Hall
“Walter White.”

Kwame Nuako
junior
Sonin College
“Arnold Schwarzenegger.”

The Fighting Irish cheerleading squad performs a routine during a break period at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn. The women’s basketball team lost to the University of Connecticut Huskies, 79-58, in the NCAA championship game.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Wednesday
Fascism and War
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
4 p.m.-6:45 p.m.
Panel on the Spanish Civil War.

We Are What We Tell
McKenna Hall
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Lecture by Margaret Atwood on the impact of stories.

Thursday
Bookish History
Flanner Hall
4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Lecture on Irish romanticism and the culture of the copy.

ZumbaThon
Rockne Memorial Gym
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Register online via RecRegister.

Friday
Ten Years Hence
Mendoza College of Business
18:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m.
Lecture on emerging issues in business.

Women’s Lacrosse
Arlotta Stadium
7 p.m.-8 p.m.
The Irish take on the Duke Blue Devils.

Saturday
Blue-Gold Spring Football Festival
Notre Dame Stadium
All day
Irish Civil War. Kick-off at 12:30 p.m.

Theater: Blood Wedding
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Lorca on Ivers.

Sunday
Conference Cycling Race
South Bend area
8:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
Hosted by ND cycling club.

Mass in Spanish:
Dillon Hall Chapel
1:30 p.m.
Celebrated by Fr. Joe Corpus.
South African Ambassador to the United States and anti-apartheid leader Ebrahim Rasool, who co-founded the 2002 annual Herushbus Lecture in Ethics and Public Policy on Tuesday, in which he detailed Nelson Mandela’s legacy on South African and global state building and peacemaking.

The lecture, titled “Relic of the Past or a Template for the Future: Nelson Mandela’s Impact on Peacemaking and Statecraft in the 21st Century,” featured both Rasool’s personal reflections on his friend and colleague Nelson Mandela and a broader explanation of his significance to peace movements around the world.

Rasool said Mandela captivated the world with his strong yet peaceful leadership, an attribute rarely seen in the world today.

‘Mandela captured the global imagination for his unyielding sacrifice, indomitable spirit, consistent dignity and remarkable generosity.’

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South African ambassador

“It would be easy to forget the impassioned and strenuous service Mandela performed. Rasool said those who wish to continue building peace and progress will look to Mandela and his legacy as a model.”

“The people who yearn for something better are the ones who see Nelson Mandela as a template for the future,” Rasool said. “They look at his words, spoken when facing a death sentence when having no prospect of emerging from prison, when leading a risky protest march, when discrediting the presidency of a fundamentally flawed country, when launching a constitutional court for a country for this very troubled world in the 21st century.”

Rasool said Mandela’s legacy can serve as a beacon for future movements because of the way in which he learned to develop peaceful and dignified alternatives.

“What makes Nelson Mandela a template for the future is precisely that his leadership is ... hard-won,” he said. “In his self-deprecating ways, he tells stories of learning to overcome prejudice, controlling his anger, disciplining his soul and embracing the counter-instinctive. Certainly what he teaches us is courage is earned not given.”

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SmC Pride Week hosts panel on LGBTQ issues

By SAM CASTANEDA News Writer

The Saint Mary’s group Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA) hosted a panel of professors to discuss LGBTQ current event policies and social justice issues as part of Pride Week on Tuesday in the College’s Student Center.

Professor of history Patrick Pierce, professor of religious studies Stacy Davis and professor of psychology Catherine Pittman, discussed the difficulties the LGBTQ community may face and how there may be a variety of interpretations of issues and policies.

Davis began the panel by presenting how some areas of the Bible are viewed based on the way individuals view the LGBTQ community.

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Ambassador lectures on Mandela’s leadership

By JACK ROONEY Associate News Editor

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to doing something in his honor and to help combat pediatric cancer right in our community of South Bend. I feel very passionate about that and I feel very passionate about taking the hair off your head and donating it to help others.

The event, which takes place today, tomorrow and Friday in the Sorin and Dooley Rooms of the LaFortune Student Center, raises money for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation, which funds cancer research, and the pediatric ward of Memorial Hospital of South Bend, according to its website. Hair donations go to Pantene Beautiful Lengths, which makes wigs for cancer patients.

Freshman Erich Jegier, who also participated in the Gentleman Auction on March 26, is a foundation that benefits childhood cancer research, said he decided to shave his head because it was a visible way of raising awareness about cancer.

“I like the fact that it raises awareness about cancer,” he said. “I’m the kind of person who can touch a person. If you do something like this, you get a choice. They don’t get any say in the matter.”

Stultz said though she will miss things like French braiding her hair, she’s excited to be raising awareness about the struggles of having cancer.

“Something that I’ve been learning through the various experiences with cancer in my life is how special and precious the gift of life is, and how everything that we have can be taken away at any moment,” Stultz said. “So the small sacrifice of giving up my hair for all of these people who are going through much bigger battles than I am just makes it more worth it.”

As far as service goes, you can be a burning bush for them,” Stultz said. “When you put your life, a person’s story, and make something all of us can see and connect with, especially social justice issues.

The lecture concluded the “Life and Leadership of Catholic Women Religious” series sponsored by the College’s Center for Spirituality.

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participants in six years, TABB continues to expand throughout the ND community.”

Soler said his sister, junior Catherine Soler, and her friend from Duncan Hall started TABB in response to a Notre Dame student they knew who died from cancer. In his memory, TABB raises funds and awareness for cancer research.

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Soler said every year, roughly 100 girls show their solidarity in the fight against cancer by donating their hair. “Each year, we have close to 100 girls who call me and donate their hair for Pantene Beautiful Lengths,” he said.

Additionally, we have a few girls who help the girls who don’t want to get their hair cut, every girl can get a hair extension, which is a great way to support and show solidarity.”

Soler said planning the event is an ongoing commitment by the organization’s members. “We are continually confirming commitments for the next year from all sponsors, donors and participants,” Soler said. “As co-chairs, we are constantly in contact over the summer and throughout the semester.”

TABB hopes to raise a record amount of money this year, he said. “TABB has averaged anywhere from $40,000 to $60,000 each year,” Soler said. “This year, especially after partnering with Notre Dame Baseball, who fundraised over $18,000 in February, we’re hoping to make a TABB record and raise $70,000.”

TABB recently became an official club whose members help run the event, junior member Andrew Jegier said. “The members of The Bald and the Beautiful work before the event and the day of the event to make sure that everything runs smoothly,” Jegier said. “A lot of work goes into making this event successful, from recruiting new members, getting volunteer stylists, advertising [and] having various smaller events throughout the year.”

Soler said club members were integral to the planning of TABB. “We couldn’t have done it without the help of our fellow club members,” Soler said. “Each Sunday afternoon of the spring semester, TABB members gathered to discuss the planning and execution of the event. From dormponsorship to stylists who volunteer their time, everyone involved in TABB integral to making it all work.”

Bueger said the event is powerful to witness. “The most meaningful part of helping with TABB is seeing the kids from Memorial come to this event,” Bueger said. “Their faces light up when the hospital come in each year to meet the football team and see what this event is. To get a picture of how much this event is held to be helpful is really special.”

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47 sisters to influence legislation in Washington, Campbell said. “(The Vatican) named our little organization (NETWORK) as being a bad influence on Catholics, that we were only having nine full time staff at the time, and we made the Vatican nervous. It was a bit shocking … but it was because of that we had Nuns on a Bus.”

By using moments like the spotlight brought on by the Vatican as moments of mission, Campbell said she has been able to act on her belief that active faith is a life with various aspects: radical acceptance and fighting. Radical acceptance is the key to building bridges and end divisions that are tearing America apart, Campbell said.

“How do we welcome in the folks we would rather not even deal with?” Campbell asked. “If we’re at odds with the God in them, we’re at odds with the God in us.”

Once people can radically accept each other and their differences, everyone can stop fighting against each other and instead fight for a different, better vision, Campbell said. “For me, another one–other allows us to move forward in healing society.

“When we have radical acceptance, we can accept a conversation long enough to find commonality to be able to talk to each other, to share some real concerns,” Campbell said. By referencing the story of Moses and the burning bush from Exodus, Campbell said we are called to listen to the cries of the oppressed in our country. “If we let their cries penetrate our ears, we are called to be a burning bush for them,” Campbell said. “When you put radical acceptance and fighting for something together, it creates fire, it creates the unusual heat that creates light, heat [and] hope.”

“But it all depends on being touched, fire can only be generated when you touch a person’s life, a person’s story, and make that person’s story part of you.”

Sharing stories of people who have touched her life, including a woman who died because of pride and the inability to access health care, as well as an 11-year-old girl who is independently raising her twin because her parents had already deceased, Campbell said as the richest nation on earth, it is immoral to allow these sorts of stories play out.

“To often we get paralyzed, isolated … we don’t do anything.” Campbell said. “We, the people with the most power, are called to act … We’re each called to do one thing, and if we each do one thing, everything will get done. This is the whole point of community.”

Campbell said everyone is called to act in a different way, and she hopes to encourage young people to get involved in politics because they are not old enough to be timid, and they have the chance to test new ideas.

“At the heart of this is the powerful truth that we are one body … and our body is in pain, is ill, is divided.”

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media marketing. In addition, he said, the global marketplace has replaced the domestic marketplace, which has elicited a need to educate students on how to obtain a “big picture” perspective.

“At Mendoza, we focus on what I call MAGI – Mission, Academic excellence, Globalization and Innovation. Together, these four areas encompass a lot of new developments, from coursework to international studies opportunities,” Huang said. “We must continually innovate to address the ever-changing business world.”

The College plans to continue expanding the MAGI vision, incorporating innovative coursework and expanding global programs to remain a trendsetter in business education, Huang said.

“The higher business education landscape is rapidly changing, and we have challenges on all fronts,” he said. Huang said student comments published in Bloomberg’s survey spoke about business ethics, sustainability and corporate social responsibility permeating the classroom. “That’s very inspiring and humbling for a dean to hear,” Huang said. The magazine’s ranking, which was released April 4, looked at a total of 132 U.S. undergraduate business programs. The report was released on Businessweek.com.

According to the press release, University of Virginia’s McIntire School of Commerce ranked second and Cornell’s Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management ranked third.

Bloomberg Businessweek’s undergraduate business school rankings are based on five components: student assessment, academic quality metrics, employer opinion, median starting salary and a “feeder school” score.

The Mendoza College of Business, which currently enrolls 1,950 undergraduate students, offers students a choice of six majors: accountancy, finance, marketing, management, IT management and management entrepreneurship.

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Writing my own HIMYM ending

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With the How I Met Your Mother (HIMYM) series finale still on fans’ minds, I’m sure we all know how much it sucks to watch one of our favorite shows end. And judging by everyone’s reactions to the HIMYM finale, we all also know what it’s like to have a series end in an incredibly disappointing way — maybe even a way that ruins the series for you. So why watch it?

Being a huge fan of HIMYM myself, I’ve been thinking a lot about the possibility of a second season, but after my roommates’ reactions, I’m not sure I want to watch it at all. Ever since a particularly unproductive month of my sophomore year when Netflix took over my life, HIMYM has been my go-to show for time wasting. It’s given me both hope for love and life in general. I’m not just better to never see the finale and make up my own ending.

This predicament is not without precedent. cresting my high school’s middle school days, when Gilmore Girls was my bible. I grew up with the show, learning what I knew about relationships, high school and eventually college from Rory Gilmore. When the show ended, I simply wasn’t ready. I watched the second-to-last episode of the series, watching Rory turn down Logan’s marriage proposal and then decided the series ending was going down a path I wasn’t ready to follow. So I just watched the finale. This way, I got to make up my own ending in which Luke and Lorelai get together and live happily ever after and, more importantly, I didn’t have to face the fact that my all-time favorite show was ending forever.

I don’t know what the right way to go is with the HIMYM series finale. Most people think I’m crazy for even thinking about not watching it. And part of me thinks I’m crazy too — the part of me that is dying to know what everyone is talking about. But these characters are my characters now, so why not write my own ending? Either way, it’s a sad farewell to a beloved show.

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Pledging Gamma Omicron Pi

Much like the United States itself, Notre Dame is a dynamic melting pot where people of varying backgrounds connect to offer insight into various cultures and ideologies. Also not unique to Notre Dame is its student's tendency to cry wolf all too often in response to campus activism. It is no secret that the College Republicans (of which I am the president) is hosting Ann Coulter as our Lincoln Day Speaker this Thursday, that a group of students published the “I, Too, Am Notre Dame” photo blog and that a group of students formed a new campus group named SCOP, or Students for Child-Oriented Policy. In the day and age where media relay in formation faster than ever, it is no surprise that news of these happenings spreads like wildfire around campus. However, the actions that followed and surrounded these announcements is actually more telling of the University's student body.

As the president of the College Republicans, I have been the center of attacks as well as interest. Recently, I am focusing on the question, "Why Coulter?" Our club has been accused of intentionally polarizing the student body, and the founders of SCOP have been accused of fostering the degradation of those identifying as GLBTQ. There have even been murmurings of a demonstration against Ann Coulter and our club's decision to host her, planned by racially exclusive special interest clubs.

None of the accusations and objections is sound, yet a vocal, hypocritical minority is behind these baseless claims aimed at liberalizing the student body and misinforming the campus. Our club's decision to host Ann Coulter is simple: no other speaker is capable of bringing the same level of reliable energy and attention to the social conservative platform that is at the core of Catholic Social Teaching and our club's mission; i.e. traditional marriage and abortion, to name a few. Those who have spoken out against our hosting of Miss Coulter have falsely stated, aside from accusing our club of intentional polarization, that she is a racist and encouraging hatred.

I would like to lead your attention to two events on campus that went unnoticed and without criticism in the same light, one of which was even promoted by one of the organizations planning to demonstrate against Miss Coulter. On March 28, the rap artist Mike Jones performed at Legends on campus. This week before, the "I, Too, Am Notre Dame" photo blog launched, promoted and supported by the Black Student Association (BSA) and the A Cappella Club. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, have been vocally opposed to the College Republicans' hosting of Ann Coulter. The forms including her being racially offensive, and have been planning a demonstration in opposition to the event Thursday. However, when Mike Jones performed at Legends, no such demonstration or outrage existed. Ann Coulter, a best-selling author, journalist and juris doc-tor, has never used the N-word to my knowledge, yet Mike Jones has a song titled “Type of N*’ya You Need” and he raps other racial slurs. Ann Coulter, who often addresses the inner-city poverty and radical Islam, speaks to real issues based on history and fact, yet gets attacked by campus minority groups instead of a rapper who openly uses racially derogative language just for the sake of entertainment and record sales.

Additionally, the College Republicans' invitation of a conservative figure to speak to a conservative club is not polarizing. The outspoken opposition and demonstration are, in fact, the polarizing reactions. The “I, Too, Am Notre Dame” photo blog, which accuses members of the Notre Dame student body of being racist (without proof that these racist statements ever took place) is a much more polarizing project, not surpris-ingly supported by racial special interest clubs whose own racially exclusive names and mission statements are much more polarizing and discriminatory than any speaker invitation.

With that said, I want to highlight a specific quote by the blog's founder from the April 3 article in The Observer detailing the blog: "If we were to take this project, re-spond to it negatively and move backwards, that would be a problem." Another student involved in the blog told The Observer that although she has heard people call the proj ect "attention-seeking" or "unnecessary," she believes the blog strikes at the heart of issues of diversity at Notre Dame. The BSA is supporting this blog project via their listserv (BSA listserv email dated March 24), yet have reacted negatively to and are planning on demonstrating against Miss Coulter's visit, which strikes at the core of the Notre Dame identity as a conservative, Catholic university. The axe swings both ways. SCOP, another club at the center of recent attacks, is being wrongfully persecuted for supporting something that the University's Catholic identity already represents: the unitive and procreative nature of heterosexual marriage. This club has unfortunately been painted as a group of homophobes by outspoken liberal groups that favor the overtaking of the University’s Catholic identity in order to secularize it in favor of sup-porting gay marriage. Although I have no involvement with SCOP, I empathize with the wrongful outcry against this group for standing for unpopular conservative ideology. Those in favor of traditional marriage are not contributing to the devastation of gay persons' dignity as suggested in numerous Observer Viewpoint articles and social media outlets.

Eventually, the liberal minority will have used all of its opportunities to repetitively oppose attacks and issues on campus; and they will have all been used ineptly and unfairly. The Observer is those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Once upon a time, long ago (three whole decades), a Japanese company named Square sold some of the first role-playing video games that took the world by storm. Known as JRPGs (for “Japanese roleplaying games”), Square’s role-playing video games involved players controlling a protagonist in a story-based game, often set in a fantastical world. Today, that company is known as Square Enix, but the brand has not stopped developing games, some still JRPGs.

One of those video games, titled “Bravely Default,” is an excellently-produced JRPG that sold more than 200,000 copies in its first three weeks in the United States after its release in 2012. Sales numbers can be deceptive or hard to put into context, and this may be catastrophic for an AAA home console game such as “Call of Duty” or “Grand Theft Auto.” But for a handheld Japanese roleplaying game, however, the numbers are outstanding and surprising.

In a recent interview with Japanese magazine Nikkei Trendy, Square Enix president Yoshio Matsuda commented on the unexpected success of “Bravely Default” in western markets.

“Fans of JRPGs are really spread around the world,” Yoshio Matsuda said. “For the new games we’ll be developing from this point on, there may sound a bit extreme, we’ve been talking about making them as heavy JRPGs.”

By “heavy JRPGs,” Matsuda means genuine, traditional roleplaying games, which the company has been attempting to move away from in unsuccessful attempts to reach a global market in recent years. This makes the success of “Bravely Default,” a real JRPG, all the more surprising.

Still, many Japanese developers are currently struggling in the roleplaying game market, even within Japan. What’s needed is for these developers to take a closer look at the global gaming landscape and realize that there is an unbelievable demand for JRPGs.

It’s amazing that Square Enix and a number of other Japanese developers have been so hesitant to expand on the worldwide success of their JRPGs. In fact, most developers simply appear to not be concerned with their global audience.

For instance, Japanese developer From Software produced “Dark Souls,” one of 2011’s most critically acclaimed games. The game received an 89/100 on the Metacritic score for both its PS3 and Xbox 360 versions and was a financial hit as well, selling more than 1.19 million units in just the U.S. and European markets.

Nintendo’s Pokémon JRPGs have always been incredibly prosperous as well, with the most recent games, “X” and “Y,” selling over 12 million copies worldwide.

With so much profit to be had over here in the west, the apathetic attitude of most Japanese developers is almost unfathomable, yet they still continue to ignore these markets.

Sega is another example of this disenfranchisement. Two years ago, the company promised that “Phantasy Star Online 2” would come west in early 2013, but silence is the only thing they’ve given the western market since. Square Enix’s “Final Fantasy Type-0,” announced back in 2006, still has not made it over here, either, though it was released in Japanese markets in 2011.

Even the games that do arrive in the west take an absurdly long time to make it. Games like “Tales of Symphonia Chronicles” have taken months after their Japanese release to reach western gamers, while many others do not even have a release date.

When Japanese developers have tried to appeal to western audiences, they have gone about it with an “Americans don’t get it” mentality, trying to make games more global. This has proven to be a resounding failure. Konami tried to create a Castlevania game that attracted American gamers with “Lord of Shadows 2,” but it was nothing but a disappointment, flopping both critically and financially.

This regional approach is not good for Japanese developers, and it has definitely been damaging. Developers need to realize that Americans want more than their latest football game or military simulator, and they are prepared for “heavy JRPGs.” Hopefully now that Square Enix is planning to give more attention to their American consumer base, other companies will follow suit.

There are a slew of incredible JRPGs set to come out this next year, from “Final Fantasy XV” to “Persona 5,” and it would be great if these publishers finally gave the western world the consideration (and games) we’ve been waiting for.

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Scene Writer

Since its formation in 2009 until its most recent album release this year, Washington D.C. group Animals as Leaders has completely changed the way most people view metal music. The band’s lack of vocals, use of dynamic (9/7 to free time, anyone?) time signatures and jazz-fusion elements make them unique to say the least.

In fact, they helped pioneer a new genre of music that is quickly gaining popularity: djent (pronounced “jent”), a progressive style of heavy metal. However, while the term djent is being overused to describe a myriad of progressive metal bands that currently exist, Animals as Leaders, with its newly-released album “The Joy of Motion” is so much more.

The group’s first self-titled album was released in 2009 and quickly captured the attention of metal and non-metal fans alike through their technical, lyrical melodies juxtaposed with dark, heavy chugging chords that drive and define their music. Behind what some may claim to be “just noise” lies proof of a thorough comprehension of music theory by Tosin Abasi, the groups lead guitarist and frontman, who — prior to the bands creation — rejected an offer for a solo album by Prosthetic Records in order to return to music school. What emerged a year later was one of the greatest guitarist of our time.

Unfortunately, music embedded with complex music theory can often be dismissed as “showy” (see: jazz), and many musicians who are capable of playing lightning-fast riffs lose their audience because they feel the need to fill bars with superfluous 32nd notes, losing any sort of musicality or expression in the process. However, the brilliance of Animals emerges from a careful balance of technical prowess and pure expression. Their second album, “Weightless,” displays this perfectly. Under the same style as the first album, the group introduced more separation between the driving chords and the soaring melodies that have grown to define the band. Its use of space and time is masterfully executed, creating in some spots a feeling of almost suffocating under a dark, heavy weight, only to have it lifted and being given a breath of fresh air.

Listening to the solos, you get the feeling of guitar legends Joe Satriani or Steve Vai with a more complex twist.

As a listener, you are almost are afraid that somehow they will mess something up; there is no way a band can keep doing this well while continuing to release new music. Pre-release chatter of the introduction of vocals raised a substantial amount of controversy in their fan base. However, Abasi has proven himself again to be a creative powerhouse, and still without the use of vocals. “The Joy of Motion” is the next installment in their already powerful repertoire, gracing us with 12 new songs to play until our ears bleed. Again, they use the same style they have in their previous two albums, but with a new twist: the focus this time is on rhythmic experimentation, which results in an album with more drive and intensity than their previous two. From here we can fully understand the title of “The Joy of Motion.”

By intentionally removing a lot of the space and virtuosic guitar solos that normally appear in their music, they generate and explore a feeling of constant forward movement. The end product is a lush and complex “soundscape” where you can discover new ideas or motifs with consecutive listens. It’s definitely a slightly heavier departure from their normal style, which isn’t a bad thing at all.

For me, this album was a great listen, and although rhythm emphasis normally isn’t that appealing to me, I always enjoy hearing to the unique new concepts these guys can put out. I’m also interested to see where the group will go next, as they have consistently developed a creative force, bringing something new to the table. Even if metal isn’t your thing, I would recommend Animals as Leaders, especially their earlier work, and when you do, there are two routes you can take when you listen to Animals: The first is to go nuts and jam out to their heavy riffs. The second (and probably more common method) is to sit back and actually listen to what they’re playing. Whenever you choose, there’s really no way you can go wrong.

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"The Joy of Motion"
Animals as Leaders
Label: Sumerian
Tracks: “Air Chrysalis,” “Another Year,” “Lippincott”
If you like: Pomegranate Tiger, CHON, Periphery

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By BRIDGET DEDELOW
Scene Writer

Writers have many ways of approaching poetry. Some come at it from a more tender, sappy angle, while others are more abstract. Poetry is a tough writing style to tackle: it is a process that requires putting your own feelings out onto the line, in hopes they will be described accurately. At times, this is troublesome, but poets have a gift of telling personal connections to the reader or listener. One of her most popular poems, “Jezykiki,” displays this unique connection of words about love. “My heart is a runway/ I’ve been staring at the sky since my love took off/ Will you be my friend? Will you punch me in the tough just once/ I need to reset my bones, swingset my ribcage, so the next time someone pushes me away, I’ll push right back…”

Gibson has also written and released five full-length albums of spoken word poetry, including her best selling “Flower Boy,” and two books of poetry. She was the first-ever winner of the Women’s World Poetry Slam, and has been featured on CNN, Free Speech TV and C-Span. In 2010, her poetry was read by a state representative in lieu of morning prayer at the Utah State Legislature.

All of the words in Gibson’s poems are meaningful, colliding with each other in a conglomerate of sincerity and brutality. Her poetry is raw and real, provoking deep though no matter the subject, all the while making deep personal connections to the reader or listener. One of her most popular poems, “Jezykiki,” displays this unique connection of words about love. “My heart is a runway/ I’ve been staring at the sky since my love took off/ Will you be my friend? Will you punch me in the tough just once/ I need to reset my bones, swingset my ribcage, so the next time someone pushes me away, I’ll push right back…”

Another poem, “I Sing The Body Electric, Especially When My Power’s Out,” deals with self image: “She said, our kneecaps are our prayer beds/ Everyone can walk better on their kneecaps than they can on their feet.” The diversity of Gibson’s work is what makes her such a unique poet for the modern day- she does not just stick to just one subject.

Saint Mary’s College has been participating in PRIDE week this week, which raises awareness for issues in the LGBTQ community. Events have included a student panel, tie-dying t-shirts and signing an Ally banner in support of the LGBTQ community. Saint Mary’s College is fortunate enough to host Gibson in Carroll Auditorium of Madeleva Hall as part of this week, and her poetry and presence is sure to amaze and inspire. This event is free and open to the Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross community.

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Baseball brings best time of year

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America has made it through about a week of baseball so far, and what a joyous time it has been. Spring has even attempted to take over South Bend, so in the interest of staying positive, here are the top-5 best things about having baseball back in our lives.

5. Baseball means good weather
It might come back slowly and painfully, but darn it, it will be here. There is hope.

4. All sports, all the time
Now that baseball season is underway, of course, there are sports on all the time. And it’s not exclusively reporters trying to fill airtime with speculation and ill-advised commentary. There are games happening all day long, every day of the week. It seems slow and consequently, humility will be required to acknowledge that you cannot watch every single one of your team’s favorite games, but we will all get there. Consider March Madness to be a warm-up and remember to support your fellow fans.

3. Historical events
If you miss a game, don’t sweat. You can catch up later. Though events such as a frenetic pace, and humility will be required to acknowledge that you cannot watch every single one of your team’s favorite games, but we will all get there. Consider March Madness to be a warm-up and remember to support your fellow fans.

1. A serious reason
Baseball is, in some ways, an odd duck in today’s sporting world. Each team plays 162 games, and even dedicated fans have to miss a large portion of those. The game seems slow and consequently outdatd in a culture that puts a premium on instant gratification and has a short attention span. But the contests that happen in between each pitch is unparalleled. Watching a baseball game forces a person to take stock of the most minute details, and that’s a powerful exercise.

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Orioles route Yanks on road

Associated Press

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Mike Morse hit a two-run single to back Tim Hudson as each made memorable home debuts with their new team, and Brandon Belt hit a two-run homer for the San Francisco Giants in a 7-3 win against the Arizona Diamondbacks on Tuesday.

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We don’t care in what form it would come, but a win over Albion would get us in front of many teams sitting for tournament spots.”

Last time out, on April 1, the Belles dropped an 8-1 decision to Albion. “It was a lackluster game,” Campbell said. “Both teams had some positives from the defeat.”

“We faced a lot of pace, solv- ids and just all-around good players,” Campbell said. “If we can provide that pressure to other teams, serve better, return better and move as if we are playing against pace all of the time, it will help us to com- fortably defeat solid oppo- nents. [The match] gave us some experience of what we will see moving forward.”

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Quintana was removed as a precaution. [Albion] has beaten us in consecutive years so a win would be huge. Most im- portantly I want to get bet- ter but it’s time for a big win. — Dale Campbell, Albion head coach

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**Belles to take on Albion in matchup of unbeatens**

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Saint Mary’s has its eyes set on a big win today as it travels to Albion for a match- up of two teams undefeated in conference play.

The Belles (6-4, 2-0 MIAA) have already tallied a 9-0 win over Olivet and an 8-1 victory against Trine, and head coach Dale Campbell said a win over the Britons (10-1, 4-0) would be impor- tant in his team’s pursuit of a top-four spot and berth in the conference tournament.

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**MLB**

**WHITE SOX 15, ROCKIES 3**

The Chicago White Sox scored six home runs, including four in the sixth inning, on Saturday night, and a pair of baserunners scored on a wild pitch in the seventh inning to power the Sox to a15-3 win over the Colorado Rockies.

Quintana (4-0) pitched seven scoreless innings, striking out seven Rockies and allowing only one hit. The right-hander improved to 4-0 on the season and lowered his ERA to 3.22.

The Rockies scored three runs in the first inning and were up two after five.

The White Sox scored all 15 of their runs in the sixth inning. Chicago had two runners on base when pinch hitter Jason Kubel hit a two-run double. The Sox loaded the bases on a walk to A-Ram and a single by Flowers.

The Rockies scored their only run of the game a bit later, on a wild pitch. The Sox scored two more runs in the inning on a single by Flowers and a wild pitch to Flowers.

The White Sox scored four runs after five.

**SPECIAL TO THE OBSERVER**

**Irish post strong weekend results**

The Irish looked to take on the MWCCC once again in a single day criterium event host- ed by Ripon College in Ripon, Wis. The course was tre- dulously challenging, featuring killer hills and a sweeping fast descent. The racing started around noon when freshman Sarah Cullen and freshman Emma-Kate Conlin partici- pated in the women’s B/C field. The field quickly spread out, but, the Irish women held on for a 4th place finish.

Despite the hilly terrain, not many riders were shelved from this field. Eventually, though, after a couple of attacks, several riders were able to get up the road. Snitzer and Tilkman found themselves in 10th and 11th, respectively, at the finish line. Pratt finished 24th.

Next weekend, MWCCC ac- tivities will return to the annual Notre Dame Collegiate Cycling Classic.

**Women’s Rugby**

On Saturday, the women’s rugby team beat Davenport University 22-15 at a charity game at Stinsson Rugby Field. The Irish raised money for the Kay Yow foundation, which funds breast cancer research.

The game began with an Irish score by senior Anna Fraser, but Davenport answered with a try of their own before the break. With the score tied at the begin- ning of the half, the Irish made a huge drive down the field, which ended with Saint Mary’s fresh- man Rocio. However, the Panthers came back with two tries. The Irish were down 15-10 with 10 minutes left in the half. snack and junior Klaire Kowalski scored once more. Junior Claire Kowalski made the point after both. Senior Lea Holzer scored against Heidelberg. 17-17. Notre Dame didn’t score there and, with five minutes left it broke through again when se- nior Leah Fisher scored the fi- nal try of the game.
Belles denied in first bid at consecutive wins

Observer Staff Report

After a home win against the Illinois Tech on Saturday, Saint Mary’s came up short with a 16-10 loss against Hope in Tuesday night’s matchup.

The Belles (1-8, 0-2 MIAA) committed numerous fouls and turnovers in the opening minutes of the game as the Flying Dutch took a 1-0 lead. Freshman midfield Aubrey Golembieski responded with an unassisted goal only minutes later to put Saint Mary’s on the board.

Hope strung together a series of three goals before Golembieski would net another score. The Flying Dutch struck back and rallied with four more goals to take an 8-2 lead.

Golembieski combat-ed Hope’s offensive strike throughout the first half, scoring three of the four goals for the Belles in the period. The remaining goal was scored by sophomore defenseman Sarah Neeser. The half ended with Hope establishing a 12-4 lead, taking 11 of 17 draw controls, 11 of 15 ground balls and unleashing 23 shots to the Belles’ 10.

The Flying Dutch scored two more goals within the first two minutes of play after the break. Saint Mary’s countered with two goals of its own, scored by Golembieski and freshman defenseman Jackie Loesch.

Hope responded with another pair of goals to secure a 16-6 lead. The Saint Mary’s defense locked down the Flying Dutch offense and kept Hope off the scoreboard for the remainder of the game. In the final 20 minutes of play, the Belles’ offense did its best to close the deficit.

Neeser tallied her second score of the night before Loesch scored two goals assisted by a pair of passes from sophomore attack Tess Guerrero, while freshman midfielder Emilie Vanneste scored the final goal in the last 10 seconds of the game.

Freshman goalie Stephanie Szynas ended the game with nine saves for Saint Mary’s.

The Belles return to conference action Saturday, when they will host Adrian at 1 p.m.

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Belles prepare to take on Hope

Kelsey Cooper and junior infielder Peyton Wells lead the charge for the Flying Dutch. All five players are hitting .283 or above this season, while Wells and Maury also lead the team with 12 RBI apiece. On the mound, Hope’s junior ace Natalie Hiser has won seven of her 10 starts and has posted a 2.33 ERA along with 58 strikeouts.

Anderson was an All-MIAA selection as a freshman last season, finishing fourth on the team in batting average and third in successful stolen bases. In the Belles’ victory over Hope last year, Anderson went 0-4 at the plate. The Belles will have to rely on the big bats of freshman infielder Caitlin Migawa, sophomore infielder Kayla Chapman, senior pitcher Emily Weseman, and sophomore catcher Jillian Busfield, who are all hitting above .314. Busfield also leads the Belles with two homeruns and 12 RBI.

 Winners of eight of their last 10 games, the Belles look to make their case as a legitimate MIAA title contender with a double-header against Hope tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.
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setback against Notre Dame. Through their first 11 games they have relied on senior attackman Tyler Melnyk, who leads all Marquette scorers with 32 goals. Melnyk, however, missed the game due to injury.

“[Melnyk’s absence] didn’t radically alter anything for us,” Corrigan said. “They had to force a few more things, but it didn’t change our game plan.”

Irish senior midfielder and face-off man Liam O’Connor struggled with draws as he won just 11 of 20, well below his season average of 62 percent. Between the pipes, freshman goalie Shane Doss stopped just five shots for the Irish while giving up the seven tallies.

“We haven’t been consistent enough at that end of the field all year,” Corrigan said. “Decision-making, fundamentals, goaltending—it’s not on one guy.”

Notre Dame found itself in a tight match for most of the game, taking just a 4-2 lead into halftime. The Golden Eagles came out hot in the second half, with sophomore midfielder Kyle Whitlow and freshman midfielder Ryan McNamara scoring in quick succession to open the second half. Both players scored two goals for Marquette to lead the team. After the teams traded goals in the third quarter to move the score to 7-6 Notre Dame, the Irish closed on a 5-1 run to seal the victory. Notre Dame will now have another quick turnaround while it gets set to play its third game in eight days.

“We need to get our legs back under us and get our guys excited and confident, playing with good energy,” Corrigan said. “We’ll focus on the next game and continuing to get better as we go along.”

The Irish will return home Saturday, when they play Robert Morris at 1 p.m. at Altalanta Stadium.

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Cardinals top rival Reds

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Lance Lynn dug another early hole. The St. Louis Cardinals offense climbed right out of it.

Lynn gave up three first-inning runs for the second straight time against the Cincinnati Reds, but again came away a winner. When he’s on the mound, the other pitcher often suffers.

“There’s no secret that he gets good run production,” manager Mike Matheny said after the Cardinals rallied for a 7-5 victory on Tuesday night. “It’s hard to explain with Lance. I think some guys just have a knack of being in the right place when we’ve got a lot of offensive support.”

Matt Holliday hit a go-ahead two-run double in the sixth inning that glanced off right fielder Jay Bruce’s glove on the warning track. Earlier Molina homered and Peter Bourjos had three hits and an RBI to help the Cardinals clinch their 20th series win to go with three losses and two splits since 2007 at Busch Stadium against Cincinnati. They’re 4-1 against the Reds already this year, leaving a top division rival scuffling at 2-6 overall.

“There’s not a whole lot of blatantly one-sided games, it’s one or two mistakes here or there,” Reds starter Homer Bailey said. “We can’t think about what we do here or what we do just against them.

Bruce had a two-run triple in the first. Billy Hamilton’s second hit of the season drove in a run and Ryan Ludwick had two RBIs for the Reds. The Reds squandered a 4-0 second-inning lead by the bottom half of the inning. The Cardinals averaged 5.67 runs in Lynn’s starts last year, third-most in the National League, and have scored seven in both outings this year.

Trevor Rosenthal finished for his third save in three chances. Bruce appeared to have a head on Holliday’s two-out drive with two on against Logan Ondrusek (0-1), but had to jump a bit at the last instant and the ball glanced off his glove as the Cardinals took a 6-5 lead. Bourjos added an RBI single in the seventh off J.J. Hoover.

Both starters scuffled, just as they did in the second game of the season in Cincinnati. Lynn has surrendered eight runs in 11 innings and Bailey has permitted eight runs on 16 hits and five walks in 9 1-3 innings.

“So far at the beginning of games I haven’t been able to get that rhythm that I would like,” Lynn said.

Lynn is 5-1 for his career against the Reds, including three wins last year. Bailey is 5-10 against the Cardinals.

“Tonight, I definitely feel like I deserve the loss,” Bailey said.

Josy Votto and Bruce had one-out hits in the fifth ahead of Ludwick’s run-scoring ground-out for a 5-4 lead. Cardinals ledfuff man Matt Carpenter had two hits, an RBI and was hit by a pitch against Bailey. He’s 13 for 22 against the right-hander.
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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Don’t leave anything to chance. You may be on edge both at work and at home if you are feeling paranoid. Be patient and tolerant. Choose unusual ways to present what you can offer and you’ll win points.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Communication and doing your best to lend a helping hand will separate you from the crowd. Your offerings and your concern will bring you closer to someone you want to get to know better. Romance is highlighted.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): Protect your emotions. You are just as likely to swing one way as another. Put your efforts into creative endeavors, self-improvement and stabilizing your life position and future. Debates and arguments will only result in loss and depression. Make love, not war.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): Control your emotions. You are just as likely to swing one way as another. Put your efforts into creative endeavors, self-improvement and stabilizing your life position and future. Debates and arguments will only result in loss and depression. Make love, not war.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Embrace change, but don’t let it cost you. Your intent should be to save and invest in something that will bring you a high return. Be creative and use your imagination. The way you handle your personal affairs will make a difference.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Volunteering to help others will lead to opportunities. An unusual situation will develop with someone who can offer you unique ideas or a proposition that will enhance your personal life. Romance will bring you closer to someone special.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A risk will lead to regret. Focus on your relationships with the people you deal with daily. It’s important to nurture and to keep the peace. A change may be required and compromise a necessity. Defuse an argument with a compliment.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look for more ways to use your creative skills. Diversification and expanding some of your old ideas and concepts is the key. You’ll discover that everything changes.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Money matters and legalities must be handled with care and you must pay close attention to your personal and financial affairs. Arguments will lead to gossip.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Listen carefully and don’t react until you are fully aware of all the implications being made. A sudden change can lead to an argument and you must prove your point.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be prepared to lend a helping hand and to make changes that will bring you closer to someone you enjoy. Your ability to adapt and work quickly to fix anything that has the potential to go wrong will prove worthwhile.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): Look at your options and make choices that will help you stay on top of your game. Romance will bring you closer to someone you care about.

**Birthday Baby:** You are compassionate, loyal and imaginative. You are resourceful and adaptable.
Irish halt midseason stumble

No. 18 Irish take down Marquette behind Marlatt, Brosco hat tricks

By BRIAN PLAMONDON
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After a slow start, No. 18 Notre Dame’s offense came on strong in the second half to put away Marquette 12-7 on Tuesday in Milwaukee.

Notre Dame (5-4, 2-2 ACC) relied on a balanced attack to secure the victory, with six different players scoring. None of those goals were by Notre Dame’s sophomore attackman Matt Kavanagh, who leads the team with 20 goals. Kavanagh had two assists in his second straight game not scoring a goal.

“[Matt] is our best offensive player, but we can’t become an offense that is centered on him,” Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. “We need to find the right balance of him making plays and others making plays.”

Instead, Notre Dame was paced by senior midfielder Jim Marlatt and sophomore midfielder Trevor Brosco, both of whom netted their first hat tricks of the season. Junior attackman Conor Doyle added two tallies for the Irish, as did senior attackman John Scioscia. The other Notre Dame goals came from sophomore midfielder/attackman Bobby Gray and freshman midfielder Sergio Perkovic.

“We were trying to find a way to play that allows us to make plays but still possess the ball,” Corrigan said. “If we do that effectively I think we have a lot of guys scoring goals, and it opens up a lot of opportunities.”

Marquette (4-8, 2-1 Big East) had been winners of three of their past five games before the Irish halted their streak. Kavanagh added two goals Tuesday, bringing his season total to a team-high 20.

McCarty cruises to complete game

By AARON SANT-MILLER
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In a nine-inning, two-hit performance during Notre Dame’s 6-1 win at Chicago State on Tuesday, Irish sophomore Nick McCarty threw 124 pitches, the most he has ever thrown, he said.

“I’m pretty sore,” McCarty said. “This is the longest I’ve ever gone in my life, but I feel good. I’m just pretty sore.”

After three straight losses, Notre Dame (11-20, 1-14 ACC) earned their first win since April 1 with the victory over Chicago State (9-18, 0-6 WAC). Simultaneously, an offense that is centered on him, individually, definitely helped,” McCarty said. “It’s great to have run support, on any team. Individually, it’s just a load of your back and it’s a great thing.”

In the first inning, the Irish committed two errors, allowing Chicago State’s lone unearned run. At the end of the second inning, Notre Dame matched the Cougars one score, as freshman infielder Kyle Fiala scored on sophomore left fielder Zak Kutulis’s ground ball.

It wasn’t until the five-run sixth inning that Notre Dame added to its total, though the Irish sophomore attack Matt Kavanagh dodges a Duke defenseman in Notre Dame’s 15-7 loss at the hands of the Blue Devils. Kavanagh added two goals Tuesday, bringing his season total to a team-high 20.
Notre Dame lacks rhythm in poor offensive game

By VICKY JACOBSEN
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Irish were feeling the heat in the paint during Tuesday night’s national championship game.

At least that’s what Irish coach Muffet McGraw told Huskies coach Geno Auriemma during the post-game handshake after the Huskies won the national title game by a score of 79-58 Tuesday night.

“I said something like I thought we were playing the Miami Heat for a while; you guys are just that good,” McGraw said. “I thought they were just missing LeBrons.”

LeBron James was not in attendance in Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, but UConn sophomore forward Breanna Stewart and senior center Stefanie Dolson controlled the paint just fine without him.

The Huskies (40-0, 18-0 AAC) scored 52 of their points from the field, 30 more than the Irish (37-1, 16-0). UConn out-rebounded Notre Dame (54-31), and those rebounds translated into a slight advantage in second chance points (18-12). In short, without senior forward Natalie Achonwa, who tore her ACL in Notre Dame’s Elite Eight win over Baylor, the Irish just could not hold their own in the post.

“They just overpowered us,” McGraw said. “They killed us inside. Their bigs were just too much for us.

“I thought Stewart was phenomenal … and Dolson is pretty amazing. I thought we were overmatched,” McBride said. “I don’t think anything could have changed that. They just came out and they went directly into the post, and our help-side wasn’t there from the get-go. They got comfortable, they got into a rhythm, and we went downhill from there.”

Although the Irish were undoubtedly weaker under the basket without Achonwa, Irish senior guard Kayla McBride did not blame her absence for Notre Dame’s performance under the basket.

“I think that we just came out underequipped,” McBride said. “I don’t think anything could have changed that. They just came out and they went directly into the post, and our help-side wasn’t there from the get-go. They got comfortable, they got into a rhythm, and we went downhill from there.”

And while the Irish were almost able to match the Huskies in rebounds in the first half, they faltered in the second half, allowing UConn to outrebound Notre Dame 34-13.

“We weren’t boxing out at all,” Irish sophomore guard Michaela McKinney said. “We weren’t getting a body on them. To begin, they’re bigger than us, and I think we tried to make that a point of emphasis for the team before the game, but even he was surprised.”

The Huskies laid claim to the paint, the game, and, for at least one more year, the title of best team in the land.

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Huskies outduel Irish in paint

By GREG HADLEY
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — With 27 seconds left in the first half of the national championship game, Irish sophomore guard Jewell Loyd ducked behind a screen from a teammate at the top of the key and drained a long three-pointer to pull No. 2 Notre Dame of its lack of rhythm in the paint.

The Irish still shot just 43 percent from the field in the first period, below their season average of 51 percent. Things went from bad to worse in the second half, as the Irish endured a five-minute scoreless stretch and put up over half of their points in the period in the final four minutes, when the game was already out of reach. McBride said that it was the Irish that held themselves in check, not Connecticut’s defense.

“We were kind of beating ourselves,” she said. “We weren’t in rhythm in the offense.倒 we weren’t making the extra pass, we weren’t playing the normal way we’ve been playing the past 37 games. I think that’s what made it look so bad.”

As the Irish fell behind, McBride and Loyd tried to exploit their one-on-one matchups and took more difficult shots. In the second half alone, the pair attempted 15 field goals, but made just three.

“The defense was very good,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “And a little bit, I think, was just the bad start [and] then we’re pressing. We were trying so hard, and we went one-on-one [although] our game has been team and assists and working the ball together. And I thought we tried to go a little bit too much off the dribble.”

Loyd ended the game shooting 27 percent from the field, below her season average of 52.5 percent. McBride also struggled from the field and turned the ball over four times compared to two assists, after owning a 1.85 assist-to-turnover ratio in the rest of the season. Connecticut finished the game with six blocks, below their season average of 8.2 per game.

“I think we just thought, ‘Oh my gosh, you’re so big. We need to alter my shot,’” Loyd said. “Well, not necessarily. We just needed to take our shots. We were trying to do too much and maybe forced it a little too much. They weren’t really denying us or pressuring us like they usually do, it was just us not being aware in situations. … Being down, we’re not used to it.”

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Sophomore guard Jewell Loyd drives to the lane while double-teamed by Connecticut’s Moriah Jefferson (left) and Bria Hartley. Loyd scored 13 points on 4-15 shooting in the game.
Irish coach Muffet McGraw leads the Notre Dame coaching staff in a high-five line with Irish players before the national championship game Tuesday at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn. Notre Dame players wore warm-up jerseys with ‘Ace’ on the back in honor of senior forward Natalie Achonwa, who did not play in the Final Four with a torn ACL.

Connecticut sophomore forward Breanna Stewart lifts off for a dunk Tuesday to score two of her 21 points.

Irish senior guard Kayla McBride dribbles the ball between her legs while looking for an opening against the Connecticut defense, which surrendered only 58 points to Notre Dame on 35.5 percent shooting.

Notre Dame sophomore guard Michaela Mabrey listens to a question during the postgame press conference Tuesday night.

Connecticut senior center Stefanie Dolson celebrates Connecticut’s win with her teammates. The Huskies defeated the Irish, 79-58, to earn their second straight title and ninth overall.