Prayer service rallies students
Student government hosts prayer service for sexual assault victims

By MARGARET HYNDS
News Editor

"Welcome home. You all remember that on your acceptance letter. We push the home-mindset hard: 'Home Under the Dome,' " Domescik." But when we receive emails like the one we received on Tuesday, I struggle to call Notre Dame my home," senior Michael Nolan said to about 50 students, faculty and staff gathered at the Grotto on Friday afternoon.

Last Tuesday, the University community received its fourth sexual assault-related crime report email from Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) this academic year. The assault took place in the early hours of March 20 in a

Students gather at the Grotto to pray for sexual violence survivors on campus in the wake of a sexual assault that took place on March 20.

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Suffering for so many populations around the world? And what more can we do now to improve the situation, to improve the international community's ability and will to respond more quickly and more effectively when we see the risks?"

Kitley said she first became interested in these questions during her early years growing up in the African Great Lakes region, which includes Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda. The region has a long history of violent conflict, she said.

Since joining the UN in 1993, Kitley said she has witnessed significant changes in the field of peacekeeping and conflict resolution, including the creation of her current office in 2004. Kofi Annan created the Office of the

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This past Saturday, Notre Dame men's basketball fans traveled to Cleveland and left disappointed as the No. 3 seeded Irish lost against top-seeded, undefeated Kentucky. Kentucky eked out a victory at the last minute with a final score of 68-66.

Sophomore Kaitlin Farren was at the game in Quicken Loans Arena and said even though the Irish suffered a loss, she thought it was the best basketball game she had ever seen.

"It was such a fun atmosphere, so though I did feel disappointed, I was more so proud of our team for accomplishing all they did this year," Farren said. "Honestly, I think this was, and will be, the best game of the tournament."

Farren said Notre Dame fans were on edges of their seats throughout the entire game. Head coach Mike Brey and the Notre Dame players seemed confident while Kentucky head coach John Calipari and Kentucky players seemed nervous, she said.

"The ND fans fed off of that nervousness," Farren said. "It was so much fun that ND, a team that so many people fuse to believe has talent, could freak Kentucky out so much."

Junior Kelsey Sullivan also attended the game and said although she was disappointed by the loss, at the end of the game she still felt nothing but pride for the Irish.

"At the end of the day they made it to the Elite Eight for the first time since 1979, so they should be nothing but proud," Sullivan said. "From not even making the tournament last year to losing by one shot to an undefeated Kentucky team in the Elite Eight this year, they've had an awesome season."

Both Sullivan and Farren said senior forward Pat Connaughton's thunderous

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SMC Dance Marathon raises over $90,000

By KATE KULWICKI
News Writer

Saturday, Saint Mary's students laced up their dancing shoes in support of the College's 10th annual Dance Marathon and raised a total of $90,322.94.

The 12-hour marathon benefitted Riley Hospital for Children, a Children's Miracle Network hospital in Indianapolis, and this year's theme was superheroes, senior Nora Clougherty.

keynote shares genocide work

By CLARE KOSSLER
News Writer

Students and faculty who attended this year's Notre Dame Student Peace Conference, an annual, student-run event, gathered Friday in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium to hear the keynote address from Gillian Kitley, the senior officer in the United Nations (UN) Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect.

Kitley said despite receiving increased support from the international community in recent years, the UN still faces considerable challenges in attempting to prevent and prosecute genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. "Why is it that we still face so many situations where so many people's lives are put at risk?" she asked the audience. "Why is there still so much
QUESTION OF THE DAY:
How are your brackets standing?

Kyle Mulholland
Senior
Off Campus
“Have MSU in Final Four — Hail Hydra!”

Carolyn Ebner
Freshman
Lyons Hall
“That’s a very good question ...”

Kevin Frost
Junior
O’Neill Hall
“Had six out of eight teams in the Elite Eight, and they’re not in it anymore. :(

Maggie Mcnerney
Junior
Mcglinn Hall
“I’m currently in the middle of all three of my pools. I will be dropping to last in all three soon.”

Matthew Williams
Junior
Keenan Hall
“I don’t want to talk about it.”

Travis Gayle
Freshman
Keenan Hall
“Had seven out of eight teams in Elite Eight. Notre Dame lost. I’m sad.”

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Irish freshman forward Bonzie Colson celebrates after a Notre Dame basket against Kentucky during their Elite Eight game Saturday in Cleveland. The Irish eventually lost to the Wildcats after two last-minute free throws, by a final score of 68-66.

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“Presenting your Research”
Brownsun Hall
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Undergraduate workshop.

Last Lecture Series
Washington Hall
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Lecture by Maria McKenna.

Tuesday
“Islam and the Building of America”
Hesburgh Center
4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Lecture by Amir Hussain.

Last Lecture Series
Washington Hall
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Lecture by Mike Seelinger.

Wednesday
MFA Student Reading
Hammes Bookstore
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Reading sponsored by English Department.

Softball
Melissa Cook Stadium
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
The Irish take on Eastern Michigan.

Thursday
“Behind the Beautiful Forevers”
Debartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.
National Theatre Live.

Mindful Meditation
Coleman-Morse Center
6:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Weekly Meditation.

Friday
“Prayer from Around the World”
Coleman-Morse Center
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Jewish Seder meal.

Stations of the Cross
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
7:15 p.m.
In honor of Good Friday.
Saint Mary’s student examines ethical examples

By NICOLE CARATAS
News Writer

In the latest installment of Saint Mary’s “Justice Friday” series, senior accounting major Taylor Etzell gave a presentation on ethical business practices.

Etzell said ethics is involved in any situation in which there is actual or potential harm to another party, and ethical decision-making is what comes into play when you attempt to resolve those actual or potential conflicts.

“You can relate ethics to anything in your life, not just business decisions,” Etzell said. “I think it’s important to implement an ethical framework into your daily lives so that you can always recognize those actual or potential conflicts and then be able to immediately, without second guessing your first judgment, make a decision for that situation.”

Chesley Sullenberger, the pilot of the plane that crashed-landed in the Hudson river in 2009, is a real-life example of someone who implements a good ethical framework, Etzell said.

“They couldn’t prove it was in California, but that didn’t matter. They decided to stop all production and the right out all of their employees to take off all the bottles from the shelves so that no more fatalities would occur based on these capsules. This lost millions of dollars.”

Etzell said Vice President of External Affairs Bob Kiffin immediately recalled all the bottles and sent out his employees despite the large loss of revenue. Because of Kiffin’s ethical framework, she said, he was able to recognize the monetary loss was less important than the many lives that could potentially have been harmed had they left the bottles on the shelves.

“He didn’t even refer to [the company’s] code of ethics. He just automatically sent people out. Every employee didn’t second guess it. They understood why.”

Ettell then gave tips for how everyone can implement an ethical framework into their daily lives.

“The first thing you need to do is to gather all of the facts,” she said. “You need to understand the issues and identify the aspects that are in your control. You have to understand the whole issue.”

“Gathering all of the facts is very important because then you can substantiate your decision. You have to tell people why you came to that conclusion and how you got there. You have to understand yourself. If you converse with yourself, then you’ll be able to reflect on all those facts you gathered, and you’ll be able to understand why you made that decision.”

“The third [step] is to reflect on that decision,” Etzell said. “Does this decision that you made make you embarrassed? If the answer is yes, it was probably not the right decision for that instance.”

Etzell said having an ethical framework is important to be a valued decision maker and lifelong learner. She said being conscious of ethics will make people self-aware, which will help them to find their right place when it comes to employment or service.

President Emeritus Fr. Edward “Monk” Malloy, who played on a team named “All the President’s Men.” However, Butler said Bookstore Basketball remains an excellent opportunity for everyone to get involved in the Notre Dame community.

“The tournament is for everybody. It’s not just for varsity athletes or people who play at Rolfs all the time,” Butler said.

Bookstore Basketball began as part of AnTostal, Notre Dame’s weeklong festival held every spring. Butler said it used to be played on the roof of the old bookstore which was located near Stepan Center, Butler said. It grew from its origins to include around 700 teams at its zenith and gained the attention of media outlets and people outside of campus.

By JP GSCHWIND
News Writer

Students participate in the first weekend of this year’s Bookstore Basketball tournament on the courts outside of Hammes Bookstore.

One of Notre Dame’s most storied traditions, Bookstore Basketball, began last weekend, March 21.

The world’s largest outdoor five-on-five basketball tournament has been played every year since 1972, and this year’s Bookstore Basketball co-commissioner Patrick Butler said he hopes to continue its legacy with this year’s tournament and a field of roughly 620 teams.

The tournament raises money for a charity called Jumpball, Butler said.

“Jumpball is a non-profit run by Notre Dame alumni in Kingston, Jamaica, and it helps encourage basketball skills in young children who don’t really have much and lack any athletic outlets. This is their only introduction to basketball and coaches,” Butler said.

According to Butler, Jumpball has also expanded to Haiti after successfully running clinics in Jamaica since 1995. However, Butler said many people are unaware of Bookstore Basketball’s charitable purpose.

“A lot of people think it’s just time to have fun and play basketball with your friends, which is exactly what we want people to do, but your donations are going to Haiti, to Kingston and we’ve really tried to publicize that this year,” Butler said.

Butler said many prominent members of the Notre Dame community have played in the tournament, including Joe Montana, Lou Holtz and University
Lecture highlights impact investing

By JEREMY CAPPELLOLEE
News Writer

In the fourth lecture in the Ten Years Hence series, Tara Kenney, managing director at Deutsche Asset & Wealth Management, spoke Friday on the significance of impact investing in emerging markets.

“Impact investing is a concept that has gained a lot of traction in our market today,” Kenney said. “There is a way forward in terms of promoting inclusion for the masses in our society today.”

While 2 billion people live in poverty and lack access to basic financial services, technological improvements have the potential to deliver these services to the impoverished, Kenney said.

“For the first time in history, major developments make it realistic to imagine a world where we can change this,” Kenney said. “Technology, especially digital and mobile communications, big data and micro-finance make a vision of a financially inclusive world a possibility.”

Kenney, who also serves as a board member for Accion International, a nonprofit organization that supports microfinance institutions, said the company is setting the example in the field of impact investing.

“We’ve tried to build the next frontier of financial institutions,” Kenney said. “We’ve pushed them to think outside the box and tried to build a strong industry, and, moreover, as a leader in the space we feel it incumbent on ourselves to be the role model for what is and is not ethical in this sector.”

Kenney said though the majority of people in developing countries lack access to traditional banking channels, many of these people have access to cellphones.

“Eighty-eight percent of the world has a cellphone in their pockets, and almost half are in emerging markets,” Kenney said. “Even in some of the most remote corners of the world, you have access to Internet and Facebook.”

Providing access to financial services for this impoverished yet technologically literate demographic is a potential source of economic growth, Kenney said.

“By 2025, the emerging markets will be roughly half of the world’s consumption standards,” Kenney said. “If you take a look at the lowest segment of the population earning less than two dollars a day, that can be a huge marketplace for banks and growing consumer goods markets.”

Kenney said Accion, which has helped build 63 microfinance institutions in more than 30 countries, carefully selects possible investments to ensure that the organization can maintain future growth.

“Working towards scalability and profitability is our mantra,” she said. “We have to remain relevant and look to the future.”

Part of Accion’s success in securing profitable investments comes from taking calculated risks in environments the company knows well, Kenney said.

“It was incumbent for [Accion] to invest where others would not go,” she said. “It’s enabled us to grow our platforms and to be a standard-bearer in the industry to understand things like capital protection and over indebtedness.”

Kenney said Accion operates in an environment which encourages collaboration even among traditional business rivals.

“We’re working both with MasterCard and Visa to promote access to credit cards in emerging markets,” she said.

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Students take part in ‘Love Your Melon’

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Since its inception in 2012, the Love Your Melon Foundation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping children with cancer, has built a network of over 900 ambassadors nationwide.

The ambassadors, dubbed “Campus Crews” by the Foundation, help to advance the mission of Love Your Melon (LYM) to put a hat on every child battling cancer. The Foundation produces high-quality winter hats, beanies and baseball caps, and for every hat sold by ambassadors, another individual is one given to a child with cancer.

Notre Dame has its own Campus Crew led by Crew Captain freshman Riley Cheslky. Cheslky said he introduced the program to Notre Dame this year.

“One of my friends was part of Love Your Melon at Marquette, and so I decided to bring it here,” Cheslky said.

Junior Leah Ramaekers said she started a Love Your Melon campus crew at Saint Mary’s this semester.

“LYM campus crews do a lot of promotion with social media,” Ramaekers said.

Ramaekers said if the Saint Mary’s LYM campus crew reached 120 credits — 120 hats — purchases credited to SMC online — the campus crew will host a donation event at the local hospital and hand out 120 hats to local patients.

With the help of sophomore Paige Russell, Cheslky said he recruited 18 members to join the Notre Dame chapter.

On March 19, the Notre Dame group visited South Bend Memorial Hospital and gave away hats to children and their families undergoing treatment for cancer.

“We had 150 hats to donate,” Cheslky said. “It was a great donation event, and just seeing the smile on kids’ faces really made a difference.”

Cheslky said he lost his own father to cancer and understands the strain of hospital life.

“My dad really hated being in the hospital, so I can only imagine how much little kids hate being in the hospital,” he said.

Typically customers support Campus Crews by purchasing Love Your Melon products online and selecting to support the Notre Dame or Saint Mary’s chapter at checkout.

Customers will have the opportunity to purchase products on Notre Dame’s campus on April 18 at the Bald and the Beautiful graduate student event at Legends from 5 to 8 p.m.

“Every einer said students should buy a hat to benefit kids in local hospitals battling cancer.

“I think it’s important for students to be involved with a campus crew to promote the ‘Buy One, Give One’ philosophy,” she said. “We have seen similar companies like TOMS promote this, which is great. I think the more we can promote and create awareness for ‘purchases with a purpose,’ the better community we can create.”

Cheslky said the Notre Dame ambassadors are also helping with the women’s softball Strike Out Cancer event in April.

“We are just trying to continuously grow and spread the word about Love Your Melon,” Cheslky said.

Similarly, Ramaekers said she is hoping to develop the club over the next year and gain awareness on campus.

Further information about the Notre Dame Campus Crew and its events are available on Instagram (@ndlycrew), Facebook (University of Notre Dame Love Your Melon Campus Crew) and Twitter (@ndlycrew).

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...A dunk late in the second half was one of the most memorable moments of the game. Such was said at that moment the crowd went wild and immediately got on their feet.

Farren said the dunk was impressive considering the height disadvantage the Irish had.

“Kentucky has a huge team — they had 20 inches over us — and I expected that we’d have to spend most of the game fighting the 3-point line taking long shots, but the guys did such a good job taking it to the hoop and getting inside the paint,” Farren said.

Farren said watching the game, it was obvious that a huge reason the team worked so fluidly was because of the leadership under Connaughton and senior guard Jerian Grant.

“I wish Jerian and Pat could stay because I think they add a lot to the team dynamic and are just unbelievable leaders and motivators, but I think next year we have the strength and stamina to be just as great, if not better, as we were this year,” Farren said.

The common feeling in the arena was disappointment that the Irish almost managed to capture what would have been only their second Final Four appearance in program history. However, both Farren and Sullivan agreed there was no lack of Irish pride despite the loss.

“It was a great season,” Sullivan said. “Look at the Final Four, they beat two of those teams and one of them twice. They did not disappoint us, they made us proud.”

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Students take part in ‘Love Your Melon’
"... We all recognize that in coming together to respond to a single sexual assault, we see the renewal of our work to build a culture on campus that says ‘one is too many.’"

Bryan Rickotts
Incoming student body president

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on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect as the Secretary General of the UN at the time, and during the 2005 World Summit, all UN member states pledged to defend their populations against genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Unfortunately, she said, the UN continues to meet the resistance of many countries who are viewed as particularly at risk for genocide.

"Preventing atrocities is difficult and demanding, and even if we have limitless enthusiasm, consensus and resources, it would still likely prove impossibly costly," she said. "So we have to be realistic.

"We have to accept that there are limits to the influence that outsiders can wield."

Kiley said a further complication of the issue is that many states view UN peacekeeping efforts as a threat to their political authority.

"States are never going to be enthusiastic about endorsing limits on their sovereignty," she said.

But state noncooperation is not the only challenge encountered by UN officials. Kiley said limited funds and resources, difficulties in achieving justice in the aftermath of violence, and the participation in conflicts of non-state actors — such as armed militant groups like the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and multinational corporations — are all present obstacles to the success of UN initiatives.

Dealing with non-state actors is particularly difficult, she said, because they refuse to engage with the UN and often have superior resources and technology.

"Non-state actors like the so-called ISIS present new challenges," Kiley said. "They are groups that are intent on holding territory rather than carrying out guerrilla attacks. They have no interest in negotiating with us, they have no interest in international law, they run a sophisticated media recruitment campaign, and they flout us, much more than we are.

"Nevertheless, Kiley said it is important to maintain hope, because she said, 'For all of these challenges, there are solutions.'

"We have a growing international community which is committed to tackling these problems," she said.

Kiley said among the efforts made by the international community to combat genocide and violent conflict is the research being done by academic institutions such as Notre Dame into the sources of violence and effective methods of conflict resolution.

"We really appreciate the efforts of the University and I know that this University is one of the universities that has been doing some really important work," she said.

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catering executive chair for Dance Marathon, said, "It’s the Riley kids who are the real superheroes, we just help them fly."

Clougherty said. All funds raised at the marathon benefit the hospital’s general fund and ensure that all children are treated at Riley regardless of their ability to pay, she said.

Local families treated at Riley came to Angela Athletic Facility throughout the day to share their stories and motivate the dancers to stay on their feet all day. The event lasted from noon to midnight, according to a College press release.

Within those 12 hours, Saint Mary’s Dance Marathon raised more than $9,000, which is the highest amount the organization has ever raised on the day of the marathon, senior Kristen Millar, internal president, said.

Millar said she hopes the event would raise awareness and funds for Riley as well as give people the opportunity to have fun dancing in support of the hospital. The dancers at the event were encouraged to stay on their feet for the duration of the marathon.

Entertainment at the event included learning the choreographed group dance, a bounce house, three meals, listening to the stories from Riley families, live performances from Komski, the Notre Dame Pep Band, Bellacappella, Irish dance team and the Saint Mary’s group according to a college press release.

Ten years ago, Francesca Johnson, a Saint Mary’s alumna from the class of 2009, created the Dance Marathon organization at the College. She returned to Saint Mary’s to attend the event’s 10th anniversary, she said.

Johnson said she was inspired by her brother’s work as an executive at Indiana University’s Dance Marathon who encouraged her to start the marathon at Saint Mary’s her freshman year. The first year, they raised $21,000, she said.

“I had been in children’s hospitals when I was little, so doing something for the Children’s Miracle Network was very near and dear to my heart,” Johnson said. “Wanting to do Dance Marathon at a school that I loved was a very natural thing.”

Sarah Voss Reed, Johnson’s classmate and a member of the founding group, said she was thrilled with the continuation of Dance Marathon at Saint Mary’s.

“Just to see that [Dance Marathon] has continued on even when no one knows who we are and our legacy is long gone, but the legacy of the marathon still lives is amazing,” she said.

Senior Jen Lefere, Dance Marathon vice president, said she was blown away by the results and only hopes that the Dance Marathon will continue to grow.

“I hope to build on what we did this year and continue to have the amazing relationships that we do and to challenge ourselves because that is what we did these last couple of weeks. As you can see, the results were incredible,” she said. “We hope to keep moving forward and getting more people involved because it is a fun thing to be a part of.”

Junior Allison Lukomski, external president, said the group has continued throughout the marathon, "Why do you Dance Marathon?"

For Komski, the answer is simple: “Dance Marathon is all about fighting for a cause that is bigger than yourself, fighting for the continuation of hope that is given at Riley, fighting for the little faces I see dancing, for their health and for their lives.”

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Saint Mary’s students listen to the story of a family treated at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis on Saturday.
To the men’s team

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Sports Editor

Dear Notre Dame men’s basketball team and staff,

Thank you. From all of us here on campus and around the world, thank you.

At the beginning of the year, very few people anywhere had expectations for this team: on campus, in the media or around the country. Maybe an NCAA tournament bid, but even then probably only a one-and-done.

You were an afterthought when students looked ahead to what the South Bend winter would hold. I don’t know what the original student-ticket package numbers were, but I’m sure they weren’t pretty. As the season went on, however, you started winning. A lot. Still everyone made excuses for why you were having such success: we hadn’t played anyone good yet, we were on a hot shooting streak, so on and so on.

I use the word ‘we,’ but it was actually still ‘they.’ The rest of us were behind you. It was still ‘they,’ the men’s basketball team, and ‘us,’ the students.

You showed us what you could do against Michigan State. We could have jumped aboard the bandwagon then.

But a few, but there was still a sense of caution, trepidation; we weren’t ready to be all there yet.

The first Duke game at Purcell may have been a turning point for most. Pulling off the upset in front of us all this year — not over Christmas break like last season — sure had a little bit of magic. That’s not to say our faith wasn’t tested still: the Cameron Indoor nightmare, Pittsburgh and the late loss to Syracuse had some of us shaking our heads.

Then you went on the postseason streak, starting with the ACC tournament and running all the way to Cleveland and the Elite Eight this weekend. You set records and Notre Dame firsts left and right, and somewhere along the way you convinced us.

Saturday night, we were with you. Your head coach Mike Brey said you were “America’s Team,” and Saturday night you were. Still, just hoped it would still be a game at halftime; I don’t know how many of us thought you had a legitimate chance unless you played ‘perfectly.’

Yet even as you took all of Kentucky’s punches, you delivered more of your own. By the second half, you had everyone in Cleveland, back on campus and across the country thinking not just that we could win this game, but we were going to. You completed the process of making ‘they’ and ‘us’ become ‘we.’

Thank you for making us believe again. Though this year’s run may be over, I hope and sense we’ve started something that will last a long time. Our story is far from over — merely a chapter written.

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course-related clubs by the end of sophomore year, hold- ing officer positions in three more. His bid for student body treasurer succeeds the following autumn. He up- dates his resume and LinkedIn profile to reflect this. Over the summers, he has assisted in the research of a prominent economics professor, presented independent findings on strategic hedge fund management and in- termed with the investment club’s co-president’s father, a useful springboard for a paid internship with a top-10 investment firm the following summer, courtesy of con- nections forged during a spring break undergraduate future financier conference in Manhattan — invitation only. He updates his resume and LinkedIn to reflect this. In spring term of his junior year, the hyper-ambitious college student declines an offer to join the club squash team after an impressive showing during an early morn- ing workout. He regards organized sports for purposes other than fitness as indulgent, puerile ’time-sinks.’ Other ’time-sinks’ include non-club-related social gath- erings, conversations lasting over 30 minutes and the consumption of media entertainment. Also, art. Over dinner, the co-president of the investment club highlights the potential benefit of non-academic ex- tracurriculars and invites the hyper-ambitious college student to help him better perform, laying an endearing hand on his forearm. Due to the clash with a business strategies competition, he kindly declines, adding that she might consider keeping her hands in her own per- sonal space, thank you. The thought of artistic erudition, however, haunts him — additional aesthetic engagement might assist his career. He decides to partake in enjoyable activities that nonetheless contribute to his future financial stability, job acquisition and perceived holistic happiness. He joins an A capella group, building off his years of high school voice-lessons. The performances, he finds, strengthen his left brain creatively and general aesthetic apprecia- tion. He updates his resume and LinkedIn to reflect this. A mental recalibration sweeps over the hyper-ambi- tious college student in the fall of his senior year. He real- izes that activities not directly related to his career might better prepare him for the intellectual demands of the fi- nancial industry. Outside-the-box thinking. People skills. Philosophical frameworks. He enrolls in a course on exis- tentialism and joins an on-campus charity organization. Philanthropic engagement, he reads in The Economist, reinforces internal drives to earn more in order to give back. Giving back, he figures, pays dividends.

So, too, does philosophy. He finds that familiarity with basic philosophical methods allows him to talk circles around the investment club’s co-president (whom he believes is on the verge of abdicating full presidency to him). While reading Kierkegaard one night in March, he comes across a passage that vindicates his new philan- thorpic ventures: “... the commandment is that you shall love, but when you understand life by loving yourself, then it is as if you should not need to be commanded, because to love human beings is the only thing worth living for.” Filtering out the cries of a locked-out roommate, he re- cords this on his smartphone for reference in an upcom- ing Business Ethics seminar. Graduation approaches and the hyper-ambitious col- lege student’s GPA is stellar, his résumé resplendent, his Wall Street placement at Goldman Sachs virtually guaranteed. At a final philanthropy panel discussion, the former co-president of the investment club asks him when he last “actually did something for another person that didn’t directly contribute to my financial stability,” Kierkegaard quotation on his smartphone, he smiles and recites something about participation in basic human kindesses — consoling friends, opening doors. Four years of erudition, and he has not once considered what it means to love, not once taken a class for enjoy- ment, not once disclosed any semblance of interior- ity. The hyper-ambitious college student, in a flicker of awareness, conceives of himself as he truly is: no student at all, but a careerist.

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Scene Writer

The atmosphere before the Sam Hunt concert was electric, despite the 25-degree temperature outside. By the time I arrived, the line stretched from Legends to Mendoza College of Business. Some had been waiting “since 6 o’clock,” according to one Legends staff member. Dedication to country music didn’t mean The Basketball Game was forgotten, with students huddling around cell phones to watch the game as they waited for the doors to open. Finally, once people were allowed inside, it was to everyone’s relief that the concert was postponed until the end of The Game. To be honest, I almost didn’t make it into the concert. Legends hit capacity that night.

With the end of the potentially heart attack-inducing game, Sam Hunt came on stage, and his appearance made it clear that he wasn’t the country star of our parents’ days, decked in a snapback rather than a cowboy hat. He opened with “Speakers” before continuing with “Ex To See,” “Leave The Night On” and “Raised On It.” Despite the gloom that hovered in the moments before the concert began, the crowd was more than excited to see him, with the sea of plaid dancing and singing along with almost every song.

Hunt mixed in some different styles of music as well, doing a rendition of “Bump N’ Grind” and a few other more R&B songs. When Hunt went acoustic, his appearance changed that for me. He performed a medley of several quintessentially country songs like “Fancy,” “She’s In Love With The Boy” and “Strawberry Wine.” He also performed covers of other songs, such as “Say My Name” and “Girls Just Want To Have Fun.”

“House Party,” one of the biggest hits of the night, had the crowd singing along with every word. With its finish, the crowd demanded an encore. The demand was met with “Break Up In A Small Town,” when, if even possible, the crowd became even more ecstatic, taking on an entire chorus by itself.

Hunt owned the stage, keeping his performance dynamic. Despite the huge number of people, even those toward the back of the room were able to see him. The lighting really added to the performance, shaping the mood of each song. Dimmer lights accompanied the acoustic music, and more vibrant lights went with songs like “House Party.”

Hunt proved himself worthy of his nomination for American Country Music New Artist of the Year, with his ability to take on such a variety of music. His songs reflect the modern country genre, including verses of country-esque rap, and a little less fiddle. Considering that his album “Montevallo” spent four weeks at No. 1 for Billboard’s Top Country Album and that his first tour, Lipstick Graffiti, sold out in 15 locations within minutes, he could very well become one of the dominant country stars of our time.

The group finished the performance with as much energy and dedication as they had when they began. It was incredible experience to be part of an audience for such a rising talent. In the years to come I doubt that there will be many more free concerts at colleges.

I was thoroughly impressed when I heard that Legends had gotten Sam Hunt to perform. As a country fan, I knew a decent amount of his songs from the radio and Spotify. Like many, I listened to most of “Montevallo” in preparation for the concert, but I was by no means a dedicated fan. The performance given at Legends changed that for me. Sam Hunt definitely proved that he was on his way to becoming a major musical star.

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The television industry has been experiencing rapid changes with services like Netflix, Hulu and HBO Go eating their way into the market of traditional TV networks. The newest company to try to cut out some profits from creative industry destruction might surprise you — Snapchat.

As of Jan. 31, Snapchat has been releasing four-minute episodes of its original series, “Literally Can’t Even,” through the Snapchat Discover page on Saturdays. As alluded to by the title, the show is a witty, pseudo-satirical view of the lives of two twenty-something women living in Los Angeles and the unexpected situations they get themselves into as a result of their naiveté.

The most surprising aspect of this new Snapchat feature may be that, in true Snapchat fashion, each episode will disappear 24 hours after its release on the Discover tab. This requires users to stay on top of the show as soon as it is released to keep up with the plot line. A quick YouTube search reveals that no episodes are posted after the fact, so if you are planning on following the show you had better block off four minutes of your Saturday schedule.

Between its subject matter and its platform for reaching viewers, we can be assured that if nothing else, “Literally Can’t Even” will at least be the trendiest “TV show” of 2015. Another surprise comes from who is behind the production of such an ambitious and eccentric idea. Emily Goldwyn and Sasha Spielberg both write and co-star in the show. Those last names should sound familiar: the women are daughters of two of the most famous producers and directors, respectively, in Hollywood.

Despite the success of their families in the traditional Hollywood movie path, the pair was excited to try something new. “Working with Snapchat feels very separate from Hollywood,” Goldwyn said in an interview with the New York Times. The two also added that they like the idea of using Snapchat to reach viewers because they feel it is very in tune with the way that their generation lives and consumes content.

Skepticism of the idea for the show draws strong parallels to the premieres of Netflix’s original TV series. At the time of their inception, criticism of Netflix’s plan to create original content seemed to overwhelm support for the idea. Without a doubt, Netflix’s original series “House of Cards” and “Orange is the New Black” have been resounding successes and likely spurred Snapchat to try their hand at original content production.

True to Netflix’s form of investing heavily into original production, Snapchat seems to be willing to spend substantial amounts of money to improve their product. According to the New York Times, Harry Potter star Tom Felton (Draco Malfoy) is slated to make a guest appearance on the show in the near future. Early reviews of the show have also cited its surprisingly high production quality.

The jury is definitely still out on this show and its medium. Snapchat’s promotion of their discover tab has not resulted in high usage, but the potential for something special is definitely there. Maybe in five years Snapchat binging will be just as prevalent as Netflix binge watching. Goldwyn and Spielberg hope to be on the forefront of social media change, and it will only cost four minutes of your time to join them.

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Nothing screams, “Festival season is back!” quite like Killer Mike being attacked by a rogue fan on stage during a performance at South by Southwest music festival. Ah yes, the wonderful time of the year — where neon clad, bandana-sporting young people flock to the nation’s biggest festivals in hopes of catching unforgettable performances via the world’s biggest names in music — is here once again.

Despite an injured Killer Mike, 2015 marks a big year for music, as attendance for festivals across the nation is on the rise and new festivals are popping up in almost all major cities. With more than 80 U.S. major music festivals from Boise, Idaho, to Savannah, Georgia, you don’t have to live near L.A. to have a Coachella-like experience.

Diversification in terms of genres is also becoming apparent, allowing festivals to accommodate to any music fan’s taste. Yet if just can’t see yourself making a festival this year, whatever the reason may be, concerts like Coachella and Ultra are beginning to offer a live streams for fans away to partake in all the festival fun.

While every festival offers a unique lineup, many of the big festivals this year like Bonnaroo, Coachella, Lollapalooza and many others will be sharing a few big headliners. Appealing to an older demographic, AC/DC, Paul McCartney, Elton John and Billy Joel are featured. As far as rap, Kendrick Lamar, Snoop Dogg, Rau the Jewels, G-Eazy and Drake will all be gracing the stage at different festivals. Other big names this year include Foster the People, Sam Smith, Wilco, The Killers, Modest Mouse, Jack White and Tame Impala.

While many festivals may share headliners, they do all not capture the same prestige concerts like Coachella and Bonnaroo have attained over the past couple of years, which just isn’t fair. Newer festivals like Alabama’s Hangout Festival, San Francisco’s Outside Lands Festival and the festival I will be attending this year, Delaware’s Firefly Festival, all boast impressive lineups despite their recent inception. One of the aforementioned festivals, San Fran’s Outside Lands has even outdone others festivals with a hilarious “Too Many Cooks”-esque lineup announcement video. Accompanied with The 48rs’ Aldon Smith, the lineup video is both funny and impressive.

Well done Outside Lands; step it up, every other festival.

But what exactly does a typical festival experience entail? A quick visit to any major festival’s website will bring up a myriad of packages, price levels, camping options — and it doesn’t even end there. Many festivals are beginning to offer “glamping” options. The days of a gritty festival experience marked with an abundance of dirt, stains and B.O. are no longer, at least for those willing to pay. For a pretty penny one can find themselves “camping” with full amenities. Coachella, for example, offers a “fully furnished Shakir-style tents with air conditioning” for a mere $7,000.

While the rough-and-tumble camping experience is available for us plebeians, it undoubtedly takes a bit of saving even for most base-level festival experiences. Between camping, ticket price and those god-awful fees, three to four day festivals will, in most cases, run around $350 to $400. For a college student, that is nothing to scoff at; however, I was okay with sending in half my savings if it means four days of nonstop great performances. Yet with attendance rising, do not wait to buy. It seems like price packages increase with the days.

Despite not being able to check my bank account without cringing, I look forward to my first festival experience with giddy anticipation. However, with a lineup saturated so heavily with great acts, the biggest problem is really that I will be forced to miss some, and that’s upsetting. Well, I guess I will survive.

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Don’t count out these NBA teams

Chicago Bulls
I know everyone is saying, how could they possibly win a title without a healthy Derrick Rose? I think it’s possible saying, that when Rose comes back, he’ll be back to full strength, because he definitely won’t. I think that this team has what it has what it’s needed a little bit of help from a teammate, every year, so I’m confident in their ability to rely on his play to get them into the finals and possibly win it.

Belles rout Illinois Tech fall to John Carroll

The past two games told two very different stories for Saint Mary’s, as the Belles collected a 14-2 win on Thursday night at Illinois Tech before falling 20-19 to John Carroll at home Saturday.

Thursday’s game at Illinois Tech (1-3) featured an early flurry of production from Saint Mary’s (3-4). The Belles managed to score nine goals in the first half, adding five more in the second half for an 14-2 victory over the Scarlet Hawks. Sophomore attack Emilie Vanneste paced the team with five goals on the afternoon, and freshman midfielder Clare Thiesen added a hat trick of her own. Four other players also scored, and Vanneste added the team’s only assists on the afternoon.

The match was a matter of possession for much of the game. The Belles managed 33 shots to Illinois Tech’s 10, with only six of those 10 shots finding the back of the net. The Belles outscored in goals, while four were saved by sophomore goalie Shannon Weaver.

Belles’ final nonconference match before they host NCAA conference rival Hope on Wednesday.

Saint Mary’s coach Amy Long described their recent steady season nonconference games as “crucial to (the team’s) success.”

“We will learn and improve each game and make the necessary adjustments to be as prepared for our conference games as we can,” Long said. “We are treating them as learning experiences to help us prepare for our conference games.”

Wednesday’s game will also mark the start to Hope’s conference season. So far this year they have posted a 1-4 record, with losses to Otterbein, Eastern Connecticut State, Wartburg College, and Defiance. Their lone win of the season came against Defiance, whom they beat 12-2.

Saint Mary’s hosted Wartburg this weekend to post a 14-5 victory over Defiance.

The Belles host Los Angeles on Monday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

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Wittman declines focus after Wizards’ loss to Rockets

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WASHINGTON — For a time during the season with aspirations of winning 50 games and earning home-court advantage in the playoffs, the Wizards were hitting on all cylinders, the former now impossible, the likelihood of the latter fading quickly — John Wall’s Washington Wizards are sure are slumping down the stretch.

They can’t even seem to run plays properly after coach Randy Wittman draws them up during a timeout.

Losses for the fifth time in six games, which delayed their bid to secure a postseason berth, the Wizards were beaten 99-91 Sunday by the Houston Rockets, who got 24 points from James Harden, along with 11 points and 10 rebounds in 19 minutes from Dwight Howard, appearing in his third game back from a right knee injury.

The Wizards shot 29.2 percent from the field in the fourth quarter, 38.7 percent for the game, and Wittman lamented afterward that there were basic problems when his team had the ball.

“We were running things that I’ve never seen before. We weren’t focused on what we needed to do from an offensive standpoint,” Wittman said, adding with a wry chuckle: “Coming out of timeouts, a guy doesn’t even know he’s supposed to catch the ball, and we turn it over.”

“That’s terrible,” the point guard said.

Asked whether the players or Wittman were at fault, Wall answered: “I wouldn’t put it on the coach, because he’s a great guy at doing what he’s doing, … Like he always says, if you don’t know, you’ve got time before you walk on the court to ask again, So it’s all on us as players.”

Wittman said the Wizards, fifth in the Eastern Conference and could have guaranteed themselves a place in the playoffs had they won Sunday, might not wind up with 50 victories.

The Wizards also had a chance to clinch a play-off berth based on other teams’ results later Sunday, but that didn’t go their way, either.

“We showed a sense of urgency one game, and another game, we take it off. To be where we want to be and go as far as we did last year, we have to turn it around or … we’ll be done quick,” Wall said.

“We’re not finished with 25 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds.

“Alabama, Arkansas, I do love my ma and pa, not the way that I do love you. Holy, holy, me, oh my, you’re the apple of my eye. Girl I’ve never loved one like you.”
The weather was bleak for Notre Dame and No. 12 Virginia this weekend, with Friday’s game being rescheduled to a chilly Saturday doubleheader and torrential winds and sleet whipped into Frank Eck Stadium during Sunday’s game. The weekend was similarly bleak for the Irish, as they were swept by Virginia.

Notre Dame (16-10, 3-9 ACC) was trounced by the Cavaliers (18-8, 6-6) 9-1 in its first game Saturday, then lost in heart-breaking fashion, 4-2, in the second game. Sunday, the Irish did their best to avoid the sweep, but were unable to make up a two-run deficit in the ninth inning and lost 5-4.

The weekend marks the end to a tough stretch of ACC play for the Irish, after facing Georgia Tech and Clemson on the road and No. 28 Louisville at home the past two weekends.

“Vous look at a year ago at this point, we were 1-11 or something like that in the league,” Irish head coach Mik Aoki said. “I mean, 3-9, that’s not the kind of record we were used to doing, but at the same time I don’t know if anybody in our conference has gone through the gauntlet that we just went through.”

Senior right-hander Scott Kerrigan got the start against one of college’s best pitchers in Virginia junior Nathan Kirby in Saturday’s first game. Kerrigan kept the Irish close, 3-0, until six Virginia runs in the seventh inning opened up the game. Kerrigan pitched 6 1/3 innings, giving up nine hits and six runs, while striking out three and walking three. Kirby, on the other hand, pitched six innings of shutdown baseball, striking out eight and giving up five hits and two walks.

“Scott was okay for five or six innings, but you know this is where you speak to the situation with your bullpen that we don’t have it fully loaded,” Aoki said. “So you’re kind of making decisions on the fly about what you’re chasing three runs against one of the nation’s best pitchers, do you come in and use your ‘bullet’ that you have at that point? And I made the decision that we are going to try and get maybe one more out of Scott and see what we can go, and I probably left him in there for one pitch to many.”

Aoki said he elected to go with several inexperienced relief pitchers to close the game after Kerrigan began to struggle so he could save regular relief pitchers for the next two games.

“The reason for it, it was kind of like a family-first outing for (Kerrigan) because he did get knocked around a little bit in that last one, and then they got an obviously great deal of separation there but without that we don’t have (freshman pitchers) Ely Ruibal and (Senior) Guenther to be able to give ourselves an opportunity to win yesterday and today,” Aoki said. “We kind of had our shot, but we weren’t able to get it done.”

Notre Dame did have hits at the late game Saturday and the game on Sunday, but simply could not get over the hump, Aoki said. Irish freshman right-hander Brandon Bielak kept Notre Dame in Saturday’s later game long enough for them to tie it 2-2 in the seventh. Bielak pitched 7 1/3 innings of four-hit ball with five strikeouts, giving up four walks and two runs. The relievers Ruibal and Guenther both gave up a run apiece in the ninth and Virginia took the game.

Notre Dame was outpaced Sunday by the Hoos, who scored a run in each inning from the third to the seventh. Junior right-hander Nick McCarthy took the mound for the Irish, allowing nine hits, five runs — four earned — while Virginia junior starter Brandon Waddell gave up two runs in 5 1/3 innings.

“Look you at Virginia as a team who scuffled with a couple of teams, but you can tell how good they are,” Aoki said. “Their pitching is really good, we’ve been a little hanged up, which I don’t want to use as a crutch, but that fact of the matter is that it has limited a little bit of the use of our bullpen. It’s kind of shortened our lineup a little bit.”

The Irish were able to get one back in the fourth and fifth innings and one in the eighth and ninth innings, but failed to take advantage of some crucial situations. Notre Dame put runners on second and third with no outs in the sixth, down 4-2, but were unable to capitalize on the situation.

“Yes, that’s a tough one, you know, certainly a tough one,” Aoki said. “In that case you hope that you can make a productive out to even just score a run and look to control what we can and bring our best game regardless of our opponent.”

The Irish experienced a power surge at the plate, outhitting the Hokies (24-9, 3-8 ACC) 23-11 over the course of the weekend. With offensive performances from players like junior infielder Micaela Arizmidt, who led the team with four hits and scored two runs Sunday, and senior catcher Cassidy Whidden, who contributed four RBIs in addition to a home run, the Irish moved to 21-2 on the season when they outhit their opponents, as well as an undefeated 11-0 when they compile ten hits or more, as they did in both games on Sunday.

But it was the Irish pitching that once again proved the difference. Sophomore Rachel Cristi CASSELLS | The Observer pitched a complete game Sunday, striking out 11 in 7 1/3 innings and allowing just one hit.

“I think it works both ways,” Haus said. “When the pitching staff shuts down a team, it gives the offense confidence and provides them a chance to attack. But conversely, when the offense excels it provides the pitching staff with a peace of mind that allows them to perform at their best.”

In the end, the dual pitching and offensive performances have helped the Irish race along on a hot streak, though Haus said she knows there is still work to be done.

“We are constantly striving to improve our mental game and better execute the little things,” Haus said.

The Irish resume play Wednesday when they host Eastern Michigan at Melissa Cook Stadium. The game is set to begin at 4 p.m.

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Irish dethrone No. 1 Syracuse in double overtime

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After two and half hours of lacrosse Saturday at Arlotta Stadium, nothing had been resolved between the top two teams in the country. Then, Irish senior midfielder Jack Near, who had the game-winning goal last year against Syracuse in the ACC Championships, sent a raucous crowd of 3,602 fans to their feet as he buried a free-position goal from 3-30 left in the first half to put her team up by that margin. Irish head coach Christine Halfpenny took a timeout.

What followed was a frantic comeback that eventually saw the Irish (6-5, 1-3 ACC) tie the game in the final six minutes. “Out of that timeout … we just simply looked at the girls and said, ‘Hey, let’s just have it, let’s just start this game over,’” Halfpenny said. “Let’s tighten this up, let’s tighten that up.”

Irish sophomore midfielder Alex Dalton scored a free-position goal with 6-21 remaining in the first half, and the Irish later gained a numbers advantage when North Carolina senior attack Sam McGee received a yellow card and had to briefly sit on the sidelines. But despite controlling play in the final five minutes of the half, the Irish left empty-handed, heading into the break down 7-2, though they outshot the Irish 18-12 through the first 30 minutes.

Tie game went to a second overtime period. “We trust [Jack] in those situations,” Corrigan said. “We know Jack in that situation is really hard to cover. Nobody wants to come off of [Kavanagh, Wynne and senior attack Connor Doyle] in that situation.”

Still, Corrigan said the Irish will get right back to work because in the ACC every game is meaningful. “I think our guys really enjoy competing at [this] level, knowing that you can enjoy this one but it doesn’t change the fact that on Monday we have to get back to work because it just keeps coming,” Corrigan said. “We’re not the team that we want to be yet. We’re the team that we were today and it was just barely good enough today. But if we’re not better than this a month from now, we’re not good enough.”

The Irish head to Durham, North Carolina, this weekend for a showdown with ACC foe No. 6 Duke. Faceoff is slated for 5 p.m. Saturday.

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ND comeback falls short

By ALEX CARSON
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A goal from Tar Heels senior midfielder Britney Coppa with 3-55 left lifted No. 3 North Carolina to a 9-8 victory over No. 17 Notre Dame on Sunday afternoon at Arlotta Stadium.

Coppa’s goal — her second of the game and 19th of the season — kept the Tar Heels (10-2, 3-1 ACC) from losing a game they once led 7-1.

When North Carolina sophomore midfielder Alex Dalton scored a free-position goal with 6-21 remaining in the first half, and the Irish later gained a numbers advantage when North Carolina senior attack Sam McGee received a yellow card and had to briefly sit on the sidelines.

But despite controlling play in the final five minutes of the half, the Irish left empty-handed, heading into the break down 7-2, though they outshot the Irish 18-12 through the first 30 minutes.

Tar Heels sophomore goal-keeper Caylee Waters came up big for her team, saving nine of Notre Dame’s 11 shots on goal in the first half en route to a 13-save performance.

“She really got after it, she’s a strong goalkeeper,” Halfpenny said. “She came into this game making 45 percent of her saves. … We knew that, and we just didn’t throw enough fakes around her. We gave her a little bit of momentum early on and with great goalkeepers, you don’t want to do that.”

But the second half was when the Irish made their run for the game.

Two minutes into the stanza, sophomore midfielder Casey Pearsall started the scoring burst first, guttering — who also scored Notre Dame’s first goal of the game — took a feed from sophomore attack Cortney Fortunato and best Waters for a goal.

From there, Fortunato — Notre Dame’s leading scorer — cut Carolina’s lead to three with 23:58 to play on a free-position goal, before a goal from junior midfielder Brie Cusatis trimmed the defi- cit to 7-5 as the second half neared completion.

And that’s when the visi- tors answered with a goal in the 47-11. “We’re down 7-1 and really, for us, we decided to push this one all the way to the limit,” Halfpenny said. “We felt great about it the whole second half and we know this game could still happen.”

But for the Irish, it was not to be. Just 1:13 later, Coppa scored what would be the game-winner for North Carolina.

“Our goal today was to come out and defend our home field, and I think that’s what we did it,” Halfpenny said. “But unfortunately, down the stretch once we got back in it, Carolina made a couple more plays than we did, and unfor- tunately, that’s devastating. It’s a devastating loss for our program.”

For Notre Dame, it marks another loss against a ranked opponent — the Irish have lost five of six such games on the season — but Halfpenny said she saw a big improvement from earlier losses.

“I think we’re turning a corner,” Halfpenny said. “… We found some great chemistry since then, that’s the first thing. We have five seniors, we learned what we needed out there.”

The Irish next take the field when they travel to Chapel Hill, Virginia, to take on the No. 5 Cavaliers on Saturday.

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Senior midfielder Jack Near scores a goal in Notre Dame’s 14-12 win against Georgetown on Feb. 14 at Loftus Sports Center.
Kelly discusses linebackers, quartermbacks

By ALEX CARSON
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When Notre Dame takes the field in September, it will have three middle linebackers — sophomore Nyles Morgan and seniors Jaylon Smith and Eligashier Hunt — who could stake a claim on the starting position.

Irish head coach Brian Kelly indicated Saturday that all three are in his plans at the position for 2015.

“I don’t think we’re just gonna say, ‘This is your job, you go take it, and you’re the only guy,’” Kelly said. “You’re going to have a committee of players there that are going to help and give us great depth at the position.”

Grace, who missed the entire 2014 season after breaking his leg against Arizona State on Oct. 5, 2013, is close to being fully recovered and might come back better than before, Kelly said.

“He could be better (than 2013) if he wants to be,” Kelly said. “Monday, we’re going to go easy on him; Wednesday, we’re going to turn him loose in all full live scrimmage.”

Kelly said he also is pleased with Morgan’s determination to get on the field.

“I just love the kid, he’ll do anything to get back on the field,” Kelly said. “He loves the game of football. He loves it. He has a passion for the game and he is going to work at it. … But Jarrett Grace and Joe Schmidt are smart football players, too, we’re going to have a really good problem there with the number of players that can help us.”

Quarterback competition

As has been the case all spring, Kelly said neither junior Everett Golson nor junior Malik Zaire were seeing more first-team snaps in the quarterback competition.

“There’s a clear rotation. It’s 50-50,” Kelly said. “Everett was with the first group (Saturday). Malik started (Friday). It’s been balanced. So they’re splitting reps with the first team, and they will continue to do that for the spring.

“We flip them in our practice itself. They’ll rotate. For example, if they go seven, seven, they’ll alternate reps. They’ll both get first-team reps and second-team reps.”

Kelly said he was not concerned about the way Zaire was approaching the competition.

“… Whatever way (Zaire) sees it and whatever way he processes it in his own mind, I’m not really that interested in how that works for him. … We’ve got terrific guys that can go out there and compete every single day to be the best player they can be,” he said. “And it’s our job to compare to, to coach them. And I think he knows it’s an incredibly competitive situation every day.”

Earning Kelly’s trust

Among some of the young players trying to move into the fold in 2015, freshman defensive lineman Jerry Tillery — who practiced with the first-team group at times Saturday — has stood out as worthy of Kelly’s trust, he said.

“Everyone else is in the process of doing that,” Kelly said. “(Sophomore offensive linemen) Alex Bars and Quenton Nelson are really the process of doing that. (Freshman linebacker) Te’von Coney is in the process of doing that.”

Injury updates

Sophomore defensive lineman Andrew Trumbetti (vi- rus) and junior receiver Corey Robinson (concussion) both sat out Saturday’s practice, but Kelly said both should be back soon.

“Trumbetti still has that virus, he’s really close,” Kelly said. “I would say he probably

gets cleared to do some activities this week. Corey Robinson had his physical today, passed his AXON test, so he’s probably going to get some work in (this) week.

“I think those were the last two guys that were out. They should get cleared by (this) week and we should have everybody, at least in some form, in practice on Wednesday, knock on wood. That’s pretty good for spring ball.”

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Irish junior guard Jewell Loyd drives past Baylor sophomore guard Alexis Prince during Sunday’s Elite Eight game.

Irish freshman forward Breyona Johnson was one of 12 rebounds, and junior guard Jewell Loyd — who joined Allen on the all-region team — was added to the list. Sunday’s game marked the third consecutive in which four Irish players were in double-digit points.

Notre Dame next heads south to Tampa for a national-semifinal match-up on Sunday with South Carolina, the top seed in the Greensboro, North Carolina, region.

Though a trip to the Final Four has become something of a tradition for the Irish — no current player has experienced a season ending before the final weekend — McGraw said this one was especially sweet.

“Tell you, this one was the hardest,” she said. “ … I think we played the toughest sched- ule in the country, so we learned a lot through it. I thought they came into practice every day, ready to learn, but I still felt we were going to take some lumps at some point, so when we kept on winning, it really built our confidence.”

— But this one is incredibly satisfying, to see what this team was able to do together.”

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Irish junior guard Jewell Loyd drives past Baylor sophomore guard Alexis Prince during Sunday’s Elite Eight game.

Junior quarterback Malik Zaire hands the ball off during Saturday’s practice at Loftus Sports Complex.

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Sunday for the combined effort.

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By AMY ACKERMANN | The Observer

And starting this year, she has been reunited with another former court, Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said.

“Last year, she was able to come in and really get the team back on track,” Cable said.

“And that was the challenge for her, because with a young team, there was an awful lot of talking needed, and she’s not a very vocal person. So I think to see her develop, she worked incredibly hard this summer.”

Allen significantly upped her average for points per game between last season and this year, going from a 6.2 average in 2013-2014 to 10.4 this year.

In recognition of her hot-shoot- ing weekend, Allen was named the regional’s Most Outstanding Player. She said she could not remember the last time she missed a shot in back-to-back games before. Her combined total for the weekend was 51 points — more than the entire starting team scored against the Irish in the first round.

“This weekend was just a really great weekend,” Allen said. “Our posts set really good screens for us in both games, and the guards got

really great free-throw line jump- ers in both games, so this was a really good shooting weekend overall.”

Allen was quick to attribute her production to her teammates, three of whom also scored in the double-digits against the Lady Bears.

“We were really well defended, the stretch, and we were just really excited to win, no matter who was going to be MVP or who scored the most points,” Allen said.

After the game, McGraw repeatedly called Allen the best point guard in the country. Between her and Loyd — whom McGraw has often praised as the country’s best player — they make up a back-court that fuels the fourth-best offense in the NCAA.

In the Sweet 16 and Elite Eight, however, the pair took things to a new level, providing Notre Dame with 54 percent of its offense on the court.

While Loyd sometimes struggled to connect on her shots, shooting 30.8 percent from the floor, Allen was lights-out, con- necting on 58 percent of her field goals, 50 percent of her 3-pointers and 90 percent of her free throws.

Riding Allen’s torrid scoring streak, the Irish head to Tampa, Florida, for a Final Four match- up against South Carolina next Sunday.

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never wavered against Kentucky’s high-profile ensemble.

“We really didn’t think about it,” Irish All-American guard Jerian Grant said of being underdogs. “Us 13 guys in this locker room didn’t feel like underdogs. We felt confident that we were going out there and get a win.”

They almost did — even though they weren’t supposed to. And in so many ways, Notre Dame’s performance — a 68-66 loss to the Wildcats in the Elite Eight on Saturday — defied explanation and common sense.

The Wildcats were 37-0. They boast nine McDonald’s All-Americans. Their average height in the starting lineup is 6-foot-9.

The No. 1 team in the country, Kentucky had won 59 of its last 61 games as the AP’s top-ranked program.

So the Irish needed a perfect game to top Kentucky, right?”

“No. Not at all,” Grant said. “We definitely didn’t play a perfect game, and we still put ourselves in position to win. Honestly, we felt we should’ve won, but they made more plays than we did.”

Notre Dame committed three turnovers in its first four possessions.

Notre Dame drilled just one 3-pointer in the first half.

Grant hadn’t attempted a shot in the first eight minutes.

Still, there it was, hanging in the middle of Quicken Loans Arena for anyone to see — 31-31 at halftime, 66-66 in the final seconds — as real yet striking as all the celebrities smattered in the crowd: LeBron James, Kendrick Perkins, Chris Christie, Ashley Judd.

It sure felt like the game was hanging in the balance with every bounce and every whistle. And Notre Dame acted like it.

There was Demetrius Jackson diving on the floor, extending, concerting and stepping for any and every loose ball, even as his shots weren’t falling.

There was top Irish assistant Anthony Solomon forcefully holding up his right hand, quieting fellow assistants Rod Balans and Martin Inglesby, who flanked him on each side and were screaming at each other, trying to be heard three feet away in a deafening arena in the first half.

There was Mike Brey squatting into an All-ACC defensive stance after a big-time second-half Jackson drive, pumping both fists, hissing down his pants and spinning around with another fist pump that sent a tiny piece of metal flying off his person — all in one imperfect moment.

Every second mattered. Notre Dame just ran out of them.

The logic-defying game resulted in explanation.

Notre Dame out-dunking Kentucky? Of course.

Pat Connaughton practically scraping his highlight shoes on the backboard after a two-handed dunk? Yup.

A Steve Vasturia 3-pointer from the top of the arc that dropped John Calipari’s arms to his sides and raised Zach Auguste’s right hand to his right ear as he stopped at midcourt to tease Blue Big Nation? Why not?

Notre Dame’s nearly historic performance thrilled somewhere in the unquantifiable conception of leadership, chemistry, confidence and momentum — the very mix that brought a 17-win turnaround and an ACC championship.

“Leadership. Student-athlete leadership,” Notre Dame Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick said before the last syllable of a question about the program’s growth.

“It’s so important. And when you get it right, it’s magical. And we had it just as right as you can get it this year with Jerian and Pat.”

“Pat and Jerian were the ultimate role models to lead,” Grant said. “He’s one of the toughest guys I’ve ever met. Metrius Jackson, who rose up the first few times he looked when you scratched the surface. Demetrius Jackson was the leader of us doing these things in March all the time,” he said. “The most important thing to us was winning … and these guys bought in fully. All the guys coming back next year know that it’s on them now, the assumption that we wanted to show them the path, break through, do the tough things that you have to do, and they completely bought in, and now it’s up to them to keep it going.”

While Grant said he couldn’t fully put Notre Dame’s season in perspective, he added that the Irish learned how to win again, a necessity for a program looking to rebound from a 15-17 mark last year.

“We put in so much work, and we got to show it with a lot of wins this year,” he said. “That was the most important thing — being able to put this program back on the map, getting some wins and doing something special.

“We were a couple of seconds away from a Final Four; it means everything.”

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DAILY

**CROSSWORD | WILL SHORTZ**

ACROSS
1. Aliens who are also human
10. Parking permit, sometimes 16
15. It may be shown to a superman
16. Send out a state?
17. Ephemeral decorative structure
18. Major key that uses all five black keys on a piano
19. Falls utterly
22. I’ll be right with you?
24. First female skater to land a triple jump combination in competition
25. Like some verbs: Abbr.

**DOWN**
1. Four-fermed chips
2. Make an abjunction
3. Levelled
4. Gets to first base
5. Clear
6. Cuatro serenata, roughly
8. Destinos not for the caro-carnes
9. Taken care of
10. “...Dinh!”
11. Like some private eyes
12. Sumo flavoring
13. British critic, author Reynolds
14. “It’s shiftable”
15. 23 Check
16. What a stick-in-the-mud does not mean
17. Works on shifts, day
18. French horn
19. Buyback, in a way
20. “Excuse me?”
21. She outwitted Sherlock
22. Major museum expense
23. Argent manuscript
24. No longer on operating terms

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

3. Powdered sugar
4. Frustration
5. Nineteen
6. Mewlun
7. Lone
8. Sate
9. Icicle
10. One a day: Abbr.
11. Cognac
12. skewer
16. This is a person responsible for making decision or taking action: Abbr.
17. The end of the world: Abbr.
18. A prison or detention center: Abbr.
20. A diamond or gem: Abbr.
21. A word that means “rare” or “scarcely found”

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**HOROSCOPE | EUGENIA LAST**

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Take part in events that allow you to show off your attributes, and you will find opportunities to advance. An energetic approach to getting your personal papers in order will help you receive important financial assistance. You may want to avoid any radical changes to your home that are geared toward a more efficient space.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You are working toward your personal goals. Keep a close watch on any issues that have been holding you back. You will separate from any competition you face. Express your dreams, hopes and wishes at networking functions, and you will spark the interest of people who can help you turn an idea into a prosperous venture. Your numbers are: 52, 31, 26, 37, 41, 43.

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**LION (July 23-August 22):** You can make changes, but don’t do so at the expense of losing a friend or upsetting a partner. You have good ideas, but the object is to bring money in, not to go into debt. Start small and let your plans grow naturally.

**VIRGO (August 23-September 22):** Get involved in a worthy cause. Your dreams, hopes and wishes at networking functions, and you will spark the interest of people who can help you turn an idea into a prosperous venture. Your numbers are: 52, 31, 26, 37, 41, 43.

**LIBRA (September 23-October 22):** Consider joining a professional group. You are well positioned to take advantage of opportunities that present themselves. However, you have a tendency to focus on the past instead of going on an expensive outing. Focus on sharing quality time with someone you care for, but don’t try to buy your plans out, they will separate from any competition you face. Express your dreams, hopes and wishes at networking functions, and you will spark the interest of people who can help you turn an idea into a prosperous venture. Your numbers are: 52, 31, 26, 37, 41, 43.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21):** You will face opposition at home if you pay off. Expect to face changes that upset your plans. You will separate from any competition you face. Express your dreams, hopes and wishes at networking functions, and you will spark the interest of people who can help you turn an idea into a prosperous venture. Your numbers are: 52, 31, 26, 37, 41, 43.

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**AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18):** Focus on sharing quality time with someone you care for, but don’t try to buy your plans out, they will separate from any competition you face. Express your dreams, hopes and wishes at networking functions, and you will spark the interest of people who can help you turn an idea into a prosperous venture. Your numbers are: 52, 31, 26, 37, 41, 43.

**PISCES (February 19-March 20):** You are well positioned to take advantage of opportunities that present themselves. However, you have a tendency to focus on the past instead of going on an expensive outing. Focus on sharing quality time with someone you care for, but don’t try to buy your plans out, they will separate from any competition you face. Express your dreams, hopes and wishes at networking functions, and you will spark the interest of people who can help you turn an idea into a prosperous venture. Your numbers are: 52, 31, 26, 37, 41, 43.
**Agony and ecstasy**

**Notre Dame fall short in upset bid against undefeated Kentucky in Elite Eight**

By MIKE MONACO
Senior Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — Jerian Grant sprinted to the left corner of the court and heaved up a contested shot. It missed long. The horn blared.

Notre Dame fell — two points, mere inches, precious seconds — from a momentous victory, as No. 1 seed and undefeated Kentucky survived the No. 3 seed Irish, 68-66, in the Elite Eight Saturday night at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland. “What a great college game,” Irish head coach Mike Brey said. “It was thrilling to be part of it. It lived up to the hype. We’re extremely disappointed. We really thought we had a great chance of beating them.”

Kentucky advances to the Final Four and will face Wisconsin on Saturday in Indianapolis. Notre Dame falls short of its second Final Four appearance in program history. The Irish hadn’t reached the Elite Eight since 1979, a year after the only run to the national semifinals. Notre Dame’s 32 wins are the second-most in program history and the most since 1906-08.

“I’m proud of our group,” Brey said. “We emptied the tank tonight and that’s all I ask them to do before the game.”

The Irish (32-6) led the Wildcats (36-0) by six with 6:14 remaining in the second half. Notre Dame led for nearly 22 minutes total. But Wildcats sophomore guard Aaron Harrison buried a deep, high-arcing 3-pointer to vault

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**Notre Dame tops Baylor to earn ‘incredibly satisfying’ trip back to Final Four**

By MARY GREEN
Assistant Managing Editor

OKLAHOMA CITY — Add Tampa, Florida, to a growing list that includes Nashville, New Orleans, Denver and Indianapolis — the last four sites of the Women’s Final Four.

No. 1 seed Notre Dame booked its trip to the NCAA tournament’s final weekend for a fifth straight year with a 77-68 win over No. 2 seed Baylor on Sunday in Oklahoma City.

The Elite Eight matchup featured 15 lead changes and seven ties, and the Irish (35-2) led for just over 16 of the 40 minutes, including only the last 12 seconds of the first half.

“I think this was one of the best games in terms of our persistence, our relentless approach,” Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said. “We got down early, and we just never quit, and we kept coming back, kept coming at them, did what we had to do.”

Irish head coach Muffet McGraw cuts down the net after the Irish top Baylor in Sunday’s Elite Eight.

Sophomore guard Lindsay Allen found her shooting touch for the second straight game at Chesapeake Energy Arena, putting up a team-leading 23 points, 17 of those in the second half. Allen preceded that by collecting a career-high 28 points in a win over Stanford on Friday and was named Oklahoma City regional MVP on

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**ND almost completes win over Kentucky**

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Senior Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — Kentucky strode onto the court, circled one another and danced. Long, dangling arms sprawled around each other, the Wildcats moved in unison, side to side, as “Zombie Nation” blared.

Notre Dame stood together some 50 feet away, practically motionless, exchanging just a few barely noticeable fist bumps.

From the opening introductions, Notre Dame's steadiness

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**Grant, Connaughton close out careers as leaders**

By GREG HADLEY
and RENEE GRIFFIN
Editor-in-Chief and Sports Writer

At 5-foot-7, Lindsay Allen sometimes has trouble standing out on a top-seeded Notre Dame team full of all-conference players and big personalities.

In Oklahoma City, though, the sophomore guard was the biggest force on the court for the Irish, scoring a career-high 28 points against Stanford in the Sweet 16 and 23 more against Baylor last night. Both were team-high totals.

Add that to her 11 assists and 10 rebounds over the weekend, and it would be easy to mistake Allen’s stat line with that of the more decorated member of Notre Dame’s backcourt, junior guard and national player of the year candidate Jewell Loyd.

It’s a comparison Loyd herself does not shy away from.

“Well, she’s like my twin, really, and she’s unstoppable,” Loyd said after Sunday’s win. “I think people have really underestimated her, and for us, she’s been awesome all year. It’s been awesome to see how talented she is.

“Every look up to her on the court and off the court. She’s very humble. She’s the MVP.”

No player has been more reliable for Notre Dame over the last two years. She has started every single game and logged more than 2,100 minutes on the court.

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