SMC annual conference promotes diversity

Keynote speaker discusses women's rights in Pakistan

By REBECCA O'NEIL

Saint Mary's students, faculty and staff gathered in Carroll Auditorium on Monday to hear Pakistani entrepreneur and social organizer Shizia Shahid share her life's trajectory towards her position as the co-founder and Global Ambassador of the Malala Fund. Shahid was the closing keynote speaker.

Men's lacrosse team wins 'Game Changers' award

By MATTHEW McKENNA

The Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC), in partnership with the United Way, honored the men's lacrosse team with the inaugural 'Game Changers' award for their service in the community at the Dickinson Fine Arts Academy and other locations.

Irish head coach Kevin Corrigan said the award is a new honor the ACC has created to recognize the various teams in the conference who are particularly involved in service work in their respective communities.

"We're proud to be recognized for what we're doing, but it's not a thing where we were trying to come in first," Corrigan said. "Everybody is doing good work."

"We do a lot of different things," he said. "The particular work we are being recognized for is an ongoing mentorship program that we've had for almost a decade now at a local middle school. It's been a constant strand over the years for our guys."

Corrigan said the team has recently made an effort to get involved in long-term projects where the team can have

Professor asks the question 'can liberty be conserved?'

By JP GSCHWIND

Claremont McKenna professor and former federal government administrator Mark Blitz explored the question, "Can liberty be conserved?" on Monday afternoon in Geddes Hall.

To begin his talk, Blitz said it is crucial to understand precisely what liberty is before we can start to find a way of preserving it.

"Liberty is the authority to direct oneself and to not be constrained in directing oneself," Blitz said.

In order to fully comprehend this definition, it is important to note that liberty is both natural and equal, Blitz said.

The equality of liberty means everyone has an equal authority to direct themselves. He said that by nature, liberty is not a manifestation of arbitrary cultural preferences formed by humans but instead a fundamental, natural fact of life independent of other factors.

"It's not a throwaway term; it's not a meaningless term. It's really a fundamental term," Blitz said, in reference to natural rights.

Blitz said that the independence essence of natural rights is crucial to the concept of liberty.

"We don't make them,

GRC celebrates 10th anniversary with alumni panel

A panel of alumni discuss issues they faced as members of the GRC during their time at Notre Dame in Geddes Hall on Monday.

By MEGAN VALLEY

Last night, the Gender Relations Center (GRC), along with Shades of Ebony, hosted an alumni panel to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the GRC. The five panelists were crucial to the founding of the GRC and included Kaitlyn Redfield Ortiz '06, Zach Ortiz '06, John Corker '07, Lizzi Shappell '07 and Heather Bakoczy Russell '93. Christine Gebhardt, director of the GRC, served as the moderator.

The panel began with a discussion of what prompted the panelists to realize an organization such as the GRC was necessary. Redfield Ortiz said the behavior of a male classmate made her realize what a problem gender relations were at Notre Dame.

"I was sitting in my freshman writing class, and this guy had a shirt on like one of those old Snickers commercials, except it said 'Hungry! Grab a SMCR,'" she said. "I was

Professors reflect on history of GWS program at SMC

By HALEIGH EHMSEN

The Saint Mary's Student Diversity Board (SDB) celebrated its 10th annual Diverse Student Leadship Conference (DLSLC) Monday with workshops, keynote speakers and panel discussions.

SDB secretary, junior Angela Bukur said the speakers and workshop presenters offer powerful and insightful advice.

To uncover the truth and report it accurately.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What quality do you most admire in your female role model?

Mary Hermann
sophomore
Wash Halls
“Compassion.”

Jenn Cha
sophomore
Welsh Family Hall
“Awesome sense of humor.”

Jen Lee
senior
McGlinn Hall
“Ambition.”

Mike Vitek
senior
off campus
“Independence.”

Chizo Ekechukwu
senior
Wash Hall
“Determination.”

Ducks are seen floating on St. Joseph’s Lake in a sight rare for late March. Monday, students experienced an unexpected snowfall that contrasted sharply with the 50- to 70-degree days they had experienced the week before.
SMC alum shares music teaching experiences

By NICOLE CARATAS
News Writer

Saint Mary’s welcomed alumna Anne Pugliese Kasprzak and her Neuqua Valley High School Choir, which was invited into a program that had five different teachers in six years. There was no curriculum, there was no piano... That year was a big growing year for me. I had to explore and find my own skills,” Kasprzak said.

Kasprzak said she arrived at Neuqua Valley High School when she realized she needed to be around colleagues from whom she could learn more and who could help her grow as a teacher.

“When learning only begins the day you graduate from Saint Mary’s,” she said. “There is so much out there that you will learn in your field as you do it. I thought being in this school where I am the only music teacher, I’m not going to grow as a person.

Kasprzak said she wanted to use her college degree to pursue her dream of being an all-women community. Kasprzak’s passions were the common political roof, our lives interact with the common political space under an increasingly global world. The importance of interfaith dialogue in achieving peace and happiness in the world.

Meanwhile, there is a common share in all religions regardless of the religious exclusivists which she was passionate about.

21 years ago was how many opportunities are available to someone with a degree in music education,” Kasprzak said. “You’ve been able to find work during all phases of my life. From days when I was single and my whole life revolved around my job to now, when I have two young children and a newborn at home, I feel so lucky to have been able to adapt my career to my different life situations and circumstances.

“Not every field works that way,” she said. “It truly is a rewarding career with many opportunities. You just have to look for them.”

Teaching is a challenging but hugely rewarding career, Kasprzak said. “Teaching is an art form that continually develops through the years,” Kasprzak said. “The more you do it, the better you get at it. You will make mistakes. Own them, and learn from them.

“Grow from the challenges you will face inside and outside the classroom. Teaching is a career that requires a lot of energy, passion and commitment. Find joy in your students and remember that learning never ends.”

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Expert emphasizes interfaith dialogue

By CLARE KOSSSLER
News Writer

Miroslav Volf, the Henry B. Wright Professor of Systematic Theology at Yale University, delivered a keynote address for the Catholic Social Tradition Conference on Monday in McKenna Hall Auditorium. In the address, he emphasized the importance of interfaith dialogue in achieving peace and happiness in an increasingly global world.

“World religions have an important contribution to make as repositories of significant visions of human flourishing, significant visions of the good life,” he said.

If we don’t find ways to live, plural that we are, in peace within the common political space under a common political roof, our lives — all of our lives — are going to be worse for it.”

During the talk, which is part of a three-day conference celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Vatican II document “Gaudium et spes,” Volf said religious exclusivism — which he explained as a religion’s belief in its exclusive access to the ultimate truth — initially seems to present an obstacle to the peaceable coexistence of different religious traditions. Particularly, it is that all world religions are fundamentally exclusive to varying degrees.

“There is no non-exclusivist position,” he said. “I don’t think there are non-exclusivists in this room.”

However, Volf said religious exclusivism does not necessarily lead to political exclusivism or the restriction of freedom of beliefs and expression in a certain society. Indeed, he said, history provides examples of religious exclusivists who also supported toleration of different religious perspectives.

“It’s not just that religious exclusivists can be political pluralists, but as a matter of fact, historically, they have invented political pluralism out of their own interests. Furthermore, in some cases, exclusivism even encourages toleration,” he said.

“You can be a religious exclusivist, and just because of your exclusivist religious convictions, you can embrace pluralism as a political project,” Volf said.

Unfortunately, exclusivism does not always engender pluralism, but requires certain conditions, Volf said. One such condition, he said, is an “interest in commonalities rather than differences.”

“We need the kinds of relations between religions in which they were able to adjust their own expectations from each other in the context of living in the common space while staying true to their own identity and true to their own vocation,” he said.

While these relations might initially seem difficult to develop, Volf said they are actually very natural to humans. He gave the example of family life, in which family members must take into account the needs and desires of each other in order to live together in harmony.

“You don’t make decisions without thinking how your teenage son’s going to react,” he said.

Volf said this approach to encouraging coexistence through a meaningful dialogue is particularly important in combating nihilism, which asserts that no values and value systems have no foundation.

“In contrast to nihilism, he said, many world religions actually support many commonly held democratic values.

“Each world religion will have and can have resources within itself to embrace, say, freedom of religion, to embrace equality of others,” he said.

Lectures and panels will continue throughout the day as part of the Catholic Social Tradition Conference hosted by the Center for Social Concerns.

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Purple Week

This week, Notre Dame’s Relay for Life will host “Purple Week,” a series of events to raise awareness and funds for the annual American Cancer Society fundraising event.

“Purple Week gives the campus community an opportunity to join in the fight against cancer,” said Class of ’87 Distinguished Service Co-主席 Amanda Romeros said.

The week includes 55 boot camp classes at Rolls, a “Why Do You Relay?” event on South Quad on Wednesday and a blood drive Friday. On Thursday, the dining halls will serve purple desserts, and students can register for the Relay for Life, which takes place in the Compton Family Ice Arena on April 17.

For more information, visit relay.nd.edu

Cavanaugh Coin Wars

Cavanaugh Hall’s new signature event, Cavanaugh Coin Wars, will take place this week. The fundraiser will benefit St. Margaret’s House, a South Bend day center for women and children.

Through Friday, each dorm will have a jar in the dining halls (LaFortune Student Center), Coins put in the jar count for positive points, whereas dollar bills are negative. The dorm with the most positive points at the end receives a doughnut party.

“All you have to do is go to the dining hall or go to (LaFortune Student Center), and most people are already there, so it’s a great way to make an impact without really having to do anything,” Cavanaugh signature event commissioner Gracie Linus said.

Black Cultural Arts Council Fashion Show

The Black Cultural Arts Council at Notre Dame will host its annual fashion show Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Century Center in South Bend. The show, “Risque,” will feature 30 student models in name-brand clothes as well as clothes from a variety of South Bend boutiques.

“It is far from what people would deem a ‘normal’ fashion show,” fashion show coordinator Olivia Mitchell said. “Included in our show are choreographed scenes where our models portray characters, perform routines and generally just have a lot of fun while on stage.”

Tickets are available for $10 at the LaFortune Box Office, and buses to the Century Center will be provided.

WWI and Graphic Novels

The Nanovic Institute for European Studies will sponsor a performance and live-drawing of several texts related to World War I on Wednesday.

The event, titled “WWI in the Graphic Novels: A Drawing Cabaret,” will feature graphic novel artists Chloé Chruacket, Ivan Perus and Kris & Miael. Nanovic fellow and event moderator Oliver Morel said artists play an important role in understanding the Great War.

“As creators, their art involves a lot of writing and storytelling, a strong relationship to the artistic and literary traditions, but also to photography, sociology and, of course, cinema,” Morel said.

Morel said each of the artists chose a WWI-related text that inspired their work, which Film, Television and Theatre students Dylan Parent, Austin Hagwood, Anthony Murphy and Guillermo Alonso will act out. During their performances, the artists will draw the scene, and cameras will project the drawings for the audience to see.

There will then be a discussion between the artists and the audience.

“Everyone should be aware that this first world war of the 20th century has profoundly changed our world in so many ways: its geography, its society and of course, its culture, its art history,” Morel said.

The event is free but ticketed. Tickets are available by contacting nanovic@nd.edu.
Lacrosse

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a longer lasting impact than they have at one-time events.

“Every once in a while, there’s something great you can accomplish at one of those events, but there were too many of those events where I felt we weren’t getting the best return for our time,” Corrigan said.

Corrigan said he believes recurring service creates a lasting impact on not just students but the community around them as well.

“Short of the time it takes us to get to the school, every minute that they’re there, they’re helping someone be-

cause they’re forming a re-

lationship with those kids,” Corrigan said.

Corrigan said the mentor-

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vided just what he was looking for in a service opportunity for his team.

“Because we’ve maintained this program for a while now,

I think it becomes impactful

not just on the kid you’re talk-

ing to, but to the community of the school,” he said. “Now the kids know that if you don’t do the things you’re supposed to do, you can’t be a part of the program. I think we’ve found a program that provides ser-

vice to more people than just the ones we’re able to spend time with.”

The mentoring the team does at Dickinson is varied, Corrigan said.

“Our guys do some tutoring and academic work, but some-
times, it’s just hanging out and shooting baskets, and some-
times it’s playing Jenga and Battleship,” Corrigan said.

“What [the program] is try-

ing to do is form an impactful relationship with someone, many of whom may not have strong male role models,” Corrigan said he believes the program has been very beneficial for the students at Dickinson, but even more so for his players.

“One of the important things to us is that the culture of our team is one of gratitude and humility,” Corrigan said.

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Liberty

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create them, or invent them, but that, in some sense, they are permanently there to be seen and discovered,” Blitz said.

However, Blitz said, natu-

ral rights are often ignored and trampled by man-made prejudices.

“As with many self-evident things, you can’t see them if you are somehow blinded or wearing masks or looking through gauze,” Blitz said. “You can see them clearly only if the blinders of class pref-

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gious views are taken away.”

According to Blitz, the Enlightenment was respon-

sible for removing many of these blinders and espous-

ing the cause of natural rights.

Despite the fact that the origi-

nal backing of natural rights transcended partisan lines, it has become far more of a one-

sided issue than it should be today, Blitz said. Individ
al liberty has be-

come more strongly associat-

ed with modern conservatism than liberalism, at least in the United States, but natural rights should draw its support from common ground, Blitz said.

“Conservatism should con-

serve liberalism, properly un-

derstood,” Blitz said.

After defining natural rights, Blitz examined the ways in which a society can protect and promote liberty.

Citing Aristotle, Blitz said that good character and a proper set of virtues are the foundations of successful liberty.

“You can’t use your liberty effectively and therefore not well, if you don’t have good character,” he said.

In particular, Blitz said, responsibility is one of the greatest virtues and character traits in this regard because it balances the potential mis-

uses of liberty.

“Responsibility is taking charge and seeing things through to a successful con-

clusion,” he said.

While a free society re-

quires responsibility, it par-

adoxically produces it, as well, because liberty encour-

ages citizens to remain true to their commitments and duties.

Blitz concluded his lecture by saying that liberal democ-

racies are not morally lost, as some claim, but help develop the human soul. Following the lecture, he opened the floor up to questions.

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GRC

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types about whether we were left or we were right, or what we were doing, was to make the GRC more mainstream,” groups within campus would try to work together with these different ideologies.”

Corker, another founder of MAV, said there was a problem with men simply ignoring is-

sues pertaining to gender.

“There was a tacit, cop-

out view of ‘that sort of stuff doesn’t happen at Notre Dame’ and ‘I don’t do that kind of stuff so I don’t need to take a stand against it,’” he said.

To close, Corker encouraged students to be proactive about finding and creating dialogue about gender issues. He said students need to challenge their own ideas.

“Don’t just be open to, but seek out conversations with other people for the express purpose of challenging the beliefs that you may have, that you may feel are right or are valuable,” he said.

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groups is a large part of the intro to GWS’s course, Wagman said. The course includes an experiential learning component, which requires students to complete 15 hours of service at a local nonprofit, she said. Nonprofits at which students have worked include Hannah’s House and St. Margaret’s House, she said.

Stacy Davis, associate professor of religious studies and chair of the GWS department, said the first women’s studies class was taught in 1972 and titled Psychology of Women. The class promoted understanding of women and diversity, she said.

“There is a connection between GWS long before diversity was a code word on campus,” she said.

The department began on a soccer field, Davis said, when female professors at the College began a faculty team and began to talk with one another about women’s issues.

“In addition to being excellent soccer players, they had to get to know each other and eventually worked with Sr. Eva Hooker to get a grant for course development,” she said.

A 14-credit minor in GWS was approved in March 1985 by the College, the Davis said. In 1994, Davis said the introduction to GWS course was taught for the first time by volunteer faculty. Davis said she believes this fact indicates the dedication of the interdisciplinary GWS faculty to what the GWS department represents.

In 2013, the joint GWS faculty submitted a major prospectus and it was approved in 2014. Currently, there are five students majoring in GWS and the program expects to expand, she said.

Davis said the GWS faculty is the most diverse staff on campus, other than modern languages faculty.

“Long before the Sophia program, [GWS staff] was teaching diversity classes that have stuck around and are still taught today,” Davis said.

Sonali Sapra, assistant professor of political science and GWS, said she works hard in her classes to debunk stereotypes of women as victims of their circumstances.

“The way women’s rights play out in Morocco and Egypt, Tunisia and Jordan, it varies,” she said. “The Middle East is not some monolith.”

Her class also studies the way in which women’s rights are used as a justification for military intervention, especially in media images, she said.

“The way that Muslim women are depicted in advertisements, the images do a disservice to women and don’t afford them any agency,” Sapra said.

“Advertisements and other media images create false dichotomies… Our women are soempowered here in the U.S. and [the images] create this ‘us and them’ mentality, instead of a solidarity mentality,” she said.

Sapra said her students explore the social movements led by women who are often seen as marginalized by other societies. For example, Muslim women in some parts of the world have converted the headscarf into an empowering icon, instead of a symbol of oppression.

Interest and work in feminist activity on campus ebbs and flows, based on the student population, but the GWS faculty searches to find ways to keep feminist activity a sustained dialogue among students, Sapra said.

Davis urged students to look at the GWS department as a model for change.

“Change does take time. It look 12 years to get a major, any real change. I offered to set up medical counseling with a local NGO (non-governmental organization) that started this program aren’t here to see it finish. Inherent in any GWS program is activism. For the most part, we are feminists and part of being a feminist is that you work for justice for other people.”

Shireenahah Saidi co-founder Malala Fund

“When I was 13, I began volunteering in a women’s prison,” said Shahid. “In the prison, there were not any real female doctors, so we offered to set up medical counseling along with a local NGO (non-governmental organization) that started this program aren’t here to see it finish. Inherent in any GWS program is activism. For the most part, we are feminists and part of being a feminist is that you work for justice for other people.”

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“I remember taking a [Pakistani] woman to a doctor because she was in labor and she didn’t know if she could live or she would freeze inside her from the cold,” Shahid said. “I would spend the day talking to young girls in hot reality know we couldn’t go outside because their mothers and fathers did not want them to do that.”

She said the gender dynamics of the relief center informed her when women had not witnessed before.

“I understood then what it meant to be a woman facing harsh circumstances in the world,” Shahid said. “To have your very body, your very existence, as a source of contention.”

The activist said the learning experience was as inspiring as it was saddening.

“I also learned the power of being an advocate,” she said. “I learned that I could multiply the influence that I had from gender to gender. I could organize, mobilize, tell stories effectively and get people to act.”

Shahid said her volunteer experiences allowed her to understand her own role in the world around her.

“Of all the things I have done to create change,” she said.

Empowered, Shahid said she applied to some of the top schools in the United States with a personal statement that read: “My society is like a moth, drawn to the flames of its own destruction… I want to get a scholarship so that I can help my society, so that I can help other girls.”

Shahid said her full ride to Stanford helped her understand her country’s problems in a much more effective way.

“Being there, I understood how the intellectual comprehension, paired with Stanford’s entrepreneurial brightest, primed me to think about creative solutions for contentious issues.”

As terrorism in Pakistan grew, Shahid said she felt the social fabric of [her] society growing.” With its fray, Shahid felt beckoned to her homeland to apply what she had learned to those in need — girls who were forbidden to attend school, she said.

She said she was concerned how the Taliban threatened young girls who wanted to attend school just three hours north of her hometown’s capital and felt compelled to do something.

“At 20 years old, Shahid was inspired to help a girl named Malala to help create an environment for girls where their education would not be discouraged.”

“Discover beyond the life you were born into,” Shahid said. “Understanding who you are is not only an incredible responsibility but an immense joy.”

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Professors from the Saint Mary’s Gender and Women’s Studies department discuss past and present feminist activity on campus during a panel session in the Student Center on Monday.
Leak, kindly light

Dan Sehlhorst  
We’ve Lost Our Quorum

Early in the morning of Feb. 27, I found myself unable to sleep. As I tossed and turned, I made the typically uneventful decision to check my email, during which I discovered one of the most heart-wrenching moments in my lifetime. On a small screen, I read through fuzzy, half asleep eyes the saddest message ever to come to my inbox.

I learned that University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh had been called home late on the night of Feb. 26.

Fr. Hesburgh was undoubtedly the most incredible man that I have ever met. He is one of the few individuals I would dare call a hero. After the initial shock, the first decision I made on Friday morning was to visit the Grotto and pay my respects to my hero.

As the sun rose behind the clouds over a frozen, snow-covered St. Mary’s Lake, I was greeted by an arrangement of candles spelling “Ted.” I was touched by the thoughtfulness of the anonymous individual that left a sign of the enormous love this community felt for Fr. Ted in a sacred space that so fittingly represented his dedication to his faith and Our Lady’s University.

I noticed some of the candles in the “Ted” display had been extinguished after running out of wax. I felt called to replace them, knowing that any memorial to Fr. Hesburgh, even a temporary one, deserved to be complete. As I lit the first candle, I noticed that the flame staved very small, only lighting the tip of the wick. It flickered weakly in the sub-zero degree wind. I hoped that it would not be smothered by the cold, harsh darkness.

Slowly, ever so slowly, the miniscule flame worked its way down the wick, flickering near the point of disappearing several times. When it reached the body of the wax, the flame grew. At first slowly, then faster, the flame erupted into a bright, beautiful glow.

I felt, in that moment, under the gaze of Our Lady, that I had received a blessing. I saw in this small flame the story of faith and the story of leadership. Alone, our light shines dimly, flickering near the point of passing away. When we connect to our faith, the source of our life and our spirit, and engage in building community that lives faith in its relationships, we receive strength, hope and love that empower each individual to shine with their full potential.

Fr. Hesburgh was a courageous leader in faith, calling for civil and human rights, international peace and gender equality, making enormous progress in eradicating injustice and building community. Fr. Ted was truly a titan of a man, but also a man of startling humility and devoted faith who asked simply to be known as a priest.

As a man of God, there is no doubt in my mind that Fr. Hesburgh was exemplary. In the days following his death, I have heard many stories about his deeply personal prayer. It has been described as something so profound that it left those who witnessed his words feeling as something of a spectator to an intimate, extraordinarily significant conversation.

It is clear to me that Fr. Ted led this University from a place of faith, knowing that our faith called us to pursue truth, fight injustice and attain excellence. It is also clear to me that our path to stronger community and justice is a continued expression of the faith that leads us toward truth.

One of my favorite songs is “Lead, Kindly Light,” as sung by the Notre Dame Folk Choir. Every time I hear its beautiful words, I feel a sharp tug deep in my soul. Just as the Lord once said, “Come, follow me,” the lyrics are calling me to take a step beyond that request and actively follow the light, my faith.

Fr. Ted has often been called visionary. I found this term to be insufficient to describe the depth of a once-in-a-generation mind paired with a heart that everyone knew to be so full of love and devotion. When I read the back of my ticket to the memorial tribute, I was struck by the relevance of the quote from Fr. Hesburgh, “Vision alone gives us only a visionary, in the pejorative sense of the word. But join vision and faith, and mountains begin.”

With being an inspiration comes a massive and irresistible responsibility to show the ultimate example of maturity and moral leadership. I cannot express my gratitude to Fr. Hesburgh for exercising this leadership for our community and building the place that has instilled in me a love of truth, a love of community and a love of justice.

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Until you make an effort to see the rest of the world, you can’t fully understand the beauty of what life has to offer. Everyone I have ever talked to has agreed with me when I tell them traveling is a remarkable experience. I don’t mean traveling from South Bend to Chicago or even Boston to Los Angeles. I’m talking about traveling the world and really involving yourself in the different cultures and environments.

It’s easy to say you understand the way other countries differ from ours, but do you really understand the difference if you’ve never traveled outside the United States? I don’t think you can. I’ve been on several trips to countries like Puerto Rico and Honduras since I was eight years old, but I never really understood how special it is to travel until you give the opportunity to go to Italy when I was 17.

I didn’t think much of the trip before actually getting on the plane, but once I landed in Rome, I realized how special that particular trip was going to be.

I knew I wasn’t in my comfort zone because of how unfamiliar I was with where I traveled, but that’s the whole point. The adventure of walking in the unknown is what really opened my eyes. Being in the presence of historical locations really put into perspective how amazing traveling really is for me. Walking inside of the crumbling Colosseum, staring up at the Leaning Tower of Pisa and standing in the middle of the Vatican were some of the most surreal moments of my life. I went from reading about these places to sharing the same space with them.

In addition to viewing historical sites, talking to native Italians was one of my favorite parts about being abroad. Listening to some of their incredible stories about what they struggled with in terms of the country’s political and economic struggles and what they are enjoying about living in Italy was another surreal experience.

These were people living on the other side of the world willing to share personal stories with me, a stranger from the U.S. I also had the chance to learn a bit of Italian, and although I didn’t actually learn how to speak it fluently, it was fun being able to learn some of the basic aspects of the language while sounding like a child when ever I spoke it on the streets.

I don’t have a lot of space to go into the specific details of my trip, but I was hoping to give those of you who haven’t traveled to other parts of the world a small glimpse of why it’s such an amazing and sometimes life-changing experience. Make the effort to get out of your comfort zone and go somewhere you’ve never expect to visit, or even somewhere you never knew even existed. Don’t let life go by without going on your dream trip. Make it happen.

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The violence in our time

Every morning I wake up and read an email from The Week detailing a short paragraph on each of the top 10 news stories of the day. I love reading these short news stories. They are too often clipped to the point that read it because so many of the news items report of violence. Here are some headlines just from the past week: “Suicide bombers kill more than 1,30 people at Yemen mosque,” “Attackers kill 18 people at Tunisian museum,” “ISIS used chemical weapons.” To read these news stories day after day, it is not difficult to become cynical about the state of our world and the awful things that are happening in it. And even in our country, the item that most pops up on these daily email alerts is the execution of criminals on death row in the United States. Is the state of violence in our country as bad as in the Middle East? Clearly not. But it is not ideal, and the presence of the death penalty in our country is not a part of the peaceful world we want to live in.

The reason to oppose the death penalty is not because we think that the heinous crimes that one commits (such as a husband murdering his wife and one-and-a-half-year-old baby’s heinous). They are. The reason to oppose the death penalty is that not because we think that the heinous crimes that one commits (such as a husband murdering his wife and one-and-a-half-year-old baby’s heinous). They are. The reason to oppose the death penalty is not to give mercy to those who have committed these crimes. The reason to oppose the death penalty is not because it’s cheaper to hold a prisoner for life than to have him executed on death row (even though it is). The reason to oppose the death penalty is not because there are innocent members of society will be executed (even though they already have been). The reason to oppose the death penalty is because the USA is currently the only Western country that still practices the death penalty. The reason to oppose the death penalty is that not because the Catholic Church and Pope Francis have repeatedly called for its worldwide abolition, calling it “inadmissible.” These are all good arguments. But the primary and the best reason to oppose the death penalty is that if every time a criminal is executed by the state, that criminal is executed by the government, and the government as an agent of the people. That person is executed in our name and in the name of every citizen in this country. We are sanctioning this killing—it is happening in our name. All citizens need to be cognizant of this and that this is happening. We need to be aware that members of our society are being killed for us. Is this what we want?

Last month, captured Jordanian pilot Muath al-Kasabeh was burnt alive by ISIS. The next day before dawn, Jordan executed two prisoners by hanging in retaliation for the murder of their pilot. Both were guilty of horrifying acts. But it should not have happened. It is a shame that it had to happen. Violence begets violence. Murder gives way for murder. In the case of capital execution, this is clearly true. Is this what we want?

In Steven Pinker’s landmark book The Better Angels of Our Nature, Pinker writes that, contrary to what reading the news might tempt us to believe, world violence is actually at the lowest point it ever has been in human history. The world is getting better. Pinker writes that this shift did not happen by accident: “We enjoy the peace we find today because people in previous generations were appalled by the violence in their time and worked to reduce it, and so we should work to reduce the violence that remains in our time.”

Capital execution is still legal in 32 states in the United States (including Indiana). This is the violence that remains in our time that can be abolished and will be abolished in our lifetimes. We want a world of peace. We want a world where every person can go to school without fear of being kidnapped, where every human can worship as they please without fear of being crucified. We want to be able to enjoy our lives peacefully. The death penalty is wrong. It is so clearly unequivocally, obviously wrong. Abolishing the death penalty in the state of Indiana will not eradicate violence from our world. It will not stop ISIS or Boko Haram from doing what they do. But it is progress toward the world that we most want to live in.

If you are interested in learning more about this issue, please consider attending a talk by Nobel Prize-winning economist Stiglitz, "Abolition of Capital Punishment,” at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 17 at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapoliss (IUPUI). The event will feature a panel of experts including Stiglitz, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) and the Rev. Dr. James Earl Jones. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit https://www.indiana.edu/~iupuisb/abolition/.
By JIMMY KEMPER
Scene Writer

The dream of six seasons and a movie lives on. In a move that would have shocked Abed and have him rack-
ing his brain for any predecessors in the history of tele-
vision, “Community” has risen from cancellation (and several prior near-cancellations) to find a new home on Yahoo’s streaming service for its sixth season.

Of course, with this new home come a number of new developments. With the move to Yahoo, one of the biggest changes for “Community” is the cast shuffling. Donald Glover, who was a recurring cast member in season five, is still gone after his character Troy Barnes departed from the show at the end of last season. Chevy Chase seems unlikely to reappear as Pierce Hawthorne after his guest role in season 5 (although his hologram is referenced). The newest and probably biggest change for this season, however, is the departure of Yvette Nicole Brown (Shirley Bennett in the show), who has moved on to NBC’s “The Odd Couple” and taking care of her elderly father as the demands of a single-camera comedy show became too big of a commitment.

With so many departures finalized, fans had plenty to worry about with the rebirth of “Community.” There is nothing to fear though — the new season of “Community” is everything it should be: quirky, innova-
tive and radically hilarious.

In one of the first scenes of the first episode, “Community” addresses the cast changes in the straightforward manner sprinkled with all the meta humor we’ve all come to know and love. The remaining members of the study group sit around their study table and discuss how empty it is. Abed wonders about Shirley spinning off into her own show, while Ben Chang (Ken Jeong) becomes paranoid about the growing whiteness in the group.

With perfect comedic timing, Dean Pelton (Jim Rash) breaks the discussion to introduce Frankie (Paget Brewster), a consultant who will help fix up Greendale after the roof collapses due to a Frisbee overload, and who, to Ben’s dismay, is white.

Throughout the first episode, Frankie plays the role of villain to the group. The study group fears that Frankie’s ideas for Greendale Community College will kill the heart of it, much like the fans feared Yahoo would kill the heart of “Community.” Abed, to the dismay of the rest of the study group, quickly becomes friends with Frankie because she represents everything that he isn’t: ground-

Community Returns

your 140 characters will allow. Judd was tweeting her experience, how she saw the game and what she be-

lieved was happening out there on the court. What happened in response to Judd’s sharing of her game experience is one that is horrible, yet unfor-
tunately very predictable in today’s online culture. Vulgar, vile tweets from anonymous Twitter accounts mocking countless people’s cowardice were sent to her, ranging from a variety of hateful insults to her as a person, disgusting comments to her as a woman and even threats to her, her livelihood and her family. This paragraph alone doesn’t do justice to how horrible these comments were. Yet, should any of these Twitter users be hypothetically asked, it would be far too easy to imagine that they would say it was a “joke,” that it was all “trash-talk” in response to Judd’s own com-

ments about the game.

As a response to all of the hate, Judd took to Mic — a website designated to reach the millennials genera-
tion — to write an open letter to all of these people. She discusses how far-reaching the effects of the hor-
rible tweets have been, and how those responsible justified such hateful, hurtful speech.

“The themes are predictable,” she muses about the hate-tweets she has since received, “I brought it on myself. I deserved it. I’m whiny. I’m no fun. I can’t take a joke. There are more serious issues in the world. “Grow thicker skin, sweetheart. I’m famous. It’s part of my job description.”

If this is truly the stance that Twitter users are tak-
ing to justify the hateful comments spewed in Judd’s direction, then it is truly unfortunate and a pity. Twitter, and social media as a whole, is constantly lauded as a means for the public to stay close and con-
nect with their favorite celebrities and public figures. Instead, instances like the one seen above is a con-

stant example of how these platforms can be misused. The good thing, however, is that this is not an ac-

curate reflection of people in our generation, the millennials with the power of mass communication literally in the palm of our hands. Rather, this is just an unfortunate misguided cross-section of our fel-

low men and women. Perhaps it’s because they don’t realize the weight behind their words, or perhaps it’s due to the seemingly inconsequential manner of their one-sided interactions. But these things do carry weight, and there are consequences, even if they’re not immediate.

Judd was a woman voicing her opinion, a fan show-
ing her support for and doing a bit of trash-talking on behalf of her team. She shouldn’t get attacked for that. No one should.

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When your team plays for something as big as the conference championship, blood starts to boil over. Temperatures start to flare and pride starts to take over as fans become part of their team, part of the game. Nowadays especially, we take to the Twitter sphere to live-tweet our support to our team as well as occasionally dropping a bit of trash-talk to the opposition, all in the nature of good fun. This was as occasionally dropping a bit of trash-talk to the opponent, all in the nature of good fun. This was occasionally dropping a bit of trash-talk to the opposition, all in the nature of good fun. This was occasionally dropping a bit of trash-talk to the opposition, all in the nature of good fun. This was occasionally dropping a bit of trash-talk to the opposition, all in the nature of good fun. This was occasionally dropping a bit of trash-talk to the opposition, all in the nature of good fun.

By Miko Malabute

As before, the cast of “Community” continues to be the cornerstone of the show, and in Season 6 they continue to be absolutely brilliant. Jeff Winger (Joel McHale) is still an alcoholic jerk whose blunt attitude sharply cuts through Dean Pelton’s strange behavior, while Britta Perry (Gillian Jacobs) is still unhinged and melodramatic, coming into conflict with anyone and anything that stands in her way.

In the second episode of this season, Britta is forced to deal with the reality that her parents, whom she ran away from years ago, have actually been keeping close tabs on her through her friends and tries run-

nign away again, albeit on a children’s bicycle this time. All of these characters are still absolutely ridicu-

lous, but the situations they place themselves in, filled with bizarre pop culture references, ups the comedy even more. Strange incidents involving speakeasies in Greendale’s basement, the laziest virtual reality ever and the Portuguese knockoff of “Gremlins” show that the creative team behind Community hasn’t lost its touch. Six seasons and a movie seems like an incred-

ibly attainable goal right now, but hopefully we, like Jeff Winger, are never allowed to leave Greendale.

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Sit and Listen to Courtney Barnett

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Melbourne artist Courtney Barnett’s debut album, “Sometimes I Sit and Think, and Sometimes I Just Think,” has been much anticipated by fans and music critics alike after her success with “The Double EP: A Sea of Split Peas,” her U.S. tour and appearances at festivals like Bonnaroo and Glastonbury. The album, which has been streaming on iTunes’s “First Play” and was released today, has been put on a pedestal — and it won’t disappoint you.

Barnett’s lyrics hone in on eccentric yet relatable experiences. Barnett focuses on incidents that are not necessarily overlooked but rather reflected on during one moment or another before being filed away into the back of one’s mind.

Her keen annunciation is marked by her Australian accent, which remains noticeable in all her songs and colors her spoken, conversational delivery.

During a session at Australian radio station Triple J, Barnett covered Kanye West’s “Black Skinhead.” She discussed how she is frequently asked to rap, as her lyrics have a storytelling aspect, yet she describes this as “wordy” sums up her rap with her garage-esque guitar interludes, distinct capturing her own insomniac hoarder.

Barnett never stops being a songwriter: collecting moments, jotting them down, coming back to them and formulating lyrics from what she has recorded. It is this mindset that allows her to produce such seemingly bizarre yet inherently realistic situations in her songs.

“When I see something that interests me or hear someone say something interesting, I try to make a copy of it on whatever piece of paper is close by,” she told the New York Times. “A simple line about that moment can jog my memory of the other things around it pretty well.”

She shoots with a Polaroid camera to accomplish the same effect: “You can carry it around with you for the rest of your life and remember that one moment,” she said.

Thankfully for us, we can also experience that laughable “give me all your money and I’ll make some origami, honey — ‘Pedestrian at Best’), dark (‘I dreamt I stabbed you with a coat hanger wire’ — ‘Small Poppies’) or putrescent (“a possum Jackson Pollock is painted on the tar” — ‘Dead Fox’) moment through her songs.

This lyrical style, built on taut and vivid description, is on show during “Elevator Operator,” a track that unfolds like a short story. A man with “a thick head of hair who worries he’s going bald” decides to skip work, giftimg his tie to a homeless man as he heads to a tall building and tripping in a pothole on the way. In the elevator he reaches for the rooftop button at the same time as an overly Boxon-ed woman. The lyrics transition into dialogue: the woman urges him not to commit suicide and he says that he just likes to look at people from the roof to “imagine he’s playing Sim City.” This humorous, nostalgic response is contrasted with another: the idea that the woman is projecting her feelings onto him. The man goes on to admit that while not suicidal, he is “idling insignificantly.”

“Idling” and “insignificance” are recurring themes throughout the album. Barnett addresses her own insignificance, settling on her zodiac sign as a good indicator of who she is — “I’m a fake, I’m a phoney, I’m awake, I’m alone, I’m homely, I’m a Scorpio” — on gritty lead single “Pedestrian at Best.” She describes the time she spends idling “awake at four, staring at the wall, counting all the cracks backwards in my best French” in all too relatable “An Illustration of Loneliness.”

She also addresses society’s insignificance due to idling on “Kim’s Caravan.” Upon noticing a dead seal on the beach, she goes into society’s, and her own, failed efforts to support the Great Barrier Reef: “I would wanna die too, with people pouring oil into my air, but to be fair I’ve done my share, guess everybody’s got their different point of view.”

Barnett’s reflections on waiting room books and organic vegetables may sound mundane, but when paired with her garage-esque guitar interludes, distinct capturing croon and vivid lyricism, you will be yearning to just sit and listen to them.

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“Sometimes I Sit and Think, Sometimes I Just Think” Courtney Barnett

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Looking at March in a new way

By MAREK MAZUREK
Sports Writer

March Madness is here, but it isn't the NCAA variety. This is the March Madness of NFL free agency.

The past two weeks NFL teams around the league have been trying to improve their rosters, whether it be the search for the next top notch skill position player or a few defensive role players to put them over the edge.

With all of that in mind, here is a look at some of the winners and losers after a week of free agency starting with the winners.

New York Jets

The biggest winners from the first week of free agency are undoubtedly the Jets. First year general manager Michael Maccagnan has proven he is serious about taking the Jets to the next level by signing cornerbacks Antonio Cromartie, quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick and trading for wide receiver Brandon Marshall.

First, Revis is the best corner in the game (sorry Richard Sherman), and he and Cromartie both played for the Jets defense that led the team to its second-consecutive AFC championship game in 2010. Though Fitzpatrick is not a top-tier quarterback by any means, he has proven during his time in Geno Smith, and with a sparse quarterback free-agent pool, he is the best the Jets could have had. Marshall, the 11th overall pick in 2000, has been a big-time receiver in the past, but considering they only had to give up a fifth-round pick for him. Things just may be looking up for New York.

Indianapolis Colts

The Colts also had a sub-par week on the free-agent market. Their acquisition of running back Frank Gore and wide receiver Andre Johnson now has Indianapolis as the odds on favorite to win Super Bowl 50. A consistent running back has been the missing piece for the Colts for two years now. The team tried to address this need last season by giving up a first-round pick for a Macinhaw, a move which didn't pan out, but with Gore, they've found the right man for the job. Gore has been the model of consistency over the past few years with San Francisco, and his downhill rushing style and pass protection abilities are exactly what the Colts need. While it's true he's 31, with Andrew Luck and the passing game being the focal point of the Colts' offense, Gore won't be expected to carry too heavy a load.

Speaking of the passing game, Johnson adds another top notch receiver to work the middle of the field with T.Y. Hilton runs deep routes. Johnson is experienced and can become a valuable leader for the Colts. "If you make him the focal point of the offense for the first two years, he is an improvement over anyone we've had at the position," Johnson said.

First, the Terrapins (32-9) will bring a 17-2 run immediately after halftime to turn a surprisingly tight game into a rout. The Terrapins (32-9) will bring a 26-game winning streak into a matchup with Duke on Saturday in Spokane, Washington. Maryland and Duke were longtime rivals in the Atlantic Coast Conference before the Terps moved to the Big Ten this season.

Lusie Brown scored 23 for the Terrapins, who will be making their fourth consecutive trip to the Sweet 16 after laboring the Final Four last year.

Eighth-seeded Princeton (31-1) was coming off the program's first-ever win in the NCAA Tournament, on Saturday against Wisconsin-Green Bay. The Ivy League champions hoped to make a statement as one of the nation's elite teams, and for a half, the Tigers hung right there with the Big Ten titlists.

Blake Dietrick led Princeton with 26 points and Vanessa Smith added 15.

Princeton made 10 of its first 13 field goal tries and led 28-24 on the Terps' own floor before an enthusiastic crowd that clearly favored the home team.

Outscoring Maryland 28-6 in the paint while holding center Brianna Jones without a point in the first half, Princeton had several leads before falling behind at the break. Jones had 22 points and 12 rebounds in the tournament opener against New Mexico State, but she was not a factor in this one until the second half.

With Princeton struggling against the suffocating coverage of Alex Wheatley, the Terps opted to fire from the outside before halftime. Despite connecting on five 3s, Maryland was outrebounded 15-12 and allowed the Tigers to shoot at a 59 percent clip.

In the second half, however, Maryland had one too fast, too big and, most importantly, too talented.

After the teams exchanged baskets, Mincy scored in the lane and Jones sank two free throws. Jones and Shatori Walker-Kimbrough then made successive baskets before Mincy drilled a 3-point field goal as Brown and Malina Howard completed the run, making it 59-40 with just under 14 minutes to play.

Jones finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Mincy, in her final home game, went 9 for 11 from field, including 6 for 7 from beyond the arc.

Despite coming up short in this one, the Tigers proved they have big-time drawing power. President Barack Obama attended the opener and was shown a chair (up front) and this game attracted Supreme Court justices Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor, both of whom graduated from Princeton.

Turner drops triple-double, Celtics beat Nets

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Evan Turner scored 21 points in the third quarter when the Boston Celtics beat the Brooklyn Nets 110-91 on Monday night to snap a three-game losing streak that had dropped them out of playoff position.

Avery Bradley scored 20 points to lead the Celtics, who entered a half-game behind Charlotte for the No. 8 seed in the Eastern Conference. They had a chance to be right back in the final East spot if the Hornets lost in Chicago.

Tyler Zeller and Kelly Olynyk each had 18 points for Boston, which bounced back from a 105-97 overtime loss to Detroit at home on Sunday. Coach Brad Stevens said he felt his players tight ened up in that game, but they had a mostly stress-free second half Monday after quickly pulling away in the third quarter.

Brook Lopez scored 31 points for the Nets, who had won two in a row to give themselves renewed playoff hopes. But they endured bad nights all over the roster, from Joe Johnson (3 for 11) to Jarret Jack (1 for 8) to Alan Anderson (2 for 9).

Boston claimed the tiebreaker by winning the season series, 3-1 and moves on to another important game Wednesday at home against Miami. The Nets head to Charlotte and probably welcome another key game on the road after falling to 12-20 in their home arena.

Boston scored nine straight to open the fourth quarter and won 87-76 over the top-seeded Celtics.

Marcus Smart was back for Boston after being suspended five games in the first two games. He scored 15 and made one big play late in the fourth, he hit a three from the corner with 16.9 seconds left to put the Celtics ahead 87-76 over the Nets.

Olynyk scored seven straight early in the fourth quarter and the Celtics controlled the third quarter, when the Nets trimmed it to five, the Celtics responded by pushing it back to double digits for the first time of the period before taking an 83-74 lead into the fourth.

Zeller made all five shots for 10 points in 10 minutes of the third quarter, then Olynyk scored seven straight early in the fourth quarter to give the Celtics their largest lead of the season, 96-80 with 6:19 to play.

Marcus Smart was back for Boston after being suspended one game for punching San Antonio's Matt Bonner in the groin, which Stevens called an "unacceptable play." Smart started but was replaced by Jae Crowder to open the third quarter.

Deron Williams had 10 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds for the Nets.

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Paul George close to playing shape

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Paul George might be close to playing shape. He’s still not there yet.

The Pacers’ two-time All-Star told reporters Monday that although he’s eager to clear the final hurdle in his 7-month recovery from a broken right leg by returning to game action, he’s not going to push himself to go too soon.

“We want to make sure I’m as close to 100 (percent) as possible,” George said. “It’s not coming down to you know, ‘Paul’s feeling good, let’s get him out there.’ It’s about making sure everything’s where I’m comfortable, where the medical staff is comfortable, where the front office is comfortable.”

The temptation, of course, is to make it back now. Indiana (30-39) has lost five straight and has slid from the No. 6 spot in the East into a tie for ninth, which would keep them out of the playoffs.

Meanwhile, George has been looking and sounding more comfortable since returning to full practice in late February. He said he’s moving better, feeling more confident and has become a more regular part of pre-game warmups and post-practice shooting drills.

But it’s unclear when fans should expect to see him suit up in his new No. 13 jersey.

“We’ve had conversations all year about many different (target) dates, and it all comes down to he’s not going to play before he’s ready and Larry (Bird) will make the final call on that,” coach Frank Vogel said, referring to the Pacers president of basketball operations. “But the medical team is advising it the coaching staff is watching how he’s playing and we’ll make a group decision.”

George was one of the league’s brightest young stars before running into a basketball stanchion during a U.S. national team scrimmage Aug. 1 in Las Vegas. He had surgery to repair the leg within hours of the injury and most expected the 24-year-old to miss the entire season.

Team doctors told the Pacers the bone should be fully healed by March 1.

After returning to practice three days sooner than expected, George acknowledged his target for a return was March 14 or March 16 — even though team officials never established an official timeline. He’s still hoping to make it back this season.

“You know if it gets to a point where I’m feeling great consistently, then yeah, I do feel comfortable and confident in my abilities now and more important playing, hopefully during the season,” George said.

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Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Jamie Cherry has been at her best lately with the clock winding down.

She beat another buzzer — and sent North Carolina back to the Sweet 16.

Cherry’s 3-pointer with 0.6 seconds left sent the Tar Heels past Ohio State 86-84 on Monday night in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

“Taking the big shot, it’s a big shot and everybody dreams of hitting the shot,” Cherry said. “I just wanted us to move on to the Sweet 16, especially for our seniors… I didn’t want it to end here for them.”

Stephanie Mavunga had a career-high 27 points and 14 rebounds, Allisha Gray added 20 points and Brianna Rountree had 15 for the fourth-seeded Tar Heels (26-8).

They blew a 23-point lead before Cherry’s latest big shot sent them into the regional semifinal matchup against top-seeded South Carolina (32-2) on Friday night.

Ameryst Alston had 30 points for the fifth-seeded Buckeyes (24-11), who never led but tied it twice during a frantic final minute — the last coming when Kelsey Mitchell’s free throws made it 84-all with 5.1 seconds left.

“I never thought that we were out of the game,” Mitchell said, “but I did think when we buckled down and played defense like we’re supposed to, we can make something happen.”

The Tar Heels brought in Cherry in place of 6-foot guard N’Dea Bryant because of what coach Sylvia Hatchell called “di-vine intervention.”

Gray inbounded to Cherry, who raced down the right side-scoring with 1 second left in the game pressure and pulled up for an 18-footer that swished through.

It was the second clutch shot this month for the freshman, who hit a 40-footer at the regulation buzzer to force overtime in an eventual loss to Louisville on March 6 in an Atlantic Coast Conference quarterfinal.

“It was the same feeling,” Cherry said. “I still was nervous.”

The Buckeyes had their point guard, 5-foot 10-inch of North Carolina’s bench ran onto the court in celebration before the buzzer sounded.

According to Rule 10, Section 4, Article 7 of the NCAA rulebook, such a delay in a game shall be ignored “when the delay does not interfere with play.”

The Buckeyes didn’t get a shot off before the horn.

Mitchell, the nation’s leading scorer, finished with 25 points and Alexa Hart added 15 points and 10 rebounds for Ohio State.

The Buckeyes spent the entire second half chipping away at the Tar Heels’ big lead. Mitchell hit a 3 with 40.4 seconds remaining.

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Buchanan allows 2 hits in 5 innings

Associated Press

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — David Buchanan knows what it feels like to not make Philadelphia’s opening-day roster, and he has no plans to repeat last year’s experience.

Buchanan allowed two hits in five innings, Cody Asche hit a two-run homer and the Phillies beat the Minnesota Twins 3-0.

Expected to be the Phillies’ No. 4 starter, Buchanan struck out three and walked none. He has given up one run in 12 innings in his last three games.

Buchanan said he’s been focused on throwing strikes.

“It’s exciting, honestly, but I’m not really trying to get caught up in that,” Buchanan said. “I haven’t heard anything. I don’t know anything. The first two outs I was really trying to prove myself because of last year and what happened and ended the year on the team. I was really stressing to try and prove myself to get another spot, and I think that’s why I wasn’t throwing well, because I was worrying about things I didn’t need to worry about.”

Asche put the Phillies ahead in the second with his third home run in five games. The drive came off Mike Pelfrey, who gave up two runs — one earned — and seven hits in 4 2-3 innings.

“I think he got a little spent near the end, so that was good to extend him,” Twins manager Paul Molitor said of Pelfrey.

Carlos Ruiz had reached leading off the inning on a shortstop Eduardo Nunez’s throwing error.

Dan Rohlfing’s passed ball allowed Darin Ruf to score in the eighth.
Irish beat FSU, fall to Ga. Tech

Observer Staff Report

No. 32 Notre Dame hit the road this weekend, swinging through the deep South for a pair of ACC matches, defeating Florida State and falling to Georgia Tech by a pair of 4-3 final scores.

After spending time in Florida over spring break preparing for the outdoor portion of their schedule, the Irish (10-6, 4-3 ACC) returned to the Sunshine State to take on the Seminoles (10-6, 3-4 ACC).

They were victorious in Tallahassee, Florida, on Friday afternoon by the closest of margins, securing a 4-3 victory.

The Irish staked an early lead by claiming the doubles point before beginning the singles portion of the afternoon. The No. 21 combination of junior Quinn Gleason and sophomore Monica Robinson shut out their first-position doubles counterparts from Florida State, seniors Daneska Borthwick and Kerrie Cartwright, 8-0. At third-position doubles, sophomores Mary Closs and Jane Fennelly clinched their match over Seminoles senior Mia Vriens and junior Yukako Noi, 8-3, good enough to give the Irish their early lead. Freshman Allison Miller and junior Julie Vrabel dropped their match, 8-3.

The doubles point turned out to be the deciding factor after the Irish split singles with the Seminoles. Florida State won the first three singles matches to take a 3-1 lead, but Miller, Robinson and Closs followed to complete the comeback for Notre Dame.

After earning their victory against Florida State on Friday, the Irish traveled north to Atlanta to meet up with yet another ACC opponent in Georgia Tech on Sunday.

The Yellow Jackets (6-6, 3-3 ACC) squeaked by the Irish by just a single point, winning by the score of 4-3.

Like they did against Florida State, the Irish came out on top during the doubles portion of the match. While Gleason and Robinson were defeated in a tight 8-6 match at No. 1 doubles, both No. 2 and No. 3 doubles were able to secure victories.

At No. 2 doubles, Miller and Vrabel cruised to an 8-4 win over freshman Alexi Prokopuik and junior Natasha Prokhnevskaya, and at No. 3 doubles Closs and Fennelly pulled out an 8-7(4) tie-breaker over freshman Johnnie Renault and sophomore Rasheeda McDade.

In the singles portion of the afternoon, Notre Dame did not fair as well against the Yellow Jackets as it did against the Seminoles on Friday.

Robinson came away with a point at No. 2 singles by defeating No. 64 freshman Paige Hourigan, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. Likewise, Vrabel defeated Prokhnevskaya at No. 3 singles, 6-3, 6-2. Other than those two bright spots, the Irish found no luck against Georgia Tech, with Closs, Miller and Fennelly all falling in the third set.

After splitting their weekend slate against ACC opponents Florida State and Georgia Tech, the Irish will have the week to rest, recover and prepare for another action-filled weekend back at Notre Dame.

The Irish return to action on Friday at 3:00 p.m. when they welcome North Carolina State to campus, and they will also take on non-conference foe Marquette on Sunday at noon.

Both matches will take place inside Eck Tennis Pavilion or outside at Courtney Tennis Center.

Belles swing past Scots in conference match

By MICHAEL IVEY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s defeated Alma by a score of 6-3 in an MIAA conference match Saturday at Angela Athletic Center. The victory improved the Belles to 6-6 on the season and 1-1 in conference play.

In singles competition, the play was fierce and decisive. Not a single match went to a third set, instead they were decided in straight sets. Belles junior Andrea Fetterson ended up on the wrong side of her match, losing 6-4, 6-2, at the top of the singles lineup. In the next match, senior Kayle Sexton was victorious in straight sets, beating her opponent 6-0, 6-4. Senior Jackie Kjohlede dominated, winning her match in straight sets 6-0, 6-0. Senior Shannon Elliot was narrowly edged out in straight sets, 7-5, 6-1, at the fourth spot, but junior Margaret Faller controlled her match from the onset, winning 6-1, 6-0, while freshman Bailey Oppman finished off the singles matches with a 6-1, 6-1 victory.

“I was happy with our singles play because we are playing with a bit more patience in some situations,” Belles head coach Dale Campbell said.

“Jackie Kjohlede at No. 3 [singles] had an impressive 6-0, 6-0 victory. Most all of our singles players had good matches, however Shannon is battling through some injuries at No. 4 and our No. 1 Andrea Fetterson played a tough, experienced opponent.”

The day’s doubles action featured hard-fought performances from both sides. Saint Mary’s top doubles team of Sexton and Faller ended up on the wrong side of a closely contested match, losing by a score of 8-6. The team of Elliot and Fetterson cruised to an 8-2 victory in their match. Sophomore Sam Setterblad and freshman Maddie Miniouda rounded out doubles play for the Belles with an 8-3 victory.

“We still need to come out with more energy for doubles, basically being more assertive,” Campbell said. “There are opportunities to take the net, and opportunities to pick off volleys that we are not taking. We can increase those chances by at least 30 percent, so that is a focal point. Getting two out of three doubles is important, and we actually have not done that enough. It was nice to win at least two (Saturday), but I thought we had the potential to sweep them.”

Saint Mary’s next match is against conference foe No. 14 Indiana Wesleyan at Angela Athletic Center on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. The match was originally scheduled to be played today but was postponed due to Monday’s inclement weather.

“Indiana Wesleyan is a strong non-conference opponent with a lot of talent and power,” Campbell said. “We will have to adjust the best we can in a short amount of time, but we have played a few strong teams like them.”

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Indeed, four of the six athletes to compete in the first day of the tournament were freshmen with no championship experience. Kvaratskhelia’s team took the aftermatch of the first day as an opportunity, though, and used it as motivation for a stellar conclusion to the bouts, he said.

“After the first day we knew that we would only get better, knowing that we had an experienced accomplished team in the women ready to start the clinch,” Kvaratskhelia said.

The success of that clinch had a lot to do with the team’s senior leadership, Kvaratskhelia said. Graduated student and former national champion Ariel DeSmet paced the Irish men’s squad with an impressive 16 wins in 23 bouts, earning him a share of the bronze medal in men’s foil.

Kvaratskhelia sung the praises of Zeiss’ senior leadership as well as her tandem record with Kiefer over the past three years — an effort so dominant that it prompted a “huge thank you” from her coach following the tournament.

“The last three years they have been the most dominant on the national stage,” he said. “Madison and Lee over the last three years as a duo together won more bouts than any other weapon in either gender together on average. What she has done, alongside Lee, has been unprecedented on the national scale.”

Kiefer herself earned her third individual national championship in as many years for the Irish with a 15-13 victory over Columbia’s Margaret Yu. According to Kvaratskhelia, she plans to take the coming academic year off to prepare for qualifying to represent the United States in the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

“You know, when you have someone like Kiefer — we expect all of our star fencers to give us 15 wins. She averages 20,” Kvaratskhelia said. “She has won 98 percent of her bouts for three years. There’s no higher value than having that superstar who contributes every year to the maximum and gives us that confidence moving forward.”

As bright as Lee’s career with the Irish has been thus far, freshman Francesca Russo has only just begun to establish herself as an Irish fencing mainstay. This past weekend, the New Jersey native upset top-seeded opponents to win her first national championship in women’s saber.

After the tournament, Russo described her first year as an Irish fencer.

“It’s been a difficult year,” Russo said. “But being the only fencing for Notre Dame, the U.S. and my grades, nothing was easy and nothing was handed to me. But instead of focusing on my failures, there has been a tremendous help and there's nothing like the support that comes out of this school, whether it being the support of our head coach or support from the office.”

Russo admitted she did not anticipate being in the final round at all.

“To be honest, I didn’t even think about reaching the final this season, and then four days later,” she said. “I was just happy to be there. When I fenced (Penn State freshman) Karen Chang (in the final) earlier in the day, it was one of the best matches of her career and assistant coach Samir Irhigimov, my mind was calm and clear and I knew exactly what I needed to do.

To even get to Chang, though, Russo had to face top-seeded women’s sabrebrass and defending champion Adrienne Juraski of Harvard. Russo advanced to the championship with a 15-12 victory over the defending champion, where she defeated Chang 15-5.

“Feels confident facing Adrienne despite the fact that she was the No. 1 seed,” she said. “I just felt like I had nothing to lose. I was just excited to be representing the Irish for the first time at NCAAs and tried to do my best to make for our team.”

In the aftermath of the tournament, the Irish are left disappointed but nonetheless determined, where Kvaratskhelia said he knows that this is a young squad, and there is a great deal of work left to be done. For a program as prolific as Notre Dame’s, the notion of an offseason does not exist, Kvaratskhelia said.

“A few of our athletes will be representing us at the world junior championships next week and will continue training as is,” Coach Kvaratskhelia said of the team’s plans in the coming days. “We’ll move more towards conditioning practices towards the end of the semester.”

Kvaratskhelia smiled as he reflected on the season, his first at the helm of an Irish fencing program that has grown a great deal over the course of the past few years and looks to be on an ever-loftier trajectory in future seasons.

“We are really proud of our athletes. We always have a standard of high performance — that standard is still there, and we will continue to push the envelope for years to come.”

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Irish post-back-to-back wins

by CHRISTINE MAYUGA
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No. 36 Notre Dame dominated with back-to-back 6-1 wins in a doubleheader against Georgia Tech and Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) on Sunday at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Coming off a 4-3 loss Tuesday to Texas Tech and a 6-1 loss on Friday to No. 9 Virginia, the Irish (10-7, 2-3 ACC) rebounded with many strong performances, Irish head coach Ryan Sachire said.

“We had a pretty busy week, playing Texas Tech on St. Patrick’s Day and Virginia, who is perennially one of the top teams in the country, on Friday. The entire week was a huge process; we had some disappointments and a lot of good things towards the end of it,” Sachire said. “It was fun to see everyone come together. We were certainly happy with yesterday’s win.”

In the match against the Yellow Jackets, the No. 8 duo nationally of junior Alex Lawson and senior Billy Pecor snagged an 8-6 win against Georgia Tech’s pair of sophomores Carlos Benito and senior Eduardo Segura. The No. 14 pair of Irish sophomores Eddy Covalish and Josh Hagar earned another victory over Yellow Jacket freshmen Michael Kay and Christopher Eubanks, 8-4.

In the singles round, Hagar, Pecor and junior No. 22 Quentin Monaghan scored wins for the Irish against Benito, sophomore Cole Fiegel and Eubanks, respectively. Covalish also topped junior Nathaniel Rakitt, 6-4, 6-2.

The match against IPFW saw a change in the Irish lineup as up other members of the team stepped on to the court. Seniors Dougie Barnard and Michael Frederick clinched a 7-5 win over Mastodonts’ senior Andres Cobos and freshman Daniel Cardenales while the Irish duo consisting of freshman Drew Dawson and senior Wyatt McCoy toppled seniors Connor Andrews and Derek Romer. Notre Dame took five of the six matches in the singles round with victories from Hagar, junior Nicolas Montoya, Fredericka, and freshmen Brendan Kempin. Monaghan completed a weekend sweep after defeating junior Gerard Guell, 6-1, 6-2.

“It was definitely the most complete match of the year (since) we played everyone on the roster,” Sachire said. “We played at a great level at every spot in the lineup. A lot of the guys had been working hard individually but weren’t seeing the result. Yesterday was a great day to see us come together as a team.”

With only a month until the ACC Championships, the Irish hope to use the upcoming matches to come out as strong contenders, Sachire said.

“It’s all about staying healthy, getting players 100 percent physically ready to go as well as preparing mentally,” Sachire said. “The ACC is a competitive conference, but we are excited to be in it and hopeful to have a great experience.”

The Irish will travel to Florida for an action-packed weekend conference matches against Miami on Friday at 2 p.m. and Florida State Sunday at noon.

“Every weekend is difficult, but we are looking forward to this one in particular,” Sachire said. “The weather is a lot different, a lot hotter, but hopefully our physical condition will help us prepare.”

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Sophomore Eva Nikitsina fights during the 5-4 win at DePaul Duals on Feb. 9 at the Castellan Family Fencing Center.
Men’s Bball

“Jailyn, a year ago, was really worried about himself — getting lined up, knowing the defense, knowing what coverage he was in,” Elston said. “Now he’s directing traffic, talking to the people in front of him, talking to the people behind him. Jailyn’s doing a really good job with that.”

Fighting for spots

The Irish also have three other linebackers who started games last season — sophomores Nyles Morgan and Greer Martini and junior James Onwualu — as well as early-enrollee freshman Te’von Coney, creating a log-jam of players fighting for three spots.

“We show up here to compete every day. The best players play, and we’re going to get the best three linebackers on the field, however they line up,” VanGorder said. “That’s just the way we do it.”

With so many players having starting experience, both VanGorder and Elston said they hoped to cross-train Smith, Morgan and Schmidt to play different linebacker positions later on in the spring season or beyond. Smith could potentially move to the strong side, or “Sam” position, Morgan could move away from “Mike” to get more playing time, and the hope is Schmidt can play whatever position necessary, VanGorder said.

Developing youngsters

When Schmidt went down with an injury in the latter half of last season, Morgan filled in at “stuck,” thrust into a position he struggled into training camp that he’d be playing last year,” VanGorder said. “He just wasn’t ready. But he’s tough. It’s so important to him. He wanted to do right, but he had to suffer through that freshman year. There were some tough tough times for him, and he stayed right with it.”

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Happy Birthday! Read between the lines and take action. This is the year to uncork your natural curiosity and discipline and make things happen. You will learn as you go and develop the skills needed to achieve what you set out to do. Focus on your destination and don’t lose touch of the results you want to see unfold. Your numbers are 8, 12, 15, 23, 30, 38, 46. Birthday Baby: You are generous, sympathetic and insightful. You have vision and a good imagination.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take the initiative and make a commitment to follow through with a plan. Join an organization that you can offer your time and experience to, but don’t make a cash contribution. Getting involved personally will lead to a new friendship. $$$$$

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take control, come up with a plan and follow through. Don’t be deceived by someone using emotional blackmail. Focus on what you want to accomplish and don’t look back. You’ve got what it takes to be successful. $$$$$

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can have some fun and still accomplish what you set out to do. Self-improvement projects will pay off and draw attention from someone special. Gather information and use your powers of persuasion to get others to do things for you. $$

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CAPPED (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don’t follow the crowd or make an impulsive move or decision. Make sure to take a quiet moment to mull over the past, present and future before embarking on a fast-cash scheme. CAPITAL (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Push for progress in work-related matters. Look for job opportunities, set up meetings and send out your resume. There is plenty to gain if you stay on top of your professional situation. Advance money is within reach. $$

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FOOTBALL

Linebackers healthy, ready to anchor ND defense

Returning Jarrett Grace joins host of players competing for playing time, limited spaces

By GREG HADLEY
Editor-in-Chief

Afer a 2014 campaign marred by injuries and inexperience, Notre Dame's defense entered the off-season in need of leadership and stability.

“Just a few days into spring practice, the Irish defense still features a heavy mix of underclassmen, which has also found a solid veteran linebacker core to build around.”

One of the leaders of that core group is graduate student Jarrett Grace, who missed all of last season due to a broken leg suffered in 2013. However, he used his time off the field well, Irish defensive coordinator Brian VanGorder said.

“All he did was sit there and get a great group of guys there,” VanGorder said. “He knows our defense. He’s way ahead of guys that have played football again. Because of that. He’s got no fear,” VanGorder said. “Most guys coming off something like that would go out there and be a little bit apprehensive. Not him. Not him. He’s been through the contact and hasn’t slowed down a bit.”

Irish linebackers coach Mike Elston added.

“Grace looks great. I see the Jarrett Grace of old, with how he’s moving,” Elston said. “A few instances here and there, you might catch a glimpse of something that resonates from the injury, but overall, very few issues with him.”

With the middle of the Irish defense finally getting back to full strength, junior All-American linebacker Jaylon Smith said the unit has massive potential.

“We, man, it’s tremendous. We’ve got a great group of guys there,” Smith said. “When everyone gets back healthy, the core is gonna be — it’s gonna be tremendous, and I’m looking forward to it.”

Leading the defense

Graduate student linebacker Joe Schmidt and Grace have a stability. The observer | ndsmcobserver.com

Irish junior linebacker Jaylon Smith takes on a block during Notre Dame's 40-43 loss to Northwestern on Nov. 15 at Notre Dame Stadium.

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FENCING

Irish finish 3rd at NCAA Champs

By BRETT O'CONNELL
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Though the Irish did not return to South Bend with the championship trophy they desired, they did bring home a number of individual accolades as well as a renewed confidence in their program’s place alongside the blue bloods of collegiate fencing.

Notre Dame concluded its weekend at the NCAA Fencing Championships in Columbus, Ohio, a mere nine points behind first-place Columbia, which brought home its 14th national title in the program’s long history. Though the Irish did not manage to claim the top team honor, they made waves with a number of impressive performances — some expected, some surprising — during their time at Ohio State last weekend.

Irish head coach Gia Kvaratskhelia led the team to a third-place overall finish in his first year at the helm of the program. He spoke to the tenacity of his combined squads after Sunday’s events.

“Overall, we’re disappointed with the [team] result,” Kvaratskhelia said. “But we are very proud and very happy with the quality of the fencing and the character and resilience that our team displayed.”

That resilience proved particularly valuable this past weekend, when the Irish found themselves paced for an out-of-character eighth place finish halfway through the four-day-long competition. Two days of exceptional fencing, including above-.500 records for five of the six Irish fencers competing in the latter half of the tournament, rocketed the Irish into third place.

“The first day was a surprise when we underperformed,” Kvaratskhelia said. “On the other hand, when you analyze broadly, which we were after the first weekend, that outcome could have been possible due to inexperience.”

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Extra time proves the right time for Notre Dame

By BRIAN HARTNETT
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With all the close games Notre Dame has played this season, it’s no surprise the Irish are well acquainted with overtime.

The Irish (31-5, 14-4 ACC) have finished the 40-minute regulation period tied four times this season. All four of those games have resulted in victories.

Notre Dame’s latest meeting with overtime came Saturday at Consol Energy Center in Pittsburgh, where the Irish defeated Butler, 67-64, in NCAA tournament third-round action.

This time, the overtime came after a flurry of late-game activity, even though neither the third-seeded Irish nor the sixth-seeded Bulldogs (23-11, 12-6 Big East) scored for the last 2:58 of regulation. Notre Dame junior forward Zach Auguste snared a rebound with five seconds left, but double-dribbled to the ball right back to Butler with two seconds remaining. The Bulldogs inbounded the ball to junior guard Kellen Dunham, who launched a corner 3-pointer, but his attempt was swatted away by Irish senior guard Pat Connaughton as time expired.

Notre Dame sophomore guard Demetrius Jackson said the team gained some confidence as the game went into an extra five-minute period.

“I was thinking, ‘How can we win?’ I said. I was a little nervous, but we’ve been in those situations before where we have to get a stop with our defense,” Jackson said. “Then when we get into overtime, a lot of times you feel like you didn’t make the plays you needed to win in the first 40 minutes, so you get a second wind, like we had another chance to prove that we’re not going to go home tonight.”

Connaughton was firmly in favor of making sure his college basketball career didn’t come to a close, but he said he first needed to make sure Auguste, who had committed the potentially costly turnover in the game’s waning seconds, was ready to play on for a few more minutes.

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