By KATIE GALIOTO
News Writer

The 86th Blue-Gold Game will be held at LaBar Practice Complex this Saturday, marking the end of the spring football season. The Blue-Gold Game is a football scrimmage between Notre Dame’s offense and defense. John Heisler, senior associate athletics director, said the game is the last of Notre Dame’s 15 practices permitted during the spring and serves as a way for coaches and fans to see how the team is doing.

“In the past, it’s been a great opportunity for families to bring their kids and see how our football team is coming along,” Heisler said. “For our fans, young or old, it’s an opportunity to see some players that they haven’t seen before. This is kind of the first look into next season, in terms of the personnel.”

Sophomore receiver Justin Brent said he is excited for his family to be able to come watch him play football again.

“There’s only one time in the spring when our families get to see us one of the main reasons we’re here at Notre Dame,” Brent said. “I’m excited for them to see all the hard work we’ve been putting in. It’s a time for my teammates to see how the team is doing. It’s a way for coaches and fans to see how the team is doing.

By ANDREA VALE
News Writer

This year’s Relay for Life will be held Friday in Compton Family Ice Arena. According to the relay website, 446 participants from Notre Dame have helped to raise over $105,455 thus far through various fundraising events. The relay Friday will include a variety of activities and entertainment in hopes of raising even more money for cancer research.

Freshman Justin McCurdy and senior Andrea Romero have served as student co-chairs of the event this year. According to Romero, this is the relay’s 11th year at Notre Dame. Over the past 10 years, Notre Dame has raised over a million dollars for the American Cancer Society, leading to the University winning first place in the Nationwide College Per Capita Income Award and first place in the Nationwide Survivor Engagement. Notre Dame has also been the recipient of 13 American Cancer Society Research Grants, which altogether totals over $4.5 million provided to Notre Dame for cancer research.

McCurdy said extensive planning has gone into this year’s relay.
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THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

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Labor Café
Geddes Hall
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Higgins Labor Studies Program.

Saturday
NO Relay for Life
Compton Family Ice Area
6 p.m.-11:55 p.m.
Fundraiser.

Sunday
Run Forrest Run
5K/10K
Campus-wide
8:30 a.m.-11 a.m.
Benefit for wounded veterans.

Monday
Asian and Pacific Islander American Mix and Mingle
Michie Room
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Lunch with faculty.

Tuesday
Softball
Melissa Cook Stadium
4 p.m.-6 p.m.
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SMC students to discuss ‘The Hunting Ground’

By HALEIGH EHMSEN
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On Monday, the Saint Mary’s Justice Education Program, along with the Gender and Women Studies Department, will host a student panel discussion about CNN’s documentary “The Hunting Ground” from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Student Center Atrium.

Junior Bri O’Brien said eight students will share their reactions to the film and to the Saint Mary’s administration response and will also suggest what needs to be done by students and administration in response to “The Hunting Ground.”

Bri O’Brien said the idea for a student-led panel on the documentary was brought up in a discussion after her Feminist Philosophy course taught by Dr. Adrienne Lyles-Chockley.

“Some students expressed discontent and disappointment with how [last Thursday’s] panel was conducted and the administration’s responses to student questions,” Bri O’Brien said. “Many questions that were asked during this after-class discussion were able to be, at least partially, answered by fellow students.”

“Because students have different experiences and perspectives at Saint Mary’s, we can often turn to one another for answers, advice and opinions, especially in those times when our administration fails to adequately address an answer or our questions. Furthermore, we realized the need for students to have their voices heard by not only fellow students but also by the administration.”

Director of Media Relations Gwen O’Brien said Saint Mary’s has a long history of fostering dialogue on important issues.

“We are glad to know that our students are continuing the dialogue started last Thursday night when the College screened the film,” Gwen O’Brien said. “Students need to talk about this heartbreaking issue.”

Senior Elizabeth Maloney will moderate the panel, Bri O’Brien said.

Maloney, also a student in Lyles-Chockley’s Feminist Philosophy course, said it is important for students to speak out because the issue of sexual assault is “ours.”

“We are affected by this and must start to speak up,” Maloney said.

Maloney said since the panel last Thursday only had one student on it, the students in Lyles-Chockley’s course wanted to provide a safe space where students could discuss more of the issues brought up by the film.

“At Dr. Davis pointed out during the April 9 administration-led panel, students speak with power to move forward on these issues,” Maloney said. “With everything we have learned, discussed and questioned in Feminist Philosophy this semester, many of us feel it is our responsibility, as women with the ability to do something, to do something.”

It is necessary for the panel discussion to be student-led because often college employees — not just at Saint Mary’s — are led to censorship because they are employed by the university administration, Bri O’Brien said.

“Whether or not this is the case at SMC, the motives and interests of administrative members may not be in the best interest of students,” she said. “Additionally, administrative members are employed by the College, which obliges them to censorship. While students also have vulnerabilities, a collective discussion led by students, for students is significantly less vulnerable to censorship and undeniable consequences than the statement of an administrative member is.”

Aside from issues of censorship and vulnerability, Bri O’Brien said, the student perspective on the issue of sexual assault is the most important one.

“We choose to attend this institution, we pay to attend this institution, and we do so under the mutual agreement to receive an education, feel supported and safe on campus and express academic freedom in exchange for our tuition and participation,” she said.

“Therefore, it is appropriate for students to address the concerns of students.”

Gwen O’Brien said the president and administration knew “The Hunting Ground” did not portray Saint Mary’s in a positive light, but they felt, because of the subject matter, it needed to be shown at Saint Mary’s last Thursday.

“The evening was an important step for our community to acknowledge the frustrations with the legal and college/university disciplinary systems,” Gwen O’Brien said. “Together we will work to understand what each other is saying — students, faculty and administration — and implement procedures where needed. Our students should feel respected, supported and empowered.”

According to Bri O’Brien, the students involved are highly qualified and representatives of each class year.

“They have personal experience with sexual assault, encounters with administration of similar nature, knowledge of relevant policy issues such as Title IX and holding a leadership position on campus,” she said.

The panel discussion seeks to voice the concerns of students through an academic and justice-focused perspective, Bri O’Brien said. It is important to distinguish this event from responses that originate outside of the Justice Education program.

Bri O’Brien said Monday’s panel discussion will allow students to speak out and be heard by fellow students and take advantage of the sisterhood at Saint Mary’s.

“We — the students — need to be heard and this is the way we are choosing to have our voices heard. The sisterhood among Belles is so unique, and it is because of this sisterhood that we must work together with each other, understand each other, and advocate for each other,” she said. “That’s what we are doing — we are women advocating for women. This is not to say that SMC does not advocate or support its students. It is to say that students should express their concerns the same as administration did on April 9.”

Gwen O’Brien said it is important to note that even though Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame are separate institutions, many policies and procedures have changed for the better at both schools over the past five to 10 years.

“Student voices helped bring about some of those changes, and we appreciate their voices now,” Gwen O’Brien said. “Dialogue always makes a difference.”

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By SELENA PONIO
News Writer

This Saturday at 1 p.m., Carroll and Badin Halls are hosting Carroll Lakeside Music Festival, an event that will showcase various musical student acts from across campus. This outdoor festival will also consist of giveaways, games and food.

Mary Howard, sophomore and resident of Badin Hall, helped organize this annual event. She said Carroll’s lakeside location, with its unrivaled view of the dome, is perfect for this musical event.

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ND celebrates 400th anniversary of ‘Don Quixote’

By MEGAN VALLEY

Throughout April, Don Quixote’s Ventures at Notre Dame will encompass several cultural events to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the publication of Miguel de Cervantes’s widely-known novel. According to the Nanovic Institute’s website, Notre Dame will be celebrating the anniversary with a series of events “exploring the impact of this influential work of literature from the Spanish Golden Age.”

Throughout the month, the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures will be hosting a variety of events including screenings, films and an academic symposium. Encarnación Juárez-Almendros, associate professor of early modern Spanish literature, said the events are important for promoting Hispanic culture on campus.

“These events bring awareness of the literary and cultural importance of the best-known Spanish author and work to the greater Notre Dame community,” she said. “This intellectual undertaking underlines the relevance of the Hispanic cultural tradition as part of the University of Notre Dame’s global and multicultural commitment.”

On Friday, undergraduate students in beginning Spanish courses will participate in QuijoteaND — Becoming Quixote. According to the Nanovic Institute website, starting at 2 p.m. the students will be reciting key passages from “Don Quixote” at various locations around campus, ultimately meeting up at the Grotto at 3 p.m.

The Quixote Film Series will have showings of Jorge Ali Triana’s film, “Bolivar soy yo,” on April 20 and Alejandro González Iñárritu’s Oscar winning film, “Birdman” on April 28, according to the Nanovic website. Both films will be shown at Andrews Auditorium in Geddes Hall at 7 p.m. and are open and free to the public.

Students from Juárez-Almendros’s graduate seminar will present papers in 118 O’Shaughnessy Hall on April 23, 3:30 p.m. Students presenting include senior Mayra Almeida-Trejo, graduate students Alejandro Castrillon, Laura Fernández, Thomas Mann, Paola Uparela-Reyes and Leila Vieira de Jesus Gemelli, and Ph.D. candidates Marisol Fonseca-Malavasi and Natalia Rios-Puertas.

The final event is an academic symposium April 24, sponsored by the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures and the Nanovic Institute for European Studies.

Four invited internationally recognized early modern Spanish scholars who will lecture on diverse aspects of this complex novel, Juárez-Almendros said. These scholars include Frederick de Armas of the University of Chicago, Anne Cruz of the University of Miami (Fla.), Edward Friedman of Vanderbilt University and Luciano García Lorenzo of the Board of Governors of Scientific Research in Madrid.

The symposium will take place at Gillepsie Conference Center at Saint Mary’s College from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Don Quixote’s Ventures at Notre Dame Celebrating the 400th anniversary of “Don Quixote”

QuixoteaND / Becoming Don Quixote at ND (April 17)
Location: Notre Dame mainland campus at 3:30 p.m.

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Vice president for Mission Judy Fean spoke about Mary Magdalenae as the first woman to see Jesus and said all bap-
tized women are called to be part of the Church. Fean also said the cour-
age of the young women to write letters to Pope Francis will open the doors to recog-
nize the challenges they face today.

**Insights from the letters**

Malca Schulte, class of 2014, said while 35 percent of mil-
ennial women disassociate from the Catholic Church, it is important to remember 65 percent stay committed to the Catholic faith.

Schulte said many let-
ters addressed the value of Catholic tradition and the
ways the church cherishes the beauty of life.

Schulte read one letter that said, “I love the church be-
cause I believe there is truth there. I see the Church as an unre relenting seeker of jus-
tice for all people.”

Another important theme in the letters was commu-
ity and its connection to the Catholic faith, Schulte said.

She read from a letter writ-
ten by a Saint Mary’s student who wrote, “Saint Mary’s laid the foundation for my
spiritual journey.”

Sophomore Raleigh Ellis
presented excerpts from let-
ters written on the way wom-
en are portrayed in the media and the social pressures of contemporary society.

She read from a letter that mentioned the contempo-
rary issues of bullying and self-esteem.

“We look at other girls and look for their flaws. We dis-
like each other, we bully and belittle ourselves — too many girls have been driven to self
harm,” the letter read.

Ellis said another young woman wrote, “As a woman, I have been in degrading situations. I can’t help but wonder, where is God in all this?”

The contemporary issue of
divorce was also confronted in a letter one young woman wrote regarding parents go-
ing through a divorce and an-
nulment. The church became a reminder of the brokenness of the young woman’s family, Ellis said.

Ellis said the themes in the testimo-
ny could seem daunt-

ing. However, many of these women provided heartfelt suggestions to Church leaders in their letters, including sug-
gestions for national Catholic media initiatives.

**Delivering the letters in Rome**

Rhoades said he has a great appreciation for the Voices of Young Women project and has had an opportunity to meet many faith-filled stu-
dent leaders at Saint Mary’s through his involvement.

“As the project unfolded, I was moved to joy by the love of the Lord,” Rhodes said. “I was also moved to sadness when reading of the sorrow of many women.

Rhoades said Catholics are
part of the universal church, which includes many other cultures, languages and races. The letters are also represent-
ative of the voices that are si-

lenced, he said.

Mooney said the reason for going to Rome was what thrilled her about the project.

“It gave me great pride that a group of women at Saint Mary’s decided to do some-
thing in response to the great number of young women leaving the Church,” Mooney said.

Mooney said the Voices of Young Women project is uniquely appropriate today, and she couldn’t think of a place better than Saint Mary’s to take the initiative to discuss the needs of young Catholic women.

“Saint Mary’s women brought the voices of young American Catholic women, and we did so in hope and confidence that with insight, the Church would result in change,”

Sister Kristen Millar said going to Rome as a repre-
sentative for young Catholic women will always be a vivid memory of her Saint Mary’s education.

Millar said she remem-
bers being in the first mass at Saint Mary’s and hearing Sister Madeleva’s quote, “We promise you discovery: the discovery of yourselves, the discovery of the universe, and your place in it.”

As a senior I find Sister Madeleva’s words to be true, and [at Saint Mary’s] I have been mentored by wonder-
ful Catholic women mentors.

Saint Mary’s has prepared me to become the Catholic wom-

an I am.

“I have been honored to be a part of Saint Mary’s as a Catholic woman,” Millar said. “The Pope cannot hear unless we speak.

“I invite all women to ask God for courage, strength and wisdom and a continuation of this conversation.”

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**Relay**

“Relay” was first held in 1997.

“Relay” is a 12-hour event that will officially end at midnight.

“This year, we can expect a more
devoted crowd of partici-
pants,” Romero said, “since we have shortened the event … we really hope this will encourage
students, faculty, staff and com-
munity members to stay through-
out the event. Of course, you are free to come and go, but we have planned some really great events and ceremonies.”

According to the Relay for Life
website, doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Friday, followed by an opening ceremony and kickoff of the relay’s first lap led by survivors, caregiv-
es and the Notre Dame Marching Band at 6:30 p.m. Activities throughout the night include the silent auction, balloon twisters, inflatables, a bas-
teball shoot-a-thon, ice sculpting, a Zumbathon, karaoke, broomball and an open skate. A luminary ceremony will be held from 9 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., in which candles in decorated paper bags will be lit in honor of victims, survivors and all community members affected by cancer. Closing ceremonies will begin at 11:45 p.m., and the event will officially end at midnight.

“You can just come with your friends and have a good time,”

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**Assault**

case-by-case basis whether or not the reported incident ne-
cessitates an alert based on its
timeliness and whether or not the offender in question poses a threat to the community at large.

Because the sexual assault in question was reported roughly three months after it took place, NDSP determined it was no longer a timely threat.

In light of the information about sexual as-
sault prevention and resources for survivors of sexual assault are available online from NDSP and from the Committee for Sexual Assault Prevention (CSAP).

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**Madeleva**

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The revered room

Austin Taliaferro

As humans, we are the creators of our own personal sanctuaries and places to üzerinden themselves. These spaces often are a result of a deep need we have to be alone. In times of distress, these spaces offer us a respite from the external world and allow us to reflect on our inner selves.

When sitting in a bathroom, we are usually not conscious of the space around us. However, this may change when we are having a bowel movement. The act of using a bathroom is one of the most instinctual acts we perform. It is a space where we are alone and can reflect on our personal lives.

To better understand the importance of bathrooms, we must look at their history. The first bathrooms were simple facilities that were constructed in public spaces. Over time, these facilities evolved into private spaces that were used for personal use.

The ideal bathroom should be designed with the user in mind. It should be clean, comfortable, and meet the needs of its users. The ideal bathroom should also be aesthetically pleasing, with a design that reflects the user's personality.

The bathroom is not just a space for personal use, but also a space for self-expression. It is a place where we can express our individuality and creativity. The design of a bathroom can be used to convey a person's taste and style.

The bathroom is also a space where we can reflect on our mortality. The act of using the bathroom is a reminder of our finite existence. It is a space where we can contemplate our being and the fragility of our existence.

In conclusion, bathrooms are important spaces that we use on a daily basis. They are places where we can reflect on our personal lives and our mortality. The ideal bathroom should be designed with the user in mind, and it should meet the needs of its users.

Gary Caruso

Chair of the Department of Telecommunications

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Farewell “decent” senior class

It is fast approaching that inevitable time when warming spring days beguile the final scholastic semester and prompt seniors to prepare for graduation. The looming seasonal ritual not only includes seniors about to cross the academic threshold into “the real world,” but also ensnars wise, experienced and successful public figures who must offer advice with an eye towards constructing a memorable inspirational speech.

Unfortunately, by the next commencement cycle, most of the wise pearly pronouncements soon slide into a forgotten base- ment, even when the most notable of speakers attempts to con- vey the magical formula for living a decent life.

This year’s senior class is in many ways like every senior class that has proceeded and will follow — decent individuals who are academically brilliant, spiritually generous, but sometimes limited in life lessons. Depending on the venue, many com- mencement speakers regurgitate the party doctrine used to de- fine a particular school’s character, e.g., Notre Dame is defined by “service, Catholic character, community.”

Commencement speakers attempt to convey a buffet of thoughts during a limited time on stage. They challenge the graduates to strive for greatness while sharing how they achieved success. They may pepper their remarks with humor but ultimately are remembered for “blah, blah, blah,” followed by decades of memorable chipper claps.

My personal Notre Dame commencement memories are long faded unless I peek at my commencement brochure. I only remember that iconic author and nationally syndicated jour- nalist, Carl Rowan, received an honorary degree with me. My speaker was the University of Minnesota president, an intellec- tual who never personally stimulated my curiosity.

On the other hand, I vividly remember my sister’s 1979 Notre Dame commencement, when Helen Hayes accepted the Laetare Medal from then-University President Fr. Theodore M. Hesburgh. I do not remember exactly what she said but rather how she spoke. Hayes exuded such enthusiasm that she brought the only fun into an otherwise dull and monotonous afternoon.

Humor columnist Art Buchwald created a so-called “rule of one” standard for commencement addresses. He oftentimes told graduating students that his only goal was for them to re- member one thing about his speech — that they had laughed. With that in mind, 2015 graduates should set a standard going forward of guiding their lives with a question, “What would be the decent thing to do?”

This year is replete with many “WWTDDTDD” examples at Notre Dame. The multitude of remembrances at Hesburgh’s fu- gural gives pause and exemplifies how grand iconic personages of our time set great, decent standards. My favorite story is one retold in the spring edition of Notre Dame Magazine. The Catholic roommates of a Jewish student at Notre Dame be- littled and bullied the Jewish student to the point that he left the University. Hesburgh, after learning of their unchristian — and youthful, stupid — intolerance called them into his office for a sit-down. Hesburgh ordered them to travel to the Jewish student’s home and confess him to return to Notre Dame. Hesburgh said that if the Jewish student did not return, the Catholics could not return either. Fortunately, all of the stu- dents returned together and graduated from Notre Dame.

Living decent lives need not be reserved for those entrusted with managing huge institutions. Those in the public’s specter affect others by leading through example. Notre Dame men’s basketball seniors Jerian Grant and Pat Connaughton acted decently by playing during their senior years. As one of them noted during a television interview, his loyalty lay with fulfilling his commitment to the University on the terms he accepted. In turn, they were rewarded with a NCAA tournament appear- ance, failing just a basket from advancing to the Final Four. Graduating seniors demonstrate daily that they are caring, decent beings when they generously pay forward at a restaurant just for the fun of it. Living a decent life is one that sidesteps greed and a worship of wealth in favor of well wishes to oth- ers who would normally not expect consideration. During Christmas week, I vacationed in Aruba, where at my resort, I mistakenly canceled my daily towel allotment by not swapping out my first day’s towel. The towel attendant spent special time correcting my error for me. He so kind to think of me. But the lesson I learned turned even harsher on me when I heard the attendant thank her patron. She said, “I live alone and am going to save this to share with my daughter, who is about your age. She will visit on Christmas Day. Nobody ever gave me any- thing before. You are so kind to think of me.”

With similar thoughtfulness as a standard, this class of graduating seniors will be good, decent stewards of our society during their generation’s political and religious rein in history. After all, it is the only decent thing to do.

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Why should we ‘The Hunting Ground’

Dear Carol Ann Mooney, Saint Mary’s College and Administrative Personnel,

This letter is our response to the screening of “The Hunting Ground,” a documentary to begin by recognizing that Saint Mary’s College offers support resources to victims of sexual assault and, when necessary, reports the assault to the appropriate Title IX coordinator. There are still serious concerns that concern us, including insufficient panel responses and comments from President Mooney. Her demeanor when introducing the film was suspicious based on her refusal to acknowledge that, although she may respect student privacy, she values the financial status of the College more. That was made clear by her reluctance to be interviewed on film and by the stories featured in the film about Saint Mary’s women.

As students, we pay thousands of dollars to this institution. This commitment creates an obligation on the part of our College to advocate for, support and protect us. Because of its failure to uphold this responsibility, we are extremely disappointed in this College and President Mooney. As opposed to answering questions briefly and in ways that protect the institution, President Mooney should be more receptive to students’ criticisms of her demeanor as uncaring.

Moreover, we are extremely upset that, because of the media presence, our questions appeared like they were being censored in the hallway outside of the auditorium. This attempt to maintain a good image is disheartening in so many ways. Obviously, once again, College officials are putting our concerns second. Additionally, although Professor Frances Koninckxiewicz showed deep empathy and support for her students, she went along with this censoring because Ashley Hall was seen pointing out which parts of questions were acceptable to ask the panelists — as opposed to reading the full comment card.

In conclusion, our College has neglected to adequately advocate for us. As future alumnae, we cannot continue to financially support an institution which has so unequivocally failed to uphold its duties to its patresas a Catholic institution. At this point, we would like to end our letter. We offer the following recommendations as opportunities for the College to fulfill its duties to its studies:

- Be more critical of the Title IX process, which disadvantages us as a single-sex institution.
- Further, until administrators fully and publicly support our students by being critical of Notre Dame, our institution should ensure that students who wish to seek legal recourse are able to do so by providing us with adequate legal counsel.
- Push Notre Dame to disclose the number of reported sexual assaults on its campus, especially regarding our students, and the outcomes of such reports.

Devote more resources to preventative measures as opposed to treating later sexual assaults as administrative issues.

If changes are not made by the administration, we suggest that Saint Mary’s fully sever ties with Notre Dame (e.g., no student tickets, no Domerfest, no Co-Exchanges) so that we are actually two separate institutions.

We would also like to add that if Saint Mary’s does not move toward making these changes, some of which feature minimal expectations needed to promote justice and uphold our Catholic dignity as humans, and others which will be more maximal recommendations, then we, as future alumnae, will be unable to financially support this institution as donors and will encourage all signees to do the same.

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Astonishment and admonishment

It’s Friday in South Bend, the end of another week in a city with five colleges and universities and countless activities for students. There are parties to attend, friends to see, Netflix to watch and perhaps, for the truly ambitious, papers to write and books to read as the semester winds down. In the midst of all this papers, we as an Editorial Board would like to offer the Notre Dame community an alternative to these diversions. At 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Friday, “The Hunting Ground,” a CNN documentary about sexual assault on college campuses around the nation, will screen in the Browning Cinema at DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The film features Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s, among other colleges and universities, as well as the institutions’ responses to previous allegations of sexual assault.

A panel discussion featuring both students and faculty will follow both screenings.

Not every member of the Editorial Board has seen “The Hunting Ground” yet, but we will be at DVAC on Friday, and we urge you, students, faculty and staff, to do the same. Regardless of how the film portrays Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s, the past allegations of sexual assault on these campuses or responses from the administrations, “The Hunting Ground” is already and will continue to be a catalyst for a conversation that must happen.

Nationally and globally, sexual assault — especially on college campuses — is a problem that has increasingly drawn public attention and outcry. It is a problem we cannot hope to address without greater awareness of the facts, but too many in the world of higher education are reluctant to discuss what happens to about one in five women and one in 16 men during their time in college.

We hear of allegations at other schools, including Florida State, Harvard and North Carolina, all of which are also featured in the film, and recognize Notre Dame is not immune. Every year, we receive emails from Notre Dame Security Police informing us of incidents of sexual assault. Last Tuesday, the NDP crime log included another student-reported rape on campus, though the alleged incident took place in January.

These emails are always quickly followed by messages from our student leaders, inviting us to prayer services at the Grotto to help comfort those whose lives have been affected by sexual assault and to pray in solidarity with them, Pray, and stand in aid in the healing of sexual violence survivors, but dialogue just as important. We ask our fellow students to attend the screening of “The Hunting Ground” to encourage these exchanges. Do not shy away from the film or the ensuing discussion because the topic or the way it might portray Notre Dame or Saint Mary’s makes you uneasy.

Film critics have both praised the documentary’s subject matter and raised questions regarding the comparative lack of interviews with college administrators; The Observer cannot yet offer an opinion on the film’s merit in this regard. Rather, we choose to view “The Hunting Ground” with an open, attentive mind. We will be more informed, more aware and better prepared to engage in constructive dialogue and action by seeing it.

The responsibility of professors, both the student administrators and Scott Coker, to disclose the number of reported sexual assaults on its campus, especially regarding our students, and the outcomes of such reports. Devote more resources to preventative measures as opposed to treating later sexual assaults as administrative issues.

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Vinyl is making a comeback.

Though the resurgence in popularity may come as a surprise to some, the change has been long coming. According to a study done by Nielsen SoundScan, 14 million LPs were sold in 2014, compared to one million in 2001. Sales have grown exponentially within that time period, and one of the driving factors behind the resurrection of the LP has been Record Store Day.

Record Store Day began in 2007 after a few record store owners got together and decided that their stores needed to be celebrated in the same way comic book stores were with “Free Comic Book Day.” What initially was conceived as a day to highlight local independent record stores has flourished into something much larger; record stores from all around the world host parties to acknowledge the special role each record store plays in the community, and artists release special limited edition vinyl that can be found only at participating stores. Record Store Day occurs on the third Saturday of every April, and this year that Saturday falls on April 18.

Orbit Music, Games & Movies, located at 805 W. McKinley Avenue in Mishawaka, offers a wide variety of goods ranging from CDs and records to DVDs and VHS tapes and is one of the sponsored Record Store Day venues. Living up to its name, there is truly something otherworldly about Orbit Music; aside from the foam balls hanging from the ceiling and displays of the solar system, Orbit manages to take patrons back to the past. Older visitors will be reminded of childhood days spent carefully flipping through rack after rack of new records and the “eureka” moment experienced when the perfect album is discovered. Younger patrons will experience firsthand the magic of holding something tangible and potentially connect with music in a new way by experiencing the physicality of a record.

“We opened up in July 1989, and I collected records. I wanted to open a record store, I thought that would be the greatest,” store owner Doug Zimmerman said over the sounds of Led Zeppelin blaring in the background. What originally began as the fulfillment of a dream proved to be difficult as the face of the music industry began to change.

“Now it’s so easy to download music, and people don’t even have to pay for it. It’s really tough to sell new CDs,” Zimmerman said. But the advent of events such as Record Store Day has certainly assisted in creating business for independent record store owners, and Zimmerman is no exception.

Zimmerman’s business has exploded over the past three years, and Record Store Day has definitely been influential in getting the word out about the store.

“It’s the busiest day of the year for me now, more so than Christmas or any of that stuff,” Zimmerman said. He has been involved since day one and has found Record Store Day has really helped “mom and pop” shops like his own.

Record Store Day was created to celebrate the impact of independent record stores on the local community, and I was overwhelmed by how tangible the spirit of community was in Orbit Music. While I was speaking with Zimmerman, patrons came in on multiple occasions to sell back records they had recently discovered or were willing to part with. Patrons who arrived as strangers bonded over shared musical tastes and discussed the extent of their record collections. Parents brought their children, and children brought their parents. Orbit Music seemed to be a place where collectors of vinyl and music lovers could coexist regardless of age.

Zimmerman said a wide variety of genres are represented in the store, and a cursory glance at all of the different sections confirms this. However, Zimmerman admits certain artists do sell better than others.

“I do really well with alternative music, Mumford and Sons and Bon Iver — that type of stuff. And the classic rock,” he said. Building a record collection can be a daunting task. Unlike many of my peers, I had nothing passed on to me from my parents (thanks Mom and Dad) and a limited supply of money that has prevented me from buying everything that catches my eye. Wishing to capitalize on the advice of an expert, I asked Zimmerman what five albums everyone should have in their record collection: The Doors “Strange Days,” Captain Beefheart “Bat Chain Puller,” Gang of Four “Entertainment!,” Pink Floyd Animals” and Rush “2112” were his recommendations.

Although Record Store Day is almost unequivocally positive for owners, Zimmerman did acknowledge some drawbacks: “They’ve got the list, and you order what you hope you will get. However, you don’t always get what you want.” When I asked about one of the releases I was most excited about, a special Record Store Day, 7-inch edition of “Kim’s Caravan” by Courtney Barnett, Zimmerman informed me that unfortunately he wasn’t able to get any copies of it. Still, Orbit Music certainly boasts an impressive collection with a couple hundred different items in preparation for the day, encompassing about half of the 400 different artists on the list.

Orbit Music opens at 10 a.m., but patrons wishing to buy some of the special releases are advised to arrive sooner.

“People will be lined up. I’m sure the line will wrap all the way around. ... We’ll be doing a 20 percent discount off everything, except for the Record Store Day special releases,” Zimmerman said. With a forecast predicting sun and a high of 77, showing up a couple of hours early this Saturday should be no problem. Maybe I’ll see you in line.”
By JIMMY KEMPER

Election season is upon us once again, and with it comes the whirlwind of articles praising and decrieing the battle-field of candidates who hope to become the most powerful person in America. Fortunately, I am not a Viewpoint writer, so I am not interested in trivial points such as candidates’ stances on economic and foreign policy, but rather the matter of greatest importance: their fashion sense. If we can’t trust a candidate to dress while under stress, how can we possibly trust them with the presidency? Here are the highlights of 2016’s candidates:

HILLARY CLINTON

The current frontrunner for the Democrats is also a frontrunner in D.C. fashion, as she has been making waves with her no-nonsense style for quite some time. Hillary has rocked the pant-suit since her husband was president, and does not appear to be willing to change this look anytime soon, thereby showing her strong traditional and conservative values. She also has been seen wearing dark sunglasses inside, a move that increases her mystique in the eyes of the fashion community. What could she be hiding? Is it another private email address? Whatever it may be, Hillary is unafraid to experiment new hairstyles in public, rocking everything from hairbands to scrunchies on the campaign trail. Just as Hillary is basically unopposed for the Democratic nomination, she is unopposed in fashionability.

Jeb Bush

Although he hasn’t officially declared his presidential bid yet, the younger Bush brother is one of the better dressed contenders for the Republican nomination. In his most recent video about Clinton, Bush can be seen wearing a simple, classic navy polo shirt and glasses. With this style, Bush makes it clear that he’s not an elitist, uppity D.C. politician, but rather an elitist, uppity Florida governor pretending to be an average American and not part of a political dynasty. This is a look Bush has been trying to develop for some time, as a number of his Twitter posts show him embracing the “suit with no tie” look, a style that also shows Jeb Bush is a modern man and a visionary who is in touch with citizens. While the younger Bush may not have his father’s amazing fashion sense (have you ever seen his socks?), he’s far from being the worst dressed Republican candidate.

Ted Cruz

The worst dressed Republican candidate. The man who shut down the government also appears to be a man who shut down any desire for style. As was pointed out in a recent Jezebel article, Cruz does not seem capable of wearing any clothes that fit him whatsoever. If he’s not capable of dressing himself, how can he possibly be capable of running the country? It gets worse though: Cruz has in fact worn cowboy boots with his suit in public. Is Cruz trying to get the Republican nomination or a role in the next Clint Eastwood film?

Rand Paul

As noted by Mother Jones, Rand Paul is a turtleneck aficionado. In spite of this tragic styling decision, Paul has somehow managed to rock dad jeans in a way no other candidate seems to be capable of. Dad jeans are an important tool in any candidate’s arsenal and show a commitment to comfort over all other factors. For this firm decision to stick by his values of comfort in the face of hardship, Rand Paul receives my support.

By KATHRYN MINKO

Trapped. Confined. Imminent demise. These four words sufficiently characterize the upcoming movie “Unfriended.” As the title conveys, the plot concentrates on social media in stereotypically cheesy fashion. Similar to all horror stories, the film follows a dramatic plot line stuffed with revenge, secrets and, of course, murder. Based entirely on social media, the story takes place within Blaire’s — one of the main females — computer screen. The audience, therefore, realistically experiences events exactly as Blaire would perceive them. That being said, the action pursues a clichéd, yet certainly suspenseful sequence of events, which revolves around Laura Barns’ — a recently deceased high school girl — revenge.

On the anniversary of her death, Laura avenges her suicide by haunting a group of teenagers through a variety of social networking sites. In the midst of an evening Skype chat, the friends notice something strange about their computer screens: they all bear an unusual, blank icon signifying “unknown party” within their group chat. For about 25 minutes, the group tries to rid their screens of the intruder, only to receive strange messages from a girl claiming to be the deceased Barns. All of a sudden, Laura posts humiliating pictures and degrading comments from one friend’s profile to the next, leading to distrust and eventual panic. Since each of these high school students has engaged in some aspect of Laura’s cyber-bullying and eventual death, their resistance to her awful vengeance only causes more and more agony. After refusing to let them hang up their phones or close their laptops, Laura, whom the audience never actually meets, tortures them mentally, emotionally and, of course, physically. Unable to escape the brutality, the gang also suffers through mind-games that trick them into spilling dark secrets. Similar to the trite horror film, the ending of “Unfriended” certainly does not bode well for the teenagers, since Laura attacks each and every one of them in different manners. Ladies and gents, if you’re in need of a happy ending, please save your money for something other than the world’s unhappiest genre.

Though its climax does not yield a pleasant result, the film intrigues by presenting integral problems to the modern day. Social media sites have grown exponentially through recent years. Though the mobility of modern technology provides great advantages for communication, its disposability comes at a price. Cyber-bullying, a recent and ever-present mode of picking on people, is quite prevalent within society. Typically occurring between adolescents, cyber-bullying carries serious, and possibly even lethal, ramifications for all involved. While the movie portrays the effects cyber-bullying to its utmost extremities, it certainly reflects the weight rumors and ugly posts/videos bear on a person. Each of the teenagers within the film carries responsibility for posting horrifying videos and comments of an intoxicated Laura — videos and comments that lead to her suicide. Interestingly enough, these pictures, videos and comments would bear absolutely no effect on Laura’s livelihood without the presence and apparent abuse of social media. That said, the clichéd horror film presents itself as quite satirical to the world of social media. This satire provides an empathetic, realistic perspective on Laura’s feelings and the friends’ remorse and pain, which makes “Unfriended” all the more suspenseful.

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Unfriended Review
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Since taking the torch from LaDainian Tomlinson with his famous 296-yard performance against the Chargers in the 2007 season, Adrian Peterson has been virtually undisputed as the best running back in the NFL. His presence amid child abuse allegations, the NFL announced his reinstatement yesterday, immediately giving him back the figurative crown.

There’s still some debate over whether he should return, but the NFL is a league of second chances, and Michael Vick before him has shown that a player can change, show remorse and be welcomed back.

When Peterson does step back on the field though, there’s little doubt it will be for the Vikings. With a huge contract and rumors he wants out, where Peterson plays his first season is still up in the air.

Signing Peterson might seem like a huge risk. Sure, there are concerns, but remember just who we’re talking about. Peterson’s been the top running back in the game for years—in 2012, he rushed for over 2,000 yards, despite opponents setting out to do nothing but stop him. Maybe he has more elite seasons left in him—just not enough to provide Peterson’s level of instant impact. If there’s any chance of getting Adrian Peterson, teams need to try.

So what teams should make a move for the best running back in the league? Here are three of the best fits.

Dallas Cowboys
The Cowboys surely make the most sense as a landing spot for Peterson. Losing DeMarco Murray, the league’s leading rusher last year, to the division rival Philadelphia Eagles opens up a spot in Dallas’ backfield. The Cowboys did sign Darren McFadden, but he’s not a player you can count on to stay healthy.

Tony Romo proved last year he can play at an elite level, but he will be 35 years old with two kids and two new-borns, and he doesn’t have long at the top. A major win-now piece could be just what Jerry Jones needs for his future needs. The Cowboys’ offensive line is almost certainly the best in the NFL, and behind the likes of Tyron Smith and Zach Martin—with Romo and Dez Bryant keep some attention away from him—Peterson would be perfectly set up to succeed. Sure, Cowboys fans can claim they don’t make flashy moves any more, but this move makes sense.

Arizona Cardinals
The Cardinals have one of the best offenses in the league, and if Carson Palmer can stay healthy, they could be a genuine Super Bowl contender. An elite running back though, especially one who can run hard between the tackles like Peterson, would be a game-changer. Keeping attention away from Palmer would turn the Cardinals offense from pedestrian to electric, while Andre Ellington would provide the perfect complement. Even if Palmer goes down again, Peterson is the kind of player who would be a menace on kickoffs and would be a game-changer. Keep your attention away from Palmer, and the Cardinals would potentially be a legitimate Super Bowl contender.

New England Patriots
It might be a bit of a long shot to see Tom Brady hand-hitting the ball off to Adrian Peterson, but it might just make sense. The Patriots definitely need a running back, Bill Belichick doesn’t seem to have much confidence in any of his options, and it would take a bit more heat off Brady, letting him perform at his best a little longer.

The Patriots have regularly gone for big-name trades and free agents before to complete the team, and Peterson would instantly make the Patriots the unstoppable force for 2015. Just one year of Adrian Peterson in New England would be enough to make Ray Lewis and Tom Brady look like a near-certainty.

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Irish set to begin postseason in Greensboro

By SEAN KILMER
Sports Writer

After a tournament in which they finished second on every day, the Irish will play in the ACC championships this weekend.

The Bryan National Collegiate, Notre Dame’s last tournament, featured similar grass and similar competition to what the Irish will see at ACCs. In that, they finished tied for seventh but only nine strokes back from first place. The squad’s worst showing came Friday, when Irish head coach Susan Holt said her players did not adjust well to the conditions. However, they posted the lowest round of the field Saturday, and Holt was pleased with their response.

“IT was really windy Friday,” Holt said. “The golf course we played was one of the tougher ones we played with all year, and we didn’t deal with the wind very well. We got a nice comeback, and it came down to attitude and fighting through conditions. We talked about that on Friday night, and I think they took it to heart.”

The ability of the Irish to play well in tough conditions may come into play this weekend, as rain is in the forecast at Sedgefield Golf Club in Greensboro, North Carolina—the site of the ACC tournament. Rainy conditions tend to make the course longer because the ball won’t roll out as much, and it also increases the likelihood of losing footing during a swing.

Holt said despite the rainy conditions, Holt said she was very confident in her team’s chances to take home the title. Notre Dame has been out of the teams in the field at least once this season, and Holt said she believes her team is just as talented as the other top ACC teams.

“Conditions might be going to be wet, Holt said. “It’s going to rain tomorrow, and we will be fighting rain throughout the weekend. It’s going to be win-now, and at this point throw out the window. We are competitive. We have beaten Virginia, Florida State, just not Wake Forest. Even Wake Forest, we have beaten on certain days, just not entire tournaments. This isn’t about talent, but about those teams that deal with the conditions the best. Talent-wise we are right there. The winner is going to be the team that can deal with the conditions the best.”

Overall, Holt said she and her squad are enthusiastic simply to be in the ACC and play against top-tier competition.

“We’re excited to be here,” she said. “We’re excited to be in the ACC. It’s a great golf conference. There are six teams in the top 32. If you are winning ACC championships, you’re also competing for national championships. There are five of six teams that really have a shot of winning this thing, and it should be a great weekend of golf!”

The Irish will play today and through the weekend in the ACC championships in Greensboro.

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Saint Mary’s dominates Albion with a no-hitter

Observer Staff Report

With two conference wins, including a combined no-hitter, Saint Mary’s reached 20-9 and extended its winning streak to 2012 with 8-0 and 10-0 victories yesterday over Albion. The Belles (20-8, 7-3 MIAA) beat the Britons (4-22, 0-12) in five innings in both games. In the first matchup, the Belles offense hung eight runs on Albion’s sophomore pitcher Monica Brugnoni.

Saint Mary’s junior pitcher Sarah Burke continued her season with four innings of shutout ball to move her record to 8-2. The Belles’ offense warmed up early and scored a run in the bottom of the first. Freshman infielder Jamie Young led off the game with a single and advanced to second on an illegal pitch. Then the Belles took advantage of a lucky break to push a run across. While trying to throw out the base-runner, Cassie Young, Brugnoni threw the ball away, and Young was allowed to score all the way from second.

In the second inning, the Belles tacked on two more runs. With two outs and a runner on first, Saint Mary’s manufactured two runs after freshman pitcher Morgan Raymer was hit by a pitch. Brugnoni threw another wild pitch to advance Raymer and junior catcher Jillian Busfield to second and third, respectively. Sophomore infielder Caitlyn Migawa came up with a two-out bases clearing single to extend the lead to three.

The next inning, the Belles sprang the game open with five runs. After multiple errors and fielder’s choices gave the Belles two runs, the Belles were waiting to deliver a knockout punch. Migawa again delivered when she doubled to right-center to bring home two Belles and extended the lead to eight runs. In the second game of the day, the Belles’ pitchers again delivered a gem. This time, pitcher Emily Najacht maintained five inning no-hitter. Freshman pitcher Emily Najacht started the game for two innings and was relieved in the third by Raymer. Raymer pitched three perfect innings to pick up her fourth win of the season.

Saint Mary’s again got on the board in the first inning when two runs scored after Logan Meister hit a double. The Belles exploded for six runs in the third on seven singles. Raymer and junior second baseman Angela Dainelli each had two-RBI knocks in the inning.

The lead was stretched to 10 runs in the fourth, and the mercy rule was called in the fifth to end the game. Saint Mary’s has its Senior Day this Wednesday and will host Hope in another league game. The seniors will be honored before the game, which will start at 1 p.m.
Irish to host ACC foes

By RYAN KLAUS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will host No. 12 Wake Forest in its second straight home match and penultimate regular season contest Friday at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

"I think we've lost the last three or four weeks. We've been playing pretty well," Irish head coach Ryan Sachire said. "Certainly to get a win over a good Clemson team like we did last week has continued that momentum, and we are really excited about the opportunities this weekend."

Following their recent victory, the Irish welcome No. 12 Wake Forest (16-6, 8-3 ACC) today. The Demon Deacons have won five straight, most recently taking both matches of a home double-header against North Carolina and The Citadel last Sunday. Sachire, however, said he thinks his team’s tough schedule this season has them well prepared for the challenge.

"Clearly tomorrow, we’re not going to see anything that we haven’t seen this year," Sachire said. "It’s not like we’re going to be in an environment or playing against an opponent that is beyond what we’ve had on our schedule this season. That’s why we scheduled so tough out of conference, to prepare ourselves for these matches. I think we’re confident enough to handle what Wake Forest is going to have. We just need to go out and execute and play well.”

Despite their stellar overall record, Wake Forest’s road record this season is only 3-4, which could be an advantage for the Irish, who have been 9-4 at home to this point.

At No. 1 singles, Irish junior Quentin Monaghian, who is ranked 8th nationally and has won 11 straight matches, is set to face No. 10 junior Romain Boggerts.

Both schools also boast highly ranked doubles pairs. Notre Dame junior Alex Lawson and Pecor are ranked 12th nationally and likely be opposed by the No. 10 doubles duo of freshman Skander Mansouri and redshirt freshman Christian Seraphim.

After taking on Wake Forest on Friday, the Irish will finish regular season play Saturday afternoon at home against North Carolina State (13-9, 5-5 ACC). The Wolfpack are below .500 in conference play but have had success on the road this season. NC State will head into Saturday’s contest with a 8-2 road record.

The Irish and Demon Deacons are set to begin at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Courtney Tennis Center. Notre Dame and North Carolina State are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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ND to take on Clemson, Duke

ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

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Sports Writer

Notre Dame is set to play its final two matches of the season this weekend, first traveling to Clemson, South Carolina, to take on No. 21 Clemson on Friday before returning home to take on No. 23 Duke at Courtney Tennis Center on Sunday.

Following a loss to No. 16 Miami at home this past Friday, the Irish (14-7, 7-4 ACC) are looking to end their regular season on a high note and head into the ACC tournament with two more wins over nationally ranked conference foes.

The Irish will first travel to Clemson to take on the Tigers (14-8, 9-4 ACC). Clemson is a part of the ACC since the conference expanded to include all ACC teams in 2013.

"I think getting the doubles point in each match will be very important for us," Gleason said. "The doubles point creates momentum going into singles and is undoubtedly a major factor in which team comes out on top."

As the postseason approaches for the Irish with the ACC tournament next week, Gleason said the team is poised to make a run down the stretch.

"I think we’re a dark horse in the ACC tournament as well as the NCAA tournament, but there’s no position I’d rather be," Gleason said. "I know, personally, I always play my best when I feel like I’m the underdog and have nothing to lose. We have been able to compete with the very best teams in the country; I know that as a team we are right there with them."

The Irish will duel Clemson at Hoke Sloan Tennis Center in Clemson on Friday at 2:30 p.m. before returning to Courtney Tennis Center to take on Duke on Sunday at 12 p.m.

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Irish freshman Allison Miller returns a shot against Stanford on Feb. 16. The Irish are 14-7 on the season.

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"I think we've lost the last three or four weeks. We've been playing pretty well," Irish head coach Ryan Sachire said. "Certainly to get a win over a good Clemson team like we did last week has continued that momentum, and we are really excited about the opportunities this weekend."

Following their recent victory, the Irish welcome No. 12 Wake Forest (16-6, 8-3 ACC) today. The Demon Deacons have won five straight, most recently taking both matches of a home double-header against North Carolina and The Citadel last Sunday. Sachire, however, said he thinks his team’s tough schedule this season has them well prepared for the challenge.

"Clearly tomorrow, we’re not going to see anything that we haven’t seen this year," Sachire said. "It’s not like we’re going to be in an environment or playing against an opponent that is beyond what we’ve had on our schedule this season. That’s why we scheduled so tough out of conference, to prepare ourselves for these matches. I think we’re confident enough to handle what Wake Forest is going to have. We just need to go out and execute and play well.”

Despite their stellar overall record, Wake Forest’s road record this season is only 3-4, which could be an advantage for the Irish, who have been 9-4 at home to this point.

At No. 1 singles, Irish junior Quentin Monaghian, who is ranked 8th nationally and has won 11 straight matches, is set to face No. 10 junior Romain Boggerts.

Both schools also boast highly ranked doubles pairs. Notre Dame junior Alex Lawson and Pecor are ranked 12th nationally and likely be opposed by the No. 10 doubles duo of freshman Skander Mansouri and redshirt freshman Christian Seraphim.

After taking on Wake Forest on Friday, the Irish will finish regular season play Saturday afternoon at home against North Carolina State (13-9, 5-5 ACC). The Wolfpack are below .500 in conference play but have had success on the road this season. NC State will head into Saturday’s contest with a 8-2 road record.

The Irish and Demon Deacons are set to begin at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Courtney Tennis Center. Notre Dame and North Carolina State are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Split squads head to Georgia, Virginia

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About a month removed from the indoor season and another away from the ACC outdoor championships, several Notre Dame athletes will look to hit their stride this weekend as they split up between Charlottesville, Virginia, for the Virginia Challenge and Atlanta for the Georgia Tech Invitational.

Last weekend at the ACC/Big Ten Invitational, Notre Dame took a large, somewhat young squad to Louisville, Kentucky, where the team experienced mixed results.

"For some of [the underclassmen], it was a great opportunity and a stepping stone so they can continue their season well as they get to these bigger meets," Irish head coach Alan Turner said. "At this point they're not working as well but many of them really stepped up."

This weekend, the Irish distance runners — many of whom sat out at Louisville after running in back-to-back meets the two weekends before — will face a strong field at the Virginia Challenge. Eight men and five women will face runners from 35 in vitro schools, primarily from the East Coast, but also including Big Ten schools such as Ohio State, Michigan and Michigan State.

"There's a pretty good field lined up out there at Virginia for distance running," Turner said. "We'll look for our distance runners to improve on their [early-season] marks."

The remaining squad of sprinters, jumpers and throwers will compete at the Georgia Tech Invitational. The Irish will bring 18 from the women's side and 16 from the men's to face a smaller but similarly strong field including the fifth-ranked Georgia women's squad, as well as ACC competitors Clemson, Duke and Georgia Tech.

Turner said he hopes Notre Dame will hold its own and post impressive scores at both Georgia Tech and Virginia.

"The whole purpose of this weekend, when you look at mid-April, this is a time when everyone should be really hitting their stride," he said. "After this weekend I'll really know. This person is doing well in their event, and they're probably going to score for us at the ACC or this person — eh, we may need to try something else in the latter half of the outdoor season."

Freshman Parker English will look to follow up her first-place finish and personal best of 3:52.71 seconds in the 200-meter dash at Louisville when she runs the 400-meter this weekend.

Turner said both English and senior Amber Lalla, who won the 400 at Louisville, have a chance to crack the 54-second mark in that race.

In throwing events, freshman Greg Bombara will be competing in the javelin again after winning the event last weekend, while senior Dominick Padovano will throw the discus coming out of a second-place performance.

Turner said he will be watching to see if senior thrower Emily Morris can replicate her indoor success this weekend, as well as if sophomore Emily Carson can reach the 20-foot mark in the long jump after winning in Louisville.

After giving them a break, last weekend, Notre Dame will also return several veteran standouts and All-Americans such as senior Chris Giesting in the 400, senior Jade Barber in the 100-meter hurdles and junior Margaret Bambose in the 400.

"After three meets, we've gotten a pretty good idea how strong we're going to be as a team and who's going to be strong in what areas and in what areas we think people will develop," Turner said. "We're right on schedule with where we need to be for the season."

Irish athletes will compete in their fourth meet of the outdoor season today and Saturday. The distance runners will be in Charlottesville for the Virginia Challenge, while the sprinters, jumpers and throwers will head to Atlanta for the Georgia Tech Invitational.

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Softball

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on the Orange staff and 59 more innings than the combined total of the rest of their staff.

Coming into this weekend’s series, she is 12-14 with a 3.41 ERA. She’s managed to befuddle opposing batters throughout the year to keep the Orange in games, compiling 199 strikeouts and holding opposing batters to a .248 average.

However, Notre Dame’s lineup has been just as effective, or especially during its 20-game winning streak.

As a team, the Irish are hitting .334 with 42 home runs this season. They’ve also been able to create runs on the base paths, having stolen 67 bases in 75 attempts.

As a result, the Irish are scoring 6.4 runs per game this season, an output increasing to 8.2 runs per game during their winning streak.

In order to come away with three more victories this weekend, Gumpf said her team needs to remain focused and execute in all aspects.

“We have to keep this game really simple and really make sure we’re doing the little things really well,” Gumpf said. “When we’re playing so many games like we do, we tend to forget about the little things that make us so good. We have to continue to focus on the little things that make us a great team. That’s the main thing we have to do.

In addition to the three conference games, this weekend will include the team’s fifth annual Strikethout Cancer Weekend.

This awareness initiative serves as a fundraiser for South Bend’s Memorial Children’s Hospital and children throughout Indiana who have been diagnosed with cancer. The event started at Notre Dame in 2011 as a way to spread awareness about leukemia, the type of cancer Gumpf’s daughter was diagnosed with in 2010.

It has been held annually ever since and is of great personal importance to both Gumpf and the team, Gumpf said.

“This weekend signifies so many things,” Gumpf said. The important thing is that we’re playing for more than just ourselves this weekend, and to see those kids come on that field and to see what they’re really battling with is a good reminder of how lucky we are. We have our daily battles, but seeing these kids battling for their lives kind of puts things in perspective really quickly. It’s a good reminder that there are a lot more important things than this game sometimes that we forget about, and it’s really important that we give back to those who need it. We come to Notre Dame to do something special, and I think this is one of those things that we can really hang our hats on.”

The Irish will begin the three-game series with Syracuse at Melissa Cook Stadium on Saturday with a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m. and will conclude with the third game Sunday at 12 p.m.

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Irish saw their eight-game winning streak snapped Wednesday night, when they fell 5-0 to Toledo in nonconference action. After being swept in its first two conference series at home, Notre Dame turned the tides with a sweep of then-No. 7 Florida State last weekend.

North Carolina State, meanwhile, will make the trip to Frank Eck Stadium having lost five of its last seven games. The Wolfpack lost two of those games to North Carolina last weekend.

Despite the Wolfpack’s recent struggles, they will still bring in a tough pitching staff, Aoki said. North Carolina State’s pitching staff ranks 25th in the nation with a 2.99 overall ERA.

“We’ve faced good pitching all year long in the conference, and we’ll face it again,” Aoki said. “We’ll face talented players up and down their lineup.”

Aoki cited North Carolina State’s youth as one of the team’s biggest strengths. Sophomore infielders Preston Palmeiro and Andy Knizer rank second and fourth, respectively, in batting average on the team.

“A little younger than they’ve been the past couple of years,” Aoki said. “The (Collegiate World Series) team two years ago and last year, they had a disappointing year, but it’s not like the talent level went down, just that their talent level is a little bit younger than it was.”

“With youth, sometimes comes a little bit of growing pains, but if we don’t come in here and get ready to control the things we can and be engaged, we’ll have our lunch handed to us.”

Notre Dame deviated a little bit from its usual starting pitching rotation last weekend, as sophomore right-hander Brien Smith started Friday and freshman right-hander Brad Bass started Sunday. The only certainty for the weekend is that freshman right-hander Brandon Bielak will make his scheduled start Saturday, Aoki said, but he is hopeful Friday’s usual starter, senior right-hander Scott Kerrigan, and Sunday’s starter, junior right-hander Nick McCarty, have made enough progress in recovering from injuries to possibly compete this weekend.

“Scotty threw [Wednesday], and he felt pretty good,” Aoki said. “We’ve got to see where McCarty is. I don’t think it was anything too terribly serious, so I would think that he should be OK, so he should be back into it.”

North Carolina State and Notre Dame will meet this weekend in a three-game series at Frank Eck Stadium. The first pitch of the series opener is scheduled for tonight at 6:05 p.m. Saturday’s game is scheduled to start at 2:05 p.m., and Sunday’s first pitch will be at 1:05 p.m.

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**Baseball**

Senior Robert Youngdahl fires a pitch against Central Michigan on March 18. The Irish sit at 24-11 on the season, 9-9 in ACC play.

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**Lacrosse**

Game. Gargan completed her hat trick on a goal assisted by sophomore attack Heidi Annaheim before junior attack Rachael Sexton put Notre Dame ahead 7-6 with 18:23 left to play.

A recurring trend then started to develop. Northwestern tied the game at 7-7 when Craig scored her second of the night but less than a minute later, Annaheim scored an odd goal to put the Irish back ahead.

While Northwestern senior goalkeeper Bridget Bianco initially saved Annaheim’s shot, the ball bounced off her body well into the air, coming back to earth, bouncing and spinning into the net for the Notre Dame goal.

This time, it took five minutes for the Wildcats to draw level, as redshirt senior attack Kara Mupo beat Irish sophomore midfielder Liz O’Sullivan with 11:12 remaining to restore parity to the affair.

O’Sullivan finished with nine saves on 19 goal-bound Wildcats shots, a mark above her save percentage (41.7%) entering the game.

“Liz O’Sullivan had a great night, man,” Halfpenny said. “She came up with nine huge saves when we needed them.”

Notre Dame took its final lead of the game 39 seconds later when junior midfielder Stephanie Toy scored an unassisted goal off a rebound, but once again, could not hold on to the advantage in the game’s final 10 minutes.

Craig finished her hat trick with 4:56 to bring the Wildcats level at 9-9, setting the stage for Nesselbush’s goal to win the game.

Notre Dame had chances late but ultimately could not beat Bianco, who finished with nine saves.

“She’s a good goalkeeper. We’ve seen her now four years in a row,” Gargan said. “She has a little bit of an unorthodox style that we’re not used to seeing, so we don’t get that look every day in practice.”

While the two teams were statistically similar in most areas on the night, Northwestern dominated the draw controls, securing 8 of 10 in the first half en route to a 13-7 edge overall.

“We had a really off night,” Halfpenny said. “[We had] 20 turnovers. I hadn’t seen 20 turnovers from this team in a while. … The reality is, you’ve got to credit Northwestern, they did a great job winning the draw control battle and we knew that would be something that would really push the game one way or the other.”

The Irish are straight back in action Sunday, however, when they host No. 14 Louisville in the final game of the regular season.

The Cardinals (9-6, 1-5 ACC) have lost three straight games including a 16-8 loss to No. 9 Syracuse yesterday, however, Louisville may have an advantage on the draws; junior midfielder Kaylin Morissette is second nationally, averaging 11.3 draw controls per game.

“They have an outstanding draw control specialist … she’s really, really strong,” Halfpenny said.

With a win, Notre Dame would finish the conference slate with a winning record and get positive momentum back heading into the conference tournament.

“It would be huge for us to win going into the ACC tournament,” Gargan said. “Last year we were kind of linking in to the ACC tournament so I think it would be a huge boost to our confidence … And I think we want it. It’s our last home game.

“We know what’s at stake.”

The first draw between the Irish and Cardinals is scheduled for noon Sunday at Arlotta Stadium.

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him in attack Jimmy Bitter (31 goals, 65 points), attack Joey Sankey (26 goals, 57 points) and midfielder Chad Tutton (28 goals, 33 points).

“[Bitter, Sankey and Tutton] have been mainstays in their attack for four years,” Corrigan said. “But I was really impressed with how many plays [Goldstock] was making without detracting from what those other guys are doing. He’s just playing off of what they’re doing so effectively.”

The Irish have a more balanced offensive attack, led by Tewaaraton Award watch list member and junior attack Matt Kavanagh (17 goals, 39 points) and freshman attack phenom Mikey Wynne (26 goals, 28 points). Kavanagh, who totaled 74 goals over the last two seasons, hasn’t been the prolific scorer he has been in the past but has taken on more of a leadership role in the Notre Dame offense.

“He’s making sure that everybody’s involved,” Corrigan said. “I think he’s got a great IQ for the game, and he’s a great competitor. He does within the game what he thinks he needs to be doing, and I’m very confident in his judgment in that.”

The Irish may need an exceptional day defensively from juniors Matt Landis and Edwin Glazener, as well as sophomore Garrett Epple, to stifle the Tar Heel attack. Corrigan has praised his defense all year, especially Glazener, who he said entered the year as somewhat of a question mark. There are a host of other unsung heroes of the Irish squad this year, Corrigan said.

“I think there a lot of guys that you could probably say aren’t getting a lot of attention, but frankly, we’re not really concerned with that,” Corrigan said. “We’re concerned with our team being the best we can be. And I think those guys are perfectly happy as long as our team is successful, and we’re doing the things we should be doing as a group that we don’t care about the attention.”

With such a big game, Corrigan said he knows his team will come under a lot of scrutiny. Even so, the Irish squad is simply going to go out and play its game, Corrigan said.

“There’s nothing that we’re doing that poorly, frankly, that we could take some great leap forward in that area of the game,” Corrigan said. “But we can get a little bit better in a lot of areas. And I think if we get a little bit better in a lot of areas, then we’re going to be a significantly better team.”

No. 1 and No. 2 will clash at a sold-out Arlotta Stadium on Saturday at 4 p.m.

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Loyd

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“My family has been prepared for a situation like this for a long time,” Loyd said. “It was the right timing for me, and everything set it up really well.”

“I had to figure out what was best for me, and it just sucks that it was after that game, but at that point, I didn’t have much of a choice.”

Loyd ended her Notre Dame career fifth on the all-time scoring list, second in career points per game and tied for first in program history for highest scoring game, with 41 points against DePaul on Dec. 10 this season. She was named All-American twice, one of four Irish players to accomplish the feat.

She is also the fourth straight Irish player selected in the top three of the WNBA Draft — Devereaux Peters, Skylar Diggins and Kayla McBride were taken third in 2012, 2013 and 2014, respectively. With Loyd’s selection, Notre Dame becomes the first program in the 19-year history of the draft to have a player selected as a lottery pick (top four) in four straight years.

The Storm finished tied for the worst record in the WNBA last year (12-22) but loaded up talent Thursday night with the first and third picks of the draft. Two slots after Loyd, Seattle took former Connecticut forward Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis, putting the two college rivals on the same side after three years of head-to-head competition.

“I love playing with Kaleena,” Loyd said. “She’s a great sport. … She brings a lot of fun, and we’ve been friends on and off the court for quite a while, and I’m excited to officially become her teammate.”

Loyd’s salary in the WNBA is expected to average around $50,000 in her first few years, with the potential of more money coming abroad, as many players travel to Europe or Asia, where salaries are higher. Loyd said she has not made a decision about whether she will play outside the WNBA.

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Graduate student Jim Marlatt fires a pass against Georgetown on Feb. 14. The Irish are 8-1 on the season.

Junior defender Thomas Stephan handles the ball against Georgetown on Feb. 14. The Irish are 8-1 on the season.

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Loyd selected first overall

By GREG HADLEY
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One last time, Jewell Loyd made Notre Dame history, one year earlier than expected.

When Loyd’s name was called by the Seattle Storm in the WNBA Draft at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Connecticut, on Thursday, she became the first No. 1 pick in program history. She also became the first player from the Irish to ever leave for the pro ranks before her senior season.

“It’s a great feeling to have your name called and to look up and see the number one by your name,” Loyd said. “Hard work does pay off.

Just a day after Notre Dame lost to Connecticut in the NCAA title game for the second straight year in Tampa, Florida, Loyd announced she would forgo her final year of eligibility to play in the WNBA. She told Irish head coach Muffet McGraw and her teammates in the hours after that loss but said she knew she would leave Notre Dame before the defeat.

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Squad falls to Northwestern

By ALEX CARSON
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Sophomore midfielder Sheila Newbush scored with just under four minutes left to give No. 7 Northwestern a 10-9 win over rival No. 11 Notre Dame on Thursday at Altamount Stadium.

The Wildcats (10-4, 2-1) jumped out to an early lead on the strength of their leading scorer, as a trio of quick goals from freshman attacker Selena Lasota helped put the visitors ahead 4-1 just 10:45 into the game.

Irish sophomore attack Cortney Fortunato scored her first goal of the game unassisted with 13 minutes left in the first half to cut into the lead, but Northwestern junior midfielder Kaleigh Craig answered nearly four minutes later, restoring her team’s three-goal advantage.

Forunato, the Irish’s 9-6-3-3 ACC) started chipping away.

With 5:28 left in the half, Notre Dame sophomore attack Grace Mullin scored to make it 5-3. The Irish kept nicking and got one more goal before halftime, when senior midfielder Caitlin Gargan tallied her second of the night with just 1:07 left in the half.

Gargan, who finished the game with a hat trick, said Northwestern’s focus on other targets helped her get scoring opportunities.

“I was just able to exploit — they keyed on Cortney, they keyed on [Sophomore midfielder] Casey [Pearsall] when she was in the game, they were paying attention to her, so my teammates getting a lot of attention really helped me out tonight,” she said.

In the second half, neither team was able to pull away. The game was tied on five occasions, with neither team holding anything but a one-goal advantage the rest of the way.

Fortunato scored her second goal and 50th of the season on a goal assisted by Pearsall just 5:26 into the second half to tie the game at five.

But Lasota, who also passed the 50-goal mark Thursday, got on the scoresheet for the fourth and final time two minutes later to give Northwestern the advantage.

Then the Irish answered, scoring twice in 55 seconds to take their first lead of the game.

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Irish look to stretch streak

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No. 25 Notre Dame welcomes Syracuse this weekend for a three-game series at Melissa Cook Stadium during the team’s fifth annual Strikeout Cancer Weekend.

Earlier this week, the Irish (34-11, 13-5 ACC) defeated Bowling Green on Tuesday, 8-2, and then fought for a 3-2, walk-off win over Northwestern on Wednesday to push their win streak to 20 games. This weekend, they welcome the Orange (17-22, 1-10 ACC) for their penultimate three-game conference series of the season.

Despite their poor record in the ACC, the Orange pose a challenge to the Irish in two big ways this weekend, Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf said.

“Their record is very deceiving,” Gumpf said. “Syracuse is always a good team, and they have a very good left-handed pitcher who really does a nice job of tricking hitters a little bit. So we have to be prepared for that and make sure we’re hitting hard ground balls. “They also have a lot power in their lineup. So those are the things that really are their strengths: their power in their lineup and [junior Jocelyn] Caten, who’s been a really good pitcher for them. She’s kept them in a lot of ball games, and she’s really their person to win ball games.”

Cater has been the go-to pitcher for the Orange, throwing 156 innings this season, 102 innings more than any other individual conference race, Aoki said the Irish would not be doing anything different to prepare for the Wolfpack.

“It’s just as important as every other weekend series,” he said. “... This hopefully gives us the opportunity to get off to a good start for a 12-game season.”

Notre Dame will enter the series having won eight of its last nine games. The