ND community reacts to terror attacks

Professors critically examine causes and effects of Charlie Hebdo attack

By JENNIFER FLANAGAN
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Four panelists brought the global conversation of free speech rights and extremism and Western conflict to the Hesburgh Center Auditorium on Tuesday as part of a panel called “Paris 2015.”

The four panelists, Margaret Meserve, Olivier Morel, Ebrahim Moosa and Elliott Visconsi, and moderator A. James McAdams, discussed the international significance of the recent unrest in Paris following the murder of more than a dozen French citizens by offering.

Students, faculty share thoughts and firsthand experiences

By MARGARET HYNDS
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In the wake of the Jan. 9 terrorist attack on the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo and the hostage situation at a grocery store in Paris, Notre Dame students and faculty shared their experiences and thoughts surrounding the violence and subsequent global response.

Several students — including juniors Sheridan Rosner, Madeline Rogers and Annalise Burnett — are currently studying abroad in Paris and were in.

SMC adds two administrators

By MACAILA DeMARIO
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With the new year underway, Saint Mary’s College welcomed administrative changes at the start of the spring 2015 semester. The single office once dedicated

to “Student Involvement and Multicultural Services” is now split and led by two new directors, Brittany House and Gloria Jenkins.

“They provide different services and opportunities for students,” sophomore Lydia Heller said. “Now that the offices are separate, they will be able to cater to more people on a more detailed level.”

Heller said she believes the combination of offices will have a positive impact on the College.

Saint Mary’s newest administrators said they expect the positive impact of their offices to extend to the students and themselves.

“I enjoy working at smaller, private liberal arts colleges,” Jenkins said.

and I wanted to work for a women’s institution,” House.

Panel examines worker conditions

By CLARE KOSSLER
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The Office of the Executive Vice President hosted the “Worker Participation Panel Discussion” in the McKenna Hall Auditorium on Tuesday to discuss Notre Dame’s moral responsibility to support international workers’ rights and freedom of association.

The panel consisted of five members, including assistant professor of theology Margie Pfief, professor of Business Ethics Georges Enderle, law professor Doug Cassel, Notre Dame Law School graduate Xin He, and senior Matt Capongrato. Notre Dame alumnus and student body president emeritus Alex Coccia moderated the panel.

“I am encouraged that this conversation is being brought to the wider community of Notre Dame because I think that there’s a lot that Notre Dame has to offer,” Capongrato said.

The panel’s debate centered around whether Notre Dame should implement a pilot
QUESTION OF THE DAY:
What is your favorite winter accessory?

Beverly Kyalwazi, sophomore, Lyons Hall
"Definitely a beanie."

Katie Dinardo, sophomore, Lyons Hall
"A scarf."

Jeff Agar, junior, Alumni Hall
"This hat."

Mary Kate Whelan, junior, Welsh Family Hall
"My big American flag infinity scarf."

Maddy Luteman, junior, Welsh Family Hall
"Fuzzy socks."

Katie Guay, junior, Welsh Family Hall
"My warm fluffy boots."

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The NEXT FIVE DAYS:
Lecture links business, peace

By JP Gschwind
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Angela Rivas, of the think tank Fundación Ideas Para la Paz (FIP), lectured Tuesday at the Husbes Center for International Studies on the role of business in Colombia’s peace process.

In the Kellogg Institute-sponsored lecture titled “When Peacebuilding is Your Business: Strategies for Peace and Development in Colombia,” Rivas examined the peace process in Colombia as the conflict between the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) continues.

Rivas said the damage caused by ongoing violence in Colombia is widespread and rampant.

“More than 10 percent of the population has been directly affected by armed conflict,” Rivas said.

Rivas said since peace talks between the government and FARC became public in 2012, and delegates from both sides have reached agreement to de-escalate the conflict between the government and FARC.

“Between the government and FARC, there are two primary reasons that companies engage in these negotiations,” Rivas said. “The cost of conflict is quite expensive, and there is moral or ethical dimension to it.”

Business should also address human rights concerns as a priority, especially in areas of security and development, Rivas added.

“I can’t have basic conditions of human rights, how can we hope to have peace?” Rivas said.

She said the growth of public-private partnerships is an encouraging prospect, but the efforts of businesses and the government need to be sustained and comprehensive.

“There is no development if there is no peace, and there is no peace if there is no development,” Rivas said.

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Pen pal program expands its reach

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Known for connecting Saint Mary’s students and local Title 1 schools, the College Academy of Tutoring (CAT) program is changing lives and expanding locations this semester.

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“My first experience with the school was their back-to-school carnival-themed night,” she said. “I volunteered at the school to experience the new school environment.”

Kloski said her exploration yielded positive findings about the school environment.

“As the students and parents poured into the cafeteria, I was pleased to see how well the students, parents, staff and teachers communicated with one another,” Kloski said. “There was such a great feeling of community at the school.”

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University earns spot on CNCS 2014 honor roll

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The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), awarded Notre Dame a spot on the 2014 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

Director of Community Engagement for the Office of Public Affairs Jay Caponigro said the honor roll recognizes the University’s commitment to three categories: community service, education and economic development.

“Each year, colleges and universities are invited to share stories about their engagement in the community,” Caponigro said. “Unique to this year’s application, ND was recognized in all three categories where we applied.”

According to the CNCS, the presidential award is presented to institutions that “support exemplary community service programs and raise the visibility of effective practices in campus community partnerships.”

Although Notre Dame has received honor distinctions in the community service category in the past, Caponigro said this is the first year the University applied and received recognition for the categories of education and economic development.

“Notre Dame has been recognized as ‘Honor Roll’ recipient or ‘Honor Roll with Distinction’ or ‘Honor Roll Finalist’ for five of the six years this award has been given,” he said.

Due to the University’s interest and subsequent participation in both national and international endeavors, Caponigro said Notre Dame is constantly expanding its education and development programs.

“I believe Notre Dame received this recognition because we demonstrated breadth of student and faculty involvement, an infrastructure to support community based activities and the institutional commitment to engagement that mutually impacts community and campus participants,” he said.

This year, the University’s 2014 application featured numerous examples of student, faculty and staff engagement in the community, Caponigro said. Although the majority of students partake in some form of service, the director of community engagement said there is still a small number of people involved and more about the impact and mutual benefits that impact both volunteers and those they serve.

Caponigro said key areas of involvement for the 2014 year included work in youth theater and entrepreneurship at the Robinson Community Learning Center as well as academic support and tutoring at non-profits.

Local schools were widely supported, and broad volunteer service also occurred as a result of efforts conducted through community service days.

Additionally, community development partnerships were fostered with the Northeast Neighborhood, a neighborhood association in South Bend.

“Our office joins with many departments and staff across campus to invite students to continue to engage the community in meaningful partnerships and service opportunities,” he said. “We welcome innovative student leaders hoping to create new projects in the community, as well as support long-standing efforts with community partners that demonstrate impact year after year.”

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT SPARKNOTES

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the city on the day of the attack. Rogers, studying at the Université Paris Diderot, said she was initially unsure of what had happened.

“...We were walking on Rue de Rivoli parallel to the Louvre about two hours after the attack when I noticed a huge police presence at every corner directing traffic and surveying the area,” Rosner said in an email. “Several shop- owners were gathered around TVs, so I checked the news on my phone. I was alarmed and concerned, wanting to know more about what had happened.”

Rogers was in the middle of ex- ams the week of the attacks and would check the news while studying. The grocery store hos- tage situation was taking place a few stops down the tram line from my university, although the tram was only blocked off two stops beyond where I get off.”

Rogers, also a Université Diderot student, said she tried to stay as informed as possible about the attacks.

“My initial reaction was to learn as much about the story as possible, and I kept thinking that I should feel more afraid, but I didn’t. I felt a bizarre sense of security, which I still can’t quite explain,” she said.

Rogers said she was most struck by Parisians’ support on the streets in the days following the attacks.

“More than anything, I was moved by the amount of French citizens eager to show their solidarity,” Rogers said. “Immediately, ‘Je suis Charlie’ signs appeared everywhere, in storefront windows, on banners in front of museums. Thousands of people poured into the streets the night of the attack to partici- pate in demonstrations.”

The study abroad student was also impressed with the re- sponse in the States.

“I was also incredibly moved by the amount of people in the United States that were so con- cerned with my safety,” Rogers said. “Because I never felt a sense of fear or alarm, I didn’t think I merited much concern, but I was very touched by the amount of people who contacted me just to make sure I was ok.”

Burnett, who is studying at the Sciences Po in the seventh arrondissement, expressed her frustration that Notre Dame did not send information regarding the safety in the wake of the attacks.

“I received zero communica- tion from Notre Dame regarding the attacks, which I was very dis- appointed about,” Burnett said in an email.

“Sciences Po, my university here, sent out emails that they would be putting new security measures in place in line with Vigipirate. Vigipirate is France’s national security alert system and essentially their protocol in case of an emergency.”

Freshman Therese McCarry, who lives approximately 20 minutes outside of Paris with her American family, described her experience, as well.

“I do think our experience was different because we do live outside the city, and ... we aren’t French, but it was just interest- ing because we tried to keep up with the news, but with this, you’re keeping up with the news in a daily, almost hourly, way be- cause it’s happening right next to you, and I think there’s just a different sense of connection to what’s going on,” McCarrty said.

Burnett also described the ef- fect of the attacks on her experi- ence abroad as increasing her awareness of global issues.

“The attacks have impacted my study abroad experience so far in the sense that they have shown me that being in Europe means you are not so isolated from the unrest currently going on in the world,” Burnett said. “Throughout my time here I have felt this, even before the at- tacks, in terms of the ISIS attacks and threats. Everything is closer, and you can tell that you’re not as far removed from dangerous situations. Specifically in Paris, there is a very visible tension be- tween the French and the Arabs. “There is a lot of racism, so- cial divides and complaining about Middle Eastern and North African immigration.”

Professor Alison Rice, who teaches in French and Francophone literature, said she thought the attacks would have a lasting effect on cartoonists and writers around Paris and France.

“The outpouring of support for Charlie Hebdo in France, both for the victims of the attack and for the ongoing activity of the weekly paper, is indicative of a widespread belief in the im- portance of freedom of speech,” Rice said in an email. “France is a country with a centuries-old tradition of playful mockery, and the millions who took to the streets of Paris stood up for this right to poke fun at a variety of topics. “However, I think that in the future, many writers and car- toonists will pause and carefully consider the impact that their depictions might have. I hope that the massacre at Charlie Hebdo will not result in a para- lyzing fear that serves to repress the freedom of expression in the future. But it will undeni- ably have an effect on those who touch on contentious topics in their writings and drawings. It will necessarily play a role in the decisions all artists make in their work because the memory of these attacks will not quickly fade.”

Rice said the potential cultur- al and political outcomes of the attacks on France were particu- larly interesting.

“What I hope most fervently is that the attacks will not re- sult in greater prejudice against Muslims in France,” Rice said. “Those who are quickly categorized as Black or Arab already face tremendous dif- ficulty in France because of widespread racial stereotyp- ing. It is hard for those who hail from (or whose parents or even grandparents come from) Sub-Saharan or North Africa to find good jobs and live in desir- able locations in France, and it would be tragic if the attacks led to even greater suspicion and less respect for them. “... The solidarity that was shown when millions took to the streets to peacefully unite in a march that included Muslims, Jews and Christians of various backgrounds is a gesture to- ward a future that I truly and desperately hope will be the most significant outcome of the attacks.”

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four different perspectives on the attack.
Meserve, an associate professor of history, led the panel by focusing on the visual representations of the prophet Muhammad that have been used historically in opposed cultures. “It may surprise people to know that the first </span><span class="highlight">depiction</span> of the Prophet Muhammad was as he appeared in Islamic culture,” Meserve said. Meserve said this may be unexpected because idolatry is prohibited in Islam. The images of Muhammad portrayed by Muslims compared to Western depictions of Muhammad differ vastly, as certain depictions can greatly showcase the relationship between a culture and a religion, she said.

“The particular form that various ages use to present Muhammad tends to reflect either the imagery of the age rather than the Muhammad actual message or life preaching,” Meserve said. Meserve said the Western mediaeval Muhammad, as evident in Dante’s portrayal, was usually depicted as a false prophet.

“Some of the religious anxiety associated with the medieval Muhammad, however, evolved in the 19th and 20th centuries into political fascination,” she said. Meserve said Muhammad’s history as a great military king and creator of divine and human laws interested many scholars, leading to a softening of his portrait in the 17th and 18th centuries into political fascination, she said. Meserve said Muhammad’s portrayal has become tainted.

Some of these portrayals reveal that they progress from hostile to neutral to vaguely patronizing is a West that has become more confident in the Islamic world,” Meserve said. “Some of these depictions show that we make of the seemingly arid portraits now in modern world!”

“Most ill are Muslim living in secular cultures do not involve ridicule, but that do jest protestors to make known their religious wounds, he said.

“The globalization world is frag- ile... and we are mistaken if we take isolation from human dignity and connections to family and friends,” he said. “We are looking to work with us in all aspects of our work, students who wish to live out their University’s mission and our Catholic tradition. Lombardo said that the Center for the Homeless hopes to welcome a variety of student talents and students’ needs included tutor lamps are give them a role model and improve their classroom performance, teaching computer literacy skills to adults helping adults learn a foreign language, working to improve serving meals and helping at the front desk, he said.

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Center for Multicultural Services, said. “The mission and the values, everything that [students] do here.”

Jeffers said she intends to actively reach out to the women of Saint Mary’s and cater to their needs.

“The most important thing is making time for the students. I have to know how and trying to find out how in my role I can help the students and meet the mission of the College,” Jeffers said. “I want to find out how our offices can better serve the students.”

Since she started her new role, she said she finds fulfillment in realizing her mission.

“My highlight of my work day is just meeting all the great students and having the opportunity to sit down and talk with them,” Jenkins said. “I’m someone that really believes in serving others and mentoring women. We interviewed the needs are, that’s my job to do those needs.”

Both offices, though similar in services offered to students, have different ways of implementing their ideas through the focus of their respective offices, House and Jenkins said.

“The Office of Student Involvement will work with the student organizations both,” House said. “In my role as director, I plan to be interacting with students through the programs and events our office will be hosting.”

House said she is especially excited to help with the College’s annual spring festi- val, Toast, this semester. Jenkins said she is particu- larly interested in working on the Belles Connect Scholars Program.

Both halves of the former housing office’s policy meant to encourage students to engage in planning of college events.

“We had some ideas and suggestions from stu- dents on the types of programs and events they would like to see at the learning center,” Hinton said.

“We will be working closely together,” Jenkins said. “We are excited to work together and collaborate. We’re partners in making sure that there’s a good cam- paign, and that we meet the needs of the students.”

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program aimed at increasing worker participation in several Chinese factories. The pilot pro- gram, proposed by the Worker Participation Programme created by Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves, would allow students to purchase Notre Dame-licensed items in China — a departure from the University’s policy regarding lic- ensed products.

In its current form, the University’s Licensing Code of Conduct states that “products bearing the trademarks of the University of Notre Dame shall only be manufactured in countries where all workers enjoy the legal rights to associate freely, form independent labor unions and collective- ly bargain with their employers.” Pfeil said she believes the pil- lot program’s deviation from current University policy to be preemptive.

“We have an existing licensing code of conduct,” Pfeil said. “Communal engagement around the appropriateness of our cur- rent code and whether it needs a revision or not is a component of the ongoing pursuit of a pilot manufacturing program that involves violation of that code.”

Underle said she agreed with Pfeil that the issues under discus- sion is an ethical one, but supports the implementation of the pilot program, as well as its potential to establish better relations with China on a busi- ness as well as academic level.

“We should be using the good, not only at Notre Dame on campus but also worldwide,” he said. “That is my deep conviction … We should not shun China, but we should engage China. I can tell you that this is not easy.”

Agreeing with Underle, Xin He said that with the transition to a new government in China, now is the opportune time for Notre Dame to exert its influence. “It’s a good time to review this policy,” Xin He said. “It’s a good time to re-evaluate our relationship with the Chinese factories.”

Cassel said he recognizes po- tential benefits of the program, but said that the focus on individual factories may not take adequate account of the broader country context.

Underle said Notre Dame adopts the pilot program, Underle said, “we have to be care- ful in making judgments.”

Since both the second panel discussion will be held on site at 7 p.m. in McKenna Hall Auditorium, followed by a Higgins Labor Café meeting in Geddes Hall on Friday at 4:30 p.m.

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Director...
New Year’s resolutions

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Because it’s the start of a new year and semester, I feel obligated to write about New Year’s resolutions.

As I’ve gotten older (and more active on social media), talk about the holiday has taken a bit of a turn: People hate New Year’s resolutions. Social media platforms are riddled with angry veteran gym-goers and health enthusiasts haranguing about packed fitness centers and long lines at Whole Foods. The overarching sentiment is that every year takes up space and time with their new healthy lifestyles until February, when they’ll finally get out the way.

I can’t help but be bothered by this response; there is no case for New Year’s resolutions.

First, I’ve heard detractors claim that New Year’s is an arbitrary time to change or try something new. They insist the day is meaningless and that celebrating Jan. 1 is as bad as buying a “2015” in every date holding us accountable. There’s no way of knowing whether the attempt is unwelcome or unconvincing. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

I am sick of walking around this campus and seeing all this artist privilege. Everywhere I go, there’s a flock of artists strutting around in their matching artist gear. They think they’re so cool, their artsy nametags swinging from their backpack. “Emily Wemily- Varsity Painting!” one brags in sparkles. “Joe Schmo: Club Ceramics” shouts another.

They make me feel excluded and inartistic, even though I paint for fun. I’m just not good enough to make variety, or that’s what I tell myself. I never tried.

Regardless, I don’t have the time for such a commitment. I hear they paint for five hours a day in their special art studios that us Philistines are not allowed in. How do they have time or energy for class? Or the real question: How do they have time to stand around taunting me unconsciously with their gear, nametags and artsy haircuts? As annoyed as I am, I can’t help but look to see if I recognize any of the artists. I can’t be obvious; I have to play it cool and pretend I don’t know how famous or talented they are (or are not). They might be one of the masters, or their artwork might not even get displayed.

What if their sculptures were displayed in the O’Shaughnessy hallway? That would make them campus celebrities.

On Saturdays, almost every student has a ticket for the Snite art showing. Thousands of alums come to campus to pre-show with wine and cheese. Then, the whole campus pours into the Snite sporting “Go ND Sculpture” T-shirts. We amuse ourselves by attempting to cheer and dance in coordination, and sometimes we actually watch the artists attack the clay.

We sing a sentimental song when the artist wins. We sing if the clay wins, too. Once, the art instructor told us we couldn’t sing if the clay got the best of the artist, but that made the student body mad, so now we’re allowed to sing no matter what.

Good thing, because a lot of people (like me) don’t understand sculpture. We just go to the showing because we like singing the song and swaying, even though it’s awkward sometimes.

After standing for three hours (The sculpting itself doesn’t take a long time, but there are so many commercial breaks and smoking breaks because it’s not healthy to ask an artist to sculpt without cigarettes), we all rush to the dining hall for a special candlelit dinner. The dinner is not that special, but the candles are — varsity sculptors sculpted them. The sculptors don’t see their artwork admired for they eat in the varsity artist lounge.

Sometimes I get annoyed that our school spends so much money on clay and canvases for the varsity artists. Then I remember how much money the tickets to the shows make, not to mention how much the book store makes from its pottery-themed gear; the art department easily pays for itself and probably makes a profit.

But then I get annoyed again when I remember how heavily admissions recruits artists. You let her in because she can throw a pot, but then you never display her artwork? Then I remember that the artists are probably good at academics. I chastise myself for letting the negative stereotypes get to me when they’re not true most of the time.

I should probably chill about this whole artist privilege thing. It’s only a big deal if I make it one. I am so lucky to go to Notre Dame. I get to learn about the most random and relevant things at this beautiful school with sparkling snow, steamed veggies and a functioning heating system.

So what if I don’t get to eat artist food or wear artist gear? I have normal food in my stomach and normal clothes on my back (and front).

Life is good when I realize my complaints are stupid. Actually, life is always good, but I don’t realize it until I stop complaining.

I may not have artist privilege, but I have life privilege, and it’s pretty good to be alive. I’ll remember that as long as I’m kept away from the sparkling nametags and pointed towards the sparkling snow.

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“The Interview” is the least of our problems

Christopher Newton
Stepping Out Of The Cave

Friends tend to gossip about one another — nothing particularly surprising there. People like to have information about others, and this is certainly true of fetuses rather than those of pregnant mothers, the professor thought. He reflected on what’s going on in others’ lives.

Step back to the level of states and the interest in information remains the same, though hopefully for reasons of greater consequence. States spy on their enemies and their friends, as was made clear by the Edward Snowden leaks in the spring of 2013. The United States was spying on not only its own citizens and its enemies, but also its supposed allies. German Prime Minister Angela Merkel was none too pleased that the government of her alleged friend, President Barack Obama, had been going through her email and cellphone, a dilemma as old as those technologies themselves.

Espionage of many varieties is tolerated on the international stage, despite vociferous protest by Germany and other victims of the National Security Agency (NSA) that may indicate otherwise. It is a fact of life, and every country with the means to do so, does so.

That espionage occurs, and is generally tolerated, is nothing new. The means and methods of data collection, however, are changing rapidly and at times unpredictably. Cyberwarfare, for example, is not only modern espionage, but warfare as well. At once a tool of intelligence-gathering and offensive strikes, the next great war will undoubtedly have a significant cyber component. For those unfamiliar with the term, cyber-warfare refers to Internet and software-based attacks on the information systems of a target actor, such as a state, business or individual. In practice, this has a wide range of forms, including but not limited to penetrating a computer network to steal information, planting viruses and denying access to websites.

In the past eight years, the world has seen an increasing number of ever more advanced cyber-attacks. In 2007, Russia attacked and disrupted Estonian government websites. In 2010, an American and Israeli effort implanted the notorious Stuxnet malware program into Iranian nuclear sites, causing widespread physical damage to centrifuges. The year 2014 bore witness to numerous cyber attacks by the Chinese and North Korean governments on American government agencies and businesses.

Only just recently, the US is believed to have responded to the Sony hack by shutting down North Korea’s Internet for several days. The US was only able to definitively conclude that North Korea was responsible for the Sony attack because it had itself hacked North Korean systems in 2010 on a large-scale, implanting various programs to collect data and map North Korean systems. Rarely do hackers solely intended to gather information receive widespread attention, as they tend to fall into an acceptable range of expected espionage. Attacks that are more offensive in nature, such as attacks intended to crash government websites or, in the rare case of Stuxnet, cause physical damage to infrastructure, are met with swift condemnation.

In some cases, espionage has grown to unacceptable levels and has involved not intelligence operatives, but military personnel, as in the case of the more recent leaks exposed by Edward Snowden. The American cyber-dueling pits the hackers of the People’s Liberation Army against those of the NSA, an interesting mix of uniformed members of a foreign military against more traditional intelligence agencies.

This example is emblematic of the blurred lines of cyber-warfare, as not only are many attacks difficult to trace conclusively, but the lines between espionage and offensive strikes are difficult to discern. When a spy gathers documents, he is merely spying. When that spy gathers documents and then plants a bomb, he becomes a saboteur.

Attacks that cause damage are not espionage, but acts of war. Thus Stuxnet could, and should, be construed as a hostile attack on one government by two others. Yet other cases are not so simply categorized, for many hacks are meant to simply map the networks and defenses of potential adversaries in anticipation of later conflict. While mapping, as in the case of the Stuxnet Stunde with North Korea, hackers may leave behind various software programs for data collection, early warning systems of future hacks and future offensive attacks.

This presents a strategic conundrum: How do states differentiate between espionage and offensive attacks? If states cannot determine what sort of hack has been conducted, they cannot respond proportionally. Even if the perpetrator can be identified, there is significant risk of misinterpretation and an escalation in hostilities due to a disproportionate response by the victim or a lack of any response, encouraging future attacks.

The ambiguity of cyber-attacks places these developing capabilities somewhere in between espionage and open warfare. While no massive offensive attack has occurred, the world has also not witnessed large-scale, conventional interstate warfare in decades. States have been mapping and probing each other’s networks, occasionally disrupting them or even damaging physical targets. The United States maintains a list of potential cyber targets in the event of war, as many other countries likely do. When worse does break out, the world will likely see what states have been preparing behind closed doors.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Billy McMahon’s Jan. 14 viewpoint “Practically pro-life” raises several concerns regarding the image of the pro-life movement in American society today. At first glance, being “pro-life” is rigidly synonymous with being against abortion; the word “pro-life” evokes images of fetuses rather than those of pregnant mothers, the hungry and the dispossessed. Although I agree with Mr. McMahon that we ought to put the marginalized first as Jesus did, I think he may be surprised to find that pro-life people can — and, I believe, must — oppose abortion if they believe in the Christian preferential option for the poor.

The preferential option for the poor is the principle that loving God and neighbor entails making the well-being of those deemed insignificant by the world our top priority. Though the phrase “preferential option for the poor” has been in use for less than a century, the underlying idea has been present in the Judeo-Christian tradition from as far back as we can historically trace. St. Francis of Assisi, Mr. McMahon implies the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth support his position, I think it is appropriate to look at the immediate Jewish basis for those teachings: the commandment to give alms.

For first-century Jews, giving alms was tantamount to fulfilling every God-given directive. Notre Dame professor Gary Anderson provides a digestible overview of this idea in his book “Charity.” Anderson argues that for the Second Temple period (which includes the life of Jesus), almsgiving was conceived of as a loan to God through the poor — a loan that God promised to repay with blessings and deliverance from future troubles and death. We might infer that receiving any sort of repayment for such a loan seemed just as absurd then as it does today. It’s unreasonable enough to expect a beggar to settle a debt of space change or several dollars, and someone who gives alms with the expectation of repayment is clearly committing an act of faith. However, the idea seems even more radical when we consider the implications of the loan metaphor for almsgiving.

When we start viewing this act of charity as a financial transaction, the poor as actual people rather than worn-out statues holding coffee cups you toss coins into.

My belief that almsgiving is a loan to God has been reinforced by my experiences with beggars while I was working in Dublin, Ireland, this past summer. Inspired by an Irish priest’s homily on homelessness in the city, I decided to put the ideas laid out in “Charity” into practice. Whenever I came across a beggar, I would walk over to them, give them a warm greeting, give them spare change that I would have ready in my hand and then wish them well. In having changed in my hand, I was prepared to give without hesitation, but I was also managed to thwart one man’s attempt to mug me at a bus stop. Poised to take my wallet if I pulled it out, the man was dumbledtoned when I opened my palm to reveal the gift I had ready for him. Up until that point, I was very afraid of this apparently ill-willed man — it was thanks to my faith that I could see him as a good man despite all evidence to the contrary.

As the summer progressed, my encounters with beggars proved to be more fruitful than I could have ever imagined. After buying a meal for one homeless woman during my lunch break, I had a great conversation with her. She thanked God and me for the money I gave them, and I was amazed at how some of the people I met conveyed a sense of faith and meaning in life that was more profound yet more genuine than what you might hear in a sermon or theology lecture. In the beginning, I would always close a conversation with those I gave to by saying, “Have a good day,” like I would to any friend. By the end of the summer, I learned a more meaningful farewell from the people I met on street: “God bless you.”

Pro-Life is practical

The loans I made to my needy brothers and sisters in Dublin have been repaid beyond the face value of the coins I placed in their hands. At the same time, I am amazed by the degree of love shown by the recipients, more than what my brothers and sisters need. One man who regularly begged outside the church I attended would always request a large sum of money in order to stay at a hostel. Simply granting his request would not have been sufficient to ensure his well being; I felt in my conscience that I would have to go out of my way to be present at the hostel and pay in person in order to see to it that he was safe. In other words, this man above all needed people to care for him, to look after him — this man, our brother, needed a loving and supportive family.

From reason, we know that our brother at one point had family members in the descriptive, biological sense — there was a man and a woman who made his existence possible. Somewhere down the line, our brother fell into poverty, and it wouldn’t surprise us if he inherited this situation from his mother or father. It is for this reason that sexual ethics enter the picture: If we truly want to reduce poverty, then we must love responsibly. For Christians, responsible love is not simply sexual inaudioso; it is a way of life, inside and outside the walls of our churches and bedrooms. Jesus taught us to “love one another as [He] has loved us.” Following Jesus, we ought to love each other as brother and sister — we ought to treat all God’s children as actual people rather than insignificant objects. In carrying out this challenging call to love, we must care for all who are deemed insignificant, especially the poor and the unborn.

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When we think of the trials of those fighting for our country, we might imagine soldiers carrying weapons, braving gunfire and explosions in a distant unfamiliar country, the fear of death mingling with exhaustion. Often forgotten is the war that follows veterans home, the battle with reliving the horrors of their experience and trying to return to a normal life.

“American Sniper” retells the trials and triumphs of Navy SEAL Chris Kyle, as adapted from his autobiography. As a boy, Chris Kyle learned from his father to not be a sheep or a wolf, but to be a sheepdog. The protector instinct is so deeply ingrained that hearing of the terror attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, Kyle is driven to join the military to protect the country he considers the greatest on earth.

The film broke box-office records and has received six Oscar nominations. Its enormous success may be an indication of American patriotism and an attitude of reverence for military heroes. In a time when war is less relevant for Americans, it serves as a reminder that war persists in the memory of veterans.

Throughout four tours of duty in Iraq, Kyle proves himself a legendary sniper. The ultimate protector, he watches over his men from above and eliminates threats. He has little trouble hitting his targets; the true challenge he faces is balancing an overwhelming sense of duty both to his family at home and his fellow SEALS in the war. He returns to Iraq not only on tour after tour, but also constantly in his mind.

This harrowing tale of patriotism pays homage to an American hero. Unfortunately, the movie as a memoir takes an overly reverent perspective, calling for a lack of flaws in the main character. Kyle’s character is portrayed as perfectly patriotic and responds to a perfect sense of duty. His convictions remain steadfast throughout challenges, defending that his only regret from the war was that he could not protect more of his own. With even Kyle’s widow involved in the making of the film, his character is portrayed with the level of depth of a family member’s eulogy. His strength is remembered along with the struggles he overcame, but he is not told as a complete person with flaws and failures. Though Kyle is troubled by his experiences in war, the challenges he overcomes only strengthen his heroic image. One might suspect a darker side to the most lethal man in U.S. military history.

Leaning far in the direction of a biography, “American Sniper” lacks the narrative quality connecting one moment to the next. Nevertheless, Bradley Cooper does a remarkable performance in this important role. Faced with the challenge of honoring Kyle’s memory, Cooper manages to create an incredibly relatable character who is heroic yet humble and down-to-earth. Given little evidence of weakness in the script itself, the troubled mind of the protagonist seems to appear in Cooper’s eyes, in a performance reminiscent of Clint Eastwood himself.

It seems that the construction of the movie is really a collection of moments. Intense scenes of war mingle with heartrending personal experiences, creating an inspirational yet heartbreaking account that leaves the audience speechless.

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Bob Dylan’s Legacy Revived

It was a holy grail discovery of the musical world: Tucked away in the basement of American singer and songwriter Bob Dylan’s New York home lay pages of unrecorded song lyrics, written by the legendary folk artist himself.

For nearly five decades, these pages lay hidden, silently gathering dust. Silent, that is, until one fateful discovery by Dylan’s producer and two weeks of intensive jam sessions brought these lyrical time capsules to life.

In the mid-1960s, Bob Dylan and The Band were at the peaks of their careers. With incredibly popular songs such as “Like a Rolling Stone,” this American rock-folk band was in high demand and thus constantly on tour. This life, however, was taking its toll on Dylan, who reported heavy drug use and exhaustion.

In what some refer to as a blessing in disguise, Dylan’s life took an unexpected turn. In 1966, he was involved in a devastating motorcycle crash and forced to take time off from touring. Dylan retreated to his home in upstate New York, disappearing almost altogether from the public eye.

During this time, fortunately, Dylan continued recording music. Working with The Band in the basement of his New York home, Dylan privately recorded songs, providing major hits for many popular artists.

Luckily for the public, the product of all these secret music sessions began to leak into mainstream music, appearing in several bootlegged recordings. Finally, Dylan’s work was brought to light on the “Genuine Basement Tapes,” a set of five CDs containing 107 songs created during these basement sessions. Despite the immensity of these tapes, pieces of Dylan’s music still remained hidden and unrecorded.

Forty-seven years later, new lyrics from this basement session were discovered and finally brought to life. While exploring this now-famous basement, Dylan’s producer discovered pages of never before-recorded lyrics.

He handed them down to T Bone Burnett, who jumped at the opportunity to work with these lyrics. Burnett put together a musical “super-group” called on Marcus Mumford of Mumford and Sons, Elvis Costello, Jim James, Rhianon Giddens of the Carolina Chocolate Drops and Taylor Goldsmith of Dawes. Their daunting task: to revive these lyrics with new music, while evoking the unique sounds that made Dylan so legendary.

The group took on the task, collaborating for two weeks in a basement, simulating the original basement tape recordings that began nearly five decades earlier.

A documentary called “The Long Lost Basement Tapes,” shows just how difficult it was for these writers to recreate what Bob Dylan had done with those lyrics so many years ago.

After two weeks of tediously putting music to these lyrics, and a surprise musical appearance by Johnny Depp, the band finally finished the album, a project that began 47 years ago. The result, “Lost on the River: The New Basement Tapes,” is an incredible collaboration of past and present musical genius.

Like a time capsule of Dylan’s music, the lyrics on the “New Basement Tapes” are haunting and timeless, a testament to Dylan’s gift for songwriting and story-telling. The musical accompaniment highlights the creative talent of musicians like Marcus Mumford and Rhianon Giddens.

Tracks like “Kansas City,” recorded by Mumford, sound like they could have come straight off a Mumford and Sons’ album but still reproduce sounds that emulate Dylan’s Folk legacy.

Other noteworthy songs on the album include “Spanish Mary,” “Florida Key” and “The Whistle Blowing.”

Although the album caught some flack for sounding too contemporary, there is no denying that this collaboration is a testament to the artistic creativity and talent of these new artists — and the incredible legacy that Dylan left behind.

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Men’s Fashion At the Gym

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The fortress of the gym. Sweaty bodies everywhere, putting your hands in the air like you do care about your fitness status. Presumably the last place to hide from sartorial critique.

Until now. Incredulous at the idea of being fashionable while working out? Then read on, as I take on the “groufit” culture putting up a final stand in the outskirts of Rockne and Rolfs with only a keyboard and clothing advice.

Personally, I’d like to start by telling you that I’ve decided to order a pair of compression tights. Intimidated yet? Keep reading.

Professional athletes tout tights’ ability to keep muscles activated and facilitate more effective warmups. Scientifically, they’re shown to wick away sweat and improve blood flow, all while allowing for sick splits. Plus, Shia LaBeouf totally rocks a purple pair on jogs.

If you can’t take the pressure of compression tights, try joggers, the current all-around solution for men’s fashion. Warm and modern, they leave space in just the right locales, while still keeping a trendy sweat feel. Even though my mom still scolds if I throw on a pair on our way to Boston, they’re the newest urban wear as well, so don’t be afraid to wear them out.

Looking for something shorter? Don’t regresses to outdated shorts. Avoid short shorts, unless you’re attending a rollerskating SYR, or below the knee basketball “shorts.” Ball can still be life if you’re wearing compression shorts, or if you want to stand, throw on a pair of sweat shorts.

Now a quick hint on where to splurge: your feet. You can get the newest active gear for your upper and lower body, but all that’s doing is making you less sweaty, and you should be showering at the end of a workout anyway. On the other hand, a tired pair of kicks brings down your entire game, messing with your stride and bone integrity. Updating your shoe game is crucial for maintaining the health perks you would be looking for in a long jog.

But please, keep away from the five-toed abominations of the past. Not only are they hideous, but studies have shown that they are in fact harmful to your posture and feet, rather than providing the “natural” gait originally promised. Instead, turn to five-fingered socks when out of the gym. Tight-fitting sneakers, especially sneakers, do cut your toes and give you flattened, “hammer toes.” Toe socks let your digits take a breather, returning your piggies to a rounded, healthier state.

The final step in your workout transformation comes with the accessories. Your gym bag should not compete with your carry-on in terms of volume. It should neatly contain your change of clothes, perhaps with an extra compartment for shoes. I use a “retro” leather single-shoulder duffle bag that has one opening tied off with ropes. Although I’m pretty sure they stopped selling these back when my dad pumped iron, a leather duffle does have its place in your locker.

And if you want to bring your AV game, throw on a suit over it all to keep you warm while braving the polar vortex. Just don’t have a singlet on underneath. I officially ban them.

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On Monday the domain name HipsterRunoff.com was put up for auction on the website marketplace Flippa. It was the final nail in the coffin of Hipster Runoff, the self-proclaimed “blog worth blogging about.” Although it went inactive in 2013, the satirical website was practically required reading for indie kids in the latter half of the 2000s.

Run by Carles, a pseudonymous character created by the blog’s still-mysterious writer, Hipster Runoff satirized mid-aughts hipster culture with a heavy dose of ironic scare quotes. At the site’s core was Carles’ never-ending desire to be “relevant.” The site mocked the performed authenticity of a certain breed of hipster; it parodied the ‘entry-level all’ who valued the appearance of being in the know about new music trends as much as the actual knowing.

Behind Carles’ self-knowing voice and use of internet slang, posts from Hipster Runoff’s peak are often quite intelligent analyses of the hype cycle of online music blogs. A 2009 post about the critical acclaim surrounding Animal Collective’s “Merriweather Post Pavilion” questioned the reasons people listen to music and the commodification of indie music.

“In the music-sphere, there are a few key tastemakers of different scales,” Carles wrote, “and most of them have aligned to tell you that Animal Collective is relevant + progressive + transcendent.”

Carles incisively described the natural culmination of indie rock: its commodification. In 2012, Rob Trump sharply summarized Hipster Runoff’s mission: “Reading it was like pulling back the curtain on alternative culture, only to discover that the guy calling it the shots was just as cynical and profit-driven as everyone else. Constructing your identity based on your cultural knowledge, the site seemed to say, was stupid and self-defeating.”

What does it mean to have “good taste” in an industry where Grizzly Bear and St. Vincent end up on a “Twilight” soundtrack and Coachella sells out two weekends regardless of who’s on the lineup? How “unique” are your tastes when they’re dictated by a handful of indie rock blogs?

Once hipsters have since largely shifted in the opposite direction, for the most part abandoning the pretentiousness that characterized the stereotype. “Selling out,” once the ultimate evil an indie rock group could commit, is now the new norm; indie rock was revealed to be just as much a commodity as the Top 40. Hipsters experienced a collective existential crisis and moved away from ironic detachment. Instead, acknowledging one’s tastes sincerely and enthusiastically has become de rigueur.

Popivism — treating pop music as worthy of critical consideration as rock — is the default mode among most critical-minded music fans. Pitchfork, still the most influential tastemaker in whatever can be called “indie music,” has taken to regularly covering and praising mainstream pop artists like Ariana Grande, Beyoncé and Taylor Swift.

Similarly, normcore, the anti-fashion trend with New Balance sneakers and acidwash jeans as its staples, was the epitome of embracing normality. It abandoned trying to be cool and gave in to the pleasure of wearing “normal” clothing.

It was only a matter of time before Hipster Runoff came to its inevitable death. The self-serious, impossibly-cool hipster outgrew the characterization years ago. The intelligent cultural consumer of the 2010s is unashakably voracious, enjoying art from both the mainstream and the underground without guilt.

Carles’ last post in 2013 was a poem titled “Is the scene still alive?” In it, Carles muses, “They still seem to take it seriously. It still seems to define them. Are they holding on to something that doesn’t exist any more?” Hipsters let go of an impossibly idealistic vision of indie rock and stopped worrying about being “relevant.” It seems like Hipster Runoff has finally done same.

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Scherzer signing hurts Nationals

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With the inaugural College Football Playoff in the books and the Super Bowl two weeks away, the sports world finds itself a little full. Even Major League Baseball has been relatively quiet since the Winter Meetings late in December, and spring training is still around a month away. However, things changed when the Washington Nationals inked Max Scherzer to a seven-year, $210-million mega-deal.

Over the last two seasons, Scherzer went 39-8 with a 3.02 ERA while striking out 492 batters. He won the Cy Young in 2013. He is one of the most durable pitchers in the game, having pitched 180-plus innings every single year for the past four years. He has been the Nationals instant favorites to win the 2015 World Series. And yet, there were buyer’s mistakes by signing Scherzer.

Let’s first look at the history of hurlers getting nine-figure contracts. Scherzer’s contract falls just shy of the top pitcher on the list, Clayton Kershaw and his $215 million. Kershaw signed the deal last offseason, so it’s too early to tell if the Dodgers made a good deal.

The Tigers, Scherzer’s former club, gave Justin Verlander $180 million, and he has returned the favor with a 1.08 walk per nine innings and a 3.99 ERA over two years. If Verlander stays on this course, the Tigers are tied to a pitcher that is average at best until he is 37, all the while paying him $20 million per year. CC Sabathia was given $122 million over five years and over his last 40 starts has posted a 4.87 ERA. Johan Santana, he of the $137.5 million deal, has been non-existent and missed two full seasons due to injury. Barry Zito (63-80, 4.62 ERA) has been nothing short of awful in his seven years with the Giants. Cliff Lee — another buy — who has even heard of Kevin Brown?

Sure, there are exceptions to the rule — Cole Hamels and Felix Hernandez come to mind. But the vast majority of $100 million-plus pitchers have crippled their respective teams with their payrolls. I can’t think of one reason why the Nationals should have pushed the trigger on Scherzer. They should be worried about locking up their homegrown stars — Jordan Zimmermann, Ian Desmond and Stephen Strasburg are all valuable commodities for this day and age of baseball, it is just not a smart move to let stars hit the open market and try to sign 35-year-old massive deals in free agency.

Another mistake the Nationals made in the Scherzer deal was deferring half of his salary. Although he will only play for the team for seven years, the Nats will pay him $115 million annually for 14 years. I don’t know about you, but I’d prefer to just pay the guys that are on my team. After seven years, the Nationals will be paying Scherzer to either suit up for another club or to sit on his couch and count his millions.

I’m sure the Nationals are looking at the deal as a win, as they get to keep a lower payroll in the short-term and still have some flexibility in free agency in the future. But there is another problem with the deferred money — for seven years after the deal has expired, the Nationals will be eating $15 million per year that they could be spending elsewhere. That’s a lot of dead money for a team that has already gone against its spending threshold and cannot come close to competing with the Yankees, Red Sox, Dodgers and others when it comes to big salaries.

What this down to is a win-now move for the Nationals. Scherzer gives them by far the best starting rotation in Major League Baseball, one that includes four All-Stars and a No. 5 starter (Gio Gonzalez) who could be an ace for some teams. They will be scary good. Still, Scherzer is an unneeded risk for a team that was already widely considered to be World Series favorites. What if the next six years of his deal, or the seven after that?

The Nats are all in for 2015, but beyond that, things look a lot less clear — and maybe a little gloomy.

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NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Selection committee faces crowded tournament field

Associated Press
INDIANAPOLIS — NCAA vice president Dan Gavitt sees a disparity between some of this season’s top college basketball teams and everyone else.

Selection committee chairman Scott Barnes believes things are a little more balanced.

In tournament play, that probably won’t go away any time soon — in public or behind closed doors. Gavitt and Barnes took different sides Tuesday following a news conference to announce plans for this year’s Final Four in Indianapolis.

Selection committee members met last week in Washington.

“They gave the first committee reports and you know no one is ever eliminated until selection Sunday,” said Gavitt, who oversees men’s basketball.

“In those reports, some of the very elite teams, I would say there was a lot of healthy debate will be very, very high seeds and others who might normally get those high seeds may not this year.”

Of course, perceptions and resumes can change quickly in the college basketball world.

Just ask Wisconsin, whose hopes of returning to the Final Four suffered a blow last week when the Badgers said starting point guard Traevon Jackson needed surgery on his right foot. But even with Kentucky and Virginia still unbeaten and Duke, Arizona and Wisconsin all ranked among the top seven, Barnes was cautious about reading too much what’s happened so far.

“I’d say there’s been a lot of early upsets on home courts, more than I can remember in recent years,” the Utah State athletic director said. “There are some elite teams this year, but there’s a lot of parity out there, and there are a lot of very good teams out there.”

Whoever earns a trip to Indy for the national semifinals April 4 and the championship April 6 will have plenty of options to choose from.

Host committee officials said Fan Fest would open April 3, youth clinics and a 5K walk to help support Coaches vs. Cancer. Will be held April 2 and 4, and would dribble around town April 5; and the annual March Madness Music Festival will be held April 3-5. Performers for the musical shows should be announced by late February.

Additionally, the host committee will hold a recycling drive March 28 for “just about anything with a plug,” is asking 10,000 children to participate in service-related projects April 3 and will help build or rebuild two basketball courts around town.

Gavitt and Barnes were joined by two previous Indiana Mr. Basketball winners — former Indiana star Damon Bailey, now an assistant coach with the Butler women’s team, and former Arizona star Jason Gardner, now the men’s coach at IUPUI.

“For the Final Four to be in what I think is the best basketball state in the country, it’s a greater partnership,” Bailey said. “It’s a good partnership with a little luck, we will have some representation from teams in our state.”

Indiana teams are currently ranked — No. 8 Notre Dame and No. 23 Indiana. Butler has been in the Top 25 for six straight weeks this season and continues to draw votes, while Valparaiso is 17-3.

NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Dominant Big 12 teams impact Top 25 rankings

Associated Press
With a national-best six ranked teams, the Big 12’s conference race is having an every-week impact on the Top 25.

Look no further than No. 11 Kansas for proof. The Jayhawks’ reward for splitting two games against ranked league opponents last week is two more games this week.

“It’s good and it’s tough for everybody,” coach Bill Self said. “I don’t know if this is going to play out to be true or not, but four or five losses will be an unbelievable record for the team that wins it, I believe.”

The league had six games matching two ranked teams last week and has three more this week to headline the national schedule.

Kansas State beat No. 19 Oklahoma 85-78 on Monday night and travels to No. 17 Texas on Saturday, while the Sooners travel to No. 21 Baylor that same day.

The Big Ten has the other two such matchups this week. Iowa, which debuted in this week’s poll at No. 25, travels to sixth-ranked Wisconsin on Tuesday night, while No. 13 Maryland travels to No. 23 Indiana two days later.

STILL 1: For the second straight week, Kentucky and Virginia topped the poll.

Kentucky was No. 1 in 63 of 65 votes cast Monday, while Virginia stayed at No. 2. The Wildcats (17-0) have won 11 in a row and were the unanimous choice for five straight weeks before two voters switched to the Cavaliers (17-0) last week.

I’ve said my dues, time after time. I’ve done my sentences. But considered no crime. And bad mistakes, I’ve made a few. I’ve had my share of sand kicked in my face. But I’ve come through. And I need just go on and on, and on, and on.
Former Irish fencer returns as team director

By BRETT O'CONNELL
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The senior members of the 2011 national championship squad, Notre Dame’s last title-winner, have all graduated and gone their separate ways, but one member of the team has found his way back to the world of fencing in a new role.

Alex Buell, 2011 national champion and 2012 graduate from the Mendoza College of Business, now works for the fencing team as its director of operations. In the years since his last meet, he has taken on an active role in the team’s administration, and he said he sees the fencing team’s presence on campus and in the national fencing community evolving with each passing day.

“When I came into [Notre Dame] I was interested in getting into professional sports,” Buell said. “[I] really thought it would be to get through Mendoza and work with the NFL. ... But it was really my experience on the fencing team all four years, especially that championship year, that made me reconsider.”

And while Buell did serve as an intern with the NFL’s Chicago Bears during his senior year, he found the variety unique to collegiate athletics too much to resist. “Pro sports, on a macro level, you’re just doing that stuff,” he said. “In college sports, there are opportunities to work with other sports. “At the same time, the big deciding factor for me was the higher purpose that college athletics serve. I’m thoroughly convinced that, especially in today’s landscape where there are ongoing discussions about the role of sports in a college education. To me, I think it’s a no-brainer. I think athletics are some of the most transformational experiences a student can have in college. That’s what really brought me back.”

Buell said that his transition from the strip to the office was actually easier than he expected. “It’s probably one of the easiest transitions out there,” he said. “It’s a very unique opportunity to work with the coaching staff that coached me.”

When Buell arrived as Director of Operations at the beginning of last season, the fencing program stood at a crossroads. A move from the Midwest Fencing Conference to the ACC loomed. Working with the other staff to help facilitate that transition has comprised a large body of Buell’s work. Buell said the move represented a great opportunity to grow the sport both on campus and nationally.

“In terms of the power five conferences, there are only eight schools that sponsor fencing,” he said. “Four of them are new in the ACC. For us, heading into the ACC championship, there is a lot of potential on the horizon to bring fencing to other schools and new audiences who just know ACC sports.”

Buell said the team shared a vision spearheaded by now-retired coach Janusz Bednarski — to grow the brand of fencing through the Notre Dame identity.

“It’s our vision as a program,” Buell said. “It’s something that when I was hired, our previous coach Janusz was big on — finding ways to expand the sport and make it better, potential ways to change the NCAA format and make it more fan-friendly.”

“(Our coaching staff) is very willing to try new things. For example, last season we added monogram patches to our uniforms. We have patches on both arms to try and increase visibility. We want people to be able to [say] ‘That fencer is from Notre Dame.’”

Ultimately, Buell said he is excited by the growth of the fencing brand on Notre Dame’s campus. “We had 414 people come out to a meet last year,” he said. “And then that was broken when we had 698. This year, our meet was conservatively between 500-600. Those numbers are not heard of in fencing.”

Buell said that growing fencing could be a tough sell for new audiences, but he is confident in the power of Notre Dame’s identity and its ability to introduce new audiences to a new sport.

“This is a very difficult sport,” he said. “It has a steep learning curve to watch it. But people understand things like Notre Dame versus Penn State. It is a disservice to the sport if we don’t try to leverage that.”

The Irish resume their season Saturday when they travel to New York for a meet against St. John’s.

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Oklahoma City takes down Heat

Associated Press

MIAMI — Russell Westbrook scored 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, Kevin Durant added 19 points and the Oklahoma City Thunder moved over the .500 mark for the first time this season with a 94-86 win over the Miami Heat on Tuesday night.

Durant also had eight rebounds and eight assists for the Thunder, who’ve won 18 of their last 26 games. Reggie Jackson scored 16 points and Anthony Morrow added 12 for Oklahoma City.

Dwyane Wade scored 18 points and Chris Bosh added 16 for Miami, which fell to 7-13 at home.

Durant was 0 for 8 from 3-point range — matching the third quarter. The Thunder took 92 shots, Miami just 68.

Miami had three shots to tie or take the lead in the fourth quarter, all of them missing and the Thunder would eventually pull away.

Jackson’s 3-pointer with 2:54 left put the Thunder up 87-82, then Westbrook got the next two baskets — the second of them an easy one after Miami’s 20th turnover of the night — to extend the lead to nine and send most in the crowd heading for the exits.

The game was the exact midpoint of the regular season for both teams. Oklahoma City went 21-20 in its first 41 games, Miami went 18-23.

Morrow’s jumper to open the fourth quarter put Oklahoma City up 74-67, what was then the Thunder’s biggest lead of the night. The Thunder were down by nine early and trailed 50-49 at the half, then did what plenty of teams have done to Miami this season — clamp down in the third quarter.

Rangers comes from behind to beat Senators

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carl Hagelin deflected in Derek Stepan’s slick backhand pass 2:55 into overtime to give the New York Rangers a 3-2 come-from-behind victory over the Ottawa Senators on Tuesday night.

Ottawa had the better of the chances in the extra session, but Hagelin put the winner behind goalie Craig Anderson as the Rangers won their third straight and 16th in 19 games heading into the NHL All-Star break.

Chris Kreider tied it for New York in the third period. Kevin Hayes also scored, and Henrik Lundqvist made 33 saves.

Erik Karlsson and Milan Michalek had second-period goals for Ottawa. Anderson stopped 32 shots, but let New York’s only one in overtime get past him.

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trouble getting back into competition.

“I knew that, first of all, she’s a very strong person and a very tough compet-
tor,” Welsh said. “There was no doubt in her mind that of course she would compete
again.
Sure enough, she did, making her return against Michigan State this year, and she said that she can feel
herself returning to form.

“The Michigan-Northwestern meet (on Jan. 9) was the first time I felt like
my old self, before I had sur-
geries,” Galletti said.

Welsh says that he has no-
ticed Galletti’s improvement
this year too, not just in her
recovery from injury, but also mentally.

“What’s been wonder-
ful this year is not only her
own personal work ethic, but also that she’s become a very strong team player,” he said. “She supports her
teammates; she works for the betterment of the group, and I personally have really appreciated that in her.”

Still less than a year re-
moved from her surgeries, Galletti said she believes she has plenty of time to
continue her recovery and
improve her performances in the pool. Welsh agrees.

“Without any doubt, she’ll
be better next year,” Welsh
said. “She’s still not a year out of surgery. She’s do-
ing all of this and she had
one surgery right after the
other. I don’t think there’s
any question that as time
passes, her healing will
progress; her strength will
improve, and her best is still
ahead of her.

“My hopes are just to con-
inue getting better and
stronger and being able to
help this team improve at
ACCs and NCAA’s,” Galletti
said. “Being able to swim
for this University and be-
ing able to contribute to the
University’s prestige has just
been the best experience, and
I want to continue that.
You’ll have people who ei-
ther love Notre Dame or hate
it, and the people who hate
it are just crazy.”

Galletti and the Irish dive
back into the pool Jan. 30 for
the Shamrock Invitational in
Rolls Aquatic Center.

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Irish junior Catherine Galletti swims the 100-yard backstroke dur-
ing Notre Dame’s 219-60 win over Valparaiso on Nov. 15, 2013.

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Hinostroza said he was
drawn to Notre Dame due
to a combination of the pro-
gram’s new hockey facilities,
coach Jeff Jackson’s proven
system and the slew of fel-
low “Chicago-landers” on the
Irish squad, including senior
defenseman Robbie Russo,
junior center Thomas DiPauli
and sophomore
defenseman Justin Wade.

“It was just the right fit for
me,” Hinostroza said.

In his freshman cam-
paign, Hinostroza compiled
32 points for the Irish, good
enough to rank third in the
veteran 2013-14 squad.

Then-seniors T.J. Tynan and
Bryan Rust, both NHL draft
picks, were the only two Irish
players who scored more than
Hinostroza.

Of the 51 points Hinostroza
has scored in an Irish uni-
form, 40 of them have been
assists. He has always strived
for this kind of unselfishness,
he said.

“I enjoy getting assists more
than goals,” Hinostroza said.
“Growing up, I always have
made that a focus of my game, and it’s something I’ve been
able to develop the past cou-
ple years.
The Irish earned a bid to last
year’s NCAA tournament in
Hinostroza’s freshman year,
but this season they are cur-
rently 10-11-3. Part of that,
Hinostroza said, is due to the
team’s youthfulness.

“We’ve had some struggles
this year,” Hinostroza said.
“But after each weekend, we
continue to come to the rink
ready to work even harder
than the last week.”

Despite these struggles and
the young team’s grow-
ing pains, Hinostroza said he
remains positive and has as-
sumed a leadership role for
the team, something he said
last year’s upperclassmen did

to help him mature.

“Even though I’m only a
sophomore, I think I would
be considered an upperclass-
manship, just because of how
young the team is,” he said.
“I’m just trying to take what I
learned from our seniors last
year and help out our younger
guys this year.”

Despite Notre Dame’s
struggle to maintain consis-
tency, the Irish still sit in fifth
place in the Hockey East, with
a conference record of 5-2-3
and 13 points, within strik-
ing distance of conference-
leading Boston University (18
points).

“We’re still in good shape in
the Hockey East, and we
only have conference games
remaining on the schedule,
so that has to be our focus for
the remainder of the year,”
Hinostroza said.

The Irish travel to Boston
on Friday for a two-game se-
ries against conference-foe
Northeastern.

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Social Justice in the Marketplace
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Notre Dame sophomore forward Vince Hinostroza handles the puck in a 3-3 tie with Connecticut on
Jan. 16.
Dame, as she was the 2014 National High School Female Athlete of the Year. She also had big shoes to fill, as star forward Natalie Achonwa graduated just before Turner arrived.

Turner said the encouragement and guidance of her teammates has been crucial to her development and success.

“As a freshman, sometimes I get lost in practice, or in the game, I’m not always running the right play,” Turner said. “My teammates communicate with me well and tell me where to be when I’m confused and really make it easier for me.”

Sophomore forward Taya Reimer particularly helped Turner get her bearings on the college court, Turner said. Turner also named sophomore guard Lindsay Allen and Loyd as mentors in her early experiences.

“(Lindsay), just being a point guard, she helps me get in the right spots, and she knows where I’m supposed to be,” Turner said. “Then Jewell is such a great player and a vocal leader as well.”

Turner said ACC play has been the most difficult aspect of the college game to adjust to, in addition to the overall higher stakes of games at this level.

“ACC play is so physical, and every single game is a tough match, so it can be hard just going out there and being ready to play,” Turner said. “College basketball is louder and more physical. Playing in front of so many people, and with the other players being so strong, there’s a lot more physicality. I just try to go out there and play. Once there’s a jump ball, I have to get up there and do my thing.”

Playing with her teammates in a packed Purcell Pavilion is Turner’s favorite part of Irish basketball, she said, an aspect highlighted during Monday’s 88-77 victory over No. 5 Tennessee.

“The game against Tennessee stands out because we played great as a team against a really tough team, so that was a good win for us,” Turner said.

Though Turner has come a long way in terms of knowing the playbook and getting to the right spots, she hopes to continue to improve as the season progresses, she said.

“I can work on playing better defense, being in the right spot at the right time from a defensive standpoint. Just by watching film, I can see the mistakes I’ve made,” Turner said. “Now, I’m just trying to finish off the season strong in the ACC and get ready for the tournament.”

The Irish take the court at Purcell Pavilion on Thursday to face Georgia Tech at 7 p.m.

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**Turner succeeds quickly in first college season**

By REESE GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

A mere 19 games into her first collegiate season, Brianna Turner has won five ACC Freshman of the Week honors, two National Freshman of the Week awards and one ACC Player of the Week title.

Three of those awards came this past week after the freshman forward led the No. 6 Irish (17-2, 4-1 ACC) to victories over Boston College and No. 12 North Carolina.

“It’s been really awesome (to win these awards). It’s like my hard work is paying off,” Turner said. “It just tells me that I am getting better.”

Turner missed three games with a right shoulder injury earlier in the season, but in the 16 games she started, she posted 254 points for the second-highest total on the team behind junior guard Jewell Loyd’s 408. She has also recorded a team-high 49 blocks and 118 rebounds, and her shooting percentage of 67.8 is second in the country.

There were high expectations for Turner coming into Notre Dame’s 104-29 defeat of Holy Cross on Nov. 23.

**Galletti stages comeback after hip surgeries**

By DANIEL O’BOYLE
Sports Writer

“They say that for every day you’re out of the water, it takes two days to make up,” Catherine Galletti says.

After two hip surgeries kept her out of the pool for five-and-a-half months, Galletti certainly understands how difficult it can be for a swimmer to recover from injury. But with dedication and hard work, she has managed to make an impressive comeback, earning three NCAA ‘B’ cuts and winning 10 races this season.

Galletti, currently a junior, had a promising freshman year, competing in three relay events at the NCAA Championships for the Irish. Achieving her goals on the highest stage in her first year was an incredible experience, she said.

“It was the first year of college, so there were obviously a bunch of new experiences — meeting new friends, being on a new team, new coach,” Galletti said. “But going to national championships my first year, by whatever means, was always a goal of mine.”

After such a strong start, Galletti appeared destined for even better things in her second year. That December, however, she discovered she would need surgery on her left hip.

“I found out on the day of my accounting final actually, so that was fun,” Galletti said. “The strategy was just to see how long I could last, but after about a month I made the decision that I needed the surgery.”

During rehab, however, Galletti began to feel a similar pain in her right hip and discovered that it would need surgery as well.

Irish interim coach Tim Welsh, though — who at the time led the men’s team — said he had little doubt that Galletti’s strong character meant she would have little difficulty getting back to her routine.

**Small stature helps Hinostroza**

By BENJAMIN HORVATH
Sports Writer

At 5-foot-9, sophomore center Vince Hinostroza often finds himself dwarfed by players much taller than him on the ice.

But it is precisely this perceived disadvantage that Hinostroza has been able to use to his advantage throughout his career.

“All the time I heard stuff growing up like, ‘You’re too small,’ or, ‘You’ll never make it in the next level,’” Hinostroza said. “I’ve always used that as motivation.”

Hinostroza said that he has been able to develop a strong set of offensive skills during his career crafted around this seeming disadvantage.

“I like to think of it as a positive thing,” Hinostroza said. “Being a smaller guy can definitely help you because you have a lower center of gravity and bigger guys can’t really get under you.”

This has allowed the center to zigzag and finesse his way through the offensive zone as the sophomore has been a catalyst for the Irish during his two seasons at Notre Dame.

Although a three-sport athlete in high school (hockey, lacrosse and football), the Bartlett, Illinois, native said he always knew hockey was his favorite sport.

The other sports merely served as “something to pass the time during the hockey off-season,” he said.

During his time in high school, Hinostroza played for the USHL’s Chicago Blackhawks, racking up 128 points over the course of three seasons with the squad.

In 2012, he was drafted in the sixth round by the NHL’s Carolina Hurricanes, following his success at the USHL level.

Hinostroza had to decide whether to enter into the Blackhawks minor league system or continue to develop his game at the college level before trying to enter into the NHL.

“College was probably the best route for me, so I could keep getting bigger and stronger,” he said.

**Women’s Swimming**

By EMILY DANAHER
Sports Writer

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