P.E. requirements changed
New seven-themed program to replace current P.E. system will begin in fall 2015

By CATHARINE OWERS
News Writer

Incoming University freshmen in fall 2015 will participate in a new program that will replace the current model, eliminating the physical education courses and swimming requirement, according to an April 17 press release.

On the recommendation of the Academic Council, Rev. John Jenkins, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame, has approved two one-credit courses for first-year students that include components that focus on physical and mental wellness, spirituality, cultural competency, academic success and discernment, the press release stated.

Hugh Page, vice president, associate provost and dean of the First Year of Studies program, said these changes were recommended by the ad hoc Committee on Physical Education Requirement Alternatives.

"The ad hoc Committee on Physical Education Requirement Alternatives (ACPERA) proposal represents the final phase of a policy initiative from [O'SNAP], the first major emphasis on student safety system. We won the McCloskey business competition last year, which provided the ground work to keep things going," White said. "They're not for abuse, but hopes to go to market in

O’SNAP to enhance student safety

By JACK ROONEY
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Late-night student transportation on campus is about to get easier and safer as a result of the Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol (O’Snap), the first major policy initiative from junior student body president Lauren Vidal and vice president Matthew Covovine.

Vidal said the program will utilize two new four-person golf carts, complete with hard doors, seatbelts, heating, radio and a safety beacon, to supplement and possibly replace the Safewalk program.

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Senior shares story of Tourette syndrome

By MARISA IATI
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Senior Tom White finds order in disorder.

He finds it in the disorder of his Dillon Hall bedroom, where piles of socks and shoes rest by the bed, hats cluster around a plastic moose head and three broken hockey sticks adorn the wall.

He also finds it in the disorder of his Tourette syndrome, a neurological condition that causes him to move, shriek, jump or curse involuntarily.

"For years I've been saying, 'Oh, I can write a book about this. I have all these funny stories,' and I do — whether it be screaming out obscenities, screaming out things in airports," White said. "I have all these stories and all these collections and unique experiences that radically kind of define who I am and have kind of built up the character that I have."

The desire to share those experiences compelled White to speak at TEDxUND, a local, self-organized program related to the TED conferences, Jan. 21 in...
If North and South Dining Halls had mascots, what would they be?

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“North would be a bulldog. South would be a giraffe.”

Katie Winter
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Lyssa Mall
senior
Pangborn Hall
“North, dolphin. South, squirrel.”

Merrick Topping
senior
Stanford Hall
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Trenton Kuta
senior
Alumni Hall
“Aardvark for North and honey badger for South.”

Shannon McIntee
senior
Cavanaugh Hall
“A quarter dog for North and the Jesus table for South.”
**Senior named finalist for playwright award**

**By MARGARET HYNDS**
**News Writer**

Notre Dame senior Kaitlyn Farrell was recently named one of three finalists in the Beckwith Theatre Company and Dowagiac Dogwood Fine Arts Festival’s “Emerging Playwright Award” competition.

The contest is designed to recognize young playwrights between the ages of 18 and 30 living or studying in Michigan or northern Indiana. Though Farrell’s play, titled “Ambrotypes,” did not win the competition, she received $250 for being named a finalist.

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“She didn’t win, but it was awesome exposure in the local arena for work,” senior Robert McKenna, who played Jason M. Hawley in the play, said. “Everyone has to start somewhere.”

The play was originally commissioned for ND Student Players, an on-campus theatre troupe, but it was not performed as scheduled in the fall and was not re-scheduled. “In January, one of my original actors (McKenna) came to me and said, ‘this play needs to be put on,’” Farrell said. “That’s sort of how it got started again.”

Farrell said she worked with McKenna to acquire funds from the student players and began the process of casting the show.

Around the time Farrell began preparing to stage her work at Notre Dame, she submitted “Ambrotypes” to the Emerging Playwright’s competition.

“I had written the play in about three weeks over the summer, but over Christmas break, I spent another week editing, and I added another scene. It wasn’t until spring break that they called me and told me I was a finalist,” Farrell said.

Farrell said she originally got the idea for the play when she visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art’s “Photography and the American Civil War” exhibit last summer, she read about the work of Alexander Gardner, a Scottish immigrant who became a battlefield photographer. Gardner became the subject of “Ambrotypes,” which fits into the genre of historical fiction.

Since Farrell was named a finalist, the Beckwith Theatre Company staged a reading of the play at the beginning of April, she said. “That may have been one of the better things to happen to us,” freshman Nick Lindstrom, who played Alexander Gardner in the ND Student Players production, said. “Kaitlyn got the chance to see complete strangers perform it, and they interpreted the script in an entirely different way than she did. She brought that back and helped shape her vision.”

The Notre Dame production was staged one week later, April 24-25, in the Washington Hall Theatre Lab. “It was my first time directing a full-length play,” Farrell said. “I tend to be more quiet, and I’m definitely more interested in script analysis and playwriting, and it’s pretty rare that playwrights get to direct their own work, so it was definitely a good experience.”

Farrell said the production was based on a very collaborative process. I was just watching the show, listening to the words that I wrote. It’s a very kind of transcendental experience. Just sitting there, and I know that the next line is going to be, but I’m always surprised by how they present it,” Farrell said.

After she graduates, Farrell plans to move back to her home state of New York. “My hope is to maybe get an apprenticeship at a theater. I would love to work in script analysis, but my hope is to continue playwriting as well,” she said. “I would like to get the play published this summer, but sometimes you need to have a full-scale production before they’ll publish it.”

“I’ve just loved being able to share my work with other people.”

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**Graduate student launches fair trade company**

**By GABRIELA MALESPIN**
**News Writer**

Notre Dame MBA student Jordan Karcher has combined a love of coffee with a dedication to animal welfare to create Grounds and Hounds, a 100 percent fair trade and organic certified coffee brand that provides financial support to “No-Kill” animal shelters.

Karcher said he became interested in helping the animal community after adopting his dog in Santa Monica, Ca., which led him to become more active in animal adoption organizations. “I’ve always been a dog person, but the reward you get from having an adopted dog and the way they looked at you was really incredible from a personal standpoint,” Karcher said. “I started spending more time with the rescue community in general, and I saw a lot of the issues going on, and a big piece of it is that there’s not enough awareness about what’s happening in the humane society.”

Karcher said he began developing this initiative three months before attending Notre Dame as an MBA student. Grounds and Hounds currently donates 20 percent of its revenue to various organizations, while the company has been able to create a business that was enticing and really beneficial for the community yet still financially feasible.

Karcher said the company attempts to make sure the revenue from the coffee sales stays within the community in which the product was bought, so customers can see a direct impact in their communities versus donating money to national organizations.

From my background in business, I was looking for a way to come up with a solution that creates a more steady stream of revenue and dependable donations versus having to rely on single events or adoption fees,” Karcher said.

Christopher Stevens, a local retailer in Grounds and Hounds, said he became interested in Karcher’s company due to his background in the coffee industry and his personal experience with dogs. Stevens said retailers have continued to contact the company during the year and hopes the company can achieve partnerships with 12 organizations by the end of the year.

“We’re really excited that by the end of this month, we’ll cut that in half within the next five years, that’s a worthy cause.”

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Freshman

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three-year process involving two separate university committees," Page said. "Input at various stages of the proce- dures of both bodies was re- ceived from the Faculty Senate, the Undergraduate Studies Committee (USCauc), faculty and students.

The new classes will enable a wider range of campus educa- tors to aid freshmen throughout their first year, Page said, allowing more time for student-teacher interaction.

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Saint Mary's communicative sciences and disorders profes- sor Sandra Schneider designs app, faculty and students.

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"We have three people who are on a one-year contract, and af- ter the 2015 school year they will no longer be employed unless they find another job within the University," she said. "Everybody else who has six years of experi- ence, those people are gone, but be given one year in First Year of Studies, in some capacity, for the 2015-2016 school year.

"It is yet to be determined what position they'll be receiving, and then after that, I do believe they want [Human Resources] to help us find other employment within the University, but that is not guaranteed.

Scherzer said she is concerned the new classes will not allow for students to learn new sports.

"I'm concerned about the stu- dents not having the opportunity to learn how to swim, take dance classes, squash, golf, ice-skating — so they can skate with their kids one day — curling class, fencing, anything that their kids doesn't offer any of those, as far as learning how to get halfway decent at them. They teach fit- ness classes, but they don't teach people how to acquire new skills.

The current physical educa- tion classes don't try to get kids to try sports they have never expe- rienced before, Scherzer said.

"Basically, every kid that goes through our program is sup- posed to take something they haven't had experience in

Before, she said. "I'm truly wor- ried about the students. How are they going to learn new lifetime skills and use them for a lifetime, if they are not taught them?"

The changes, which will elimi- nate the swimming test, also take away a learning op- portunity for students, Scherzer said.

"It's an emotional indicator — so we're talking a few years."

McQuillan said. "Then I think they'll push it to the next level," Schneider said.

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program and the new proposed program both have safety as the primary concern here, and so it's a way to not only popularize a service that's already on campus, but really contribute to students feeling safe and said.

Student government director of gender issues freshman Kristen Loehle said after researching and visiting other solutions that she believes O'SNAP will help create a safer campus environment.

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I think that [O'SNAP] especially grew out of this feeling that we need to make changes to the program that would increase its use, then it could be an extremely effective tool in promoting safety on campus,” Murphy said. “And so far, everyone that has heard about the project has seemed to agree.”

Skeins said student government and NDSP still need to solidify the details of the program before it ever comes to fruition, but NDSP student employees will staff the new program, just as they do with SafeWalk.

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** INSIDE COLUMN  
Ignorance vs. hate  
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Recently, I’ve been caught up in the re-hash marathon of the TV series “The Office” during my spare time — extremely appropriate during finals season, I know. After reliving every moment of season three in the past couple of days, there seems to be one episode that really stands out. Season three, episode six, “Dwight.” In it, Dundie Miller – Scranton regional manager Michael Scott (played by Steve Carell) offers his best attempt at maintaining an open mind and open arms in embracing foreign culture when his employee Kelly Kapoor (Mindy Kaling) introduces the episode’s title Hindu festival to the office: “Indians do not eat monkey brains. And if they do… sign me up. Because I am sure they are very tasty and nutritious.” So when you’re met with someone who does not understand how ignorant he really is, and embraces this misunderstanding and labels it as a new perspective, respecting their dif- ferences on campus, it has been comforting to see that the stance has always been that our University should be a forum that allows for open and respectful discussions of differing debate, that so long as we show a desire to understand and love one another we may be able to share our thoughts, feelings and beliefs in a comfortable setting.

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Is ignorance real or not? If it is, and if they do… sign me up. Because I am sure they are very tasty and nutritious.  

** TRENDS OF MODERN WARFARE  
Lukas O’Donnell  
Morning in America

Since World War II and the start of the nuclear age, the world of state diplomacy and relations has drastically changed. Before, world superpow- ers fought on a nearly constant basis about pitifully small things, from love interests to the cutting off of a naval captain’s ear. Now however, it seems like even very large international situ- ations do not warrant military ac- tion. Take for example Russia and the Crimea. Russia has obviously invaded the territory of a sovereign nation, and yet no military action against them has been taken. In contrast, when Germany invaded Poland, the international community almost im- mediately began to gear up for war. One must ask the question: why the drastic change in world reactions? The answer to this question is multifold. First, we must look at the development of the modern mili- tary complex, namely the advent of nuclear weapons. United States dropped the atomic bombs Little Boy and Fat Man on Japan, for- ward-thinking observers could have guessed that the world had drastically changed. Observers saw that very little could be done to protect against a weapon capable of obliterating an entire city in seconds. Soon, other nations of the world began to develop their own nuclear weapons, and the age of nuclear proliferation arose. With this age began the modern era of neutrality between super pow- ers. Through the theory of Mutually Assured Destruction, whereby neither side could strike the other without massive retaliation, if one nation were to launch its missiles, all other nations would respond with catastrophic results. Instead, these countries picked smaller and more finessed ways of fighting each other. One of these was to fight smaller hot wars through different countries, such as the Korean and Vietnam wars. The other, more lasting, change to inter-country aggression came in the form of economic sanctions in lieu of military force.

Instead of employing bullets and missiles, much of today’s modern ill-will between countries manifests itself through economic sanctions. Take Russia and Ukraine again. As the United States has denounced Russia’s actions in Ukraine, it has placed economic sanctions on both the country of Russia and on specific individuals within the government’s inner circle. In retaliation, Russia has responded with economic sanctions against the United States and certain members of the United States govern- ment, including senators and presi- dential advisors. The majority of the western world also backs the United States in these actions, including the G-7 (the original G-8 minus Russia). While many often question the effectiveness of these economic sanctions, compared to the alternative options of going to war or doing nothing, they usually make up an infinitely better option. They have also been shown to work over time, such as the recently released reports that the Russian car industry is suf- fering because of the current sanc- tions. Although this outcome does not specifically hurt the government, it can aid in making a people question the rationale of their government’s decisions when these decisions hurt the country. Eventually, the collective voices of the people might persuade the government to change its strategy. All that said, many wars still occur today. However, a closer look at these specific wars show just how much dif- ferent they are from the widespread wars of the past. Take the war in Iraq. Instead of governments fight- ing governments, it is a government fighting a guerilla group. Because of the very nature of their small hit and run tactics, it makes them incredibly difficult to eliminate. The same prin- ciples apply to almost every war since WWII, most visibly seen in the war in Vietnam.

All together, these wars also had something very important in com- mon; one or more of the parties did not have nuclear weapons. Taking this into account, I believe that it is possible to predict the future of international relations and con- flicts. When two superpowers came into conflict, such as today with the United States and Russia, or possibly in the future with the United States and China, war will not break out, but rather economic sanctions and pres- sures will be implemented. However, when one or more of the parties does not have nuclear weapons, there is a much higher chance of war breaking out, as can be seen today in Iraq and possibly seen in the future through- out Africa and South America. With its position in the world, the United States would be wise to continue on the forefront of this new type of inter- national diplomacy, simultaneously affirming its economic dominance and keeping the world safe from wide-scale wars.

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Robert Alvarez
Man on a Nap

Around this time in Observer column, you find a lot of seniors giving advice to undergrads about how to maximize their time here. Typical advice follows along the lines of “your work matters,” “stay focused on school,” “involve yourself on campus” and the almighty, “you get out of ND what you put into ND.” All good advice, but admittedly very biased advice by panic-stirring seniors trying to figure out what they will be doing “next year,” and therefore giving advice about how to find jobs. Screw that stuff.

You see, the preceding pieces of advice—pieces based on trying to find a job—are not bad advice. They are actually very honest and vulnerable pieces of advice. At the center of it—and of all advice for that matter—is fear and caring. Fear that someone will do something wrong, and caring desire that they avoid it. The advice giver wants the advice receiver to be happy. My problem is that the find-a-job paradigm places the source of our happiness in safety and security.

The job is insulation from the slings and arrows of a capricious world and education is the means of raising our fortress. It is a well-meaning paradigm, based on fear, seeing to anesthetize us from the world.

I refuse to allow the premise that the world is something to fear. I’m not denying that the world can be a dangerous place, but affirming that we are of the world and any happiness we find is of the world as well. Happiness will never be born out of safety because happiness is born out of relationships and relationships require trust, which is always a form of risk.

This brings me to my advice: risk getting hurt. Risk screwing up. Risk caring about something. Trust the world. College is the perfect time for exploration. Explore. Learn about the world and the people in it. That could mean going abroad on Notre Dame’s South Bend Book or going out—what is essential is that you are constant in your attention. Attention is the essence of exploration. Explore the world that enables us to encounter a constantly renewing world. As students we enter into the world, yes, but we do so by allowing the world to enter into us.

I’m going a little bit beyond college advice now, so seniors, begin to pay attention too. Attention is how we learn, grow and remain alive. We often forget that a person can be dead while still breathing. Their problem is that their minds and hearts have become inert; the world no longer speaks to them and they only exist as bodies in the world. Allow your mind and heart to wander in open attention until you find yourself living less for yourself and more for the world that is impelling your actions and is giving your actions meaning.

I’m already going off the rhetoricallines of “gay” issue has shown me less-positive things, and caring desire that I be happy. My problem is that the find-a-job paradigm places the source of our happiness in safety and security.

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With spring finally gracing the Bend, we know two things for certain: summer is coming and so is festival season. As a self-regarded festival junkie, I cannot get enough of ‘em. Just ten days ago I was prancing along the Coachellan Polo Fields and a few weeks before, it was Claude Vonstroke who had my heart at Ultra during Miami Music Week. Now that I’ve confessed my trade, I’ll share a well-known secret: the festival of the season will be here in South Bend.

South By South Bend. You heard that right — not South West, in Austin. If you claim to know anything about music, you know the local scene is always where the magic happens. In its second year, SBSB not only brings a festival to Notre Dame’s doorstep, but will provide students the opportunity to interact and experience the greater community at its finest.

Taking place May 8 - May 11, SBSB is particularly unique because it will bridge “a celebration of live original music” in different settings throughout South Bend. This means you could catch John Cyrus perform “Nothing Good Comes Easy” at the Indiana Rug Co., pop in and see Will Murray while enjoying some excellent chai at the South Bend Chocolate Café and still make it to the Suite 11 at the East Bank Emporium in time to watch IAMAND perform “Closure,” all in an evening’s work.

Another band on my personal lineup include The Underhills, an acoustic group working with banjo, fiddle, mandolin and dobro to produce an exceptional blend of feel-good folk of Gillian Welch and deep-wooded bluegrass. On Friday night, DJ Chuck Fry will be spinning fresh beats at the South Bend Drum Co. all evening, following anticipated sets by Infinite Buffalo and the ever-exiting Flint Eastwood.

Besides the music, everyone knows that festivals are about the culture and the community, which is what Dan Courtney, a student member of The Bridge Project at Notre Dame is most excited about.

“South By South Bend will bring the downtown area and surrounding neighborhoods to life in ways students have not seen before,” Courtney said. “This will be the weekend of the year to celebrate South Bend’s great music, food, and community.”

Indeed, the varying restaurants and locales involved with the festival serve as strong examples of why South Bend is thriving more and more each day. While other festivals may leave you bored with the same locale from year to year, SBSB will not disappoint, as more than 10 locations besides the central downtown hub will be in full-fledged throws come next weekend. Courtney also highlighted how South By South Bend boasts a wide variety in its music selection, ranging from the Paul Erdman Bands’ Southern gospel and country sounds to The Rutabaga’s Elliot Smith-esque traditional folk for the layman, both of whom he is excited to see.

South By South Bend is not something you want to miss. South By South Bend will allow you to become a better resident and well-acquainted with the music scene in the community. The best festival experiences are always the ones you allow to manifest on their own. So grab a friend, plop down at a bar stool and discover new music, friends and connections (after all, you cannot possibly listen to that Flume remix one more time).
I recently had the opportunity to talk to Garrity McOsker, singer for Sober Sinners, a student punk rock band. The band is composed of Garrity, Joe Ferguson on bass, Alex McDermick on electric guitar and Patrick Samuels on drums. McOsker, who is currently a junior in the Mendoza College of Business, said he met Joe on the first day of school and started the band together quickly after that.

Sober Sinners just recently released its first full album, “A Trophy for Showing Up,” on Bandcamp for free. Garrity said the 10 songs on the album are “basically everything we’ve come up with since the inception of the band.”

Five of the songs came off their previous EP, “Backyards and Battle scars,” which was released in May of last year. The band has remastered them and made a few changes and improvements.

The album came out as a result of McOsker’s friendship with Heath Hicks and Jeff Wobenwool, band members of local Mishawaka band Nothing left Inside. Hicks and Wobenwool offered Sober Sinners access to their recording equipment for free, under the condition that this album would available free of charge.

“arist track “Anthem,” for instance, is a “joke party song,” making fun of the Notre Dame party scene and its lack of originality. Another important song for the band is “Zio,” Italian for “uncle.” McOsker says this song is about his relationship with his uncle, who he looked up to as a child and that it’s a song audiences tend to understand more.

McOsker even wrote a song in Spanish while studying in Ecuador, entitled “Yo Te Dije.” The song is rather unique for the band.

“I wrote it as a sort of love song, which is weird for a punk rock band,” McOsker said. “So I figured if we had a punk love song, I’d have to write it in Spanish so no one would know.”

McOsker is from Los Angeles, and has been greatly influenced by Latin culture, so he said this type of song was important for him to write.

Last summer, McOsker says the band went on a “mini-tour” through Milwaukee, Mishawaka and towns near Chicago. McOsker said he was “emailing about 30 people everyday over the summer. It was a bunch of the shots in the dark, and we were just trying to make it happen.”

It paid off, and they eventually got the bookings they wanted. They did encounter difficulties along the way though.

“Our first show was at this bar in Milwaukee to an audience of one guy. It was a Sunday and the Packers game was on, so maybe everyone else didn’t get the memo.”

McOsker also had some important advice for students who aspire to form their own band and make their own music.

“If you want to start a band, start writing original music as fast as you can. Don’t worry about everything. You need to view it as a creative process and not an assignment. Notre Dame students can tend to have a perfectionist attitude, which doesn’t work with this. It’s not something to excel at, it’s something that’ll be memorable. There’s frustrations in a band and writing your own music, but at the end of the day you still all have the feeling of ‘I can’t wait till I play again.’”

When asked about the future of Sober Sinners, McOsker had a clear vision.

“We’re gonna keep playing,” he said.

He also mentioned that though they have been doing a number of bar shows recently, McOsker hoped that Sober Sinners could play again in the Fisher basement sometime soon.

Sober Sinners will be playing at McCormick’s next Thursday as part of the South by South Bend Music Festival. Their album is available for free on their Bandcamp page www.sobersinners.bandcamp.com

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he’s a specialist at best and to draft him, only to find that he’s bid too much. One NFL club probably did so because they cursed, which states that the nomenon called the winner’s curse, which states that the winner’s curse. It’s the ugly new FieldTurf some - what the thought of when the next time we seniors will see the groups we pose for gradu - ation photos with — if there is any to our returners to be in the tournament, and as ours,” he said. “It’s exciting for our returners to be in the tournament, and it is rewarding for the bellies all sea - son and now that they have achieved it, the team’s confi - dence is high, Belles coach Dale Campbell said. “It’s very nice to [finish in the top four], and it is reward - ing for the bellies confer - ence and the line. However, it is easy to write in a hurry. I’ve never gone out and actu - ally written a column in the name of consistency, I’ve leaned on one column the paper. But through three years, I’ve leaned on one column more than any other: the Jack Hefferon column. That’s a guarantee.

Michael Bradley becomes the face of U.S. Soccer

Unless you’re one of the people who watched qualifying games of the U.S. Men’s National Team over the past three years, you probably didn’t know much about Landon Donovan. However, the aging striker will be entering his fourth — and likely last — World Cup, and has seen limited action dur - ing the American soccer star’s run. Donovan will still be the emotional leader on this squad, and Clint Dempsey has absolutely been the MLS so far this season, but the World Cup will make Bradley and his aggressive, non-conformist style familiar to households across the country.

My friends all stay con - nected after graduation and meet up together once a year (minimum)

Okay, now we’re getting into the real world — and possibly wishful thinking. Notre Dame allows us to form a working group, actuator for the rest of our lives, and for many of us that foundation lies heavily on the basis of friendship. It’s been a privilege chasing their new lives ev - erywhere from South Bend to Washington to Micronesia and most places in between, and I’m sure that every last second I watched qualify - ing games has been worth it — and that is what we expect on every game and try to improve their ability to rally once they fall behind.

“We have to try to figure out how to turn those matches around,” Campbell said. “We just have to be able to execute the game plan. We know what to do and just have to stay in the match, moment by moment. It takes an all out effort by every member of the team to win.”

If the Belles are able to average their loss tomorrow, they will meet either second - seeded Hope or third-seeded Albion on Friday for the con - ference title, with an autom - atic berth to the Division III national championships on the line.

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Irish head to regional Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame has just over a week of practice remaining before it will travel to the NCAA regional championship for the seventh straight season May 8.

Coming off of a fifth-place finish at the ACC championships, the Irish will compete at the West Regional in Cle Elum, Wash. The regional will take place at Tumble Creek Club at Suncadia Resort. No. 8 Washington will serve as the host school.

Notre Dame is ranked 18th out of 24 teams competing at the regional, and are joined by ACC foes Wake Forest and Clemson, who are seeded fifth and sixth, respectively. At the ACC championships, the Irish out-placed both the Demon Deacons and the Tigers, who finished in eighth and ninth place, respectively. The top five seeds in the West regional are filled out by No. 1 Southern California, No. 6 Arizona State, No. 7 Oklahoma, Washington and No. 13 Clemson.

Overall, there are three regionals in the West, Central and East. Eight squads will advance from each regional to the championship for the regionals combined.

Eight squads will advance from each regional to the championship competition for a field of 24 teams. The Irish will have a tough path to qualifying, as the top eight teams at the West regional are all ranked in the top 25. The NCAA Championships will be held May 20-23 in Tulsa, Okla. The NCAA West Regional tees off at the Suncadia Resort in Cle Elum, Wash., on May 8 and lasts three days.

ND prepares for DePaul in first round

By ZACH KLONSINSKI Sports Writer

Coming off a quarterfinal appearance at the ACC tournament last weekend, Notre Dame looks to continue its strong play as of late when NCAA tournament play opens May 9. The No. 27 Irish (16-9, 8-6 ACC) will face former Big East rival No. 46 DePaul (22-3, 4-0 Big East) in Evansston, Ill., in the first round.

Last year, the Irish and DePaul met in the semifinals of the Big East Championship. Notre Dame advanced in a match that came down to the final point, with the Irish edging the Blue Demons, 4-3, en route to their sixth consecutive Big East tournament title.

This year, DePaul defeated Xavier in the Big East championship to claim its first trip to the NCAA tournament since 2010. The Blue Demons have also defeated five teams ranked in the top 75, with their only losses on the year coming on the road to No. 5 Texas A&M, No. 19 Rice and No. 33 Houston.

Notre Dame was knocked out in the ACC quarterfinals, 4-2, by No. 15 Miami (Fla.) in a marathon match, though it was not due to slow play. The match was delayed twice because of lightning and rain, finally finishing indoors at the University of North Carolina, a half hour drive from the outdoor courts in Cary, N.C., where the ACC tournament was held. The match began at 11:30 a.m., and did not finish until 7:30 p.m.

“It was a long day, but our kids were fine. I felt like it didn’t bother them a bit. We handled it really well,” Louderback said. “We had chances. ... I thought we played well, though, and it gives us a lot of confidence being right there against a team like that.”

While the Irish did not secure the doubles point, singles victories by sophomore Quinn Gleason and freshman Monica Robinson tied the match at 2-2 before the Hurricanes (19-5, 12-2) pulled away and clinched the semifinal berth.

“[Senior] Jennifer [Kellner] had just split sets when they got their fourth point,” Louderback said. “She had completely worn the kid out. They had had two long sets and [Kellner] had run her around. Into that second set you could see her hurting.”

Before the loss to Miami, Notre Dame had won eight consecutive matches. The Irish also improved against the Hurricanes after losing their first matchup Feb. 23, 6-1, in Coral Gables, Fla.

The Irish now turn their attention to the NCAA tournament play and DePaul.

Since the tournament is not scheduled to begin until next week, the Irish will have an off weekend for the first time since Feb. 8-9. However, Louderback and his team will be just as busy, if not busier, than usual, preparing for the Blue Demons.

“I think a big thing now is we’ve got a week off after that first loses conditioning the next two weeks,” Louderback said. “We just have to make sure we maintain [our condition], especially during finals because it gets tough, working around their finals schedules. ... We don’t get many weekends off so at the end of this week we’ll probably play quite a bit because we want to make sure we keep playing matches and sets as much as we can.”

The Irish look to keep their season alive against the Blue Demons on May 9 in Evansston, Ill. The match is scheduled to take place at 1 p.m., with the winner advancing to take on the winner of Miami (Ohio) and host No. 16 Northwestern on Saturday, May 10.

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Irish travel to Hayes Invite

By MATT GARCIA
Sports Writer

The Irish will stay in Indiana this weekend for the Billy Hayes Invitational, hosted by Indiana University. Coming off a strong performance at the Drake Relays, most of the Notre Dame squad will aim to maintain momentum through the middle of this outdoor season, while some athletes will remain at home to rest.

Senior catcher Forrest Smith said the Irish will return to action in a midweek game against Western Michigan. The Irish and Broncos face off on Wednesday at 5:35 p.m., at Four Winds Field in South Bend, Ind.

The only senior who is getting at-bats is [Irish senior catcher] Forrest Johnson and, if everything goes all right, we’d like to bring him back for a fifth year,” Aoki said. “So, you could make an argument that every guy on our roster will be coming back and they need the at-bats. As we look forward, and in the midst of a season like this, you are in some ways looking forward and trying to figure out where the wheels fell off and what you need to do differently going into next year.”

Going into the matchup against Western Michigan, Notre Dame has 15 players who have at least 20 at-bats this season. Of the 15, 12 have 60 or more at-bats this spring.

“We’ve gone pretty deep into our roster in terms of getting our guys at-bats,” Aoki said. “At some point, we’re just going to have to be better and develop. Our kids just need to improve. There are a lot of guys who have gotten the opportunity and then given it back. I think there have been bright spots for each of those kids, but for a lot of them, those bright spots have been few and far between.”

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Associated Press

Chicago — John Wall finished with 24 points, Nene scored 20, and the Washington Wizards beat the Chicago Bulls 75-69 on Tuesday night to clinch their first-round series in five games. Bradley Beal scored 17 points, and the fifth-seeded Wizards advanced in the postseason for just the third time since the 1970s. They will meet Indiana or Atlanta in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

It’s a huge step for a franchise that hadn’t been to the postsea-son since 2008, but with Wall and Beal leading the way, they won 44 games during the regu-lar season. The Wizards turned a half-time tie into a nine-point lead heading into the fourth quarter and hung on down the stretch. Chicago’s comeback chances took a big hit early in the final quarter when Taj Gibson crum-bled to the court clutching his left ankle after he tried to block a layup by Wall with the Wizards up by six points. He had to be helped off the court and did not return.

The Bulls cut it to 70-67 on a jumper by Carlos Boozer with 3:32 left. Wall then poked the ball away from Boozer and nailed a jumper at the shot-clock buzzer. Chicago hit two free throws with 2:18 remaining to cut it back down to three, but the Wizards grabbed three offensive rebounds while whit-tering more than a minute off the clock before Beal threw the ball away with a minute left in the game.

Boozer missed on a drive, but the Bulls had another chance after a shot-clock viola-tion by Washington with 22.4 seconds left. Chicago’s Jimmy Butler missed on a layup off the inbounds, and the Wizards caught a break after Andre Miller missed two free throws.

Beal tracked down the loose ball and hit the first free throw to make it 75-69 with 14.4 sec-onds left before missing the second. But again, the Wizards got the rebound. This time it was Nene, and that led to two free throws by Wall with 7.8 seconds remaining.

Wall and Nene, back from a one-game suspension for grab-bing Butler’s head, both had seven rebounds. Marcin Gortat scored just two points but grabbed 13 boards.

For the Bulls, a season that unfolded in ways they never envisioned is finally over. They expected to challenge Miami for supremacy in the Eastern Conference with Derrick Rose back after sitting out last sea-son, only to lose their star to another season-ending knee injury. As if that wasn’t enough, they traded away one of their top remaining players in Luol Deng yet somehow squeezed out 48 victories. No team in the East won more games after New Year’s Eve, either, but the Wizards were too much.

Butler and Kirk Hinrich scored 16 points each and Gibson had 12. Joakim Noah added 18 rebounds and seven assists. Boozer, a candidate to be amnestyed, added 10 points and nine rebounds in what might have been his final ap-pearance for Chicago.
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Matt Kavanagh led the Irish offense in both games, converting the game-winner against Maryland and following that up with four goals against Syracuse. I’d like to see us play the Maryland game, and I think we did better compared to the first time playing them, but we didn’t do quite as well against Syracuse. I’d like to see us play better in our set offense, too. We scored goals in a lot of different ways this weekend, but I’d like to see us get more out of our set offense.”

The Irish and the Black Knights face off at noon Saturday at Arlotta Stadium.

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“Hosting a regional is great just because it’s indicative of the great season we’ve had and all the hard work we’ve put in,” Irish coach Ryan Sachire said. “We’re excited to keep playing into May.”

For Sachire, who took the program’s reins from Bayliss, the satisfaction of making the NCAA tournament in his first season as head coach is secondary to the excitement he feels for his players, he said. “It’s all just about the players,” he said. “We have great players and great leaders and great young guys who have done some good work this year. [The assistant coaches and myself] view this all as a partnership, but really it’s all about the players and they’ve done a hell of a job.”

In the first round, the Irish will face George Bay (18-7, 6-0 Horizon) for the first time since Sept. 15, when both teams played in the Vredevent Invitational at Kalamazoo, Mich. While no team scores were recorded and the Irish were missing most of their starting lineup, Sachire said that the experience will be helpful in the team’s preparation.

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The Phoenix have won eight straight matches, including the Horizon League championship, which gained them an automatic bid into the national championships. They are led by senior Ryan Bandy, who was named to the Horizon League’s all-conference team. The team’s preparation.

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Gemini (May 21–June 20): Take action and be thorough. False information will weigh heavily on the results you get. Take the time to find out what you need to know before you make a decision that can have a lasting effect.

Cancer (June 21–July 22): Concentrate on the pros and cons of a situation. You can offer help, but don’t make a donation you cannot afford. Your time and effort will be what counts. Consistency will help you get things done and give you the recognition you deserve.

Leo (July 23–Aug. 22): Uncertainties regarding work or status will arise. Concentrate on different ways you can use your expertise. Defend your position, values and plans. Concentrate on getting as much done as possible without jeopardizing your long-term goals. Keep the peace.

Virgo (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): Travel, learning and interacting with people from different backgrounds will help you advance. Use your intelligence and your imagination and you will attract both personal and professional interest. Love is in the stars and romance will improve your life.

Libra (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): Money matters will be a concern. Creative accounting will help you gain financial stability. Don’t let anyone bully you into spending on something you don’t need. A change in the way you feel about someone will alter the way you live.

Scorpio (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): Relationships should take top priority. Whether it is a business or personal partner, you are best to nurture what you have by suggesting innovative plans to pull you closer together and head in the same direction. Self-improvement will boost your confidence.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): Be careful how you handle your personal life and your relationships. Problems will occur if you aren’t honest about what you want. Avoiding issues only makes you more distant. Make changes that suit your needs and help you achieve your goals.

Capricorn (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): Home improvement projects will also help you improve your domestic situation. Stick close to home and avoid being around unpredictable people. Use caution if you become involved in physical activities that stretch your abilities. Arguments are apparent.

Aquarius (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): Put your time and effort into raising your income. Whether you pick up a second job or apply for a position worth more monetarily, it is a good time for you to focus on improving your standard of living.

Pisces (Feb. 19–March 20): Reconnect with old friends. Sharing your experiences and collaborating to reach a common goal will be beneficial and result in strong relationships that can last a lifetime. Creativity is highlighted and rekindling an important relationship will lead to benefits.

Birthday Baby: You are dramatic, sensitive and stubborn. You are proactive, reliable and honest.
Irish face off with Army in finale

By A.J. GODEAUX
Sports Writer

After a thrilling 15-14 win over No. 4 Syracuse on Sunday to capture the ACC championship, the No. 5 Irish return to action Saturday with a home matchup against No. 19 Army.

With the Irish (8-5, 2-3 ACC) jumping from ninth to fifth in the latest poll after their tournament championship, the game against Army provides another chance for the team to bolster its NCAA resume.

“This game is very important to us and a tremendous opportunity to improve our standing in terms of NCAA seeding,” Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. “Especially with finals next week, no one wants to have to rearrange exams to go travel to play a first-round NCAA game on the road. Having a home game against a quality team is an opportunity, and a win would go a long way to locking up a game at home.”

Army (9-4, 6-1 Patriot) comes into the matchup after a 12-11 loss to No. 17 Lehigh at home. “They’re a top-20 team with a lot of talent, especially on defense, and they’re tough,” Corrigan said. “All four of their losses have come by one goal. I don’t know if you’ll find another team in the country like that, so you know they’ll be a resilient, tough team.”

The Black Knights lead the nation in scoring defense, giving up a paltry 6.38 goals per game. The first order of business for the Irish defense will be shutting down junior attackman John Glesener. Glesener leads the Black Knights with 17 goals, and his 2.85 goals per game average is good for ninth in the nation. His 50 points are 19 more than the next-highest total on the Black Knights roster.

In addition to the ACC-clinching weekend, 13 seed in this year’s tournament, the Irish will play host to No. 19 Army.

Saturday with a home matchup against No. 5 Irish return to action against No. 7 Maryland this weekend. Though the Irish claimed Friday’s matchup, 13-10 win, they’re building, and they’re getting better,” Aoki said. “But, again, if there is anything that this year has proven, on any given day we can beat anyone and on any given day we can be beaten by anyone.”

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Notre Dame begins a three-game series against Boston College, with the first game scheduled for 1 p.m. that day at Melissa Cook Stadium. On Sunday, during the regular-season finale, the Irish will honor their four seniors — infelder Chloe Saganovich, outfielders Lauren Stuhrl and Monica Torres and pitcher Laura Winter.

Notre Dame set for NCAAs

By GREG HADLEY
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When No. 13 Notre Dame takes the court on May 9 to play Green Bay at home, the Irish will begin a new era in the program’s history. For the first time ever, Notre Dame will play in the NCAA championships without coach Bobby Bayliss, who retired last season.

The Irish (19-9, 7-4 ACC), who advanced to 22 NCAA tournaments in 23 years under Bayliss’s leadership, were selected as the No. 13 seed in this year’s tournament Tuesday and will host a regional for the first time since 2007. The tournament’s top 16 seeds host the first two rounds, after which the remaining 16 teams finish play in Athens, Ga.

Irish senior Ryan Bandy waits for the return of his shot during Notre Dame’s 6-1 win over Florida State on April 13.

Squad takes on Western Michigan

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