Gingrich to speak at Lincoln Day Dinner

Notre Dame College Republicans invite former presidential candidate to speak on campus.

By MARGARET HYNDS
News Editor

Notre Dame College Republicans (NDCR) has invited former Speaker of the House and 2012 presidential candidate Newt Gingrich for its annual Lincoln Day Dinner and Speech on April 15.

“The Lincoln Day Dinner is an annual event that most Republican organizations hold,” NDCR president, senior Mark Gianfalla, said. “For us, we’ve had one as long as I’ve been here. … I think continually for the last 10 years our club has done it. “In the last few years we’ve really picked up the fundraising aspect of it and basically increased our budget for the event 500 times what it was two years ago.”

Last year, the club invited Fox News contributor and conservative political pundit Ann Coulter to speak at the Lincoln Day events, drawing harsh criticism from several student groups and inspiring a series of protests on campus.

The Lincoln Day celebrations include a speech, which is free but ticketed and open to the public, that will be held April 15 at 6 p.m. in Washington Hall, and the dinner that follows is

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Ann Coulter addresses the audience before the annual Lincoln Day Dinner last year. This year, Newt Gingrich has been invited to present a speech for the annual event.

Edit-a-thon aims to highlight notable women

WOMEN’S HISTORY EDIT-A-THON
Tuesday March 31st
Hesburgh Library’s Center for Digital Scholarship

to create & edit Wikipedia pages for important women in Notre Dame & South Bend history

sponsored by Hesburgh Libraries, the Center for Digital Scholarship, Student Government, & History Museum in South Bend

By EMILY McCONVILLE
Associate News Editor

Students, faculty and staff are invited to gather in the Hesburgh Library’s Center for Digital Scholarship on Tuesday to create or edit Wikipedia pages for important women in Notre Dame and South Bend history.

The Women’s History Month Edit-A-Thon, sponsored by Hesburgh Libraries, the Center for Digital Scholarship, Student Government and the History Museum in South Bend, is open to the public and will take place from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Visiting assistant librarian Kai Smith said participants will work from a list of local women who do not have pages or whose pages need updating.

“The majority of these women

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Club hosts Talk It Out Tuesday at Saint Mary’s

By MARTHA REILLY
News Writer

The Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame communities will gather Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans Hall to discuss women in athletics.

Notre Dame senior Alison Leddy, founder of the female empowerment club Notre Dames, said she hopes this week’s “Talk it Out Tuesday” event will strengthen the relationship between the two schools.

“I recognize that most Notre Dame women never go to Saint Mary’s beautiful campus, yet we seem to expect Saint Mary’s women to come to our campus for classes, clubs and social events,” Leddy said.

“This Talk It Out Tuesday is a great opportunity to explore Saint Mary’s and to chat about the very interesting issues surrounding women in athletics.”

Leddy said the club’s weekly discussions generally deal with issues that affect women, but this week’s topic is especially meaningful.

“I have always been

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Professor offers advice in ‘Last Lecture’ series

By JP GSCHWIND
News Writer

The Last Lecture series kicked off on Monday evening in Washington Hall with a talk by Maria McKenna, senior associate director of the Education, Schooling and Society minor. McKenna is also an associate professional specialist in the Department of Africana Studies. Sponsored by the academic affairs department of student government, the series asks student-nominated professors, “What wisdom would you try to impart to the world if you knew it was your last chance?”

McKenna said she prepared her lecture by thinking about what she would want to say if she were giving a final speech to her four children.

“If the only people who were in this room were my four kids, what would I want them to know?” McKenna said. She then began her speech by reading off a list of quotes and advice from her family and friends whom she asked for help in preparing her lecture. Although the content of each

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What is your favorite restroom on campus?

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“In the basement of Morrissey.”

Maura McHugh
freshman
Pangborn
“Geddes Hall.”

Patrick Fleisher
freshman
Alumni Hall
“The handicap stall on the first floor of Alumni.”

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freshman
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“The ones in DPAC for sure.”

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Society promotes support of women engineers

By ANDREA VALE

Before entering her senior year of high school, now-college senior Jillian Montalvo attended the Introduction to Engineering Program at Notre Dame. As part of the program, she also attended an event hosted by the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), during which she listened to speakers from the group. When she arrived on campus, Montalvo knew what she wanted to do.

“The first thing I did when I came here freshman year was sign up for SWE,” Montalvo said.

Over the past year, the group has met on the first Wednesday of every month, discussed future plans and hosted an average of four events per month, Montalvo said. Since Montalvo’s freshman year, membership has grown so substantially that the group has gone from being classified as a medium section, with 50 to 100 members, to a large section. Currently, the Notre Dame chapter, of which Montalvo is now president, has over 200 members and is one of the largest student organizations on campus, Montalvo said.

“SWE’s mission is to stimulate women to achieve their full potential as engineers and leaders, expand the images of the engineering profession as a positive force in improving the quality of life and demonstrate the value of diversity,” Montalvo said.

SWE has hosted a variety of events in order to achieve this goal, Montalvo said. They played a large part in Engineering Industry Day, a career fair that connects engineering companies with possible engineers for hire, and Early Admit Week, Montalvo said. Much of their work involves South Bend, including Girl Scout Day, where South Bend Girl Scouts are taught about engineering through crafts and other activities, Montalvo said. Profits from several of their events — including the annual Trick-or-SWEnT Run — benefit charity, Montalvo said.

According to Kathy Pieronek, assistant dean of academic affairs of the College of Engineering and advisor to the society, the Notre Dame chapter started around 1977.

“Dr. Jerry Marfey, who was assistant dean at the time, wanted to start it. I would guess it was because women were still a fairly recent addition to Notre Dame and a small part of engineering.

“We had no women faculty. I would think that he thought it would be important for our women to have access to professional women engineers for role models, inspiration and mentoring.”

Montalvo said it was the most important aspect of SWE is the amazing opportunities it provides for its members, Montalvo said. “It has something for everyone,” Montalvo said. “For first year students, it’s a great source of encouragement and mentoring. We plan several events specifically geared towards first year students to help them decide if engineering is right for them and also, if they do like engineering, which field of engineering they should choose.

“It’s also a great place to meet other women in engineering, to make friends and to build relationships on which you might otherwise miss out,” she said. “There’s also the professional development aspect of the society. The biggest part of this, I would say, would be the regional and national conferences that I’ve been able to attend, thanks to SWE.

“These conferences offer amazing networking opportunities, and it’s amazing to meet other collegiate and professional members of SWE and to listen to their stories. SWE has been a huge part of my college career.”

Next year, Katrina Gonzales will take over as president of the SWE, Gonzales said, after having joined the Society her freshman year.

“As the next president, I am excited to lead a club of such strong and intelligent individuals — yes, men can join too,” she said.

“I hope to continue to shape our section into the club its members want it to be. As president, I also intend to focus on including more outreach efforts to the local area and partnering with other clubs on campus to have a broader impact.”

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Last Lecture

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piece of advice differed, McKenna said she found a common theme of “keeping it real” and staying honest to yourself and those around you. She said she realized the importance of this maxim from an early age and throughout the rest of her life.

McKenna said she assumed an incredible amount of responsibility in her family at an early age and was afraid to communicate her fears and insecurities to her parents. Ultimately, she was able to find a way to be honest with them and find peace. Even still, McKenna said relationships and life in general are inevitably messy despite what the culture around us says.

“The world we live in tells us we have to look put-together,” McKenna said. McKenna said she is able to find happiness in the messiness and imperfection in her life, whether they be a massive pile of dirty laundry or commitments to taking care of others.

“The faster we come to realize things are messy, the sooner we will be happy,” McKenna said.

According to McKenna, everyone has many identities in life — from roles as family members and friends to jobs and duties — but individuals must not compartmentalize everything they do and risk losing their integrity.

“Don’t confuse what you do with who you are,” McKenna said.

McKenna said relationships are essential to finding stability in life, citing the support of her husband. When she was plagued with anxiety and considering suicide, McKenna said her husband saved her from despair and made sure she recovered. She said the honesty in their relationship was the basis for everything they accomplished.

“You can’t be afraid of telling the truth in relationships,” McKenna said.

McKenna quoted former Notre Dame professor Carol McLeod, wife of former Notre Dame basketball coach John MacLeod, who said relationships are a “90/10 deal and not a 50/50 one” and in order to have a successful relationship, you have to be willing to be on both sides of the split.

Concluding her lecture, McKenna said when she finally dies, she hopes that people will remember her integrity and her willingness to give her all in whatever she did.

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Members of the Society of Women Engineers attend the monthly meetings and discuss the club’s future plans and events.

| Photo courtesy of Jillian Montalvo

Club members grill hot dogs and burgers for one of their sponsored events to raise funds.
was Speaker of the House of Representatives, House Minority Whip and that he was Time's 'Man of the Year' in 1994 would be to mention just a few of his many achievements," Stevenson said in an email. "He served over 20 years as a Representative in the House and he had the ear of Presidents Reagan and Clinton.

"One of the main reasons we invited him was to hear him reflect on these experiences and really give the club a good idea as to what it’s like to have access to the corridors of power. As a former Presidential candidate, he can provide a really unique perspective about that process as the two parties gear up for primaries.

"I think one of the big things that he’ll do to help dialogue is draw attention to the Party and its principles. I think that, by highlighting how Conservative principles would help this country, he’ll get the proverbial ball rolling, and I think we’ll see intelligent discussion about these principles filtering through the student body. Moreover, given that we’re already seeing potential 2016 candidates make themselves known, I think he’ll add fuel to the fire of presidential intrigue that is starting to grow here," Stevenson said.

According to Gianfalla, Gingrich will speak on "domestic and foreign policy" in his speech, in line with the events that NDCR has participated in and hosted so far this year.

"This year, we wanted to choose someone who would follow the theme of our programming," Gianfalla said. "We had a big Rick Santorum speech at the beginning of the year, and we’ve had a lot of political discussion at our meetings and as well as a lot of debate. "We really wanted to engage the knowledge base of the student body ... to broaden that base on issues. I think [Newt Gingrich] will foster that aspect of our programming this year very well."

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The Edit-A-Thon is part of a wider effort in South Bend to in- crease representation of women on Wikipedia pages. Similar events took place earlier this month at the St. Joseph County Public Library and the History Center as part of South Bend’s 150th anniversary celebrations.

Smith said participants will use the library’s resources, including the University Archives, to find the information for the pages, and there will be help for people who have never edited Wikipedia before.

“For people who are beginners, we have some training that we can give them, talk to them how to edit Wikipedia pages, and the librarians will be available to assist the people with scholarly research and citing sources,” Smith said.

Among the women whose ar- ticles will be added to Wikipedia’s nearly 4.8 million are Florence Epley, an associate employee and librarian; Delores Leibler, the first female reporter in Notre Dame Stadium’s press box; and Isabel Charles and St. John Miranda, two associate provosts in the 1970s.

The list of women important to South Bend includes St. Mauna Bledsoe, who founded the St. Joseph Health Center; Janet Allen, the first woman elected to the South Bend Common Council; and the first female, a cos- tume preservationist known as “the costume lady.”

“Theresa nurses and teachers,” she said. “Ther es’ is the former head of the South Bend Public Library, Virginia Tutt. There are a number of well known and pretty amazing women on this list.”

Smith said while one of the goals of the Edit-A-Thon is to close a “gender gap” in Wikipedia editing — according to a 2010 Wikimedia survey, only 13 percent of Wikipedia editors are women — anyone is welcome to attend.

“We definitely want to be teach- ing people about the library, the skills that we can teach people and also the stories that we pro- vide,” she said. “But in addition, it’s Women’s History Month, and learning about the women im- portant to the history of South Bend and how, and you can research, write and publish their stories in Wikipedia.”

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Dames

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Emily Getz

Mary’s students, Getz said. “Alison and I are hoping that by hosting the event here, students from Saint Mary’s will enjoy the talk and start going to Notre Dames on Tuesdays,” Getz said. “I see Notre Dames as a great way to bring women together.”

Tuesday’s event is open discussion, but Getz said she especially hopes to dis- cuss why men and wom- en’s sports follow different rules.

“I hope women will rec- ognize the differences in men’s and women’s athlet- ics,” Getz said.

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2016 is going to be a big year. As a sports writer, I am looking forward to the Summer Olympics, but as an American, I am looking forward to the presidential election. I am aware the election is more than a year away, but with Ted Cruz’s announcement, the campaign season has officially begun.

Cruz will soon be joined by Senators Rand Paul and Marco Rubio in officially seeking the presidency as both Paul and Rubio are set to announce their bids in early April. This will be the first campaign for all three candidates and so all three will inevitably have gaffs and skeletons in the closet waiting to be uncovered. All the three Republican candidates set to run have major challenges ahead.

Looking at their policies, Cruz and Paul are both proud members of the Tea Party faction of the Republican Party. Cruz has focused mostly on widespread doubt of the veracity of climate change and is famous for reading “Green Eggs and Ham” in connection to government shutdown. Though also believing in a more limited government, Paul has focused more on civil liberties issues like the NSA overreach and is more known for his proposed isolationist foreign policy. These differences, however, are subtle and not be the end goal. However, the election of 2020 is 44, Paul is 52 and Rubio is 43. For some or all of these, the students know they’re getting a worthless degree, which makes it shocking when they want to play professional sports, then they should join professional sports teams instead of trying to professionalize college athletics. The Lynchpin problem with these cases is that the students responsible have forgotten what college athletics is — an extracurricular activity. The reason why they’re called “student athletes” is because they’re supposed to be students first and athletes second. If they want to play professional sports, then they should join professional sports teams instead of trying to professionalize college athletics.

I don’t want to paint all student athletes as corrupt or entitled — that would be both cruel and inaccurate. Nonetheless, I find it very hard to look at the aforementioned examples and still muster the ire to insist that they be paid. I’d love to have a productive conversation about the treatment of student athletes, but let’s not pretend we’re talking about Oliver Twist.

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Exercise your democratic right

Kitty Baker
British Invasion

The Nigerian populace came out in droves to vote in their presidential election. Men and women waited for hours to exercise their democratic rights, and it was one of Africa’s most peaceful elections, despite attempts by Boko Haram and others to disturb the process.

The British Parliament was dissolved on March 30, marking the start of the general election to be held on May 5. Ed Miliband, the Labour Party leader, and David Cameron, the incumbent Prime Minister, are expected to begin their campaigns, with plenty of mudslinging from both sides. This should be a close election, as many question both parties’ policies on issues like the economy and immigration, and smaller parties are expected to do very well.

Election season is one of the most fraught, fiery situations in any country. These events allow people to speak their minds about some of the biggest political and economic issues we are faced with today. The true importance of an election is that it allows democratic countries to give the people a voice. Voting is one of the most fundamental democratic legal institutions and it is important that every single person exercise their right.

As a British citizen who has never been able to vote in the U.S., the country I have lived in for 18 years, it infuriates me that many of my peers did not vote in the federal elections. Those who have the right to vote have a very important choice, a choice some of the people in the United States do not have.

Sometimes, those who choose not to vote have good reasons. Those who abstain from voting in elections because they believe their voice is heard through a blank ballot or a checked one have their reasons. And I can understand those who say that because they do not know enough about each candidate, they feel as if it would be irresponsible to vote. But that’s not really an excuse.

Find out about the candidates. The Internet is at your fingertips. Pick up a newspaper (from a variety of sources, as every newspaper has its biases). Read about the election. Take a stand. If there is an issue that really excites you, that you want to fight for, do it.

My sister recently wrote to a letter to her congresswoman about net neutrality, and I admire her for the fact that she made the effort to reach out to the people who are changing this country’s laws, the laws we will have to live under and abide by.

I understand the current system of voting. Absentee voting is a painful process. But that shouldn’t stop you from sending your ballot. And with the electoral college, it really does seem that your voice doesn’t matter. But it does. And it really matters a lot more than you think. I and many others in the United States of America don’t have the choice. Others cannot fill out what is a seemingly meaningless piece of paper. But you all can.

Apathy is not a reason to avoid voting. Apathy is only detrimental. When next voting, think about the people who fought for your right to vote. The people who risked their lives and livelihoods so that everyone could go to a voting booth and make choices to determine their own lives, not to have them be determined by other people. Apathy did not create the country we live in today. We have to be passionate, even if it is passion about changing “how we view as an antiquated governmental system.”

It’s true that America does not have the worst voter turnout, at 54.9 percent (although it is much lower than that of most European countries). And it’s true that having the choice and choosing not to vote is a democratic right, and one that should never be taken away (I certainly don’t believe in a forced vote). But sheer laziness about submitting an absentee ballot or waking up on voting day and not really feeling like it is not an excuse.

So the moral of the story: Vote.

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A business student’s view of the humanities

Eric Mazelis
Guest Columnist

On March 19, former Yale professor William Deresiewicz visited campus to discuss his book, “Excellent Sheep: The Miseducation of the American Elite.” This book provides a glimpse into one of the most forceable times in my life, that is, when I was a student at the University of New Jersey hometown. Sheep choose as their flock and are formed in an affluent school setting where APs, extracurriculars and college acceptances are the measures of success — an apt description of people who are changing this country’s laws, the laws we will have to live under and abide by. Sheep are formed in an affluent school setting where APs, extracurriculars and college acceptances are the measures of success — an apt description of people who are changing this country’s laws, the laws we will have to live under and abide by.

I am not writing to say I regret my decisions. While several business classes have indeed been a chore instead of a cerebral exercise, I am very excited to build my first real job in July. In addition, my political science major has unlocked a genuine curiosity and interest in political theory. However, I feel that Notre Dame can do a lot more to ensure that freshmen are choosing a major based on genuine personal reflection, rather than being pushed forward by their pre-college conditioning.

One suggestion, during this period of University core curriculum review, is to revamp the University Seminar and adopt a model similar to the one Deresiewicz describes at Lawrence University in Wisconsin. This school mandates a yearlong “introduction to liberal learning” seminar for freshmen. While PLS majors take several seminars like this, I believe it should be required for all freshmen — instead of allowing freshmen to retreat into a University Seminar that explores a familiar subject or their intended major. This class would allow them to engage with foundational texts from multiple disciplines, perhaps lead them to a new subject of interest and begin to tackle the kinds of philosophica questions about life and education that college should raise.

Additionally, the Career Center and advisors can be much more proactive about educating freshmen on careers that differ from the traditional finance path of many students. The Career Center and advisors can be much more proactive about educating freshmen on careers that differ from the traditional finance path of many students. While Notre Dame attempts to inculcate these values more effectively than most college institutions, it can definitely do more to avoid students feeling herded.

I may be a sheep, but I hope that by becoming more aware of the influences that affect our judgment, all Notre Dame students can arrive at the type of education that best fits them.

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By BRIDGET DEDELOW  
Scene Writer

A playlist for rolling your windows down (or up — it’s windy out there) and heading out of the Bend back to the place where it all began.

“Let’s Go” - Matt and Kim
When that last class is over and you need to just get out, this bouncy, piano-fueled track just feels you. Perfect for starting off a drive.

“Send Me On My Way” - Rusted Root
A classic driving song, this track will be stuck in your head by the time you need to stop for gas.

“Lost In My Mind” - The Head and the Heart
For everyone who has a serious case of wanderlust. Plus, the line “you’re already home when you feel love” reminds you that home can be anywhere.

“Lampshades on Fire” - Modest Mouse
The new, methodical single by Modest Mouse will help you power through those minutes — or hours — where all you see is corn and more corn. Thanks, Indiana.

“Sugar” (Remix) - Maroon 5 and Nicki Minaj
For the people who are craving a party with their friends from back home, this remix will get you there.

“Georgia” - Vance Joy
We all know “Riptide” is overplayed, but this lesser known song has Vance Joy’s mellow sound and is still upbeat.

“Nothing Without Love” - Nate Ruess
The lead singer of fun. is back with this track that reminds you that life would be incomplete without the people that love you. Hug your dog, he needs it.

“Seventy Times Seven” - Brand New
For all you former pop-punk kids out there that shamelessly put “I’ve seen more spine in jellyfish / I’ve seen more guts in thirteen-year-old kids” as your AIM away message, throw back and headbang like you know you can.

“One Love / People Get Ready” - Bob Marley
For when you need to feel the summer sun on your face but it’s 39 and hailing.

“In The Aeroplane Over The Sea” - Neutral Milk Hotel
A floaty feeling song for those who like to fly ... or just hate road trips.

“Chicago” - Sufjan Stevens
When you need a reminder of one of the greatest cities in the U.S., or just something calm to get you through.

“Miles Away” (Acoustic Edit) - Years Around The Sun
A love song that also applies to home and the college experience. "And our minds were meant to sail / Take a rest from my thoughts / Take a break from this world / And we’ll feel miles away from the places that we used to be."

“Stars” - The Suits
This poppy track will keep you awake at the wheel while inspired about the time ahea. Win-win.

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By CAELIN MILTKO  
Scene Writer

If movies like “Frozen,” “Big Hero 6” and “Despicable Me” have proven a formula exists that can appeal to both adults and children, the recent Dreamworks film “Home” is a reminder that not all children’s films can hit that perfect balance.

On the surface, it seems like it probably should work. The two main characters are voiced by Jim Parsons (Sheldon from “The Big Bang Theory”) and Rihanna, and the storyline seems somewhat compelling, if a little simplistic — I mean, what’s not to like about a couple alien invasions?

But the movie never reaches beyond the level of “kind of cute,” and it’s certainly not a movie that parents will willingly watch over and over. At this point, “Frozen” may be overplayed, but it could be watched at least three or four times before massive annoyance sets in. “Home” does not have this kind of staying power, if only because it’s only mildly amusing at best.

Part of the problem is that the plot seems to be overshadowed by the real life personas of the voices behind the characters. As soon as the movie starts, it’s almost hard to separate the voice of Jim Parsons from his iconic character Sheldon on “The Big Bang Theory,” and it’s somewhat distracting. This, however, is not really anyone’s fault and pales in comparison to the issues with Rihanna’s role in the movie.

Before seeing the film, I was only vaguely aware that Rihanna had a role. To be fair, I only became aware of the film when visiting my under-10-year-old cousins in Chicago for the weekend and never would have seen the film without their influence. Still, the importance of Rihanna’s role in “Home” was not clear to me until I’d seen it.

Rihanna performs three out of the eight songs on the soundtrack, and the songs she doesn’t perform fade into the background. Even worse, the song they pick to repeat in nearly every scene (“Dancing in the Dark”) is so repetitive in and of itself that by the time the movie has repeated for the third time, you wonder if there’s even another song in the entire film.

Now, from hits like “Let It Go” and “Happy,” we know that theme songs from animated pictures can make huge breakthroughs in pop culture. We also know that they have a tendency to be overplayed to the point that almost no one wants to listen to them anymore. But “Dancing in the Dark” is not nearly so good as either of the above examples, and if Dreamworks wanted a massive hit on their hands, they definitely chose the wrong song. After seeing “Home,” I’m not sure I feel a desire to ever hear that song again.

The repetition of a number of Rihanna songs makes the movie feel like a half-hearted attempt to revive Rihanna’s career in a younger generation, but it fails to really make an impression. While this may pass over the heads of the intended demographic, anyone over the age of 10 seeing the film will easily discern the huge plot holes that are ignored in favor of a “catchy” dance tune.

Despite the increasing number of enjoyable animated films out there, “Home” is not among them. At times, it was mildly cute and the writing for the character of “Oh” was consistently funny. But it wasn’t enough to make it truly enjoyable for anyone beyond its stated demographic.

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NHL teams tank for ‘McEichel’

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During this time of the year, hockey fans are usually swept up in the race toward the Stanley Cup Playoffs. They check scores on a daily basis to see if their favorite team will get in and, if they do get in, who will they play. But this year presents a unique situation. While all the playoff talk is going on, another type of contest is receiving attention — the contest of who can finish with the worst record in the NHL standings. The winner of this contest will win a very valuable prize, one that could change the course of their team’s year to come.

The 2015 NHL Entry Draft will take place June 26 and 27, 2015 in Sunrise, Florida, and this year’s class is considered to be one of the best in recent memory. The two players that headline this year’s draft class are Connor McDavid, who plays for the Erie Otters of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL), and Jack Eichel, who is a Boston University freshman. Both are considered to be generational talents who can immediately play with and contribute to an NHL team.

McDavid is an 18-year-old from Richmond Hill, Ontario. He has a lot to live up to as he’s one of the most hyped hockey prospects of all time, with many comparing his style of play to that of Wayne Gretzky and Sidney Crosby. He is a fast, two-way center who can score goals and create scoring opportunities from almost out of nowhere. His highlight reel goals and statistics he’s put up this season would have to be seen to be believed. This season, in 47 games played with the Erie Otters, he has scored 44 goals and recorded 76 assists. In 168 career regular season games with the Otters, he has registered a grand total of 285 points and is widely considered to be the consensus first overall pick in the upcoming draft. However, he’s not the only franchise-changing player in this draft. Eichel is an 18-year-old from North Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Many hockey analysts praise him as one of the best American hockey prospects ever, comparing his style of play to that of Patrick Kane. In his freshman season at Boston University, Eichel has scored 24 goals and 43 assists for a total of 67 points in only 37 games played. He leads the nation in points and is considered to be the front-runner for the Hobey Baker Award — hockey’s version of the Heisman Trophy — given annually to the best college hockey player in the country. He is widely considered to be the consensus second overall pick in the upcoming draft and many analysts say he would be the first overall selection this year if it weren’t for McDavid.

With players like these available, the teams that currently sit at the bottom of the overall standing are fighting each other to finish with the worst record as the team that does is guaranteed either the first or second pick. The two teams that currently sit at the bottom of the overall NHL standings are the Buffalo Sabres, who have 48 points, and the Arizona Coyotes, who have 54. Perhaps the fans of these two teams are the ones most engaged in the race for the first pick; the two teams played each other Thursday in Buffalo, New York, and when the Coyotes scored the overtime winner, Buffalo fans cheered for the goal. The action of a sports team trying to lose in order to gain a better draft position is generally referred to as “tank,” and the question has been posed whether or not doing so is alright. I know it might sound crazy, but I believe that a team should feel free to tank if they think that is what’s best for them in the long run, though they should be careful; the NHL Draft Lottery takes place April 14, where teams like the Sabres and Coyotes will learn if their efforts paid off or if they were all for naught.

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Zunino’s bat, Walker’s arm lead Mariners

Conn governor bars state-funded travel to Indiana

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy signed an executive order on Monday barring state spend- ing on travel to Indiana and any other state that enacted legislation that protects religious freedoms but ultimately discriminates against gay and lesbian couples. Malloy, the incoming chairman of the Democratic Governors Association, called Indiana’s new religious objection laws “disturbing, disgraceful and outright discriminatory.” “We cannot sit idly by and do nothing while laws are enacted to discriminate against gay men and women who play sports. I think we’ve never seen a reaction like this to the laws passed historically in the other states or when the federal government did it,” said Indiana Senate President Pro Tem David Long. “Clearly people are react- ing against this kind of law. We didn’t see that coming.”

Malloy said he would consider the legislation to be repealed. Furor over the law stems in part from the fact Indiana’s civil rights laws don’t ban discrimination based on sexual orientation. Malloy’s one-page order directs all state agencies, de- partments, boards and commis- sions, the Connecticut Housing Authority and the Board of Regents to immediately re- view all requests for state-fund- ed or state-sponsored travel to states that “create the grounds for such discrimination.” Such travel would be barred unless it’s necessary to enforce state law, meet contractual obligations or protect public health. Malloy’s order could affect Connecticut’s collegiate sports teams.

Next year, the NCAA Final Four women’s basketball tournament will be held in Indianapolis. Malloy said he hopes the NCAA moves the tournament. “We’ve been a perennial power in women’s basketball.”

“I think that would be a wise choice for them to do, if that’s possible,” he said. “We have good coaches and good programs to play NCAA sports. And to hold a tournament in a state that has passed, and really quite frankly has flaunted laws that would lead to discrimination against those athletes, is not a wise place to have a tournament.”

Director Warde Manuel told The Associated Press he hopes a boycott won’t be necessary. “I would hope that the NCAA and the state of Indiana would rectify this so that a group of people don’t have the potential to be discriminated against and that the Final Four can remain there,” he said. “If it doesn’t change, then I would encourage the NCAA to look to move the venue so that we wouldn’t get into a situation where any insti- tution would have to consider that kind of choice.”

Malloy said a decision will be made tomorrow on whether UConn men’s coach Kevin Ollie will attend this week’s coach’s convention in Indianapolis, which is also hosting this year’s men’s Final Four this weekend.

Socially conservative groups accused Malloy of not under- standing that Connecticut also has a freedom of religion stat- ute that was enacted to what was enacted in Indiana. But Malloy stressed that Connecticut law does not allow religion to be a basis for discrimination.

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Mariners outfielder Seth Smith and the opening-day pitchers were the lone miss- ing players from who’s ex- pected to be on the field next week.

“Having some guys to get used to playing together is a step into games,” Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. “We want to get our guys together for sure and see how this lineup will work.”

The Angels scored twice in the ninth off Mariners lefty Charlie Furbush, who will be in the Seattle bullpen this season.

NCAAs

Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz. — Mike Zunino homered and dou- bled, Taijuan Walker pitched seven impressive innings and the Seattle Mariners beat the Los Angeles Angels 5-3 Monday night.

Robinson Cano added his first spring homer for the Mariners and is hitting .364 in eight games this season.

The Angels and Mariners fielded lineups consisting mainly of the players who are likely to start on opening day next Monday when Los Angeles visits Seattle.

Zunino’s seven home runs and 15 RBIs lead Seattle this spring. The catcher is batting .354.

Zunino got a playful, palms-down “easy does it” sign from ace Felix Hernandez in the clubhouse after driving in three runs.

“I feel like the approach is much different,” Zunino said. “Last year I was just up there thinking and hoping to get something to hit. This year there’s more of a men- tal approach to it. It’s been a good learning experience I’ve had this spring.”

Walker’s scoreless streak ended at 19 innings when Matt Joyce homered in the second. That was the only run Walker, who retired his final 17 batters. Walker gave up three hits, walked none and struck out five.

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Saint Mary’s troubles in tough conditions

By DAISY COSTELLO
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s hit thelinks over the weekend in the WUSTL Spring Invitational at the Gateway National Golf Links in Madison, Illinois, finishing 13th.

The tournament featured nine teams ranked nationally in the top 25, including host and No. 3-ranked Washington University. The Belles, who posted a final score of 731, finished just two spots above the bottom team, a result Belles head coach Kim Moore attributes to the nature of the spring season.

“The spring season is always a way of a struggle,” Moore said. “So the feel and technique needed to execute short game shots are usually off during the spring.”

The Belles still struggle to find time to practice outdoors — they practiced outdoors just twice in the two weeks before the invitational making it more difficult to work on the team’s play.

The Belles also had another hurdle to overcome in the Illinois weather made it difficult to post good scores. Moore said while the weather on Saturday was playable, poor conditions on Sunday negatively impacted the team’s performance.

“[Saturday] it was cold, but not very windy so the conditions weren’t that bad,” Moore said. “However, we did not execute the way we should have, so our season struggled despite the good playing conditions.”

Sunday featured a tag-team combination of cold and wind — a golfer’s nightmare — and the Belles accordingly needed five more strokes to get through the round on the second day.

Saint Mary’s was led by first-year Kaitlyn Cartone, who shot a two-day, 33-over 175 to finish tied for 51st among individuals. While Cartone had the low score Saturday, junior Liz Zielinski had the team’s best mark Sunday, shooting a 15-over 86 to cap her 56th-place finish.

Zielinski’s 86 followed a first-day 96, and Moore said she wanted to see more consistent performances from her team going forward.

“Hopefully over the next week or so we will have better practice conditions and see some improvement of consistency,” Moore said.

The Belles see action next April 10-11 when they tee off at the Trine Spring Classic in Angola, Indiana.

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Transition play keys one-sided Belles win

By BRETT O’CONNELL
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Saint Mary’s bounced back from its weekend loss to John Carroll last week by exploiting solid midfield transition play en route to a 17-5 drubbing of visiting Loras. The Belles (4-1) finished their early non-conference schedule on a high note, using a combination of fast-paced, pinpoint offense and suffocating midfield defense en route to their victory over the Duhawks (2-6).

Saint Mary’s established an early 2-0 lead off of unassisted goals by sophomore attack Emilie Vanneste and junior attack Maria Roberts before surrendering the first of Loras’ four goals. After that, though, the Belles took over, scoring six straight by utilizing an aggressive offensive force that forced possession deep into the offensive zone and combined solid defensive positioning with pinpoint passing from behind the net.

In a growing trend in Saint Mary’s victories, the Belles significantly outshot their opponent: Monday’s game saw the Belles outshoot the Duhawks by a 32-10 margin, throwing 24 of those shots on net; Loras freshman goalkeeper Ashley McGee made seven saves.

Belles head coach Amy Long praised her team’s effort after the match, citing widespread offensive efficiency as a recipe for the team’s success.

“Overall, I thought we worked really hard today,” Long said. “[We had] lots of good offensive movement and benefited from multiple people scoring. We had lots of good assists on goals today — not just one on one.

The Belles offense started from the draw, where Vanneste dominated in the second half, according to Long.

“[Vanneste] had that pole draw over and over again,” she said. “Those draws, especially in the second half — winning draw after draw on every possession got us those goals.”

Indeed, the Saint Mary’s offense proved difficult to stop on successive possessions. The Belles scored four or more consecutive goals three times during the afternoon.

Following a difficult 20-9 loss Saturday, Long said it was good to get some momentum back heading into MIAA play.

“A lot of confidence [was] gained today,” Long said. “We played a quick team on Saturday, so getting this confidence back will be huge moving into Wednesday.”

Wednesday marks the opening of conference play for the Belles, who will host Hope in the only regular-season conference opener between the two programs this season. In preparation for Wednesday’s game, Long addressed the impact of transition fundamentals.

“[We have to] continue working on our ground balls,” Long said. “I think we did well today but we can do better, especially in the transition.”

Offensive margin heavily favored the Belles against Loras — the visiting team committed 28 total turnovers to the Belles’ 19. It followed a performance where Saint Mary’s forced more turnovers (25) than it committed (23) in a loss against John Carroll. Heading into the matchup with Hope (1-4), Long stressed the importance of taking advantage of opponents’ teammates.

“We have to make those turnovers count,” she said. “If we knock down the ball, we want to be able to pick it up and finish the play.”

The Belles will begin their conference slate Wednesday when they host Hope at 5 p.m.

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Burke’s complete game leads SMC

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Saint Mary’s split a doubleheader with previously unbeaten No. 11 North Central on Saturday, winning the opener 6-4 before falling 7-4 in the second game.

Belles junior Sarah Burke pitched a complete game in the win, leading 13 Cardinals runners en route to the victory.

North Central (11-1) struck first in the early game, turning a lead-off single into a run in the bottom of the first. In the second, the Cardinals loaded the bases with just one out but Burke pitched out of it, getting out of the situation without surrendering a run.

Saint Mary’s 9-5 then leveled the score in the top of the third when first-year center fielder Cassie Young drove in junior left fielder Sarah Callais on an RBI single.

After a scoreless fourth, the Belles broke the game open in the top of the fifth with a four-run inning.

First-year right fielder Makenzie Duncan led off the inning with a single up the middle before Callais reached on an error, allowing Duncan to advance to third. After Callais stole second, first-year shortstop Jamie Young singled up the middle to score the shortstop to get the Belles on the board in the frame.

Cassie Young single home another run to make it 3-1 before junior designated player Jillian Busfield’s 2-RBI single up the middle capped the inning, leaving the Belles runners on second and third.

The Belles concluded the inning with a leadoff home run by Saint Mary’s return to form as North Central led past 3-2. After a pitching change, Callais reached on an error to score Duncan.

The Belles then loaded the bases with one out but failed to push any more runs across as Busfield grounded into a 5-2-3 double play to end the game.

Saint Mary’s returns to action Tuesday at Adrian, with first pitch slated for 3:30 p.m. in the Belles’ conference opener. The Bulldogs (10-4) defeated the Saints 2-0 in a 5-2 decision to Trine on Monday.

The Belles will then return home for their home opener Wednesday when they host DePauw.
No. 14 Notre Dame posted six victories in 12 races, including wins against No. 1 Ohio State, at the Big Ten/ACC Double Duel Regatta on Saturday in Columbus, Ohio. The morning session served as a showcase for the competing programs’ novice eight boats. Notre Dame’s morning saw Notre Dame’s younger members get the team off to a strong start as the Irish second novice eight posted a winning time of 6:52.73, finishing seven seconds ahead of second-place Ohio State.

Notre Dame’s first novice eight got off to a rocking start, though, with the Irish boat coming in fourth place. Michigan State’s boat claimed top honors in the second race of the day with a time of 6:07.07. The Irish finished their heat 21 seconds later, posting a time of 7:05.69.

The first action in the varsity four came mid-way through the heat, but the Irish could not maintain their momentum and finished second behind Ohio State.

Notre Dame’s second varsity four finished just three seconds behind Ohio State, posting a time of 7:06.62 to the Buckeye’s own finish time of 7:12.90. Notre Dame’s first varsity four lagged further behind the pace set by the Buckeyes in the 11:10 heat, finishing 20 seconds behind first place with a time of 7:34.29. It was was the Irish’s afternoon portion of the regatta that the Irish claimed the bulk of the day’s momentum.

Notre Dame started the second portion of the event with a first-place finish in the second novice eight, and proceeded to win four of the remaining five races on the afternoon. Save for a single event win by Michigan State in the first novice eight race, the Irish won every afternoon event outright, with second-place finishers never clocking closer than eight seconds behind the Irish.

The weather conditions in Columbus were less than ideal for the competition, with the 33 degree high falling well below the average for this time of year. Still, junior Joanna Malvey said that the harsh weather has been a trend over the past few weeks and did not deter the team during their training for the Columbus races. “Being about to row outside in any weather conditions is preferable for us after being inside on the rowing machines for about four months,” Malvey said. “Luckily, [the Oak Ridge Cardinal Invitational] two weeks earlier in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, wasn’t very warm, so coming back from spring break to 58 degree weather wasn’t a very hard transition. It isn’t unusual for us to come back from break and go right back into the erg room for a week or two, so we are especially happy about the lack of ice or flooding on the St. Joseph River.”

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Notre Dame goes 6-6, beats No. 1 Ohio State

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Saint Mary’s continued MIAA conference action this weekend against Olivet in Battle Creek, MI. The Belles (7-7, 2-1 MIAA) defeated the Comets (2-3, 0-4 MIAA) in assertive fashion by a final score of 8-1.

Coming off a 9-0 clobbering by Indiana Wesleyan, the Belles were able to turn it around and find a way to beat a struggling Comets squad.

The Belles were victorious in all of their doubles matchups this weekend, which is something Belles Head Coach Dale Campbell has been striving for all season.

“I think we fought hard to get those wins and it was a very nice effort in doubles,” Campbell said.

Strong at doubles were senior Margaret Faller and junior Kyle Sexton and sophomore Sam Setterblad, who won their match 9-8 after fighting through a 7-1 tiebreak match.

Campbell did not have to coach the two through their match, rather, provided encouragement and the pair was able to find a way to win.

“Kayle and Sam came back in their match and just used that momentum going into the tiebreaker,” Campbell said, “they believed they could win, and they did.”

Olivet was able to notch its only victory against the Belles at No. 1 singles where Comets freshman Maddy Drikakis defeated Sexton 6-4, 6-2. Aside from the Sexton loss, the Belles were able to win out the singles matches against the Comets.

Notably, the Belles freshmen saw significant action against the Comets. Bailey Oppman notched a victory at No. 5 singles against Comets junior Lucy McNally by a dominant score of 6-1, 6-1. Likewise, at No. 6 singles freshman Kelsey Kopf topped Olivet senior Devan Thomas, 6-0, 6-1.

“I see a great future with these first year players,” Campbell said. “They will continue to impact [both] singles and doubles and have the ability to play at a high level.”

Campbell also noted that all the freshmen all played with great poise and composition and have developed an elite drive to win matches.

Senior captains Jackie Kjolhede and Shannon Elliot and junior Margaret Faller also earned singles victories over Olivet.

Freshman Maddie Minuado was worked in with junior Margaret Faller at No. 2 doubles, where the two were able to bring home an 8-3 victory over Olivet freshman tag-team Haley Powers and BrenAnne Rudlaff. In addition, Kjolhede and Elliot won a match 8-5 in the No. 3 doubles slot.

The Belles continue MIAA action April 8 at home against Trine. Matches are slated to begin at 4 p.m.

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Belles quiet struggling Olivet in league clash

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Irish sweep pair of ACC foes

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Notre Dame came through with a hard-earned Sunshine State sweep over the weekend, downing ACC foes Miami and Florida State in a pair of 4-3 victories.

The Irish (12-7, 4-3 ACC) jumped out to an early lead against the young Hurricanes (7-10, 1-5) by picking up doubles victories from the first- and third-position teams. The nationally ninth-ranked duo of junior Alex Lawson and senior Billy Pecor cruised to an 8-2 win over Miami freshmen Nile Clark and Piotr Lomacki before senior Dougie Barnard and junior Quentin Monaghan slipped past the Miami pair of sophomore Bernard Telef and freshman Christian Langmo, 8-6.

Monaghan was the first off the court for Notre Dame in the singles portion of the event, besting Miami’s Lomacki in straight sets at the top of the singles lineup. A pair of Hurricane wins locked the match at two, however, before Notre Dame junior Kenneth Sabacinski defeated Clark 7-5, 7-5 (7-3 to put the Irish a point away from victory.

Lawson fell in three sets, so the match came down to the third position battle between Notre Dame sophomore Josh Hagar and Miami senior Wilfredo Gonzalez. Hagar took the first set, 6-3, and then followed with a 6-4 win in the second set to deliver the win for the Irish.

On Sunday in Tallahassee, Florida, the Irish fell behind the Seminoles (16-6, 4-3) early after losing the doubles point. The Notre Dame pair of Lawson and Pecor was upset by Florida State red-shirt junior Benjamin Lock and junior Marco Nunez at the first-position doubles spot, 8-4. The Seminoles then sealed the point with a victory at the third doubles spot by freshmen brothers Terrance and Terrell Whitehurst’s 8-4 win over Barnard and Monaghan.

Monaghan responded to tie the match right back up at the top of the singles lineup, however, by breaking by Lock in straight sets, 6-1, 6-0. Florida State junior Michael Rinaldi defeated Irish sophomore Eddy Covalschi in straight sets to push the Seminoles back in front.

All four remaining singles matches went to a third set, but three consecutive wins for Notre Dame sealed the match.

Hagar started the Irish run with a 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 win over Nunez at the second singles position, while he was followed off the court by Sabacinski’s 7-6, 6-1 victory over Terrance Whitehurst. Lawson’s 6-2, 1-6, 7-6 (7-4) tiebreaker win at the five spot clinched Notre Dame’s fourth point on the afternoon to complete the team’s weekend sweep.

Notre Dame’s road experience continues next weekend when the Irish travel to Tobacco Road for showdowns with Duke on Friday and North Carolina on Sunday. The action Friday is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. at Amherl Tennis Stadium in Durham, North Carolina, and continues Sunday at 12 p.m. at Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
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No. 11 Notre Dame traveled south this weekend to compete in the LSU Tiger Golf Classic in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, finishing eighth in a 16-team, high-powered tournament.

The field included No. 6 LSU, No. 10 Wake Forest and No. 11 Mississippi State, and the Irish finished the week-end with a 52-over-par 914, 35 shots behind the host and tournament winner, LSU.

Despite the strong field, Notre Dame head coach Susan Holt said she was not happy with the eighth place finish, "I'm not at all satisfied," Holt said. "We should have finished no worse than fifth in the field based on the rankings. We felt some of those teams ranked ahead of us could have been beaten. We did not play well. One good round out of three isn’t going to get it done."

The weekend was one of peaks and valleys as the Irish started the tournament with a 24-over 312 to finish the first day in seventh place, but then came back on the second day to move into fifth place with a four-over 288. Holt said the team adjusted to the conditions on the second day and that led to the improvement.

"We had a lot of unforced errors and sloppy play," Holt said. "The wind was very strong the first day. The golf course played totally different (Thursday) in the practice round. We just didn’t adjust to it. (Saturday) conditions were much better and we were able to manage things better and play better."

But a tough third-round, 22-over score of 310 saw Notre Dame drop down to eighth place. Holt said the poor performance on the third day was due to a mix of bad weather and poor putting.

"It got windy again today," Holt said. "We did not manage conditions well. A lot of it came down to putting. These greens are pretty slick, pretty fast and we didn’t putt very well. Hopefully looking forward we’ll be able to have a bit more consistency and play more to our capability."

Senior captain Ashley Armstrong led the Irish on the weekend, tallying a nine-over 225 over the three rounds. Despite the eighth-place finish, Holt said the team can learn from playing against some of the best teams in the country.

"Every time you go out, you hope to get something out of it," Holt said. "I think it’s good in that it shows our players where we’re at and what we need to work on to work on and improve upon. Hopefully as we move through the rest of the season and into the post-season, we can work on those things better and execute better."

Holt said for the team to improve, each golfer must work on her game individually. "Golf is an individual game," Holt said. "I hope the weather’s decent at home so we can maybe get outside on Tuesday and get some practice in. They all have their stats from the weekend and know what they need to work on, and hopefully we’ll be able to get that done."

Notre Dame will compete in the Bryan National Collegiate next weekend in Greensboro, North Carolina.

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As the South Bend weather starts to slowly get warmer, Notre Dame earned mixed results in the Texas sun at the Texas Relays and the Bobcat Invitational in its first outdoor meet of the season.

"There were some very good performances, eye opening performances, and then there were a few of the athletes who didn’t compete anywhere near the level I expected them to," Irish head coach Alan Turner said. "Going to events like the Texas relays, we’re measuring ourselves against the best in the country. We use events like these as a measuring stick and clearly, we need to perform better and I know we can."

The weekend’s headline came courtesy of senior Jade Barber, who broke the school record in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 12.93 seconds; the previous school record was 12.93 seconds. Turner said Barber came back nicely from barely missing first-team All-American honors at the NCAA indoor championships.

"Several of the young ladies who were first-team All-Americans who [Barber] ran against two weeks ago were also here at the meet," Turner said. "She actually beat all of them except for one. For Jade, it was really just refining her technique. She’s definitely where she needs to be now and she’s going to be among the top three favorites to win the title this outdoor season."

Barber was also part of one of the six relay teams for the Irish that competed this weekend. The women’s 100-meter relay team placed eighth, the 200-meter team took home fourth and the 400-meter team finished seventh; however, Turner said the performance of the women’s relay teams left room for improvement.

"The 4x800-meter relay had a lot of young people in there," Turner said. "They didn’t perform as well as I thought they would. We got beat pretty bad. We’re going to have to use our running experience at Stanford next season. My 4x100-meter relay for the women’s — they weren’t as fast as I wanted them to be in the preliminaries or the finals, but most of the teams in front of us are going to be top eight teams in the country. If we can cut some seconds off our time, get down to the low [44-second range], we can compete at the NCAA championships."

Meanwhile, the men’s 200-meter and 400-meter teams finished fourth and eighth places, respectively. Turner said the men’s relay teams started well but lost steam on the final day.

"In the 4x400-meters, the guys ran very well in the preliminaries," Turner said. "They just seemed to be very tired [Saturday] in the finals. Also, in between the second leg and the third leg, there was some bumping between the teams and we got the worse end of that. I’m expecting them to bounce back."

As the outdoor season continues, Turner said he expects the team to run well in the distance events at the Stanford Invitational next week.

"The guy distance runners have been bagned up, they’re healthy now," Turner said. "This first week’s going to be a little bit tough, from the mile on up, there’s going to be close to 100 competitors in each event. I’m looking for [junior] Michael Cleveringer, [freshman] Brian Dolan and [sophomore] Jacob Dunford to do very well."

The Irish will travel to Palo Alto, California, to compete in the Stanford Invitational next weekend.

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Senior Jade Barber competes 6 at the Moya Invitational at Moya Field. Barber set a school record in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 12.81 seconds, besting the previous record of 12.93 seconds.
Safeties
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a new mindset in place under
the new coach, Kelly said he’s been impressed with
the job his two veteran
safeties have done throughout
the spring so far.
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The extremely strong
showing in the singles
matches allowed Notre Dame
to secure its first top la-
Pepsi'd win of the year as
it heads into the homestretch.
This weekend definite-
ly gives us confidence go-
ing into the last few weeks
of regular season play,”
Gleason said. “We’ve been
hitting the ball better as a
team recently. The great
thing about the ACC is that
every team has great players
and every match will be
competitive. This weekend’s
7-0 wins were good tim-
ing coming off an extremely
competitive last weekend on
the road.”
Notre Dame will have a
solid opportunity to pick
up a couple more wins this
weekend when they visit
Wake Forest and Virginia
Tech, a pair of teams be-
low in the ACC stand-
 ings. At noon Friday, the
Irish will take on the
Demon Deacons (12-9, 2-7)
in Winston-Salem, North
Carolina, before taking a
trip to Blacksburg, Virginia,
on Sunday for a contest with the
Hokies (12-5, 4-4).
“The next few weeks will be
very important for the
 team to try to improve our
ranking before NCAAs,”
Gleason said. “We have
some really good opportu-
nities (later in the season)
against teams like Duke and
Miami, and I’m really ex-
cited to see how we stack up
against the top teams in the
conference.”


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the doubles flights Sunday.
Gleason, she said was im-
pressed with White’s play at
No. 3 doubles.
“I thought Katherine
played especially well this
weekend,” Lyght said.
“She stepped up when the
team needed her in the dou-
bles line up. She and Monica
had never played together before,
so it was awesome to see that
she could jump right into the line
up and clinch the doubles point
on Sunday.”
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Baseball
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“We’ve got six series in front
of us. We’ve got three of
them on the road. We’ve got
three of them at home. I feel
like every single one of those se-
ries is a series that we’re ca-
plable of winning and have
the ability to win.”
The Irish were outhit over the
course of the three
games by the Cavaliers (18-8,
6-6), 31-20, and left 22 total
runners on base.
“There are some guys who
are scuffling — we need to
get them going, and they
need to get their own way a little bit, but
I think that they’re press-
ing,” Aoki said. “But once we
get ourselves back on track and
just worrying about not
pressing and just playing the
game the way it’s meant to be
played, I think we’ll be fine.”
Aoki said Notre Dame also
needs to stick to playing by
its mantra this season of
competing every pitch and
every at-bat against Eastern
Michigan on Tuesday and
in its next ACC series against
Pittsburgh this weekend.
“We’re just going to try to
work on being as good as
we can from pitch to pitch,” he
said. “Hopefully we get back
onto the win column, but
we’re just gonna worry about
being as good as we can
against Eastern [Michigan],
and hopefully we’ll come out
with a W, and then we’ll go
 to Pitt and worry about try-
ing to be as good as we can
possibly be on every pitch
against Pitt.”
Two of the bright spots
last weekend for the Irish
came from a pair of juniors.
Shortstop Lane Richards hit
his first career home run
and tagged on a double in
Sunday’s finale, while first
baseman Zak Kutsulis col-
ected an RBI in each game
and went 2-for-3 at the plate
Sunday.
Kutsulis said the team
would try to take a step back
and refocus on its day off from
competition Monday.
“Coming off a rough last
weekend against Louisville
and a rough weekend this
weekend, Coach said we have
to hit the reset but-
ton, and that’s kind of what
we’re doing,” he said. “We’ll
come here [Monday], get our
work in and play again on
Tuesday.”

Eastern Michigan (9-16, 2-4
MAC) comes to South Bend
on the heels of a three-game
series loss to Kent State. The
Eagles took the first game,
4-3, before being swept in
Saturday’s doubleheader, 8-6
and 12-4.
The Irish have defeated
their previous two mid-
week-game opponents,
Central Michigan on March
18 and Western Michigan
last Wednesday, both by
8-3 scores.
Sophomore right-hander
Ryan Smoyer earned those
two wins and will face the
Eagles tonight, leading an
Irish squad hoping to turn
around recent woes.
“It’s really tough to do, and
it’s just one of those things
where you have to go back to
the basics — just getting your
work in the cage, and you
have to try forgetting about it,
and you have to look as if
 it’s a whole new year starting
right now,” Kutsulis said.
Notre Dame and Eastern
Michigan will meet at Frank
Eck Stadium on Tuesday,
with first pitch delivered at
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Irish junior Quinn Gleason hits a forehand during a 6-1 Notre Dame loss to Stanford on Feb. 6. Gleason is 9-7 in singles play this spring.

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SPORTS

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Happy Birthday: You can accomplish anything you set your mind to this year if you are dedicated and focused. Don't let anyone lead you astray. This year is about investing in your skills and future, not someone else's. Self-improvement and bringing greater satisfaction and happiness into your life will set the stage for years to come. Your numbers are 8, 12, 15, 25, 27, 46.

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, outgoing and popular. You are self-sufficient and empathetic.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep life simple and you can reach your goals. A new job or an opportunity to make extra money is within reach. Express your ideas clearly, and invest in what you are doing will follow. You will impress someone influential.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep a low profile. Don't let someone vocal about your changes win you over. Stay focused on what you want to achieve and the rest will fall into place. Make changes at home that are more conducive to a project you want to pursue. Stay flexible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take care of unfinished business before beginning something new. Stick to what you can do best and the rest will fall into place. Stick close to your family and friends you will find a way to save some cash. A home improvement project or personal documents may be easier to complete.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let someone else do things for you. Do your own thing and let your imagination and originality take over and you will come up with a unique contribution. A change in a relationship will turn out to be beneficial.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Go about your business and make changes that suit you and promise greater success or happiness. Following through consistently will pay off. The experience you gain now will help you grow in the future. Stick to yourself, not someone else.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Enjoy your business and make changes that suit you and promise greater success or happiness. Following through consistently will pay off. The experience you gain now will help you grow in the future. Invest in yourself, not someone else.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can do anything you want. Join forces with people trying to make the same improvements or changes that you are, and you will make new friends and accomplish your goals. Good fortune will be yours if you follow through.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone will get in your way or cause problems if you neglect your responsibilities. You can accomplish anything you set your mind to this year if you are dedicated and focused. Don't let anyone lead you astray. This year is about investing in your skills and future, not someone else's. Self-improvement and bringing greater satisfaction and happiness into your life will set the stage for years to come. Your numbers are 8, 12, 15, 25, 27, 46.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Want to pursue. Strive for greater financial security. Someone will get in your way or cause problems if you neglect your responsibilities. You can accomplish anything you set your mind to this year if you are dedicated and focused. Don't let anyone lead you astray. This year is about investing in your skills and future, not someone else's. Self-improvement and bringing greater satisfaction and happiness into your life will set the stage for years to come. Your numbers are 8, 12, 15, 25, 27, 46.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Competitive challenge will motivate you. Using your place as a source of income will ensure a stable financial future. A new job or an opportunity to make extra money is within reach. Express your ideas clearly, and invest in what you are doing will follow. You will impress someone influential.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look around, size up your situation and take action. A change in a relationship will turn out to be beneficial.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep life simple and you can reach your goals. A new job or an opportunity to make extra money is within reach. Express your ideas clearly, and invest in what you are doing will follow. You will impress someone influential.

DAILY

CROSSWORD [WILL SHORTZ]

ACROSS
1. Singer Lou [Khan]
6. Latin 101 word
10. Mystery writer
13. Bird
14. Bubbling over
15. ___ Ness
16. Double curve
17. Competition for 3-year-olds
18. Together, musically
19. “The Lion King” icon
20. Breastbones
22. Resist in vamshi
24. Park with -baka
25. Auntie
26. City in Ukraine or Texas
29. Gourmand
31. Ray O. ___ 
33. Something that makes stop on the court
34. Myocardial hunter
41. “The Time Machine” race
44. ___, throat
46. Rock genre
47. Petrally
49. “The Hills Diaries” and others
52. A lit’s partner
53. Sport
55. Strong spots
56. Like many eight graders
60. White House policy honor
61. Out
62. Grammy winner’s Runstuhl

DOWN
1. Under a dangerous disguise
2. A’s hit’s partner
3. Credible
4. 1836 battle site
5. Certain 16’s poems
6. Pasha with puncture
7. Venue where Toshammi conducted
8. Be green, in a way
9. Marble material
10. AstraZenegger’s find
11. Get through
12. Heaven’s Prefix
13. Where Billy Budd went in “Billy Budd”
14. Ulam ___
15. Some woes
16. Backgammon needs

SUDOKU [THE MEMPHIS GROUP]

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FOOTBALL

Redfield, Shumate solidify play

By MARY GREEN
Assistant Managing Editor

They might have entered spring practice with a new coach and new style of play, but the Irish safeties are looking to solidify a core duo they had already established last season.

Senior Elijah Shumate and junior Max Redfield both earned the start for the season opener against Rice on Aug. 30, but they weren’t able to hold that job for the entire year. Former Irish captain Austin Collinsworth and current sophomore Drue Tranquill had switched on and off with Shumate and Redfield in the secondary’s first-team, but by the home finale against Louisville on Nov. 22, Collinsworth and Tranquill had slid into the starting roles together.

One week later against USC, Redfield and Shumate regained significant minutes on the field after Tranquill tore his ACL against the Cardinals and Collinsworth reinjured his shoulder against the Trojans.

Just a month later, the safeties flashed a new form during the Music City Bowl against LSU, holding the Tigers to 151 passing yards and one touchdown through the air, and Redfield registered a team-high 14 tackles.

“The bowl preparation was absolutely crucial to both of those guys,” Irish head coach Brian Kelly said March 25. “Defensively, they could see where they needed to grow, and they did, both of them. And now they get into this year, and they know it’s time to really deliver.

“I think they look back on the year and see that there were clearly some tough times for them, but they’re going to be better because of it.”

Last offseason, the safeties had to adjust to a new defense from then-first-year coordinator Brian VanGorder, a learning curve that was

BASEBALL

Irish look to rebound against Eastern Michigan

By MARY GREEN
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Notre Dame will try to extend its undefeated run in midweek games this season when it hosts Eastern Michigan tonight at Frank Eck Stadium.

The Irish (16-10, 3-9 ACC) are also looking to bounce back from a sweep last weekend at the hands of No. 9 Virginia, their second series loss in a row to a conference opponent.

After a 9-1 defeat to open the series, Notre Dame fell in two tough games Saturday night, 4-2, and Sunday, 5-4. In both matchups, the Irish threatened to make a late run for the win but fell short.

Despite the sweep, Notre Dame head coach Mik Aoki said his team is still looking at the positives of what remains of the season, which the Irish are not even halfway through.

“I think the thing is that we have everything still in front of us,” Aoki said.

ND WOMEN’S TENNIS | ND 6, NC STATE 1; ND 7, MARQUETTE 6

Notre Dame rolls in pair of wins

By HUNTER McDaniel
Sports Writer

Amongst the cross-campus noise over the weekend, Notre Dame quietly had a dominating weekend, defeating North Carolina State and Marquette.

Friday afternoon, the Irish (12-6, 6-3 ACC) never left any doubt in a dismantling of conference opponent NC State (9-10, 6-8 ACC), winning 6-1.

Notre Dame opened the afternoon with a complete team win in doubles, as the No. 20 doubles pair of junior Quinn Gleason and sophomore Monica Robinson cruised to an 8-1 victory over Wolfpack seniors Nicole Martinez and Sophie Nelson at No. 1 doubles. At No. 3 doubles, sophomores Jane Fennelly and Mary Closs fought to earn an 8-6, come-from-behind victory over NC State sophomores Liza Fieldsend and Natalia Janowicz after once trailing 5-2.

With the doubles point clinched, Notre Dame continued its dominance into the singles matches, taking home five of the six singles matches en route to the victory.

Notre Dame snowballed its Friday performance into an even more resounding victory on Sunday afternoon, as the Irish rolled over Marquette (10-8, 1-1 Big East) in a 7-0 sweep.

Irish head coach Jay Louderback switched things up for his team a little bit on Sunday by breaking up his top doubles pairing of Gleason and Robinson. Instead, he went with freshman Allison Miller and junior Julie Vrabel at the No. 1 doubles flight, Closs and Fennelly at No. 2 and a tandem of Robinson and senior Katherine White at the third flight.

The latter two pairings for the Irish both snagged wins, allowing Notre Dame to take an early lead into the singles portion of the match. It never looked back.

Though she did not play in