ROTIC holds Pass in Review on South Quad

Annual ceremony displays ROTIC units’ skills for President and reviewing officer, honors student achievement

By EMILY McCONVILLE
News Writer

In the middle of the 20th century, Notre Dame’s South Quad was a military rallying point. University archive photos from the WWII era and the 1950s show Notre Dame's ROTC units and other military organizations marching up and down the quad in front of Rockne Memorial and a partially-constructed O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Wednesday evening showcased that era, as the ROTC units presented themselves on South Quad for their review. By Naval Commanding Officer Mike Ryan, University President Fr. John Jenkins and the general public at the Annual Pass in Review, a symbolic display of skill and precision. The ceremony included a benediction by Fr. Peter Bozza, the presentation of student awards and a speech from Jenkins.

“It’s a memorial thing, where in the field or in other military environments, they’ll do this as kind of a big show,” said senior, midshipman David Murphy, who received an award at the Pass in Review. “There’s usually something attached to it, where we’ll do the Pass in Review, and it’s symbolic when [troops] come...”

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Atwood explores storytelling

Margaret Atwood delivers the 2014 Yusko Ward-Phillips lecture. The award-winning author discussed the nature of writing.

By CATHERINE OWERS
News Writer

Acclaimed author, critic and poet Margaret Atwood delivered the 2014 Yusko Ward-Phillips lecture “We Are What We Tell: Stories As Human” on Wednesday evening in McKenna Hall.

The lecture was sponsored by the Yusko Endowment for Excellence in English, the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, the Provost’s Distinguished Women Lecture Series, the Department of American Studies, the Ph.D. in Literature Program, the College of Science’s Minor in Sustainability, the Gender Studies Program and the English Department.

Although always subject to the interpretation of the reader, writing is a transmission device that allows a voice to carry through time and space, Atwood said.

“The next time somebody asks you why you write, the short answer is, ‘Because I’m human,’” she said. “All humans are storytellers by nature. Writers who write stories down are story transmitters as well as storytellers.”

These stories can be a source of instruction or entertainment, Atwood said.

“Do nothing but entertain, and it’s a one-time read, soon discarded at the bench,” she said. “But do nothing but instruct and you will annoy most readers very quickly.”

Atwood said stories are understood in two senses, in the...

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Coulter sparks controversy

By LESLEY STEVENSON
News Editor

Conservative political pundit Ann Coulter will address Notre Dame students tonight as part of the Notre Dame College Republicans’ Lincoln Day Dinner celebration in a public lecture that has sparked debate among several student groups.

In the past, Coulter has commented on issues relating to abortion, illegal immigration, terrorism and Notre Dame’s decision to invite President Barack Obama to speak at the 2009 Commencement ceremony and give him an honorary degree.

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Saint Mary’s alumna creates summer seminar for girls

By RONI DARLING
News Writer

In response to the Status of Girls in Indiana report, Saint Mary’s alumna Molly Bell, class of 1997, created the Bloom for Girls seminar, an opportunity for mothers and daughters to celebrate the gift of womanhood in a fun, open environment.

The event will take place on Saint Mary’s campus on Sunday, July 13.

Bell said she introduced the idea for Bloom for Girls, aimed at young women between the ages of 10 and 19, in the summer of 2012 at a reunion weekend at Saint Mary’s.

“I was invited to present a lecture on the inundation of ‘pink’ into the marketplace targeting girls,” Bell said.

After discussing the effects of the messages and images to which girls are exposed daily, Bell said she suggested moms start discussing this issue with their daughters before they enter high school.

“Bloom for Girls workshops were...”

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

If you could combine any two movies or TV shows what would they be?

Ashley Knipp
freshman
Cavanaugh Hall
“Lost and Pushing Daisies.”

Kristen Collins
junior
off-campus
“The Office and Game of Thrones.”

Beruchya Dao-Bai
freshman
McGlinn Hall
“Saw and Catching Fire. Very bloody.”

Maggie Barrett
fifth-year
off-campus
“Indiana Jones + Star Trek = Firefly.”

Gracious Adegbite
junior
Morrissey Manor
“Doctor Who and James Bond.”

Nicole Creehan
fifth-year
Graduate student residences
“How I Met Your Mother and Once Upon a Time. How I Met Your Evil Stepmother.”

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Thursday

Zumba Thon
Rockne Memorial
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Open to the community.

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

Friday

“The Shirt” Unveiling
Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore
4 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
25th Anniversary of “The Shirt.”

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

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Sunday

Conference Cycling Race
South Bend area
8:30 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 Corpore.

Monday

Meet with representatives from The Haitian Project
Geddes Hall
4 p.m.
Seeking volunteers.

Talk with Weston Smith
Jordan Auditorium
5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Former CEO of HealthSouth

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Theology professor to deliver Madeleva Lecture

By KELLY KONYA
Saint Mary’s Editor

The Saint Mary’s Center for Spirituality recently announced that Christine Firer Hinze will speak at the 29th annual Madeleva Lecture, which will occur April 24 in Carroll Auditorium. According to a press release from director of media relations Gwen O’Brien, Hinze is a professor of theology and director of the Francis and Ann Curran Center for American Catholic Studies at Fordham University. This lecture will address gender issues in relation to Catholic social thought.

The lecture, titled “Glass Ceilings and Dirt Floors: Women, Work, Catholic Social Teaching and the Global Economy,” is meant to build on statistics regarding women’s market and household work in order to argue that 21st-century economies must pursue sustainable sufficiency for every household and the “world house,” O’Brien said.

Hinze’s interests focus on issues in Christian social ethics that emphasize work, justice, women and families, O’Brien said. Hinze earned her master’s degree in theology from the Catholic University of America and a doctorate in Christian social ethics from the University of Chicago.


Director of the Center for Spirituality Elizabeth Groppie said she is pleased Hinze accepted the invitation to speak at Saint Mary’s. “Professor Firer Hinze’s work in the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching gives special attention to the experience of women and families,” Groppie said. “Her lecture will bring this experience and the wisdom of the tradition to bear on the challenging economic realities of our time.”

Junior Amanda Gilbert said she is looking forward to the lecture, though she has not attended the Madeleva Lecture Series in the past. “I think professor Firer Hinze will be a moving speaker with many interesting points about Catholic social thought, which is a topic that really doesn’t get discussed outside of religious studies courses here,” Gilbert said. “It’s always a great opportunity for students to hear such an accomplished woman speak at Saint Mary’s, and I think there will be a great take-away for our entire community.”

The Madeleva Lecture Series is well-known both nationally and internationally. Some of the most influential female scholars of the past 25 years have visited as Madeleva lecturers, O’Brien said.

The Madeleva Lecture Series is named after the legendary Sr. Madeleva Wolff, president of Saint Mary’s College from 1934 to 1961, the press release stated. The series wishes to carry forth her inspiration as visionary, educator and woman of deep spiritual conviction.

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Senate considers revising SafeWalk, news subscriptions

By MARGARET HYNDS
News Writer

At Wednesday night’s student Senate meeting, members discussed NDSU’s SafeWalk program, as well as student readership subscriptions to three newspapers — the New York Times, USA Today and the South Bend Tribune — for students.

The print copies of the papers are available in North and South Dining Halls, Hesburgh Library and the Student Center.

Currently, student government is evaluating the program, questioning if the three newspapers currently supplied are the best choices for students and if print newspapers are necessary if online access is supplied.

Junior Antonia Hall senator Scott Moore spoke in favor of maintaining a print subscription. “A lot of people still do like a print copy,” he said in the dining hall,” he said.

Although less well-known, online access is currently available for students through the student readership program, Devine said.

Sophomore Keenan Hall senator Ryan Rizzuto expressed concern over the choice of newspaper subscriptions stating that improvement could include the addition of The Wall Street Journal.

“Our finance class, my professor tells us that we should read The Wall Street Journal every single day, and it’s kind of frustrating if we don’t have access to it,” he said.

Vidal said to manage the high cost of The Wall Street Journal, the readership program would have to exclude another paper. She also said Notre Dame receives a discounted rate for The New York Times through USA Today’s college reader subscription.

“If we scrap USA Today, we’re looking at a higher price for The New York Times,” she said.

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Readers understand that a work of fiction isn’t true, but they enter into the work anyway if the writer is skilled, Atwood said. This is where novelists specialize. “There is a caveat,” she said. “In our ironic modern age, those writing autobiographies and memoirs are routinely suspected of making things up, whereas novelists are thought to be telling scandalous truths about themselves or others disguised by fake names.

“We are the stories we tell, we have told and have written. … And yes, the stories we write, we write in their turn,” she said. “And we are also the stories that are told about us, and eventually not much more.

“But writing down a story is always a gesture of hope. Why? Because you are assuming there will be someone alive who will be interested in it and who will read it later in time. That’s a truly hopeful thing.”

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Fairy Tales Do Come True

The Palais Royale at the Morris Center is the ideal historic 1920’s venue with stunning architecture for fabulous wedding ceremonies and receptions, parties, celebrations and business events.

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so we’ve really been focusing on drawing attention to those aspects of conservatism that also don’t get as much attention on campus or from campus groups that are here,” Gianfalla said. “I think she brought the most attention to what our club is focusing on.”

Junior Tyler Bowen, vice president of Notre Dame College Democrats, said Coulter is someone who makes a career of … inciting controversy through inflammatory opinions.”

“Do not that you don’t have the right to bring her here, but in bringing her here, we believe you’re bringing in someone that definitely doesn’t represent what Catholic values, particularly pertaining to social justice and poverty issues,” Bowen said.

Gianfalla said he wanted to bring a speaker with a socially conservative perspective also as a response to what he believes to be an increasingly liberal University administration and student government.

“You have other groups on campus, this year in particular, with a somewhat liberal-leaning student government that has now passed on its reins, that focused on social liberal ideals,” he said.

“You have the Progressive Student Alliance, PrismND pushing gay rights and — not that we’re against gay rights, just against gay marriage — you had student government supporting the decision to admit undocumented students … and a lot of groups came out in support of a lot of leftist social ideals.

“So to fairly combat that, we wanted to focus on a socially conservative speaker, and Ann, we thought, did a great job. She brings a lot of attention to that platform and a lot of energy as well.”

Sophomore and College Democrats secretary Michelle McCarthy said her opposition to Coulter’s visit stems from Coulter’s “vulgaristic language” that offends many minority groups.

“She engages in very hateful rhetoric that is offensive to a lot of people and groups, and I don’t think that she … is an expert on policy or really involved in actual governing,” McCarthy said. “She’s a political pundit who gets a lot of attention because she is very offensive and that creates media frenzy.”

“Our opposition to her isn’t partisan, it’s about human decency,” she said.

Wednesday, members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NCAAP) of Notre Dame and other student groups staged a silent demonstration outside of South Dining Hall to raise awareness for the effects of Coulter’s “hate speech,” NCAAP of Notre Dame president and Junior Niciash Petrovic said.

“It is no way a protest and in no way are we opposed to her coming here and speaking,” she said. “We actually think this is a great opportunity to engage in dialogue about this type of speech, how it affects us, what the motivations are … and what we can learn from it.”

“I’m really thankful that she’s coming, honestly,” Petrovic said.

“I’m thankful for the free speaker policy because this gives us the opportunity to engage ideas which may sound controversial.

“This is a university. We’re supposed to be engaged in this kind of intellectual dialogue all the time. This is a great opportunity for us to do that.”

Petrovic said demonstrators passed out flyers with quotes from Coulter with cited sources. She said the demonstration was silent and participants wore all black clothing “because the quotes speak for themselves.”

Gianfalla said Coulter’s opinions and her way of expressing them reflect her socially conservative views and ability to promote them effectively.

“(Coulter is) fun to listen to,” he said. “She definitely doesn’t care what’s politically correct. People find that as a problem, but in this day and age too much emphasis is put on being politically correct, and a lot of what she says is based on fact and experience.”

“She’ll get negative attention because people take it negatively, not because she means it negatively,” he said. “Some of the things she said about abortion are controversial, these people think they’re inflammatory, but it’s just really creative ways of phrasing the conservative stance on abortion.”

Junior Shaaya Ellis, a member of College Republicans, called Coulter’s work “really, really phenomenal” and said most of Coulter’s critics have not read her writing. He said he did not always agree with Coulter’s comments but respects her right to free speech.

“Everyone likes free speech until you use free speech,” he said. “Free speech isn’t created to talk about how beautiful the sun is, it’s created to talk about controversial issues that some people don’t agree with. … Free speech is giving people who aren’t going to agree with you the platform to speak.”

Bowen said College Democrats agreed Coulter should be allowed to speak at Notre Dame, but he said the members’ complaints focused on Coulter’s views and manner of expressing them.

“I was uncomfortable with it being aimed at getting her to not speak because that is a move towards censoring her, [and] even though I don’t want her speaking, she also has the right to,” he said. “We acknowledge her right to speak here. We also, in doing so, want to vehemently disagree with her views and point out that she is totally unrepresentative of what we view the Notre Dame community as and the Notre Dame family as and how we think America should get along.”

Gianfalla said students and faculty “should realize that having a socially conservative Catholic should not, one, come as a surprise and, two, shouldn’t be seen as something that’s polarizing a largely Catholic student body in a Catholic university.”

“She is someone that embodies the social conservative platform and can bring unmatched attention to that, and that is … something that should be in line with this University’s core on the social conservative issues that I’ve mentioned,” Gianfalla said. “That’s why we’re bringing her, that’s what we’ll gain from it.”

Sophomore Matthew Wong, chair of the Diversity Council (DC), said DC recognizes Coulter’s right to speak at Notre Dame under the University’s open speaker policy and hopes to use her visit as a way to engage students in dialogue.

“Diversity Council does not actively support Ann Coulter coming to speak at Notre Dame,” Wong said. “Although DC does represent people of diverse backgrounds whether it is culture, creed, sexual orientation or political affiliation, we realize that many of Ann Coulter’s comments ostracize and demean the clubs that form our council, our work, what we represent and what we stand for.”

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home from deployment or something that shows discipline, that the uniforms are properly worn and things like that.”

Junior public affairs officer and midshipman Cassie Gettinger said the ceremony in its current form, in which the troops perform exercises for the University president, dates back to the presidency of University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh.

In recent years, the ceremony has taken place in Alumni Stadium or the Stepan Center. Junior, event organizer and midshipman Lizzie Terino said the students wanted the Pass in Review to be a visible reminder of the military’s relationship with Notre Dame.

“It’s kind of always been off to the side, not in a public area, but ROTC’s always been a big program on campus,” Terino said. “The military has a long tradition with Notre Dame, with the Navy using Notre Dame and keeping it open, so we wanted to make it public and for people to come out and see the ceremony.

Midshipman Murphy Lester, a senior and key organizer of the ceremony, said moving the event to South Quad was difficult logistically but ultimately rewarding.

“Historically, you see all these pictures, the old WWII pictures of the whole formation out on South Quad,” Lester said. “South Quad was built as a parade ground for events exactly like this.

“I’m not sure why we got away from it for awhile, but as a senior, I knew for our class it would really mean a lot to parade back and forth in front of the Golden Dome.”

In his remarks, Jenkins pointed to the University’s long relationship with the military, in particular the United States Naval Academy, connecting it to Notre Dame’s identity as a Catholic university and speaking of the importance of each to the other.

“You can point to the past,” Jenkins said. “During WWII, the school was really kept in business by the presence of the Naval community. You can point to the service of generations of Notre Dame graduates in the military ... even those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their nation.”

Jenkins said the Notre Dame ROTC program strives to train its cadets and midshipmen to show the highest level of moral integrity according to St. Augustine’s concept of a just war.

“It is a just peace that you cadets and midshipmen will serve. That is a noble cause. A clear and consistent understanding of that high moral calling is what distinguishes everybody in the Notre Dame ROTC program.”

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the solution,” Bell said.

Saint Mary’s contacted Bell six months after her discussion and asked if she would like to launch the program on campus, Bell said.

“There could be no better fit to launch this program than a campus that supports women and where I spent four years building and harnessing my own power and voice as a woman,” Bell said.

Bell said after graduating with a degree in communication, she spent ten years working as an advertising executive, an experience that showed her how companies market to young girls.

“I became ingrained in the retail landscape for moms and tween girls when I worked with OshKosh B’Gosh on their national advertising campaign to launch a sub-brand called Genuine Girl,” Bell said.

Bell said after attending focus groups, listening to moms all over the country and completing intense research on competitive brands, she thought she understood the market ⎯ that is until she had her daughter six years later.

“I began noticing aisles of pink toys, sexy dolls, purple Legos themed with dog grooming and fashion shows and countless princess images, toys and books,” Bell said.

Bell said she researched this change in market landscape and justified her concerns with several books on the topic, in which she found terrifying statistics about self-esteem and depression rates in young girls.

“According to a study by NYU Child Study Center, the average American girl’s self-esteem peaks at age nine,” Bell said. “This was further reinforced by the Status of Girls in Indiana report compiled by Saint Mary’s College that showed Indiana girls have higher rates of depression and suicide attempts than boys.”

Although the Bloom program is not connected to the Indiana report, the event does promote a positive, action-oriented experience to counteract the high rate of depression among young girls.

“Raising my daughter in an educated, upper-middle-class community, I naively thought my friends would be aware of these issues,” Bell said. “I quickly decided there was a need to start talking about some of the challenges our daughters are facing and to give our daughters the tools to maneuver through the pressures of technology, body image, friendship, stereotyping, gender biases and the list goes on.”

Bell said through art projects, interactive activities, skits and journalling, girls and moms are given the opportunity to share personal experiences in the workshops.

“Studies show that no matter how much extraneous ‘noise’ from the media peers and society surrounds our daughters with, it is within the family that a girl first develops a sense of who she is and who she wants to become,” Bell said. “A parent armed with knowledge can help her daughter reach her full potential.”

Bell said the event starts with a few fun group activities that focus on the goals of the seminar. Participants also have the opportunity to share personal experiences in the workshops.

Following the discussion, Bell said participants break for lunch and then participate in a workshop called “Love Your Body.”

“This workshop will address media images of our bodies versus a healthy body image, rather than outer beauty, a mother’s influence on a daughter’s body and our power over our own bodies,” Bell said.

Bell said she hopes moms and daughters will leave the seminar with new knowledge and tools to spark conversation when friendship crises, bullying and other self-esteem challenges occur.

“I’m thrilled to bring this program to my alma mater and to a place that offers countless empowering opportunities for women that extend far beyond Bloom for Girls,” Bell said.

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There’s more to the GOP

When I first arrived to Notre Dame in the fall of 2011, I could not wait to get involved. Arriving on campus as a sophomore, I knew I wanted to be as active as possible. I had already become interested in politics and joined the student government. I quickly became immersed in Notre Dame’s active and diverse political scene. I volunteered for Barack Obama and the Democratic party and supported my statesman in the 2012 election. I continued to volunteer for political causes and was involved in many different organizations and activities. The Notre Dame community was very supportive and welcoming, and I quickly became part of the Notre Dame family.

As a sophomore, I took part in a series of political events and activities. I volunteered at the Democratic National Convention in 2012 and attended the Republican National Convention in 2012. I also attended many political debates and events and was involved in many different political campaigns. I continued to volunteer for political causes and was involved in many different organizations and activities. The Notre Dame community was very supportive and welcoming, and I quickly became part of the Notre Dame family.

In the fall of 2013, I was elected to be the president of the Notre Dame College Republicans. This was a big responsibility, but I was excited to take on the challenge. I knew that I had to work hard to make sure that the group continued to grow and to be successful.

In the spring of 2014, I was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for my work with the Notre Dame College Republicans. This was a great honor, and I was very proud to receive it. I was also proud to be part of a group of young people who were working hard to make a difference.

In conclusion, I am very proud to be a member of the Notre Dame College Republicans. I have learned so much from my experiences with this group and I am grateful for all of the support I have received. I am looking forward to continuing to work hard and to make a difference in the future.

Thank you for your support.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Letters to the Editor

We are writing this letter as members of the College Seminar course Minority Experience in American Education in response to Mark Gianfala's recent email to College Republicans, dated Tuesday. We come from different racial, religious, and political backgrounds and would like to respond to some of Mark's previous writings. Specifically, we believe the recent email letter to the Notre Dame College Republicans contains hate speech. We want to emphasize that this addresses Mark's email, and we do not believe his views are representative of all college Republicans, or the Republican Party in general. However, as the president of the club, his voice inevitably speaks for all the members and needs to be written with a level of respect and consideration for the individual dignity of each member of the Notre Dame community.

The 11 a.m. Minority Experience in American Education class:

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While I disagree with much of Mark Gianfala's recent column, “The campus that cries wolf,” one line especially troubles me. It is, I suggest, indicative of a deeper problem with Gianfala’s reasoning in general. Gianfala writes: ‘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...’ I call your attention to his parenteral claim, the “without proof that these racist statements ever took place.” Gianfala is referring, as you likely remember, to questions and statements Notre Dame students report hearing—things such as “No, where are you really from?” or “You talk white.”

I am trying to be charitable and generous as possible, understanding Gianfala’s intent in the best possible way. I am afraid, however, that I can construct no interpretation other than the following: Gianfala is suggesting the Notre Dame students pictured on the Tumblr site—or, at least some of them—are exeggerating or outright lying when they report various micro-aggressions they have witnessed or been victims of on campus.

This saddens me for several reasons. First, I believe we have no reason not to trust the students pictured. In fact, I recognize several familiar faces on the Tumbler site, having had these students in class in recent years. I can vouch for their honesty, integrity and courage. I am confident the same is true in the other cases as well. Second, for Gianfala to insinuate that hate speech has no place here. Notre Dame’s mission statement also states that “[w]hat the University asks of all its students and scholars [...] is not a particular creedal affiliation, but a respect for the objectives of Notre Dame and a willingness to enter into the conversation that gives it life and character. Therefore, the University insists upon academic freedom that makes open discussion and inquiry possible.” In my opinion, the key phrase here is “willingness to enter into the conversation.” After reading multiple viewpoints on both sides regarding Ann Coulter’s upcoming visit to Notre Dame, it seems clear we are forgetting this key aspect of the University’s aspirations. Regardless of political views, personal beliefs or any other factor affected by Couler’s visit, it is the individuals’ responsibility to listen to views opposing their own or if they desire to be productive participants in the conversation of social conservatism. Yes, we have a right to free speech, but it is really productive to interact with opposing viewpoints with helpful and respectful responses. Personally, I believe not.

Notre Dame’s mission statement also states that “the University seeks to cultivate in its students not only an appreciation for the great achievements of human beings but also a disciplined sensitivity to the poverty, injustice and oppression that burden the lives of so many.” By bringing Couler to campus, the College Republicans are participating in the discussion on the incorporation of conservative values into politics. While Couler’s disrespectful comments in the past may not represent conservative ideals in the most positive light, it is the responsibility of all who oppose her views to accept the club’s right to host her on campus.

The project, “I, Too, Am Notre Dame,” has recently caused controversy as well. These students also have a right to address the problem of racial prejudice on campus, a topic of equal importance that must be discussed too. Again, those who feel that these students’ presentations paint the University’s student body in a negative light are allowed to hold their own personal beliefs, but they, too, must accept these students’ right to do so.

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A struggling bar in New York City, its territorial middle-aged owner and two female employees with contrasting personalities set the stage for "The Demise of the Downtown Bar Scene," a student-run production opening today in the Washington Hall Lab Theatre.

The primary action of the show revolves around the relationships between the business's owner and his young bartenders, co-writer and assistant director Katherine Dudas said.

"Between the three of them, there’s kind of an interesting dynamic going on, a kind of tension between the owner and the bartender who’s been there for a while — a very friendly, vivacious, flirtier woman," Dudas, a senior, said. "And then here comes, a month ago, this college dropout who definitely has a past."

"Her goals and her attitudes conflict a lot with the vivacious, been-there-before-a-while female bartender. The owner of the bar feels like he has a bit of ownership over the women’s bodies who work for him and attempts to use kind of their sexuality to lure in more customers."

Through these three main characters, the show addresses issues related to alcohol, sex, friendships and relationships, co-writer and director Joey Doyle said.

"This show is very much about what the lines are of the hook-up culture and when is someone being nice, when is someone asking for it, if that’s ever an applicable phrase," he said.

Senior Renée Roden plays Francine, the woman who has worked at the bar for seven years. Roden said her character often faces questions about her intentions when she interacts with men.

"Those expectations, those perpeptions, those make up such a large part of our human interaction," Roden said. "I think the fact that they’re a part of our show are so true to real life. These are the sorts of communication struggles that we deal with all the time."

"A lot of the main conflicts surrounding my character come from a disconnect between how she sees her behavior and how other people see it. So they explore the comedy that can come out of these disconnects and the more painful situations that can come out of these," Doyle, a junior, said. "The Demise of the Downtown Bar Scene" avoids becoming too heavy while raising questions about sexual assault and the line between friendship and flirtation.

"As important as [the concept of friendship versus flirtation] is to the play and as much as we think it’s something worth discussing, it’s also a gold mine for comedy because so much comedy is based off of misunderstandings and people taking things the wrong way," Doyle said. "We kind of realized that this was an awesome route into discussing some issues that we think are interesting and worth talking about but won’t be didactic."

The show runs for approximately two hours and moves fast, Doyle said.

"We really don’t want to give people the time to stop and think until after the play is done," he said. "We want to just keep throwing new things at them, keep them laughing and interested, but allowing them to hit intermission and then think, ‘Oh, all that stuff that just happened is kind of resonating in an interesting way’.

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By KEVIN NOONAN
Senior Scene Writer

Alabama-native rapper Yelawolf takes the stage Thursday at Legends, bringing his wide range of talents as a rapid-fire MC to campus in advance of the release of his sophomore album, "love story," next month.

"You know, Freddy Gibbs, Slim Thug, the RZA, Kanye, Sweet Petey," Mitchell said. "It’s a pretty good group."

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ning of women who will bring powerful voices and gorgeous musical arrangements to the south Bend stage. Sariah Worden has collaborated with a variety of musicians, including David Byrne and Bryce Dessner. She has toured with The Decemberists and even took on the role of cheerleading captain in Sufjan Stevens’ Illinoismakers, touring and singing in his eclectic show. Playing venues including the House of Blues and Sydney Opera House, she has built an impressive re-sume during her diverse musical career. Worden originally hails from Arkansas but is now based in New York. After earning a degree in opera and studying composition, she pulls from her classical and opera roots to make music that somehow blends clas-sical, experimental electronic, pop and blues genres seamlessly in her work as My Brightest Diamond. Her songs call to mind an incredibly diverse array of artist-ists, including St. Vincent, Dark Dark Dark, Fiona Apple, Imogen Heap and Andrew Bird, to name only a few, and creates an entirely unique sound in pairing her wide vo-cal range with multi-instrumental compositions. While on the way to open for the National, My Brightest Diamond will be performing in The Pool, a high school indoor swimming pool turned apartment, turned unique and undeniably charming venue. The concert is a product of the work of The Bridge Project and especially of administrator of The Pool, Dena Woods, who was responsible for booking the in-demand artist for the exclusive solo show, as well as a laudable lineup of musicians who have performed at The Pool since 2011. Also performing is Timbre, the singer/songwriter and harpist who, along with touring internationally with acts including Jack White and mewithoutyou, has just released his most highly touted basketball prospects in America before seeing his dream of playing in the NBA slip away. The film portrays the life of a man who came so very close to his goal of superstardom, only to fall into obscurity. In a production of the ground-breaking English translation, “Blood Wedding” follows the path of lovers whose lives end in tragedy. Sunday’s matinee is the last production of the show, with performances Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Baseball’s steroid problem persists

Associated Press

BOSTON — David Ortiz hit a three-run homer high over the Green Monster in the eighth inning, helping the Boston Red Sox rally for a 4-2 victory over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday.

Ortiz’s second homer was heading down the right- field line before it curled around the pole just 302 feet from home plate. Ortiz remained in the batter’s box but left first-base umpire Jerry Meals signaled a home run.

Rangers manager Ron Washington came out after Ortiz crossed the plate to ask for a review. After 44.1 seconds, the play was upheld.

Andrew Miller (1-0) earned the victory despite allowing the Rangers to score the go-ahead run in the top of the eighth. Koji Uehara pitched the ninth for his second save. Alex Ogando (0-1) allowed two runs in the loss.

The Red Sox scored in the third inning on two walks and a swinging bunt single that was thrown away for an error by pitcher Robbie Ross. Boston then tied it in the seventh on Mitch Moreland’s homer and took a 2-1 lead in the eighth when Elvis Andrus scored on Alex Ross’ sacrifice fly.

But Ogando walked Jackie Bradley Jr. to lead off the bottom half, and then A.J. Pierzynski blooped a popup down the right-field line that fell in for a single. One out later, Ortiz lined a 1-1 pitch from Neil Cotts down and into the seats that just out from the pole to the right-field corner. Because the ball sailed much higher than the pole that determines fair, the third-base umpire ruled it even to Ortiz — whether the homer would count. Meals signaled fair, and the Rangers immediately looked to the dugout to see if Washington would appeal.

After a brief chat with home plate umpire Jordan Baker, the crew went to the visitors’ dugout and re- turned a short while later to confirm the original ruling. Boston starter Jake Peavy earned another no-decision, leaving in the seventh inning of a 1-1 game. Miller pitched one inning for the win.

Ogando struck out four but was charged with two runs on one hit and a walk in two innings.

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SMC TENNIS | SMC 4, ALBION 5

SMC falls to Albion 5-4

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary’s fell from the ranks of teams undefeated in conference play Wednesday as it dropped a road matchup against Albion, 5-4.

The Belles (6-5, 2-1 MIAA) picked up a doubles victory at the No. 3 spot — sophomores Margaret Fuller and Andrea Fetters won the flight 8-2 — but ultimately that was not enough to make up for the early deficit the Belles fell into during the singles matches.

The Britons (11-1, 5-0) held onto their lead in the singles matches, taking victories at the Nos. 1, 2 and 3 positions to solidify their spot at the top of the conference standings alongside Kalamazoo while Saint Mary’s is one of three schools with just one loss — Trine, whom the Belles beat 8-1 in March, and Hope. whom Saint Mary’s will play April 17. The top four teams in the standings at the end of the season make the conference tournament, with an automatic bid to the NCAA championship at stake.

The Belles are back in action today as they host Michigan rival Bethel at 4 p.m.

The Pilots (11-7, 3-5 Crossroads) come to Saint Mary’s on a two-game winning streak, recording victories over Trine on Saturday and against Manchester yesterday. Bethel’s schedule was primarily based in the fall season, as their loss to Indiana Tech on April 3 was their only other contest of the spring season.

Following today’s game against Bethel, Saint Mary’s hosts Alma for Senior Day on Saturday at 4 p.m.

SMC GOLF

Saint Mary’s golf to tee off at Ohio Wesleyan Invitational

Observer Staff Report

After a poor showing last weekend at the Washington University St. Louis Invitational, the Belles have a chance to rebound this weekend at the Mill Creek golf course in Ostrander, Ohio, at the Ohio Wesleyan Laura Bump Invitational.

At the St. Louis Invitational, the Belles competed against some of the top programs in Division III golf and were out of the running early on, as they ended the first day of competition in 12th place as a team, with junior Janice Heffernan and senior Alexi Bown tied in 51st place as the top-placed Belles.

Heffernan, who has been one of the top players for the Belles in both of their spring tournaments this season, shot 165 over the two-round tournament, a significant improvement from the 178 she recorded at the SMSU Invitational on March 14.

Leading the way for the Belles will be senior Paige Pollak, who posted the team’s best stroke average during the fall season and who posted the second-best score for Saint Mary’s at the SMSU Invitational.

She struggled at the St. Louis Invitational, especially in the first round, finishing in 63rd place. This will mark the first time the Belles have played at the Ohio Wesleyan Invitational or at the Mill Creek golf course. The forecast calls for temperatures in the high 60s with overcast skies and mild breezes.

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**BY REBECCA ROGALSKI**

Sports Writer

With one win under its belt, Saint Mary’s looks to pick up another victory on home turf this Saturday in its second conference game against Adrian (5-3, 3-0 MIAA).

Coming off a road loss to Hope, the Belles (1-8, 0-2) know that they need to make improvements on both offense and defense, Belles coach Amy Long said.

“We plan to work on our transitions throughout this week’s practices,” she said. “We need to remain composed when facing a double or triple in the midfield. Our players have great sticks and skills and have the ability to move the ball upfield successfully, so we need to continue to practice with that added pressure to get them used to it and increase their confidence.”

Field-home advantage will play a key role in this series for the Belles, whose only win this year came at home on April 5 against Illinois Tech, 16-4. The win was the first in the history of the program, which began this season. Long said she believes this advantage will hold some weight in Saturday’s matchup, as the Belles seek their first conference win of the season.

“It’s always nice to play at home in front of your home crowd,” Long said. “We are also one of the only schools in our conference that plays on a grass field. That could create an advantage for us at the beginning of the game as we are used to picking up ground balls on grass, which can be an adjustment for teams that are used to picking them up on turf.”

In addition to having home field advantage, Long said she expects to see her defense step up this weekend against a Bulldogs offense that scores nearly 12 goals per game.

“Adrian is a very high-scoring team, and their offense will present the biggest challenge our defense will see all year,” Long said. “Our defense works hard each and every game, so I’m definitely looking forward to seeing them compete on Saturday.” Adrian’s high-powered offense features senior midfielder Hannah Early. Early racked up nine goals for the Bulldogs in last week’s 25-9 victory over Kalamazoo.

“We will need to be ready to move the ball quickly and efficiently to avoid getting swarmed by defenders,” Long said. “Our defense and goalie will truly be tested by this very offensive team.”

Despite Adrian’s offensive firepower, Long said the Belles are confident heading into the match-up as they enter the middle of their conference schedule.

“All the girls just need to protect the ball when we have it and make smart passes,” Long said. “By hustling to ground balls and continuing to execute well on the draws, I believe that we will put up a strong fight against Adrian.”

The Belles take on the Bulldogs at 1 p.m. Saturday at home.

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**BY JOSH DULANY**

Sports Writer

The Belles (10-8, 2-2 MIAA) look to add their second win against Adrian (10-3, 3-0) in Wednesday’s doubleheader on the Comets (15-8, 3-5). The Belles have also lost six of their last eight games. They are led by freshman pitchers Morgan Stratton and Ashlynn Grubb. Grubb leads the team in batting average at .373 and has a 1.46 ERA while Stratton sports a 1.30 ERA to go with her 8-1 record in the circle.

Saint Mary’s will pitch Selner and Burke again. The Belles have also relied heavily on the defense of sophomore first baseman Jillian Busfield. She is hitting .408 on the season with 12 RBI, which are both team-leading marks. Saint Mary’s will be looking to improve on their 2-2 MIAA record when it faces Olivet, their conference foe. The doubleheader will start Saturday at 1 p.m. at Olivet.

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Clubsports wrap up around campus

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**Men’s Rugby**

The Jordan College of Science partnered with the men’s rugby team for the 2nd annual Parseghian Cup, a rugby game dedicated to raising money for Niemann-Pick Type C research. The Irish squared off against Arizona for the second straight year and fell, 32-14. Arizona also won the Cup last year. In addition, the Notre Dame “B” squad played Purdue earlier in the afternoon.

Before the Cup, an anonymous donor committed to giving $25 to NPC research for every fan in attendance, with an upper limit of $25,000. More than 1,200 people attended the game, earning the entire $25,000-dollar donation for NPC research. Former Irish football coach Ara Parseghian also attended the match and took time afterwards to take pictures with the team.

**Cycling**

This weekend, competitive cycling will return to Notre Dame for the annual Notre Dame Cycling Classic. Races are scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday, lasting all day, with some ranging from less than 10 miles up to 71.5 miles and others based on distance traveled in a set amount of time. The races are open to the public and sponsored by USA Cycling and the Midwest Collegiate Cycling Conference. The course circles around Notre Dame’s campus and downtown South Bend, finishing on Napoleon Street, just east of Eddy Street.

**Baseball**

The Wolverines (14-18-1, 4-5 Big Ten) scored their only run of the night in the fourth, when Kerrigan hit the leadoff man, junior center fielder Jackson Glines, then issued a walk to senior designated hitter Cole Martin. Both players advanced on a passed ball, and Glines scored the unearned run when junior second baseman Eric Jacobson grounded out to third. It was the only run given up by Kerrigan, who allowed three hits in five innings of work.

“I thought Scott was good; I don’t know that he had as good a start as he had last week or even in his previous outing, but I thought he competed,” Aoki said. “I thought he did a good job inside of the strike zone. He got some good double-play balls.”

The Irish scored two more runs in the top of the fifth, courtesy of three Michigan errors, and held onto the 6-1 lead through the bottom of the inning when Kutsulis made a great catch in left field.

Senior right-hander Donnie Hissa took over for Kerrigan in the bottom of the sixth after two batters reached base, but Hissa got three straight outs to get out of the inning.

“Those were a couple of big innings Donnie pitched for us,” Aoki said. “Between a walk and an error [in the sixth], I think they almost came back into the game, and for Donnie to come in in relief of Scott in that first-and-second situation and not give up a run, I thought that was very big.”

Hissa then loaded the bases in the seventh before Glines struck out swinging to end the inning.

“The inning where he walks the leadoff guy and we got the double-play ball and then chuck it into right field, for him to not give up a run there was really good,” Aoki said. “It kind of allowed everyone to take a deep breath and relax for the last couple of innings.”

The Irish scored their final three runs in the eighth, sparked by a leadoff single from Kutsulis. With two outs, sophomore shortstop Lane Richards doubled to left to score Kutsulis, and then scored when a Michigan outfielder dropped a fly ball from junior Ryan Bull, who was pinch-hitting in place of the pitcher. Bull scored the final Irish run when junior center fielder Mac Hudgins knocked a double down the left field line.

Sophomore righty Michael Hearne got the final six outs for the Irish, five of them by strikeouts.

“Michael pitched really well. He commanded his stuff much better than he has in his previous two outings. I thought that he came in and did a really good job—I thought his fastball command was really good tonight.”

The Irish look to win their first conference series of three games or more as a member of the ACC this weekend when they host Boston College at CSU Baseball Stadium in Chicago. The three games are scheduled for 8:05 p.m. Friday, 3:05 p.m. Saturday and 2:05 p.m. Sunday.

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Softball

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Winter started again for the Irish but the Tar Heels (21-12, 7-7 ACC) were finally able to gain some traction against her to the tune of solo home runs in each of the first two innings by sophomore shortstop Kristen Brown and junior catcher Amber Parrish, respectively.

Whidden answered in the top of the third inning with another solo shot off her own, but Parrish smashed a two-run home run, her second of the night, over the top of the third inning with the first two innings by sophomore to the tune of really tough because we got in more than 19 shots per game in the fall, fell well below their recorded average with only eight shots. The defense, which allowed .873 goals per game last season, surrendered an 80th minute goal to freshman defender Lisa Roman that proved to be the decisive score of the 1-0 game.

“I think there’s a lot of potential... and a lot of talent,” Romagnolo said. “We’re still trying to figure out how to get the girls in the right position to get the most out of that potential. There’s a great defensive core on the team and we return a lot of the attackers as well. Something I’ve talked with them about already is continuing to increase our defensive pressure and intensity and bringing more quality into the attacking third.”

On defense, Notre Dame is led by rising junior Katie Naughton, who was elected by her teammates to serve as a team captain in the fall. Romagnolo said she has already noticed the leadership role that Naughton fills for the Irish.

“Katie Naughton has done a great job in the back line, just showing great leadership and great possession out of the back,” she said.

The Irish reversed the score from their first exhibition two weeks later against Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Rising senior forward Lauren Bobbough scored in the 39th minute, picking up where she left off in the fall, when she tied for the team lead in goals with seven. That single strike proved to be enough for the Irish to take their first victory of the spring season.

“Lauren has done a great job on the front line to create opportunities for us,” Romagnolo said. “(Rising senior defender) Taylor Schneider has also done a very good job. She’s had to play a couple different positions this spring but she’s gone from center back to outside back and she’s done a lot of quality defense and shown the ability to build out of the back.”

Switching positions has been a common theme this spring for Notre Dame, as the Irish have been plagued by injuries up and down the roster and have been forced to fill in where they can.

Rising junior midfielder Cari Roccaro, who has had to double duty in playing both defender and forward in recent weeks, has continued to do a jack-of-all-trades for Romagnolo, playing center midfielder, defensive midfielder and forward.

“(The injuries) don’t concern me,” Romagnolo said. “It’s more disappointing that I haven’t seen everyone healthy so that I could get a great take on the team. So we’ve had to move people around a lot and try to figure out what their best positions are while still making sure that we’ve got the strongest 11 on the field.”

Notre Dame has certainly been unafraid to challenge itself this spring, also batting the Chicago Red Stars of the National Women’s Soccer League. The Irish held the Red Stars scoreless in the first half but let up two goals in the second to fall 2-0 in Alumni Stadium.

Despite the loss, Romagnolo said she is impressed with the high standards to which her players hold themselves.

“I think it’s exciting to coach players whose expectation is to make it to the College Cup,” she said. “I also think it’s exciting to see them where the standard for success is at the highest level, where national championships are always the goal. It’s a great environment to be in.”

The Irish have the next two dozen games, before they return to action April 23 in an international matchup against the Haitian national team in Alumni Stadium. Kick-off is scheduled for 6 p.m.

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W Soccer

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Irish senior Laura Winter fires a pitch to the plate. Winter holds the all-time school record in wins with 98.

Against the Golden Eagles, the Irish, who averaged more than 19 shots per game in the fall, fell well below their recorded average with only eight shots. The defense, which allowed .873 goals per game last season, surrendered an 80th minute goal to freshman defender Lisa Roman that proved to be the decisive score of the 1-0 game.

“I think there’s a lot of potential... and a lot of talent,” Romagnolo said. “We’re still trying to figure out how to get the girls in the right position to get the most out of that potential. There’s a great defensive core on the team and we return a lot of the attackers as well. Something I’ve talked with them about already is continuing to increase our defensive pressure and intensity and bringing more quality into the attacking third.”

On defense, Notre Dame is led by rising junior Katie Naughton, who was elected by her teammates to serve as a team captain in the fall. Romagnolo said she has already noticed the leadership role that Naughton fills for the Irish.

“Katie Naughton has done a great job in the back line, just showing great leadership and great possession out of the back,” she said.

The Irish reversed the score from their first exhibition two weeks later against Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Rising senior forward Lauren Bobbough scored in the 39th minute, picking up where she left off in the fall, when she tied for the team lead in goals with seven. That single strike proved to be enough for the Irish to take their first victory of the spring season.

“Lauren has done a great job on the front line to create opportunities for us,” Romagnolo said. “(Rising senior defender) Taylor Schneider has also done a very good job. She’s had to play a couple different positions this spring but she’s gone from center back to outside back and she’s done a lot of quality defense and shown the ability to build out of the back.”

Switching positions has been a common theme this spring for Notre Dame, as the Irish have been plagued by injuries up and down the roster and have been forced to fill in where they can.

Rising junior midfielder Cari Roccaro, who has had to double duty in playing both defender and forward in recent weeks, has continued to do a jack-of-all-trades for Romagnolo, playing center midfielder, defensive midfielder and forward.

“(The injuries) don’t concern me,” Romagnolo said. “It’s more disappointing that I haven’t seen everyone healthy so that I could get a great take on the team. So we’ve had to move people around a lot and try to figure out what their best positions are while still making sure that we’ve got the strongest 11 on the field.”

Notre Dame has certainly been unafraid to challenge itself this spring, also batting the Chicago Red Stars of the National Women’s Soccer League. The Irish held the Red Stars scoreless in the first half but let up two goals in the second to fall 2-0 in Alumni Stadium.

Despite the loss, Romagnolo said she is impressed with the high standards to which her players hold themselves.

“I think it’s exciting to coach players whose expectation is to make it to the College Cup,” she said. “I also think it’s exciting to see them where the standard for success is at the highest level, where national championships are always the goal. It’s a great environment to be in.”

The Irish have the next two dozen games, before they return to action April 23 in an international matchup against the Haitian national team in Alumni Stadium. Kick-off is scheduled for 6 p.m.

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Happy Birthday: Turn up the intensity. Take action and be reluctant to back away from adversity. It's your lack of control that will stand between you and your set goals. Keep your life simple so that you can direct your energy where it will bring you the results you crave the most. Choose the change instead of having it forced upon you. Your numbers are 3, 13, 17, 23, 34, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take on whatever comes your way. Your go-getter attitude and creative imagination will lead to an intriguing prospect. Lighthearted and greater involvement with unusually moody people will result in a worthwhile partnership. Knowledge equals power. File away what you hear and see.★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stick to what you know and work diligently at your own speed. Avoid emotional impasses with people only interested in controlling your situation. Explore your options and you will find a way to expand your interests personally and professionally.★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Explore what's being offered. Change can be good if it unites your mind and helps you head in a direction that promotes advancement. High energy and enthusiasm will grab attention and set you apart from any competition you face.★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Let your mind wander and you'll find a unique way to make extra cash. Be a friend you need to offer to friends or family and you'll find a way to go public. You can be helpful and benefit from your good intentions.★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A friend will surface that can be of help to you if you agree to do a positive twist to the way you treat someone special will benefit you.★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You need to be patient and take your time. The ease of what needs to be done and what's possible. Take a back seat and watch how someone else handles matters. Stepping in and cleaning up will be much easier and will reap rewards.★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Per your heart into whatever you do, but don't be surprised if someone doesn't agree with what you are doing. Listen to advice, weigh the pros and cons, and continue to follow the path that makes you feel most comfortable. Nurture important partnerships.★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make positive changes at home and follow through with creative endeavors. Expand your circle of friends to include those who share your interests. Let the poor excuse for a person and a positive twist to the way you treat someone special will benefit you.★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There are many ways you can bring pleasure with help will you discover if you pursue it. There are many ways you can bring pleasure with help will you discover if you pursue it. It's your lack of control that will stand between you and your set goals. Keep your life simple so that you can direct your energy where it will bring you the results you crave the most. Choose the change instead of having it forced upon you. Your numbers are 3, 13, 17, 23, 34, 44.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take action and you will make progress. Send out your resume or sign up for a course that will help you advance. Money streaming in and cleaning up will be much easier and will reap rewards.★★

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Strong hitting leads Irish to series sweep

By EVAN ANDERSON
Sports Writer

No. 23 Notre Dame stormed to a series sweep of host North Carolina on Wednesday, its first sweep of the team’s inaugural ACC campaign.

“They hit inside pitches, outside pitches, made things happen the entire day, and they are playing with a lot of confidence right now,” Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said of her team. “That is exactly where we want to be at this point in the season.”

The main storyline in the first game of the doubleheader was senior pitcher Laura Winter, who hurled her way to her 98th career victory, which leaves her just two shy of becoming the first pitcher in program history to win 100 games. Winter (15-4) was at her sharpest Wednesday as she yielded a single hit, a second-inning single to the Tar Heels sophomore first baseman Jenna Kelly, in a one-hit gem. The senior CLASS Award finalist was extraordinarily efficient, needing just 80 pitches to strike out seven Tar Heel hitters while issuing no walks.

Winter was backed by the new head coach of the Irish, John Michael Hearn and six errors from the Michigan defense.

“Obviously they created a couple of innings for us or extended some innings for us a little bit, but I think that you always need that timely hit in order to take advantage of that sort of thing,” Aoki said. “We were able to do that tonight, so that was good for us.”

Irish sophomore Micaela Arizmendi takes a swing during a game. Arizmendi tied a program record by slamming three doubles against North Carolina in the first game, helping the Irish win 6-0.

Irish end Ann Arbor losing streak

By VICKY JACOBSEN
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Fifty years was long enough to wait.

For the first time since 1964, the Irish defeated Michigan in Ann Arbor, beating the Wolverines, 9-1, on Wednesday evening to stay unbeaten in mid-week games.

“I thought we played much better,” Irish coach Mik Aoki said. “I thought the kids were far more engaged in the game than they were even last night. I wasn’t particularly happy with the way we went about that game last night, so tonight was good. We pitched well, I thought we swung the bats much better, I thought we got those timely hits.”

The Notre Dame victory featured four hits from sophomore left fielder Zak Kutsulis, five strike outs from sophomore left-hander Michael Hearne and six

Irish (24-8, 5-3 ACC).

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