ND continues to challenge HHS ruling

Supreme Court orders a circuit court to revisit initial lawsuit against the contraceptive mandate

By MADISON JAROS

Last Monday, the Supreme Court called the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals to revisit its earlier ruling on Notre Dame’s case against the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Notre Dame’s court case, which the University initially filed in May 2012, asks for an exemption to the mandate in the Affordable Care Act that requires that employers provide their employees with access to birth control.

University spokesperson Paul Browne said the 7th Circuit Court previously denied Notre Dame’s request for a temporary restraining order regarding the mandate, which Browne said violated the University’s religious tenets by requiring participation “in a regulatory scheme to provide abortion-inducing products, contraceptives and sterilization.”

“The program has been in the works for a long time and the pilot phase started in 2012,” Terry said. “The pilot phase started with just one course that was adapted from a course that we have in English.”

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Program encourages faith formation among Latinos

By SELENA PONIO

The Institute for Church Life (ICL) at the University of Notre Dame has launched Camino, an online faith formation program for Latino Catholics.

Camino Program Director Esther Terry has developed Camino from its early stages, she said.

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Notre Dame announces Laetare Medal recipient

Observer Staff Report

The University will award Grammy-winning singer Aaron Neville the Laetare Medal at its 2015 Commencement, Director of Media Relations Sue Lister announced Sunday.

The Laetare Medal is the oldest award given to American Catholics, having originated in 1883, according to the press release. The University awards the medal each year to a Catholic “whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity.”

University President Fr. John Jenkins described Neville as a man who uses his own strengths to express his faith.

“Aaron Neville proudly embraces and honors his faith through his God-given musical talents,” Jenkins said in the press release. “Through tumultuous times in his life, Aaron turned to God, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St.

Former Irish president explores peace process

By JENNIFER FLANAGAN

Former Irish president Mary McAleese discussed her experiences as a primary advocate for the Irish peace process Monday in the McKenna Hall Auditorium.

As the first president of Ireland, McAleese served two consecutive terms from 1997 to 2011, ruling the nation during the Troubles, a time ravaged by civil war between Unionists, who were predominantly Protestants, and Nationalists, who were predominantly Catholics.

As a leader of a deeply divided nation, McAleese, who was born and raised in Northern Ireland, said the struggle for peace was at the core of her presidency. Describing the theme of her time in office as focused on “building bridges,” McAleese said her role in activism began at an early age.

“I was part of the first generation of young Catholics to have the advantage of upper-level education, and we were now going to apply our brain power to a very dysfunctional society in which Catholics were excluded,” she said.

McAleese said she credited her ability to focus on peace building to her foundation of gospel values.

“If I was fortunate the core of gospel values always pulled me back,” she said. “The voices of calm helped me. I was angry enough to go the other way [toward anger].”

McAleese said her strategy to build peace in Ireland involved forging relationships between opposing Protestant and Catholic communities.

“Peace building is essentially about relationship building,” she said. “It starts with a belief — proven to be well-founded — that people can change their minds, which is very important, because otherwise, there would not be a point.”

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

How's the weather?

Louis Bertolotti
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“As hot as you are.”

Phillip Gilroy
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“Could be better.”

Gracie Williams
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“It’s un-Notre Dame-like.”

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“B-E-A-tiful.”

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“Beautiful.”

Caroline Kurtz
junior
Badin Hall

“It’s not too hot and it’s not too cold. All you need is a light jacket.”

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Tuesday

“Russia: Empire Upside Down”

Pasquerilla Center
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Lecture.

Tennis Match

Eck Tennis Pavilion
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Men’s tennis takes on Texas Tech.

Wednesday

Poetry Reading

Eck Center Auditorium
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Notre Dame Review Book prize winner John Shapowa.

Film: Sewing Hope

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Documentary film.

Thursday

“Leadership in the 21st Century: a Fighter Pilot’s Perspective”

Hayes-Healy Center
8 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Lecture.

WHAM! BAM! POETRY SLAM!

Snite Museum Auditorium
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Baseball Game

Frank Eck Stadium
6:05 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Notre Dame baseball team takes on Louisville.

Saturday

Lacrosse Game

Arlee Stadium
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Women’s lacrosse takes on Ohio State.
penetrate the core of the sectarian divide, McAleese said she made progress by emphasizing her goals of building and sustaining relationships for the long run.

In April 1998, the Irish government created the Belfast Agreement, ending the civil war. Although McAleese described the agreement as fair and decent, involving huge concessions on both sides, she said it lacked perfection.

A main hindrance to the peace-building efforts is a reluctance to forget the past, McAleese said. “The demography of Northern Ireland and its social life is still strongly related to the past,” she said. “Ninety-three percent of all people inhabit areas essentially defined by their religion, [making] social integration very difficult.”

McAleese said the current sectarian environment of Northern Ireland lacks opportunity for truly meeting and befriending one another. She said the current situation in Ireland is reflective of the recent Scottish referendum.

“We are working toward a referendum, and when it happens, I hope it happens like the Scottish referendum, a democratic dialogue,” she said.

McAleese said she hopes the referendum does not favor the nationalist approach. “I cannot see an independent Ireland quite frankly,” she said. “I have not a vision nor have heard a vision for an independent Ireland, and I do not know where it would sit.”

Whatever future Ireland holds, McAleese said her greatest wish is that it is conducive to the human dignity of all its inhabitants.

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been taking these courses in English, and they had been receiving requests for courses in Spanish,” Terry said.

On Camino’s website, Notre Dame professor of theology Fr. Virgil Alzendo said Camino is “a great way to use media and technology to give learning opportunities beyond the University.”

The STEP program worked in collaboration with the Southeast Pastoral Institute in Miami (SEPI) to develop Camino. Various dioceses are also involved with advertising the program to potential participants.

“The people that take our courses are typically catechists, readers (and) serve in the music ministry,” Terry said. “ [They] usually have some position in their parish and they want to have ongoing faith formation.”

Terry said the program prides itself in the flexibility and accessibility of its courses. She said many of Camino’s participants live in rural areas or other places where learning resources in their native language are limited.

“I think the flexibility of hours for taking an online course and the quality of what we are able to deliver in places where it would be very difficult for them to have this formation experience makes [this program] very important,” Terry said.

Terry said she enjoys contributing to Camino.

“It’s been so exciting to see people engage in Scripture and engage the Catechism and see the sense of wonder and excitement that they have,” Esther Terry
director Camino

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The Supreme Court ruling certainly makes it more likely that Notre Dame will receive a more accommodating (decision) than has been previously offered, but how exactly HHS will adjust the law in light of Notre Dame’s recognized legal protections is yet to be determined,” Muñoz said.

It is not uncommon for the Supreme Court to allow a lower court to reconsider its previous ruling on a case without approaching the case directly itself, political science professor Rick Garnett said.

“This (decision) does not necessarily mean that Notre Dame will prevail, but it is a good sign,” Garnett said. “At the very least, it is a welcome development that the lower court opinion, which contained inappropriate abuses and unnecessary rhetoric, is vacated.”

Garnett said Notre Dame’s case against HHS bears resemblance to Hobby Lobby’s case in 2014, in which the Supreme Court ruled that Hobby Lobby was not required to provide contraception to its employees because of its religious objections. However, there are some differences between the two cases, he said.

“Notre Dame’s case is different (from the Hobby Lobby case) in the sense that, first, the University is a non-profit with a clear religious character and, second, the precise actions being compelled by the government are different,” he said. “That said, the basic form of the arguments is the same. In each case, the claimant is saying that a particular government action imposes a substantial burden on religious exercise and that the burden is unnecessary and therefore unlawful.”

Those following the case should remember that Notre Dame is not arguing that the HHS mandate is unconstitutional, but that it violates a particular statute, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), Garnett said.

“It is probably not unconstitutional for the federal government to require employers like Notre Dame to provide the coverage in question,” he said. “But, the Act provides increased protection for religious liberty and religious objectors and — in my view — the best arguments lead to the conclusion that the mandate violates the Act.”

Law professor Orlando Sneed said the Supreme Court likely called on the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals to review its previous decision because the original decision was not in line with the RFRA.

“RFRA prohibits the federal government from restricting religious freedom unless it does so for the most compelling reason imaginable and by following the least restrictive means to accomplish this purpose,” Sneed said. “Whatever one might think about the government’s purposes in maximizing access to contraceptives and drugs or devices that the FDA labeling suggests might function by causing the death of a newly-conceived embryo, it is clear that there are less restrictive and coercive ways to accomplish this goal than to compel Notre Dame to facilitate such access by modifying the operation of its health plan.

"Accordingly, my judgment is that the HHS mandate fails the careful balancing test established by RFRA.”

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Esther Terry
director Camino

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Jude for strength, forgiveness and salvation. “You example of repentance and integrity bring light for all who see him perform.”

In his prolific career as a musician, Nevicke released four albums that achieved platinum status, created four top 20 hits in the United States, won the 1989 Grammy Award for Best Pop Instrumental Performance and Best Pop Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocals and was named a 2013 Grammy Hall of Fame Recording Inductee. The 74-year-old attended the public school in New Orleans as a child and dedicated each of his albums to the apostle St. Jude, patron saint of hope and impossible causes, the press release stated.

In winning the Laetare Medal, Nevicke joins the ranks of other American Catholics including President John F. Kennedy, Dorothy Day, Walter Mondale, Martin Sheen and many others.

The University’s 170th Commencement Ceremony was held March 17 in Notre Dame Stadium.

Officials identify crew in Florida crash

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Members of a seasoned, Louisiana-based National Guard crew who died last week in a helicopter crash off Florida’s Panhandle in a night-time training exercise, have been identified.

The Louisiana National Guard identified the pilots and crew of a Black Hawk helicopter that crashed March 10 in the Santa Rosa Sound off Florida’s Panhandle in a night-time training exercise in dense fog with seven elite Marines aboard. All 11 in the Black Hawk died.

“I could hear the thud of a finer crew,” said Col. Patrick Rossetta, a commander over aviation units for the Louisiana National Guard. “Let me put it this way: I would have put my son up with them.”

Maj. Gen. Glenn H. Curtis, the National Guard’s adjutant general, announced the soldiers’ identities during a news conference at Jackson Barracks in New Orleans.

The soldiers’ remains are being transported to Dover, Delaware for identification. Burials have not yet been arranged. The names of the Marines killed in the crash were released Friday. The Marines were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Three members of the flight crew were from Louisiana and one was from Virginia. This is described as among the military’s most seasoned helicopter pilots and crew.

Piloting the helicopter were Chief Warrant Officer George Wayne Griffin Jr. of Delhi, 37, and Chief Warrant Officer Trenton Luke of Strotheras of Alexandria, 46. Both were decorated veteran pilots. All four of the crew were from the 1st Battalion.

Curtis said it was unknown which pilot was in charge at the time of the accident. “I don’t know that we’ll ever know that. And I don’t even know if that’s really important. The accident happened; it is what it is,” Curtis said.

The crash is being investigated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, based in Fort Rucker, Alabama. That investigation will “try to pinpoint exactly what happened, if it was a mechanical failure, or whatever it was,” said Curtis. But Rossetta said the foggy nighttime conditions should not have been a major factor. “What they were doing was beyond our control.”

Maj. Gen. Joseph L. Osterman, commander of Marine Corps special operations forces, has said they were practicing rappelling down ropes into the water and said the crew had been “kicked in the gut” and had been thinking it was too easy.

Also killed on the crew were 1st Lt. Brian Bergeron of Queens, 24, of Thibodaux and Staff Sgt. Thomas Florich, Fairfax, Virginia. Florich, a military baby with full honors were being planned for the dead.

“Now we can start bringing him back,” said Curtis. He said the delay in releasing the names was due to bad weather including the storm that delayed recovery efforts and the nature of the catastrophic crash. He also said the mili- tary requires DNA testing to positively identify the dead.

Across Louisiana flags are flying at half-staff until Sunday, March 20 to honor the dead. Officials earlier identified the Marines as Capt. Joseph Carleton, 27, of Basking Ridge, New Jersey; Master Sgt. Thomas Saunders of Williamsburg, Virginia; Staff Sgt. Lain Flynn of Queens, New York; Staff Sgt. Trevor P. Blaylock of Lake Orion, Michigan; Staff Sgt. David Kemp of Port Washington, Wisconsin; Staff Sgt. Andrew Seif of Holland, Michigan; and Staff Sgt. Marcus K. Brown of Warren, Michigan.

All were from the 2nd Special Operations Battalion, 23rd Expeditionary Special Operations Command.
Re-evaluating Putin: part two

Stephen Raab
Let’s Talk Smart

My first column for The Observer, published in April 2014, was “Re-evaluating Putin.” In it, I argued that the international community had been too harsh in its criticism of Russian president Vladimir Putin. While I acknowledged the missteps of the Putin administration (specifically on LGBT rights and foreign policy), I argued that he’d also been of great benefit to Russia and to the world in other areas, and that he should not be written off as inept.

That was nearly a year ago. Much has changed since then. Most notably, anti-Putin activist Boris Nemtsov was shot and killed outside the Kremlin. The shooting occurred just days before he was supposed to lead a demonstration against Russia’s proxy war in Ukraine. This convenient timing has spurred suggestions that the assassins were working on Putin’s behalf, if not in accordance with his direct orders.

I have previously been skeptical of conspiracy theories that have emerged from the New Russia; that is to say, I have not assumed that said conspiracies must be well-founded just because they allegedly happened in Russia. I did not regard accusations that the 1999 apartment bombings were false flags to provoke the Second Chechen War with any more credibility than suggestions that Bush orchestrated the 9/11 attacks. Likewise, allegations of Kremlin-sanctioned hits against journalist Anna Politkovskaya and tycoon Boris Berezovsky are circumstantially based. While future information may substantiate these claims, the burden of proof has not been overcome.

This is not the case with the Nemtsov assassination. On top of the already suspicious timing of the death, one of the first suspects arrested in connection with the shooting confessed to his involvement, then retracted his confession, saying it had been forced from him. Even by generous standards of proof, it is likely that Nemtsov was assassinated to further the aims of the Putin administration.

I am reminded of George Orwell’s statement in “Politics and the English Language,” that “some competent English professor defending Russian totalitarianism … cannot say outright ‘I believe in killing off your opponent,’ if you get good results by doing so,” before suggesting that apologists for such behavior prefer to deflect attention from the matter with meaningless euphemisms. Simply put, I don’t want to be that guy. I’ve cut Putin slack before, but the benefits he’s brought the Russian people are now outweighed by the detriments.

I am disappointed. After the mess that was the Yeltsin administration and its economic ruin, Putin was supposed to be a fresh face for the New Russia. And for a while, he was. The economy rebounded, the country regained the territory of Chechnya and the Iron Curtain began to lift. But the last few years of free speech restrictions and international standing have heralded a reversal. Though the country hasn’t gone full Soviet yet, it’s on its way.

The truly bizarre part of this trend is that Putin didn’t need to do any of it. His approval ratings have been far higher than what a Western politician would need to sustain incumbency — 54 percent at its lowest point between 2012 and 2013, according to Gallup. Now it’s nearly at 83 percent, with Russian citizens rallying around the flag as NATO tries to complete its chokehold (a strategy which is doomed to fail against Putin, a judo black belt). He shouldn’t need to cheat elections or suppress free speech, and yet he does.

Out of habit? Who can say?

While it in no way excuses his behavior, some of Putin’s more baffling maneuvers might be better understood in light of his treatment by the American government. We opted to regard the Russian Federation merely as a new enemy, instead of a defeated adversary to be nurtured into democracy. We’ve even spurred the Kremlin’s offers of aid, and it has cost us in blood. In 2011, the Russian Federal Security Service warned that Tamerlan Tsarnaev, eventual architect of the Boston Marathon bombing, was preparing to join a clandestine extremist group. They were ignored, and the result was tragedy. Who can blame Putin for so professionally acting the villain, when that’s the only script we’ll listen to him read?

The good news is that there’s hope. Putin may yet realize the destruction he’s heaped upon himself and his constituents, and pledge to “sin no more.” It will, of course, take a lot to balance the Nemtsov assassination, but if Putin can put such methods behind him permanently, he might one day regain my respect as a force for good in Russia and globally. My fingers are crossed.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you

To the members of the student body,

On behalf of the Congregation of Holy Cross, I’d like to thank each of you for the ways in which you honored the life of Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, CSC, these past few days. Your late night visits to the Basilica, participation in the wake, funeral Mass, procession to the cemetery and memorial, the touching video produced by NDtv and countless prayers at the Grotto were all beautiful reminders of how fortunate each of us CSGs are to be at a University with such thoughtful and caring students. Please know how grateful we are to each one of you for the ways that you celebrated, honored and loved our brother, Fr. Ted.

In Notre Dame,
Fr. Pete McCormick
Director of Campus Ministry
March 6

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Do not fear death so much, but rather the inadequate life.”

Bertolt Brecht
German dramatist

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Live slowly

Erin Thomassen
The Examined Life

Read slowly. A book is a treat. Would I wolf down an ice cream cone? Probably — I like ice cream. Would I enjoy it more if I ate it one lick at a time, truly tasting the cold, sugary cream before I swallowed it? Yes.

When normal people eat ice cream, they get a brain-freeze (I get nose-frees, but that’s a different story). When I read quickly, I get a headache. Food for thought: Rushing good things is not pleasurable, but painful.

If I skim my reading, I don’t let the words swirl around before swallowing them down. I don’t let my eyes feast on the words, so I don’t taste their deep meaning. I finish a fat book in an impressively short time, but I don’t retain any of the nutrients. My belly, my brain, is swollen from ingesting too much too quickly. What did I gain? Another book, another pound, but no joy.

I never skim the milk in my ice cream, so why would I skim my reading? It removes the richest and most enjoyable part, the part that makes ice cream dessert. Without cream, ice cream is just ice. It is a chore to chew on. It crunches loudly, drawing unwanted attention and questions about my iron levels. When I wolf down my ice cream cone, I might as well be chowing down on ice; I waste the ice cream’s tastiness by swallowing the sweetness before it has a chance to dance on my tongue. Sugar is a diva. It likes its stage time.

Great works of literature like their stage time, too. They deserve it. But I crowd them all on stage at once so none of them can be properly seen. I switch from one to the next so quickly that I cannot remember what just happened in the other book. I should pick one book and spend my time enjoying it rather than rushing through five and enjoying none of them.

When I go to Let’s Spoon, I want to try too many flavors. The five-year-old in me insists that five ice cream cones are better than one. Logical me knows: I will not enjoy five ice cream cones. I will finish them off quickly because I am excited for the next one and feel sick rather than happy when they’re finished. I’ll feel disappointed that this treat that was supposed to bring me joy only brought me a stomachache.

Ah, yes, the philosophical moment has arrived, for this is where the life metaphor comes in. When I rush the joys of life, when I try to cram too much in my mouth, brain and schedule at once, I don’t enjoy it. I can’t swallow it. I can’t even breathe.

I am always excited for what’s next. What am I doing next weekend? Next summer? Next semester? What am I doing when I graduate? When I become a mom? When I enter a retirement home?

Oh wait, I haven’t dreamed about that. I don’t want to think that far ahead. I dream about jet-setting careers and weddings but not funerals. I am attracted by posters for casino night, not bingo night in a crocheted sweater.

But I like crocheting. I like reading in a rocking chair. I like baking cookies. Grandmahood may not be so bad.

On the other hand, I do not like having my muscles ache, my mouth drool and my friends die. Funerals are powerful and moving, but I can’t say I like them. But life is not about likes and dislikes. It is about living through each day, where a day can be defined as 1) a 24-hour period during which the earth makes approximately one rotation; 2) a time that spans from the rising until the setting of the sun, during which one can enjoy breathing, eating ice cream and reading and 3) a gift of time during which you will be given opportunities to do the right rather than the expedient, to play the role God created you to play and to be Christ and love the world.

When my family opens gifts on Christmas day, we do so slowly. Each person opens one gift at a time. Since a large chunk of the presents end up being books, it can take us hours to unwrap each one, fawn over the cover together, read the synopses aloud and figure out who gets to borrow it next. We’re annoying. But we open gifts slowly because we appreciate and enjoy them, and we want their goodness to last as long as possible.

According to definition (3), time is a gift. The fact that we cannot unwrap it all at once and know what it holds means we get to enjoy it longer. God is a master gift-giver.

So I’ll try to enjoy the slowly-unwrapping time. It’ll be good for me. I’ll try to read slowly, eat my ice-cream slowly, and live slowly. Yes, I wrote this so I would have an excuse for the next time I’m tardy.

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To the students of Notre Dame

It was fitting that Fr. Jenkins, Coach Holtz and a smattering of other speakers at Fr. Ted’s memorial departed from their scripts to comment on how impressed they were with the way in which Notre Dame’s student body turned out to line the funeral procession route, from the Basilica to Fr. Ted’s final resting place. Beyond all of the eloquent words by the University’s dignitaries and friends, I believe Fr. Ted would have been most touched and honored by your collective gesture.

I was fortunate to be part of that procession and was struck by your reverence and respect. For me, the single greatest memory of the day will be that walk, hearing only the sounds of shuffling feet and seeing the solemn expressions on your face. Thank you. Universally, all of those who gathered last night at Rohr’s shared the same observation. What was most amazing is our knowledge that most of you had only a limited time to get to know Fr. Ted.

Coach Holtz told a story about a friend whose 3-year-old daughter sang the fight song for Fr. Ted. After she concluded, Fr. Ted said, “That’s great sweetheart; can you say the Our Father?” I was the friend that Coach Holtz referenced and Caroline is my daughter. She’s 21 today and is a college junior, down the road at DePaul University. Like each of her three younger brothers, Caroline was baptized by Fr. Ted in the Log Chapel. Her fight song performance was after her oldest brother Jimmy was baptized (Coach Holtz failed to mention that Caroline knew the Lord’s Prayer by the time we reached the Chicago Skyway on the drive home, but I digress).

But there’s a second story about Fr. Ted and my daughter.

About six years after the fight song encounter, I called Fr. Ted’s dear friend and assistant Melanie Chapleau, to see if I could bring my entire family by Ted’s office for a quick visit. My wife and I wanted all of the kids to perhaps have a memory of Fr. Ted (I will forever regret not making a second trip with the kids in any of the subsequent years).

We waited in his way-cool reception area with so many artifacts. Our three young sons most enjoyed the pictures and models of all the planes Fr. Ted had ridden in, especially the supersonic Navy jet, “Blackbird.”

He came out to greet us and invited us back to his office. The hallway to his office is lined with pictures of Fr. Ted with virtually every significant Head of State over the past 50 years. Our children were oblivious. As we left however, Caroline spotted a man in one of the pictures she did recognize. She stopped immediately, stared at the picture for a moment, turned quickly and asked, “Father Ted…you knew Martin Luther King?” As he did in the Log Chapel six years earlier, Fr. Ted bent over hands on knees, looked our daughter gently in the eyes and said, “Caroline … Dr. King was a great man.” I still get the chills recounting that incident. A genuine member of our nation’s history, giving our daughter a lesson.

For those of you who did not have any personal encounters with Fr. Ted, but who still turned out to line the processional route out of respect or school pride or simply instint, perhaps that second story will come back to you when your children learn about civil rights and Dr. King. By then, you will understand 100 times over why you stood quietly in the cold and the gravity of your gesture to those who processed.

Rest in Peace, Fr Ted; YOU were a great man.

James M. Moriarity
class of 1984
March 5
To fully embrace the intentional groutfit, it must be that intentional. This means minimize the mesh and don’t don the green Campus Ministry/Awkward Awareness Week/Leprechaun Legion shirt you got for free and now sleep in every night.

Chances are your mom/grandma/twice-removed aunt has bought you a green button-up “you know — for the Irish” for at least one present since you made your fated decision in high school. Although you might have balled it up and thrown it to the bottom of your closet as “you wear The Shirt at games, mom” — pick it up, it is just your way to having a bracket — intentional. This means minimize the mesh and don’t have your way to having a bracket as good as anyone else’s.

By ERIN McAULIFFE
Scene Editor

St. Patrick’s Day is the only time wearing a groutfit is acceptable.

The laudable St. Patrick’s groutfit — entirely green outfit — is a festivity, classic Notre Dame take on the unfortunately way too common all-gray groutfit.

Over spring break, some of my friends chose to wear man tanks the entire week to embrace “Cali Lyfe™” — much to my dismay. As if the pale skin shrouded in mesh and burnt shoulders didn’t give away their Indiana origins enough, the fact that one paired his green tank with green SAO sunglasses, a green Notre Dame hat and green short shorts solidified our South Bend allegiance.

Biking down the boardwalk on Saturday he was met with the comment, “Wow, that kid has the best St. Patrick’s Day outfit ever!”

Turns out No, Dame’s excess of green athletic clothing will garner compliments once a year, so let’s take advantage of it.

To fully embrace the intentional groutfit, it must be that intentional. This means minimize the mesh and don’t don the green Campus Ministry/Awkward Awareness Week/Leprechaun Legion shirt you got for free and now sleep in every night.

Chances are your mom/grandma/twice-removed aunt has bought you a green button-up “you know — for the Irish” for at least one present since you made your fated decision in high school. Although you might have balled it up and thrown it to the bottom of your closet as “you wear The Shirt at games, mom” — pick it up, it is just your way to having a bracket — intentional. This means minimize the mesh and don’t have your way to having a bracket as good as anyone else’s. 

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Scene Writer

Look around. Take a whiff of the sweet aroma in the air this beautiful time of the year. What special occasion does today mark? Yes, you’re indeed right: it’s time for March Madness! (I suppose today is also St. Patrick’s Day — whoops, Sunday coming and going and the selection committee dictates who gets to go to the Big Dance, it’s time to fulfill your patriotic duty of completing a bracket and I am personally walking you through some of the of the highlighted matchups you should consider when you’re completing yours.

What’s that? You’re afraid a sports article has found its way into the “Scene” section? Fear not! For that’s the beauty of March Madness — there’s absolutely no logic to any of this! It’s madness I tell you, (March) Madness!

Midwest

Going through the region, it’s pretty much a must that your bracket to have Kentuckiana advance through pretty much everything, and you will want to have Purdue match up with them in the next round. This is because ‘I’m pretty sure there’s a “cat mascot” limit in the tournament — wildcats are enough (Kentucky, Arizona, Villanova), but throwing beavers into the mix? That’s just asking for trouble. Between the first round coinciding with St. Patrick’s Day and Notre Dame approaching basketball destiny, we’re pretty much a lock to advance past Northeastern. Indiana’s iconic jerseys (have you seen “Hoosiers’”) are good for at least one win, so you can count on them to advance in the short-term.

West

Wisconsin’s premiere player — Frank “The Tank” Kaminsky— has a nickname that just rolls through with the competition: look for them to go far. In one of the bigger toss-ups from an actual sports standpoint, Oregon versus Oklahoma State can be a nerve-wracking pick — until you think to come back to the jerseys. Look for Oregon to sport some flashy neon green jerseys: looks that are so sharp they’re dressed to kill. The same type of logic can apply for Baylor to beat out Georgia State: don’t mess with Texas or their flashy threads.

East

The Eastern region is chockful of heavy-weight mascots here, and so really this might be the region that can potentially bust your bracket. At this point, any and all wildcats just have to advance — after all, cats travel in packs, right? Look for the UC Irvine Anteaters to “Zot, Zot, Zot!” their way past the Louisville Cardinals (yes, apparently anteaters go “zot.”) When you’re flying high, you’re flying high, and really, who can fly higher than a Flyer? Make sure to have Dayton on your radar. The only thing more iconic than Michigan State’s Sparty is their head coach, Tom Izzo. Quick: what’s Georgia’s mascot? Who’s their coach? Exactly.

South

Duke. Yes. They’ll advance (though they might be pinched if they’re caught without any green today). St. John’s will advance over some of our childhood’s most successful stories, the magic of traditional symbolism one of our childhood’s greatest initiates of imagination! During my many Spring Break 2K15 Internet searches of boredom, I stumbled upon a Pinterest article regarding green eggs and ham. Reminiscing on one of Dr. Seuss’s most successful stories, I researched its origin, as well as the tradition it conceived. “Green Eggs and Ham,” published in 1960, surprisingly resulted from a bet between Dr. Seuss and his editor. Bennett Cerf, Seuss’s editor, challenged the author to compose a book using only 50 different words. Accepting the challenge, Seuss concocted one of his most popular stories, in which sold 200 million copies. Since then, students, families and friends have gathered together to enjoy green eggs and ham on a house, on a mouse, in a car and in a tree.

Have the inclination to relive childhood tradition? Want to start a new St. Patty’s Day celebration? Making green eggs and ham is a perfectly accessible way to embrace the American simplicity of youth, green and Dr. Seuss. Aside from actually cooking scrambled eggs with green food dye, people can prepare their own “green eggs and ham” with pretty much any ingredients they possess. Even if you can’t get ahead of a pan, drive to the store or lack fridge room and time (some classic college obstacles), taking part in this tradition is not impossible. A perfect snack for any St. Patty’s Day social gathering, canned green eggs and ham makes for an uncomplicated symmetrical tradition. I have seen this made with mini square pretzel bites (Snyder’s, am I right?), green M&M’s and melted white chocolate chips. These tasty snacks fulfill the saltiest of sweet tooth’s, making for a fantastic St. Patrick’s Day celebration element.

Throughout my childhood, I have anxiously awaited the greenest holiday of the year. Along with festivities of fortune, leprechauns, food and beverages, I have constantly looked forward to preparing green eggs and ham. Though I discovered the mysterious green dye, the magic of tradition and youth within me has yet to perish. Through an open mind, anyone can like green eggs and ham. Anyone can like them, Sam I Am.

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By KATHRYN MINKO
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“Tis the season of luck, celebration, heritage and — most importantly — green. What better opportunity to reflect on tradition and youth than St. Patrick’s Day? Though many people relish in the food, drink and fellowship of Irish tradition, I thought I’d bring back Theodore Geisel. That’s right, good of Dr. Seuss.

Ever since kindergarten, many Notre Dame students, myself included, have participated in cooking green eggs and ham with their classmates. I still remember lining up in the cafeteria every March 17 and pondering how green eggs exist. Though in college now, why lose the magical tradition symbolizing one of our childhood’s greatest initiatives of imagination? During my many Spring Break 2K15 Internet searches of boredom, I stumbled upon a Pinterest article regarding green eggs and ham. Reminiscing on one of Dr. Seuss’s most successful stories, I researched its origin, as well as the tradition it conceived. “Green Eggs and Ham,” published in 1960, surprisingly resulted from a bet between Dr. Seuss and his editor. Bennett Cerf, Seuss’s editor, challenged the author to compose a book using only 50 different words. Accepting the challenge, Seuss concocted one of his most popular stories, in which sold 200 million copies. Since then, students, families and friends have gathered together to enjoy green eggs and ham on a house, on a mouse, in a car and in a tree.

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By DANIEL O'BOYLE
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As an Irishman in America, I've been looking forward to St. Patrick's day for a long time, but no St. Paddy's Day is complete without some genuine Irish cool. Here's a playlist of some of the essentials to get you in the mood.

"Dearg Doom" — Horslips
If you want to go from zero to feeling like a Celtic warrior in a matter of seconds, listen to the opening bars of Dearg Doom. Nailing the balance between folk and rock, it's the perfect opener to any Irish playlist, making you grab your hurley and see off your Guinness as it awakens that deep-rooted Irish pride you didn't even know was there.

"Hay Wrap" — The Saw Doctors
Between accordion solos, a shout-along chorus and an interpolation of Irish rebel song, "The West's Awake," Galway-based band the Saw Doctors chant lyrics about hay-baling machinery, the "wild bad drink" in the town of Tuam and former Mayo Gaelic football player Willie-Joe Padden. If you're confused, I don't blame you, but what I'm trying to say is this song is very Irish.

"Fisherman's Blues" — The Waterboys
Ever wanted to get away from it all and spend the rest of your life as a fisherman on some remote isle off the coast of Ireland? If so, then this one's for you. If not, this song might convince you.

"The Rocky Road to Dublin" — The Chieftains & The Rolling Stones
You might know The Rocky Road to Dublin as a traditional Irish classic, but have you ever actually deciphered and listened to the lyrics? It's about traveling to England and immediately getting in a fight with the first Englishmen you see, only to find a group of Irishmen who happily join in.

"Alternative Ulster" — Stiff Little Fingers
Stiff Little Fingers made their name with punk rock songs about their (and my) native Northern Ireland. "Alternative Ulster" is among the best anthems ever written about the province.

"Top O' The Morning To Ya" — House of Pain
I didn't know this song existed until two days ago, it might just be the worst attempt at an "Irish" song I've ever heard, but yet I can't stop listening to it.

"Whiskey in the Jar" — Thin Lizzy
Thin Lizzy took this staple of traditional Irish music and made it their own. If the iconic, perfectly Irish-sounding riff doesn't get you, the story in the lyrics of an outlaw betrayed by his lover will.

"C'est La Vie" — B*Witched
Yes, late-90s Ireland sounded exactly like this song. No, I don't really know what happened to B*Witched either. Wikipedia tells me they reformed in 2012. But it's those little spoken parts between the verses that mean I have to put this on the list, because not enough top 10 hits these days include the phrase "What are ya like?"

"Sally MacLennane" — The Pogues
For unknown reasons, there's a stereotype that the Irish like to drink. I guess this song — an ode to "the greatest little boozer" — encapsulates that aspect of Irish culture pretty perfectly.

"Tell Me Ma" — Sham Rock
At some point, when everyone's had a little too much to drink, someone will mention they used to do Irish dancing and insist they can still Ceili with the best of them. This song's for that moment.

"Fields of Athenry" — Dropkick Murphys
Yes, Dropkick Murphys are pretty much the definition of a band for American "plastic paddies", but the energy they bring to this usually somber folk song is just too great to ignore. This one's for those who say they're Irish because of that one distant relative who might have lived in Donegal; today, you are.

"Stars in My Eyes" — The Original Rudeboys
Rappers with thick Dublin accents remain a rarity, but Neddy Arkins of up-and-coming Irish band The Original Rudeboys — backed by a gentle acoustic melody and chorus — delivers a couple of pretty great verses here.

"N17" — The Saw Doctors
Emigration is a pretty big part of Irish life. As nice as our little island seems, many of us leave. There have been plenty of songs about life for the Irish abroad, but few capture the experience of missing Ireland quite like this one. Written about a road in the west of Ireland, it's become an anthem of homesickness for the Emerald Isle and begs you to sing along.

"Summer in Dublin" — Bagatelle
To finish, you just can't beat this one. As Bagatelle plays you out with memories of lost love in Ireland's capital, you might just find yourself flooded with memories of a special someone from your semester abroad. If you're going to call her, though, remember the time difference, because it's probably like 8 a.m. there.

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Wait before judging Chip Kelly

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Despite some recent criticism about the way Philadelphia Eagles head coach Chip Kelly has handled this offseason, everyone seems to want to give Kelly a chance to prove himself.

After four seasons as the head coach of the Pac-12 Conference, Kelly made the jump to the National Football League. Many wondered whether Kelly’s unusually fast-paced, high-octane offense would work against the bigger and faster players of the NFL.

In Kelly’s first season as Eagles coach in 2013, the team started with an unimpressive record of 3-5 and criticism of Kelly and his offense mounted. However, the Eagles made a switch at quarterback after starter Michael Vick was injured, and Kelly turned to rookie quarterback Nick Foles. With Foles leading the way, running back LeSean McCoy, Philadelphia’s leading receiver, had one of his best seasons.

Midway through the season, the Eagles finished with an 10-6 record, starting with an unimpressive 2-6 start and making the playoffs as the sixth seed in the NFL. They started the season with a 10-6 record overall.

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PEORIA, Arizona — Matt Kemp and Tommy Medica hit two-run home runs off Jon Lester on a rough day for the new Chicago Cubs ace in the San Diego Padres’ 7-0 victory on Monday.

Lester hadn’t allowed a run or walk in two starts and five innings. He was charged with three runs and seven hits before leaving with one out in the fourth. He was scheduled to go four innings.

Lester first started feeling uncomfortable in the bullpen when he said ‘everything was flat, ball was up.’ The left-hander issued a leadoff walk in a two-run second that included former Boston teammate Will Middlebrooks’ wall-double.

Kemp crushed an inside fastball to left an inning later that landed on a tent, his second of the spring with his new club.

Lester returned for the fourth despite being at 62 pitches, then gave up three more hits, including Medica’s two-run shot to center.

‘I’d make a bad pitch and it would take two more for me to make an adjustment,’ Lester said. ‘That’s got to change quickly.’

Rotation candidate Brandon Morrow threw four scoreless innings for San Diego.

Cubs prospect Kris Bryant barely missed his seventh home run when he doubled off the wall in the fourth. Bryant was the DH after sitting out Sunday because of fatigue in his throwing shoulder.

STARTING TIME
Cubs: Only 44 of Lester’s 70 pitches were strikes. He said it had nothing to do with throwing to catcher Wellington Castillo for the first time.

‘Welly came in at a couple times in the dugout and told me to ‘make the jump to the high side of the plate’,” Lester said. ‘I don’t know what he was getting at. I was the one chucking the ball and he’s not. I flat out didn’t execute pitches.’

Morrow, signed to a one-year deal after spending five off-injured seasons in Toronto, allowed three hits and struck out two.

‘Good velocity, good little split-change, nice hook, good slider,’ Padres manager Bud Black said. ‘Yeah, he pitched very well.’

TRAINEER’S ROOM
Cubs: Manager Joe Maddon said Bryant will DH again Tuesday, but should return to the field by Thursday.

Padres: RHP Casey Kelly woke up Monday without pain, a day after throwing batting practice in another attempt to return from elbow-reconstruction surgery.

Kelly hasn’t pitched in a major league game since 2011. He had a setback in his return last year. A groin injury has kept him out of games this spring.

‘We’ve learned some patience through this whole process,’ Kelly said, smiling. Kelly will throw batting practice again Wednesday.

NCAA Men’s Basketball
Wichita State eager to play angry in tournament

Associated Press

WICHITA, Kansas — Wichita State should have no problem playing hard and angry this time around.

The program whose mantra of “play angry” carried them to the Final Four two years ago, and to a perfect regular-season record last year, was dealt a No. 7 seed by the NCAA Tournament selection committee on Monday and given a tough opening matchup against Indiana.

Hardly a reward for winning another regular-season Missouri Valley title, spending much of the season ranked in the top 10 and having one of the nation’s best backcourts.

But if anybody is a master manipulator when it comes to using a perceived slight to his advantage, it just may be Wichita State coach Gregg Marshall. He thrives on playing the underdog role, and the Shockers have come to embody that over the years.

“It is what it is,” Marshall said Monday. “We don’t get to vote on where they seed us.”

That may constitute a verbal shrug, but can you bet the underdog-competitive Marshall will have his guys playing as if they have been treated unfairly against the Hoosiers on Friday.

“Bottom line our region is tough,” Marshall said. “We have four of the top 10 winningest programs in the history of college basketball — and we’re not one of them — in our region. Kentucky is one, Kansas is two, Indiana and Notre Dame. We’ve got four in our region, and we have to make it through those guys to get to the Final Four.”

Ah, yes — Kansas. Don’t forget the Shockers could earn a second shot at the Jayhawks if both win, finally getting a chance to play the school that refuses to schedule them.

That fact surely wasn’t lost on Kansas coach Bill Self, who was stunned to see the Shockers fall to the seventh seed when the bracket flashed on the television screen.

“How in the world they’re a seven-seed blows my mind,” he said. “I thought the Missouri Valley, to be honest, deserved a little more credit than what they got. I thought they would be a higher seed and Northern Iowa would be a higher seed, too.”

Padres overpower Cubs while Lester struggles

Associated Press

PEORIA, Arizona — Matt Kemp hit a two-run home run and Tommy Medica followed this up by trading quarterback Nick Foles to the St. Louis Rams for quarterback Sam Bradford. This trade was met with a response from Kelly.

Despite being a former first-overall draft pick, Bradford has underperformed during his time in the NFL, and many label him a huge bust. On top of all that, he has suffered two serious ACL injuries the past two years, leading many people to think he won’t be able to stay healthy for an extended period of time.

Additionally, Kelly decided not to resign top pick wide receiver Jeremy Maclin and let him become a free agent.

“Many people are still asking why Kelly would make moves like this. Why would he get the kid of his top quarterback, running back and wide receiver all in the same off-season?”

Despite all these questionable moves, Kelly has made some really great personnel decisions this offseason, too. He was able to sign free agents cornerbacks Byron Maxwell and running back DeMarco Murray. Maxwell helped the Seattle Seahawks to two straight Super Bowl appearances, while Murray was considered the top running back in the league last year while playing for Philadelphia’s archrivals, the Dallas Cowboys.

Chip Kelly has total control over the Eagles roster, and despite what everyone thinks, he’s going to go out and get the players he thinks best fit his system.

Whether it will work only time will tell. If it doesn’t, the results could prove disastrous, but if it does work, he’ll be known as one of the top genius’ in football history. He has proved douts wrong before.

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No. 36 Notre Dame ended a four-match losing streak with a pair of wins in a doubleheader against Boston College and Detroit on Sunday at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The two victories for the Irish (8-5, 1-2) were their first since Feb. 14, when they beat Michigan on the road. Following the Michigan victory for Notre Dame was road losses to No. 10 Ohio State, No. 15 Virginia Tech and No. 28 Louisville as well as a home loss to No. 4 Illinois.

“We played some really good teams consecutively,” Irish head coach Ryan Sachire said. “All of those were against rea-

ally good teams and three of those four were on the road so we knew it was a tough stretch. Obviously, we wanted to win at least a couple of those matches and we didn’t, but our guys are resilient and we had a good

week of practice out in Arizona during spring break so we felt pretty prepared to play well yesterday.”

After losing three of their pre-

vious four contests on the road,

the Irish returned home Sunday

for the first time since Feb. 25. Including the doubleheader over the weekend, Notre Dame is currently on a five-match home stand and will not go on the road until a match against Miami on March 27.

“We love playing at our place and we feel really comfortable there, so we’re absolutely excited to be playing there,” Sachire said. “We’re also a good team on the road, too. It’s not a make-or-break deal, but we’re definitely comfortable there and excited to get back at it on Tuesday here.”

Following a 6-3 start to non-

conference play, the Irish opened their ACC conference slate against Virginia Tech (12-1-4) on March 3. The Irish were upset in a tight match, losing 4-3. Notre Dame then played Louisville (14-4, 2-1) in their second conference match two days later. Junior Quentin Monaghan’s seven-match winning streak at first singles came to an end at the hands of the 68th-ranked singles player na-

tionally in senior Sebastian Stiefelmeyer as the Cardinals beat Notre Dame 5-2.

The Irish entered their dou-

bleheader Sunday looking for their first conference win of the year against Boston College. Notre Dame swept the Golden Eagles (4-7, 9-2), 7-0. In their match later in the day Sunday, the Irish routed Detroit as well, 6-1.

With the coming of confer-

ence play, the Irish now play multiple times per week more often and generally have shorter periods of time to rest, Sachire said.

“It’s not really a huge adjust-

ment because we did it last year and we’re used to playing mul-

tiple matches in a weekend,” Sachire said. “It certainly cre-

ates a rhythm as our season goes on for the rest of the year.”

The Irish will continue their five-match home stand today when they take on No. 34 Texas Tech. The match against the Red Raiders (14-4) is a brief departure from ACC play for Notre Dame. Following today’s match, Notre Dame will not play another non-conference opponent for the remainder of the regular season.

The Irish and Red Raiders are set to square off at 5:30 p.m. to-

day at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS | ND 4, ECU 0; UNC 5, ND 2; ND 5, BC 2

By BEN PADANILAM

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No. 28 Notre Dame played three matches over the past week and came away with a pair of wins.

The Irish (9-5, 4-2 ACC) cruised to a win over East Carolina, 4-0, on March 10 in Tampa, Florida, before coming back home and losing to No. 1 North Carolina, 5-2, on Friday and defeating Boston College, 5-2, on Sunday at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

In the victory over the Pirates (11-5), the No. 21 doubles pairing of junior Quinn Gleason and sopho-

more Monica Robinson secured a 6-1 victory in the top doubles spot. The second-position doubles team of freshman Allison Miller and ju-

nior Julie Vrabl then won in a tie-

breaker, 7-6(5), to give the Irish the doubles point.

In the singles, the Irish picked up three quick wins to secure the 4-0 victory. Robinson, Vrabl and sophomore Mary Closs all cruised to victories, leaving the other three singles matches unfinished due to the fact it was a non-conference match and the result had already been decided. Irish head coach Jay Redeker said he was pleased with the team’s performance and the opportunity the match pro-

vided for them to prepare for more outdoor tennis going forward.

“We had great break,” Redeker said. “We were able to get outdoors and practice. We needed to get outdoors and just play in some heat. Pretty much from here out on, at least all of our away matches are probably going to be outdoors.”

Notre Dame was set to play Florida Gulf Coast later that eve-

ning, but the match was cancelled due to inclement weather. Instead, the Irish returned home to pre-

pare for their two matches this past weekend at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

On Friday, the team battled but fell to the top-ranked Tar Heels (17-0, 5-0 ACC) by a score of 5-2.

The Irish started strong in the match with an 8-5 victory at first-

position doubles by Gleason and Robinson over the No. 12 doubles team of senior Caroline Price and sophomore Jamie Loeb. However, Miller and Vrabl fell to the No. 36 pairing of juniors Ashley Dai and Kate Viale 8-5 at second position doubles, while Closs and sopho-

more Jane Fennelly lost 8-4 to the 12th-ranked duo of sophomore Hayley Carter and junior Whitney Key to give the doubles point to the Tar Heels.

In the singles, Miller and Fennelly fought to earn two points for the Irish. Miller won in three sets at No. 5 singles, defeating Dai 1-6, 6-1, 6-4. At No. 6 singles, Fennelly sailed to a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Viale. However, the Tar Heels, with three players ranked in the top 20 of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) top 50, took wins in the other four singles matches to defeat Notre Dame by a final score of 5-2.

On Sunday, however, the Irish rebounded with a 5-2 win over the Eagles (9-7, 2-3).

The Irish began the day by taking the doubles point following deci-

sive wins by Miller and Vrabl and the duo of Closs and Fennelly at second and third doubles, respec-

tively. Miller and Vrabl cruised to an 8-1 victory, while Closs and Fennelly won by a score of 8-3.

After taking the doubles point, Notre Dame then won four of the six singles matches. Both Closs and Fennelly won in two sets while Robinson and Vrabl fell in their matches. Leading 3-2 with two sing-

gles matches remaining, the Irish were able to take both as Gleason and Miller each claimed victory in tiebreakers to secure a 5-2 vic-

tory. Following the performance, Redeker said he was excited with the effort put forth by his team this weekend.

“We played two really good matches,” Redeker said. “We lost 5-2 to North Carolina, but they’re the No. 1 team in the coun-

try. We had a chance to win in the doubles and [Quinn Gleason] lost in three sets, so we’re right there with them. Then, we had an excit-

ing win over BC. We came down to the last two matches in tiebreakers and won both of them. But if we had lost both, then we would’ve lost the match. So for us, it was a very good spring break.”

The Irish will return to the courts Friday at 3 p.m. when they take on Florida State at Scott Speicher Tennis Center in Tallahassee, Florida.

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Irish halt skid with back-to-back wins

Irish junior Quentin Monaghan prepares for a backhand January 24 against Oklahoma State at Eck Tennis Pavilion. Notre Dame beat both Boston College and Detroit on Sunday.

ND takes two of three

MD PHOTOGRAPHY
Irish split with top-10 foes

By GREG HADLEY

In a pair of top-10 contests road contests over spring break, No. 3 Notre Dame suffered through the second half, getting outscored in both by a combined six goals. It only cost the Irish once though.

Against No. 6 Denver on March 7 and No. 8 Virginia last Saturday, Notre Dame (4-1, 1-0 ACC) sprinted out to early leads, collecting five goals in the first quarter of each game. But while the Pioneers (4-2) rallied to force overtime and take the 11-10 victory, the Cavaliers (5-2, 0-2) fell short, 11-9.

In both matchups the team was held back by their inability to execute, Irish head coach Kevin Corrigan said. “I think we hurt ourselves at the end of the day [against Denver],” Corrigan said. “We hurt ourselves with penalties, we hurt ourselves with giving up a couple things we shouldn’t have given up, and as a result we just weren’t able to come out on top.”

Against Virginia, the same problems came up again after halftime. “The second half of the Virginia game was us once again making some mistakes in the clearing game and on ground balls that gave them the opportunity to get back in the game,” Corrigan said. “They never got closer than two, but still, that game should never have been that close.”

Notre Dame was below its season average in clearing percentage (81 percent) in both games, failing to get the ball out of the defensive zone six total times. Against Virginia, the squad lost the ground ball battle 34-30.

The Irish also lost the faceoff battle in both contests, including a pivotal overtime start that gave the Pioneers the ball, after which they promptly scored 43 seconds into the extra period to end the game.

Possession was key in both matchups, Corrigan said.

“I thought that overall, on the day, we did not faceoff well, and it hurt us throughout the day,” Corrigan said.

“In the second half, we just didn’t have the ball, and that’s something we have to continue to work on as well. We can’t continue to be on the short end of the faceoff game.”

The Irish also committed six penalties against Denver, surrendering four man-up goals.

“When you like the calls or don’t like the calls, that’s too many times for us to be mandown and too many goals for us to give up in that area of the game,” Corrigan said.

“We’ve got to get better there and we’ve got to not foul.”

Against Virginia, the Irish stormed out to early lead, scoring the first seven goals of the game. Freshman attack Mikey Wynne scored a hat-trick before the Cavaliers found the back of the net, with junior attack Matt Kavanagh chipping two goals and an assist of his own.

“We rode very hard, we got ground balls and we were very efficient on any domes,” Corrigan said. “And defensively, they couldn’t get by us. And we weren’t giving them anything, we weren’t creating anything for them, so it was just overall some of the best lacrosse we’ve played, especially coming on the road against a team like that. The first half was terrific.”

However, just before the break, the Cavaliers received a man-up opportunity and converted to close the margin to 8-2 and gain crucial momentum. In the second half, they outscored the Irish 7-3, including the final three scores of the game.

“It’s not like we did something different than what we did in the first half,” Corrigan said. “We just didn’t do it as well. It’s a matter of being more consistent. There’s nothing we have to change or do differently, we just have to do a better job. We failed to clear and we failed to win ground balls that we should have won and pick up first-chance ground balls and things of that nature.

“You do that in the first quarter or the fourth quarter, it’s going to hurt you. So we just need to be more consistent over the course of 60 minutes.”

The Irish return to Arlotta Stadium to face Ohio State this Saturday at 4 p.m.
Irish go 4-3 on road trip

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Senior Sports Writer

Notre Dame ended a seven-game southern road trip by taking two of three games at Clemson over the weekend, winning a conference road series for the first time in its history as a member of the ACC and capping off a stretch in which it went 4-3 overall.

The Irish (14-4, 4-3-ACC) lost two of three games at Georgia Tech on March 6-8 and then topped Savannah State, 5-3, in 11 innings Wednesday afternoon.

Notre Dame head coach Mik Aoki said his team wasn’t flustered by two conference road series. The Irish were 1-4 in conference road games last season, the lone win coming at Miami on April 20.

Capturing series wins on the road in conference play is extremely difficult, extremely challenging, especially when you look at a place like Clemson, where they’ve got a pretty enthusiastic fan base, and it’s not exactly the friendliest environment in which to play,” Aoki said. “Our kids did a phenomenal job of just blocking out... It’s an important series win for sure.”

Notre Dame struggled against Clemson junior starting pitcher Matthew Crownover in the first game of a Friday doubleheader, managing only three hits in eight innings in a 6-1 loss. Irish bats woke up in the second frame of the doubleheader, however, as Notre Dame managed a season-high 16 hits in an 11-6 victory. Notre Dame saw its early 6-0 lead vanish completely, as the Tigers (9-9, 2-4) tied the game with a six-run sixth inning, but the Irish pulled ahead for good with two runs in the eighth inning and three in the ninth.

Notre Dame’s usual Sunday starter, junior Nick McCarr, closed out the rubber game of the series, a 5-1 Irish win, by allowing one unearned run and five hits in six innings of nine. Notre Dame players finished with hits in the game, including freshman outfielder Jake Johnson, who has now reached base in all 18 contests this season.

“He has a very advanced feel for where the strike zone is,” Aoki said of Johnson. “It’s part of who and what he is — he’s not a kid that right now is going to be launch- ing and three in the ninth.

Johnson’s part of who and what he is,” Aoki said of his starter for the weekend’s result, Irish head coach Jeff Jackson said his squad played its best hockey in the final two months of the season, which will help the young team heading into next year.

“T’m excited about the situation that we’re headed,” Jackson said.

UMass Lowell (20-11-6, 11-7-4 Hockey East) won the first game of the three-game tournament series Friday night with a final score of 3-0. However, the Irish were able to rebound the following night and defeated the River Hawks 4-2 to force the pivotal Game 3 on Sunday.

Jackson was proud of the way his team responded on Saturday to force a third game in the series.

“We definitely rebounded (after Friday night), we were down and our guys kept playing and we came back and fought right till the end,” Jackson said. 

In Game 3, the River Hawks’ quick start proved to be the deciding factor as they jumped out to a 2-0 lead against Notre Dame’s rally proved great performance. In the third frame, the Irish scored at 3:12; Notre Dame did not allow a hit and threw just six pitches while striking out four and only walking two. The Irish relied on defense.

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Notre Dame is 6-0 this season in games decided by two runs or less.

“We took it as a function of our guys being really locked in, being extremely competitive in the pursuit of trying to win the game for ourselves and wanting to successfully execute our game plan,” Aoki said of the extra-inning wins. “We did it against a really good Georgia Tech team at another place that’s not easy to play at.

Georgia Tech won the other two games of the series to give Notre Dame its first weekend series loss of the season. The Irish cut Georgia Tech’s lead to 7-5 in the seventh inning, but the Yellow Jackets added four runs in the eighth inning to earn the 11-7 win March 7.

In the next day’s rubber match, Notre Dame managed only five hits in eight innings against Georgia Tech.

The Irish starting pitcher Brandon Gold, who led the Yellow Jackets to a 4-1 win.

Notre Dame will play its home finale Saturday afternoon against Central Michigan at Frank Eck Stadium. First pitch is scheduled for 6:05 p.m.

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alone — and as such, they were the only classmate Pat Connaughton hit a 3-pointer to put the Irish ahead 67-64, their first lead since the 17:41 mark of the second half.

"I think when Pat started knocking down shots, and I looked at the scoreboard, and I saw the other team's heads down, it really felt like we were going to get this with Pat," he said.

Grant led the Irish with 24 points, 15 of them coming from the free-throw line, and 13 rebounds, tying his career high. He also added double figures in scoring, and junior forward Zach Auguste added a double-double, notching 16 points and 13 rebounds.

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If the Irish advance past the Grizzlies, they will take on the winner of No. 8 Minnesota and No. 9 West Virginia on Sunday.

If Notre Dame gets past a tough test on the road Dec. 16, with the Blue Devils leading for much of the overtime game, that means the Fighting Irish's Mike Brey was the ACC and program-record 41 points led the Irish to a 94-93 win.

"I think every coach looks at it that way, and I'm going to say the same thing," McGraw said. "We definitely have the toughest bracket, ... I think all the teams in the bracket are capable of winning." However, McGraw said coming away with an opening-round victory is not a guarantee against a team she believed should have earned a higher seed.

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11. Whealwright’s tool
14. Cousins of folk
15. Strange
16. Narrow inlet
17. Owls, pigs and chickens
18. Equivalent of about seven roses of beer
20. Watery
21. Deep-toned instrument
23. Sister
24. Location of Mount McKinley
29. Mural surface
31. __ Pe Up (major league nickname)
32. Buddy of “The Beverly Hillbillies”
33. Lunch delivery
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DOWN
1. Rind harmless
2. Impossible to see through
3. “Seesnake”
4. Out of touch with reality
5. A.M. or F.M.
6. Baseball scoreboards
6. Cram-toned
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11. Bill Clinton, by birth
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Aries (March 21-April 19): An investment will pay off. Take the time to help someone, and you will be offered a contribution or favor that will help you out financially or physically. Follow your intuition when dealing with a mystery.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Positive actions to improve your appearance will result in success, but also call for a steady expenditure and diet. Don’t live beyond your means. Don’t contribute to someone else’s investment. Avoid venues that will not suit your taste.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Say little. Listen to others and observe how they treat you. Consider how you can use your skills to make a difference. Actions will speak louder than words. A romantic situation will boost your ego.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Consider how passionate, religious and ways of doing things that interest you, and you will find a new direction that will help you overcome some of the impositions you’ve been forced to deal with.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Step into the limelight and you will draw attention from others, bringing you greater control and confidence. Learn from others. You love it in the stars, along with self-improvement projects.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Important documents could hold you back or cost you if you overlook the fine print. You may fall for a true or close deal, but instead focus on your financial well-being. A signed friendship will develop if you participate in an evening event.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take part in events that allow you to show your compassion and competitive desire to help others. Your contributions will have a positive impact, making you feel more comfortable in meeting someone with whom you will help face challenges.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You’ll have a greater interest in starting your own business. Avoid corresponding or talking more than you can handle during a day. Joint ventures will not turn out in your favor.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Important groundwork will result in future stability. You are forceful, outgoing and insightful.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don’t live beyond your means. You will have a greater interest in starting your own business. Avoid corresponding or talking more than you can handle during a day. Joint ventures will not turn out in your favor.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can make vocational changes if you make a move to be with you. Consider moving to a new room. You should follow the advice of your inner voice, but not your own. You’ll have a greater interest in starting your own business. Avoid corresponding or talking more than you can handle during a day. Joint ventures will not turn out in your favor.

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Irish finalize ACC arrival with win

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A stadium shrouded in baby blue with five mustard streaks on the court soon gave way to a rainbow of confetti.

On Saturday night in Greensboro, North Carolina, fittingly in the heart of ACC country, Notre Dame stood out.


North Carolina was playing in its 33rd ACC tournament title game. Duke has appeared in 31. Notre Dame was playing in its first—in any conference.

But the team from northwest Indiana, some 665 miles away from Greensboro, bested Duke and pummeled the local Tar Heels with a 22-2 run en route to the 90-82 victory and the conference crown.

“I am a little bit in awe of what my team did tonight and really the whole weekend here,” Irish head coach Mike Brey said to reporters afterward.

Yes, there’s still enough to be decided about this Notre Dame season in a short period of time next week in the NCAA tournament. An NCAA run has been missing in recent years, and another early exit would somewhat smudge the glamour of 29 wins and the ACC tournament title.

But that’s a conversation for another day. For one weekend, Notre Dame finalized its arrival in the ACC.

Brey has talked for two seasons, now, about Notre Dame carving out its spot in the ACC. Like the new kid arriving at a new school, there were growing pains. The Irish were bullied.

By MIKE MONACO

Irish earn No. 3 seed in Midwest

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Less than 24 hours after winning the ACC tournament as the conference’s No. 3 seed, Notre Dame earned the No. 3 seed Sunday in the Midwest Region of the NCAA tournament.

The Irish (28-5, 14-4 ACC) will face No. 14 seed Northeastern on Thursday in Pittsburgh. Notre Dame rode a second-half surge past North Carolina, 90-82, in Saturday’s ACC tournament final Saturday night after besting Duke, 74-64, in Friday’s semifinal in Greensboro, North Carolina.

“It’s the most confident I’ve been with a team going into the NCAA tournament,” Irish head coach Mike Brey said. “I think with the experience and what happened in Greensboro has given me that and them that Kentucky headlines the bracket as the No. 1 seed in the region and the tournament’s top overall team. Kansas (No. 2 seed), Maryland (No. 4), West Virginia (No. 5), Butler (No. 6), Wichita State (No. 7) and Texas (No. 11) are also in Notre Dame’s region. Should the Irish top Northeastern, they would face the winner of Butler and Texas on Saturday in Pittsburgh.

“We’ve already won one tournament…can we win the Pittsburgh tournament?” Brey said of his message to the Irish. “That’s all we’re thinking. I told them, ‘Don’t even look at the rest of the bracket.’”

Notre Dame has only faced Northeastern (23-11, 12-Colonial Athletic Association) once in program history. The Irish rolled the Huskies, 72-45, in 1997 in South Bend behind 24 points from Pat Garrity and 11 assists from then-freshman guard Martin Inglesby, now an Irish assistant coach.

Northeastern topped No. 2 seed UNC Wilmington and No. 1 seed William & Mary en route to the CAA’s automatic bid. The Huskies clinched their first trip to the NCAA Tournament since 1991.

The last time Notre Dame won an NCAA tournament game was the opening-round victory against Akron in 2011. Irish senior guard