Ten undergraduate, graduate students will travel to Europe and Asia for 2014-2015 fellowships

By CAROLYN HUTYRA
News Writer

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Hypatia Day to promote women in STEM

By OLIVIA JACKSON
News Writer

Saint Mary’s will host the 23rd annual Hypatia Day this Saturday for seventh grade girls from local South Bend schools to fight the stereotype that math and science are male-dominated fields. With the assistance of current students, professors and high school students, the day will be centered around exposing both young girls and their parents to the many opportunities available in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields for women.

Hypatia Day was first organized in 1991 by Sr. Miriam Patrick Cooney, professor emerita of mathematics, director of media relations Gwen O’Brien said.

Hypatia Day is named for the first known female mathematician, Hypatia of Alexandria, who was the daughter of ancient Greek mathematician and philosopher Theon, O’Brien said. According to legend, Hypatia’s father taught her mathematics during a period in Greek history when young girls were excluded from education.

According to Socrates, Hypatia’s home and lecture room were the two favorite gathering places for students.

Hypatia Day brings local seventh grade girls to Saint Mary’s to explore the typically male-dominated fields of math and science.

Students elect new class councils

By KAYLA MULLEN
Associate News Editor

Judicial Council released the results of the 2015 class council elections at midnight this morning.

First years JP Bruno, Molly Knapp, Matthew Ross and Henry Long were elected to serve as the Class of 2018’s Sophomore Class Council, the ticket’s presidential candidate, JP Bruno. The Bruno, Knapp, Ross and Long ticket garnered 50.73 percent of the vote, while the ticket consisting of Greg Perench, Teresa Simunich, Patrick Rodgers and Helena Qu won 42.22 percent of the vote.

Bruno said his ticket was excited to begin their term as Sophomore Class Council.

“We are honored and humbled to have been elected as SCC reps. We couldn’t be more grateful to the students for their support,” Bruno said.
QUESTION OF THE DAY:
What do you do to procrastinate?

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Lynn Hall
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Cristin Pacifico
senior
off campus
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Meg Tucker
freshman
Pasquerilla West Hall
“Eat.”

Andrea Bae
freshman
Lyons Hall
“Shop online with my homework tabs open.”

David Clark
freshman
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“Listen to Phish.”

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Two fighters prepare to enter the ring Wednesday night during the Bengal Bouts quarter finals. The tournament helps fund Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh, which includes healthcare, education and spiritual ministries.

**Question of the Day:**
What do you do to procrastinate?
ND students participate in #hackINvTX Challenge

By SAMUEL CHAN
News Writer

Although the name may give the initial impression of computer crime, Notre Dame students participating in the three-week #hackINvTX Challenge are working for the good of the Indiana and Texas governments. Each state has presented its resi- dents with two challenges in the hackathon, which comes to a close next Monday.

In the case of Indiana, par- ticipants are required to either "create a centralized, streamlined and secure platform for receiving, tracking and collaborating on permit applications" for the Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) or to "develop a method to register and create a checklist of available/needed services for [residents] visiting a One Stop Shop after a disaster" for the Department of Homeland Security, according to a govern- ment press release.

The ongoing hackathon will allow "residents of both states to create applications that support and inspire entre- trepreneurship and digital government innovation, encourage government transparency and open data and promote interstate collaboration and competition," the press release stated.

Junior Liam Chan, an IT management major, is part of a three-student team working on the permit application platform.

"Currently, people submit permits, documents, updates and such through the IDEM. It’s basically a paper-based system, quite inefficient," Chan said. "Our team is trying to streamline that process so that it’s no longer paper-based, so people can submit digital copies and such."

"For example, an applica- tion for a landfill that we saw at the office is seven bind- ers full of paper. And that’s for one landfill. So you can imagine if you’re trying to build a factory downtown or even if you’re a farmer, and you get about 600 cattle that create waste. That’s something you need a permit for as well," Chan said.

The students are "working a lot on their own," accord- ing to Don Ginocchio, who is the SAP University Alliances Director assigned to Notre Dame. Ginocchio pointed out there are 10 faculty and staff mentors who have vol- unteered their time to help with the hackathon.

One of the mentors, Matt Willmore, a mobileND pro- gram manager, said, "It’s easy to look at a problem and just start coding and not re- ally have an idea about where you’re going to end. But [men- tors are] helping them to un- derstand what’s the scope … and zero in on what to spend our time on."

However, Ginocchio ad- mitted that the length of the hackathon is not entirely ide- al for full-time students.

"There’s always a challenge at Notre Dame, particular- ly something of this nature that’s spread out over three or four weeks, that other things like coursework and other priorities get in the way," he said. "That’s true of any three-week effort, and I don’t think it’s unique to our situa- tion. And actually, this is part of a series of hackathons. In the future, they’re going to try to do it over a shorter time frame — a day or two — so that people can really focus.”

Chan mentioned his in- volvement in Bengal Bouts this month and Junior Parents Weekend starting Friday.

“We’re definitely feeling the time constraint,” he said.

Nonetheless, there was a general consensus the effort put into the hackathon was well worth it.

“We hope that whether we take this project to the next stage, or a different team does or if the state finds a com- pany to expand our solution, we wish them the best of luck and hope there are people who would benefit from this,” Chan said.

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Senate debates recurring issues with O’SNAP

By RACHEL O’GRADY
News Writer

Student Senate met in LaFortune Student Center on Wednesday night to discuss potential issues with the revised O’SNAP program and possible future budget cuts.

“I think there’s been some concern about the ways that SafeWalk and O’SNAP are being utilized. ... There have been some issues with dispatching SafeWalk; I know it’s not an isolated thing,” St. Edward’s Hall senator and sophomore Jake Wittenberg said. “There have been a few issues with dispatching and a little clarification that we could take back to dorms, or some discussion on the procedures and efficiency of the program would be helpful.”

While the topic will not enter into a formal discussion for a few weeks, other senators shared similar sentiments.

“I feel like there’s been some discrimination with size and gender,” Keenan Hall senator and junior Ryan Rizzuto said. “…A few weeks ago, I called, and I had to keep belaboring a point that I was concerned for a girl who was very intoxicated.”

Rizzuto also said he experienced an issue several weeks ago when he called to be picked up with a few of his friends. He was told there was no danger or reason for O’SNAP to pick them up if it was a group of six or more.

“I don’t think they have any right to do that,” Rizzuto said. “If O’SNAP is a shuttle service, then we really need to hone in that message to the student body and figure out why it’s harder to be picked up if you’re a guy than a girl.”

Student body vice president and senior Matt Devine brought up the issue of newspaper subscription and distribution on campus.

According to Devine, the University currently spends about $50,000 on newspaper subscriptions annually, but only about 100-150 papers are actually picked up per day.

“I think we need to reassess,” Devine said. “We’re looking to see if we can do individual subscriptions, but that doesn’t necessarily stay true to the purpose of making it available to everyone.”

Alumni Hall senator and sophomore Scott Moore proposed potentially decreasing the order, if possible.

“If we can’t get a smaller quantity, I’d rather see it disbanded,” Moore said.

The Senate will continue the conversation on the topic throughout the remainder of the semester, ultimately deciding whether to keep all of the subscriptions for the 2015-2016 school year.

“It’s going to be contentious, whatever the decision is, so we’re trying to make sure we get the most comprehensive thoughts from everyone,” Devine said.

The Senate also unanimously passed a resolution moving Off Campus Council elections to the third week of April, as opposed to April 1.

“The purpose behind this is essentially is that there can’t be a comprehensive list of all the students living off campus in about mid-February, when we’re asked for one, which makes it hard to have elections,” Judicial Council president and off-campus senior Kathryn Peruski said.

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Our opponents for running a clean, fair campaign, and we can’t wait to get to work for the Class of 2018,” Bruno said. Neither of the sophomore tickets for Junior Class Council obtained a majority of the vote, resulting in a run-off election, Conor Bradly, one of the sophomore ticket’s candidate for treasurer, said. The run-off will be held on Friday, February 20. Both tickets agreed to not release the breakdown of the election vote, Bradley said.

Juniors Thomas Shneeman, Shannon Montague, Brian Cimons and Bridget Doyle were elected to serve as the Class of 2016’s Senior Class Council, the ticket’s candidate for vice-president, Shannon Montague, said. Both tickets agreed not to release the results of the vote, Montague said, but noted that 42 percent of juniors voted.

Shneeman congratulated the other ticket for a well-run campaign.

“We’d also like to thank the Class of 2016 for such a strong voter turnout. We are extremely excited to get to work on making this next year as memorable as possible. Go Irish!” Shneeman said.

The new Class Councils will take their positions on April 1.

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**Fulbright**

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...world, and the prestige associated with the Fulbright has been a marker of outstanding achievement for decades.”

Strong applicants often have experiences in their academic or extracurricular histories that indicate an interest in the wider world and the potential to explore an unfamiliar cultural environment, Thibert said.

“Notre Dame students are competitive applicants for the Fulbright because the University has prioritized international engagement for undergraduates and graduate/professional students,” he said.

Class of 2014 alumna Deanna Kolberg, who received a Fulbright grant for the 2014-15 program, is currently working as a teaching assistant in South Korea.

Hypatia

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...her scholarly friends, as she was one of the most loved teachers and well-respected scholars of her time.

Assistant professor of mathematics Kristin Kuter said Hypatia Day is mainly geared towards seventh-grade girls and their parents.

Some of the participating schools include Indiana schools such as Boston Middle School in La Porte, Discovery Middle School in Granger, Grissom Middle School in Mishawaka, Lincoln Jr. High in Plymouth, New Prairie Middle School in New Carlisle and St. Joseph Grade School in South Bend.

“The focus of the event is to encourage the seventh graders to continue to pursue an education in math and science, while informing their parents on how to support their daughters in that goal,” Kuter said.

Kuter said this year’s Hypatia Day will feature hands-on activities run by STEM-related clubs on campus.

“This year we have sessions organized by the biology, chemistry, engineering, math and computer science, nursing and physics clubs,” Kuter said. “During these sessions, the seventh graders will interact with college professors working for careers in the STEM fields and will be encouraged to view one another as potential physicians, research scientists, actuaries, engineers, statisticians, data analysts, technology experts and the like.”

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, students and their parents will arrive in Carroll Auditorium for a welcome presentation by Kuter. Then, director of patient logistics at University of Chicago Medicine Emily Lowder will deliver the keynote address, “Following Their Footsteps and Tales from the Journey” to all participants.

Kuter said throughout the day, middle school students will have the opportunity to work in the lab with college and high school students who are preparing for a future in the STEM fields. Kuter said parents will also be able to speak with Saint Mary’s students about their future careers, attend panel discussions and take part in campus tours.

“The parents attend a panel discussion focusing on what curriculm best prepares a student for college and keeps all of their options open. Another session will provide information on how to prepare for a college education,” she said.

Kuter said she believes Hypatia Day is important not only for young girls at their current age, but for the growth of their interest in the subject over time.

“This event is important to the community because research has shown that girls of this age greatly benefit from extra attention and encouragement for their interest in studies which require a high degree of training in mathematics and science,” Kuter said.

Senior Audrey Kiefer said she believes Hypatia Day to be one of the best ways Saint Mary’s can engage with the local community.

“Though I haven’t participated in the day personally, I know some of my fellow classmates who are interested in STEM,” Kier said. “These young girls truly appreciate the opportunity to experiment in the labs and connect with professors, as well as extracurricular academic collaborations,” Thibert said.

Kiefer said she finds it essential to begin empowering young women at an early age in the same way that Dr. Thibert has empowered women throughout their collegiate years.

“When all of the current students related clubs on campus,” Kiefer said. “It only makes sense that we host a session which will help us to continue empowering young girls that anything is possible, no matter what field of study,” Kiefer said.

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and we have come up with strategies that lend them- selves to specifically ad-

dressing the methods that MRSA has devised for resis-
tance,” he said. “We are actu-
able to take that and turn [them] around to ... kill the organism.”

Mobashery said finding and developing the drug to exploit the weakness he and his team found in MRSA was a massive computational un-

dertaking, narrowing over 1.2 million candidates to just 118 compounds.

“1.2 compounds were so
called ‘docked’ and ‘scored’ and ... then, out of a collection of 2,500 compounds that had promised, we did some further analysis on which one of those were worthy of pur-

suit because not all of them were easy to synthesize. So we wanted to ideally buy some of these compounds,” he said.

“We ended up choosing the 118 compounds ... because they were commercially available and synthetically accessible.”

Mobashery said the comp-

ounds were observed to ef-

tectively destroy MRSA in mice infected with the bacte-

ria and that he saw a promis-

ing future for his work with the organism with the help of the University and collabora-

tion with other researchers,” Mobashery said.

“In principle, the University is very much interested in ex-

ploring whether companies will step up and move this class of molecules forward into clinical trials. That is something we won’t be able to do ourselves and we need partners and that’s a possibility. But research is ongoing on MRSA because of our broad interest in this organism and I’ve been at it for something like a dozen years and I trust that in a dozen years I’ll still be at it.”

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**Antibiotic**

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...we'll still trust our medical providers,” he said.

In his talk, Colberg said she had spent a week in Korea, had spent a week traveling, worked in a joint effort between the University and collabora-
tion with other researchers,” Mobashery said.

“At the University, there’s a real sense of the importance of the Fulbright for the University,” Colberg said. “We’ve been seeing an improvement in the Fulbright for the past few years, but it only makes sense that we host a session which will help us to continue empowering young girls that anything is possible, no matter what field of study,” Kiefer said.

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...the best, Kolberg said she was up-

lifted when greeted by students in the hallway shouting, “We love you, Deanna!”

Class of 2014 alumna Marcus Liddell, another 2014-15 Fulbright recipient, also received an English teaching assistantship, although...
Egypt leads fight against religious extremism

Associated Press

CAIRO — Egypt is making an ambitious bid to place itself at the center of the fight against extremism across the Middle East. By drawing in military allies in its own Sinai Peninsula, it is trying to organize and prepare itself for a sustained campaign against the Islamic State in Libya and helping Saudi Arabia defend its borders.

The official reason cited for the military alliance is rooted in a shared belief among Egypt’s President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi and Gulf leaders that extremism must be confronted on a region-wide basis.

It has been anchored with a quid pro quo: Gulf oil producers Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait have given Egypt an estimated $3 billion to rescue its damaged economy in return for Egypt providing military manpower alongside its Gulf counterparts.

With the alliance, this nation of 90 million people seeks to maneuver itself into a position as a leader of the region, a role that has eluded it in recent years, first because of waning influence under former President Hosni Mubarak and more recently because of the turmoil that followed his 2011 ouster.

A contingent of Egyptian troops is deployed on Saudi Arabia’s border with Iraq to help defend it against jihadi fighters, who earlier this year carried out a deadly cross-border raid, according to Egyptian military and security officials.

On another front, Gulf nations have said they are considering what action to take in Yemen, where Shiite rebels known as Houthis who are suspected of links to Iran — have taken power in the capital and are fighting to seize more of the country.

Egypt already has military advisers on the Saudi-Yemeni border tasked mainly with developing a joint strategy with the Saudis to confront future hostilities, according to the officials, who have first-hand knowledge of Egypt’s plans. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk about the deployments.

Plans for the creation of a military alliance with Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and possibly Jordan were back on track after a period of hiatus, officials said, with France, Italy and Algeria now viewed as possible additional partners.

Already, Saudi Arabia and the Emirates are bankrolling multibillion dollar arms purchases by Egypt, including jet fighters and naval pieces from both France and Russia.

A deal with Germany to buy two submarines, announced in late December, said the officials.

Separately, Egypt is trying to persuade the West to open up a new front against the Islamic State group in Libya, Ethiopia’s western neighbor, and is appealing for “political and military support” to enable it to contain the threat in Libya.

On Tuesday, El-Sissi called on the United Nations to approve a new coalition for air strikes in Libya, where the extremists have set up their first major affiliate outside of Iraq and Syria. Egypt’s security officials said Egypt is not just a threat to Egypt — its militiamen beheaded a group of Egyptian Christians in a video released this week but to Europe as well.

“The Egyptian military alliance, this nation is more of the country,” Egyptian columnist Abdoullah el-Sinnawi, who is close to the military, wrote that Egypt’s navy could deploy if there is any threat to shipping in and out of the Red Sea. Yemen lies on one side of the narrow entrance to the Red Sea, the only route to Egypt’s Suez Canal from Asia.

But Egypt cannot “endure a long war abroad” or the distraction of the military from the fighting in the Sinai, he wrote Monday in the Al-Shorouk newspaper.

In recognition of the limits, the security officials said Egypt was not looking, at least for now, for a ground campaign in Libya, but rather an air assault similar to that by the U.S. and its allies in Iraq and Syria. Egypt carried out two rounds of air strikes in Libya on Monday, on top of five strikes it conducted last year along with the United Arab Emirates against Libyan Islamist militias.

The officials said Egyptian troops briefly crossed the border into Libya Monday to conduct search-and-destroy missions targeting possible surface-to-air rockets that could threaten warplanes headed back from Libya.

As a precaution against possible retaliation from initial Egyptian air units in the area and border guards have been placed on high alert.

Egypt is likely to continue launching airstrikes against Islamic State positions focusing on arms depots and training camps, the officials said. A second phase of the campaign could involve special forces targeting high-value assets inside Libya, they said.

“This is a war that is as or more than the 1973 war,” said a top Egyptian official, alluding to Egypt’s last war against Israel, when Egyptian troops crossed the Suez Canal to storm fortified Israeli positions on the waterway’s east bank.
Derailed train causes fires in West Virginia

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, West Virginia — A fire sparked by a train derailment in southern West Virginia smoldered for a third day Wednesday, keeping federal and state investigators at bay and leading residents near the site worry about the long-term water quality of a nearby river.

The fire — sparked when a CSX train carrying 3 million gallons of North Dakota crude jumped the tracks Monday in the unincorporated town of Mount Carbon — was 85 percent contained, said state public safety division spokesman Larry Messina.

“There’s a few small fires,” Messina said. “Until those fires are out and they make sure that site is safe, they’re going to keep folks away from that vicinity.”

CSX and multiple state and federal agencies are investigating. Federal Railroad Administration spokesman Kevin Thompson said some preliminary work has been done, including the retrieval of the train’s data recorder.

But due to the fire, “we haven’t been able to do our physical investigation on site,” he said Wednesday. All but two of the train’s 109 cars were tank cars, and 27 of them left the tracks. Nineteen tank cars were involved in the fire, said CSX regional vice president Randy Cheetah.

A road running parallel to the train tracks along one side of the Kanawha River remained closed Wednesday. The derailment shot firebombs into the sky, leaked oil into a Kanawha River tributary, burned down a house nearby and forced nearby water treatment plants to temporarily shut down.

As of Wednesday evening, crews had removed cars that did not derail and have started to remove derailed cars that were not involved in the fire, according to a joint statement from several agencies that have responded to the derailment. CSX will begin transferring oil from damaged cars to other tanks for removal from the site when conditions become safe, the statement said.

About 500 feet of containment boom have been deployed to lessen the potential environmental impact, the statement said. Containment trenches also are being dug, said State Environmental Protection spokeswoman Kelley Gillenwater.

“We need to make sure no crude oil gets into the Kanawha River,” Gillenwater said in an email.

Once the rail cars and other debris are removed, soil testing and excavation can begin, she said.

Water treatment systems were brought back online after initial tests showed no oil in them. Residents remain under a boil-water advisory, while bottled water was being distributed at a high school.

Classes at West Virginia University Institute of Technology were canceled for the rest of the week. Students in two residence halls were bused 40 miles to facilities in Beckley.

People living away from the wreckage were allowed to return to their homes Tuesday after damaged electrical lines were repaired.

“We weathered the storm,” said retired Montgomery police chief Lawrence Washington. “Every storm in your life isn’t in the forecast.”

Nancy Holcomb, who lives in Boozer directly across the river from the derailment, was concerned about the possibility of the oil getting into the river.

“We swim in this river,” she said. “I don’t want to get out in this river now.”

West Virginia has seen other fuel disasters in recent years.

On Jan. 23, an overturned tanker truck spilled nearly 4,000 gallons of diesel fuel into a tributary of the Greenbrier River near Lewisburg.

In December 2012, a natural gas transmission pipe ruptured and exploded in Sissonville about 40 miles to the northwest, destroying four homes and melting the asphalt on a section of Interstate 77. No one was killed.

The tap water concerns that followed the derailment brought reminders of a January 2014 chemical spill along the Elk River in Charleston 30 miles to the north. That spill got into West Virginia American Water’s Charleston filtration plant, prompting a tap water ban for 300,000 residents for several days until the system was flushed out.

“Obviously we’ve had experiences with water in the past,” said Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin.

West Virginia’s rail system contains 2,401 miles of track, including 1,113 miles of CSX track and 801 miles of Norfolk Southern track, according to the state Department of Transportation.

Chances are, state residents live close enough to hear a train’s whistle.

“Why do people stay after things like this happen?” Washington said. “This is home. There’s a lot that goes into this community. I know a lot of people say it’s bad, but there’s good people here.”

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“I can’t believe people are upvoting this thing.” It’s winter break and my brother is on his phone, looking at Yik Yak. Yik Yak: users interact anonymously with each other by writing, commenting on and voting on posts published in their area. The app is simple, straightforward and highly entertaining in highly populated areas; in a college environment, new posts are constantly being generated by and voted on by local users. At home, the app is far less lively. I’m surprised that anything at all is happening on Yik Yak, so I reply to my little brother with a mildly interested, “What?”

“I think I know this girl. Someone posted about how hot she is and it has, like 14 upvotes.” “Oh wow. That’s terrible,” I say. My brother is still in high school. I had heard about Yak Yak being banned from school zones, but I hadn’t really experienced anything at Notre Dame that made the decision seem like an obvious one. After all, the Notre Dame Yak was fine. Nobody personally attacked other students on the Notre Dame Yik Yak. That’s not true anymore. Maybe it never was. Since winter break, there have been dozens of direct attacks on at least one named student and two unnamed (but otherwise identified) students on the Notre Dame Yik Yak. The anonymous nature of Yik Yak has always made it a forum susceptible to such targeting. The only controls against damaging posts are negative votes and reports from users.

That being said, the Notre Dame Yik Yak has been relatively peaceful since the app was launched. Top Yakos are usually funny stories, original and unoriginal jokes, universal Notre Dame sentiments and raucous cries against schools on the football schedule. Most of the time, it’s absolutely harmless. After all, Yik Yak is just a social media app where the most complex thoughts are limited to 200 characters. Yik Yak, you might say, doesn’t really matter. Tell that to the individuals who have been attacked. Tell that to the groups whose negative stereotypes have been perpetuated.

Though it may seem trivial, Yik Yak acts as a powerful embodiment of Notre Dame student opinion. When a post is backed with hundreds of upvotes, it asserts that an idea or opinion is popular regardless of whether or not users would stand by it in real life. When a post that antagonizes an individual or group rises to the top of the feed, it becomes threatening. The truth is, Yik Yak matters. Notre Dame students use Yik Yak every day, and every day users are targeted, hurt and insulted, even if in seemingly small ways. It’s easy to think that your anonymous, single vote on any post doesn’t have an impact on anyone. The fact is, Yik Yak is a powerful tool that affects every user on campus.

Think before you tap that arrow. Your upvote matters.

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Immigration debate in America

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Reasonably Right

Last year on Nov. 28, just weeks after suffering a decisive defeat in the midterm elections, President Obama decided that he would circumvent Congress without giving them a chance to act by putting forth executive actions that would halt deportations of 4 million immigrants who came to the United States illegally. This announcement was met with loud opposition from the Republican Party, which was just elected to be the majority party in both the U.S. House and Senate, and 26 states pressed a U.S. District Court judge to stop President Obama’s actions.

On Monday, soon before the actions were to take effect in earnest, the request was granted and U.S. District Court Judge Andrew Hanen stopped President Obama’s efforts. This means that the administration will have to make its case for whether or not it was stepping outside the bounds of the executive branch.

All this goes to highlight a perpetual issue that needs to be dealt with and a continuing theme to the current political dialogue. U.S. immigration policy needs to be reformed; virtually all voices of the political spectrum agree that the policies are not working as they were intended. The problem is that no side seems willing to work with the other. Some Republicans demand a plan that includes all of their ideas and none from the Democrats, and President Obama peddles the same attitude when he pushes through immigration actions without even trying to negotiate with a newly-elected Congress. Both sides fail to recognize that the other was elected with a mandate. This seems to create a paradox, but instead it should show that Americans want the two sides to come together and negotiate so the country can move forward.

The closest thing we’ve had in the last decade to a comprehensive solution to the immigration crisis came in 2013 with Senate Bill 744, a bill crafted by what was called the “gang of eight,” which included Democrats Chuck Schumer, Dick Durbin, Michael Bennet and Bob Menendez, and Republicans Marco Rubio, John McCain, Jeff Flake and Lindsey Graham. The bill, officially known as the Border Security, Economic Opportunity and Immigration Modernization Act of 2013, was 1198 pages long. It satisfied most of the demands of both parties by offering a path for immigrants to become citizens, securing the border by sending vast resources to the border as well as 40,000 more border patrol agents, and encouraged educated individuals to come to the United States to begin working on becoming citizens. While cost is often cited as an issue, the Social Security Administration reported that if this bill were to take effect, it would only cost $33 billion while raising revenues of $276 billion over the next ten years. The Congressional Budget Office actually estimates enacting this bill would lower the deficit by hundreds of billions. S.B. 744 passed the Senate with bipartisan support by a vote of 68-32. It was sent to the House, but was never brought up for consideration.

Since then, no progress has been made in the immigration debate. I had hope that President Obama would feel compelled to work with Republicans after the midterm election, but before the next congress even began he stiffled the debate by implementing his executive actions. Mitch McConnell is one of my favorite senators, not only because he looks like a turtle or that he is a brilliant strategist, but because he is a master negotiator. He has been the voice of reason that was able to bring together President Obama, Harry Reid and John Boehner during fiscal cliff or tax negotiations and get a solution pushed through. It would behove both Boehner and Obama to listen to McConnell to find an immigration solution. While the House may be the most responsive to the demands of the people and the President is the elected leader of the nation, the Senate remains the world’s greatest deliberative body. While it has been slow going under Harry Reid’s leadership (though to Reid’s credit, SB 744 was passed under him), McConnell may be able to revive its old traditions.

I hope a solution is found, and I agree with most all of SB 744 and am still disappointed that it wasn’t ultimately implemented. Immigration is an issue that has been particularly divisive in this country, and we need a solution that will work long term. I just hope that the next time such a bill comes around, the House is willing to hear it and pass it and the President is willing to sign it.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

To the Fans, I'm sorry I got caught. Sincerely, A-Rod

P.S. You still owe me $41,615.
Political correctness and the Keenan Revue

This past weekend, the Knights of Keenan Hall took the structurally unsound Stepan stage in “Revue’s Clues: A Private Investigation.” Last year, I implored the student body not to attend for their own good, and I tried to repeat that same message this time around. Overused ‘90s references and childhood nostalgia, a homage to the over-saturat-ed crime drama market and way too many critiques of Notre Dame stereotypes, policies and the admin- istration. I ask, where is the appeal?

Well, it is the 39th year of the Keenan Revue, so there is obviously a desire amongst the student body for good-natured humor. A full house the entire weekend confirmed that desire. This trend reflects the general consensus of the American people. Saturday Night Live is celebrated its 40th year anniversary last Sunday evening, so in a way, Keenan is the three-night opening act for SNL. While the dream is one day for SNL to open up for the Keenan Revue, Lorne Michaels demands a pretty high salary. This presents a problem as it has only athletes on social media who have fallen from pub- lic grace for speaking their mind; it is politicians, professors, teachers, the clergy and students who find themselves unable to truly express their be-liefs. Those who speak their mind and are willing to fight for their beliefs now face opposition under the monster of comment boards, blog posts, social media, lawsuit, a society that is drawn to buzzwords such as liberal and bigot and news stories involving allegedly “racist” or “feminist” re- marks. In the age of overwhelming and drowning opinions, it is through reason, Chait notes, that society will tri- umph again: “And that glory (of liberalism) rests in its confidence in the ultimate power of reason, not coercion, to triumph.”

It is not up to the Keenan Revue to decide what is right and what is wrong. The Revue merely ex- presses its views, whether they be in song, skit or dance form, to the student body. It is then up to the student body to reason what needs to be changed or what needs to be addressed on campus. The policing of the Keenan Revue by University administration is wrong and further perverts the American liberalism described by Chait. Does this University truly preach a message of open discus- sion and truths, if the powers that be fall prey to political correctness, and are willing to hide the truth in order to save face or avoid unwelcome con- frontations? Censorship does not allow the student body to formulate its own opinions or discuss the content that is provided. It is not the administra- tion who should decide what is right and wrong; it is the students.

In conclusion, this weekend featured the final bas- tions of attempts at truly free expression. While it may be under the pretense of comedy, there is a strong, powerful message underneath. SNL has changed America with its unrelenting parody of culture and politics, as evidenced by Will Ferrell’s dynamic impersonation of George W. Bush or Tina Fey’s brilliant portrayal of Sarah Palin that heav- ily influenced the ’08 election. The Revue has had legendary skits (search Flip & Tuck on YouTube) and even better performers, yet at the end of the day the Revue has strived above all, much like SNL, to parody life at Notre Dame, with all of its bizarre quirks, changes, policies and obsessions. So, in the unlikely event that you attended this weekend, re- member that we are trying to convey a message that is sometimes done best through absurd and what may seem like offensive comedy. The skits should be taken in good humor as a message about life in South Bend as a college student. Whatever logic or message that is, the Revue can leave you to reason what is right, wrong, or just plain funny.

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Give up trays for Lent

Still haven’t decided what to give up for Lent? With Ash Wednesday come and gone, the temptation can be settle for another mediocre, chocolate-less 40 days. But what if this year, your sacrifice had a true impact on your world? What if it battled social ills and the destruction of the planet at the same time as edifying you spiritually? And what if it were also a fairly simple choice? As simple as not using a tray in the dining hall?

Have I lost you? Let’s rewind a bit. A few facts and figures for your reading pleasure:

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), a branch of the United Nations, one third of the food produced in the world each year is lost or wasted. One third. That’s 2,600,000,000,000 pounds of waste. Each year.

Right, so we waste a lot. But aren’t there more pressing issues in the world? Like starvation? Like the incredible rate at which we are adding greenhouse gases to the atmosphere? Glad you asked, because food waste contributes to both of those and more.

According to the FAO, nearly one sixth of the world’s citizens are undernourished. This means that they do not even have sufficient amounts of food to lead healthy, active lives. Does our wastage problem seem slightly more dramatic now? Each year, the world’s farmers far, far exceed the amount of food that would be necessary for each human on the planet to thrive. Before it can get to them, however, we waste massive amounts of food at every step of production. Then wealthy consumers over-purchase food which eventually simply ends up in waste bins.

And then there is the environment. In 2013, the production of food waste was beaten out only by the United States and China in the amount of CO2 that it contributed to global warming. Food that is pro- duced and then wasted currently occupies around 1.3 billion hectares, or about 30 percent of the world’s agricultural land area. When the spread of agricul- tural land is one of the biggest contributors to the destruction of rain forests and biodiversity, that’s serious. And we haven’t even mentioned yet the un-fathomable amount of water, a scarce resource these days, that is used, nor the pollution created by the tons and tons of fertilizer dumped on these unedible crops.

Then of course, all of this pollution and environ- mental destruction ends up disproportionately af-fecting the poor. Poverty makes it nearly impossible for people to distance themselves from areas that are polluted and toxic for their health, and for them to overcome resource scarcity that the better-off society may not even notice.

So, we’ve established that we have a problem, and its name is food waste. What now?

The obvious answer is to waste less food; to be more conscious of how much food we’re eating; to finish all of our food to remind ourselves to take less next time. But it seems that no matter how much I harangue my friends about the issue, I watch their mountains of unedible French fries, tasted and dis- liked entire meals and whole pieces of fruit pass by me on the conveyor at the end of the next meal. We’re human. Our eyes are bigger than our stomachs. And conveniently, our big, empty trays let us indulge them.

This is my challenge then, regardless of whether you are Catholic, Christian or just generally fond of your fellow humans and the environment — during the 40 days of Lent, go trayless. Making wasting just a little bit more difficult for yourself. Let’s see if we can’t start big changes in the world with tiny changes in our lives.

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The BuzzFeed Books newsletters are an interesting mix. Most include one article about the Harry Potter series, a list of funny/inspiring/romantic quotes from the classics, features on some currently relevant best seller “cough” “Fifty Shades of Grey” and occasionally, at the very bottom, a book recommendation for the month.

For this article, I chose to read one such recommendation.

Rebecca Scherm’s “Unbecoming” is billed as a “Mystery and Thriller,” but I’d liken it more to a coming-of-age or rite of passage novel. Of course, the protagonist is a little twisted and in the end, it’s not clear she’s really matured. So maybe that’s not quite right either.

The story starts in Paris, with an American girl working in an antique repair shop. For some unknown reason, she lied to all of her coworkers — giving them a fake name and no documents. Grace from Garland, Tennessee, is fickle from California to her Parisian colleagues and though her lies are obvious, it becomes clear later on that each of her coworkers have their own reasons for letting her lie to them. Everyone, it seems, has their own secrets.

The novel, told from a third-person limited perspective, only delves into Grace’s secrets and past mistakes, leaving the reader to guess at what the others have done from Grace’s discoveries. She is the protagonist, so wrapped up in her own worries and stories that the other characters are only tangentially important.

Scherm’s story is compelling and amusing to read. I might be on a bit of a theme here, but like “Girl On A Train” and “Gone Girl,” it attempts to portray some sort of female delinquency. Unlike “Gone Girl” and even “Girl On A Train,” “Unbecoming” hardly deserves the “mystery” moniker if only because the final “solution” is made evident from the beginning. The reader knows that Grace isn’t as innocent as she would have anyone believe. The real question is whether she will learn from her past lies or not.

That said, the end was surprising. That Grace might resist all the lessons her life seems to be teaching her and not end up entirely punished, goes against everything literature has tried to teach me for the last twenty years. It’s almost, one might say, unbecoming of Scherm to give Grace the ending she does.

Still, this is perhaps what is compelling about “Unbecoming.” It’s not a story of punishment or redemption; it’s not a story of deep, spiritual change. It’s a story of art and the value of things and it’s a story of growing up in a small town where family means everything. It’s a story of escaping and reliving the past. It’s the story of a flawed girl who looks for love wherever she can find it and of the boys with whom she tries to find it.

To that end, “Unbecoming” was a rather fantastic read. As Grace flits from place to place, in her memories and in reality, Scherm has the opportunity to recreate her character to fit any society. Grace, it seems, is whatever she needs to be given her place and time; her reality is whatever lies she’s told her most recent companions. Perhaps this is why Scherm gives Grace a “happy ending,” though the finale hardly deserves the term. Grace continues on, adaptable as ever.

For my first attempt at a BuzzFeed recommended book, I’d say it was rather successful. “Unbecoming” was compelling, light and fun — exactly what I want (and expect) from my favorite procrastination website.

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They say don’t judge a book by its cover, but what do they say about judging music by its album cover?

“Vestiges and Claws,” José González’s new album released Tuesday, features a simple white sketch of an eye surrounded by foliage for its album art. It is reminiscent of his past album covers, simple and pleasant.

This is also the aesthetic I would attribute to the album itself; true to González but nothing new or experimental — overly safe.

Despite features on a few soundtracks, including “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty,” and work on albums with Junip, the Swedish folk-rock band he has fronted since 1998, this is the first work González has released since 2007’s “In Our Nature.” One would assume that an artist’s sound would evolve and change during this length of time, and he would come back rearing to experiment and implement new techniques. However, this was not the case with José González and “Vestiges and Claws.”

The dictionary definition of vestige is, “a mark, trace, or visible evidence of something that is no longer present or in existence.” This album is almost a direct translation of González’s sound on past work, making for an ironic title. Perhaps a vestige mentality, initiating risks and evolving his stylings while keeping traces of his known sound, would have made this a more exciting return for González. The self-produced album features three ethereal layers, percussion, guitar and vocals, that reccess or take precedence harmoniously. In a time of music with umpteen electronic components and involved instrumental and vocal arrangements, it is the welcome, relaxing reprise you need while traversing across campus in a snowstorm.

Case in point, “Let It Carry You,” will do just that on a trek from North Dining Hall to DeBartolo. The repeating downbeats pull you into a march, while the upbeat plucking combined with González’s sputtering vocals channel the snow falling around you — turning the dusting into something more sublime than a hassle. “Stories We Build, Stories We Tell” sums up the idea behind González’s lyricism on this album. What he simplifies in production and composition, he elaborates in songwriting. “The stories we tell / Oh, they’ll get to you,” González croons in a way that does just that. The lyrics evoke emotion but do so without conformation, sometimes without you even realizing it — a more subliminal, circuitous approach to “getting to you.”

However it is hard for these lyrics to so lazily reach you when they compete with guitar fingerpicking that sounds, with input from my dad who introduced me to José, “like the white man’s overbite clap, when someone has no beat but is trying to clap on time so they are overly focused” and “guitar that sounds like a cheap recording — or maybe it is my free beats — not the headset.” González’s laid-back, catch-it-if-you-can style is attuned to González’s album as a whole. His enunciation, although improved from past work, still lapers at times to the point of being uninterpretable.

The sound and appeal of the album is true to González, however, it proves less haunting in its third iteration. After eight years of anticipation, filled with replaying González’s past albums to exhaustion, his new work does not bring a reprieve — just ten new, non-distinct songs to throw onto my “Sleep” playlist.

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“Vestiges and Claws”
José González
Label: Mute
Tracks: “Let It Carry You,” “Leaf Off/The Cove”
If you like: Ben Howard, James Vincent McMorrow

What: Cloud Tectonics
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: DPAC
How Much: $7 for students
The opposite of the TLC hit “I Didn’t Know I Was Pregnant,” what happens if you’ve known you were pregnant for two years? José Rivera’s poetic love story explores human relationships, the impermanence of time and the possibility of miracles.

What: The Second City
When: 9:00 p.m.
Where: Washington Hall
How Much: Free
The Second City comedy improv group kicked started the careers of Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Jim Belushi, Steve Carell and the like. Show up early (doors open at 8 p.m.) for a chance to see some of the up-and-coming comedic talents headed for places like SNL.

What: “Force Majeure”
When: 6:30 p.m.
Where: DPAC
How Much: $4 for students
A favorite at this year’s Cannes Festival, this wickedly funny and precisely observed Swedish psychodrama follows a family on a skiing holiday in the Alps. When an avalanche hits the resort, the father makes a decision that challenges his role as family patriarch.
**SPORTS AUTHORITY**

Don’t pick infamous Jameis

Zach Kloniski

Sports Winter

Between Tim Tebow and Jameis Winston, give me the Gator, please. What’s that just say? You pick the worst.

As the pre-NFL Combine talk begins to heat up, we are already going deaf from the so-called debate of which signal caller will go No. 1 overall. At the moment the only thing that remains is simply to give my input. If I were to give a quick look at the quarterback battle, I would say the face of a modern-sport football team is simply a once-in-a-generational find. No other position on the offensive side of the ball can be the face of a modern-NFL team other than the quarterback, just because of how the game is.

With this in mind, let’s take a look at the quarterback’s division of those who made the divisional round of the playoffs this year: Joe Flacco, Tom Brady, Drew Brees, Cam Newton, Andrew Luck, Peyton Manning and Aaron Rodgers. These names do not evoke controversy. The first thing that pops into my head about them is that they have the innate ability to lead in all aspects of the world: on the field, in camera, in the locker room, in the film room and in the way they conduct themselves in life.

I hear the name “Jameis Winston” and I shudder. I think of crab legs, BB guns, screaming in a child’s blankets and the purple tape (sure, he wasn’t charged, but he’s still associated with it), his “interview” after the national championship game last year and the utter collapse against Oregon. That’s what Winston evokes in my mind. If nothing else, Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher deserves credit for somehow surviving the “Jameis Winston Show” at the Jack Haskin Circus Complex for two years.

Except a first-overall pick isn’t for two years. It’s for 20. Even many Florida State fans became fed up with Winston. On the other hand, Packer supporters are as proud of Rodgers as they are of Aaron Donald for his incredible blocks of cheese on their heads, and Patriots fans disregard Brady’s combine “highlights” as much as still Belichick does Deflategate.

A leader doesn’t have to be friends with all the other guys in the team. He doesn’t have to be the guy you want to go out with Sunday night after the game — in all honesty, he shouldn’t be. He does, however, need to earn his teammates’ respect. He does need to gain their trust and support.

When I think of a player comparable to Winston, my immediate response is Johnny Manziel. I am not saying the same as I trust reb-hab-resistant Johnny Football. I might even trust Manziel a little more than Winston as I am of that statement.

Compare Winston to Cam Newton, sure. Newton has grown a lot since he got into the league, but I wouldn’t exactly call him a successful No. 1 pick yet either, nor do I think his body will hold up until he is 30.

Call Winston an athletic freak with too much talent to pass up. Cool. Then look at just about every defensive NFL player and realize how much of a freak each one of them is. I think Winston is the 22nd pick last year. Now, about that whole Tebow thing...

...I am saying I’d take Tebow over any of the other quarterbacks I mentioned earlier! Of course not, but I’d take him over Winston in a heartbeat. Winston’s downsides outweigh his physical abilities in my eyes in the same way Tebow’s leadership, sheer will and personal character outweigh what he lacks as a quarterback — at least enough to where he’s clearly a more attractive choice than Winston.

Sure, you’d have to build a really good football team around Tebow for him to succeed, but before you even think about Tebow’s squad, you’ll have to build a better PR team around Winston.

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**NFL**

“No vote of confidence for Cutler in Chicago”

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Both the coach and general manager of the Chicago Bears were given ample opportunity Wednesday to endorse Jay Cutler as their quarterback for 2015 and beyond.

Time and again, they declined.

“We’re going to ask this about eight different ways,” coach John Fox said after one of the attempts Wednesday at the NFL scouting combine. “I don’t think there’s any question that there’s ability and talent there. But there’s a lot more that goes into it, and we’re evaluating that as we speak.”

The Bears signed Cutler to a seven-year contract worth $54 million guaranteed last offseason, with the thought that he’d lead them into the next decade. But 2014 was a deba-chic in Chicago. The Bears finished 5-11, coach Marc Trestman got fired and Cutler tied for the league lead in interceptions (18) and was at the center of controversy all season.

Fox said he met with Cutler when he was hired in January last month, but when pressed, the coach offered up nothing about what he took out of that meeting.

“I’m just getting to know him,” Fox said. “Everybody’s got perceptions. This is a relationship business and that takes time. I don’t want to stand up here and give you a final evaluation when maybe I’m a fourth through the test.”

The Bears brought in free agent Josh McCown for a tryout and Fox said there’s “obviously interest or we probably wouldn’t have met with him.”

Cutler is 44-38 as the Bears starter and has led the Bears within a game of the Super Bowl Only once, in 2010. That season, he hurt his knee in the NFC title game. Cutler has never had his overall rating over 90.

Bears general manager Ryan Pace was every bit as noncommittal as his coach when asked about having Cutler back this season. Cutting him would count as much as $15.5 million against the Bears salary cap, though there are ways to recoup some of that loss.

“We’re still evaluating all of that, obviously, going through this whole thing,” Pace said. “I don’t want to rush any decisions. I want to max out the time that we have and just be thorough with every one of these.”

Pace said the Bears are evaluating the tape on Cutler.

“But there’s things we want to know more about the player,” Pace said, “and that goes for all our players.”

**NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL**

**WISCONSIN 55, PENN STATE 47**

Decker, Kaminsky lead Badgers past Penn State

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pennsylvania - No. 5 Wisconsin couldn’t control Penn State’s D.J. Newbill on Wednesday night, so the Badgers settled for stopping all his teammates.

Sam Dekker scored 22 points and Frank Kaminsky added 16 as No. 5 Wisconsin overcame a late Penn State surge to defeat the Nittany Lions 55-47.

Dekker and Penn State’s D.J. Newbill waged an entertaining scoring battle. Newbill got 29 points, but the next-high- est scorer for Penn State (15-12, 3-1) was Brandon Taylor with seven.

The Badgers (24-2, 12-1), despite shooting 39 percent, were aided by Nigel Hayes’ 13 rebounds and nine points.

“Trying to get to the other end, Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan said. “If Newbill wants to get a shot, he’s going to get a shot. With how strong he is with the ball and deception and change of directions. We wanted to be sure he didn’t get a clean look. Fortunately they didn’t.”

Wisconsin’s 24th victory marked the school’s best start in program history.

Seventeen of Penn State’s 27 games have been decided by eight points or fewer and the Lions stuck around in this one. But they were 2 of 13 from long range and got to the foul line just three times.

Penn State’s players outside of Newbill were just 8 of 33 from the field.

“I was trying to get a win, man,” Newbill said. “The points mean nothing to me if we don’t win the game.”

“I think just being able to do whatever I could to keep my team in the game.”

Wisconsin never trailed and put the game away at the outset of the second half when Dekker sandwiched a pair of buckets around two free throws.

That forced a Penn State timeout, then neither team scored for more than three minutes before Newbill’s layup for Penn State and another Dekker 3-pointer that put the Badgers up by 14.

The teams combined for just 21 points in the first 11 minutes of the half, and the Badgers patiently built a 46-30 lead. Hayes and Kaminsky dominated the boards and Penn State went cold.

“We were trying to do whatever we could to keep the lead,” Kaminsky said. “We knew coming in they were much better at home and they were able to feed off that energy.”

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It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct to the other way.
By HUNTER McDANIEL
Sports Writer

After splitting last weekend's matches at Indiana and Illinois, Notre Dame will hit the road again this weekend with trips to Louisville and Pittsburgh.

The 26th-ranked Irish (4-3) will officially kick off their slate of ACC matches Friday afternoon in Louisville, Kentucky, when they take on the No. 74 Cardinals (9-3, 1-0 ACC) before traveling to Pittsburgh to face the Panthers (2-4, 0-1).

Following a disappointing 4-3 loss to the Hoosiers on Sunday, the Irish have begun to refocus before the action-packed weekend ahead of them, Irish coach Jay Louderback said.

"(Tuesday) was our first practice back, and we had a really great practice," Louderback said. "I was disappointed (with the loss to Indiana). The team was disappointed. But the kids were all fired up and ready to go once we started practice. You know, we play every match tough, with the ACC and our difficult nonconference schedule as well, and they know, especially on the road, we're going to have some losses.

"We weren't too happy, but as soon as we got back to practice we regrouped and are looking forward to starting ACC play this weekend." After a nonconference schedule that featured traditional Big Ten and Pac-12 rivals, Notre Dame will now turn its attention to conference opponents. However, not much strategy will be changing with the new opponents, Louderback said.

"We're not really going to do anything different," Louderback said. "We do make a switch in the format, with doubles going up to eight now. We go back to that this weekend, back to that format pretty much the rest of the year. In practice we've been working on the no-ad, and now we're switching back to regular scoring. It's a change that we need to get used to again. It makes it seem like the game lasts forever. That's a big, main adjustment."

Both Louisville and Pittsburgh will present early challenges for the Irish, Louderback said.

"Louisville — we saw them this fall in our tournament," Louderback said. "They only brought four or five players, so it'll be a new look this weekend. And they're going to be a different team from last year, with some graduating seniors. They're young, definitely a team we haven't seen much of. It'll be interesting to see how that match goes because they are young, and, for many of them, it's their first time through the ACC.

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Saint Mary’s continues nonconference slate

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After starting off the year with a Feb. 7 loss to Aquinas, Saint Mary’s dives back into the heart of its season this Saturday with back-to-back away matches against Ohio Northern and Wittenberg.

The Belles (1-1) had not competed since the end of September prior to their loss to Aquinas, and Belles coach Dale Campbell said he sees the defeat as a learning experience for the team.

"The lessons we learn from each match and getting better is most important," Campbell said. The Belles are gearing up for a tough season this spring, with early nonconference matchups preparing the team for tougher MIAA competition later in the season.

"Hope and Kalama Zoo, the defending No. 1 and No. 2 in our conference, should be extremely tough this year," Campbell said.

"Calvin was very tough last year too, and we cannot overlook anyone in our conference.”

The Belles are slated to square off against their first conference opponent, Hope, on Feb. 28, followed by a week-long trip in early March full of nonconference matches before resuming conference play in mid-March. The team will square off against Calvin on April 11 and finish the regular season at Kalama Zoo. The MIAA tournament features the top four teams in the conference, and Campbell said he expects the Belles to be playing in it.

"A certain goal [for the team] is to be top four in our conference, making the conference tournament," Campbell said. "We were top four in our conference last year, but we believe we can do better this year.”

The winter has held back the Belles, forcing them to battle the injury bug and preventing them from getting into solid practices, Campbell said.

"Players getting sick... has made it difficult to get into a rhythm,” Campbell said. “But we have a deep squad and are trying to get everyone ready to contribute.”

Campbell said the Belles will rely on senior captains Shannon Elliott, Jacqueline Kjelhede and Kayle Sexton for leadership both on and off the court, as the team welcomes four freshmen to its roster. Elliott posted a career-high 12 singles wins in the 2014 season, with Kjelhede and Sexton following with 10 and nine wins, respectively. Campbell said their leadership will be valuable because the team is trying to improve its singles game.

"A heavy focus was put on our... singles game over the past week," Campbell said. "With about five weeks of practice, we're trying to get better every week.”

The Belles continue their season this Saturday against Ohio Northern and Wittenberg. The first match is slated to begin in Lima, Ohio, at 1 p.m., with the second following at 6:30 p.m. in Dayton, Ohio.

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round, Brennan knocked down Nadar with a vicious headbut to the body. After the knockdown, Nadar showed fatigue and could not put together a comeback. Brennan advanced through by unanimous decision.

Atticus Coscia def. Albert ‘I am so Lone’ Lee

Lee came out on fire in the first round, but Coscia came out to match his opponent’s intensity, putting Lee on the defensive for the latter part of the round. The southwest Philadelphia native Siefried Hall Coscia landed several headshots on Lee to gain the early advantage. Lee remained on the defensive in the second round, eventually stopping to go through an eight-second count, but the Connecticut native used lightning-fast combinations to keep his fellow sophomore on the ropes to start the third round. Coscia continued to pour it on and kept Lee at bay until the final bell. As a result, Coscia was named the victor by unanimous decision.

Alex “El Cadejo” Alcantara def. Cullen ‘The Fishhook’ VonMeck

Both fighters kept their distance throughout the first round, employing defensive tactics. During the second round, Alcantara strongly put McNamie on the ropes, where he delivered a powerful left-hook combination of left and right hooks, putting McNamie on the ropes. McNamie was able to weather the storm but an Alcantara counterright hook forced him on the ropes again, where Alcantara scored a quick knockdown. McNamie came back to the center of the ring, opened the third round, and delivered more blows to the body. McNamie successfully dodged and parried each other until Espinoza unleashed a combination of shots to the head to start the third round, a moment that changed the course of the match. The junior never let McNamie recover and stayed on the offensive, applying continuous pressure. Espinoza was awarded a trip to the semifinals by unanimous decision.

“The Pope” DeLuca

The first round consisted of Devine pummeling Chelsky on the ropes several times. However, Chelsky quickly bounced back to fight the second round, using defense and counterpunches. Devine landed a powerful uppercut to Lee’s jaw, but a counterattack from Lee forced DeLuca onto the ropes, where Lee delivered a strong flurry. However, it was not enough secure the victory, as DeLuca took the bout by split decision.

145-pounds:


This fight started slowly, with both fighters coming out slower than others of the evening, as they tested each other out and probed different avenues of attack. The second round saw a continued defensive struggle, with few hard punches hitting the body. Both fighters successfully dodged and parried each other until Espinoza unleashed a combination of shots to the head to start the third round, a moment that changed the course of the match. The junior never let McNamie recover and stayed on the offensive, applying continuous pressure. Espinoza was awarded a trip to the semifinals by unanimous decision.

149-pounds:


This fight started slowly, as the two boxers looked to find a winning strategy. Near the end of the first round, Kiefer, a junior from the University of Pittsburgh, knocked on the defensive of his opponent, applying one solid combination. The second round saw more action and again, Kiefer managed to land more blows than Chang before the bell rang. In the third round, the junior from St. Joseph’s College built up more momentum with an attack, but Kiefer stifled his attempts and got the better of Chang throughout the round. Kiefer was declared the winner by unanimous decision.

158-pounds:

Garrett “Biscuit” McOSker def. Joe Quinones

Close-quarter fighting defined the first round, as both boxers sought to land body blows and keep his opponent close. Finally, the senior McOsker opened the action up by landing a powerful uppercut near the end of the first round. The second round slowed down, as both fighters seemed to tire as the fight wore on and neither boxer gained a clear advantage. In the third round the action heated up again with McOsker backing the freshman Quinones into the corner on multiple occasions. McOsker was declared the winner by unanimous decision.

Ryan “ATTILA” Dunn def. Sean Hillman

Dunn, a freshman from Knot Hall, came out swinging in the first round and attempted four right hooks that Hillman, a junior from St. Joseph’s College, managed to dodge. However, halfway through the round, Hillman hit the deck and the fight was stopped. Dunn had landed a punch that caused Hillman to fall, and he landed poorly. Dunn was declared the winner in a referee-stopped contest.

Chip Blood def. Eoghan “I am Actually from Ireland” Flanagan

The match began cautiously, as both opponents fighters started the first half of the opening round feeling each other out. Zahn’s Flanagan backed Blood, from Sorin College, into the corner, and unloaded several hard shots to the body and head. Blood escaped and threw a few blows of his own to even things up, and

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the first round ended inconclusively. The second round was more or less the same, with Flanagan landing a few more accurate strikes than Blood to take a slight edge. However, in the third and final round, both fighters put everything they had into each punch. In the end, Blood escaped the hard-fought match with a split-decision victory.

Joe "Sully" Sulentic def. Patrick Burkett

The fight began with the quicker Burkett, a sophomore from Siegfried Hall, darting around Morrissey Hall sophomore Sulentic, throwing periodic jabs to keep Sulentic from getting in too close. Eventually though, Sulentic trapped Burkett’s against the ropes with his hard cross to the head and ribs. Multiple times both fighters clinched each other, forcing the referee to separate the two. As the fight went on, Burkett’s speed slowed, leaving him vulnerable to steady and powerful hits from Sulentic through the third round. The match ended with Sulentic picking up the unanimous decision victory.

167-pounds:

Patrick "Pattycake" Shea def. "The Squirrel" Tomarello

In a battle of off-campus seniors, Tomarello squared off with Shea. The first round saw Shea take a slight edge as he managed to keep Tomarello on his back foot for most of the round. Despite this, Tomarello dodged most of Shea’s more intense punches. In the second round, Shea began to methodically wear down Tomarello using his superior height and reach. The fight halted for a few seconds in the second round as Tomarello was treated for a bloody nose. Shea continued to use his advantages in the final round and at the end of the bout, Shea was declared the winner by unanimous decision.

Mike "Greasy" Grasso def. Chris "Double Diesel" Clarke

Clarke started on the offensive, attempting to breach Grasso’s defenses with experimental jabs. However, a mistimed left hook gave the shorter Grasso an opening, and he forced Clarke into the corner on two separate occasions with relentless body blows, forcing two stoppages. Clarke adjusted well to Grasso’s strategy after the second stoppage, taking advantage of his superior reach, by throwing punches to connect under and around Grasso’s high guard. Clarke regained some momentum in the second round. Grasso became more tentative in the following rounds, giving Clarke opportunities to connect with combinations. Ultimately, however, Grasso’s early aggression earned him the advantage and the victory by split-decision.

Gage "American Psycho" O’Connell def. "Shoot Boot" Rosette

The fight began with both boxers immediately laying into each other, throwing flurry of punches to the head and body. The storm ended with a sudden jab that knocked Rousseau, a senior from Fisher Hall, down. The second round was more or less the same, with both fighters exchanging moments of control where they trapped each other in the corner landing hard shots to the body and head. The third round devolved into an endurance test, as both men threw as many punches as they could, bringing the crowd to a fever pitch. Finally, the bell rang, and in the end, the judges awarded the law student O’Connell the victory by split-decision.

Mike "Flanigan" Flanigan def. Paddy "El Canelo" Lawler

The intensity of this matchup was apparent from the opening bell, as both boxers traded body and headshots continuously throughout the first round, inciting loud cheers from their large and boisterous supporting sections. At different points in the opening round, each fighter pushed his opponent up against the ropes. The second round saw much of the same, as the freshman Lawler came out firing but was even matched by the senior Flanigan. In the final round, both fighters went all out, and there did not seem to be a clear victor at the final bell, but the judges awarded split-decision victory to Flanigan.

178-pounds:

Jason "Downtown" Ellinwood def. Matt "Hands" Bedell

The duo exchanged jabs early, but Ellinwood’s headshots were more effective in the early stages of the fight. In the second round, Bedell searched for the perfect punch while Ellinwood landed a series of jab-hook combos, forcing a count halfway through the frame. Bedell attempted to respond as the second round concluded, but his attempts were countered with strikes from Ellinwood. The final round saw Bedell land an early body combo, but a parried hook gave Ellinwood room for an uppercut that forced the second count of the match. Bedell survived the count and finished the fight, but Ellinwood took the victory by unanimous decision.

Brendan "Rainman" Lesch def. James "Iceman" Hodgens

Both fighters launched an all-out offensive to start the body-contested match. Lesch landed a brutal right hook to Hodgens’ head, sending him reeling and forcing a stoppage. The hook seemed to shake Hodgens, whose intensity wavered towards the end of the round. Lesch returned to his right hook again and again, causing Hodgens to stagger back to his corner. Hodgens roared back in the second, though, taking advantage of a haphazard defensive stance from Lesch. The third round started in much the same manner as the first — with a punishing right hook from Lesch — sending Hodgens to his knees, earning Lesch a decisive victory in a referee-stopped contest.

Brent Breslaw def. Ryan "Cherry Bomb" Connell

After a slow start to the bout, Breslaw went on the offensive. Breslaw fought more aggressively than his freshman opponent, Connell, in the first round. The second period saw a shift in momentum, as the fighters stood in the center of the ring, going blow for blow. The third round opened as an all-out brawl, as Breslaw repeatedly forced his opponent to the ropes and landed devastating headshots, but Connell continued to fight back throughout the round. Ultimately his effort was not enough, as Breslaw secured a unanimous decision victory from the judges.

Erie "P-Rex" Palutis def. Brian "Rowdy" Roddy

These two seniors showed patience early in the bout, before Palutis landed a number of devastating shots at the end of the first round. The second round featured much of the same, but Breslaw was able to land a higher percentage of his punches. As the third round began, Palutis started to pull away from Roddy, bringing the fighter into the corner more than once and landing fierce shots to the face and body. Though the fight was close throughout, Palutis did just enough to differentiate himself and earn a split-decision victory over Roddy.

184-pounds:

Derek Meyer def. Jack "Hammer" Huguenard

The beginning of the match was mostly defensive, with Corrigan landing a right jab that snuck past Huguenard’s guard and made contact with his head. Meyer responded in kind, though, delivering a flurry of body blows to take a lead against the ropes at the end of the first round. To start the next frame, Corrigan managed to duck a hook and put a firm body shot, only for Meyer to connect with an uppercut of his own. Both fighters appeared exhausted by the end of the bout, with punches losing speed and missing their targets. Ultimately, though, Meyer’s earned the victory by unanimous decision.

CJ "Chief Justice" Pruner def. Erik "The Dozer" Mendoza

Pruner used his longer reach early and often, lobbing punishing blows around the guard of Mendoza to remain continuously on the assault. Still, Mendoza retained a strong stance and responded with well-targeted body blows. Pruner’s momentum continued throughout the second round, as he pressed his height advantage, forcing Mendoza out of range with straight jabs and for much of the second round. Pruner forced the issue as the final round opened, taking Pruner’s jabs and responding with strong body shots of his own, capped by a crashing right hook to Pruner’s head. Still, Pruner’s early assaults earned him an advantage that he maintained throughout the match, resulting in a victory by unanimous decision.

Bryan Cooley def. Mike Rossetto

Pitting freshman against senior, these two boxers opened the match with a flurry of action. Midway through the first round, the senior Cooley knocked his opponent to the ground, but Rossetto battled back to make the first round close. In the second round, Cooley continued to land punches and a punch, forcing the referee to stop the fight momentarily. Rossetto was never out of the fight, however, and was able to stand land punches on his opponent throughout the bout. Cooley’s experience proved to be too much for the freshman, however, as Rossetto was pulled away in the third round and secured a unanimous-decision victory and a spot in the semis.

Brian "Cheese" Willis def. Lucas "Da Ugly Doo" de la Rosa

De la Rosa limped into the ring, but Willis weathered the storm and forced him up against the ropes twice early in the first round. Before the end of the round, Willis landed a brutal blow that sent de la Rosa crashing into the ropes. As medics and trainers helped de la Rosa to a sitting position, Willis waited in the opposite corner. When the referee blew the whistle, the ring, de la Rosa limped into the ring, was met with a hug from his opponent, and Willis was granted a victory in a referee-stopped contest.

196-pounds:

Pat Gordon def. Chris "The Fist" Vazquez

Each fighter began the bout by throwing punches with an emphasis on body shots and pressure. The first round proved to be an even affair, with both landing several jabs before the frame’s conclusion. In the second round, Gordon saw Vazquez break the defensive stalemate, as he nearly forced Vazquez to kneel over with a brutal left hook. The strike seemed to shake Vazquez, whose guard faltered and he adopted a more haphazard attack. Gordon continued to push forward, but “The Fist” did not go quietly, finding a second wind and forcing Gordon against the ropes again. The momentum from Gordon’s second-round punch set the tone for the fight, though, earning the freshman a victory by unanimous decision.

Evan "Heavy Duty" Escobedo vs. Ian White

Escobedo and White traded punches at the center of the ring and danced around one another for much of an evenly-matched first round. In the second frame, these two seniors continued to battle in the middle of the ring, but Escobedo was able to find his opponent more frequently. Once the third round got going, Escobedo began to pull away from White, getting into the corner and overwhelming him en route to earning a unanimous-decision victory.

Chris Croushore def. Daniel "iSmis Drinkable Yogurt" Babiak

Croushore held a height and reach advantage but Babiak rallied his opponent and had him on the run as the first round went...
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The fight saw both fighters forgo lengthy jabs in favor of vicious body blows. Each fighter landed a pair of openings of his own.

Jackson "The Flash" Wrede def. Kyle "Hot Crossed" Munns

Much of the first round was spent sparring in the center of the ring, as the law student Munns and freshman Wrede searched for weaknesses. The second round saw the fighters trade body shots, before Wrede began to knock his opponent off balance and drive him to the fringes of the ring. At the start of the third round, Munns came out firing, forcing Wrede to the ropes, but Wrede was able to fight him off and reassert control of the fight with one punch after another. Wrede was ultimately too much for Munns, as he secured a unanimous-decision victory.

Jackson "The Flash" Wrede knockout victory over Gates.

Jack Considine def. Joseph "The Dirty Bubble" Stevens

The bout seemed to tilt further in Considine's favor as the middle frame progressed, with his hooks forcing Stevens to adopt a more defensive style. Stevens tried increase the speed of the match and avoid Considine's strategy of fighting near the ropes in the final round, but his efforts afforded Considine openings of his own. After an exchange of hooks and jabs that left Stevens reeling, the bell rang and Considine took the unanimous-decision victory.

Heavy Weight

Gerry "Jarreigh" Kellihier def. Kevin "Packy" Gates

Early in the fight, it seemed as if both fighters simply wanted to out-muscle the other, clinching often. Kellihier landed shot after shot before the referee was forced to stop the fight momentarily, but Gates came back with a fury to end the round. The second round featured a similar intensity, but neither fighter was able to gain an edge. Midway through the final round, Kellihier landed a pair of devastating shots to the face, and he was ultimately able to earn a unanimous-decision victory over Gates.

Ryan "The Swedish Meatball" Lindquist def. Erich "Daddy" Jegier

Both fighters exchanged haymakers to start the bout, with neither willing to back off. The fight was interrupted midway through the first round, as Lindquist bloodied Jegier's nose. Jegier had trouble regaining his early intensity. Lindquist continued with jabs to the face that forced stoppages in the first and second rounds as trainers tended to nose bleeds. The wound did not slow Jegier down, however, as he renewed his aggression in the later half of the fight. The two matched blows through the end of the second round, with neither fighter earning any apparent advantage or appearing to fatigue. The fight concluded with Lindquist taking home the split-decision win.

Tyler "Tuna" Plantz def. Taylor "Showbiz" Kolbus

A contrast between reach and tenacity defined the fight from the opening bell, as Plantz's hard-hitting barages sought to overcome the far-reaching jabs and hooks of the lanky senior Kolbus. Each managed a number of blows, with the majority of Plantz's connecting with his opponent's midssection, while "Showbiz" targeted the head. Plantz earned a warning against low blows midway through the round.

Still, he managed to take advantage of his nimble step and forced Kolbus into a defensive grapple in a corner. The final round proved decisive, as Plantz found a pair of openings and managed to close the distance between himself and his taller opponent. When the bell rang to end the match, Plantz took home the unanimous-decision victory.

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that’s what I want to see because that’s completely controllable,” Aoki said. “Sometimes performances are gonna be great, and sometimes they’re not gonna be so great, but if the compete factor is there, we can still manage to take a weekend, three out of four, when maybe we didn’t play at our very best.”

As Notre Dame is just starting its season, its first two weekends feature four-game series, while the majority of the rest of the season will consist of three-game weekend series. That extra game helps the team solidify factors like its starting lineup, especially with ACC play opening in just two weeks, Aoki said.

“There’s so many things that are still up in the air,” he said. “I think the playing four-game weekends early really kind of gives you an indication of how guys are gonna react when the games count for real.”

The Irish take on Incarnate Word tonight at 6:05 p.m. at Nelson Wolff Stadium in San Antonio to open the Irish Alamo Invitational. They will later face Villanova on Friday and Northwestern on Saturday.

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Notre Dame sophomore infielder Cavan Biggio swings at a pitch during a 2-1 win over Clemson at Frank Eck Stadium on May 9. Biggio was 1-3 at the plate, including an RBI that gave them the go-ahead run.

Irish senior first baseman Phil Mosey flicks a throw to the bag during Notre Dame’s 2-1 win over Clemson at Frank Eck Stadium on May 9. This was the first home game at Frank Eck Stadium with new turf.
against Hofstra on Sunday. Playing multiple days in a row in a position as stressful as pitcher can be a daunting, but Nasland said she was not worried about getting physically overworked.

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Irish junior Jewell Loyd looks to pass the ball during Notre Dame’s 63–50 win over Duke on Monday at the Purcell Pavilion. Loyd leads Notre Dame in scoring this season with 20.7 points per game.

Irish sophomore pitcher Allie Rhodes hurls a pitch in a 12-4 win over Boston College on May 3 at Melissa Cook Stadium.

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playing together, I think everybody’s starting to get comfortable. The freshmen look a lot more comfortable, so I think we’ve coming a really long way.

In the most recent win over the Blue Devils, Irish junior guard Jewell Loyd — who was named to the Naismith Trophy women’s midseason 30 list last week, along with freshman forward Brianna Turner — tallied a game-high 21 points, 12 of those coming on four 3-pointers.

Those 21 points brought her 2014-2015 scoring total to 538, helping her become the fastest player to accumulate 500 points in a season in Notre Dame history. Her 20.7 points per game also lead the ACC.

Even with an All-American distinction and national freshman of the year award under her belt after her first two seasons, Loyd said she has noticed a change in how she approaches the game as a junior.

“I just think that I’m more passionate — I want it more,” she said after the Duke game. “I’ve had some great mentors before who really preached that. ... When I get on the floor, I just want to have fun. I want to compete every single night.”

McGraw said Loyd’s improvement has extended to defense as well, where she has posted Notre Dame’s second-most steals (43) and third most defensive rebounds (95).

“She’s fighting screens a lot better,” McGraw said. “She thinks she’s communicating a lot more, and her lockdown faceguard is a lot better than it was last year.”

The Yellow Jackets will bring their own Naismith candidate to McCamish Pavilion in sophomore guard Kaela Davis. Davis’ 20.2 points per game sit in third place in the conference behind Loyd and Wake Forest senior forward Dearia Hamby.

Joining Davis in the Georgia Tech starting lineup is junior forward Roddricka Rogers, whose 60-percent field-goal percentage trails only Turner’s 68 percent mark in the ACC.

Davis led the Yellow Jackets with 24 points in their first game against the Irish despite getting into foul trouble. Georgia Tech sits fifth in the conference in scoring defense, averaging 73.5 points per game. But its defense ranks 12th out of 15 teams, giving up 68.3 points per night, a stat that fares well for an Irish offense that leads the ACC with 84.0 points per game.

Even though Notre Dame has already collected a win against the Yellow Jackets this season despite a poor defensive performance, McGraw said her players need to keep their focus through their final four regular-season contests.

“Every game is important,” she said. “The most important game is the next one up, and we’ve got to look at it that way: every single game matters from here on out. We’re focused on the next game.”

The Irish and Yellow Jackets tip off at 7 p.m. Thursday at McCamish Pavilion in Atlanta.

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Irish junior Jewell Loyd dribbles the ball on offense against Duke in a 63–50 win on Monday at the Purcell Pavilion. Loyd leads Notre Dame in scoring this season with 20.7 points per game.
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**BASEBALL**

**Team heads south for four-game series**

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Notre Dame will escape the South Bend snow and cold this weekend when it travels to San Antonio for the Irish Alamo Invitational. The Irish (3-1) will take on Incarnate Word, Villanova and Northwestern in the tournament, which they enter coming off a 3-1 start to their season in Oklahoma.

Notre Dame has traveled to San Antonio six out of the last seven years for the invitational, held at Nelson Wolff Stadium.

“You’ve got a certain level of comfort [at the tournament], and I think that familiarity and the comfort that it breeds allows you to play at a pretty high level,” Irish coach Mik Aoki said. “Obviously, part of the challenge of going on the road is that oftentimes, you could be going into a place you’ve never been, and just that level of uncertainty might just affect you a little bit, but this is a place where three out of our four classes on the team have been. It’s a good setup.”

The Irish will take on Incarnate Word (2-2) on Thursday, Villanova (0-2) on Friday and Northwestern (0-3) on Saturday, with a potential championship game Sunday. Though Notre Dame collected more wins during its opening tournament than this weekend’s opponents combined, Aoki said his team should not consider itself as a favorite heading into the matchups.

“It’s so early in the season to say that well, Northwestern, who played Oregon State and Michigan State — they played three

**ND SOFTBALL**

**Irish travel to Cathedral City**

By MIKE GINOCCHIO
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After stumbling to a disappointing finish at the Tiger Invitational last weekend, the No. 23 Irish look to get back on track when they travel to Cathedral City, California, for the Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic, which starts Thursday.

Notre Dame (5-4) will be one of 35 teams competing over the weekend, and three of its five scheduled games are against other ranked teams. Last weekend, the Irish finished 1-3, including two narrow 3-2 losses, but sophomore pitcher Rachel Nasland said the team has diagnosed the problem and is ready to move on.

“(Last) weekend did not play out as we had hoped,” Nasland said. “We didn’t come out with the same intensity that we typically do, and I think that is what ultimately hurt us. However, this is just the start of the season, and we are still trying to adjust to the rigorous schedule.”

Notre Dame’s opponents in California include No. 10 Tennessee, No. 25 Texas and No. 8 Georgia. This will be the first time the Irish have played the Volunteers since 2005, when Notre Dame won 5-2. Notre Dame last faced the Longhorns in 2007 and the Bulldogs in 2004, when the Irish lost, 7-1, in the sole meeting between the squads.

Against such strong teams, pitching will be key to establishing the Irish on the field, Nasland said.

“Pitchers set the mood for the entire game,” Nasland said. “If, as a pitching staff, we can continue to hold steady on the mound, I think it will mentally allow the hitters to relax at the plate and not press. They can then be confident that we will outscore the opposing team.”

Nasland in particular has been effective recently. In three games at LSU, she recorded a 0.88 ERA in 16 innings, allowing just two earned runs on only seven hits. In addition to starting twice, Nasland came in as a reliever for the Irish and clocked six no-hit innings.

**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

**ND puts 10-game win streak on the line against Tech**

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The last time No. 4 Notre Dame faced off with Georgia Tech on Jan. 22, Irish coach Muffet McGraw dished out some scathing words to her team after an 89-76 win.

The Irish (24-2, 11-1 ACC) will see just how far they have come in a month when they meet the Yellow Jackets (14-12, 4-8) tonight at McCamish Pavilion in Atlanta.

The home win over Georgia Tech was the second game in January in which Notre Dame showed serious vulnerabilities, the other being a Jan. 8 loss at Miami (Fla.). However, Notre Dame has bested opponents by an average of 22.2 points since the Georgia Tech game, and its 13-point win over Duke on Monday was the smallest margin of victory since then.

“I think we’ve come a long way since early in the conference,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said after the Duke game. “We’re playing great basketball; we’re