Notre Dame community remembers Lisa Yang

Friends, family reflect on Yang’s life and friendship

By MARGARET HYNDS
News Editor

Lisa is one of the most compassionate people I’ve ever met. She always cared about other people’s feelings and never wanted to burden anyone. She was always willing to listen and offer consolation to those going through a tough time.

“Lisa loved to laugh and make jokes with people and was all around a good person to be around,” Senior Joseph Celeste chases those words to describe his girlfriend of two years, Lisa Yang, who died March 3.

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Panel explores St. Teresa’s relevance to young Catholics

By MARTHA REILLY
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Four speakers gathered Thursday night at Saint Mary’s to discuss St. Teresa of Avila’s relevance to young Catholics as part of a spring lecture series in honor of the 500th anniversary of her birth.

Teresa’s selflessness and love for others were common themes in each speaker’s presentation, but Julia Fedor, a pastoral fellow in Notre Dame’s theology department, focused especially on false humility, which she said can produce fear and a lack of confidence in believers.

“There are many opportunities to misinterpret humility,” Fedor said. “False humility can produce fear and overzealous penitential practices. True humility will lead one to accept God’s blessings and courageously take up love of one’s neighbor.”

Additionally, Fedor emphasized the importance of honoring God through prayer, which can lead to greater understanding of oneself.

“Prayer is for those seeking God’s blessings and those who are already engaged, and he has to pull off the “performance of a decade” in order to win the girl of his dreams.

Sophomore Maggie Moran, an actor in the show, said Notre Dame audiences have a lot to look forward to with the upcoming run of the musical.

“From neon sets to catching music to ’80s hairstyles, it really is the full experience,” she said. “And I don’t think people understand exactly how funny this show is — we’re talking out loud, possibly rolling on the floor laughing.”

PEMCo puts on “The Wedding Singer”

By MEGAN VALLEY
News Writer

Pasquella East Musical Company (PEMCo) will perform its spring musical, “The Wedding Singer,” at Washington Hall this weekend.

“The Wedding Singer” follows Robby Hart, New Jersey’s favorite wedding singer, as he intentionally ruins weddings after his own

change. PEMCo is run entirely by students, which Morán said is the best part about working with the group.

“Of course, some members of the team study (Film, Television and Theatre), but where else would you find the lead actors of a production be a civil engineer and a theology major?” she said.

Moran said she loves the variety of the cast and crew.

“The group is a mix of all majors, talents and types of experience,” she said. “As a non-FIT major, I feel incredibly lucky to work with this
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Writer examines faults of elite educational system

By J.P. Gschwind
News Writer

Speaking to a maximum-capacity crowd in DeBartolo Hall on Thursday evening, former leaguery president William Derewicz challenged the status quo of American higher education and the effect it has on students.

His lecture, “The Failures of the Elite Education System,” was based on his essay, “The Disadvantages of an Elite Education” and his book, “Excellent Sheep,” which examines negative trends he had seen in his career in academia.

“When people say, ‘Where should I send my kid?’ First of all, don’t send your kid. Let your kid decide,” Derewicz said.

Derewicz said towards the end of his 10-year tenure as a faculty member at Yale, he wrote an article titled “The Disadvantages of an Elite Education,” which went viral online.

“Students would write to me saying, ‘Thank you for putting what we were thinking into words,’” Derewicz said.

Derewicz said the elite education system has led to a culture of empty ambition where students struggle to get to the top but fail to understand why they are trying so hard. Accompanying this, Derewicz said, is a counterintuitive strain of anti-intellectualism.

Students are too busy studying and pushing through hoops to focus and think about what they are studying, he said.

“I tapped into a hunger that so many students feel: that there are just so many colleges, but across many colleges,” Derewicz said.

According to Derewicz, these effects go beyond simple dissatisfaction with college life.

“What I didn’t realize was just how much psychic distress, how much mental illness, to be brutally frank about it, this system is causing,” Derewicz said.

Derewicz said it is still important to create a positive vision of college education. Citing columnist David Brooks, Derewicz said education can be divided into three purposes: vocational, cognitive and moral.

He said colleges currently focus too much on the vocational and, to a lesser extent, the cognitive. Instead, they should focus on the moral purpose: the cultivation of an ability to make choices and self-reflect.

Derewicz said he sees this purpose from a secular perspective that we can connect with and complement a religious mission, especially at a school like Notre Dame.

“This is a system that forces you to choose between fulfillment and success,” he said.

Derewicz said University President John J. Jenkins, C.S.C., Theodore Hesburgh and University of California regent Clark Kerr provide excellent examples of how college administrators should act.

However, he said the paradigm of public intellectual college leader is dead, replaced by the model of business managers who treat schools like corporations and students like customers.

“The classroom and the dorm room, the heart of college, is not the same experience,” he said.

“The first puts ideas into your head, the second makes them part of your soul.”

Derewicz said that a college education should help answer the question, “What is the good life?” and how to live it.

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March 3, dozens of those friends flocked to the Grotto to remember her and to illuminate the space, spelling out her name in candles.

'A hardworking individual'
All who knew her said Yang was an accomplished student. A finance major in the Mendoza College of Business with a job lined up after graduation, she was "naturally very good at many of the things she did," senior Amanda Kotey said.

Kotey remembered studying with Yang late into the night. "I would say that Lisa was such a genuine and hardworking individual," Kotey said in an email. "Often times when I had to pull all-nighters in our section lounge of McGlinn, I would almost always see Lisa there, too."

Yang loved her studies and her extracurricular activities — numerous business-related clubs and the Debate Team — loved to cook and travel and dreamed of moving to New York, Celeste and senior Nikki Reyes said.

McGlinn Hall senior Boyung Yoo said she met Yang walking to Domefest during freshman orientation, and the two remained friends throughout their time at Notre Dame. She said she viewed Yang as one of the smartest people she had met at the school. "I remember when she got her first internship; it was in sophomore year," Yoo said. "It’s kind of hard as a sophomore to land an internship, and she had such a good one … she was getting paid really well, and as a fellow sophomore looking at someone this successful I just thought, 'Well, you're going places.' ... She had so much going for her."

'Always smiling'
Several of Yang’s friends recalled her memorable smile and laugh. "She was always smiling. I’m sure you saw pictures of her smile, it was super bright, and it just lights up the entire room," Yoo said.

Reyes, who lived in McGlinn and studied finance with Yang, described Yang as a young woman dedicated to her schoolwork who was generally happy and playful. "The way I describe Lisa is that she was always such a happy person," Reyes said. "She was always very light.

"Even when she was stressed, she would laugh about things. She had a very distinctive laugh, when she felt awkward or something was funny."

"She was very light-hearted and almost like a free spirit," Reyes said. "During the Asian American reunion, she was the McAllister’s kindness and friendship extended beyond the professional sphere, senior Margarita Arcenas said. Arcenas said she specifically recalls a night out with Yang and other girls from McGlinn.

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A group of people who have a diversity of gifts and interests, but share a passion for theater and a desire to grow and learn from one another.

Senior Caitlin Schlehuber directs the musical, with sophomore Sonia Uregui as the musical director and senior Maggie Miller as the choreographer. Senior Chris Siemann plays Robbie and sophomore Victoria Perreira plays Julia.

Auditions were held at the beginning of the semester, and rehearsals were held for several hours each week. Moran said the time the cast and crew invested in the production will be well worth the effort.

"The time and talent that has gone into bringing this musical to the stage has truly paid off, and I can’t wait to join this cast and crew in showcasing it," she said.

"The Wedding Singer" will be performed Friday in Washington Hall at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 4 p.m. Tickets are $7 for students and $10 for non-students and are on sale at the LaFortune Box Office and at the door.

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While standing in line to pay my re- spects to Fr. Theodore Hesburgh the other night, a thought came to my mind of how one measures a life. The phrase ‘good life’ gets thrown around in speech when referring to those who have passed quite often. But how do you measure a ‘good life’?

I pondered this as I looked around at the hundreds of people who had come to honor Fr. Ted and the answer that came to me was life is measured by the relationships you form with the people you meet in life. Listening to the countless stories about his life there was always a single consistency among them — his willingness and courage to meet and form a relationship with those around him. Be it with civil rights lead- ers, presidents, foreign dignitaries, the homeless, the students of Notre Dame, he never balked from trying to meet and show brotherhood to his fellow man and woman. There are countless stories of him approaching people he didn’t know around campus and starting conversa- tions that he helped the stranger realize his or her potential or put in front of you and there you never know.

This way of living is often ill advised in today’s world as we are swarmed with media of the atrocities going on in the world by evil men, and it can make our heart timid to the idea of trying to be in communion with those around us. With how connected the entire world is through the Internet, it is laughable how disconnected personally from each other we are now. I once sat on a train to Chicago for three hours across from a man who was a little more disheveled than I was, and we didn’t speak once, even though we were so close to each other and the only people in the car. I think of what Fr. Ted would have done, and I know he would have started a con- versation with the man. It’s these missed opportunities that stop us from possibly improving a life changing moment or re- ceiving a friend that we may never have

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I count myself fortunate to have personally known and worked with Hesburgh. My Notre Dame student tenure began about two-thirds into his presidency, during his strong, steady, well established leadership pace. Hesburgh’s 35-year campus legacy can be easily calculated by a few consistent numbers: upon his retirement, the overall operating budget and research budgets hovered near a 20 percent rise, the endowment rose by 40 percent and the number of faculty more than doubled while the student enrollment nearly doubled.

Upon entering Notre Dame, I knew little about Hesburgh except for his nomination by President Nixon (who then fired him) as the newly named chairman of the Civil Rights Commission. I had also heard of his 15-minute protest rule — guidelines that guaranteed against impeding students from communicating an opinion. I was nearly blind, he whispered to me that he saved my life. His final words to me were, “Ted the Head,” as we students affectionately called him at the time, could help me.

After the security guard at the door called Hesburgh, I climbed three flights and knocked on his office door. I had practiced my spiel long enough to convince myself that I could pass muster even in court. But when the door flung open quickly and the burning full chandelier radiated a rush of light behind Hesburgh’s head, I froze as he extended his hand and spoke boldly in a fully loud projection, “How do you like Notre Dame?”

“Ah, oh, great,” I weakly mumbled during a tongue-tied moment before we chatted briefly at the door. He never invited me into the office, but he told me that if I could convince one of his assistants, then it was OK with him on the means to solve my predicament. He even referred me to a woman who was from my hometown of Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. I departed thinking that the odds were in my favor despite the rigid course dropping guidelines. It was my firsthand interaction with this internationally known quintessential diplomat whose analytical and organizational strengths were such an asset to Notre Dame. Unfortunately, the only option available — was to change German instructors. Fortunately, I passed both courses, and when I next saw him during my sophomore year student government participation, I reminded Hesburgh that he saved me. Our bond grew closer when I chaired our Junior Parents’ Weekend that featured Hesburgh as our speaker. He, in turn, reminded me that he had “salvaged” my “hopeless future.” Later that year when his lights glowed from the third floor one early morning after midnight, I phoned him upon my return to Lyons Hall from campaigning for student body president. He frankly scolded me during our conversation, which I still obtain on a cassette recording with my college papers, that he thought some of my campaign positions were ridiculous.

Although Hesburgh mastered the art of diplomacy, his personality lacked as much interpersonal empathy as other priests on campus who specialized in ministering to more fragile student personalities. Yet Hesburgh embodied the ultimate characteristic of a steady operational leader whose charisma endeared him to other leaders including every president since Dwight Eisenhower in 1952. Hesburgh was both a spiritual and academic purist who marched for civil rights when it was unpopular and defended confering a Notre Dame degree upon President Obama even with policy differences between the White House and the university.

I last spoke to Hesburgh at reunion weekend two years ago. While he appeared physically frail and nearly blind, he whispered to me that he saved my college career. For that remembrance I thank him eternally and pray for his eternal happy rewards.

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And the Career Center is here to help from the very first day you arrive on campus — even if you don’t yet know what path you want to pursue.

The Career Center Engagement Team works with
By MARC DRAKE
Scene Writer

Oh Mamma’s on The Avenue, a cheese store and deli located in the market dis-

tric of South Bend, exists somewhere be-
tween the past and the present. Equipped
with all the features of a typical restau-

rant, the establishment still exudes a cer-
tain kind of old-world charm: pictures of
previous farmers line the walls, patrons
that shuffle in are greeted by their first
name, cannolis are generously handed
out while customers wait in line. The tra-
dition of dairy farming is an established
one for owner Joe Klinedinst, with three
generations of dairy farmers serving St.

Joseph County. “I raised dairy goats my
whole life. I’m from an Italian-German
family — of Italian descent — and that
picture right there is circa 1929, and that
would be my great uncle in Mishawaka,”
explains Klinedinst. The third generation
of dairy farmers in the area, Klinedinst
and his wife Jody have continued to main-
tain the family business. “It’s a family
operation, it’s myself and my wife, Jody,
and then we have three children, Sophia,
Joseph and Francis, and then we have one
on the way,” explains Klinedinst. “The
[children] are in 4H, the 4H goat club. They
get up and help milk and do chores both
before and after school.”

Despite the coziness and name, an ef-
fort to capture the “Italian, European
flair” of the establishment, Oh Mamma’s
is anything but antiquated. While
speaking to Klinedinst, I learn how Oh
Mamma’s is very up-to-date on the latest
techniques in cheese making and dairy
farming. “We are working on putting in
Indiana’s first underground cheese cave,”

explains Klinedinst. I quickly inquire as
to what exactly a cheese cave is, perhaps
showing my rudimentary knowledge of
how exactly cheese is created. “It’s under-
ground, six foot [sic] of Earth on top, 12 x
40, and we’ll age cheeses in there, all dif-
ferent types. Cow, goat, mixed species.”

To the uninitiated, milk is milk. We buy
it from the store, whole, two percent, one
percent or skim. For Klinedinst, however,
the selection of dairy is much more nu-
anced than that, and patrons should ex-
pect some differences when they taste
his farm fresh goat cheese. “Goat’s milk
is naturally homogenized, which means
the cream doesn’t rise to the top. You get
a jug of cow’s milk from the store, and
the cream doesn’t rise to the top, so it’s
easier for you to digest. Goat’s milk just
comes out that way, it’s naturally like
that,” explains Klinedinst. “More people
in the world actually drink goat’s milk
and not cow’s milk, and when you com-
pare the milks, [goat’s milk] is a little
richer and higher in butter fat, but if it’s
handled properly shouldn’t taste any dif-
ferent. As far as the cheeses go, goat’s milk
cheese can just be a little more tangy or
tart, they can be really rich.”

Deciding to taste the cheese for myself, I sample
the Farmhouse Feta, one of the over 300
cheeses offered along with cured meats,
olives and a variety of other products.

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this cheese had me reconsidering my
previously expressed distaste for feta.

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Between the delicious sandwiches, can-
nolis and olive salads, it’s easy to spend
an afternoon at Oh Mamma’s eating and
preemptively deciding what to purchase
during a future visit.

Klinedinst also taught me a thing or
two about the cheesemaking process,
and what makes his product unique from
other cheeses. His family has always
been committed to dairy goats, but now it
seems the rest of the world is catching up.

“I actually just read an article in agri-
business in the U.S., in Indiana agribusi-
ness and goat’s milk and goat species
and their products are one of the largest
growing farm segments in the country,”
he said.

The Oh Mamma’s storefront located
at 1212 Beyer Ave, South Bend, IN is just
one of many locations that cheese-lovers
can find Klinedinst’s products. Selling
out of the South Bend Farmer’s Market on
Saturdays, a 45-goat farm in Walkerton,
IN, open-air markets in New Buffalo and
several South Bend establishments such as
South Bend Brew Werks and LaSalle
Grille, patrons all across St. Joseph’s
County have the opportunity to sample
the cheese. With cheese baskets and ca-
tering for Easter, graduation parties and
weddings, Oh Mamma’s is preparing for
a busy season. After tasting the delicious
data, expansive selection of deli products
offered, patrons may find themselves
coming back time and time again.

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By ADAM RAMOS  
Scene Writer

Without a doubt, Magic Man’s “Paris” is a hit. With an infectious piano hook and frenetic chorus you can’t help but bob your head to, “Paris” is my go-to when I need a pick-me-up. Yet upon see-
ing Magic Man live earlier this week at the Old National Centre, I questioned whether “Paris” alone could carry an entire live set and unfortunately, I may have been justified in my worries. With only one full-length album, Magic Man certainly struggled with monotony throughout the night. However, with a few strong points, the indie-pop group promises genuine potential.

Boston-based Magic Man have found a comfortable mix of synth pop and modern rock throughout their 2014 full-length album, “Before the Waves.” With powerful vocals from front man Alex Caplow coupled with soaring and airy synths, Magic Man is a powerful new voice in the indie pop sphere. Hailed as “12 Tracks of Alt Joy” by Q, “Before the Waves” is a fun album, and while it may lack some substance, it is certainly a strong starting point from a relatively new group.

I met Magin Man in Indianapolis on the ninth stop of their first major headlining tour, which brought me to the Old National Centre, a monstrous edifice with an interesting history. Standing as the largest shrine temple in North America, the Old National Centre, if nothing else, was an intriguing spot for a performance — even despite the aging interior. Magic Man brought along with them two indie newcomers, The Vinyl Records and Great Good Fine Ok. While The Vinyl Records was a bit easy to forget, I was impressed with Great Good Fine Ok. GGFO brought a refreshing take on synth pop, reminiscent of ‘80’s funk, keytar solo and all. I look forward to watching GGFO mature: after all, we could all use a little more funk in our lives, or at least I always can.

Then Magic Man took the stage in a rush of lights, pounding beats and swirling synths. While the energy was invigorating, man can’t live on energy alone, and as my lave dances moves began to dwindle, my mind drifted to one song: “Paris.” While artistry was sharp throughout the whole show, there just was not enough substance in Magic Man’s set to keep me involved. Pretty soon, much of the set congealed into one long pop ballad accented with all the “whos” and “ohhs” I could handle.

Yet the optimist in me left the Old National Centre with a smile. Sure, Magic Man was a bit dull in their fun, energetic blend of indie pop, but when they were good, they were good. A clear high note was the first encore performance, a cover of Jimmy Eat World’s “The Middle.” Magic Man’s signature high-energy performances fit perfectly with early 2000 alternative rock hit, and guitarist Sam Vanderhoop Lee’s guitar solo was fun for all. Finally, as my mind began to think of the two and a half hour drive back to campus and my 8:20 class in the morning, Magic Man brought out “Paris.” Despite everything, I couldn’t help but smile and the energy in the audience was palpable.

A nationwide tour might be exactly the maturation process Magic Man needs in order to elevate from one-hit- wonder to a contending voice in a genre seeing more and more commercial success. I would also encourage Notre Dame students not to forget how close we really are to the city of Indianapolis. Discovering a new city is always fun, and with only a short easy drive away, maybe Indianapolis can prove to be just as fun as “Paris” is! Sorry I’ll leave the jokes to the professionals next time.

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By TOMMY ANDERSON  
Scene Writer

Having rather high expectations walk-
ing into “Chappie,” I was disappointed with Neill Blomkamp’s work. Over the past several years, South African direc-
tor Blomkamp has emerged as a prom-
ising young director, most notably with 2009’s social segregation commentary and horror film “District 9.” More recently, Blomkamp wrote, produced and directed 2013’s dystopian “Elysium,” which sadly seemed less Blomkamp and far more forced into Hollywood’s science fiction formula. I had hoped Blomkamp might have fed off of earlier inspiration and crawled back to his inventive originality given his newfound American following and financial investment, but unfortunately “Chappie” marks the second notch in a declining career. The film follows an obsessive computer programmer, who works for a large robotics corporation, after he creates a robot that starts to replace the police in Johannesburg, South Africa. The pro-
grammmer feels creatively abandoned by his boss after she denies an update that he developed that gives the robots a con-
sciousness, so he takes a robot labeled Chappie and makes jokes. Sounds cool, doesn’t it? With so much quickly built up potential, there seemed little reason to expect dis-
appointment. However, after Chappie is kidnapped the next day, Chappie is taken down to their level. From there Chappie leaves our circle of sympa-
thies and becomes a criminal, and it does not help that Chappie spends most of the movie concerned about his own survival rather than using his programmed hu-
manity for something positive. The way Chappie is placed under the wings and raised by Ninja and Visser seems to parody the importance of positively influencing their children, but again the story is very unclear. It seems as though too many im-
portant discussions start, but then get lost when explosions and riots start destroying Johannesburg; mixed messages abound. I still recommend seeing the film, if not for the entertainment then just for the fi-
al 10 minutes. But be prepared to put up with an hour and a half of head throbbing music and characters with outlawish haircuts.

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Fans dive into March Madness

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Sports Writer

It’s that time of year again. The time of year when nearly everyone you know claims to have a significant interest in college basketball, even if they have not watched a single regular season game. The time of year when everyone appoints themselves “experts” when it comes to their ability to pick the winner of college basketball games.

You already know what I’m talking about: March Madness.

March Madness is one of those things that every college basketball fan wears during the year for a sport a fan for. The constant excitement and unpredictability that comes with not knowing how every game of the tournament leaves you on the edge of your seat throughout. But before you start binge-watching college basketball this weekend, be sure to remember these do’s and don’ts.

Do: Fill out a bracket. Yes, I know that there are some people that say it is more enjoyable. But I would argue that filling out a bracket without a coach to win the championship gets to win the championship gets to win the championship gets to win the championship gets to win the championship gets to win the championship gets to win the championship gets to win the championship gets to win the championship gets to win the championship.

When you fill out your bracket, you must do so with accuracy. The national champion is the team you predicted

Way that this is absolutely true of “busted” just because of one team that you have never had a chance to see play. The single-elimination style of the tournament brings a do-or-die feel to every game, and even the most unlikely of upsets can become possible with a lucky bounce here or there.

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Don’t: You’ve decided to fill out your bracket, do you think that your bracket is “busted” just because of one game during the first weekend of the tournament. The only way that this is absolutely true is if the team you predicted to win the championship gets knocked out in the first weekend. In this case, yes, your bracket is dead. If one of your final four teams gets knocked out early, your bracket certainly won’t be in good shape, but it’s not dead. Just because over their last two games. Sophomore outfielder Karley Wester leads the team with a .472 batting average, while senior third baseman Katey Nasland led the team with a .418 batting average and .627 slugging percentage, and she is second on the team in RBIs with 21. Ziese leads the Yellow Jackets with six home runs and 23 RBIs while also slugging .597.

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By BEN PADANILAM
Sports Writer

Notre Dame travels to Florida for ACC showdown

Notre Dame will be going on the road once more this weekend, this time to take on Florida State in Tallahassee, Florida, on Friday and Georgia Tech in Atlanta on Sunday.

The Irish (9-5, 4-2 ACC) recently traveled to Florida for a non-conference match against East Carolina before coming home for two conference matches over the weekend. Notre Dame now returns to the Sunshine State for an ACC matchup with the Seminoles (8-5, 2-3 ACC).

Given that all but one of their remaining matches will be against ACC opponents, Irish head coach Jay Louderback said he believes that each match will be difficult from here on out. “All these ACC matches are important, especially the ones we have on the road because all of the ones we play on the road are good,” Louderback said. “We need to get to where we go into some of these away ACC matches and steal a couple of them. This is just the start of it.”

However, Louderback said the biggest concern for the team at the moment is transitioning to outdoor tennis. “The biggest challenge for us, and it’s a thing we’ll run into from here on out, is going from indoor to outdoor,” Louderback said. “It’s good because I think we are definitely better outdoors, it’s just we’re getting our kids used to going in and out and making the big switch every year.”

Following their matchup in Tallahassee, Florida, on Friday, the Irish will then travel to Atlanta on Sunday to take on the Yellow Jackets (5-6, 2-3 ACC).

Although both Florida State and Georgia Tech are outside the ITA top 50, Louderback does not want his team understimating their opponents. In fact, he believes that both teams are much stronger than their rankings indicate.

“Both Georgia Tech and Florida State are very, very good,” Louderback said. “The rankings right now are insane. We went to the computer a lot earlier than we normally do with the rankings, and I think it really has messed the rankings up. Florida State and Georgia Tech are both ranked very low, but there’s no question that they both should be in the top 30. That’s the thing that’s crazy right now. Both teams will be very good, especially with us on the road.”

In order to come away with two road victories this weekend, Louderback said he thinks the Irish will need to come away with the doubles point in order to set the tone for the singles matches that follow.

“I think the key for us is the doubles, and both teams have very, very good doubles,” Louderback said. “Florida State might be even stronger in singles than in doubles, but both are good in singles and doubles.”

The Irish will return to the courts Friday at 3 p.m. when they take on the Seminoles at Scott Speicher Tennis Center in Tallahassee, Florida, before a Sunday matchup against the Yellow Jackets noon at Atlanta.

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The Riley Prize
in Art History & Criticism

The Department of Art, Art History and Design is pleased to announce its annual competition for the Riley Prize in Art History and Criticism. Current Notre Dame undergraduate and graduate students are invited to submit essays on any topic in the history of art or art criticism for consideration in the competition. Essays must deal with the visual arts. They may have been written in conjunction with a course taken at the University, but need not have been.

Rules governing the competition are available in the Art Department Office, 306 Riley Hall of Art.

Two copies of the submission must be delivered to the Art Department Office by 4:00 PM, Monday, March 30th to be eligible.

A student may only submit ONE entry.

Irish, Buckeyes face off at home

Observer Staff Report

For the fifth time in seven games, No. 19 Notre Dame will take on a fellow ranked opponent Saturday when it hosts No. 8 Ohio State at Artz Stadium. The Irish (4-4, 1-2 ACC) are coming off a 15-8 win over Virginia Tech last Saturday that saw the Irish get back on track after a trio of successive losses. Sophomore attack Connor Fortunato scored eight goals in the win — as many as the Hokies — to help her team to its first conference win of the season after losses at No. 2 Duke and No. 4 Boston College.

The Buckeyes (8-1, 0-0 Big Ten) have won four straight since a Feb. 26 loss to No. 12 Ohio State, and are ranked in the goal-scoring department by senior attack Katie Chase, who has tallied 27 goals on the season. Ohio State senior attack Jackie Cifarelli leads the team in points, though, with 12 goals and 25 assists. Senior goalkeeper Tori DelleCave has been solid for the Buckeyes back line with 68 saves in nine games, while Ohio State has the nation’s third-highest scoring defense in the country, averaging 16.33 goals per game.

Notre Dame and Ohio State have a quartet of opponents in common so far this season; both teams triumphed over Cincinnati, Detroit and Virginia Tech and fell at the hands of Stanford.

Fortunato leads the Irish into Saturday’s contest with 23 goals and seven assists on the season. She is followed atop the Notre Dame scoring charts by junior Rachel Sexton, who has 14 goals, and sophomore midfielder Casey Pearsall, who has seven goals and eight assists on the year.

One advantage the Irish have over the Hokies is their high conversion rate from free-position opportunities. Notre Dame has scored 30 goals on 54 free-position shots so far this season, while the Buckeyes are just 15-for-38 in such situations on the year.

Tomorrow’s game is the start of a two-game non-conference stretch for the Irish — a trip to Marquette on Wednesday is next on the cards — before they return to ACC play for three more conference games.

The Irish are unbeaten against unranked opponents and win six of seven meetings this season, something that will have to change if Irish head coach Christine Halfpenny’s team is to emerge victorious this weekend.

Senior defender Barbara Sullivan has returned to the Irish squad this year and paces the team in both draw controls (33) and ground balls (16). Sophomore goaltender Liz O’Sullivan leads the Irish in the net, bringing a .340 save percentage into Saturday’s contest.

The Irish and Buckeyes will face off in a top-20 contest at Artz Stadium, with the opening draw coming at noon.

Ninth-ranked Lavs visit ND

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame will play its fourth consecutive home tennis match of the week Friday when No. 9 Virginia visits Eck Tennis Pavilion. The Irish (8-6, 1-2 ACC) have won two of their three contests on the current home stand, which will continue Saturday with a double-header against Georgia Tech and IPFW.

However, outside of the recent homestand, the Irish are currently in the midst of a rough stretch. Those two recent wins have been the only ones in their last seven matches. Notre Dame fell to No. 2 Texas Tech, 4-3, on Tuesday. The result of the match came down to the singles match-up between Texas Tech freshman Connor Curtin and Notre Dame junior Nickolas Montoya. Ultimately, Curtin defeated Montoya in three sets, 2-6, 6-1, 6-3. The loss to the Red Raiders (15-4) was only the second home loss for the Irish on the season and their first since Jan. 25 defeat to Columbia.

After the loss to Texas Tech, the match on Friday will be a return to conference play for Notre Dame. Notre Dame has won one of its three ACC contests so far. After losing to No. 16 Virginia Tech and Louisville consecutive-ly on the road, the Irish picked up a 7-0 victory over Boston College at home last Sunday.

The Cavaliers (10-3, 3-0 ACC) come into Friday’s contest with an unbeaten conference record that includes victories over Clemson, North Carolina State and No. 12 Wake Forest, two of which came on the road.

One of the key matchups to watch Friday is the No. 1 singles spot, which will pit Irish junior Quentin Monaghan, ranked No. 22 in the country, against Virginia junior Ryan Shane, who is ranked third nationally.

The Irish and Cavaliers are set to play at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Eck Tennis Pavilion.
The entire University of Notre Dame Community is invited to a Mass of Remembrance as we mourn the loss of

Lisa Yang
Senior

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Tuesday, March 24, 2015
9 p.m.

Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., Presider
Rev. Pete McCormick, C.S.C., Homilist
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Lacrosse

Leading by senior midfielder Jesse King, who has compiled 21 goals and 14 assists, the Buckeyes recently surprised No. 6 Denver with a 13-11 upset in Columbus. Notre Dame’s sole loss on the year came against the Cavaliers, 11-10 in overtime. The two teams share another common opponent this season: Dartmouth. Both Notre Dame and Ohio State defeated the Green Wave, 20-5 and 15-5 respectively.

Ohio State also ranks as one of the best defensive teams in the country. The squad allows 7.22 goals per game, good for fourth in the nation. Notre Dame is sixth in the NCAA in scoring, averaging 14.4 goals per game.

“I think their offense definitely contributes to how good they are defensively,” Irish junior midfielder Kyle Trolley said. “We’ve been watching film on them all week, and when they took the lead against Denver last week in the last nine minutes of the game, Denver did not get a sniff. Ohio State was really patient and selective with what they were doing offensively. So that offseason skill and confidence that their guys play with definitely helps with the defensive side of the ball.”

Last week, Notre Dame was challenged by two top-10 opponents, winning against Virginia and losing to Denver. In its first ACC contest against the Cavaliers, Notre Dame held them scoreless for more than 22 minutes while scoring the first seven goals of the contest en route to an 11-9 win. The Irish’s offensive and defensive prowess in the game would eventually help earn two of their players ACC honors that week.

Freshman attack Mikey Wynne earned ACC offensive player of the week. Against Virginia, Wynne scored five goals to add to his team-leading 14 for the season: second on the team in total points and first in percentage of shots converted while ranking third in the nation with 3.8 goals per game. On the other side of the ball, junior defenseman Matt Landis was named ACC defensive player of the week. Notre Dame’s defense held the Cavaliers to a season-low nine goals.

“Team success is definitely more important than personal success, but seeing two guys get something like that out of like 350 guys that play lacrosse in the ACC was great,” Trolley said. “Landis is a junior so we know what he’s capable of and what he’s been doing for us, but Mikey Wynne, it’s pretty cool for him to get it as a freshman. He’s been tearing it up for us. He scored like six goals in his first game, so he’s been putting it in the back of the net for us from the start.”

The Irish will look to continue their recent offensive output against Ohio State’s defense as the two will face off on the 40th time Saturday at Arlotta Stadium at 4 p.m.

Baseball
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Lead the nation with 30 doubles... Luis Valdez tallied two against Central Michigan on Wednesday. The Irish’s offensive side of the ball, senior midfielder Aoki said. “And we always feel like we’re just one pitch away from being able to out of an inning by spinning a double play or just making a good play.”

Aoki said he will most likely send the usual week-end-series trio of senior right-hander Scott Kerrigan, freshman right-hander Brandon Bielak and junior right-hander Nick McCarthy to the mound to start against the Cardinals.

“We’ve done well with those guys. Hopefully one of these weekends, we get all three of them going, but I’ve been really pleased with the way that they’ve thrown,” he said. “… I feel good about our three guys that are starting, and we’ll certainly stick with that for the foreseeable future.”

The Irish and the Cardinals will start their three-game series Friday at 6:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium with the first pitch for Saturday’s matchup at 2:05 p.m. and Sunday’s finale at 1:05 p.m.

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Irish sophomore catcher Ryan Lidge runs towards third base in Notre Dame’s 8-3 win over Central Michigan on Wednesday.
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3-point line, much less fire a shot, as Irish junior forward Zach Auguste forced a steal just inside the arc.

“Just had to lock in, do whatever it takes to win and get the stop,” Auguste said after the game, noting that mindset on the final possession.

And Notre Dame survived. And advanced.

“This group, more than any group I’ve had at Notre Dame, can guard to win games,” said Brey, who is in his 13th season in South Bend.

The Irish forced 16 Northeastern turnovers and converted them into 17 points.

“We’ve been known for offense,” senior guard/forward and captain Pat Connaughton said. “We have guys that can score. But our defense is gonna help us win games and win championships, to be quite honest.”

Notre Dame will face the winner of No. 6 seed Butler and No. 11 seed Texas on Saturday in Pittsburgh in the round of 32. The Irish haven’t advanced to the Sweet 16 since 2003.

Mired in a low-scoring and slow-paced first half, Notre Dame grabbed the hinges of its high-accuracy offense and took control at the outset of the second half. Auguste, senior guard Jerian Grant and sophomore guard Demetrius Jackson keyed the offensive fluidity and built a double-digit lead.

Brey kept Auguste in after the big man picked up his third foul just 14 seconds into the second half. Auguste responded with 25 points on 10-of-14 shooting.

“I thought he was really smart and was still a defensive presence for us,” Brey said. “But we needed him to score.”

Notre Dame lifted its lead to 11 with 6:24 remaining. Northeastern senior guard David Walker stole a Grant pass and drove the other way for a miss, but Auguste tallied his first two fouls in a 51-second span in the first five minutes of the first half, and he spent the next 11-plus minutes on the bench.

With Auguste out, Grant went to work, pouring in nine points after a slow start to the stanza; he didn’t record his first points until 11 minutes had elapsed. Grant connected on pull-up jumpers and his patented step-back two from just inside the 3-point stripe. The senior, who before the game was named one of four finalists for the Naismith Trophy, gave the nation’s top player, finished with 17 points and five assists.

“He is the ultimate playmaker,” Brey said. “I’m proud of him because he didn’t get off to a very good start. He threw a couple into their band, one into our band.”

That’s top 10 SportsCenter, top five,” Brey said.

Notre Dame couldn’t create much breathing room in a slow-paced first half. The Irish led 31-27 after the opening 20 minutes, which were played within an eight-point window, even though Notre Dame shot 55 percent from the field and Northeastern committed eight turnovers.

“That was gonna be a hard game,” Brey said. “They’re almost burning the clock a little bit. ... That’s a real test mentally on your guys.”

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Brianna Turner averaged 13.8 points per game. Freshman forward Kathryn Westbeld — reared in Bend, Oregon, and attended Mountain View High School in the Seattle area — arrived in South Bend this past summer.

The Irish finished with 19 assists on 27 field goals. Vasturia chatted with a couple of helpers while Auguste tallied his own pair late in the second half.

In addition to well-coordinated ball movement, Grant also came up with a pair of steals to seal the game down the stretch.

With the Irish up 65-61 with 1:24 remaining and momentum on the side of the Huskies, Grant stripped redshirt junior guard/forward Quincy Ford just over half-court and garnered a chance for a dunk to push the lead to six. Then as time wound down and Northeastern was given the chance to tie or take the lead, Grant finished off an Irish defensive stand by stripping Ford again. Grant knocked the ball to Auguste who was fouled and sunk two free-throws to ice the game.

“… I thought Jerian and Auguste really came on strong since the last weekend’s ACC tournament,” Brey said. “I think they’ve been working together for a couple of weeks. I think they’ve been working together for that thunderous dunk. The ball was kind of loose, and I picked it up and just kind of do some of the things I do, and Zach did a great job of finishing up,” Jackson said.

The connection between the guards and Auguste has been working to perfection since the Irish finished their ACC schedule.

“The tactics between us on the final shot got off on the final Husky possesses and then we were probably going to go in, just with the way the momentum was shifting and the way that they were playing and the great offensive team they are,” senior guard/forward Pat Connaughton said. “... I thought Jerian and Zach is the ultimate, key, live in the moment guy,” Brey said. “... He made two big steals to keep the game going.”

The Irish now advance to the tournament’s third round, where they are await- ed by sixth-seeded Butler. The Bulldogs (23-10) beat 11-seed Texas, 56-48. The teams will meet Saturday at CONSOL Energy Center in Pittsburgh — the time is still to be determined.

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Irish senior guard Jerian Grant tries a layup in Notre Dame’s 69-65 win over the Huskies at CONSOL Energy Center in Pittsburgh.

Irish guards were picturesque.

Sophomore guard Demetrius Jackson finished with a career-high eight assists and senior guard Jerian Grant chipped in another five. Between the two, they registered an assist on nine of Auguste’s 10 field goals.

“I give a lot of credit to my teammates and my brothers,” Auguste said. “I got great passes, great distributed. ... They find me easy buckets.”

“When you have Zach rolling, that’s why he had the night,” Brey said. “I give our team credit to know let’s keep doing this.”

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One of Jackson’s helpers in particular stood out.

With Notre Dame leading 58-56 with just over seven minutes remaining in the game, a mad scram- ble for the ball followed a couple of missed shots by the Huskies. The loose ball bounced to Jackson, who spun around a defender, threw the ball around behind his back to cross-up another and finished by splitting two Huskies with a no-look pass for a thunderous dunk.

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on offense,” said the Grizzlies’ guards in particular stood out on film.

Montana redshirt senior guard Kellie Rubel (14.0 points per game) and forward Nicole Callie Feller (11.0) were the No. 1 and No. 3 leading scorers for the Grizzlies, respectively.

“The ability to get smart,” Loyd said of Montana’s guards. “They shoot 3s, they move the ball real- ly well, they set good screens, so we obviously have to make sure we communicate well enough.”

Sophomore forward Kayleigh Valley was the No. 2 leading scor- er for the Grizzlies at 11.5 points per game.

For the Irish, Loyd led the way with an ACC-best 20.5 points per game. Freshman forward Brianna Turner averaged 13.8 points per game, and sopho- more forward Taya Reimer post 16.1. Turner and Reimer were also Notre Dame’s rebounding leaders.

“I definitely see us on an up- ward trajectory,” McGraw said. “I think the underclassmen, in par- ticular our post players, have re- ally, really come on strong since probably mid-January. I think that’s been our strength. The three in the post — Taya Reimer, Brianna Turner and [freshman forward] Kathryn Westbeld — re- ally have been the difference in why we ended so strong.”

The Irish enter the tournament coming off a regular-season ACC title and an ACC tournament championship.

“I think the ACC is the best league in women’s basketball,” McGraw said. “It really prepares us for the NCAA tournament. We’re going to see things that we’ve seen throughout the year with different teams. I think playing in that [ACC] tourna- ment atmosphere really prepares us for this tournament as well.”

Notre Dame won the tourna- ment March 8 with a 71-58 vic- tory over No. 7 Florida State, a performance McGraw hopes her team will build on.

“I think we’re working really well right now,” McGraw said. “We came off our best game of the year against Florida State in the tournament, and that’s what I want to see. I want to see sharp execution, not a lot of turnovers. I want to see us playing great de- fense, rebounding, really all the fundamentals.”

The Irish and Grizzlies tip off at Purcell Pavilion at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The game will be broadcast on ESPNU and ESPN3-WatchESPN.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An empathetic approach to a cause will lead you to influential people. Don’t feel you have to make a substantial donation to a cause. A partnership will be good for your business. Be different and give you a chance to network with prospective partners. $$

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Survive and advance
Auguste scores game-high 25 points to help prevent upset at the hands of Northeastern

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Just as Notre Dame appeared to find its rhythm after a sluggish first half, Northeastern surged.

And for a few tense minutes at CONSOL Energy Center in Pittsburgh on Thursday afternoon, things looked all too familiar for Notre Dame, which hadn’t won an NCAA tournament game since 2011.

But the No. 3 seed Irish snuck away with a 69-65 victory over No. 14 seed Northeastern in the opening round of the Midwest Region.

“We had really key defensive possessions to escape with a win,” Irish head coach Mike Brey said.

“We thought our ball pressure could affect them, and that saved us, obviously.”

A 12-point Irish lead with six minutes remaining evaporated into a two-point edge and required a massive defensive effort in the game’s waning seconds. And with its season on the line, Notre Dame got the stop it needed.

For 20 seconds, Northeastern essentially failed to move past its own halfcourt wall.

As smooth as most of Zach Auguste’s 25 points were, the passes delivered to the junior forward by the Irish’s ball handlers were not.

Irish junior forward Zach Auguste dribbles into the post against a defender during Notre Dame’s 69-65 win over Northeastern at CONSOL Energy Center in Pittsburgh on Thursday.

Irish prepare to face Buckeyes

By MANNY DE JESUS
Sports Writer

After splitting a pair of games against No. 6 Denver and No. 8 Virginia last week on the road, No. 3 Notre Dame will return home to host No. 15 Ohio State on Saturday at Arlotta Stadium.

The Irish (4-1, 1-0 ACC) have a long history playing against the Buckeyes (7-2, 0-0 Big Ten), going as far back as the 1981 season when Notre Dame became a varsity program. Saturday will be the 40th time the Irish and Buckeyes have matched up, junior attack Matt Kavanagh tied the single-game school record for goals in a game with seven scores. In that contest, the Irish were scoreless in the first quarter before erupting for five straight goals in the second quarter. Notre Dame features a very similar squad this season, but sitting at 7-2, Ohio State enters the game riding a three-game win streak.

Baseball clashes with Cards

By MARY GREEN
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Notre Dame will meet a familiar foe in No. 16 Louisville on Friday to start its first weekend series of the season at Frank Eck Stadium.

The Cardinals (15-6, 5-1 ACC) and the Irish (15-4, 3-3) last met back in March 2013, Notre Dame’s final season in the Big East, when the Louisville earned the three-game sweep.

After a year in separate conferences, the teams meet this year as members of the ACC, and Irish batters will match up with one of the league’s stingiest squads on the mound.

Cardinal pitchers pace the conference in opponent batting average (.213), hits allowed per game (7.15) and strikeouts per game (10.1). “They’re going to pitch; they’re going to have some guys with some power arms,” Irish head coach Mik Aoki said. “They’ve got guys that are swing-and-miss — they’re much more of a prolific strikeout-creating team than we are.”

However, the Irish come into the matchup after a big victory over Central

ND hosts Montana in first round

By SAMANTHA ZUBA
Senior Sports Writer

Friday’s game against Montana at Purcell Pavilion marks 20 straight NCAA tournament appearances for the No. 2 Irish, and it’s still something special.

“So many people wish they could be in our shoes and just have a chance at the tournament,” Irish junior guard Jewell Loyd said at a press conference Thursday. “Both programs won their conference tournaments to receive automatic bids to the NCAA tournament, and both have strong histories of reaching the tournament.”

This is the 22nd all-time tournament bid for the No. 1-seeded Irish (31-2, 15-1 ACC). The No. 16-seeded Grizzlies (24-8, 14-4 Big Sky) have made the tournament 21 times, with a 6-20 record in those appearances.

Both teams also are helmed by long-tenured and successful coaches. Grizzlies head coach Robin Selvig is in his 37th year coaching Montana, and Irish head coach Muffet McGraw is in her 28th season with Notre Dame. McGraw has over 700 wins, and Selvig is the sixth winningest active Division I women’s basketball coach with over 800 victories.

“He’s a phenomenal coach,” McGraw said. “I don’t think there’s probably another first-round matchup that the coaches can combine for about 1,500 wins, and he’s got a lot more than 1. Do is so well-known and so well-respected in the coaching community, just does a great job every single year.”

The Grizzlies players are veterans as well. Only one of the five Montana starters is an underclassman.

“Montana’s really experienced, and they’re a very disciplined team,” sophomore guard Lindsay Allen said. “They move around on offense, and they set really good screens.