Judge rules for Notre Dame in ESPN suit

Judge Hostetler’s verdict says NDSP is not subject to APRA and does not have to release records

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On Monday, St. Joseph Superior Court Judge Steven Hostetler issued a verdict in Notre Dame’s favor in a lawsuit filed by ESPN regarding access to campus police records. Hostetler ruled that Indiana’s current Access to Public Records Act (APRA) does not apply to private colleges and universities that appoint police officers, including the Notre Dame Security Police (NSDP).

ESPN and Paula Lavigne, an ESPN reporter, filed a lawsuit against the University on Jan. 15 after NSDP refused to grant Lavigne’s requests for incidence reports related to student-athletes on two separate instances.

ESPN argued NDSP is subject to Indiana’s APRA and should be required to produce the requested records because it exercises the police powers of arrest, according to a plaintiff brief filed March 9.

In his ruling, Hostetler wrote the Court recognizes Notre Dame and other private universities that appoint campus police officers as

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Panels explore ‘The Hunting Ground’

SMC students lead discussion about sexual assault

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The Student Center Atrium at Saint Mary’s was standing room only as ten student panelists and the audience discussed CNN’s documentary “The Hunting Ground” and how to take action against sexual assault. The discussion was co-sponsored by the Justice Education Program and the Gender and Women’s Studies department.

Senior and panel moderator Elizabeth Maloney said she has two friends at Harvard University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, neither of whom had heard of the documentary. She expressed gratitude for the College’s screening.

“I want to thank Saint Mary’s for showing [The Hunting Ground] here,” Maloney said, “Saint Mary’s empowers women to seek change, and we are here today to talk about change.”

Panelists were senior Callie Brown, junior Angele Rocal, junior Maggie Langenfeld, junior Kaitlyn Baker, senior Amy Pirkusz, junior Bri O’Brien, sophomore Caylin McCallick, senior Meredith Mensits, freshman Alex Shambery and freshman Nicole Caratas. (Editors note: Caratas is a news

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Board approves club budgets

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One of the most powerful and influential bodies in student government, the Financial Management Board is starting its new term under the leadership of 2015-2016 Student Union treasurer and chairwoman Jamie Goodson.

New Financial Management Board member and Junior Class Council treasurer Mason Zurovchak said the board has a wide range of responsibilities that many students are unaware of, even though the board’s activities have a large impact on campus life.

Under the Student Union Constitution, members of the Financial Management Board Student are the Student Union treasurer, the Student Union Policy Branch controller, the Student Union Board controller, the Hall Presidents’ Council treasurer, the Club Coordination Council controller, the Judicial Council president, the Student Business board manager, every Class Council treasurer, the Off-Campus Council president and two members of
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ND to host celebrity chef

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Students can tantalize their taste buds Tuesday evening as celebrity chef Jet Tila flies in from Los Angeles to serve up a range of Asian favorites, with a special focus on Thai cuisine. Between 5 and 7 p.m. at both dining halls, the “Chef Jet Menu” will be a step up from the usual dining hall fare, with the appearance of dishes such as honey ginger salad; tomyum soup, a Thai spicy and sour soup; drunken noodles and pad thai, according to a Notre Dame Food Services (NDFS) press release.

Apart from performing cooking demonstrations at South Dining Hall, which will be video-streamed to screens at both dining halls, the Cordon Bleu graduated and current Food Network chef will present a new signature dish for NDFS. This is all part of NDFS’s “continued improvements and diversification,” the press release said.

“Back in the beginning of the spring semester, we started having conversations on a visiting celebrity chef series and being able to bring someone onto campus,” NDFS director Chris Ayasasinghe said. “With this week leading into the last day of classes … we thought this was the perfect time to do it.”

Fans of Thai food like freshman Matt Williams are excited about the initiative to bring quality and variety to the dining halls. “I think it’s really cool that they’re spicing things up and bringing in new options to the dining hall,” Williams said. “I come to North most of the time, so I feel like there’s more variety here than there is at South, so I feel South in particular could use some spritzing up. But yeah, more options would be good, especially ethnic foods so I can’t complain about that.”

Besides satisfying the palates of those familiar with the cuisine, Ayasasinghe said he also wants to target those who have had limited or no exposure to Thai food.

“Thai food has some strong universal tones — you have certain curry flavors, fresh basil, ginger — a lot of common ingredients you see throughout many cultures’ cuisine,” Ayasasinghe said.

“When we think about authenticity, which I think is really what the Notre Dame student is keen on … having a premier chef here to train our staff, I think, will go a long way to our students in terms of acceptable and satisfaction for a meal.”

According to the Office of Sustainability website, more than 11,000 meals are served daily at the two dining halls. Although the special menu was designed with practicality in mind, Ayasasinghe emphasized the attention to detail “down to the specific brand of fish sauce [Tila] wanted.”

“We worked closely with Chef Jet and his team to identify menus that would have both a complexity of taste as well as an easily-executable menu for the amount of customers we feed every night,” Ayasasinghe said.

Ayasasinghe said the performance could serve as a model for future events.

“The menu items that we will feature will also help us gauge student interest and specific items for us to schedule for future menus,” he said. “The quickest gauge is based on how much of one product we make.”

In addition to overseeing the preparation and serving of the food, Tila will train staff on the “significant differences” in cooking different cuisines, such as layering spices and timing to balance flavor and texture.

“As we think about the Food Network and its universal appeal to people of various age demographics, inviting [the] chef here is both an opportunity for him for that one-on-one contact with our students and also an opportunity for us to focus on cutting-edge culinary techniques,” he said.

According to a NDFS press release from January, Notre Dame was ranked ninth in niche’s 2015 rankings of best campus food, based on a survey of 64,000 students.

For those without meal plans, ticket sales to the Chef Jet event will be available at the dining hall for $16 for single students and $36 for single students and $48 for children aged 6 and under. Children aged 5 and under are free.

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Student Affairs Erin Hoffmann (Left) and University Vice President for Public Affairs and Communications Paul Browne.

Notably absent from the panel was a member of Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP), one student pointed out.

Gebhardt, who compiled the panel, said she had not reached out to NSDP about speaking Monday night, but that the purpose of the panel was more to hear about the expansion of the community perspective, rather than the law enforcement perspective.

Expulsions

In “The Hunting Ground,” several schools are listed with their number of reported sexual assaults compared to their number of students expelled for sexual assault. Notre Dame, however, was not. After the panel discussion Friday and the screening of the film at Debartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC), many students had expressed curiosity about the number of allegations that had occurred at Notre Dame as a result of sexual assault.

“I don’t have any statistics handy and I don’t know the top of my head, but over the last few years … [there have been] multiple for sexual assault,” Willerton said Monday night in response to a question about the number of expulsions.

“For non-consensual sexual intercourse, commonly known as rape or sexual assault, what I assure you is students found responsible for non-consensual sexual intercourse, permanent dismissal from the University is the most common outcome we’ve had,” he said.

Willerton said in the three years he has run the Office of Community Standards, every single student found responsible for non-consensual sexual intercourse had been permanently dismissed.

Responding to a question about why so many students have historically chosen to go through the University conduct process and not the legal process for addressing the respondents in the complaint, Willerton surprised many audience members with his answer.

“… One of the common things I hear in my office is, ‘I don’t want to ruin somebody’s life.’ I just want somebody to tell them what they did was wrong.”

Lindley emphasized, however, that each student who reported a sexual assault was given the opportunity to pursue criminal charges if they wished to do so.

Crime alert emails

Another student asked why the wording in Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) crime alert emails had changed: the Clery Act requires Universities to send out timely warnings about threats on campus. As a result, when a sexual assault is reported, if NSDP considers it a timely threat, it must send an email alert to the campus community.

Previously, crime alert emails included the name of the specific residence hall in which the incident occurred, but the NSDP now only reports the quad or general area of campus in which an incident occurred.

Browne said the one reason for the change was to aid law enforcement in the event that the survivor chose to press criminal charges. In that case, the person’s identity … “[i]f the victim wants to proceed with a criminal investigation,” he said. “The police don’t want to tip off the person, or give them time to essentially get rid of evidence.”

Lindley added that part of the reason for the change was “to protect the confidential- ity of the victim.” She said. “It’s a small community, and often- times when something happens, people will hear about it, and then when you have an email in the morning the next day that everybody says it’s ‘this girl’ or ‘this guy,’ so that’s a factor as well.”

The disciplinary process

In response to students’ questions about the emotional well-being of complainants and those accused of sexual assault, Willerton and Lindley spoke extensively on the disciplinary process for responding to a victim of a sexual assault chooses to go through a conduct hearing with the Office of Community Standards. Willerton and Lindley explained that complainants who do choose to go through a conduct hearing have three options with regards to their participation in the hearing, based on how comfortable they are facing the respondent in person.

The first option is that complainants may choose to refrain from participating at all, he said. They may also choose to participate in person, and they may choose to participate via a webcam from a separate suite in the building than the one in which the conduct hearing takes place.

Moving forward

Ricketts asked each of the panelists had seen the University climate change in regards to sexual assault since they had arrived on campus.

In her response, Lindley said the introduction of Climate Surveys had provided some fodder for change on campus. Moving forward, she said that this year’s campus climate survey has already produced helpful results.

“Our response has changed and improved dramatically in the last three to five years,” she said. “They administered two climate surveys, which are just now becoming the norm for all universities to assess their climate, now that it is the White House’s recommendation.

“The first one was in 2012, and the second one was just this past year in 2015. And we looked at the results of these — I have just gotten through 700 pages of comments from students that have given us great ideas about ways to improve things.”

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"state actors," not public agencies.

“The powers given to officers appointed by Indiana’s private colleges and universities are significant,” Hostetler wrote. However, it does not follow that Notre Dame is a public agency under APRA simply because NDSU is a ‘state actor’ for constitutional law purposes.”

Hostetler wrote he shares discomfort with Indiana Public Access Counselors (PAC) Luke Britt surrounding the notion of a private party exercising police powers without having to provide its records to the public, despite his decision not to apply APRA to NDSU.

Britt, an attorney appointed by the governor, issued two separate opinions stating that he considered NDSU to be a public agency and subject to APRA. Britt’s opinions differed from previous opinions issued by Indiana Public Access Counselors in 2003, 2009 and 2011.

In a defense brief filed Feb. 12, Damon Leichty, an attorney representing Notre Dame, argued Indiana Legislature did not intend for APRA to apply to campus police departments because it did not change the statute after these previous opinions were issued.

“If the Legislature thought that those three Public Access Counselors were wrong, and that private colleges and universities in Indiana were intended to be public agencies under APRA, the Legislature has had since 2003 to codify that intent,” Hostetler wrote. “It has not done so.”

Hostetler wrote that although Indiana Legislature may consider adapting APRA in the future, it cannot be interpreted to apply to private colleges and universities in its current state.

“This Court will not strain the language of the statute in order to do what the Legislature has not, even though there are indeed persuasive reasons why the statute should be amended to read the way ESPN desires,” Hostetler wrote.

Paul Browne, vice president for student affairs and communications, said the University supported the ruling.

“We are pleased that Judge Hostetler has agreed with the long-recognized status of the University’s records,” Browne said. “As always, our police department will continue to investigate and report in a manner consistent with the highest standards of law enforcement and in accord with state law.”

The South Bend Tribune reported Plaintiff attorney James Dimos said ESPN is unsure of whether or not it is going to appeal Hostetler’s ruling.

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Brown said “The Hunting Ground” showed the difficulties of faculty being penalized for advocating for student rights.

“I think it’s very sad that professors or administrators would treat me with anything but trust and respect, could be targeted or terminated for standing up for what they believe in and advocating for students, when I think it’s an educator’s first priority to advocate for students and act on their behalf,” she said.

Brown said college and university marketing campaigns and statistics are partially to blame for the low number of sexual assaults handled appropriately.

“I think that something that is the most difficult aspects of this issue to change, but probably the most important, is how universities market and brand themselves,” Brown said. “I think it’s time for universities to stop branding themselves as, ‘University X proudly reports zero sexual assaults a year,’ but University Y, which reports 100 sexual assaults and 100 expulsions a year.”

“I think that at the core of this problem and absolutely needs to be changed, and I think Saint Mary’s could be a leader and should be.”

Lagendorf said one of the biggest things students can do is change the way they talk and educate about sexual assault and consent.

“Being rape doesn’t mean yes,” Lagendorf said. “Being drunk doesn’t mean yes. Wearing a short skirt does not mean yes.”

Baker, the Saint Mary’s student body president, said she wants to understand the concerns of students moving forward.

“My plan is to continue the conversation with the students and the administration, and my goal is to act as the liaison so students can make sure the administration is hearing us and that we’re hearing them as well.

“I want to make sure the administration knows where we’re coming from and make sure they know that we’re not attacking them, and we’re just trying to have this conversation and trying to move forward as a college.”

Baker said she attended the screening of “The Hunting Ground” at Notre Dame last Friday and heard the panel discussion.

“[I] know that a lot of Notre Dame students are ready to talk to Saint Mary’s students,” she said. “They are ready to have this conversation with us and they want to change the way our relationship is. They want to change the way we talk about Saint Mary’s women.”

Baker said she plans to work with Notre Dame’s student body president and student government to address issues of sexual assault on both campuses.

Junior and audience member Veneta Trogia addressed the email sent out to students answering questions about “The Hunting Ground.” She said the email was the first time she had heard Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame addressed as two separate entities.

“Ever since I came to Saint Mary’s, everything has been about Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s as one community, whether it be through academic, extracurricular or socially,” Trogia said. “The thing that I critique most about that email is saying that we are two separate entities. We are not two separate entities, we are one community.

Piekosz said she felt unbelievable sadness after watching the documentary. She said she wanted more explanation from President Mooney after the screening of the film on April 9.

Piekosz said “The Hunting Ground” shows viewers that sexual assault is not just a Saint Mary’s problem.

“It’s a problem in school systems across the country. If we’re all trying to fix this, we need to be the spark,” Piekosz said. “We need to be the ones to start that domino effect at the administration.”

Piekosz said that Saint Mary’s is the perfect place to start change.

“Often sexual assault feels far away, but this film put it in my face,” Mersits said.

Senior and event co-chair Nora Clougherty said “Take Back the Night” on Wednesday could be the start of making change regarding sexual assault and a demonstration of support by both campuses.

“Take Back the Night” is an annual event hosted by BAVO and the Gender Relations Center at Notre Dame for students to show support of survivors of sexual assault.

“This is the start of the two campuses working together … Clougherty said. “I want all of these people in this room to go, because that’s where we want to make a difference and show we care.”

Senior and audience member Claire Boyd said the dialogue around sexual assault needs to be a tri-campus conversation.

Boyd said a new initiative this year, sponsored by the Office of Residence Life, was “Belles Banding Together.” The initiative is a bystander intervention program for incoming first-year students during orientation.

“Often students will not change without the administration on board. She also noted that BAVO is the under the administration.”

Shambery suggested further education of first-year students on how to report sexual assaults.

Sophomore Olivia Chiomis said members need to look at the sexual language they use on a daily basis.

“Don’t make fun of changing the system, but if you don’t stand up in your daily lives, nothing is going to happen,” Chiomis said. “…Individually we need to look at ourselves before we try to change the system.”

Student panelists created a recommendation list for the administra- tion to present to the Board of Trustees and then have the members to help them critique the list, which will be submitted to the administration after they make the suggested recommendations.

One of the recommendations suggests that faculty and staff should undergo training on sexual assault, not limited to Title IX training.

Vice President of Student Affairs Karen Johnson, along with other women on the board of trustees, said “The Hunting Ground” was present and said fac-ulty and staff go through training regarding Title IX, sexual harassment, and sexual assault.

Maloney said students attending the panel were able to leave their emails and have the finalized letter forwarded to them for sign.

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What does faith say about politics

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We're Losing Our Quorum

Mahatma Gandhi once said, “Those who say religion has nothing to do with politics do not know what religion is.” This notion has consistently held great truth in America, and the political fervor for decades. Religion is a primary motivator in U.S. politics, especially for conservatives since the realignment of the American South over the second half of the 20th century.

A recent POLITICO article by Kevin Kruse, “How Corporate America invented Christian America,” discusses how the modern religious strategy of the American political right emerged in Dec. 1940 at an annual meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. The convention concluded with an address by Rev. James W. Fifield Jr., who gave a withering criticism of President Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal as an “encroachment on American freedoms” and warned of “the menace of autocraty approaching through the bureaucracy.”

For Fifield, capitalism and Christianity were not only “inextricably intertwined,” but “political soul-mates,” and ministers across the country must be mobilized to combat Roosevelt in the national political-religious discussion. As Kruse states, these criticisms are common in today’s America, and the rhetoric, and they fit squarely within one of the most common broad debates in political history: the role, power and size of the federal government. Fifield’s strategy was a response to Roosevelt’s use of religious language to justify massive growth in social welfare programs. Kruse notes that Roosevelt’s “first inaugural address was so laden with references to the National Bible Press published an extensive collection of his text with the ‘Corresponding Biblical Quotations.’” President Roosevelt did not hold back in criticizing this strategy, reminding, “The two particular tenets of this organization say you shall love God and then forget your neighbor.”

Fifield’s argument grew from a larger political ideological trend that is largely attributed to Max Weber, author of The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism. For Weber, one’s salvation as a Christian was rooted in hard work, frugality and diligence. Weber’s Calvinist theological upbringing taught that only some were predestined. Those predestined were marked by being Christ-like, and a true Christian was rooted in hard self-discipline and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Dan Sehlhorst is a junior studying economics and political science. Hailing from Troy, Ohio, and a resident of South Bend community, her hometown and her family in a manner that could not be justified without good works was re-directed into work diligently as a sign of grace. However, the Catholic Church has long extolled the value of work. In an encyclical by Pope John Paul II, Laborem exercens, work is established as an act that can only be embarked upon with the gifts of human intellect and will. Work is a calling, one from which humankind derives its specific dignity. While the object of the human work is, in fact, ourselves, and it is in working that we fulfill our nature of being made in the image of God. Kruse’s point that Roosevelt was exposing Fifield’s neglect of many New Testament messages about wealth and poverty is absolutely true. In the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats, the Son of Man sits on his throne with the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. He says to those on his left, “Depart from me… for I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.”

I want to take a moment and reflect on a phenomenon that makes morally, truly sad. When I applied to Notre Dame, and when I visited after I was accepted, I was constantly reminded of the community that is so special to this University.

My first year is drawing to a close, and as I muse on all that’s happened and how fast the time has gone (time really does fly when you’re having fun and only getting five hours of sleep a night), my mind keeps returning to the same thing. I am proud of this community. At the same time, however, I am disappointed in this community. There have been moments when I could feel an overwhelming sense of apathy, and I could not just shake it off.

The growing epidemic of apathy isn’t unique to Notre Dame, but that does not mean that it is okay in any way for it to continue to flourish here. I believe that we have an “out of sight, out of mind” problem, and although this may be an unpopular opinion, it is unrealistic to continue naively living in this “Notre Dame bubble.”

Most students acknowledge that this bubble exists, yet go on with their lives with little thought of breaking the bubble. It is to the bubble. It is something to be proud of. Living an existence where one is aware of his isolation yet does nothing to fix it is simply selfish.

Yes, the bubble is safe, but the bubble is no excuse to be apathetic toward world events, of conflicts, of suffering or of anything that occurs outside our campus perimeters. Yet it isn’t solely an issue of being apathetic toward world events. There is also the issue of being apathetic toward campus problems, such as sexual assault or mental illness.

It’s disheartening and heartbreaking to see the response to an email reporting a sexual assault. Little attention is paid to respecting the victim or showing support to all sexual assault victims. Instead, it’s used as another opportunity to make fun of a dorm.

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Inside Column

Breaking the bubble

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The true legacy of Jewell Loyd

In his article in the South Bend Tribune, Al Lasor stated the following about Jewell Loyd’s legacy: “Her legacy, though, has been changed forever. Rather than one of the all-time greats, Loyd will be the mystery who left her teammates dazing.”

I beg to differ. It is amazing to me that we want everyone to fit a certain mode, and if they break the mold, well that’s not fair to us, so “they suck.” In today’s Twitter lynch mob era, I’m sure Jewell Loyd is getting amazing comments from the “haters” I believe are being cowered in to that editor. I refuse to allow the “haters” total control of the bully pulp. As a Notre Dame graduate and avid “any ND sports” fan, I have probably watched or listened to 95 percent or more of the women’s basketball games as well as most of the postgame press conferences (my daughter can attest to this). Here’s what I believe is Jewell Loyd legacy: Jewell Loyd represented the University of Notre Dame, the United States (through USA Basketball), the South Bend community, her hometown and her family in a manner that should make her and all of us proud. She gave anyone who had the total pleasure to watch her play every-thing she had on the basketball court while spending countless hours off the court signing autographs, doing community work, oh yeah, and taking a full course load at the University of Notre Dame.

I for one am thankful that I got the opportunity to watch her as well as the rest of her team play, to read about her and the team’s community work and to watch her represent our country in an outstanding manner for the next four years. Thank you, Jewell, for all you’ve done for us and especially for Notre Dame. I am fully behind the decision you made and hope only for the best for you in the future, no matter where the road leads. Go Irish!

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Fighting for Christians throughout the world

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A common refrain among Notre Dame students is that despite its virtues, the “Notre Dame bubble” can often isolate us from the rest of the world. It is admittedly easy to get caught up in the many interesting things that happen on the Notre Dame campus in a day and forget about the happenings of the world. A seemingly never-ending stream of work and tests makes it even easier to forget how blessed we are to even attend a school like Notre Dame. However, the easiest thing to forget about the Notre Dame bubble is that in many parts of the world, the entire student body would be subject to violence and even death just for enrollment in a Catholic university.

I attended an Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Matthew’s Cathedral in Washington, D.C., this year after the Ash Wednesday Mass had ended. Cardinal Wuerl reminded those in attendance that the ability to walk in public while displaying an obvious symbol of Christian faith is by no means a universal privilege. “We can go out those doors with ashes on our forehead … however … there are parts of the world where that will just as well be a death certificate.” At Notre Dame, we freely worship or choose not to worship (another privilege) without fear of our chapels and dorm buildings being destroyed. At Notre Dame, we can express our faith without fear of being sold into slavery. At Notre Dame, we can be Catholic without fear of a brutal, torturous death.

In Libya, a group of Egyptian Christians were barbarically beheaded by ISIS militants just because they were Christian. At a Kenyan college, al-Shabaab militants sorted out 147 Christian and non-Muslim students and massacred them. In Nigeria, Boko Haram terrorists burned churches after slaughtering nearly 2,000 members of a Christian majority community. In Iraq, at least two-thirds of a once 1.5 million Christian population has fled the country out of fear.

Many religious leaders have demanded that greater attention be given to the heinous and systematic execution of Christians throughout the world. Pope Francis has said, “I hope that the international community doesn’t stand mute and inexcuseable unacceptable crimes, which constitute a worrisome erosion of the most elementary human rights. I truly hope that the international community doesn’t look the other way.” Ronald Lauder, president of the World Jewish Congress, has added, “The Jewish people understand all too well what can happen when the world is silent. This campaign of death must be stopped.”

It is my belief that we possess not only a powerful platform but a moral imperative to stand against the despicable and inhuman suffering of Christians across the world. If we remain silent on this issue, who should we expect to speak up? If we do not speak, loudly and incessantly, of the fear, torture and murder of our Christian brothers and sisters, who will? Notre Dame asks the question, “What would you fight for?” We, as students, faculty and administration, must fight against persecution. We must fight for every last person who wakes up in the morning and is afraid just because he or she is a Christian. We must fight against intolerance, injustice and cruel violence. We must fight for human rights, free expression and peace. As the leading Catholic university in the world and a community that aspires to be a global force for good, we must fight for suffering Christians throughout the world.

Words of love from South Dining Hall

To all the incredible Notre Dame family and friends:

It is with humbled and ever so grateful hearts that John and I wish to tell all of you how very much we love you and treasure the time we have enjoyed with each one of you on a personal level.

There are no words available to truly convey how we thank God for you, each and every one. To the students, we pray you seek God’s face in all you do. He will never fail you, and no one on this earth will ever love you as He loves you. If you are graduating this May, our prayer is that you will seek His counsel with earnest and wait upon Him will in your lives.

Remember always, there is no such thing as failure, only lessons to be learned. Learn them well, and He will pick you up, brush you off and set you on the right path.

A dear friend and her husband once told me about an incident that happened once while walking in the woods one day along with their dog, which was a bird dog. The dog spotted something on the path in a direction they were not going. They tried to get the dog’s attention to no avail. Her husband finally walked over to the dog, picked it up, which broke its attention on whatever it thought was so important, and set it down on the right path.

We both laughed since sometimes that is just what God has to do with us, after all He is our Heavenly Father. As a parent, that is what one has to do from time to time, so that is what God will do to get us on the right path and to get our attention sometimes.

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I have always liked (as most people do) things that are comfortable for me, dishes in the dishwasher in a certain pattern, etc. I was listening to a radio program on the way home, and a very intriguing statement was made, and I could not get it out of my mind. I had been wrestling with taking a break from SDH and reluctance to do so which closes the end of school term and missing the last few weeks. The program was a pastor speaking who had attended a high school graduation ceremony of a youth who was giving the valedictorian speech. They said, and I quote: “When your memories exceed your dreams, life begins to end.”

That stayed with me all night long. At 3 a.m., I could not sleep due to that phrase going over and over in my mind. I finally got up and while sitting in the dark, I thought about that statement was the answer. I needed to make the decision to step away.

My priority is my John. I was not going to let this disease be my memory, but I needed to dream about a new way of life if that was what I was called to do. John and I both are very comfortable with the expected outcome of this time in our life, but while accepting the worst, we are expecting the best. God has kept us in the shelter of His wings, His hand is over us leading us from glory to glory, so may His will be done, in all things.

May God bless you in a mighty way, expanding your territory, walking with you in hand in hand through the rough times, sad times, grief and pain, for I know He will be with you through all the wondrous moments in your lives, the great adventures He will lead you on and the prosperity He plans for you, all for your good.

You have been and will continue to be our great joy and blessing no matter where you may roam. Nothing would make us happier than for anyone who would like to keep in touch from time to time as time permits you to do so. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the prayers from God’s saints and prayer warriors. We hope to see you in the fall or when you return to ND for candlelight dinners after the game.

For those of you who wish to contact us, here is our email address: rtschard@reagan.com. Please do drop a line from time to time and let us know what is happening in your lives. We will rejoice with you in all things.

In His service,

John and Lila Ritschard
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The spring runways reaffirmed the old saying, “The apple does not fall far from the tree,” as styles spring back to classic ’60s and ’70s garb. Established designers, such as Michael Bastian, Tom Ford and Hedi Slimane, are rethinking the classic outfits their parents sported around the house and on family outings during those time periods. Not getting to actively participate in these trends the first time around, nostalgia has been an influence in their latest collections.

While Mendoza may try to convince you that its bro tanks are an “awesome and stylish trend” in their incessant emails, don’t fall victim to the system: We are here to provide you with a real style guide.

Men

As Mad Men winds down, it’s hard not to notice the similarities between its sartorial choices and today’s mainstream fashion. Having passed the dark ages of the ’90s and 2000s, suits, shirts and pants have slimmed down to match the crisp, clean-cut elegance of the mid-20th century. Today’s slim-fit clothing in no way recalls the horror of skinny jeans and “meggings,” which scrawled retinas. These chic accents are accentuated by skinny ties, as well as fitted polos and joggers.

Although minimalism continues to dominate in design, the simplicity of the ’60s has been reimagined with similarities between its sartorial choices and today’s trends the first time around, nostalgia has been an influence on the fashion world. Men are rethinking the classic outfits their parents sported such as Michael Bastian, Tom Ford and Indigo. The spring runways featured strong ’60s and ’70s vibes, man. Models were decked out in groovy garb from head (middle-parts channeling Joni Mitchell or, more recently, stars from Solange Knowles to Reese Witherspoon to Jared Leto at the Oscars) to toe (chunky flats and sandals with bold heels in bolder colors that looked like they stepped off a Volkswagen bus).

Since you’re inevitably starting from the bottom — a confined dorm room closet/cubby and an even more confined college budget — incorporate these trends from there: the bottom. The ’60s were all about mini skirts, so go for short and go for patterns or bold colors. Look for skirts that button up the front for a ’70s-esque look. Try this out in denim and a below-the-knee length for an on-trend look that almost too closely channels “19 Kids and Counting” vibes but also resonates with “it” girls like Diane Kruger.

Wide-leg pants are the new, easier to wear culottes (wide-leg “shorts”) that have been “in fashion” for a couple of years but are honestly atrocious and reminiscent of 2000s rap music videos). The Annie Hall-esque vibes look great when paired with neutral tops but can also be taken in a more colorful route with printed or jewel tone blouses.

Two important aspects of any ’70s look are fringe and suede. Look for suede pencil skirts in bright colors or fringed skirts and tops that you can don at upcoming music festivals to make your dancing look better than it — fringe benefits. If you’re up for the challenge, incorporate both with a western-inspired suede fringe jacket.

Finish off your look with oversized, preferably cat-eye, shades. Add a neck-scarf tied in a flight-attendant or French girl manner to channel the ’60s, or add a head scarf and let the ends hang over your shoulder to master the ’70s bombshell look — and cover up a bad hair day.

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TIDAL’s reputation has been bad since the service was relaunched under the ownership of Jay Z and several other prominent artists, including Kanye West, Daft Punk, Deadmau5 and Arcade Fire — and it rightly deserves its criticisms. At the launch event last month, Jay Z shared his vision for the future of streaming: a hodgepodge of vague statements including “[artists] need to write the story for ourselves,” and “this thing is what everyone wanted and everyone feared.”

TIDAL tries to stand out by offering high-fidelity streaming, exclusive videos and artist-curated playlists, none of which validate the $20-a-month fee or even the $10 for standard fidelity streaming — especially on a college student’s budget. If you do care about high fidelity sound, your best bet is still in vinyl. The exclusive videos and artist-curated playlists are absurd extras that don’t add any value to your music listening experience.

As a Premium user, my music streaming allegiance lies with Spotify. For just five dollars a month, a college student special, I am able to stream over 30 million songs — minus Taylor Swift’s discography. One of the biggest perks of having Spotify Premium is the power that comes with it: control of the aux cord. With the ability to access nearly any song in seconds, the coveted DJ position is normally relinquished to my iPhone and therefor my “Hip Hop (every) Night” playlist.

Spotify’s interface allows users to create and group playlists, collaborate on or share these playlists easily and create an easy to edit queue. The social aspect of Spotify extends its prevalence beyond your dorm room. Try July Beyer’s jam session; with users able to see what you are listening to when you are listening to it, beware or listen on the “private” setting.

When you logged into turntable.fm, you found yourself in a stylishly designed gold and red lobby, presented with a list of rooms. Each room displayed a number of listeners, number of DJ spots open and the song that was currently being played there. You clicked on the room of your choosing and BAM — there was your little avatar, a cute blond kid with a pink ski hat perhaps. That said, the premade playlists are sometimes a disadvantage because you don’t know what songs are coming up next. While this occasionally introduces you to new music you might enjoy, sometimes you find yourself stuck listening to a music taste you just can’t understand. Since 8tracks immediately starts a new playlist when your first one finishes, you don’t always choose what you’re listening to. Plus, if you really enjoy a song, you can’t go back and replay it.

Maybe it’s “cool” to be “too cool for radio,” but let’s face it — we all have our favorite station. When in my stomping grounds, the Nasty Nai, I can frequently be found bumping 101.1. The Wiz (usually while parked outside a McDonald’s drive-thru dunking nuggets to Kirko Bangz with extra air horns courtesy of DJ Don Juan Fasho.) Since my car doesn’t have an aux cord connection, The Wiz has gotten me through some car pools that mixtapes just couldn’t handle. (Sidewaste: My brother is 16 and now driving that same aux cordless car, but he uses a radio connector to blast SoundCloud trap remixes — so maybe I am old school and irrelevant.)

Listen to me now before it’s too late; don’t use streaming services. I don’t trust the Internet because all your favorite music might disappear overnight based on the whims of the Illuminati. Last year, my favorite cover of an Animal Collective song vanished from YouTube without a trace. Spotify was started by the government to distract us from UFOs. We’ve never actually put a man on the moon; it was all a hoax just like TIDAL. Paul McCartney’s dead so how can you stream his music online? Buy albums and actually support the work of artists. Since all your records under your mattress and sleep with a loaded shotgun to protect them. Back up your MP3s to an encrypted hard drive and bury it in an eight-foot hole.

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The way we listen to music is constantly and rapidly evolving, as old technologies are quickly abandoned and replaced with something newer and maybe even better. According to the RIAA’s 2014 sales figures, the streaming industry — for the first time ever — is worth more than the CD industry, $8.87 billion of revenue versus $8.15 billion. The plethora of streaming services is a difficult labyrinth to navigate through, so we here at Scene have put together reviews of all the major streaming services to help guide you toward a better listening experience.
The 2015 Stanley Cup Playoffs started Wednesday, and if the rest of the playoffs are anything like the game that started off this year’s way past Predators goalie Pekka Rinne and into the net, giving the Blackhawks a stunning come-from-behind win. Darling stopped all 42 shots he faced in relief.

These examples are more why hockey playoffs are better than any other sport’s playoffs even the NCAA basketball tournament. Basketball playoffs are fun, too, but the NCAA tournament only lasts a couple weekends, and the same teams basically win the NCAAs Finals every year. Watch the game when a 3-8 seed won the NCAA Title? It’s basically not worth watching until the conference finals because we already know what’s going to happen: The highest seeds will make it, and the team LeBron on will make the Finals. Football playoffs are a little better, and the introduction of the College Football Playoff has made college football way better. But there are not still enough teams for both the college and NFL playoffs. Until they add more spots in the playoffs to add more high-stakes games, playoff games, football playoffs will always be looked at as if “it would be so much better if” event.

I enjoy watching the MLB playoffs, too, but it’s the same as football: not nearly enough teams. Not to mention the slow pace of baseball that usu-

ally deters fans from watching until the World Series. But hockey playoffs feature exciting action and fast pace, but try not, no matter what round it is. A team hasn’t repeated as champions since 1998, and the players go through so much to win. Back in 2013, Boston Bruins player Gregory Campbell suffered a broken ankle during a game, and instead of skating off, he stayed out onto the ice and continued to play. In 2011, Blackhawks defense- man Niklas Hjalmarsson played the entire playoffs with a torn ACL and MCL.

People think things like this are crazy, but the teammates of these players have come out and said it inspires them to play better. With the combination of players playing through ex- chữacters, emerging heroes, heated rivalries com- ing to a boiling point, a win-at-all costs mentality and breathtaking pressure, it was overwhelming. There’s no other sport’s experience like it.

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SPORTS

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Saint Mary’s will look to get back on track following Saturday’s loss to Albion in a conference game at Alma.

The Belles (6-8, 2-4 MIAA) faced the top two teams in the MIAA over the course of their last two games, and ended up on the wrong side of a blowout on both occasions. Wednesday, Saint Mary’s lost 19-4 to conference-leading Calvin (8-5, 5-0 MIAA) and followed that up with a 20-5 loss to second-placed Albion (10-4, 6-1 MIAA) on Saturday. The Belles struck back in their game against Albion, as freshman midfielder Clare Thiesen scored on the first possession to take a 1-0 lead. The Brits responded quickly though, and proceeded to go on a 12-5 run to close out the half with a 12-2 lead. The Brits opened up the scoring in the second half with an early goal, but the Belles were able to get one back to make it 3-3. Albion’s goal proved to be too much for the Belles throughout the rest of the second half, and the Brits came out victorious by a score of 20-5.

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SMC FALLS TWICE TO HOPE

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary’s entered Saturday the winner of 10 of its last 12 games but left the loser of a conference doubleheader to No. 1 Hope on Senior Day.

In the first game, the Belles (20-10, 7-5 miaa) entered the second half with an early goal, but the Brits (20-5, 9-3 miaa) went on a 12-2 lead. The Belles fell to 3-2 after surrendering two goals in the second half, and the Brits had runners on first and second with an early goal, but the Belles didn’t reflect it, about her team’s effort.

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After loss to Albion, Belles look to get back on track
Irish stumble as regular season ends

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The Irish fell in their last two matches of the regular season, dropping a 5-0 decision to No. 21 Clemson on Friday and a 4-1 game against No. 23 Duke on Sunday.

While Notre Dame (14-9, 8-6 ACC) was not able to record a win over the weekend, junior Quinn Gleason said the results will help ready the team for postseason play.

“The ACC is the toughest conference in college tennis,” Gleason said. “Playing these two tough teams will help to prepare us for the type of competition we’ll face at ACCs.”

On Friday afternoon, the Irish traveled to Clemson, South Carolina, to take on the Tigers (15-8, 10-4) in their final road match of the regular season.

Clemson snatched the early lead by taking the doubles point in a quick manner. Tigers senior Jessy Rompikes and graduate student Yuliynn Miao beat Irish freshman Allison Miller and junior Julie Vrabel, 8-4, at No. 2 doubles while junior Tristen Dewar and senior Beatrice Gumulya cruised to an 8-2 win for Clemson over Notre Dame sophomores Mary Closs and Jane Fennelly at No. 3. From there, Notre Dame was forced to run through Clemson’s singles lineup, which boasts three players in the top 60 of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association singles rankings.

And much like last weekend’s home match against Miami, the Irish and the Tigers began the singles portion of the afternoon outside at Hoke Sloan Tennis Center before rain forced the match to be finished indoors.

The Irish were led by 14th-ranked junior Joana Eidukontyte at No. 3 singles and 36th-ranked senior Romy Koelzer at No. 1, recorded straight-set wins over the Irish on Courts 1 through 4. With the match decided, the singles matches at No. 5 and No. 6 were left unfinished.

After losing its final road match of the season, Notre Dame returned home to face Duke (16-8, 11-3) in the season finale Sunday afternoon at Courtney Tennis Center.

The match was preceded by a short ceremony to honor the two Irish seniors, Katherine White and Molly O’Koniewski, thanking them for their contributions to the team since they arrived on campus four years ago.

“We are really going to miss the seniors,” Gleason said. “It’s really been an honor playing on the team with these two the past three years. I’ve learned so much from each of them on and off the court.”

While the Irish were back at home, the result was not much different from Friday’s game.

Miller and Vrabel fell 8-4 to the Blue Devils’ pairing of junior Beatrice Capra and freshman Samantha Harris while Closs and Fennelly lost 8-2 to senior Annie Mutholland and sophomore Chalena Scholl. Though the 22nd-ranked Irish tandem of Gleason and sophomore Monica Robinson were leading 5-3 on Court 1, the match was left unfinished with the doubles point already decided in Duke’s favor.

The singles portion started off strong for Duke as they extended their lead with quick victories over Gleason and Fennelly. However, Vrabel fought Harris in a fierce second-set tiebreak but ended up losing, 6-2, 7-6(9).

With the Blue Devils up 4-0, the match was already decided. But the singles matches carried on, as Robinson, Closs and Miller all fought into third sets, with Miller able to finish out her comeback victory over Scholl, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Though Robinson and Closs both were leading in the third set, their matches were left unfinished in order to allow the Blue Devils to honor their original travel plans.

With the loss, Notre Dame fell to seventh in the ACC standings in advance of this weekend’s ACC championships, where it will have a first-round bye.

Gleason said the Irish needed to improve their doubles play heading into the postseason after this weekend’s struggles.

“These next few days in practice before the tournament we need to focus on our doubles,” Gleason said.

“We’ve been winning the doubles point pretty consistently throughout the season, but this weekend we struggled. The doubles point is so crucial so if we work hard these next few days, that will really be a factor in how we do in North Carolina.”

Notre Dame will take on the winner of a first-round matchup between Florida State and Pittsburgh on Thursday at noon in Cary, North Carolina, in the ACC tournament.

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from sophomore catcher Ryan Lidge.

The team’s offensive struggles continued the next day in the first game of a doubleheader, which it lost, 4-2. The Irish col-
lected seven hits in the 14-in-
ning marathon, but none of them came after they plated two runs in the bottom nine to force extra innings.

“I felt like we had good at-bats all through that first game, but we weren’t quite able to get the one we needed when we needed to push a run across,” Irish head coach Mik Aoki said Saturday.

“That’s the nature of baseball.”

Guenther  
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most of his classmates, he has really good stuff, and he’s just ultra-competitive.”

The 5-foot-11 Guenther was far from destined to being the closer at the start of the season. He had been a starter in high school, and the closer role was slated for a pair of his classmates, tall right-hand-
ers Peter Solomon and Brad Bass.

After Solomon and Bass went down with injuries in the middle of the conference schedule, how-
ever, Guenther started appearing later and later in games.

“When Peter and Brad came down, by default, it’s been Sean,” Aoki said. “That’s not a slight on his ability because we’ve always believed in his ability, and if you’ve looked at the track record of where we’ve put him into games, you can easily make the argument that we’ve put him into more precari-
ous situations than either Brad or Peter, and he’s thrived in it.”

Guenther has thrived in several tight situations recently, record-
ing two saves in Notre Dame’s sweep of then-No. 7 Florida State earlier this month and shutting down North Carolina State on Friday night for his fourth save, which tied him with Solomon for the team high.

Notre Dame’s defense has played a central role in Guenther’s last few outings, he said.

“We’ve played great defense; it’s really helped me out,” Guenther said. “I don’t remember the last error that was made behind me, if hitting were easy, everyone would be doing it.”

“You just have to stay pa-
tient through it and persevere through it, and I thought our guys did a good job today.”

Notre Dame did persevere in the second game, coming off a 45-minute break to earn the 7-2 win and take the series.

Senior left fielder Ryan Bull accounted for three of Notre Dame’s nine hits in his five at-
bats, including a ground-rule double, while junior shortstop Lane Richards belted a two-run homer in a four-run second in-
nings for the Irish.

The three Irish pitchers, junior Nick McCarty and freshmen Brad Bass and Sean Guenther, allowed just four hits to the Wolfpack.

With the victory in Saturday’s final, the Irish have won their last three series and are 10-2 in their most recent 12 games.

“Notre Dame pitched very well, I thought,” Bass said.

The energy they brought af-
aft they lost that 14-inning game was outstanding. Our guys were locked in, Aoki said. “This was a series where we didn’t get a ton of hits in it, but guys weren’t sitting there feeling sorry for themselves. They were trying to do everything they could to win. We got enough timely hits throughout the course of the weekend to come out with the series win.”

The Hoosiers come to Victory Field looking to snap a four-
game losing streak, including the last two at the hands of Big Ten rival Illinois. Indiana has
been outscored 18-7 in that span, which dates back to last Tuesday, despite averting nearly nine hits per game and keeping pace with their opponents at the plate in three of the four games.

Even though Notre Dame travels to Indianapolis with momentum from recent ACC success and will face a struggle Hoosiers squad, Aoki said the Irish will look at the rest of their schedule game by game.

“We’ve kind of set as a goal that we were going to try to grind through and win each si-
ries, and since we’ve kind of hit that reset button a few weeks ago, and we’ve won three series in a row,” he said. “… We’re just gonna take it one game at a time and just try to finish.”

First pitch between the Irish and the Hoosiers will come at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Victory Field in Indianapolis.

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We are 100 percent attacking them," Gumpf said. "We're going to go get them before the staff holds an ERA of 2.55. Sophomore Rachel Nasland and junior Allie Rhoads lead the staff this year; Nasland carries a 16-6 record with team-bests in ERA (2.37), strikeouts (157) and shutouts (five), while Rhoads is a better win percentage, as she holds a record of 16-4 to accompany her 2.62 ERA.

Sophomore left fielder Karley Weston, who holds a team-high .434 batting average and has the week award.

Despite receiving all those accolades and recognition, Koerner said her pride in these honors does not come from personal satisfaction. Rather, she said, it comes from the way in which it represents her play for her team.

"It means a lot to me because it means that I’m contributing to the team and its success as a whole," Koerner said. "Anything I can do to better that is what makes me feel good. It’s really cool to be recognized for that, but the recognition is the coolest because it’s for the team and not for myself.

In fact, it was because of her team-first attitude and leadership on the field that Koerner was selected to be a co-captain for the Irish this spring alongside senior infielder Jenna Simon.

"It’s huge," Koerner said. "It tells me that the team is confident in myself and my co-captain for decisions and confident in us to lead them. They trust us off the field as well as on the field. To be a captain for them is a big honor.

After four years of being a member of the program, Koerner said she has a lot of special memories both on and off the field.

"Off the-field memories with my teammates are some of my favorites," Koerner said. "That’s because we have such a great bond with each other, my classmates especially. The four of us are extremely close. We’re great friends, and off the swept 24 bases, is among Notre Dame’s leaders at the plate. Senior third baseman Hayley Ford leads the team with 11 home runs and 47 RBIs, while senior center fielder Emilee Koerner is right behind her with nine home runs and 41 RBIs.

In addition to being a rivalry game, Tuesday’s matchup also represents the start of the last week of regular season play for the Irish. As the ACC and NCAA championships near, Gumpf said she is pleased with where her team stands as they continue to progress towards the postseason.

"The one thing I can say about us is that we’ve been consistent," Gumpf said. "Sometimes we’ve struggled and haven’t played our best softball, but we’ve found ways to get things done. When you’re able to do that, and you find some consistency in your games, you bring a lot of confidence into them, and that helps you succeed.

The first pitch Tuesday is scheduled for 4 p.m. at Melissa Cook Stadium.

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TAFFYS (April 20–May 20): Learn as you go, but practice moderation when it comes to how much you take on as well as spend. A cautious but progressive move will help you convince others that you are on the right track. Control your emotions.

GEMINI (May 21–June 20): Dealing with officials, banks, hospitals or government agencies should be handled quickly and with diplomacy. Get all your papers in order to avoid delays. Uncertainty due to lack of detail must be avoided. Don’t take on more than you can handle.

CANCER (June 21–July 22): Make a point to stand out. Your involvement in groups will enhance your reputation and put you in a position to make a difference. Share your thoughts, appeal to the sympathy of others and let nature take its course. ☚

LEO (July 23–Aug. 22): Take a back seat and be an observer. You will avoid interference and get a much better view of the situation you face as it evolves. Keep in mind that going with the flow will end up giving you greater freedom. ☚

VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): You can make a difference if you share your insight and find others. Don’t allow your health to restrict what you want to do. Take care of your responsibilities and put your plans into motion. Networking will pay off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): Listen and learn from someone with more experience or with knowledge that can help you advance. Personal changes will require discipline, but in the end you will like the results you get. Invest in your home and your skills.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): Take a close look at any partnerships you are involved in, and you will find a way to improve your position or move on to bigger and better opportunities. Don’t make costly cosmetic changes to your surroundings. Keep things simple and functional.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): Promises. Your honesty and energetic approach that will seal a deal. Your ability to make a point to stand out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): Take a close look at any partnerships you are involved in, and you will find a way to improve your position or move on to bigger and better opportunities. Don’t allow someone’s sob story to take up your time or money.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): Make changes at home that will bring you happiness. You will choose carefully and avoid pitfalls. Don’t make promises that you will be unable to deliver on.

PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20): Stick close to home and avoid mental or physical stress. Focus on what you can do to make a difference or improvement to your life, but don’t make promises that you will be unable to deliver on.

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Notre Dame travels to face in-state rival

**Guenther moves from middle reliever to closer**

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Senior Sports Writer

In a Notre Dame bullpen filled with talented young arms, freshman left-hander Sean Guenther has been the most permanent fixture.

The reliever leads the Irish with 19 appearances, which have come in roles ranging from that of a middle reliever to a setup man to most recently, the team’s closer. Along the way, Guenther’s numbers have improved as he’s gone along — he hasn’t surrendered a run since March 28 and has picked up four saves since then.

“He’s really mature — the game really doesn’t speed up for him at all,” Irish head coach Mik Aoki said of Guenther. “Every now and then, he might get a little bit over fired up, but he seems to have the acumen to take a deep breath and slow himself down and make quality pitches.”

“More than anything else, like...”

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**Irish put win streak on line**

By BEN PANADILAM
Sports Writer

No. 25 Notre Dame will put its 23-game win streak on the line in Tuesday’s matchup with DePaul at Melissa Cook Stadium.

This past weekend, the Irish (37-11, 16-5 ACC) swept conference opponent Syracuse in a three-game home series. Today, they look to continue their winning ways as they host the Blue Demons (17-21, 8-3 Big East) in a nonconference,rivalry matchup.

“They are a huge rival for us,” Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf said. “They’ve always been a rival for us. They used to be an in-conference rival, but now they are an out-of-conference rival.”

The Blue Demons have shown an ability to put runs on the board this year, averaging 5.2 runs per game and hitting at a .288 clip. They also have power in their lineup, as they have hit 49 home runs this season. They are led offensively by senior pitcher/first baseman Mary Connolly, who has a .376 batting average and paces the team with 12 home runs and 35 RBIs. Sophomore first baseman Nicole Pihl is second on the team with 10 homers and 30 RBIs, while junior second baseman/third baseman Morgan Maize hits at a .365 clip with eight home runs and 24 RBIs.

On the mound, however, the DePaul staff has struggled. It has a combined ERA of...”

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**Team-first Koerner leads ND**

By BEN PANADILAM
Sports Writer

This spring season represents the final season in blue and gold for one of Notre Dame’s most decorated athletes. While she may not receive the same level of recognition as higher-profile athletes, few have had the level of success in their sport that senior outfielder Emilee Koerner has had while donning an Irish jersey over the last four years.

“Emilee is one of the most fun hitters I’ve ever watched play the game because she keeps hitting so simple,” Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf said. “When you can do that as a player, you’ve got something special. She can do it all. She’s special. There’s not a lot of hitters like her.”

Over the course of her career, a résumé she is still adding to as her senior season plays out, Koerner has recorded a .400 batting average while amassing 33 home runs and 162 RBIs. She is Notre Dame’s all-time leader in doubles and slugging percentage, along with a two-time All-American and the only player in program history to finish in the top 10 of USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year voting. Koerner was also named the ACC Player of the Week on Monday, her fifth career conference player of...