Nursing students venture abroad

By MACAILA DeMARIO
News Writer

Saint Mary’s students ventured to Kyaroszi, Uganda, this past summer to learn more about the culture themselves and how they could apply both to world of nursing. Wednesday evening, nursing students and staff from Saint Mary’s, Goshen and Bethel colleges presented their discoveries and how they could impact others’ lives through medical practices.

Senior and nursing major Kelly Wilson gave an introduction to the trip.

Rare Disease Day to raise awareness

By CAROLYN HUTYRA
News Writer

The third annual Rare Disease Day Celebration, organized by the Boler-Parthian Center for Rare and Neglected Diseases, will take place this upcoming weekend.

Outreach coordinator Barb Calhoun and director of external programs Shahir Rizk, who both helped organize the celebration, said the event consists of a research symposium to be held in DeBartolo Hall on Friday and a community discussion to be held in McKenna Hall on Saturday.

“(Rare diseases) are everywhere, and I think this is something that we wanted to emphasize and bring the community in on and be able to have everyone tell their side of the story, patients and their families living with the disease,” Rizk said.

Organizers focused on recruiting a wide spectrum of attendees, which Rizk said included physicians, healthcare providers, patient services organizations and foundations and insurance company representatives.

“Each one has a very unique perspective on rare diseases and what the challenges are that they see,” he said. “Doctors need more information, patients want faster diagnoses, better access to drugs and more research, and researchers want more patients and more information and more

‘Revue’s Clues’ prepares to provide hilarity
The 39th annual Keenan Revue promises to continue its comedic traditions this weekend

By MARGARET HYNDS
Associate News Editor

The 39th annual Keenan Revue — a beloved though historically controversial staple dorm event — opens Thursday night at the Stepan Center.

Directed by senior Briggs Hoyt, this year’s Revue bears the title “Revue’s Clues: A Private Investigation,” although senior Mattie Conaghan, one of the show’s head writers, claims only the show’s head writers, claims there will only be “20-30 seconds” of references to “Blue’s Clues.”

According to the show’s producer, senior DJ Valentini, the Keenan Revue began in 1976 after the death of a Keenan Hall resident.

The resident passed away after falling asleep in the snow after a night of drinking, Valentini said.

“[The Revue] started out in Washington Hall as a variety show. After [the resident] died, it was Keenan’s way to provide something to do on the weekends that didn’t involve drinking,” Valentini said. “Apparently the first show was just miserable. They had seats for all the administrators saved in the front row, but none of them showed up. Then it got a really good review, because it showcased all the talent in Keenan that nobody knew about. So then they asked them to do the same show in the spring, and it became ‘The New Keenan Revue.’

“So the production value went up. Fr. Hesburgh attended, everyone went and it became a tradition. Over time though, it evolved. Pretty quickly they...”

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Residents of Keenan perform at last year’s Keenan Revue. This year’s Revue, the show’s 39th anniversary, is titled “Revue’s Clues: A Private Investigation” and will be held in Stepan Center, premiering Thursday night.

Author reads works

By ANDREA VALE
News Writer

Author Lynne Tillman gave a reading of her work on Wednesday evening at the Eck Center Auditorium, hosted by Notre Dame’s MFA creative writing program.

Tillman is a novelist, short story writer and cultural critic. Her work spans several genres, and she is known for her varied and unique styles of writing.

At the reading, professor of English Steve Tomasula introduced Tillman as “one of the most important authors writing...”

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If you could pick another major, which would you choose?

Bekki Rumschlag
sophomore
"Totally architecture."

Jamie Walter
sophomore
O’Neill Hall
"LT."

Pat Crane
sophomore
Kerough Hall
"Engineering, because everyone knows engineers have more fun and study less."

Evandro Nadal
sophomore
Dillon Hall
"Engineering."

Maggie Seibert
sophomore
Farley Hall
"Sociology. Architecture’s a close second."

Tom Karam
sophomore
Kerough Hall
"F.T.T."

A Kirby-shaped snowman on Bond Quad sucks in the cold weather as the snow gradually begins to melt. An additional eight to 12 inches of snow are expected to accumulate by tomorrow.

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11 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Public reading of all 154 Shakespearean sonnets.

Women’s Basketball
Purcell Pavilion
5 p.m. - 11 p.m.
The Irish take on Duke.

Saturday
Men’s Lacrosse
Joyce Center
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
B1G Annual Bengal Bouts Preliminaries.

Friday
Graduate Student Mass
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
11:00 a.m.
Worship Service.

Thursday
Staff Mass
Log Chapel
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Rev. Jim Bracke will preside.

Men’s Hockey
Compton Family Ice Arena
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Panel contemplates culture of violence in sports

By SELENA PONIO
News Writer

Three panelists, Connie Adams, director of the Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO) at Saint Mary’s, Jordan Allison, a doctoral psychology intern at Notre Dame and Duke Preston, director of Football Player Development and Engagement at Notre Dame hosted a discussion Wednesday titled “Beyond the NFL: Unpacking a Culture of Violence.”

The dinner and discussion, held in Remick Commons of Carole Sandner Hall, aimed to create a dialogue and address the issues of domestic abuse in today’s society. The panel covered several topics ranging from abuse seen in the media and sports, such as the Ray Rice incident, and also the cyclical pattern and causes of abusive relationships.

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Duke Preston
former NFL player

“…there’s a great pressure on athletes to give the impression that they’re powerful and always in control,” Preston said. Preston was a former NFL player for the Buffalo Bills, the Green Bay Packers and the Dallas Cowboys. During the discussion, he provided personal insight on his experience as a professional athlete and the power and influence that came with the career.

“In that environment [of the NFL] you have people at every turn trying to exhibit their dominance, worth and value.” Preston said. “I always thought I was pretty humble in my playing career, but I can remember walking around my house after a five-year NFL career ... and I remember thinking I wonder if my wife still thinks I’m as important as I was.”

Adams, who has a background specifically in social work and violence, talked about the complexities behind an abusive relationship. “When we’re talking about any kind of relationship that’s abusive, we’re really looking at the imbalance of power and control in that relationship,” Adams said.

Adams said the development of abuse in a relationship is gradual, and many times, it begins with a subtle exertion of power in the beginning.

Allison used his professional experience to talk about the Diagnostic treatment of abusers, as well as the psychological factors that come into play in an abusive relationship.

With each escalation, there’s a transitional honeymoon phase where [the couple] is going back into that cycle where they try to make amends and go back to normal,” Allison said.

Allison dismissed assertions that since more abuse cases are made public, these statistics are indicative of men becoming more abusive. Allison said more cases are made public simply because more women have the courage to come forward.

“As we become more literate and well-versed we’ll have more women coming forward,” Allison said. “This doesn’t mean it didn’t happen beforehand, but there weren’t as many [resources] back then.”

Preston said a ripple effect occurs as more people come forward and inspire other people to share their stories.

“Up until 1990 or so … there was almost a courtesy that public figures didn’t air their dirty laundry in the media,” Preston said. “The exposure to issues like this is a helpful thing, and I think it gives people the courage to come forward.”

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Asian American Association celebrates New Year

By ALYSSA LYON
News Writer

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Although celebrations of Lunar New Year vary around the world, the AAA hopes their casino night will encompass the core tradition of the holiday, Mai said.

“Families tend to gather in the days preceding Lunar New Year to indulge in family time and begin festivities; [Casino Night] plans to do the same. It’s time for us to spend with one another, and amidst the fun, think back on the past year and look forward to the future,” Mai said.

The entrance fee of $5 at the door gives each student 15 ticket. Additional tickets can be purchased if needed.

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According to Chen-Goodspeed, gambling and games are traditional celebrations of the Lunar New Year.

"A big part of the holiday is family gatherings and gambling. It is believed that if you have good luck in gambling during the celebration, then you will have good luck for the remainder of the year," Chen-Goodspeed said.

Mai said this event is important because it allows students to maintain their Lunar New Year traditions even while away from home.

"It's important for ND students to celebrate partly because it may be a glimpse of home away from home," Mai said. "I know that my first time away from home during Lunar New Year was especially rough; I would equate it with not being home for Christmas."

The AAA — who partnered with the Vietnamese Student Association, Korean Student Association, Taiwanese Student Association, Chinese Culture Society and Japan Club, as well as the multicultural commissioners from Siegfried, Pasquerella West, McGlinn, Carroll and Breen-Phillips for the event — encourages all students to attend, even if they have never celebrated before.

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Emmet Farnan
Photographer

Throughout human history, brave explorers have answered the call to venture into the unknown, risking life and limb to expand humans’ interaction with the world around us. Everyone remembers Christopher Columbus, who is credited with discovering the “New World” in 1492, as well as Lewis and Clark who made the perilous journey to the Pacific in 1804. Then, in 1953, Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay became the first people to successfully summit Mount Everest. After reaching coastlines all across the world and reaching the highest point on Earth, some began to wonder what could be next. That next frontier was space.

In 1962, fueled by the arms race of the Cold War, President Kennedy famously stated, “We choose to go to the moon this decade,” setting the wheels in motion for unprecedented exploration of human limitation. July 21, 1969, Neil Armstrong took “one giant leap for mankind,” becoming the first human to step foot on another celestial body.

This was a moment of triumph that made this first step in venturing away from the pale blue dot that we call home. But what progress has been made in the past 45 years? As far as human exploration: not much. There hasn’t even been a man back on the moon since Apollo 17 in 1972. But all hope is not lost. In the past few years, the face of space exploration has been renewed with the success of companies like SpaceX that see commercial spaceflight as the next step in human exploration. This rebirth has spurred on spaceflight as the next step in human exploration. This rebirth has spurred on the rebirth of interest in exploring the universe, with an increased focus on commercial spaceflight that see commercial spaceflight as the next step in human exploration.

Christopher Damian
Ideas of a University

Ignorant people take things by blind faith. At least, this is the belief of our age, the age which calls itself the “enlightened age.” In an age of technological progress and scientific advancement, the obvious thing to do with “blind faith” is to reject it as a feature of darker times, of primitive man or of tyrannical religion. That being said, I’ve found that Catholicism does involve quite a bit of “blind following.” Catholics are, for the most part “blind followers,” who take up doctrines that they don’t understand and accept them blindly. Catholics, in other words, are just like everyone else. Most (probably all) people live and breathe and act and argue out of a set of assumptions that they neither fully understand nor fully choose. They take up what has been given them by their parents, their teachers, their professors, their legislators, their priests and pastors, their dieticians and doctors, their newspapers and newscasters, their bosses and bankers. They live by the words and ideas that are given throughout the day. They usually care little that there are teachers who have cheated, professors who have been mistaken, legislators who have loved injustice, religious leaders who have been hypocrites, health professionals who have been obese, newsmen who have misquoted, researchers who have misrepresented, bosses who have mismanaged and bankers who have stolen. Most people simply assume that various authorities are what they claim they are. They do not take up the task of examining everything that is said and suggested.

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We simply live as though our parents are our parents, simply because our parents told us so. To desire to prove (and to feel the need to prove) every doctrine by which one is supposed to live one’s life is an impossible desire for a human being. We have neither the time nor the resources to examine the truth-value of every statement and belief. So we simply take up what is given us from those whom we have come to trust. Some do this more happily than others, and often the happiness of each is in proportion to our trust. The biggest question is: from whence do we take our assumptions? Wherein lies an authority with the right assumptions? This doesn’t mean that these assumptions can’t or shouldn’t be explained or grappled with or debated against, but it does mean that for most of our lives, whether we consider ourselves religious or not, we live by a kind of blind trust. The question is what we put our trust in. In a certain sense, the secular left is just as much a religion as the religious right, though neither of these are Catholicism. None of these religions ask that we have a full understanding of their doctrines, and they certainly don’t require active and constant thought on the part of believers, if by “active and constant thought” is meant active and constant comprehension and scrutiny. This requirement would be quite unfair to most ordinary people, who simply don’t have time for it. I once found it surprising that Notre Dame students, in particular, feel that part of being a “good Catholic” is spending a good amount of time questioning the truth of Catholicism. It seems to me to be a rather aristocratic view, a view of those who have been given ample leisure time but who are out of touch with the ordinary lives of ordinary people. Ordinary people must live by faith, because they have families to take care of and bills to pay. Certainly Catholicism encourages individual thought, but it doesn’t insist upon it. It wouldn’t want to place unfair burdens on people who don’t have the scholarships or the trust funds to spend hours and days reading and reflecting. But even the educated live by a blind trust and obedience. Man is only educated by trust, whether this trust reside in Scripture or a priest or the catechism or a biology textbook or a history professor or the American Psychological Association. We have no proof of our parentage, but most have little (if any) suspicion of our biological origins. We simply live as though our parents are our parents, simply because our parents told us so. To live by proof is not to live at all. To live is to live by trust. We live in proportion to our trust. We believe in proportion to our trust. Lack of trust always tends to a lack of belief, for lack of trust is little more than unbelief. This is why lack of religion always tends to skepticism. So the question for a man who wishes to live and to believe is: Wherein do we place our trust?

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Valentine’s Day by major

Matt Miklavic
The Maine Idea

Valentine’s Day. Oh, yay.
Yet again it is upon us, Notre Dame. Yet another night of sky-high expectations and North Korean-rocket-launch-like failures; a night that promises “Love Actually” and delivers “Romeo and Juliet.”
And so, as you set out on Thursday in pursuit of being in that 1 percent of Disney fairytales, here’s a little look at how the rest of us 99 percent will be faring come Saturday, major by major.

Electrical Engineering: Despite claims of an undeniable spark between the two, not even his overt professing of love can topple the date’s resistance to their future together. The love letter with all the romanticism you’d expect from an engineer with a tenuous grasp on English didn’t help, either.

Economics: In what observers will later refer to as a “Full Havana,” has romantic advances wholly embargoed by potential date.

Music: Recovering from last year’s “Scotty Doesn’t Know” fracaso, wins over date with serenade. Because seriously, if there’s one thing Frosh-O taught me, it’s that serenades never fail. It turns out, however, that it’s a wee bit more awkward when it’s just you singing a classic like Justin Bieber’s “Baby” rather than 80 sweaty freshmen.

Film, Television and Theater: Decides to stick to what’s comfortable and opts for dinner and a movie. Turns out that “50 Shades of Grey” is anything but comfortable.

Theology: Was the FTT major’s date. Makes it through movie before making a beeline to finally jumping to the seminary.

Pre-Med: Spends evening complaining about how their classes are “so much tougher” than everyone else’s. Date realizes why some people turn to drugs.

Education: This was going to be a “future high school teacher/hands-on learner” joke, but then I remembered my mom reads my column.

Finance: Realizes her date is a difficult asset, attempts hostile takeover of AAA-rated guy at the next table over.

Russian: “I fell for you harder than the ruble,” wins over Moscow exchange student.

International Economics: Swept off feet by accent-toting exchange student. There’s a “stimulate the economy” joke here somewhere. I’ll let you find it.

Masters in Business Administration: Takes date for a walk down memory lane to undergrad Valentine’s Days. Enjoys dinner at NDH followed by a dorm party, complete with a chat with the rector the next morning about partiers.

Mechanical Engineering: Drinks too much wine to celebrate seeing a woman. Experiences mechanical failure later that night.

Law: Files a motion for a candle-lit dinner. Prospective date files for an injunction.


Applied Math: It turns out that math doesn’t really apply to love.

Aerospace Engineering: Guys spend Valentine’s Day wondering why they’re in a major where only five out of the 30 students are girls, while the girls question how they’re single. Love, apparently, is not rocket science.

Irish Studies: Inadvertently gets a jumpstart on the next generation of their Irish-Catholic family.

Journalism: Takes a page out of Brian Williams’ book and impresses date with incredible stories that didn’t actually happen. Plan predictably backfires, resulting in a full suspension with “no benefits.”

Biology: Asks girl to study anatomy with him on Saturday night. Date frustrated he actually meant study.

Chemistry: Love potion accidentally used by roommate as a chaser. Roommate then insists on third-wheeling to dinner.

Entrepreneurship: Tries to create relationship consulting start-up. Venture capital firms balk, noting “hip-hop night” doesn’t qualify as institutional expertise.

Philosophy: “What is love?” is left unanswered for yet another year.

English: Turns out that “May I compare thee to a night at Feve?” is a shockingly successful pickup line.

Chinese: In the most disastrous move for Sino-American relations since MacArthur pushed toward the Yangtze, takes Beijing native to Golden Dragon, becoming the first ever sit-in customers of Golden Dragon.

Gender Studies: Feels like traitor to the major after resorting to Tinder for date, bowing once more to the patriarchy of society.

Nursing: Significantly less interested in date upon date’s mention of philosophy thesis as nursing major calculates dismal earnings potential.

Anthropology: Too busy analyzing the historical roots of human comedy at the Revue to notice date escaping with shirtless Keenan performans.

Medieval Studies: Advertises major outside of South Bend theater, hoping to convince FTT majors and fellow “50 Shades of Grey” viewers to cling to the days of the medieval role of women. Sets up next to the Indiana GOP table, which happens to be advocating the same.

Notre Dame Administrator: Lands date with coworker in Registrar’s Office after telling hilarious joke about how partiers is just about building community.

Marketing: In pursuit of a date, tries out some of the new online marketing strategies she’s read about. Starts regretting it once South Bend’s most eligible 50-year-old bachelors respond to her ad on Craigslist.

Air Force ROTC: Date goes to the bathroom before pulling an Amelia Earhart and never returning.

Political Science: Gets real excited for first Valentine’s Day with significant other, then gets dumped the night before after declaring “pro-land mine” views. Spends 22nd consecutive Valentine’s Day single.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Theology: more life-changing than infuriating

When I entered Notre Dame as a freshman, I was pretty clueless. I learned my freshman year that one of the things I was most clueless about was my Catholic faith, which I had learned my whole life through the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program and regular church attendance.

My freshman (required) theology class was my Waterloo. Gone were the easy morals and superficial lessons of the Bible stories I had learned about my whole life. Instead, we delved into the heart of the Old Testament, reading not just the “greatest hits,” but the whole narrative, grappling with the great questions. What does it mean for God to be God? And, what does it mean for us to be human? How do we understand our identity as children of God? For what purpose do we even exist?

I hated that theology class. Our small seminar used to meet in Dellartulo before class, just to talk about how awful it was. It was (ironically, along with my second required theology) one of the lowest grades I received at Notre Dame. And yet, now almost 15 years later, the lessons I learned in that class still stick with me.

In the study of theology, I found something new and compelling in my faith, which I had been learning about for 18 years, something intellectually demanding and personally challenging. Though my required theology classes were difficult for me, they also resonated strongly, and from that initial encounter (which would never have occurred without a University requirement), I was inspired to go on retreats, become more involved in campus ministry, eventually declare a theology minor and choose the untrodden path among my fellow accounting majors and begin to work full-time in church ministry after graduation. It is not hyperbole to say that my life was changed.

And so, it is deeply disturbing for me to hear that the core curriculum committee is considering changing, reducing, or eliminating the theology requirement. Although it is very worthwhile to study “Catholic things” (the sociology of religion, Dante’s Inferno, the history of the Catholic Church), these courses cannot and should not replace the enduring classroom. One of my fondest memories of college is sitting in the hallway of my dorm late into the evening with some friends (including my non-Catholic roommate) discussing points of faith and life—things we were learning in theology class—and our questions and doubts. Those were important conversations. They helped to shape me into the person I am today. They are the conversations that should come out of a Catholic university and out of a liberal arts education. They are conversations that have always been had in the Notre Dame family.

President Jenkins, Provost Burish and Core Curriculum Committee: please do not silence these conversations.

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FEAR OF REVISION: HARRER LEE
‘GO SET A WATCHMAN’

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If you have any interest in the book industry at all, you’ve probably heard that Harper Lee is publishing a new book. Yes, the great Harper Lee, perhaps the greatest—one-hit wonder” of the American literary canon, the almost self-appointed “To Kill A Mockingbird,” is publishing a “sequel,” 55 years after her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel.

The reaction to this announcement is not the same sort of vague excitement coupled with confusion that greeted J.K. Rowling when she followed up Harry Potter with the not nearly as compelling “Causal Vacancy.” It’s certainly not the overwhelming hysteria half-expect for the next Game of Thrones, and it’s definitely not the annoyance felt when Sara Shepard didn’t stop writing her “Pretty Little Liars” series after the fourth book. It’s not even the vague trepidation I certainly had when Christopher Paolini expanded his trilogy of “Eragon” to a quartet.

No, Harper Lee’s announcement (or, rather, her lawyer’s announcement) was greeted with some excitement, but primarily with confusion, outrage and, perhaps, just a little fear.

A lot of this negative press can be traced to a couple of issues. First, Harper Lee has been notoriously shy of the public limelight since the media frenzy that greeted the publication of “To Kill A Mockingbird.” She seemingly abhors journalism and allowed her sister to act as her mouthpiece for most of her life. Like J.D. Salinger, she had no interest in being a media magnet like J.K. Rowling.

After her sister died, she got a new lawyer, Tonja Carter. Carter, Lee’s agent and her publishing company stand to make millions off of this “sequel.” Let’s be honest, there’s very few of us who aren’t at least a tiny bit curious to see what Scout got up to in her latter years.

Second, Lee has lived in an assisted living facility since 2007 after suffering a debilitating stroke. There is some concern that her living situation makes it impossible for her to control her own destiny and that her agents are taking advantage. Her previous shyness seems to support this idea.

Third, it seems odd that this book would be published now. “Go Set a Watchman” was actually written before “To Kill A Mockingbird” and, yet, for some reason, it was never published before. There doesn’t seem to be any catalyst for this sudden change of heart and people are, rightfully, suspicious.

Fourth, after the debacle last year with Marja Mills’ “unauthorized” biography of Harper Lee, it seems strange that Lee would choose to take the spotlight. After all, we’ve only recently been reminded of how very little she wants to talk to the media.

But all of these reasons, as rational as they may seem, don’t cover all of the issues to which I think people are reacting. The issue is, I think, that deep down in all of our hearts, we know that sequels are never as good as the original.

We know that “To Kill A Mockingbird” was a once-in-a-lifetime type of book and that there’s no way for Harper Lee to follow it up. It can only muck up whatever ending we’ve given Scout ourselves in the years we’ve loved and read “To Kill A Mockingbird.”

It is this fear, I think, that drives our negative reactions to Lee’s announcements.

Certainly, the concerns over her own ability to make this decision are very real and I think that people have presented some legitimate reasons to hold back the publishing for the moment.

But I think deeper than this are worries that Harper Lee could never measure up to the standard she set herself. And, to be honest, we don’t really want her to.

“To Kill A Mockingbird” is the type of novel that shapes a generation. It embodied many of the racial injustices that pervaded an entire way of life in America. It’s been called the “Uncle Tom’s Cabin” of its time and there’s a reason Harriet Beecher Stowe isn’t known for anything else.

For years, we’ve treated Lee’s book as we treat classics like “Romeo and Juliet” or “The Great Gatsby.” We’ve read it, loved it and analyzed it — we’ve made our relationships with the characters and the story line and we’ve made our peace with it. And we’ve done so without any interference from the author.

Lee is not J.K. Rowling telling us retroactively that Hermione and Ron shouldn’t be together; she’s not Sara Shepard dragging her novels; she’s certainly not Stephanie Meyer beginning the same novel from a new perspective and throwing a fit when it gets leaked. She’s been silent, and we’ve reveled in that. We treated her as we treat all dead authors, like a silent ghostly authority who can say whatever we want them to and who will never come back to correct us.

“Go Set a Watchmen” threatens to undo all of that. It’s the threatening voice of Harper Lee coming back to tell us how wrong we all were and I don’t think we’re prepared for that.

As we’ve learned from all of J.K. Rowling’s retroactive facts and revisions, there’s nothing quite like the author’s voice to ruin the head canon we made for ourselves.

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“Better Call Saul” begins promisingly

The very first episode, appropriately titled “Uno,” begins where “Breaking Bad” left off, with a black-and-white overview of Saul’s bleak life after his identity change. The newly-mustached Saul miserably scrapes by at a local Cinnabon, desperately clinging on to his past life through an old VHS tape of his signature cheesy commercials. The opening scene sets a clear tone for the show: Saul is no longer a one-dimensional character.

Saul then flashes back to a young struggling Goodman, or rather Jimmy McGill, as he has yet to accept the Saul Goodman moniker. The first episode raises as many questions as it answers about McGill’s background as well as adamantly pushing McGill’s financially troubled state. The episode ends with a hair-pulling cliffhanger: or so signature of “Breaking Bad.” With an astounding 6.9 million viewers on the premiere episode, “Better Call Saul” is already making waves, and it’s deserved. Critics have been chiming in, assuring that Gilligan’s new show will stand on its own as the impressive spin-off it is.

The second episode of the series, “Mips,” wastes no time, transitioning right into action as McGill finds himself in an extremely tense and entertaining position. Forced to talk his way out of certain death, McGill uses his gift with words at the hands of a familiar “Breaking Bad” drug lord, Tuco Salamanca.

“You have got a mouth on you” echoes Tuco as Saul’s gift with rhetoric already establishes itself as a main staple for the new show. Many have wondered if Saul Goodman is a complex enough character to carry the show the way Bryan Cranston’s White character carried “Breaking Bad.” The second episode confirms Odenkirk has the potential. Where White was resourceful, ingenuous and cunning, Goodman is persuasive with almost hypnotic rhetoric. Coupled with Gilligan’s top-level writing and producing, Odenkirk will likely generate another impressive series.

“Better Call Saul” will not simply be a “Breaking Bad” 2.0. Where Cranston brought a very serious air to his show, Odenkirk brings a much more flippant and even funny aspect to his. “Better Call Saul” already seems to be a bit less emotionally draining, and to be a bit more watchable than its predecessor. Furthermore, the masterful cinematography, which cemented “Breaking Bad” as a television classic, is already extremely prevalent in the new show.

Don’t be afraid to check out “Better Call Saul” Monday nights at 10 p.m. on AMC. I mean, it is Vince Gilligan we are talking about after all.

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Anyone lucky enough to witness Vince Gilligan’s television mastery of “Breaking Bad” may have mixed feelings about the startup of Gilligan’s new show, “Better Call Saul.” On one hand, my inner self is ecstatic to gobble down anything Gilligan. On the other hand, the thought of a mediocre spin-off soiling the memory of my thrill ride through the five ground breaking seasons of “Breaking Bad” is painful to say the least. Thankfully, after the premiere of the show’s first two episodes Sunday and Monday night, we may not have much to worry about.

“Better Call Saul” surrounds Saul Goodman, the intrinsically shady attorney of Walter White. Bob Odenkirk enters Gilligan’s chaotic world once again to star as the down-on-his-luck, but lovable, attorney. The series is defined as spin-off, prequel and sequel to “Breaking Bad,” as it will overlap with much of its predecessor.

Odenkirk has already run into some other “Breaking Bad” cast mates in the show, including Jonathan Banks as the forceful Mike Ehrmantraut and the terrifyingly in-sane “Tuco Salamanca” as played by Raymond Cruz. The possibility of more familiar faces appearing as the show progresses is certainly appealing.

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“Tuco Salamanca” as played by Michael Mando in the premiere of the show’s first two episodes Sunday and Monday night, we may not have much to worry about.
Hi, my name is Kevin, and I’m a travel addict. Most people hate being shoved into a claustrophobic metal tube, eating mushy, unflavored food and breathing dry, thin air. I, on the other hand, love it.

This weekend, I took advantage of a cheap fare by taking a trip around the world to Hong Kong; I sat on 10 flights for a total of over 40 hours of flight time. Along the way, I visited three countries and five states and flew on six different types of aircraft. It was the first time I’d ever been to Hong Kong, and here’s what I learned:

Luckily for me, I grew up in a rather sheltered environment and was deprived of the glorious show everyone knows as “Friends.” I cast aside Delta’s in-flight entertainment, and instead put the live map up on my seat-back monitor and indulged in more than four seasons of sprites.

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On the ground in Hong Kong, I took the super-fast Airport Express train (why can’t America have good rail transit?) to the island, and took in the night view of Victoria Harbour on the way to the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong, known as one of the best hotels in Asia, for a surprisingly cheap room service dinner and a few hours of shut-eye.

Early the next morning, I took a cab — for $3! — to the Peak Tram, for the famous, tourist-heavy 7-minute ride up an exceptionally steep incline to Victoria Peak as the sun rose over the mountains of Hong Kong Island, revealing the smoggy city below.

After returning from the peak, I spent some time walking around the Central district, oddly devoid of people at that ungodly hour on a Saturday morning.

But, no trip would be complete without food, and I hopped in the rapidly-growing line for the scrumptious dim sum at the world’s cheapest Michelin Star restaurant, Tim Ho Wan. I dined on flaky “char siu bao” — incredible BBQ pork buns — and incredibly tasty shrimp dumplings. After paying my $5 tab, I headed off back to the airport.

Immigration went smoothly, and I was able to enjoy a last gratifying bowl of ramen in the Virgin Atlantic Clubhouse before boarding my flight back to the U.S. aboard a full Airbus A330.

Throughout the trip, I learned that the joys of travel aren’t just from the sights that you see and the food that you eat but also from the people that you meet. I was fortunate enough to meet many incredible people on my trip around the world, from the cab driver in Hong Kong who told me about her kids in high school who dreamed of attending college in the United States to the hotel shuttle driver in Toronto who reminisced about his family and friends back in Manila when I told him I’d just returned from Asia.

To me, traveling is an escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, and it’s always a joy meeting new people and trying different cuisines. It’s a wonderful thing being able to pop up on the other side of the world and totally worth a sore behind from sitting in an uncomfortable seat for hours on end.

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Schadenfreude

Could I have the language of origin? German. Definition? A feeling of enjoyment that comes from seeing or hearing about the troubles of other people. Could you use it in a sentence? I think I have a feel- ing of schadenfreude upon hearing that his favorite soc- cer team’s manager had been fired.

In a general sense, schadenfreude is a funny thing. The term comes from the German words for “damage” and “feel- ing,” which has a bit of an awkward correlation in the first place. I mean, sure, when your ex-girlfriend gets dumped by her new guy, you might be a little hap- py about it, but to have a word for that? It’s a little peculiar.

But this, of course, is a Sports Authority column, so let’s get back to the sports.

There are two soccer teams in Europe that I root for — Aston Villa in England’s Premier League and Hertha Berlin in Germany’s Bundesliga.

Both are famous for incred- ibly disappointing seasons. Granted, disappointment as a sports fan is nothing new to me, but as time wore on, it was clear to everyone that both clubs needed to make a change.

On Wednesday, Hertha Berlin lost in a lifeless perfor- mance that dropped it into releg- ation spots for the first time in almost 15 years. Meanwhile, I woke up to the news that the club had gotten rid of manager Jos Luhukay. It was news that put me in a good mood for the rest of the day, and it carried into the weekend when the club won its first game without him in charge of.

Then Tuesday, Aston Villa lost in a lifeless performance that dropped it into relegation places for the first time ever. Over the summer, I found out that the club had sold a favorite of its managers, Paul Lambert. And I can’t wipe the smile off my face.

It’s really weird in a way. I’ve never met Luhukay or Lambert, and fundamentally, they’ve never done anything to me. They gave me some good sporting memories — Luhukay won Hertha pro- motion a couple of years ago while Lambert led a run to the semifinal of England’s League Cup — and put everything they had into the clubs they were in charge of.

But at the same time, their teams had driven me to the brink of hating soccer. At the end of the day though, I’m left sitting here celebrating that a couple of men lost their jobs this week. Sure, they’ll probably land on their feet somewhere at a differ- ent team, but it’s still a weird thought to have cross the mind.

When the jobs report comes out every month, I’d like to think that almost nobody cele- brates if unemployment has risen. As far as I know, there won’t be parties when the lo- cal high school has to lay off 10 teachers.

But the schadenfreude we take in coaches being fired is a perfect example of the level to which we have the abil- ity to transcend, really who we are.

And this goes well past coaches being fired. I’m a Cleveland sports fan. In 2011, I got tons of joy from seeing the Heat defeated in the NBA Finals.

Or let’s go to college football, a great place to see our love of sports schadenfreude play out with 21-year-old student-athletes. It’s probably because of the immense passion that we as a society direct towards college football, it’s my fa- vorite genre of schadenfreude out there.

I mean, don’t even try and pretend that you don’t laugh every time an Alabama frater- nity guy is on ESPN — dressed in his Sunday finest, no less — bawling his eyes out because his beloved Crimson Tide might actually lose a football game. Or as Notre Dame fans, don’t say you haven’t taken at least a few minutes to laugh at the misfortunes of that school in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Sports do a lot of irrational things to us. But when it makes us take pleasure in the failures of others? That’s maybe my fa- vorite one.

So... it’s s-c-h-a-d-e-n-f-r-e- u-d-e. Schadenfreude.

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Belles battle Knights in final home game

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After a heartbreaking 71-70 loss to overtime loss to Kalamazoo last weekend, Saint Mary’s (3-19, 1-12 MIAA) has just one more home contest this season Saturday against Calvin (21-0, 12-0 MIAA). The struggling Belles, currently last in the MIAA, will face a Knights team that boasts a No. 7 national ranking and sits in first place in the conference standings.

Calvin features one of the highest-powered offenses in the country and is coming off an 80-59 thrashing of Adrian on Saturday. Led by senior guard Breanna Verkaik, the Knights shoot 44.5 percent from the field and 34.5 percent from 3-point range.

On the other hand, Saint Mary’s will rely on senior guard Ariana Paul to lead the offense. Paul averages 14.8 points and nine rebounds per game, and she has established herself as the team’s most vocal presence on the court, Belles coach Jennifer Henley said.

“She’s been our leader all season long,” Henley said. “She has certainly established herself in this program and in the MIAA.”

Ultimately, Henley said she believes any chance the Belles have of success against Calvin will rest heavily on protecting the basketball and limiting turnovers. The Belles have a season average of 22.1 turnovers per game, while Calvin is averaging only 15.7. In addition, Henley said Saint Mary’s must run a lockdown transition defense in order to slow down Verkaik, who is shooting 52.5 percent from beyond the arc.

“Calvin has many threats on offense,” Henley said. “We really need to work on our transition game (on defense) and not lose players like Verkaik on the perimeter.”

In Saint Mary’s loss to Kalamazoo last Saturday, the Belles did show improvement rebounding and free-throw shooting, going above their season averages in both categories.

“We did a great job getting to the line and on the boards,” Henley said. “We shot the ball pretty well and did a good job getting looks inside.”

Henley said continuing that improvement in Saturday’s matchup will be key. The Belles and the Knights both average around 40 rebounds per game, but from the charity stripe, Calvin boasts a free throw percentage of 72.9 percent in MIAA play, while the Belles average just under 64 percent on the year.

Despite the team’s vastly different records, Henley said she is optimistic about the Belles’ chances this Saturday. The team’s one-point loss to Kalamazoo was the narrowest defeat of the Belles’ 16-game losing streak, and Henley said that if Saint Mary’s is able to attack the boards and improve their performance on the free-throw line, the Belles have a chance.

Saint Mary’s hosts Calvin this Saturday in its final home contest of the season. Tipoff is scheduled for 3 p.m.

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Tennessee (the same program that won the national championship the last time it was held in Tampa, for what it’s worth). Then came a 13-point win over Georgia Tech that never quite looked out of hand but was also a little too close for comfort for a supposed title contender, especially to kick off a stretch of 11 consecutive ACC games before the conference tournament.

McGraw certainly didn’t let her team shake that one off. She didn’t enter her postgame press conference with a smile, and she didn’t throw out a generic, “we didn’t have our best game today, but we’ll be better tomorrow” response.

Instead, she ripped into her team’s performance as a whole and warned her players that a repeat disappointment like the one against Miami was still a very real possibility.

The only other Irish loss up until that point had come against No. 2 Connecticut, and they had dominated their competitors in almost every other game.

But a coach who has made it to the final weekend of March Madness four straight times only to leave empty-handed after each one wasn’t about to let her team think it was invulnerable.

Since that point, Notre Dame has seemed like a new squad. Maybe it took a harsh scolding from McGraw, or maybe it took a moment to step back and realize how difficult it is to collect any win in the ACC, but something has kicked the Irish into high gear as of late.

Following the Georgia Tech win, Notre Dame has beaten — no, dismantled — five conference opponents by an average margin of 29 points.

Junior guard Jewell Loyd, who leads the team with 20.7 points per game, and freshman forward Brianna Turner, who has the most double-doubles for the Irish with six, were both named to midseason top-30-player list for the Naismith College Player of the Year award yesterday. The NCAA tournament selection committee also released its first ever list of projected No. 1 seeds, and Notre Dame was one of them.

That being said, the flights to Tampa can’t be booked just yet.

The Irish have five regular-season games left, two of which are against top competition — No. 11 Duke on Monday and No. 9 Louisville on Feb. 23. A second matchup against Georgia Tech on Feb. 19 will serve as a measuring stick to see how much their mindset has changed in less than a month.

Then comes the ACC and NCAA tournaments, in which we are annually reminded why postseason play is called March Madness.

If they keep this focus up, the Irish better start to stock up on sunscreen for an April trip down south. But if they can’t, their money is better spent on rock salt for those late-spring snowfalls.

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Irish junior guard Jewell Loyd dribbles upcourt during Notre Dame’s 92-63 win over Wake Forest on Feb. 1.
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we’ll have to start adjusting to the speeds of different courts,” Louderback said. “And at a lot of different places the lighting is dim, so being on the road gives us that little adversity that we have to go through.”

This past weekend, the Irish had a full day of rest in between their matches against Stanford and Ohio State.

This weekend, however, they will have to play on consecutive days, which Louderback said is crucial for preparing the team for the biggest tournaments of the year.

“(Playing back-to-back days) is a little bit tougher, especially when you get into those tough matches,” Louderback said. “It’s another thing we have to get used to, something that we haven’t done yet, so it will be good, because to win the conference tournament, you have to play four days in a row, and the NCAA is the same way.”

Both the Hoosiers and the Illini are off to good starts this season, only losing twice combined to top-50 ranked teams. The key to two victories this weekend for Notre Dame is winning the doubles point in both matches, Louderback said.

“(Indiana and Illinois) both historically have had good doubles teams,” Louderback said. “You can lose the doubles point to either one of them, and if you get down 1-0, especially on the road, it makes it tough. We’ve been working hard on our doubles, and I think we’ve made a big jump from the fall to the spring, but we still just have to keep working on it. That’s a big key though, because it gives you a lot more confidence if you win the doubles.”

The Irish will travel to Champaign, Illinois, on Saturday to battle the Illini at 11 a.m. They will then hit the road again Sunday to take on the Hoosiers in Bloomington, Indiana, also at 11 a.m.

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singles matchups. That result was the lowlight of a string of four matches that all came down to the final singles matches. And while the Irish had a relatively easy weekend Feb. 4-5, winning their matches by a combined 13-1 score, they must prepared for an upset bid from Michigan, Sachire said.

“Michigan is a really good team,” Sachire said. “They have two seniors who have played the No. 1 and No. 2 slots, and they’ve been around a long time but there’s a lot of younger talent lower in the lineup. The rankings are deceiving, 1 expect a great, close match.”

Notre Dame boasts a three-match winning streak after topping No. 26 Northwestern 4-3 in a close matchup two weeks ago, then sweeping Ball State 7-0 and dominating Wisconsin 6-1 last weekend.

For the Irish, this week will not be about rankings but rather consistency and keeping up their streak, Sachire said.

“We’ve been playing particularly well at the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles slots, getting better and better as the year goes on. Doubles are a big part of the team’s identity so we want to do the best we can in the doubles component,” Sachire said. “In terms of singles, each player has individual nuances on which they are focusing on. Ultimately, our philosophy is for our guys to have complete versatility so they can do virtually anything on the court.”

The Irish take to the road for the second time this season Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Varsity Tennis Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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have hovered around the top 10 in the nation all season.

“We have to be able to play against elite level [teams] for the next three weeks,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “We’re playing three top-10 teams in the country over the next three weeks, and we have to see if we’ve grown.”

Growing pains have been a problem for the Irish all season, who sport a lineup with more freshmen starters than seniors. Lucia said that the young players have to step up in order for the team to succeed down the stretch.

“Whether we’re ready or not is how I look at it,” Lucia said. “But these teams are all in front of us, so if we can win games we can jump up [a few] spots.”

Notre Dame has the added advantage of playing four of their six remaining games at home. Jackson doesn’t doubt that it will be easier for his team to play in the comfort of their own building — although the team has struggled at Compton Family Ice Arena this season, sporting a 6-7-1 record.

“We haven’t played the best at home, and we need to have a really good positive experience at home and play well,” Jackson said.

Lucia agreed that being on home ice would be a huge factor for the team in the last few weeks.

“I mean going on the road and stealing games is a lot harder than [winning] in your own building and riding the momentum of your crowd,” Lucia said. “Having that element of the crowd cheering you on and getting into the game helps a lot. And when we have a full crowd in here, it’s intimidating for the other team.”

After evaluating his team throughout the season, Jackson said that he knows what will make his team either succeed or fail in these last three series of the regular season.

“It’s going to be all based on our goaltending, our puck possession and probably our special teams,” Jackson said.

After a rocky season to this point, Notre Dame know these games against the Hockey East leaders will define its season, Lucia said.

“Obviously right now [there’s] not a whole lot of room for error,” Lucia said. “Basically our playoffs have started, and we have to be ready for every weekend.”

The Irish begin the stretch run this Friday and Saturday when they host Providence at Compton Family Ice Arena.

Action gets under way at 7:35 p.m. and 8:05 p.m., respectively.

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Sophomore Chad Katunar guards the goal against New Hampshire on Jan. 30. The Irish sit at 12-14-4 overall this season.
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Happy Birthday: Make a motion to wheel and deal as much as possible. You’ll make progress where pending financial, legal or medical matters are concerned. Collect on old debts and take on new projects that will allow you to use your skills in unique ways. An unusual approach to whatever you pursue will attract interest. Balance and integrity will help you out mentally, physically and monetarily. Your numbers are 7, 11, 15, 27, 30, 32, 43.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Make whatever changes are necessary to improve your standard of living. A maternalistic personal investment will help you reach your financial goal. Deal with institutions, corporations or government agencies to get all your paperwork in order. ♀ ♀ ♀

Taurus (April 20-May 20): What you do to help those in need will result in satisfaction and high profits. A romantic relationship will lead to a much closer brand of handled with care. Your determination will be enough to win friends and improve your reputation. ♀ ♀ ♀

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Stand your ground and refuse to let anyone limit your dreams. Deal individually with past responsibilities your way or try to guilt you into doing more than your share. A change of plans will leave you stranded. Emotional understanding can be expected. ♀ ♀ ♀

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Do not stop until you reach your destination. Network and socialize with your peers and you will be offered an opportunity. Change should be welcomed with open arms. Share your ideas with someone special, and your relationship will flourish. ♀ ♀ ♀

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Travel and check out real estate or an activity that intrigues you. You will learn from the people you encounter. A change in the way you do things or the way you live will be beneficial. Greater prosperity is heading your way. ♀ ♀ ♀

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Watch your wallet. You must be more careful with your money than possible. If you partner with someone who is just as able as you, there is no limit to what you can achieve. Thrive on change and it will impress everyone. ♀ ♀ ♀

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do the best job possible. A good idea can turn into a business venture. Hints for perfection and uniqueness, and you will receive recognition. A romantic tie to someone special will ease your mind and boost your confidence. ♀ ♀ ♀

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Catch up on domestic duties or make personal improvements. What you have to offer will change someone’s opinion of you. A change of plans will give you more time to enjoy your favorite pastime. Romance and sharing will enhance your personal satisfaction and high returns.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Ask pertinent questions. What you expect will have something important to contribute. Offer positive suggestions and ask significant questions. ♀ ♀ ♀

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on the present and put the past behind you. A change in the way you do things or the way you live will be beneficial. Greater prosperity is heading your way. ♀ ♀ ♀

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Check out new opportunities and take advantage of what’s being offered. You are intuitive, intense and dramatic. Your ideas with someone special, and you will develop a unique bond if handled with care. ♀ ♀ ♀

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): A change of plans will give you a chance to make improvements. You are a highly emotional, intense and dramatic. Your ideas with someone special, and you will develop a unique bond if handled with care. ♀ ♀ ♀

Birthday Baby: You are intuitive, intense and dramatic. You are unique in your own way and give others the same option and privilege. ♀ ♀ ♀

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Jumble | David Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles to form eight square letters that make four ordinary words.

Word: Sue Logic Injury Affect

Answer: When he paves the way to fame, he taxes, the tailor said—SUIT YOURSELF

Solution to Wednesday's Puzzle

Make checks payable to and mail to:

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PO Box 729
Notre Dame, IN 46556

Enclosed is $30 for one academic year
Enclosed is $75 for one semester

Name
Address
City State Zip

Answers tomorrow

Yesterday’s Jumbles: ISSUE LOGIC INJURY AFFECT

(Answers tomorrow)

When the Jumble Artist Went on a Crime, He Died Thr

When the Jumble Artist Went on a Crime, He Died Thr

Now arrange the circled letters to form the correct answer, as suggested by the above colors.

That scrambled word came by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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ND still fighting for top-four spot in Hockey East

By BRIAN PLAMONDON
Sports Writer

With just three weeks left in the regular season, the outcome of Notre Dame’s season is still very much in doubt.

Notre Dame (12-14-4, 7-5-4 Hockey East) sits in fifth place in Hockey East, just one point behind this weekend’s opponent, No. 10 Providence. After that, the Irish square off with No. 2 Boston on the road, before concluding their regular season at home against No. 11 Boston College.

If they win a majority of their games, the Irish secure home-ice advantage and a first-round bye in the Hockey East tournament, not to mention all the momentum that comes with getting the best of three teams that are all but guaranteed a spot in the NCAA tournament. Lose most of its games, and Notre Dame will be sent back towards the bottom feeders in Hockey East, with their only hope being a miracle run in the tournament.

“If we do well in these next three weekends here we control our own destiny for the playoffs,” junior left winger Mario Lucia said. “We can get a good seed and hopefully get a bye.”

After an up-and-down season, Notre Dame now has a chance to prove itself against three teams that have hovered around the top 10 in the nation all season.

“We have to be able to play against elite level [teams] for the next three weeks,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “We’re playing three teams out of the top 10 in the nation. It’s a chance to prove ourselves as a team that’s competing against the best teams in the nation and I think that’s a definite must this weekend.”

ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Squad to face pair of Big Ten foes

By BENJAMIN PADANILIAM
Sports Writer

No. 20 Notre Dame will take to the road this weekend for matches with Big Ten opponents No. 44 Illinois and No. 52 Indiana.

Following a split this past weekend with a loss to No. 10 Stanford followed by a win over No. 31 Ohio State, the Irish (3-2) will now have to leave the friendly confines of Eck Tennis Pavilion when they travel to Champaign, Illinois, on Saturday to take on the Illini (3-1) and Bloomington, Indiana, on Sunday to take on the Hoosiers (6-1).

Although they did not walk away with two wins, Irish coach Jay Louderback said he was very happy with his team’s performance this past weekend.

First off, I felt like we played really well,” Louderback said. “Both are tough teams… I felt like our kids did a good job of not worrying about what they’re ranked and playing them tight, which is good. We’ve started off playing some tough teams in Stanford, Michigan and now Ohio State, and it’s not going to get a whole lot easier as we get into the ACC, but our kids are competing really well.”

This weekend, however, will be the first time that the Irish take the road this season. Saturday, they take on Illinois, who is 3-0 at home. They follow that up with match-up against Indiana on Sunday, who is 4-1 at home. Louderback said he believes acquiring experience on the road is important for the team going forward.

“(Being on the road) will definitely be different,” Louderback said. “It will be good for us because we have been at home so far, so it’s good to get your team out. It’s tougher to win matches on the road too. You got the whole crowd against you, so our kids have to have each others’ back. It’s just good to get that experience on the road.”

In addition, Louderback said playing away from home this weekend will force the team to play through some unique challenges.

“The other thing is that we are playing on four different indoor courts in those matches, so see W TENNIS PAGE 13

ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Forecast looks good for Irish

By CHRISTINE MAYUGA
Sports Writer

Here’s a warning for the northern Indiana area — don’t open up the weather app on your phone any time soon.

It’s currently 34 degrees outside in Notre Dame, but it feels like 21 with the wind chill. The permacloud looks like it is here to stay for a little while longer, vitamin D deficiency is starting to set in, and there’s an 80 percent chance it will snow today. In fact, the forecast says South Bend will get snowfall on five of the next seven days.

Meanwhile, the forecast in Tampa, Florida, is looking pretty good. It’s 68 degrees, and there are six little suns in a row on the forecast until rain is supposed to come next Wednesday.

The situations in Florida and Indiana are about as different as you can get around the country this time of year, and Tampa seems like another world away.

For the Irish, Tampa — the host site of this year’s Final Four — is still a far-off thought as well.

That being said, Irish coach Muffet McGraw said at the beginning of the season that the team’s goal was to reach the Final Four for a fifth consecutive year, and I’m sure taking a trip down to Florida over Easter weekend is still on its mind.

One hiccup aside, Notre Dame (23-2, 9-1 ACC) has been on a roll since its eye-opening loss to unranked Miami (Florida) on Jan. 8. Immediately after that defeat came a 104-58 victory over Boston College, followed by two tough wins over then-No. 12 North Carolina and then-No. 6 Tennessee (the same program that won the national title last season).

“I think we’re playing our best basketball right now,” McGraw said. “We’ve started to play some of our best basketball in a while.”

Notre Dame travels to Ann Arbor to play Michigan

By CHRISTINE MAYUGA
Sports Writer

Fresh off last weekend’s sweep in its first doubleheader of the season against Ball State and Wisconsin, the No. 16 Irish (5-1) will travel to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to face No. 47 Michigan on Saturday evening.

The recent ITA’s men’s national rankings released Tuesday placed the doubles pair of junior Alex Lawson and senior Billy Pecor at No. 4 in the country and sophomore Eddy Covalschi and Josh Hagar at No. 17. In the singles rankings, junior Quentin Monaghan leads the team at No. 29 and Hagar stands at No. 92. Despite these high rankings, the Irish do not plan to focus too much on the numbers, Irish coach Ryan Sachire said.

“Rankings are a reflection of what you’ve done in the past. [The] reality is that at this point in the season, they mean nothing.”

Irish sophomore Eddy Covalschi returns a shot during Notre Dame’s 4-3 win over Oklahoma State on Jan. 24.

Sachire said, “Of course it’s nice to see your name there but it’s not really a big deal at the moment. Our focus is on what’s next for us. We want to continue to build the team and the players throughout the rest of the season to eventually have better rankings than those by the end.”

Last month, the Irish fell to the No. 15 Columbia, 4-2, at the ITA Kickoff Weekend in a nail-biter in which the Irish lost four of the six singles matchups. That result was the lowlight of a string of four matches than all came down to the final seconds.