Students participate in 42nd March for Life

Record number of Saint Mary’s, Notre Dame and Holy Cross students travel to Washington

By KATIE GALIOTO and MEGAN DUKERT
News Writers

A record-breaking 692 students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross traveled to Washington D.C. last week for the annual March for Life.

Senior Rachel Drumm, president of Notre Dame’s Right to Life club, said this year’s march was an “incredible opportunity” for members of the Notre Dame community “to celebrate life and to remind the country that life is valuable and important.”

Last Thursday marked the 42nd anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion in the United States.

“The Right to Life March is a peaceful protest that happens every year on the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade ruling,” Drumm said. “Hundreds of thousands of people from around the country gather together to march for this cause.”

Junior Noreen Fischer, 2015 March For Life trip coordinator, said the march is an important demonstration given that the topic of anti-abortion and pro-abortion rights is controversial nationwide.

“The march represents hope for a future in which all human life, from conception to natural death, is valued as sacred and not disposable,” Fischer said.

Junior Will Harris, one of the student organizers of the event, said this year’s march was an “incredible opportunity” for students from his school to “represent the thousands of people” who are “passionately against” abortion.

“The march was an incredible opportunity for me to pray, for me to stand up for life, for me to fight for a future in which all human life is valued,” Harris said.

University President Fr. John Jenkins joined Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary's students at the March for Life in Washington D.C. on Thursday.

ACE initiative helps literacy in Haiti

By ALYSSA LYON
News Writer

Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) partnered with the Episcopal Commission for Catholic Education and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to begin the Haiti Reads project in August 2014, working to improve the literacy of Haitian children.

The initiative is sponsored by a $1 million grant from an anonymous foundation, with additional funding and personnel provided by ACE and CRS, according to a University press release.

Kate Schuenke-Lucien, associate director of Haitian Catholic Education Initiatives for ACE, said the primary goal of the project is to help Haitian children to “learn to read, to read to learn,” a mantra the project uses to promote the long term benefits of increased literacy. Haiti Reads is trying to improve students’ ability to read and write in Creole, which is spoken by 95 percent of the Haitian population, and French, which is the language proficiency.

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Incoming Editor-in-Chief names new supporting staff

Observer Staff Report

Jack Rooney, Lesley Stevenson, Mary Green and Wei Lin will help oversee The Observer’s Editorial Board operations in 2015-

2016, incoming Editor-in-Chief Greg Hadley announced Sunday night Rooney will take on the Managing Editor position, officially begin their new roles March 15.

Rooney, a junior political science and American studies double major and journalism, ethics and democracy minor, has worked in The Observer’s news and viewpoint departments, most recently serving as Associate News Editor.

The Chicago native is currently studying abroad in Dublin and lives in Alumni Hall on campus. During his time at The Observer, Rooney has reported on Ann Coulter’s visit to campus, changes to the Student International Business Council (SIBC) and various student government issues. This summer, he will intern at The Concord Monitor in Concord, New Hampshire.

“I consider The Observer an indispensable part of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s community, and I will work to make sure it continues to provide relevant, impactful stories about issues that matter to my fellow students,” Rooney said.

Mary Green
Assistant Managing Editor 2015-2016

Breen-Phillips Hall. With Rooney, she spearheaded coverage of the 2014 Mental Illness Awareness Week and expanded the News department’s corps of writers in addition to writing on

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Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Haiti Initiative

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Zahn House
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Zach Weissenborn
sophomore
Zahn House
“It’s a trap.”

Katharine Janes
freshman
Pasquerilla East Hall
“It was terrifying.”

Leah Billion
sophomore
Cavanaugh Hall
“Don’t go sober.”

Lizzy Miggins
junior
Pasquerilla West Hall
“Seductive, sweaty, smelly.”

Jack Walsh
freshman
Dillon Hall
“Where’s my dad?”

Freshmen Mark Dahl (left) and J.P. Bruno (right) brave the January cold to play a round of polar golf on North Quad. The quads on Notre Dame’s campus serve as sports fields and meeting grounds for students throughout the entire year.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Monday
Undergraduate Workshop: “Crafting a Strong Grant Proposal”
Brownson Hall 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Sustainability Undergraduate Research Expo
Hesburgh Library 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Tuesday
Snite Salon Series
Snite Museum of Art
5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
A collegiate exchange of ideas about a great work of art.

Film: “Rashomon”
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Classic Japanese film.

Wednesday
Wellness Wednesday: Tai Chi and Chai Tea
Rockne Memorial 109
3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Chai Tea provided.

Men’s Basketball
Purcell Pavilion
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Notre Dame versus Duke.

Thursday
Winter Career and Internship Fair
Joyce Center
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
All colleges and majors are welcome.

Notre Dame Student Film Festival
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
$4 for students.

Friday
Men’s and Women’s Swimming
Rolfs Aquatic Center
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Shamrock Invitational. Free admission.

Men’s Hockey
Compton Family Ice Arena
7:35 p.m. - 9:35 p.m.
Notre Dame versus New Hampshire.

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ASA hosts third annual conference

By EMILY McConville
News Writer

The Notre Dame African Students Association (ASA) will host its third annual midwestern conference, “This Is New Africa,” from Feb. 7 to Feb. 9.

The goal of the conference is to educate students at Notre Dame and other universities about African culture and the issues facing the continent, ASA president Ihuoma Nwozogwugwu said.

“There are a lot of different perceptions people have of Africa, and [we want] to show that we’ve progressed into being a bigger, better place and try to dispel a few of the misconceptions there might be out there in Africa as a whole,” she said.

Nwozogwugwu said the conference, which will include participants from the University of Michigan and Purdue University, will consist of a mixer Feb. 7 in LaFortune Student Center, a basketball game on the morning of Feb. 8 and a keynote speaker that afternoon.

Nwozogwugwu said the speaker, who has not yet been confirmed, will be someone who studies or works with African concerns.

“Every year we select somebody who is currently working in the African diaspora to come in and discuss with us based on our theme,” she said.

On the evening of Feb. 8, there will be a showcase of African-themed music, dance performances and poetry readings in Stepan Center. Nwozogwugwu said the showcase will include Dance Africa, Troop ND, First Class Steppe rs and several individual performers.

“People can just come together, dance, have fun, listen to a bunch of African music,” she said. The conference will conclude with a prayer service in the Coleman-Morse chapel and a brunch in the lounge.

“Here’s going to be praise and worship, and it’ll be a good culmination of the weekend,” she said.

In the 23 days leading up to the conference, ASA co-president Rosie Okang said she is posting information about African culture and current events on the conference’s Facebook page: Annual ASA Weekend — This Is New Africa 2015.

“Everything from fashion, politics, to football and current events,” she said. “The more stories you hear, the easier it is not to form a single narrative about a place.”

Nwozogwugwu said ASA provides a space for students who are African or who are interested in Africa to come together and learn about the continent.

“Our goal is to get a group of people that are like-minded, have some sort of interest in Africa,” she said.

Nwozogwugwu said the conference is open to anyone who wants to learn more about Africa.

“It’s, one, knowing that we’re a club, because I don’t know if a lot of people know about our club,” she said. “Two, if you have any interest in Africa, we would love for you to come, and if you don’t know much about it, we’d love for you to come and learn.

“... Since we have such a broad group, people can share from personal experiences and from things that they’ve learned and get the discussion going about Africa as a whole.”

Nwozogwugwu said students can register for the conference online. Registration costs $20 and includes all events and a t-shirt.

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Former theology professor dies

Observer Staff Report

Fr. Richard P. McBrien, the Crowley-O’Brien Professor Emeritus of Theology, died Sunday morning at the age of 78 after a long illness, according to a Notre Dame press release.

McBrien joined the faculty of Notre Dame as the head of the theology department in 1980 and served in his position until 1991, according to the National Catholic Register.

“Father McBrien was a leading theologian and commentator on the Catholic Church,” University President Fr. John Jenkins said in the release. “While often controversial, his work came from a deep love of and hope for the Church. We pray for eternal rest for his soul.”

According to the press release, McBrien was also a past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America, as well as the author of more than 25 books, including “Catholicism,” “Lives of the Saints,” “Lives of the Popes” and “The Church and Politics.” He was one of the most widely quoted members of the Notre Dame faculty on all matters relating to the Catholic Church.

He was also a former president of the Catholic Theological Society of America, the release stated.

As of Sunday night, funeral arrangements are pending, but a memorial Mass at the Basilica has been tentatively scheduled for the coming weeks.

Former ND electrician dies

Observer Staff Report

Former Notre Dame electrician Royce McDaniel Eck died Tuesday evening, according to a University press release. Eck was 92 years old.

A World War II veteran, Eck spent two years in the Air Force before being discharged in 1946, according to his obituary in the South Bend Tribune. He went on to work at Notre Dame for 30 years before retiring in 1985.

According to the Tribune, there will be a viewing at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home in Goshen. Services will follow at 11 a.m. Eck’s family has asked that memorial donations be made to the Center for Hospice.
Justice Friday discusses CAT program

By MACAILA DeMARIO
News Writer

Saint Mary’s students and staff gathered in the student center Friday to discuss the College Academy of Tutoring (CAT) program’s impact on Title One schools in the South Bend Community School Corporation as part of the Justice Fridays lecture series.

Samira Payne, associate director of the Office of Civil and Social Engagement and director of CAT, led the discussion and prompted students with questions such as: “Did you feel like you had a teacher you could reach out to,” “Did you feel like school was a safe place for you?” and “How do you think poverty affects students?”

“The CAT Program works with three particular schools in the South Bend area,” Payne said. “They’re actually primary and intermediate centers.” Title I schools have high numbers or percentages of children from low-income families, according to the U.S. Department of Education website, so they receive federal financial assistance to help the students meet state academic standards.

According a worksheet given to students in attendance, 49.3 percent of students in the state of Indiana are eligible for free and reduced lunches.

“Poverty is very cyclical. What is the number one way society tells you to improve your life?” Payne said. “They always say go to school, get a job so that you can improve your life, but if you are in a school, and this is your circumstance, how can you do that?”

“How can we task a third grader, a nine-year-old, to be doing this? They’re nine. This is not their responsibility. Our system is failing these students.”

Although test scores are not the only indicator on the progress of students, Payne said those results still tell a story.

“Graduation rates are lower, and that’s pretty significant,” she said. “It really impacts their experience.”

Payne said volunteering with CAT gives (college) students an opportunity to step outside of their comfort zone, while also building skills working with students in South Bend schools.

“It’s really important that we recognize it’s not necessarily that these student aren’t smart, but that they don’t necessarily have the same set of resources, and they haven’t yet found a person, or there isn’t that person in their lives who really is helping them to grow and learn and to build on those skills,” Payne said. “And so it’s really important that we start to recognize that, and when we’re working with students, it’s not that we see it as a fault within our students but that we see it as a fault within our system and what can we do to support our students.”

Payne said CAT gives students in South Bend schools an opportunity to get a glimpse at college life and speak to college students.

“That gives them that really cool opportunity to ask questions and dream bigger and really open their minds to [college],” Payne said. “It’s a really cool opportunity for everyone involved.”

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NDSP hosts RAD training

By JP GSCHWIND
News Writer

Expanding their efforts to address sexual assault, the Notre Dame Security Police is partnering with RecSports to offer Readiness and Awareness Defense (R.A.D.) program to female students, faculty, staff and other members of the Notre Dame community.

R.A.D. is a nationally certified program in self-defense for women with an emphasis on instruction in physical resistance and educational components including awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance strategies.

“The class is designed to give students options when put in dangerous situations.”
Margaret Dawson
Program coordinator

It has a presence on many college campuses across America and is regularly offered by gym and martial arts instructors certified by R.A.D.

Program Coordinator Margaret Dawson said NDSP decided to offer the program through RecSports because it was an opportunity to expand accessibility.

“I see students very eager to learn at the beginning of the classes and then the sense of empowerment they feel at the end of it,” she said.

According to Dawson, NDSP hosted R.A.D. for the last 15 years and ran at least three programs every year. The average class size has roughly been six to 12 students, but Dawson said the new RecSports offering hopes to increase turnout and participation.

“The class is designed to give students options when put in dangerous situations,” she said.

According to NDSP’s website, the R.A.D. program requires no special equipment, skills or previous experience and is open to females ages 13 and older. The new RecSports class will consist of six two-hour sessions running from Wednesday to March 4. Those interested in attending should contact RecSports or NDSP.

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this year’s trip coordinators, said the March for Life be-
gan on the National Mall with an hour-long Rally for Life
and concluded in front of the Supreme Court building.

“There was a crowd of over 650,000 marches from the ra-
ly site up to the Supreme Court Building behind the Capitol,”
Harris said. “During the March, you are usually able

to interact with groups from around the nation through
chanting, dancing, singing and discussing the cause for
life. In addition to the main march, there are many con-
ferences and Masses that can supplement the experience.”

Drumm said the March for Life is a symbol of hope and
perseverance for the pro-life movement.

“I think that a lot of people

may see the march as only a

protest of this one law,” she
said. “And in that case, they

may argue that the march

isn’t very effective because

that law is still in place. To
me, the march is much more

than that. It gives a lot of hope

to people in the pro-life move-
ment and promotes a sense of

cultural change.”

“It helps people to slowly re-
alize that life is valuable, and

it’s something worth fighting

for. And that’s how change

happens.”

Harris said one of the key goals of the march is to

re-energize the cause by in-
spiring people to foster a

greater respect for life.

“I decided to go on the

march with my brothers and

sisters from Notre Dame be-
cause it’s a wonderful oppor-
tunity to get together with

other pro-lifers and discuss
ways in which we can create

a culture that fosters all life

from conception to natural
death,” Harris said.

Saint Mary’s senior Brooke

Fowler said she marched for

“love for life.”

“I was born and raised into

a big family, and I have been

able to see life in such beau-
tiful ways,” Fowler said. “I

want to give a voice to the

voiceless.”

Beyond the march itself,

students had the chance to ex-

plore the city of Washing-

ton over the weekend. On Friday,

many members of the Right
to Life club attended Mass at

the Basilica of the National
Shrine of the Immaculate
Conception.

“For $35, you are able to

partake in an unforgettable

experience that includes the

March for Life, having the

ability to see Washington D.C.

and receiving two University-

approved absences,” Fischer said.

Drumm said this year

marked her eighth March for

Life in Washington.

“We have been sending stu-
dents to the march for a very

long time,” she said. “It start-
ed with a couple students who
drove themselves out there,

and it’s grown bigger and big-
ger every year since.”

Fowler, who has attend-
ed the March for Life three
times, said her favorite aspect

of the experience is the people

she meets along the way.

“I have been impacted being

surrounded by so many people

who support life, experienc-
ing profound moments of lis-
tening to stories and seeing

witnesses and meeting peo-

ple who are really inspiring,”

Fowler said.

Harris said it was inspiring

to see University President Fr.

John Jenkins march alongside

Notre Dame students.

“I love seeing Fr. Jenkins at

the March for Life each year,”
Harris said. “He is a man with

so many responsibilities, so it

really shows how important

this issue is for our nation. He
took time out of his schedule
to come join us, not in some

special vehicle or place but

right in the midst of all of us

students.”

Drumm said the March for

Life fits very well with Notre

Dame’s mission as a

Univessity.

“Notre Dame is very big on

the phrase ‘what are we fight-

ing for?’” Drumm said. “What

better thing is there to fight

for than life — specifically

the lives of the most vulner-
able, can’t stand up for

themselves.”

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primarily used in educational

instruction, Schuenke-Lucien

said. “We know that early literacy

is incredibly important for educa-
tional success for children,” she
said. “Basically, children who

don’t learn to read well in the

early grades are not able to con-

inue past primary school.

According to the Haiti Reis

press release, this explains why

50 percent of the Haitian adult

population is illiterate and why

only five percent of students con-

inue past primary school.

Haiti Reads works with some

of the 2,400 Catholic primary

and secondary schools in Haiti as

a way to “renew and strengthen

Catholic education to provide an

improved education and oppor-
tunity for the children in Haiti,”

TJ D’Agostino, associate direc-
tor of Haitian Catholic Education

Initiatives for ACE, said.

“Catholic schools are the big-
gest single educational provider

in the country so (Haiti) Reads

is a way to make a pretty big dent

in trying to improve education

quality in Haiti,” she said.

Schuenke-Lucien said the

project’s approach to their mis-

sion is two-fold.

“Improved literacy would

happen by improving students’
test scores and students’ ability
to read and write… and then also

by improving the ability of the

teachers to deliver a high qual-

ity curriculum to the students,”
Schuenke-Lucien said.

The Haiti Reads team began

training teachers in approxi-
mately 50 Catholic schools in

August 2014, and the teachers

implemented the newly crafted
curriculums in December 2014,

Schuenke-Lucien said.

Jaime Zarafonitis, associate
director of teaching and learn-
ing for ACE, said Notre Dame

is excited to work with the teachers

in Haiti.

“The Haitian educators are

exceptionally dedicated, and we

feel really grateful at ND that we

are working with so many knowl-
edgable and committed

educational leaders in Haiti,”
Zarafonitis said.

“We offer an 80 percent of Haitian

third graders cannot read either

language, Zarafonitis said.

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Time to discuss ND apparel affairs

Many times this week, I’ve asked a friend or classmate to share their opinion on the potential expansion of producing Notre Dame-licensed products in China. Almost every time I was met with the response of “Huh? I didn’t know about that.” Most of my fellow students deleted the emails sent from the Worker Participation Committee almost immediately after receiving them — and I don’t blame them. The panel hosted for this issue Jan. 20 had about six undergraduate Notre Dame students in attendance, including myself. Clearly, mass emails are not the way to catch the attention of the student body. The administration has done a poor job in engaging the student body on the issue of whether or not to manufacture in China, which cuts to the very heart of Notre Dame’s identity as a Catholic institution. By failing to effectively engage students in this debate, the Worker Participation Committee and the administration does great injustice to the student body.

This issue dates back to 1999, when University President Emeritus Fr. Edward “Monk” Malloy created a task force to advise whether or not Notre Dame should allow the manufacture of licensed products in countries that do not allow workers the right to organize and freely associate. This list includes China, which does not allow the creation of independent unions, the right to collectively bargain or the ability for workers to strike. The right to organize is considered by the Catholic Church to be a fundamental human right, essential for the dignity of workers. This task force advised halting production of any Notre Dame licensed goods in countries that do not allow the right to organize. From that date on, the University has not manufactured any products with our logo or name on them in countries that do not uphold this fundamental right.

In late December 2014, the student body was informed (in a haphazard way) that since summer 2013, there has been a committee discussing the creation of a pilot program for the manufacturing of licensed goods in China. This committee includes only two students: former student body president Alex Coccia and current student body president Lauren Vidal. While these two leaders are worthy representatives of the student body, this still left the vast majority of us in the dark about a debate that is crucial to Notre Dame’s Catholic identity. As leaders of a University, the Worker Participation Committee should know that sending out emails, only shortly before the decision deadline, is not enough time to engage the student body population, especially by sending out long emails with vague subject lines. The committee could have done a number of things to more effectively inform students, including utilizing social media, creating information videos or distributing fact sheets. The lack of planning in engaging the student body prevents active dialogue in the Notre Dame community.

I am not advocating for one side of the debate or the other. I am simply stating that this is a valuable debate in which we all need to be actively and deeply engaged. On one hand, by manufacturing in China, Notre Dame could be violating principles of Catholic social justice teaching by implicitly supporting a government that does not legally allow its citizens to form private unions or collectively bargain. It could be additionally argued that Notre Dame could do more good by giving this substantial amount of business and opportunity to manufacturers in third world countries that legally allow their citizens to organize. On the other hand, some argue Notre Dame should not shut out China from its business practices entirely. While this decision probably will not change the Chinese constitution, it can massively improve the lives of the Chinese workers within the factories Notre Dame contracts. The Worker Participation Committee vetted many factories in China and found several that meet its criteria of providing healthy, safe working conditions. Obviously, this is a complex issue that requires serious thought from every party involved — including the student body.

In the coming weeks, I encourage my fellow students to attend the panel discussions and open forums the Worker Participation Committee will be hosting to discern their stance on whether we should pursue a pilot-manufacturing program in China. If we are to take the phrase “We are ND” seriously, we should be involved in all aspects of the University — especially the ones challenging our Catholic identity. I also encourage the Notre Dame administration and the Worker Participation Committee to make a greater effort to reach out to the student body. After the committee reaches a decision, they should continue effective dialogue with the entire Notre Dame community about our role as a Catholic institution in protecting the rights of workers. I sincerely hope this debate brings about a stronger and more united Notre Dame family rooted in the ideals of Catholic social teaching.

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Breen-Phillips Hall
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Be thankful

This past Thanksgiving was a very emotional day for all 19 aunts, uncles and cousins at the farmhouse in Wright, Kansas. To begin, these family gatherings are already so special to everyone involved, as evidenced by the stellar attendance from the extended family. I hold these gatherings very close to my heart because it is a time to see loved ones that I care about, but am never able to see. However, there was a certain weight looming over this dinner that became apparent.

This was the first year without the matriarch and patriarch of the family present, since my grandmother’s dalliance with cancer. My grandmother, whom she took care of for the past three years, even while battling ovarian cancer for the past two, she was thankful and happy. Unfortunately, after being “cancer-free” for a short time, it has recently returned. Still, as she said quite eloquently, she is nevertheless grateful for the family that has supported her, for all the great experiences she has had and whatever the future has in store. She is okay with it.

The thought of her passing away and being all right with that is not only just so profound, but also a testament to how strong and faith-filled she really is.

It moved me easily enough, but it was the first time I’d ever seen her husband tear up. And with all these melancholy topics floating in the room, it was only appropriate the circle of life be completed. As the last giving of thanks, my godmother’s newlywed daughter told us that she was pregnant with her first child! It’s funny how it all works out.

I am so lucky and blessed to have a family such as mine. Now, I realize that people might not have what I have, and there might be those who struggle day in and day out more than I do. Nevertheless, I believe it’s essential to a happy and fulfilling life to be thankful. I thank God for my family. I also thank God not for the hardships my family has endured, but for the fact that we have overcome them and grown closer.

But giving thanks isn’t dependent on a belief in God; it’s realizing that we are blessed with life. Remember to keep those blinders down: We’re here and we’re alive. Be happy!

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Dames aren’t damsels

In countless studies, it has been determined that young girls develop communication skills faster and better than boys. In our culture, pre-teen girls are known to speak at unforgiving speeds, throwing in new terms like “selfie” and “th” that confound adults but end up in Webster’s Dictionary. In high school, young women are heard on stage, across sports fields and in front of their teachers. In corporate boardrooms and professional settings, however, grown women seem to lose their voices. In their New York Times article “Speaking While Female,” Sheryl Sandberg and Adam Grant discuss this phenomenon as well as the repercussions faced by women who do speak up: “Male executives who spoke more often than their peers were rewarded with 10 percent higher ratings of competence. When female executives spoke more than their peers, both men and women punished them with 14 percent lower ratings.” This double standard can be seen from Wall Street to Silicon Valley and even in Disney movies.

Most have seen the classic movie musical, “The Little Mermaid,” in which Ariel, the curious and amphibious heroine, trades her voice for legs. Without any means of communication, Ariel shifts from dynamic and defiant to passive and submissive. Her talents, opinions and desires are ignored because she cannot articulate them. Although “The Little Mermaid” was my favorite movie as a child, I would often feel frustrated on Ariel’s behalf. I have always been talkative, so the idea that someone could steal my voice or ignore my words was a nightmare. Sometimes literally. Is there anything worse than those dreams when you try to call out for help but you cannot get the words out? Nope.) Ursula, the villain, wasn’t out for blood but rather power, and she knew it was as simple as stealing Ariel’s voice — and that scared me. Luckily for my six-year-old self, I didn’t have to be frightened for long. In classic Disney fashion, Ariel gets her voice back and lives happily ever after with the Patrick Dempsey-lookalike, Prince Eric. The real world is a different story.

Women are underrepresented in almost every professional industry, ranging from film to public service and STEM fields. Decisions about women — our identity, our bodies and our capabilities — are made with lasting implications and without our input. Societal and cultural factors lead us to battle our own Ursulas, or forces that consciously or subconsciously silence us. We might have the tendency to sit in the back and nod along, or like Ariel, to make sacrifices for new worlds that don’t necessarily become happy ever after. We might even think that our own Prince Eric will come if we remain silent. Ultimately, we can get caught in a perfect storm that leaves us displaced and dismissed.

There is still a cost of “speaking while female,” but Sandberg and Grant suggest that women continue to seek leadership positions and to exercise their voices until people get used to it. On campus, we often expect to be heard, and rightfully so. Yet, we can prepare for the future by speaking up more in classes, group meetings and even in clubs. Last semester, I started “Notre Dames,” a club that strives to strengthen the female voice on campus. We host “Talk It Out Tuesdays” (TITs), weekly conversations on topics that relate to our damsels, ranging from dorm parties and “Ring by Spring” to street harassment and sexism. TITs are meet-ups, in which all Notre Dame or Saint Mary’s students can drop in and discuss for however long they want. While it’s important to talk about these female-focused topics, it’s also crucial to simply talk.

As people, but most especially as women, we must exercise our voice whenever we can. We must be conscious of our voice: its value, its impact and its potential. We each have unique perspectives, dreams, skills and stories that deserve to be heard — for the sake of our community, our world and ourselves. It’s clear that the real world is not always a fairytale, so why even pretend to be damsels in distress? Talk It Out with us, Dames, and we can help each other be heard.

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**1. Dewy skin**

This look has South Bend written all over it. Notre Dame's weather not only steals your warmth and liveliness but also all of your skins moisture. By using a hydrating foundation or BB Cream, your skin will remain hydrated amidst the tundra and remain on trend as the matte look moves aside for a healthy glow.

**2. Extra hairy eyelids**

Kim Kardashian's insane eyelashes set the standard for today's obsession with voluminous top and bottom lash lines. Not all of us have an in-dorm makeup artist, but by adding a few quick coats of mascara your eyes will instantly feel more open and awake, a fact they will thank you for in that 8:20 a.m. lecture you got stuck in. Most makeup artists recommend curling your top lashes with a lash curler and applying mascara from the base of your lashes up, using back-and-forth shimmery motions as you go. Once that coat is dry, usually after about 30 seconds, apply the second. Your lower lashes are just as important, so don't neglect them.

**3. Bold lips**

As the rest of the world will move on to hot pinks and oranges within the coming months, we in South Bend have an entire semester's worth of cold weather to look forward to and subsequently, fall/winter lip colors. So, it's really not that bad. Cranberry and plum stains have been all the hype this season, complementing a wide variety of skin tones and hair colors. By adding a daring pop of color to your lips, you have an instant look with a minimum amount of effort.

**4. Even bolder winged liner**

Thanks to Cleopatra and Taylor Swift, this once trendy eye look has turned into a staple in the cosmetics world, instantly adding retro dimension to any eye look. While the cat eyeliner looks amazing on its own, I tend to skip it in my daily routine, as it's the most complicated of the techniques mentioned and takes me — and I believe most women unless you're a magician — a generous amount of time to get the wings even. However, it is perfect for a night out, as it pulls together pretty much any dramatic eye and is extremely versatile. This year fashionistas are going thicker than ever with their cat eyes, so, don't be afraid to let those winged liners fly.

**5. Brows, Brows, Brows**

It goes without saying that statement brows are their own type of celebrity nowadays. Natural thick, bushy forehead hairs feel like you won the lottery, but the good thing is we can all pretty much achieve the same thing if we want to. It's really a personal preference on how to go about thickening, whether it's with powder, pencil or pomade, but the most important thing to remember is to not go overboard. Once your brows are on point, you'll notice them on everyone. "Oh, I love your brows!" is a thing you'll start to say. Just let it happen.

Whether you apply all, some or none of 2015's beauty trends, you're killing it and don't ever forget it.
James Patterson Blows Up Marketing Traditions

By CAELIN MILTKO
Scene Writer

For $300,000, you could buy a three-bedroom, two-bathroom condo in Chicago, about five semesters of Notre Dame tuition/room and board or about 25,000 pizzas. Or, of course, you could buy James Patterson’s newest book. Advertised as “The Self-Destructing Book: Private Vegas” by James Patterson for “only $294.038,” this is the newest marketing scheme cooked up by the man who was the first (and for a long time, the only) author whose book commercials I had seen. Now, to be fair, the person who chooses to pay the above price will get more than just James Patterson’s newest book. The “Most Thrilling Reading Experience a Human Being Could Ever Encounter” also includes “a first-class flight to an undisclosed location, two nights stay in a luxurious boutique hotel, a splendid reading space including per- centage of talent on his latest album. The contributors each features an eclectic mix of centric Funk,” featuring Tame Impala, James Brown, Bruno Mars

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Today marks the first day of the much-anticipated Super Bowl week. Several new networks will be covering the hype leading up to best Sunday of the year, and nearly everyone will be coming up with predictions on who will walk away with the Lombardi Trophy.

To add on to the hundreds of articles that are going to be published this week on Super Bowl predictions, I would like to give my own prediction on Super Bowl XLIX, along with breaking down the offensive position groups for each team.

**Offensive line**

The Patriots own the advantage on the offensive line without a doubt. Tom Brady was only taken down 21 times in the regular season, which is half the number of times Russell Wilson was brought down. Some of that has to do with Wilson being a dual-threat quarterback, but on top of protecting Brady in the pocket, the Pats’ offensive line has shown how dominantly it can be run blocking.

Last week against Indianapolis, the offensive line paved the way for LeGarrette Blount’s 148 yards and three touchdowns. Led by the Senior Bowl rookie Bryan Stork and Sebastian Vollmer, the Patriots’ offensive line should continue to dominate against the Seahawks.

**Running backs**

Without a question, Marshawn Lynch is going to be the best back on the field. He finished fourth in the league in rushing and tied for first in touchdowns. We’ve all seen Lynch’s ridiculous run against the Saints a couple of years ago in the playoffs that solidified his nickname, “Beast Mode,” and more recently, his 79-yard touchdown run against the Cardinals.

The Patriots don’t have a featured back, and while some may argue that New England’s diverse backfield is a strong one, I don’t think you can throw in any running back and expect to be successful against the Seahawks defense. Seattle’s backfield has the edge here. Receiving corps

If you remove tight ends from what makes up a receiving corps, I would say that both teams have pretty similar talent at wide receiver, but because tight ends are included, the Patriots have the advantage.

Rob Gronkowski, the NFL’s best tight end, changes the game for New England’s passing attack. Gronk can line up next to a tackle, in the slot or out wide. It doesn’t matter. He’s Gronk. Whenever the Patriots get into the red zone, we all know where the ball is going on a pass play, and Gronk still makes insane receptions. Add in Julian Edelman, who tears apart defense across the middle of the field, and the Patriots have a deadly receiving corps.

**Quarterback**

I’m a big fan of Russell Wilson. I really am. I think he’s a great player with a ton of talent, but we can’t ignore that Brady is a Hall-of-Fame quarterback playing in his sixth Super Bowl. After losing in his last two appearances, I can only imagine how fired up the two-time MVP will be in what could possibly be his last Super Bowl. He finished the year with 4,024 passing yards to go along with 33 scores and just nine interceptions.

Wilson, on the other hand, completed less than 3,500 yards with 20 touchdowns and seven picks. Wilson also threw four interceptions in the NFC title game, which should concern Seattle. There’s no way the Seahawks win if Wilson has another performance like that.

**Final prediction:**

New England 34, Seattle 24

Brady wins his fourth Super Bowl, cements his status as one of the best quarterback in history and retires a winner.

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**Team Toews outscores Team Foligno**

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**NHL**

**TEAM TOEWS, TEAM FOLIGNO 12**

**Blue Jackets** — scored three goals and tied a game record with four points for Team Toews. That mark was set by Mario Lemieux.

**Tavares** — four goals gave him a share of the All-Star record that was established by Wayne Gretzky in 1983, and equaled by Lemieux (1996), Vincent Damphousse (1999), Mike Gartner (1993) and Dany Heatley (2003).

**Captain Jonathan Toews** of the Chicago Blackhawks had a goal and four assists, as did Boston’s Patrice Bergeron. Dallas’ Tyler Seguin had two goals and two assists, Filip Forsberg of Nashville, and Rick Nash of the New York Rangers — another feather Columbus star — both scored twice, and Florida’s Aaron Ekblad and St. Louis’ Vladimir Tarasenko each had four assists.

For Team Foligno, led by Blue Jackets forward Nick Foligno, Chicago’s Patrick Kane and Tampa Bay’s Steven Stamkos had two goals and an assist apiece. Philadelphia’s Claude Giroux had a goal and two assists, and Washington’s Alexander Ovechkin added three assists.

The NHL has determined the teams by a number of geographic and divisional setups over the 60 years. Just like on ponds around the, Voracek notched his second, and Ryan Suter, Nash, Forsberg and Anaheim’s Ryan Getzlaf each notched their first for Toews.

Steve Stamkos tallied twice in the period for Team Foligno, which trailed 11-8 heading into the third and never came close to catching up.

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**Pats’ offense will be key to victory**

Manny De Jesus

Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Coach IK. How grand.

Mike Krzyewski earned his 1,000th career win Sunday, making him the first NCAA Division I men’s coach to reach the milestone, when No. 5 Duke surged past St. John’s in the second half for a 77-68 victory at Madison Square Garden.

Tyus Jones scored 22 points and the Blue Devils (17-2) went on an 18-2 run down the stretch to put Coach K in four figures on his first try.

“I’m not sure I’ve ever been a part of a game like that. That’s kind of nuts, huh?” Krzyewski said. “It just seemed like three different games.

Tajhille Okara had 17 points and 10 rebounds, combining with Jones and Quinn Cook (17 points) to fuel the decisive spurt that put the Blue Devils ahead by 10 with 3:15 remaining.

That’s when the Blue Devils finally began to look like a Krzyewski-coached team, picking up their defense and hustling to loose balls as he urged them on from one knee in front of the bench. Duke outworked the Red Storm on the glass and held them without a field goal for 6 pivotal minutes.

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**Dominic Pointer** had 21 points and 10 rebounds for the feisty Red Storm (13-6), who were looking for a huge win to put on their NCAA tournament resume. They were in position to get it, but got worn down late by Duke and let this one slip away.

“We just thought we missed some easy looks,” St. John’s coach Steve Lavin said. “We came up short today, but I think you can also see the sneak peek of a team that could be very dangerous here if we continue to make progress.”

No. 10 came about 500 miles from the cramped and cozy confines of Cameron Indoor Stadium, but Coach K was hardly unfamiliar soil.

Madison Square Garden, after all, was where he notched victory No. 903 against Michigan State in November 2011, breaking the Division I record previously held by his college coach and mentor, Bob Knight.

“To win the 1,000th here, you need to be a lucky guy. It’s not just in Cameron, but this is a magical place,” Krzyewski said.

The 67-year-old Krzyewski improved to 1,000-305 in a 40-year coaching career that began in 1975 at his alma mater, Army. He is 927-249 in 11 years at Duke, becoming the Blue Devils to four NCAA titles and 11 trips to the Final Four.
**Men’s Tennis**

**ND splits matches at ITA Kick-Off**

By RYAN KLAUS  
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No. 14 Notre Dame split its two matches this weekend at the ITA Kick-Off Championships at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

“We love playing at home,” Irish coach Ryan Sachire said. “It was a reward for the final ranking we had last year and that’s how we were determined to be the host school here. It was an awesome environment to be a part of.”

The Irish (2-1) opened the tournament Saturday with a 4-3 win over No. 24 Oklahoma State.

After failing to take the doubles point against Kentucky on Jan. 17, the Irish started Saturday with doubles victories from senior Billy Pecor and junior Alex Lawson and juniors Quentin Monaghan and Eric Schnurrenberger. The remaining pairing of sophomores Josh Hagar and Eddy Covalschli did not finish its match, but were ahead when Notre Dame clinched the doubles point — a point that turned out to be decisive for the Irish in their victory.

In singles against the Cowboys (4-1), the Irish lost three of their first five matches, forcing the entire match to come down to the match between Schnurrenberger and Oklahoma State freshman Tristan Meraut. Schnurrenberger ultimately put the Irish on top with a comeback 6-2, 5-7, 7-6 (8) win that set Notre Dame up for a match against No. 16 Columbia in Sunday’s championship.

The Irish doubles pairings had another successful outing Sunday against the Lions (2-0), taking the point after Pecor and Lawson won their match on a tiebreaker, 7-6 (3).

“It’s only a point, but it gives you a momentum boost when you know going out there that you only have to split the six singles matches and not have to win four of the six,” Sachire said of the tiebreaker win.

Though the Irish took the doubles point, Columbia came back to win four of the singles matches and the overall tournament with a 4-2 victory.

“Credit to Columbia; they came into our place, lost a doubles point and won four singles from us,” Sachire said. “Hats off to them. They deserve the win.”

Against Columbia, all of Notre Dame’s singles matches went to three sets, including an unfinished match between Monaghan and No. 22 senior Winston Lin that went all the way to a third-set tiebreaker.

“The schedule we play is loaded with great teams,” Sachire said. “We’re going to be in a lot of these matches. We were in one yesterday, and we were in one today. That’s the way the year is going to be. The ACC is the best tennis conference in the country, with a lot of great teams and national championship contenders, and we’re going to find ourselves in a lot of these battles and every time you go through it, you become a little bit better because of it.”

Despite the loss Sunday, Sachire said he was optimistic about his team’s performance.

“I’m really proud of our team,” Sachire said. “We played our tails off. We knew it was going to be a great match. Columbia’s lost a grand total of two matches in the last 13 months. They’re a great team and have everyone back from a team that was a Sweet 16 team last year, and we saw that lineup that got them there. We were right there with them until the last ball. When you have two doubles matches decided in tiebreakers and all six singles matches go three sets, it really can’t get a whole lot closer than that.

They outperformed us maybe at the end of the match, but we have to hold our heads up high. We played a great match, we competed the right way and I’m really proud of what we did.”

The Irish return to action against Northwestern on Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Watt takes MVP in Pro Bowl

Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Few moved very fast, no one flattened a quarterback and there were no bone-jarring hits in the gentle, friendly version of football played at the Pro Bowl Sunday.

Even in a game dominated by offense, J.J. Watt was the star.

The Texans defensive end intercepted pass, recovered a fumble and led the crowd in dances during commercial breaks.

Team Irvin defeated 32-28 Watt’s Team Carter, but the score is never important in the NFL’s all-star game. Everyone seemed to have a good time, particularly Watt, the game’s defensive MVP.

Other memorable moments came from Saints tight end Jimmy Graham, who dunked over the crossbar twice after TD catches — this time with no penalty, and Giants rookie Odell Beckham Jr. who made a diving grab at midfield.

Graham’s second touchdown, on a 1-yard, fourth-down pass from Matt Ryan, was the winning TD with 3:10 to play.

Greg Olsen and Emmanuel Sanders also caught a pair of touchdown passes apiece. Andrew Luck was nearly perfect in his short time on the field, completing 9 of 10 for 119 yards and two scores.

Matthew Stafford threw for 316 yards and two TDs and was the offensive MVP.

The Pro Bowl took a one-year hiatus from Hawaii to be played in the desert to coincide with the big game.

A sellout crowd of 63,225 watched at University of Phoenix Stadium as the teams moved up and down the field, often without much resistance.

If the players missed the beach, they wouldn’t let on.

“It’s been fantastic,” Dallas quarterback Tony Romo said. “The turnout here at the stadium is just like an NFL game.”

Romo knew this wasn’t a real NFL game.

“It’s a blast,’’ Stafford said. “To be able to play with the best in the world is a whole lot of fun, and everybody is such good people, too. I am out here having a good time.’’

Lakers lose eighth straight

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — James Harden had 37 points and eight rebounds, and the Houston Rockets rolled to a 99-87 victory over the Lakers on Sunday night, sending Los Angeles to its eighth straight defeat.

Harden hit four 3-pointers, and the NBA’s leading scorer added five assists in the Rockets’ third victory in four games.

Josh Smith and Jason Terry had 11 points apiece as Houston cruised in its fourth straight road victory over the Lakers even without Dwight Howard, who sat out after injuring his right ankle two days ago.

Carlos Boozer scored 18 points for the Lakers, who are on their longest losing streak in nearly 18 years.

The Lakers weren’t terribly competitive until the fourth quarter of their latest game with Kobe Bryant, who could be out for the season.

Houston took a 25-point lead in the third quarter and coasted to the win, allowing the Lakers to creep within 89-78 before Harden returned and kept the Rockets on top. Harden scored at least 33 points in his fourth straight game.

Los Angeles hadn’t lost eight straight games since March 2005. The Lakers missed the playoffs that season for the only time in Bryant’s career before last year.

Nick Young played just nine minutes for the Lakers, getting benched for the second half. The entertaining shooting guard hadn’t played in a game without scoring since he joined his hometown team before last season.

Rookie Jordan Clarkson had eight points on 2-for-10 shooting and five turnovers in his second start for the Lakers, while Jeremy Lin had 14 points and six assists off the bench after being a healthy scratch in Friday’s loss at San Antonio.

The Lakers could find out Monday whether Bryant needs season-ending surgery on his torn right rotator cuff. Coach Byron Scott hasn’t given up optimism for an eventual return by the third-leading scorer in NBA history.

Notre Dame wins four events at Invitational

By MAREK MAZUREK

Sports Writer

The Irish women’s team took second place at Saturday’s Notre Dame Invitational while the men took fifth, combining for four total event wins.

Irish coach Alan Turner said the team showed a lot of effort in this weekend’s meet, held at Loftus Sports Center.

“One that was important for me was us really giving that all-out, 100-percent effort,’’ Turner said. “There were a few people who didn’t do that last week. This week, we had a much better overall showing from the effort of the kids. Some of my younger ones are learning how to compete. That’s always important, learning how to compete. People were running hard, finishing great.’’

The highlight of the day for the Irish came when senior sprinter Chris Giestung broke the school record in the 600-meter run with a time of 1:16.70, a new mark by nearly two seconds.

“I was pretty nervous going into this actually because I don’t run this event,” Giestung said. “It’s my third time running this event in my career. I normally run the 400-meter. I just went as hard as I could for as long as I could. I went out fast knowing I could be comfortable doing that.

‘‘... I just closed my eyes the last 60 meters, head down. I really don’t want to do another one anytime soon, but I was pretty happy with today.’’

Turner also lauded Giestung’s performance, saying that it was remarkable.

Irish senior Chris Giestung runs the lead leg of Notre Dame’s 4x400-meter relay at the Notre Dame Invitational on Saturday.

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Hockey | Northeastern 3, ND 2; Northeastern 4, ND 2

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame lost both of its matchups against conference foe Northeastern this weekend, dropping to 5-4-3 and seventh place in Hockey East and 10-13-3 overall.

The Irish lost Friday night, 3-2, with the Huskies taking the lead late in the third period on a goal by sophomore forward Dolen Hedges at the 18:30 mark.

Although they not able to come away with a victory, the Irish mounted a comeback in the third period to make it close, climbing out of a two-goal deficit late.

Scores from junior left wings Mario Lucia and Sam Herr knotted the game at two with 6:45 left to play. Lucia’s goal was his 16th on the season, tied for the lead late in the third period with a goal from Hedges, his third in the series, and built a two-goal lead with two more scores in the third period.

The Irish were able to cut the Huskies’ lead in half 15:19 into the third period with a goal from freshman left wing Anders Bjork, but Northeastern pushed its lead back to two with a goal at the 17:30 mark from sophomore forward Mike Szmutula.

The two losses drop Northeastern’s two-game win streak, his 16th on the season, tied for most in the conference.

Irish freshman goaltender Cal Petersen had 37 saves on the night, including 16 saves and no goals allowed in the first period.

The Irish dropped Saturday’s matchup, 4-2, despite gaining an early lead on the Huskies thanks to a goal from junior center Thomas DiPauli, his fifth of the season.

Irish sophomore center Vince Hinostroza picked up his team-leading 18th assist and 21st point of the season on DiPauli’s goal.

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she said.
Notre Dame held an over-
whelming size advantage over
Clemson, which started just one
player taller than 5-foot-10. The
Irish capitalized on their height,
consistently feeding the ball down
low for 42 points in the paint and
outrebounding the Tigers, 46-26.
Six-foot-three freshman for-
ward Brianna Turner totaled 15
points and 10 rebounds for her
fifth double-double of the sea-
son, and 6-foot-3 sophomore forward
Taya Reimer and 6-foot-
2 freshman forward Kathryn
Westbeld added 10 and 11 points,
respectively.
The strong post presence
helped Notre Dame go on a 40-6
during the first half to create
too large a deficit for Clemson to
overcome.
“We wanted to look inside. That
was our game plan from the
start,” McGraw said. “We did have
a huge advantage size-wise, and
I thought we were able to look in
because we do run a lot of guard
stuff, and they were very unselfish
in attacking it.”
Junior guard Jewell Loyd led
the Irish with 17 points on 6-for-
7 shooting and two 3-pointers.
Loyd also chipped in eight re-
bounds, which matched Reimer’s
mark.
The rout allowed Notre Dame’s
starters to ride the bench for a lon-
ger period of time than they nor-
mally do, especially after the last
eight tough games against No. 12
North Carolina, No. 5 Tennessee
and Georgia Tech.
Every player who dressed on
Saturday, which was the entire
roster, minus injured senior guard
Whitney Holloway and injured
sophomore forward Kristina
Nelson, saw time on the court and
scored.
“People were more focused on
defense,” McGraw said. “They
were more focused on the bond-
ing we’ve been trying to build.
That was our game plan from the
start,” McGraw said. “…Tonight,
we guarded the other team’s best
player when Jewell went out, and
she did a really good job on her.
She raises the intensity level for
everyone because she’s willing to
dive for loose balls and take
charges and things like that.”
The Irish limited Tigers senior
forward Nikki Dixon to only six
makes on 17 shot attempts for 15
points.
Overall, Clemson shot just 28.6
percent from the field, with 14 field
goals, seven second-chance points
and 14 points in the paint.
“I was very pleased with the
defensive effort,” McGraw said.
“I thought we rebounded well. I
thought we had a lot more inten-
sity and focus on who we were
keying on defensively.”
After a packed, 10-day stretch
of competition, the Irish will have
time more to rest before they re-
turn to the court to face Virginia
Tech on the road next Thursday.
“We’re going to be off tomor-
row, and then we’ll get back to
practice and start focusing on
our next game and seeing how we
can get better,” McGraw said. “There’s a lot of things we still need to work
on.”
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and hummed on the lively
Tigers (9-11, 1-6), 74-36, at one
point going on a 40-6 run.
Aferwards, McGraw may not
to have been ecstatic, but she
did pronounce herself pleased.
College basketball has a
long season. Even the best
squads sometimes suffer
through off-days, receiv-
ing scores or worse, from
much less talented teams.
Especially after the Tennessee
upset, one might wonder why
McGraw was so harsh in her
criticism. Her team did man-
cage to collect a win against
a conference opponent and
successfully defend its home
coach.
But if the Irish want to
reach or even exceed the lofty
marks set by previous years’
teams, they need McGraw to
criticize them. They need her
to demand more. They need her
competitive fire and high
standards. They do not need
her to congratulate them for
allowing a 12-9 squad to shoot
50 percent from the field.
For the first time in six
years, McGraw does not have
a single senior in her start-
ning lineup. Instead, three
freshman see regular minutes
Notre Dame. Obviously, all
these players are talented.

“Alexander is absolutely
right to fight for what she
describes as a much needed
correction in the face of the
wide-ranging social costs
divisive racial impact of our
criminal justice policies.”
— Newsweek

“Michelle Alexander’s
book offers a timely and
original framework for
understanding mass
incarceration, its roots to
Jim Crow, our modern caste
system, and what must be
done to eliminate it. This
book is a call to action.”
— Benjamin Todd Jealous,
President and CEO, NAACP

“[An] instant classic, The
New Jim Crow is a grand
wake-up call in the midst
of a long slumber of
disinterest to the poor
and vulnerable.”
— Cornel West, political
activist, author, and
university professor

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Irish freshman forward Brianna Turner shoots a free throw in an
89-76 victory over Georgia Tech on Thursday at Purcell Pavilion.
Happy Birthday: Tagging sell by be your asset. Being able to think and act fast will help you this week. Long-anticipated results will begin to materialize, and you will be drawn to a special category that will be admitted by both friends and colleagues. Put your best foot forward and make a difference through the contributions you make at home and at work. Your numbers are 5, 12, 14, 23, 27, 31, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get involved in something that you feel passionately about. It’s time to make some personal changes that will improve your standard of living and bring you closer to someone you love. Emotions will surface and be best used lovingly, not desperately.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You’ll face tough decisions. Remain calm and deal with each issue that arises with thoughtfulness. You will accomplish so much more if you are willing to make adjustments along the way. Don’t let love interfere with what needs to be done.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Listen carefully. Follow instructions and don’t be anyone take advantage of you. Make personal changes geared toward self-improvement, learning and looking your best. Home improvements should bring comfort and convenience to you and those you live with. Love is highlighted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone will make changes you don’t like. Do your own thing and explore avenues that coincide with what you are doing. The end result will not be as bad if you don’t fight the inevitable. Make an effort to help, not hinder.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take pride in what you do, and you will attract attention. The alterations you make will spur others into your personal life and encourage romance. You will learn valuable information if you share your emotions with someone special.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do. Take care of your responsibilities and get on with what you want to do. Someone you are close to will reject something you want to do. Don’t let their demands overlap your plans. Take care of your responsibilities and get on with what you want to do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Enjoy life. A little playful activity will help bring you closer to someone you love. Don’t feel you have to overspend to maintain a certain lifestyle. Change is good, but not in as costly and stress to your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone may be looking for an argument or encouraging you to be indulgent. You are best served focusing on something that is unique, creative and productive. Put your energy to good use, and good fortune will be yours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The alterations you make will spill over into your personal life and encourage you to be indulgent.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Use your personal paperpower in order and look for alternative ways to make your money and assets grow. Don’t be tempted to follow someone who makes unpalatable financial moves. Stick to what worked for you in the past.

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Declawing the Tigers

Four players in double figures as Notre Dame sharpens its focus to top Clemson

By MARY GREEN
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After four games in 10 days, Irish coach Muffet McGraw was finally able to empty her bench as No. 6 Notre Dame cruised to a 74-36 win over Clemson on Saturday at Littlejohn Coliseum in Clemson, South Carolina.

The victory comes two days after McGraw criticized her team’s performance in an 89-76 win over Georgia Tech, in which she said she was “extremely disappointed.”

McGraw said Notre Dame (19-2, 6-1 ACC) watched a lot of film in preparation for the Tigers (9-11, 1-6) to regain its focus.

“We talked about the rebounding, talked about focusing on the scouting report, talked about how we really needed team defense on, not just individual defense, so there was a greater awareness on the floor tonight,” McGraw said in a press release. “Through this preparation, I’m so proud of our group because it’s a real tough environment, didn’t get off to a good start, nothing really going too good for us, but that’s where this group has really great toughness and focus and togetherness,” Irish coach Mike Brey said in his post-game radio interview. “We just hung in there, and man, did we make big plays in crunch time.”

Irish senior guard Jewell Loyd dribbles the ball upcourt during Notre Dame’s 89-76 victory against Georgia Tech on Thursday at Purcell Pavilion. Loyd led the Irish with 17 points in Saturday’s win.

Irish junior guard Jewell Loyd scored the game-winning basket to give the Irish their second straight ACC win over No. 3 Clemson.

By ZACH KLONSINSKI
Sports Writer

In the span of three days, Muffet McGraw went from steaming to satisfied.

That’s not a transition she might be used to making in her 33 years as a coach, but with a squad as young as the No. 6 Irish, she might have to do it a little more often.

Last Thursday, Notre Dame (19-2, 6-1 ACC) defeated Georgia Tech, 89-76. The Irish were coming off a win over No. 5 Tennessee on Jan. 19, so one might be forgiven for thinking that McGraw would be happy just to avoid a let-down upset.

Instead, she ripped into her team’s defensive effort, calling out every player on the squad save one: sophomore forward Taya Reimer, who has had her own share of problems this season.

The Irish seemed to receive the message; they came out against Clemson on Saturday and staved off an upset bid.

Irish forward Taya Reimer said in his post-game radio interview, “I knew he would bounce back. He’s a team player. He wanted to come out and get the win.”

Beachem tipped in an offensive rebound to tie the game at 71 with 1.8 seconds remaining in overtime, and his layup with exactly two minutes left in overtime put the Irish (19-2, 7-1 ACC) ahead for good against the Wolfpack (13-8, 4-4). The Fort Wayne, Indiana, product finished the game with 11 points and four rebounds.

“VJ [Beachem] didn’t have a great night in Blacksburg, Virginia [on Thursday against Virginia Tech],” Brey said. “But tonight, he had a big night, defending [Wolfpack redshirt senior guard Ralston Turner], certainly a huge tip-in there to put it into overtime.

“But you know he really is like a sixth starter for us. That’s how we look at him, and I knew he would bounce back tonight.”

Senior guard Jerian Grant also blocked Wolfpack redshirt junior guard Trevor Lacey’s 3-point attempt to tie the game with four seconds remaining in overtime, and Lacey was unable to get another shot off before time.

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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Andrews transfers to USC

Observer Staff Report

Sophomore midfielder Morgan Andrews has transferred from Notre Dame to USC, the Trojans announced Thursday, leaving the Irish without their top scorer from the last two years.

Irish coach Theresa Romagnolo had no comment on the move, a team spokesman said.

“We are excited to get such an extremely talented player to add to our roster,” USC coach Keidane McAlpine said in a press release. "Through this process, I have been equally as impressed with [Andrews] as a person. This is a win for the Trojans, but also a win for the Pac-12.”

Andrews, who was named ACC Freshman of the Year in 2013 and earned all-ACC honors in both 2013 and 2014, had 13 career goals for the Irish to go along with 10 assists. She started all 44 games in which Notre Dame played and led the team in shots each year as well.

Andrews came to Notre Dame as a two-time Gatorade National Soccer Player of the Year and was recruited by former Irish coach Randy Waldrum. After her freshman season, Waldrum resigned in order to take over the Houston Dash of the NWSL, and Romagnolo came aboard to lead the Irish. In both of her seasons, Andrews and Notre Dame advanced to the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament before being eliminated.

USC is coming off its first winning season since 2010. In McAlpine’s first season, the Trojans recorded a mark of 12-6-3 and qualified for the NCAA tournament before losing in the first round to Pepperdine. Notre Dame and USC faced off once in 2014, with the Trojans coming out on top, 2-1.

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