Mayor addresses College Democrats

By MATTHEW McKENNA
News Writer
South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg spoke to College Democrats on Sunday about his career, the relationship between the city and Notre Dame and his hopes for the future.

Buttigieg said he is excited to be South Bend’s Mayor during such a monumental time in the history of the city. “When I got in the mayoral race in 2011, South Bend showed up on a Top 30 list in Newsweek of dying cities in America,” he said. “Part of that is a consequence of an economic readjustment that we’ve spent the last 50 years dealing with. The wider world knows about South Bend because of Notre Dame, but South Bend did not grow up around Notre Dame. It grew up around the car industry.”

Although he acknowledges the hardships the community has faced in the past, Buttigieg said he believes his election as a 29-year-old was a message from the community to look toward the future. “When one of the biggest automakers here collapsed in 1963, we lost more than a quarter of our population. This is a city that really took it on the chin. It’s taken 50 years to turn the corner on a mindset of trying to get back the industrial structure that we had.”

McCormick reflects on plans for Campus Ministry

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI
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In the past several years, Fr. Pete McCormick has become one of the most recognizable figures on campus.

He was formerly the rector of Keough Hall, a DJ at Legends and director of Campus Ministry’s freshman retreat program. Currently, he’s finishing an MBA in the Mendoza College of Business and serving as chaplain to the men’s basketball team. All of his past roles have a common theme, he said — connecting him with students and giving him a better sense of student needs, which he plans to use in his role as the new director of Campus Ministry.

“I’ve had the benefit of working with students in all that I’ve done, so from my perspective, the focus of the director of Campus Ministry is really to be thinking about students first,” he said. “I really hope to be able to use that mindset as a way to give back. This office and the opportunities that I have are wasted if they’re not used every day to think about how we can care for students better.”

McCormick said he sees Campus Ministry’s mission as a three-part process: first, an invitation, then a “content-rich place of formation” and finally, a mechanism for leading people to prayer. “I think that Campus Ministry should be a place that constantly invites people into what we are doing,” he said. “It shouldn’t be seen as exclusive or as a club, but a place that is welcoming to all.”

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SMC hosts activities fair

By KELLY KONYA
Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s hosted a spring activities fair in the Student Center on Sunday to recruit members for campus organizations as a counterpart to the fall activities fair during the first week of classes in August.

The event was coordinated by Janiele Trakakierian, assistant to the vice president for student affairs and the director of residence life, and Tena Johnson, student involvement specialist.

“I think this is a good idea for the spring because we have a lot of transfer students coming in and students coming back from abroad who want to get involved, and it gives them that opportunity to know what is available,” student body vice president Sam Moorhead said.

Johnson said 30 clubs and departments registered for the event and had table displays around the Student Center atrium and on the second floor.

“We decided to organize the fair mainly to give student clubs another opportunity to recruit people,” Johnson said. “It’s the best way to promote involvement in campus life.”

One of the newest organizations is the Notre Dame Catholic Fraternity of Christian Men, also known as the FOCUS club.

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What class are you most excited for?

Adam Conrath
sophomore
Kough Hall
“Marketing.”

Caroline Humphreys
freshman
off-campus
“French.”

Brendan Fay
sophomore
Alumni Hall
“Marketing.”

Michelle Wern
junior
Lyons Hall
“Portrait photography class.”

Tom Bonadies
sophomore
Alumni Hall
“CAD/CAM class.”

Adriana Rivera
junior
Ryan Hall
“Environmental Graphic Design.”

QUESTION OF THE DAY: Have a question you want answered? Email photo@ndsmcobserver.com

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Monday
Prayer Service to Honor the Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.
Main Building
11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Women’s Basketball
Purcell Pavilion
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Notre Dame versus Tennessee.

Tuesday
CUSE Undergraduate Workshop
110 Browning Hall
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Learn how to write a grant proposal.

Wednesday
Social Concerns Fair
Geddes Hall
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Hear about local service opportunities available to students.

Wellness Wednesday: Cross Country Skiing
Rockne Memorial
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Equipment provided.

Thursday
Majors Night
SDH/Reckers
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Discuss majors with professors and students.

Women’s Basketball
Purcell Pavilion
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Notre Dame plays Georgia Tech.

Friday
Stress Free Friday: Yoga
Rockne Memorial
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Free admission and no experience needed.

Graduate Student Mass
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
6:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Worship service.

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and advance to asking questions about our future.”

Despite his age, Buttigieg said he ran for mayor because he believed he had experience, which prepared him to be a better agent of posi-
tive change for the city than those who were currently in municipal leadership.

“I had a business background so I was a little more familiar with the nuts and bolts of that side, and I felt I could get something done,” he said.

“I also focused on the relationship I had with the city. I had grown up here. I left, and I found myself with others that were from the city.

“City is a very misunderstood word. It is about why we choose beers and would look at the papers and worry about what has going on here and question some of the leadership decisions. That’s when I knew I really wanted to help.”

The city is beginning to believe in itself again, Buttigieg said, and part of that is a function of an improved relationship with the University.

“I’ve been extremely excited about students deciding to get more involved in their communi-
ty,” he said. “We have a relationship with the University now on every level, from economic development to the arts to public safety. That has really started to transform life in the city.”

Buttigieg said he sees the city level as the most dynamic and fun level of government, and the state of the current national government makes it the level in which one is most likely to be able to improve things.

“The city level is the level that touches the most people most im-
mediately,” he said. “Things like trash pickup, roads without holes in them, safe drinking water, these are things that we take for granted. All of these things can impede how you want to live your life, and all of these things are dependant on how good your city is.”

Buttigieg said his experience serving in Afghanistan from February to September of last year as a member of the U.S. Naval Reserves helped him in his career and gave him a new perspective on cities and those that work hard to support them.

“There was a perspective shift that was a very healthy thing for sure,” he said. “Around here, I’m a little overexposed in the media. When I get in a uniform, I was cut down to size very quickly. When it was my turn to clean the toilets, no one cared if I had a job.”

The nature of his job as mayor has allowed him to bypass par-
ty lines and work for the good of everyone in the community, Buttigieg said.

While city members may not agree on all of his perspectives, Buttigieg said cohesion is present on the local level.

“I work with people that would never support me for national of-
cice, but they see things exactly the way I do when it comes to local problems and how we’re going to try and fix them,” he said.

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Notre Dame opens online courses

By PETER DURBIN
News Writer

The newest form of a Notre Dame education is now acces-
sible through the University’s first set of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), currently available for registration through the online learning platform edX’s website.

The courses, created in a joint venture between Notre Dame faculty and the Office of Digital Learning, will be offered through a partnership with edX.

Course operations coordina-
tor Sonia Howell, who works in the Office of Digital Learning, explained that the courses came to fruition after talking to faculty.

“We went through the process of sending out feelers to faculty who may be interested,” she said. “Interested faculty submitted proposals that were reviewed by faculty boards, who decided on which courses would be offered.”

Howell said the decision-
making process required sifting through applications of some “superstar” professors.

According to the College of Science press release, vice presi-
dent and associate provost Dan Myers will teach “I Heart Stats,” theology professors Gary Anderson and John Cavaddini will teach “Jesus in Scripture and Tradition,” engineering profes-
sors J. Nicholas Laneman and Aaron D. Striegel, finance profes-
sor Barry Kearing and law pro-

dress Patricia L. Bella will teach “Understanding Wireless” and physics professor Mike Hildreth and math professor Annette Pilkington will offer “Math in Sports.”

“Four all inaugural courses are aimed at a global and nonspe-
cialist audience,” according to the press release.

Employees of Harvard and MIT founded the edX platform, Howell said.

“Schools that use the courses include California-Berkeley, Georgetown and Dartmouth,” she said.

The company was founded as a way to extend the vision edX CEO Anant Agarwal’s vision of a world in which education is a basic hu-
man right.

“Notre Dame’s courses on the edX platform deliver on the promise we make as a University — to advance learning in the ser-
vice of human flourishing both here on campus and in the wider world,” said Elliott Visconsi, the University’s chief academic digi-
tal officer.

According to the company’s website, edX has awarded more than 100,000 certificates to indi-
viduals who have completed their series of necessary coursework.

Melissa Dinsman, a projects and operations manager in the Office of Digital Learning said she doesn’t imagine a time when on-
line education will replace a cam-

pus-based learning environment.

“We don’t envision a time when education is obtained solely through an online institution,” Dinsman said. “We’re not going to take away that traditional envi-
ronment, but the online elements can be used to enhance those tra-
ditional learning environments.

“We aim to improve the visual aspects of education that can be used to enhance student learning here on campus,” she said.

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feel comfortable, we can teach them about the things that matter most. I think all too often on campus and in our lives, we spend a lot of time talking about things that are important but are not necessarily gaining us a foothold in the depths of our minds and hearts. We want to be a place where folks can ask hard questions about their lives and what they hope to be about.”

The liturgical and folk circles are only two of the many initiatives that Campus Ministry has historically done well, he said, as are leadership development programs such as Anchor and Compass. This semester, Campus Ministry is beginning a spirituality study to evaluate current programming and brainstorm for future improvements.

“We need to know, what are we doing that’s good, what are we doing that’s not so good, and what are we doing that could possibly be discontinued?” McCormick said. “Starting now, we’re going to do a benchmarking episode where we look at other universities to see what they’re doing and also begin to look in our student eyes to see what our future students look like now. We’re going to get some good information from those that are involved, like the Holy Land, France, Mexico and beyond.

“Think that four years ago, five years ago, we weren’t doing anything. I’m not thinking about what the next step will be,” he said. “It’s always driving in the same direction, whether, as an invitation, a deepening of formation and a leading to prayer.”

Ideally, Campus Ministry’s boundaries would blur fluidly with those of the Center for Social Concerns and other faith-based action opportunities on campus, he said.

“Have you to both a spiritual and social compo-

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engage or not to engage, and I think the question we’re going to explore here is, do we actually engage? Do we actually make sense as a way to improve the experience of workers in these factories?” Christine Cervenak, associate director, said. “I think the enhancement of knowledge, but yet my sincere hope is that stu-

dents will take what they’re do-
ing out into campus or to their halls, giving it back in different ways.

Mc McCormick said the director of Campus Ministry position has been a dream of his for a while, inspired partially by his mentor and predecessor in the office, Fr. Jim King. McCormick will finish his MBA in May and continue as basketball chaplain, but he said he’s leaving many possibilities open about the fu-
ture of Campus Ministry.

“I’ve learned that things that are worth doing sometimes re-
quire a little bit of risk,” he said. “Sometimes we’re tempted to play it safe, to stay in our comfort zones. My approach to Campus Ministry is going to be to have a little bit of risk that we enter into with our programming, a little bit of risk that I’m inviting people to our invitation to formation.

“I just think that leaving that space open to a bit of risk is where God finds his way in. And it’s too tempting to be control-
ing to our own environments, but it makes it really difficult for the Holy Spirit to work if we have no interest in trying something new.”

Despite a new office and a staff of 30 working under him, McCormick said he sees this role as a chance to continue what he’s always done with students: getting out in the community.

“I’ve got great people who are working here, so I’m excited to see what they find their way in. It’s also exciting to go to events and listen to a concert. I’m excited to go hear confessions for people on a pil-
grimage or whatever the case might be,” he said. “It’s really going to come down to getting invest-
ed in the people that are here, and that’s going to lead to all dif-
f erent sorts of possibilities.”

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at the fair was the College’s three new graduate programs, including a Doctorate of Nursing Practice, a Master of Science in Applied Data Science and a Master of Science in Speech Pathology. Aiming to reach un-
dergraduates who may want to attend graduate school, the College will be offering 153 scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year. Fruscione, associate director of admission for graduate programs, staffed the table and said she was glad to have the programs on display.

“I thought the fair would be a great opportunity to introduce undergraduate students to our graduate programs,” Fruscione said. “We’re not official yet in hav-
ing students organizations related to the graduate programs, ... but we thought it was just a good op-
portunity for students to be in-
troduced to the programs and let them know what they’re all about in case they’re thinking about graduate education at Saint Mary’s.”

Fruscione said once the gradu-
ate programs form student orga-
nizations, she believes the small-
size of the programs will allow un-
dergraduates and students gra-
duate students to collaborate and learn from each other.

Senior nursing student Grace McSlorey said the fair was a great success.

“Since it’s my last semester as a senior, I thought it was a nice way to see all of the different things I could get involved in at the last minute,” she said. “I also was able to get advice on what new thing would appeal to my younger sister, who is a freshman looking to join some clubs.”

McSlorey said she wishes more students would take the opportu-
nity to join clubs mid-year.

I was surprised to see such a range of clubs,” she said. “I thought one called Christ Lights, which is for students to talk about their faiths and modern-day topics with non-believers, would appeal to me. I signed up, and I am excited for ev-
everything the club offers.”
Binge on break

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This winter break was one of the best breaks I have had in a long time. Why is that, you might ask? It’s because of the show, “Parks and Recreation,” that I started and caught up to date with during my time on the couch or in bed.

This show has everything that makes a show great: the optimistic main character, the pessimistic anti-government friend, the kind and beautiful best friend, the stupid and clumsy friend, the friend that fell into a hole, etc. Every single character is rich in their own ways and, their own charm on the show, but perhaps the best character in the show and my favorite is Ron Waldys Swanson.

Ronald Waldys Swanson is the director of the Parks and Recreation Department of Pawnee, Indiana, who hates the government and everything that surrounds it. He is a man who excels at his quotes as well as his famous mulch path many others were taking along the side. Natural, Ron Waldys is quotable. Ron Waldys is so quotable that there is not a day that goes by that I don’t see good ole Ron Waldys being quoted on Reddit, Facebook and Tumblr.

This brings up the true objective of this column—why should we even bother to discuss why Ron Waldys is so funny. I literally Googled Ron Waldys on Google Images and spent 20 minutes looking at his quotes. As well as his mulch path that Ron Waldys walk. My favorite meme is of Ron Waldys and blueberry wine. I think I understand why so many people like this joke in particular and why he is so popular.

The most common thing I see in all of his quotes is Ron saying things that make me giggle like a little child. What makes Ron so great is that he says things that are a little bit stereotypical, a little bit mean, a little bit judgmental and a little bit inappropriate. This is a great combination because it doesn’t insult most people (at least it doesn’t insult me). Additionally, I appreciate that he says things that only a man who is confident in himself would say, which is refreshing and great to watch.

So if you ever have a week to binge-watch a show, I recommend “Parks and Recreation.” If you don’t want to watch it for the funny plot and stellar cast, at least watch it for Ron Waldys.

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Continuing MLK’s legacy at ND

Jennifer Cha
Guest Columnist

Today, we commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his remarkable work in nonviolent activism during the Civil Rights Movement. Many of us know of his connection to Notre Dame, as documented by the iconic photo of him linking arms with University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh at a 1964 civil rights rally in Chicago. In honor of Dr. King’s legacy at Notre Dame, I’d like to reflect on the campus protest students held in December for Eric Garner.

On Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014 at 12:16 p.m., more than 100 Notre Dame students, staff and faculty protested the senseless death of Eric Garner at the hands of police brutality by staging a die-in outside DeBartolo Hall. We lay down on the sidewalk for 11 minutes—one minute for each time Garner gasped, “I can’t breathe,” before he was suffocated to death in police officer Daniel Panteleos’s chokehold.

During the die-in, I lay down and my heart hurt. I stared out under almost closed lids, at the faces that walked around us, at the faces that turned and at the eyes that averted. Most of all I listened to the silence, so unusual during a class change around noon outside DeBart, until it was suddenly punctuated: “Hey man, new shoes?” “Yeah, got ’em last weekend.” “Nice.”

Said shoe stepped down right by my face as that person deliberately walked between us protestors, despite the death of Eric Garner. This is a man who is confident in himself and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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When death gives life meaning

Most students can attest that the final semester of senior year has brought the inevitable questions of identity and has brought the future pounding at the front door. Whether you’re ready to answer it or not, the door bursts open, and you find yourself frantically racing toward employment, service, graduate school or some concrete opportunity that can get family and friends off your back about what you’re doing with your life. In this first week back at Notre Dame I ran out this metaphorical door toward service applications and the GRE, slamming straight into a brick wall when my mother called to tell me my madrina (god-grandmother) to help raise her six children, including me.

When death gives life meaning — although I have only recently come across my own death, I died from Spanish, while my sisters and I spoke English, we often made up words and used Spanish to navigate our lives together. My parents escaped poverty and built a life of opportunity for us because Marthy, along with many other individuals, demonstrated selfless love while they worked tirelessly hours to put food on the table and keep a roof over our head. As we grew older and our finances more stable, Marthy moved in with my cousin, Michelle, to help raise her daughter and thus, the cycle continued.

I loved Marthy with all my heart, and I ache knowing she will not be there when I return home in May. Marthy played an important role in sculpting the road that brought me to Notre Dame, but reflections of her life and death continue to illuminate the direction that path will lead me after I graduate as well. As a student of the Fighting Irish, I committed to a University where “the aim is to create a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice.” In the wake of Marthy’s death, I call on my experiences and the lessons I have learned as an undergraduate to discern how I might fulfill this mission. It is easy to dream of someday changing the world, or waiting for the moment you are financially and socially secure enough to begin giving yourself to a world in deep need of your gifts and talents. But, as death shows us, there is no later time to start creating the future we would like to see than this present moment. We cannot wait for our diplomas to begin the conversation on human dignity and development. We cannot leave this responsibility for someone else to care about. Every day, millions of people die from preventable diseases. Women are forced into sex slavery and families are torn apart by immigration, war and political debates. States criminalize homelessness, and children grow up in unstable, broken households.

Human development occurs in the wealthy suburbs of Chicago and in the poverty of rural Uganda. The key for effective and sustainable development lies in our individual revelation and pursuit for restoring and protecting human dignity across personal, economic and social lines of development. The conversation must begin now while you discern how your education will mould your future and the future you will impact. On Jan. 28, through the Kellogg Institute, a couple of students and I invited you to understand the intersections of human dignity and development as they pertain to a variety of academic disciplines. Whether you have your post-graduate plans figured out or are a freshman looking to give life to your coursework, seek out opportunities to grow in human solidarity and give of yourself so that others may develop and flourish in ways they might have never imagined. If Marthy taught me anything, it is that selfless love for the dignity of others promotes true development — who I’ve become today is proof enough.

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By BRIDGET DEDELOW
Scene Writer

By the time I made it to Legends of Notre Dame on Saturday night, the venue was absolutely packed, as there were people from wall to wall. Shouts of, “Hug me brother” and “I ain’t calling you a truthful” could be heard throughout the crowd. Every person in the club stood in anticipation for one reason only: musician Drake Bell.

Drake Bell broke through in his role on the Nickelodeon show “Drake and Josh,” in which he played one of two stepbrothers who got into hilarious misadventures. After the show’s tremendous popularity, Bell then moved onto music, releasing his debut album, “Telegraph,” in 2005. This album was released independently, but all of the songs were written by Bell. In 2006, he signed with Universal Motown, and his second album, “It’s Only Time,” came out on December 5. Finally, his third album, “Ready, Steady, Go,” was released on April 22, 2014.

Once Drake Bell emerged onstage at Legends on Saturday, many in the club went crazy. Many people (myself included) grew up watching “Drake and Josh” (and maybe even had a CD or two as well). To see him standing there was like reliving a childhood memory, and there were quotes thrown around from the show from audience and musician alike throughout the night. Honestly, though, I did not really know what to expect from his live music — and ended still not knowing what to think.

Bell opened with a cover of Olly Murs’ “Dance With Me Tonight,” which was one of the catchier songs of the entire night. He put rockabilly flair on the pop song and showcased his strong vocal range. Throughout the show, I wished that he would do more songs in this style because it was definitely a positive point.

Bell could not play guitar because of an accident earlier in the month, so throughout the concert, he was accompanied by a guitarist. Still, with a solid stage presence that was coupled with his vocals, he showed that he could get the crowd going, regardless of his setback. You could definitely tell he was having as much fun as the audience was. He was very interactive and would talk a little bit between songs, which made a packed house seem a lot more personal.

Another memorable moment of the show was when Bell played his “signature” song, “Found A Way.” This song ended up being the theme song of “Drake and Josh” during the later seasons, and was a major throwback for many members of the audience. Bell put this song toward the middle of his set, which was a change from many shows I had seen. He psyched the audience out by starting another song first, stopping, then starting the new one. Putting a popular song among his covers (which were most of his set) was a refreshing take because then you did not have to wait an entire show to listen to one of your favorites. However, I noticed that after this song many people left, which was a negative in my book.

Lastly, one other negative of this show was Bell’s cover of “Blackbird” by the Beatles. I love the song, but thought his rendition of it was a little dry. It definitely mixed things up, but brought down the energy of the show a bit.

Overall, this show gave me mixed feelings on Drake Bell’s music. I didn’t walk out hating it, but I didn’t walk out loving it, either. Maybe if he played more of his original music, I would’ve had a different take. For now, this is one artist I won’t be throwing it back to anytime soon.

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When I learned recently that all of "The Twilight Zone" is available on Netflix, I couldn't queue up my favorite seasons fast enough. Scrolling through the menu, I recalled all my favorite episodes of my youth and was thrilled to watch them on demand rather than on a late-night whim in my childhood home. But while many still hold water, others of the myriad of episodes are less thrilling when you're no longer watching them as an eight-year-old. So if, like me, you're looking for updated "Twilight Zone"—esque terror and eeriness, look no further than "Hotel," each earning nine nods despite the anthology series premiered in 2011 to predominantly watch. The final round of nominee announcements were not lacking. Jennifer Aniston's raw performance in "Cake" didn't receive the recognition that many predicted, leaving room for Marion Cotillard to enter the Best Actress category for her role in the French film, "Two Days, One Night". Cotillard is only the second actress to earn a Best Actress win in a foreign language film, which she accomplished for performance "La Vie en Rose" seven years ago. The lack of previous foreign film nominations in the category make Cotillard's 2014 nomination another surprise pick from the Academy. Rather than honoring David Oyelowo's outstanding performance as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in "Selma" or Jake Gyllenhaal's creepy physical transformation for his part in "Nightcrawler," this year's Oscars opted for Bradley Cooper in "American Sniper," a role that received somewhat mixed reviews and Steve Carell as a creepy multimillionaire with a fake nose in "Foxcatcher." Oyelowo's oversight was not the only one of its kind in 2015's nomination pool, a fact that has prompted backlash on social media. Every actor among the 20 nominated for their performances are white and male. As thousands of users criticized the Academy's choices, some pointing out the Academy's own racial and gender bias with a staggering 94% Caucasian and 77% male membership. A snub that was buzzed about nearly just this week was "Boyhood," Richard Linklater's no-show. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Browns shake up coaching staff

Aaron Sant-Miller
Sports Writer

No team is more interesting right now than the Denver Broncos. The Broncos are revamping their entire coaching staff heading into a strong season, something you typically see from a 5-11 team, not a 12-4 team. Most prominently, the franchise has let go of head coach John Fox after the team and Fox mutually agreed to part ways.

In four seasons in Denver, Fox produced a record of 46-18 and led the team to the post-season all four years. Not too shabby. On the surface, that’s the kind of guy a team should fight to keep around, but John Elway and Co. didn’t seem to be interested in doing so.

If you were a head-coaching candidate, a team with so much success over the last four years is an appealing option, right?

All that glitters is not gold. In my opinion, if I were a potential head coach, I would avoid Denver.

When starting your tenure as a head coach, you ideally would like to have some room for error. A new head coach installs an entirely new scheme on both sides of the ball. Players need to adjust to both a new coaching style and a new system, and as a result, it’s hard to imagine they will be winning much room for error after the first year.

The Broncos should expect some tough losses. But losses need to adjust to their system, something you typically see from a 5-11 team, not a 12-4 team.

Whether he comes back or whether he leaves, as a head coach, you ideally expected him to be a high-injury-risk superstar. If he’s back, and you build an offense around him, but No. 1 gets injured, your season is in deep water. Manning is the guy who you can build an offense around. No, Manning is the guy who builds your offense and keeps it standing. Without him, your team is in trouble.

Even if he stays healthy, he is 38 years old. You can’t expect to be a long-tenured head coach and to build an offense around someone who will only be around for maybe two or three seasons. So even if Peyton’s back, you have to start planning for life after Peyton.

If he’s back, you have to get someone else. Fast. This team is built to win now. You can’t just throw Joe Schmo in there and hope to win the Super Bowl. With escalating cap numbers on most of the talented players on the roster, you don’t have time to groom a rookie. There are not a lot of available passers who can make a splash right away. You’re talking about the hardest position to fill. Rarely can you find a successful coach without his trusty quarterback by his side.

So if you’re looking at long-term career prospects, you have to roll the dice on Manning’s health, hoping he stays healthy and that you can groom someone under him for the next couple of years. Yet, you’re also rolling the dice on Peyton himself. Will he be back? Or will he retire? You have to choose the job before he makes his call.

Without a quarterback, Denver can’t make real noise in the playoffs. That’s what the franchise’s front office wants — no excuses, why is this the case for the unappealing job? Because your success involves rolling the dice, twice, on a 38-year-old quarterback with a 4-year-old injury concerns. Does his body hold up? Is he even in the building? Whoever signs up for the job has to hope he’s not one of those questions; answers I that lack.

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Associated Press

SEATTLE — Never doubt the resilience of the Seattle Seahawks.

Plagued by turnovers and outplayed much of Sunday by Green Bay, the Seahawks staged improbable comeback and beat the Packers 28-22 in overtime. Russell Wilson, who struggled until the final minutes, hit Jermaine Kearse for a 35-yard touchdown 3:19 into the extra period on the only possession.

The Seahawks became the first defending champion to make the Super Bowl in 10 years, and will play the winner of the AFC title game between Indianapolis and New England. How they got there was stunning.

(Seahawks 14-4) tossed 19-7 with four minutes remaining and had been ineffective on offense all game. Wilson finally connected with Doug Baldwin and Marshawn Lynch — initially ruled a touchdown but called back for a holding penalty. Wilson finished with a 1-yard scoring run to cut the lead to 19-14 with 2:09 left.

Seattle recovered a botched onside kick at the 50, and Lynch sped and powered his way to a 24-yard TD run. Wilson’s desperate 2-point conversion pass was hauled in by Luke Wilson to make it 22-19.

Then Aaron Rodgers led the Packers (13-5) to Mason Crosby’s fifth field goal, from 48 yards with 14 seconds to go to force overtime.

Then Wilson and Kearse struck, with Kearse — the target on all four interceptions Wilson threw — going to Tramon Williams on the winning pass. Kearse caught the winning TD in last year’s title game victory over San Francisco.

“Just making the plays at the end and keep believing,” said Wilson, who was overthrown and solbing after the game.

“There was no doubt ... we had no doubt as a team.”

Kearse, who has caught touchdown passes in four straight postseason games, and several other Seahawks leaped into the stands behind the end zone, saluting the stadium-record crowd of 68,538. Wilson ran through cameramen to jump on Kearse’s back, and defensive end Michael Bennett borrowed a bicycle from a police officer and rode around the edge of the field saluting fans.

Until the final minutes, there seemed to be no doubt the Packers were headed to the big game Feb. 1 in Glendale, Arizona. Despite All-Pro quarterback Rodgers’ injured calf that had him limping much of the game, Green Bay and its overlooked defense was carrying the day.

But special teams trickery lifted the Seahawks back into the game after falling behind 16-0. Their first touchdown came on a fake field goal when holder Jon Ryan threw 19 yards to tackle eligible Garry Gilliam in the third quarter. After Wilson made it 19-14, Chris Matthews recovered the onside kick that Pistols tight end Brandon Bostick couldn’t glove. Lynch, who rushed for 257 yards on 25 carries as the one consistent offensive force left, would not be denied with 1:25 remaining.

The 16-point comeback was the largest in the entire conference title game. The Colts rallied from a 17-point deficit in the Patriots after trailing 21-6 in 2006.

And after the Packers tied it, Seattle wouldn’t be denied in overtime, winning the coin toss and going 87 yards in six plays.

“Takes everybody and ev erone. We had to contribute to get that done,” coach Pete Carroll said.

Patriots headed to Super Bowl after smashing Colts

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Bill Belichick and Tom Brady are headed to a special place where no coach or player has gone more — the Super Bowl.

They earned their trip with the second most lopsided AFC championship victory ever.

The New England Patriots dominated duo earned a sixth trip to the Super Bowl with a 41-27 rout of the Indianapolis Colts in the AFC championship game before a raucous, rain-soaked crowd Sunday night.

Scoring touchdowns on their first two first-half possessions and 28 points over the final 17 minutes, the Patriots (14-4) moved on to face defending champion Seattle (14-4) for the NFL title on Feb. 1 in Glendale, Arizona.

Belichick will face Pete Carroll, whom he replaced as Patriots coach 2000. The Seahawks beat the Green Bay Packers 28-22 in overtime in the NFC title game.

“I only have one thing to say. We’re on to Seattle,” Belichick said, echoing the statement he repeated several times, “We’re on to Cincinnati,” after a 41-14 loss at Kansas City dropped the Patriots to 2-2.

Brady threw three touchdown passes, LeGarrette Blount ran 30 times for 148 yards and three scores and the Patriots charged away after leading just 17-7 at halftime.

“I know we’ve had some ups and downs this year,” Brady said, “but right now we’re up, baby, and we’re going to try to stay up for one more game.”

In his first year as a starter, Brady led the Patriots to a Super Bowl win in the 2001 season, starting a run of three championships in four years. Now he and Belichick have a chance for their first in 10 years.

Brady completed 23 of 35 passes for 226 yards before being replaced by Jimmy Garoppolo with 3:20 left. Brady went to the sideline where he was embraced by Belichick. Moments earlier, while sitting on the bench, Brady was shown on the video board with soiled hair. He pumped his fist in the air 12 times then slapped hands with teammates.

The biggest blowout in AFC title history was Buffalo’s 51-3 win over the Los Angeles Raiders in the 1990 season.
Irish fall to Wisconsin, Indiana in double dual meet

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Notre Dame lost to both No. 21 Wisconsin and No. 14 Indiana in a double meet in Madison, Wisconsin, on Friday and Saturday.

The Irish (4-9) won four events, including three victories from senior Emma Reaney that bested the NCAA ‘B’ cut standard, but lost 244-109 to the Badgers and 255-98 to the Hoosiers.

Reaney won the 100-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard individual medley Friday before winning the 200-yard breaststroke by a margin of almost six seconds Saturday. Senior diver Allison Casaretto also recorded a win, taking the one-meter board with a career-best 327.50 points.

Despite Reaney and Casaretto’s wins, Irish coach Tim Welsh said that fatigue meant Notre Dame was not able to keep up with its ranked Big Ten opponents.

“I think that in terms of our performance, fatigue was a primary factor,” Welsh said. “It was a very hard meet, and we’ve been running on empty for quite some time. We ran out of gas before we ran out of races, but we’ll fill up the tank again and we’ll be alright.”

However, Welsh also said that both of Notre Dame’s opponents were very strong teams.

Fatigue was a factor, but I also think that if you look at the three teams analytically, you would give the advantage to Indiana and to Wisconsin in almost any circumstance,” Welsh said. “They’re both ranked, they’re both doing well this year, and they both swam very well this weekend, so congratulations to them, they both looked great.”

In addition to the four wins, the Irish team of Reaney, senior Catherine Galletti and sophomore Catherine Mulquin recorded a second-place finish in the 200-yard medley relay and finished fourth in the 400-yard medley. Notre Dame also took second, third and fourth place on the three-meter board, with Casaretto finishing ahead of juniors Lindsey Streepy and Emma Gaborzy.

The Irish also took four of the top six places in the 200-yard breaststroke, as sophomore Danielle Margheret, junior Genevieve Bradford and freshman Sherri McIntee finished fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively, behind Reaney.

Other top finishes for the Irish included fourth-place showings for Galletti in the 100-yard backstroke and Margheret in the 100-yard breaststroke and a fifth-place finish for senior Bridget Casey in the 200-yard butterfly.

Welsh said that he was able to take many positives from the team’s performances in a difficult meet, despite the loss.

“The spirit was good, the camaraderie was good, and the diving was very good,” Welsh said. “I think Allison’s win on Saturday was excellent. The divers’ 3-3-4 (finish on the three-meter board) on Friday, that was excellent, and of course Emma Reaney’s always good. We had some great spots, but overall it was a hard meet.”

The Irish next take to the pool when they host the Indiana swimming and diving trio of sophomore Danielle Hruska and sophomore James Lichtenstein Saturday. The Hoosiers are an opponent that the Irish have been able to consistently out-swim.

Notre Dame received a top-three finish from senior James McElhiney, who finished third in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:02.84). McElhiney was followed by senior Andrew Jensen, who finished seventh (2:06.38) and ninth (2:09.05), respectively.

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Badgers take down ND

Observer Staff Report

This past weekend, the Irish fell in a tough road meet to No. 14 Wisconsin, 257-96, in Madison, Wisconsin.

Notre Dame was missing several key players due to the flu and were out-swum by the Badgers in every event. The loss moved the Irish to 2-5 on the season.

The Irish diving trio of sophomore Joe Cournos (388.95), senior Ted Wagner (330.70) and sophomore James Lichtenstein (298.20) started things off with third-, seventh- and ninth-place finishes in the 3-meter competition, respectively. The night before, they finished in a similar order during the 1-meter competition, in which Cournos finished third, Lichtenstein finished sixth and Wagner eighth.

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ND rallies past Kentucky

By RYAN KLAUS
Sports Writer

No. 14 Notre Dame had a positive start to the dual-meet season Saturday, beating No. 18 Kentucky, 4-3, in Lexington, Kentucky.

“It’s always great to start the season with a win, particularly over a really good team like Kentucky from the SEC, which is a tennis powerhouse conference, and it’s extra special that it was on the road,” Irish coach Ryan Sachire said. “It certainly wasn’t an easy match to start the season, so we’re really proud of the effort and proud of our guys.”

While the Irish eventually got the win, a comeback was necessary. After the doubles portion of the match, Kentucky was up 2-0, as the eighth-ranked pair of junior Alex Lawson and senior Billy Pecor fell 6-1 to juniors Kevin Lai and Beck Pennington, and the ninth-ranked pair of sophomores Eddy Covaelschi and Josh Hagard fell to sophomores Jerry Lopez and freshman William Bushamuka.

Despite the team’s early struggles, however, Sachire said he was confident in the talent that Notre Dame has in doubles.

“I think our goal every match is to have nine really strong positions out there,” Sachire said. “Certainly, we did not come out of the gates in the doubles in the way that we normally do and the way that we expect to do. We fully expect our doubles to be a strength of our team this year, but we also know that we have strong single players too.”

Without the doubles point, the Irish still came back to beat the Wildcats by winning four of the six singles matches.

“It was great that we could be put in that position and come through and get an overall team win despite not playing our best in doubles,” Sachire said. “And we believe we’ll be playing better doubles next weekend. That’s for sure.”

Sachire said he was most impressed individually with the performances of junior Quentin Monaghan, who debuted at the top singles spot for the Irish and beat Pennington, 6-2, 6-4, and Pecor, who defeated Lai in the No. 5 singles spot, 7-5, 6-2.

“We graduated Greg Andrews last year, who was a pretty dominant number one player for us for the last two seasons, and Quentin Monaghan was in his first legit match at number one singles, and I thought he put us in a great position,” Sachire said.

“For Billy Pecor, who was a staple in our singles lineup a couple years ago, but battled some injuries last year, to come through for us and clinch the match was a huge win. It was really good to see our whole team come through, but especially those two guys because I think those were significant matches for them, and I think they can really build on them moving forward.”

Looking ahead to next weekend, Columbus, Oklahoma State and Tennessee — all of which are ranked — will be in town, with the Irish facing off first with Oklahoma State on Saturday.

“We’re building the program towards winning a national championship, and my philosophy is in order to be the best, you have to play and ultimately beat the best,” Sachire said. “Our schedule throughout the entire season this year is really challenging, and it’s just kind of the way we’ve chosen to do things. We know we’re probably going to lose some matches along the way, but we want to expose our guys to the best level of competition possible and ultimately have them develop as players because of it. Bearing Kentucky was a great start because it can build a little confidence within our group, and we know we can beat good teams because we are a good team, but we certainly know that we have a huge challenge ahead of us this weekend.”

Notre Dame faces Oklahoma State this Saturday at 2 p.m. at Eck Tennis Pavilion as part of ITA Kickoff Weekend and continues play Sunday.

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Volleyball

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However, fundamentally, he is an extraordinary teacher of the game and is absolutely committed to helping student-athletes reach their full potential in all aspects of their collegiate experience.”

Swarbick announced Dec. 4 that longtime coach Debbie Brown would not be returning in 2015 after Notre Dame’s second consecutive losing season. While Brown had led the Irish to 22 NCAA tournaments previously, the team struggled in its transition to the ACC, posting a conference record of 10-28 in those two seasons.

“Our expectations regarding competitive performance are ... high, and we regrettably have not been able to meet those in recent years,” Swarbick said in a press release at the time. Swarbick later told The Observer on Dec. 18 that the national search for a new coach was being spearheaded by Missy Conboy, Notre Dame’s senior deputy athletics director, and that he expected a hire soon.

McLaughlin arrives at Notre Dame with a history of turning around struggling programs. He took over Kansas State and Washington programs coming off losing seasons and missed the NCAA tournament just once during his tenure at the two schools. His record as a women’s coach is 437-133, giving him a .766 winning percentage.

“I believe Notre Dame can become a top-tier volleyball program,” McLaughlin said. The school has so much to offer student-athletes, and I think recruits will see the opportunities available to them here. … I can’t wait to get to work so that we can help return Notre Dame volleyball to being a program that competes at the highest level.”

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Meet the new volleyball coach: Jim McLaughlin

Irish junior Alex Lawson charges the net during Notre Dame’s 6-1 win over Florida State on April 13. Lawson won his doubles match.

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Meet the new volleyball coach: Jim McLaughlin

Irish sophomore Josh Hagard watches his shot during Notre Dame’s 6-1 win over Florida State on April 13.
away games.

In fact, the Volunteers have not lost since November, when they surrendered back-to-back games to Chattanooga and then-No. 6 Texas. The Irish beat Chattanooga, 88-53, on Nov. 21, but suffered their own losses to No. 2 Connecticut on Dec. 6 and to Miami on Jan. 8.

However, momentum and morale could be a factor, as Ivey said Thursday’s 89-79 victory over No. 13 North Carolina helped instill confidence in the team.

“We’re a young team, so we really have to focus on just one game at a time,” Ivey said. “It’s a great confidence-builder for us to beat a really good North Carolina team on the road, so it’s going to be good for us, coming into our place with a little bit of confidence, having beaten a team like we just beat. But just trying not to look too far in advance and taking each game at a time is great preparation for our next opponent.”

There is considerable history between Notre Dame and Tennessee, as today’s game will mark the 25th matchup between the teams. Tennessee holds a 28-4 all-time record in the series, but the Irish have won the last four, including an 86-70 win in 2014, when Notre Dame was ranked No. 2 and the Volunteers were ranked No. 11.

Ivey said Notre Dame will try to repeat the success it had against Tennessee last season.

“We go back and watch a lot of film, just to see what we did last year,” Ivey said. “That was a big win for us. We were down in the first half and came back. We were really resilient but that was because of our senior leadership, so we’re going to back and really dissect that game and just see the things that we need to work on defensively and the things we need to do better defensively.

The Irish and the Volunteers face off at Purcell Pavilion tonight at 7 p.m.

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**Irish freshman forward Kathryn Westbeld looks for an opening in Notre Dame’s 79-50 victory against Michigan on Dec. 13.**

**Irish senior guard Madison Cable leaps for a rebound during a 70-50 win over Michigan on Dec. 13 at Purcell Pavilion.**

**Irish senior guard Zach Auguste jumps up for a layup in a 75-70 Irish win against Miami on Saturday at Purcell Pavilion.**
Hockey

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It was the only time the Huskies beat Petersen on Sunday, who followed a 17-save performance Friday with a 28-save one Sunday.

“He played well [today],” Jackson said. “He didn’t face a lot of hard shots. ... He made the saves he needed to and that’s what we need from our goaltender.”

Russo leveled the score right before the first intermission when he buried a one-timer past Huskies sophomore goaltender Rob Nichols with 48 seconds to play in the period.

It was a sign of things to come after the rest of the way for the Irish, who overcame a tendency of late struggles to secure a lopsided victory.

At the 12:33 mark of the second period, senior center Joe Aiken scored his first career goal for the Irish to put Notre Dame up 2-1. Sophomore right winger Ben Ostlie provided the assist for his first collegiate point.

With 1:01 left in the second period, junior left winger Mario Lucia buried a rebound on the power play to give the Irish a two-goal lead headed into the final stanza. It was Lucia’s second goal of the weekend and 15th of the season, a mark that leads the team.

More importantly for Jackson and the Irish, it marked a third consecutive game with a power-play goal — a department in which Notre Dame has struggled this season.

“We made one more personnel change, and it looks like we might have some chemistry (on the power play units), not with one group but two,” Jackson said. “It’s a positive, but we’ve still got to work to improve it.”

Russo tallied twice more after the second intermission — 2:55 and 13:09 into the third period — to get his hat trick, and sophomore defenseman Justin Wade joined Aiken in notching his first career goal when he beat Nichols to finish the scoring with 2:55 to play.

“It was especially special for [Wade and Aiken],” Jackson said. “The win was the 400th of Jackson’s career as a head coach. However, he minimized the importance of his total win total.

“To me, it’s more about trying to win championships and go to the tournament and get kids,” Jackson said. “The number, it’s really not about that.”

Friday’s game got off to testy start when Huskies sophomore defenseman Ryan Segalla was issued a five-minute major and game disqualification for hitting from behind in a play that concussed Irish freshman center Dawson Cook. Irish right winger Peter Schneider was penalized after the play for an elbow in retaliation, setting up the four-on-four situation that led to Russo’s first goal.

Notre Dame’s lead did not last long, though, as a turnover behind the net gave Huskies freshman left winger Spencer Naas an opening in the slot to fire past Petersen to level the score seven minutes later.

Lucia put Notre Dame back ahead 8:45 into the second period when he tapped one in from senior right winger Austin Wuthrich across the goalmouth, but the Irish entered the third period down 3-2 after a two-on-one and breakaway in quick succession allowed Huskies junior center Shawn Pauly and sophomore left winger Cody Sharib to each score and put the visitors ahead.

The Irish, however, secured a point when Wuthrich got a goal of his own, slapping the puck past Nichols on the power play to tie the game up with 8:23 to play.

“I just spun and tried to hit it towards the net and it happened to go in,” Wuthrich said.

Despite Notre Dame’s 44-20 shot advantage on the night, the Irish were unable to find the winner the rest of the way, settling for a 3-3 tie.

The Irish return to action when they visit Boston next weekend for a series against Northeastern on Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m.

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Happy Birthday: Explore things that you feel have potential, but don’t be too quick to share your thoughts or intentions. It will be wiser if you keep the groundwork and have a pretty good idea what will unfold. Time is on your side, and building a strong and secure base will prove beneficial as the year unfolds. Trust in your intuition and your abilities. Your numbers are 4, 17, 26, 35, 38, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Hidden matters will be brought out into the open. Don’t let your emotions cause you to say or do something you’ll regret. It’s important to look at the big picture and have faith that positive results can be accomplished.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Pick up information that will help you expand your understanding of a better position within reach. In the face of those who do things differently, take advantage of the contributions others are willing to make.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Partnerships can help to stabilize your position and offer both personally and professionally. Making positive changes at home will add to your comfort and bring greater happiness to those you share your space with. Love is in the air.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Treat important relationships with care. Compromises will be necessary in order to avoid losing touch with someone who doesn’t agree with you. Look for alternative ways to meet people and learn about different cultures, beliefs, and hobbies. Share your feelings. ל

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Revisit more time in learning, improving, and getting to know the people who influence your life. Make physical and mental changes that will show your intent to please and help raise awareness about something you care about. ל

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Spend quality time with children, friends or pets. Be careful not to make impulsive purchases. Don’t get frustrated; you just make do with what you have and show others how innovative you can be. Firefox for simplicity and perfection. ל

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get involved in activities, hobbies or events that interest you. The people you meet and the things you share with others will help you build close relationships that will be beneficial for years to come.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Check out the job market or other avenues to raise your profile. Minor problems at home will unfold if you decide to change the routine without letting your loved ones know. Patience will be required.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Question anyone who promises the impossible. While you’re not作为 exceptions to the rule, you will do the most with what you have. Positive changes at home will improve your life. Sistar chooses you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don’t allow the changes or choices others make to confuse you. Follow the most practical route, and do your best to keep moving forward as a strong and secure base will prove beneficial as the year unfolds. Be patient and creative.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take advantage of opportunities to make positive changes in your environment. There’s great security in your everyday life by setting up a routine that works well with your personal and professional obligations and initiatives.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep your thoughts, ideas and plans a secret. You will take advantage of the fact that you don’t care too much. Questioning or trying to dismantle your plans. Dedication and hard work will get your fastest route to

Birthday Baby: You are smart, trendy and energetic. You are inquisitive and ambitious.

**FORTUNE:** This week’s horoscope.
Irish overcome early deficit to top Hurricanes

By BRIAN HARTNETT
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After defeating No. 4 Duke, 90-74, on the road Tuesday, Miami looked prepared to upset its second top-15 team in a week, as it led No. 12 Notre Dame by 12 with 15:06 remaining Saturday at Purcell Pavilion.

But a furious second-half shooting sprees and comeback run vanquished Miami’s upset hopes and secured a 75-70 victory for the Irish (17-2, 5-1 ACC), marking the program’s best start through 19 games since the 1978-1979 season.

“Man I’m proud of my team,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “What a special group we have. (Miami) is really hard to guard. … It was a hard-fought win; it’s great to be 5-1 in the league.”

The Irish welcomed back their third-leading scorer and second-leading rebounder, junior forward Zach Auguste, who didn’t travel with the team to Georgia Tech due to what Brey termed “an academic matter. But Notre Dame played a game of second-half small ball, switching to a five-guard rotation for the final 15:32 of the game against the Hurricanes (12-5, 2-2).

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“Tough to time on our end,” Brey said. “They have two solid post players in [junior forward] Basharaa Graves and [sophomore center] Isabelle Harrison. Harrison is coming off a huge year last year. She’s a veteran post player, [second on the team] in blocked shots. She’s really, really athletic and does a really good job with their high-low type offense. So it’s really going to be a game of trying shut down their inside presence.”

Ivey said that though every player will contribute, solid performances by the post players will be key for the Irish (16-2, 4-2 ACC).

“I think it’ll have to be a completely total team effort, but our post players have to really focus on keeping them off the boards,” Ivey said. “Like I said, they have a really good inside presence, really really good-high action, so we expect our bigs — [freshman forward] Kathryn [Westbeld], [sophomore forward] Taya [Reimer], [freshman forward] Brianna [Turner] and [sophomore forward] Markisha [Wright] — to really play significant minutes to try and contain them.”

Notre Dame holds a 9-1 record at Purcell Pavilion this season, but Tennessee (15-2, 5-0 SEC) has shown an ability to win on the road, winning its last five

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McLaughlin named new coach

By GREG HADLEY
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After a national search that took the better part of six weeks, Notre Dame introduced Jim McLaughlin, former head coach at Washington, as the new head coach of the Irish volleyball team Saturday.

McLaughlin has coached on the collegiate level since 1985 and spent the past 14 years coaching the Huskies to a 335-90 overall record, including 13 NCAA tournaments, four Final Fours and a national title in 2005.

He also was an assistant coach at Notre Dame in 1996 under former head coach Debbie Brown, whom he will replace. He departed after one season to accept the head coaching job at Kansas State but remained tied to the Irish through his wife, Margaret, who both played and coached for the women’s soccer team.

The Seattle Times first broke news of the hire Friday, and Notre Dame officially confirmed it a day later.

“Since first having been given the opportunity by Debbie Brown to coach here as an assistant for one season, I always thought it would be a great place to be a head coach,” McLaughlin said in a press release. “I love the school’s values, the spirit, the tradition, the beautiful campus and the enthusiasm of everyone that is a part of this great university. There is no doubt Notre Dame is a special place.”

McLaughlin is the only coach in NCAA history to win national titles with both a men’s and women’s team. In addition to his title with the Huskies, he coached USC’s men’s team during its 1989-1990 championship run. He was named national coach of the year in 2004 and won Pac-12 coach of the year four times.

“I could not be more thrilled with the outcome of our coaching search,” Notre Dame Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick said. “Jim McLaughlin is an elite coach who has enjoyed success at the highest levels.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame takes on No. 6 Vols

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