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## SUB announces spring concert lineup

*Of A Revolution to headline, hip-hop artist Chiddy Bang to open at annual event April 8*

By MEGAN DOYLE  
News Editor

The Student Union Board (SUB) announced Monday O.A.R. (Of A Revolution) and Chiddy Bang will perform at the highly anticipated April 8 spring concert.

"Our main goal for this year was to find a nationally famous headliner who would appeal to the most number of students at Notre Dame," SUB concert programmer James Hesburgh said. "We also wanted an artist who would give a great live performance. Just because an artist is in the top-10 of iTunes doesn't mean they are good live performers."

Recognized as one of the

country's best live bands, O.A.R. began in a basement in Rockville, Md., in 1996 and exploded as a popular band on college campuses. The hip-hop duo, made-up of emcee Chiddy and DJ and producer Xaphoon Jones, will open for the band. The group recently received attention on MTV and in performer Kanye West's blog.

SUB will sell 1,000 tickets for the concert Friday in the LaFortune Box Office beginning at 12 p.m., Hesburgh said. One hundred extra tickets will be sold at 5 p.m. on the day of the concert at Stepan. Tickets will cost \$15.

"We are presenting these two artists together because

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer  
Mike Posner performs at last year's annual SUB spring concert in Stepan Center.

## Hesburgh receives award

Observer Staff Report

Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) honored University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh with its most prestigious award, the Centennial Medal, the organization announced Sunday in a press release.

CCUSA is a 100-year-old organization working to reduce poverty in the United States. Hesburgh received the Centennial Medal during a special ceremony in Alexandria, Va., Sunday. The medal recognizes individuals for contributions to reducing poverty in the United States, the release stated.

CCUSA President and CEO Rev. Larry Snyder said in the release that Hesburgh stands apart based on his leadership and his example to others.

"We honor a man not only deeply admired and respected in this country, but around the world," Snyder said. "Father Hesburgh's life has been one of devotion to education and service to his church — exemplified by his unparalleled 35 years as president of Notre Dame. Also, his dedication to our nation is largely without equal, serving on 16 Presidential commissions, including the Civil Rights Commission. Few are of his caliber."

## Ben & Jerry's founder gives business scoop

By SAM STRYKER  
News Editor

Ice cream and social change are an unusual pair, but that has not stopped the world famous 33-year-old Ben & Jerry's from combining the two to make waves in the sustainability movement.

Ben & Jerry's co-founder Jerry Greenfield, who will speak at Notre Dame this evening, said the principal of sustainability is particularly important to Ben & Jerry's. Environmentally favor-

able practices actually benefit corporations, he said in an interview with The Observer.

"Up until a few years ago, the conventional business wisdom was that if you wanted to have a sustainable business, that it would take away from the business's ability to be successful financial-



Greenfield

ly," Greenfield said. "I think that has been proven completely wrong."

Greenfield said he sees the business world as an incredibly powerful force in changing the status quo in America.

"It is one of the major groups that influences how things go in the country. Having all that power also brings with it responsibility," he said. "I think business has a responsibility to look out not just for its own self interest, which business has traditionally done, but to look out for the common good."

The future of sustainability is bright because of present and future environmental leadership being taken in the business world, Greenfield said.

"I think it's not only true for students of the future but for business leaders today," he said. "You'll find a lot of businesses really taking a lead with issues of sustainability."

Ben & Jerry's was acquired by multinational conglomerate Unilever in 2000. Greenfield said it is a challenge for a socially

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## Students to face zoning issues

By AMANDA GRAY  
News Writer

Moving off campus to live independently is a rite of passage for many Notre Dame students, but before they move in, they may want to look into their living situation. Students who have already signed leases for houses next year might have to deal with South Bend Code Enforcement, according to Director Catherine Toppel.

Some homes that students

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MIKE BURKE/The Observer

Seniors Colin Parker and Clifton Roberts live in one of the houses now managed by Campus Apartments.

## SMC announces graduation program

By ANNA BOARINI  
News Writer

Saint Mary's College announced the valedictorian and commencement speaker for this year's graduation ceremony Wednesday.

The distinction of valedictorian was awarded to recent graduate Samantha Wassel. Therese Johnson Borchard, a 1993 alumna of the college, will give the commencement address.

Wassel, from New Carlisle, Ind., graduated early in December with a degree in English writing and a minor in mathematics.

Wassel said she is honored to receive the distinction. She also served as valedictorian for her high school class in 2007.

"Our graduating class includes so many incredible and talented women, and its

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT’S YOUR BEST PICK-UP LINE?



Liz Kraig

sophomore  
LeMans

“Do you have a library card, ‘cause I’m checkin’ you out.”



Alex Marsh

sophomore  
Duncan

“Don’t say anything. I just yo-yo. It always works.”



Joshua Szccudlak

sophomore  
Duncan

“You must be a parking ticket because you’re getting finer by the minute.”



Leo DiPiero

sophomore  
Duncan

“Are you out of breath? ‘Cause you’ve been running through my mind all day.”



Lauren Matera

junior  
Pangborn

“I wish I was DNA helicase, so I could unzip your genes.”



Stephanie Myers

junior  
Pangborn

“I wish I was a derivative, so I could lie tangent to your curves.”

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email [obsphoto@gmail.com](mailto:obsphoto@gmail.com)



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

The hockey band cheers during Notre Dame’s victory over New Hampshire in the NCAA regional final Sunday in Manchester, N.H.

## OFFBEAT

### Bulgarian potato-hungry thieves caught red handed

THESSALONIKI, Greece – The farmer had to stay up at night to guard his field, and get help from police, but he’s finally stopped the foreign marauders who were stealing his potatoes.

Five men and four women from neighboring Bulgaria were arrested early Sunday while digging up and loading 800 kilograms (1,760 pounds) of stolen potatoes into a van in Ochyro, a village in northern Greece near the Bulgarian border, police say.

The farmer, who was keeping an overnight watch for the thieves, got help from police and border guards after he lost 14 metric tons (15.3 tons) of pota-

toes the previous week.

More than 200 empty potato sacks and digging forks were found in the van and confiscated.

Police are now looking for other thieves in the region — these ones targeting olive groves.

### Peanut butter loving racoon pays the creamy price

RONKONKOMA, N.Y. – A New York raccoon found itself in a sticky situation over the weekend.

For eight hours on Sunday, the scavenger sat with its head inside a peanut butter jar while perched atop a Long Island utility pole.

The unusual sight brought out dozens of curious residents on a

Ronkonkoma street. Children quickly nicknamed him Skippy.

Newsday says Debbie Sullivan spotted the raccoon outside her house at 7 a.m. She called Suffolk police, the town of Islip and the state Department of Environmental Conservation. They all said little could be done.

The raccoon’s ordeal finally ended around 3 p.m. when a crew from the Long Island Power Authority came to its rescue. The jar fell off as they used a pole to grab the animal.

Skippy quickly scampered off.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

The lecture “Populism in the Andean Region: From Erosion to Breakdown of Democracy” will be held this afternoon in the Hesburgh Center Room C103, starting at 12:30 p.m. Rene Antonio Mayorga, Kellogg Institute Visiting Fellow, will give the lecture. The event is free and open to the public.

The Women Writers Festival will host a nonfiction writers panel at 2 p.m. at McKenna Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies will host a panel discussion entitled “Becoming a Peacebuilding Church” this evening from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The event will be held in the Hesburgh Center and is free and open to the public.

History professors Mark Noll, Francis A. McAnaney and Brad Gregory will give a talk entitled “Evangelicals & Catholics Together? Some Real Progress but Some Real Problems Too” at 8:30 p.m. in the Cavanaugh Hall Chapel.

The Physics Department will host a lecture titled “The Large Binocular Telescope: A New Era in Astronomy and Engineering” at 7 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library.

Jerry Greenfield, co-founder of Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream, will lecture this evening in Jordan Auditorium from 7 to 8 p.m. Free ice cream will be available after the talk while supplies last.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, email detailed information about an event to [obsnews.nd@gmail.com](mailto:obsnews.nd@gmail.com)

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# SMC appoints alum as new VP for Mission

By OLIVIA BRACH  
News Writer

Love of God and care for others make up critical components of the Holy Cross Mission, and such Sr. Veronique Wiedower, CSC, hopes to embody this sentiment as the new Vice President for Mission at Saint Mary's.

"I hope to create an open door policy in my role as Vice President," Wiedower said. "I want to maintain the bridge between the Congregation and the College."

Wiedower was appointed to her position March 15. She entered the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1965, and simultaneously enrolled at Saint Mary's as an undergraduate. This was only the beginning of her experience and immersion into the Saint Mary's community.

Soon after professing final vows in 1973, Wiedower received her Master's Degree in theology with a focus in Liturgical Studies. Wiedower said she hoped to create an adjoining relationship between music and theology, which has aided her work in Campus Ministry.

Outside the Saint Mary's community, Wiedower has worked actively within the Sisters of the Holy Cross, serving as Member of the General Leadership Team from 1994 to 2004 in the capacities of General Secretary, Liaison to Initial Formation and Liaison to Liturgy Office.

Wiedower, who will take her new position June 1, said she has an important role in the religious mission of the College.

"[I will see that the] spirit of the College is still lived out," she said.

Saint Mary's president Carol Ann Mooney and Sr. Joan Marie Steadman, CSC, President of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, worked together to find the new Vice President for Mission.

In a press release, Mooney said Wiedower possessed the necessary attributes for the job.

"Sr. Joan Marie Steadman and I have mutually decided that Sr. Veronique has the gifts, experience, and wisdom to serve Saint Mary's in this important role and Sr. Veronique has graciously accepted our offer of the position," she said.

Sr. Rose Ann Schultz, CSC was the first person to serve as Vice President for Mission in 1994. Schultz took charge of rewriting the College Mission Statement, which continues to maintain the Catholic character of the College. The position was then handed over in 2009 to Sr. Mary Louis Goody, CSC.

Wiedower said she hopes to incorporate Gospel values, the abundance of Catholic tradition and the heritage of the Sisters of the Holy Cross within the Saint Mary's community. Wiedower said she also looks to nurture the relationship between the faculty, staff and student population at the College.

"I want the Saint Mary's community to live the mission, and to feel at home at Saint Mary's," she said.

Wiedower said her faith has prepared her for her new position.

"God has always been there for me," she said. "The Spirit will get me through."

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# Sims speaks at diversity lecture



MAGGIE O'BRIEN/The Observer

**Brian Sims speaks Monday in Geddes Hall for the Progressive Student Alliance's "Rally for Diversity." Sims is the only openly gay man to serve as football captain in NCAA history.**

By ANNA BOARINI  
News Writer

Though he garnered All-American honors as a defensive lineman at Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania, Brian Sims is better known for his unique story of leadership than his achievements on the field.

Sims, the only openly gay man to serve as football captain in NCAA history, spoke Monday in Geddes Hall for the Progressive Student Alliance's "Rally for Diversity."

Sims, now a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender [LGBT] rights advocacy lawyer in Philadelphia, came out to his teammates his senior year. He said his story did not receive much attention until a decade after graduation.

"Two years ago, I was working as in house counsel for the Philadelphia bar association when I got a call from a guy from outsports.com [an LGBT sports website] who wanted to do a story about my coming-out experience," Sims said. "I told him that he was 10 years too late."

Sims said he agreed to the story, did the interview a week later and thought nothing of it. He said he did not know the website published his personal email address with the article.

"I was at dinner with my

friends and received an email on my blackberry from an 80 year old gay Canadian Olympian that read my story and said I was a hero," he said.

Sims said that he receives three types of emails. The first group comments on his attractiveness. The second type comes from parents and coaches wanting to help out their children or players struggling with being gay or coming out. Finally, there are those emails from teenagers struggling with being gay.

"At first I was avoiding the last third of the emails I was receiving because I didn't know how to handle them," Sims said.

*"You are more supportive of gay rights than any other Christian denomination and the U.S. population as a whole."*

Brian Sims  
LGBT rights advocacy lawyer

Sims said one message in particular from a 15-year-old wrestler helped him start to respond to these emails. He said the boy told him he shared the article about Sims with his family and team to help them understand what he was dealing with.

As Sims has transitioned from All-American defensive lineman

into LGBT advocate, he said he encourages people to actively push for gay rights in spite of perceived difficulty.

"Four in five [age] 18 to 30 college students or college educated people believe that gays deserve civil rights, and yet you think that only one-third of your demographic is supportive," Sims said. "You think that you are your own island of gay rights."

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Brian Sims  
LGBT rights advocacy lawyer

Sims said he encourages activism among allies, straight people who participate in civil activism. Allies feel gay people deserve the same rights that they do.

Sims said allies are sometimes discouraged when they suffer similar discrimination to what the gay community does. He said allies should band together and find each other.

Sims said Catholics are accepting of gay rights as he cited a recently released study by the Public Religion Research Institute on how Catholics view sexuality and gender relations.

"This study shows that Catholics rock when it comes to gay issues," Sims said. "You are more supportive of gay rights than any other Christian denomination and the U.S. population as a whole."

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# Jerry

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responsible corporation to maintain an autonomous identity under this ownership.

“It takes ongoing vigilance and continual energy to strive to maintain an independent spirit,” he said. “I think it is helpful that the company has a heritage of being somewhat anti-corporate and anti-authoritarian.”

Being owned by a conglomerate is not without its perks though, Greenfield said.

“The benefits of being owned by a bigger company

are that you have the potential to have bigger change and to reach more people and have a bigger impact,” he said.

One of the changes being part of a conglomerate has made possible is Ben & Jerry’s commitment to become a 100 percent fair trade company by 2013.

Involvement in social concerns such as fair trade practices is Greenfield’s favorite part of his job. He said engagement in such ambitions is beneficial to corporations as it helps them stand out in the business world.

“For many businesses and corporations, they exist simply to make money,” Greenfield said. “They become involved in issues that are designed to make them more money and not for the general welfare of the country.”

Patrons recognize when a company is socially responsible, and this affects spending behavior, Greenfield said.

*“I think consumers really appreciate when businesses are trying to do things that are not just to make more money but to try and bring about a better world.”*

**Jerry Greenfield**  
**Ben & Jerry’s co-founder**

“I think consumers really appreciate when businesses are trying to do things that are not just to make more money but to try and bring about a better world,” he said. “When they find those companies that are doing those things they want to support them.”

In addition to his passion for social responsibility, Greenfield said Ben & Jerry’s products, particularly his favorite flavor, Heath Bar Crunch, remain a staple in his life.

“I still eat an absurd amount of ice cream,” he said. Students should look to combine passions outside of business with what they look to accomplish

in their careers, Greenfield said. “I think it is extremely helpful to be doing something you are passionate about, to not just be doing something that you might just think is a clever idea,” he said.

This enthusiasm is often what drives people to push through challenges in business, Greenfield said. “My experience in business is that if you run into difficult times, along the way not everything goes that smoothly,” he said. “If you are doing something you are really passionate about that you really believe in, that will help you get through those difficult times.”

Greenfield will speak tonight at 7 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business.

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# Festival focuses on nonfiction

**By KRISTEN DURBIN**  
News Writer

The fourth annual Notre Dame Women Writers Festival shifted focus Monday and will continue to explore the realm of nonfiction through the work of four prominent female authors today.

“Nonfiction in All Its Guises,” sponsored by the Creative Writing Program and the College of Arts and Letters, features four scribes with unique approaches to writing, Valerie Sayers, coordinator of the festival, said.

“We thought it would be interesting to get four writers with completely different approaches to nonfiction,” she said. “These writers all work in multiple genres, but we want to focus on their nonfiction work.”

Two of these writers read excerpts from their work in McKenna Hall Monday. Edwidge Danticat, a Haitian-American writer who immigrated to the United States at age 10, read from her memoir, “Brother, I’m Dying.” The piece illustrated her relationship with the uncle who raised her in Haiti and her experience as an immigrant in the United States.

Jenny Bouilly, an experimental nonfiction writer who earned her Master of Fine Arts at Notre Dame, also read Monday, discussing ways to play with nonfiction.

“One of her [Bouilly’s] books is made up of footnotes to a nonexistent text,” Sayers said. “She is a very

droll writer.”

Today, the festival will showcase the work of Sonja Livingston and Susan Orlean. A panel will also provide Notre Dame undergraduates the opportunity to interact directly with the featured writers as they answer questions about their approaches to nonfiction, Sayers said.

“We want to give writers at Notre Dame, especially women, a chance to speak directly to the writers and ask them questions,” Sayers said. “The numbers are still daunting in the literary world for women writers because a disproportionate number of male writers are published by large and small presses, so we want to show that it’s possible for women to get into the business as well.”

Livingston will read from her memoir, “Ghostbread,” which reflects on her experience of life in a large, poverty-stricken family through short, intense chapters. Orlean, a staff writer for “The New Yorker,” will also read from her offbeat body of nonfiction work Tuesday night.

Sayers said one primary goal of the festival is to address the gender imbalance of visiting authors to Notre Dame.

“We’ve had predominantly male writers over the years,” she said. “The situation is getting better, but we’re still in the unfortunate position of having to point out that there are less visiting female writers.”

Sayers said the festival’s focus on nonfiction written by women also appeals to

students interested in journalism, American studies, gender studies and poverty studies. The respective departments of these disciplines were instrumental in sponsoring the festival, she said.

Festivals like this one highlight the oral element of literature and help readers think about how they read literature, Sayers said.

“It’s especially interesting in this digital age to think about how the human voice compares to the multimedia possibilities we have access to through our computers,” Sayers said. “In all festivals and programs, live readers are mesmerizing and provide a different kind of experience from both the solitary and multimedia reading experiences.”

The relative balance of men and women in the audience at past Women Writers Festivals shows promise for the future of women in publishing, Sayers said.

“It’s one of the most gratifying aspects of the festival to see that balance of male and female attendees,” she said. “All four of these writers have a broad nonfiction audience that appeals to both men and women, so this festival’s audience should be balanced as well.”

The writers’ panel will take place today at 2 p.m. in 100-104 McKenna Hall. Livingston and Orlean will begin reading at 7:30 p.m. in the McKenna Auditorium. All readings are free and open to the public.

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they are two excellent live performers from two different genres of music,” he said. “With this combination of talent we expect a huge turnout on Friday at the LaFun Box Office.”

SUB concert programmer Matt Stolze said the two bands were highly popular among students.

“I think the attraction for O.A.R. is pretty clear,” he said. “They’re known as a fantastic live act, and it’s a band a lot of people around campus love.

As for Chiddy Bang, they’re a more up-and-coming act that has generated a lot of buzz, especially in the college scene.”

The board manager received numerous emails leading up to the decision to request Chiddy Bang in particular, Stolze said.

“Securing artists such as O.A.R. and Chiddy Bang takes months of planning that includes researching artists, countless phone calls to agents and budgeting,” Hesburgh said. “The search for the next year’s big concert typically begins during the

*“In all honesty, I would be very surprised if this show did not sell out.”*

**Matt Stolze**  
**SUB concert programmer**

summer so there is an enormous amount of time and effort that goes into the planning process.”

Chiddy Bang will begin its performance at 8 p.m., and the headliner O.A.R. is expected to begin at 9 p.m., Hesburgh said.

In the past, SUB hosted performers like Mike Posner and The Roots during its large spring concert. The board brought mix artist The White

Panda to campus in November for its fall concert after it canceled a performance by rapper Sam Adams.

Students are required to present their student IDs to purchase a ticket. Each student may purchase up to three tickets but must bring three different student IDs to make the purchase. The Friday sale will be open only to Notre Dame undergraduates until 2 p.m., and then students from Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross will be able to purchase tickets as well.

Stolze said SUB predicts the concert to have a large student response.

“In all honesty, I would be very surprised if this show did not sell out,” he said.

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such a privilege to represent my peers in an academic capacity," Wassel said. "Being valedictorian has also helped me feel connected to the college despite my early graduation, because it's forced me to reflect on my time at Saint Mary's and to think about what I would like to say to my peers during my address at the graduation ceremony."

Though Wassel was named valedictorian of her high school class, she said she never aimed to repeat the honor.

"My main goal was simply to make the most of my academic experience at Saint Mary's," Wassel said. "Being named valedictorian was a byproduct of that goal, and I am honored to have earned the distinction, but it was never my main focus in college."

Wassel said she started majoring in chemistry, but decided to switch to English, something she is more passionate about.

"I write because I feel compelled to do so and because I find a great deal of joy and fulfillment in the creative process," she said.



Wassel



Borchard

During her college career, Wassel ran cross-country and was a member of the editorial board for Chimes, Saint Mary's literary magazine.

Wassel, who hopes to earn a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing, said she wants to stress to underclassmen the importance of following their passions during their time at Saint Mary's.

"You really just have to follow your heart academically. Four years of college, especially somewhere as academically rigorous as SMC, is challenging enough as it is," she said. "There's no reason not to spend as much of that time as possible studying something you enjoy."

This year's commencement speaker is also a member of the Saint Mary's community. Borchard graduated from the College in 1993 with a degree in religious studies and earned a Masters of Theology from the University of Notre Dame.

Borchard is now a mental health blogger, and has written several books on the subject.

"I am devoted to this line of work since I have struggled first-hand with depression and other mood disorders," she said. "It is my way of making lemonade out of lemons and giving back."

Borchard said she is honored to serve as commencement speaker at her alma mater.

"I don't think even winning a Pulitzer Prize would mean more, because so much of who I am was formed during my four years at Saint Mary's," she said.

Borchard said she hopes to share the aspiration of living an authentic life with the Saint Mary's community. She said students should not hold back because they fear rejection and failure. The speaker at her graduation, Surgeon General Antonia Novella, passed on advice that still rings true today.

"I remember her speaking about the empowerment of women today, that we are all capable of making substantial contributions to the world," Borchard said. "I also remember thinking to myself that I should never ever smoke another cigarette."

Borchard said Saint Mary's sense of community had the biggest impact on her college experience.

"My Saint Mary's friends are still among my best friends, the godmothers of my two children, and I still keep in touch with my professors," she said. "They invested so much time and energy into their students, not to mention sharing their wisdom. That kind of care and support today is unusual and I feel very blessed to have benefited from it."

Senior Sarah Mayer said she was excited to find out who would be speaking at graduation and is interested to hear what they will say.

"I like that [Borchard] is an alumna and I just hope she can connect with us," senior Sarah Mayer said. "I do not really care how successful she is, I just want an engaging speech and I am sure that she will deliver."

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# Zoning

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have signed leases for are not zoned properly, which could result in students being evicted, she said.

According to Toppel, the department sees around three cases every year. She said the amount should increase exponentially with the coming school year, as Code Enforcement is making zoning violations a priority.

"It's gotten a lot worse over the past few years," Toppel said. "It's drawing the attention of the neighbors ... I'm estimating close to 100 homes, once all the things are looked at."

The complaints concern the number of students living at a home, Toppel said. Some homes being rented to students are zoned Single Family, meaning no more than two unrelated people can live at the property. This zoning is meant to encourage families, instead of students, to reside at properties.

"It's nothing against the students, but [student houses] change the feel of a neighborhood," Toppel said. "The neighborhood wants year-round neighbors."

Some off-campus houses have correct Multi-Family zoning, allowing more than two non-related residents to live on a property. Other homes within Single Family districts have been grandfathered in, with Multi-Family zoning from previous district lines.

Zoning updates occurred in 1968, 1978, 1986 and 2004. Some homes have been kept Multi-Family, even though the district they are in has changed to Single Family zoning.

"We've looked at zoned areas and the updates," Toppel said. "We're looking at individual cases."

Some landlords mistakenly believe their rental properties are grandfathered in, Toppel said. If a home had two occupants or less for a consecutive twelve months, then the home has reverted to Single Family zoning status.

Toppel said students should call Building Services or Code Enforcement if they are con-

cerned about their housing for next year.

"Don't depend on your landlord for answers to if it's okay," she said. "Double check."

Local landlord Mark Kramer of Kramer Properties said he has looked into his homes, and all are properly zoned.

"When students come to see me because they've looked at a home, I know the areas that are and are not zoned properly," he said. "I advise them to check the code with Building Services. I feel it's my obligation to students to make them aware of the code."

Code Enforcement chief inspector Brian Haygood said an investigation into viola-

tions begins when the department receives a complaint about a home from a neighbor. Code Enforcement then investigates, sending letters to residents and owners about overcrowding in a home. There can be a hearing, as

well as fines, and residents normally must leave.

"If you're living in a house, you have a responsibility [to the neighborhood]," he said.

Off-campus president Ryan Hawley said it is unfortunate students seem to bear most of the punishment for code violations.

"It's important for all students living off campus to be in compliance with South Bend laws and to also be good neighbors and contribute to

the community," he said.

"However, it seems unreasonable to punish students for signing leases they were led to believe would ensure that they had a house to live in next year."

While extensions

are sometimes given to students found in code violation during the school year to finish the year in their house, Toppel said none would be granted through the next year.

"We want to get serious about properties for next year," she said.

If concerned about the zoning of a property, contact Code Enforcement at (574) 235-9486.

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**Catherine Toppel**  
South Bend Code Enforcement director

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**Mark Kramer**  
local landlord

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## INSIDE COLUMN

### A return to values

There were a lot of bracket disappointments this weekend. From Kansas to Ohio State, it was tough to find a bracket that wasn't destroyed in some way. My biggest bracket upset came in the NCAA Women's Coaches Fashion Bracket. I could not believe Muffet McGraw got out in the Elite Eight. And Kim Mulkey of Baylor won? Come on.



**Mary Claire O'Donnell**

*Scene Editor*

Despite my disappointment at the outcome of the bracket, I was glad to see that ESPN was returning to real values in its late Saturday afternoon programming. They were talking about what really mattered with their Fashion Bracket. I only wish that they could have run that bracket before I made my NCAA women's basketball one. I don't look for skill in female athletes, I simply look at what they're wearing or how they do their hair.

I hope ESPN continues this vein of sports entertainment. Let's leave the sports to the men. We'll let them sweat it out on the courts, the fields and the tracks. Instead, I propose that next year's women's bracket be replaced with a relay obstacle competition.

We'll stick with five players, for equality of the sexes of course. But this competition involves a series of five challenges that the players must achieve. Before a player can begin her task, the teammate in front of her must complete her task and tag the next teammate in line. The teams are then evaluated on the time it took them to complete the competition and also the quality of their work.

The first event: table-setting. Everyone appreciates a well-laid table. It really sets the ambience of a meal, and its importance should not be overlooked. I've seen a poorly laid table ruin a first date.

The second event: cooking. After all, once you have a nicely laid table, you need food to eat from it. The meal doesn't necessarily have to be anything fancy, but it does have to be well-balanced. No use in contributing to the obesity problem in America.

The third event: cleaning. Naturally, after a meal the kitchen or dining room will be messy. Players should expect to run the dishwasher, mop, wipe down counters and possibly vacuum.

The fourth event: laundry. Laundry is an important facet of life. Do it wrong and you may ruin all your clothes. Never do it and you'll lose friends. Folding techniques will also be judged.

The fifth event: baby care. Babies are inescapable. From changing a diaper to calming a crying infant, this may be the toughest event in the competition and should not be taken lightly.

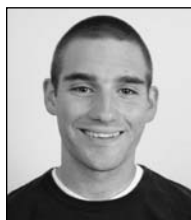
I hope ESPN seriously considers my idea. This style of play could even free up airtime to concentrate on what really matters in March: men and basketball.

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## Filling out the bucket list

We're back from spring break, which means that we are now in the last half of the last semester of the last year in college for me and my fellow seniors. And while I didn't ever go to Mexico, Florida, Puerto Rico or someplace similar for spring break (college foul, I know), I did make an epic road trip with my high school buddies this year, so at least I can cross something off my Notre Dame bucket list.



**Andy Zicarelli**

*Moment of Inertia*

The concept of a Notre Dame bucket list was always something that I had in the back of my mind. After all, we are only on campus for four years, it would be foolish to not experience everything that the school had to offer. However, apparently posters were being passed out a few weeks ago outside of DeBartolo with a list of 100 things to do before you graduate. Someone had finally created an actual bucket list! Of course, being the absentminded person that I am, I didn't end up with one.

So this is where you come in, Observer readers. I need your help. As someone who wants to make the absolute most of the next two months, tell me what else I need to experience here on campus. I would classify myself as a typical Domer. There is

nothing particularly special about me, which means that I have a typical range of experiences as a Notre Dame undergrad. Academically, I have felt very challenged over the years, just like we all have. Have I pulled an all-nighter working on homework? Yes. Closed down the library? Check. Overstudied for an exam? Check. Understudied for an exam? Check. Skipped class for no reason? Not often, but it has happened (sorry, Mom). But, most importantly, I can look back and feel confident in my education and be proud of it. We all work hard here, and everyone deserves to feel good about it every once in a while.

Notre Dame's biggest calling card outside of the classroom is its sense of community, and nowhere is this more evident than in the University's Residence Hall system. I told the residents in my hallway at the beginning of the year to come to me with any questions at all about living in the dorm because I have seen just about everything there is to see (for better or for worse). In four years, I have lived in a triple, then a quad, then a double and now finally a single. Each has their pros and cons. I have seen roommates form lifelong friendships and roommates that can't stand to be around each other. At the time, I thought I was able to get away with quite a bit as an underclassman. Now that I am on the flip side as an RA, I laugh at how much people think they are getting away with.

Even in the broad scope of campus

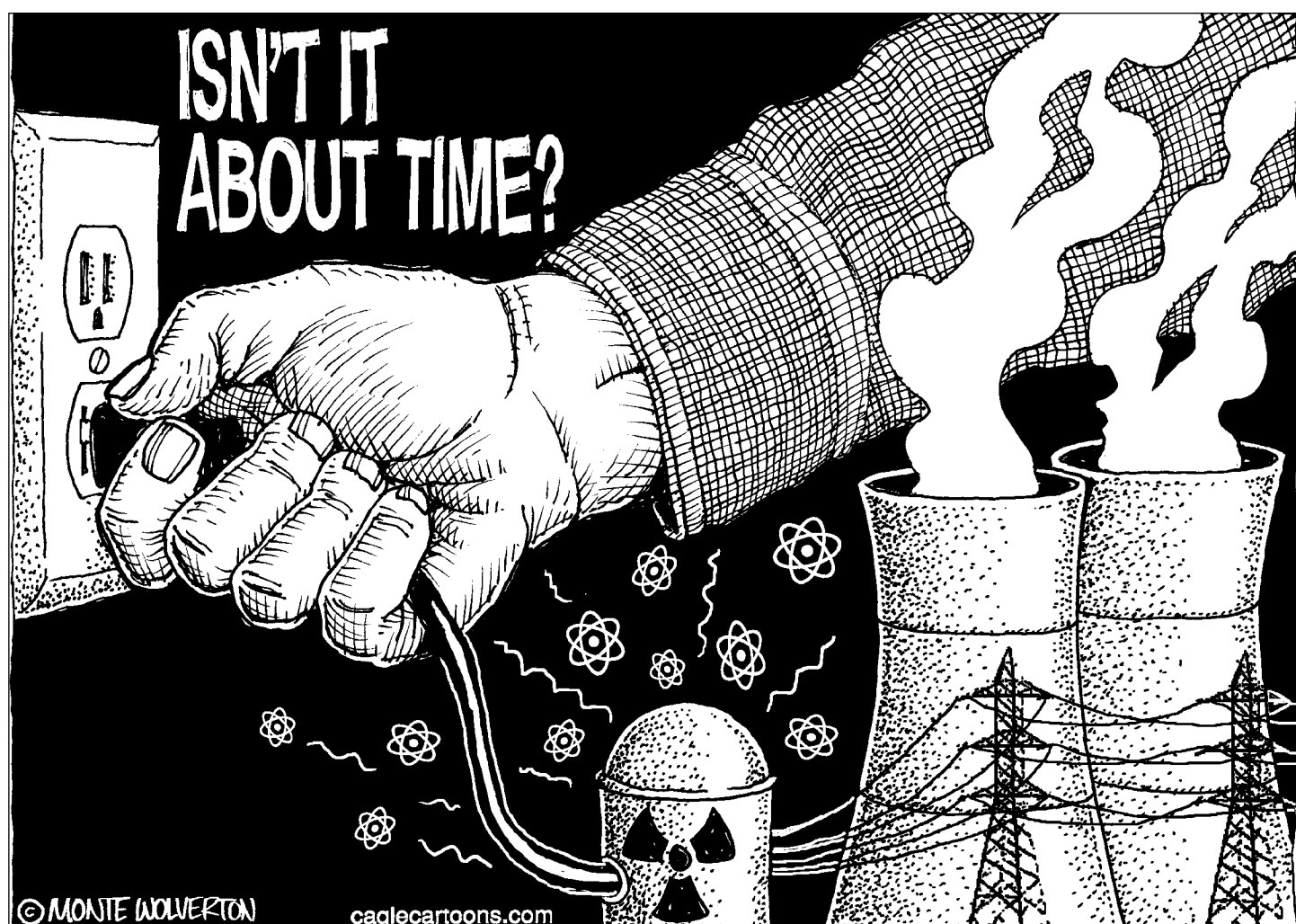
activities, I feel like I have experienced the essentials. I have (once) attended hip hop night at Legends. Once is enough. I have been at an off-campus party which got busted by the cops. Each year, I have traveled to at least one road football game. Twice, I've been to Pigtostal. And I have waited in line at both Sbarro and Reckers at 2 a.m. with seemingly every other person on campus. Actually, now that I think about it, going to Sbarro before 2 a.m. should be on the bucket list, because I don't know of anyone who has actually done that. I certainly haven't.

So what's left, Notre Dame? There are a handful of things that I can think of that I still have to do, but I am sure I am missing a ton of them. I haven't participated in the Fisher Regatta and I haven't run the Holy Half Marathon. I've never been down in the tunnels, even though I have no idea what the big deal is about them. They are just utility tunnels. I will never understand the fascination with them. And I've still never climbed Stepan Center. But beyond that, I don't know what else I need to do. So if you have an idea, send me an email or, better yet, write a "Letter to the Editor" and tell everybody what they need to do before they graduate.

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON



## POLL OF THE WEEK

Who do you think is going to win the NCAA men's championship?

Kentucky  
Connecticut  
VCU  
Butler

Vote by Thursday at 5 p.m. at [www.ndsmcobserver.com](http://www.ndsmcobserver.com).

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"God is a comedian playing to an audience too afraid to laugh."*

**Voltaire**  
French writer and philosopher

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Truly lucky

Dear Mr. Galvan,  
In response to your “Defense for college students,” (Mar. 28) I am sorry that the stricter rules about drinking forced you to “drive when you shouldn’t” when you were an undergraduate. As you admit, you were lucky to not have gotten caught. You are luckier that you did not kill or injure anyone in South Bend, or as you like to call it, “Nowhere, Indiana,” when you were driving drunk.  
Sincerely,

Meredith Meagher  
graduate student  
off campus  
Mar. 28

Spring concert

Dear North Dining Hall,  
Nothing says springtime like flowers. So I was pleasantly surprised to see fresh flowers in the North Dining Hall. (If you haven’t noticed them yet, they’re on top of the salad bars.) However, there is a slight problem with this decorative choice: no one is watering these flowers, and there are few things more depressing than watching flowers die from dehydration. Today I watched one of the NDH workers throw out one of these potted hyacinths because it was all dried up. Earlier this week when I mentioned that perhaps they should water the flowers, I was told that “they were just dead.” They were indeed dead, but not from natural causes.  
Now most of the hyacinths have been replaced with tulips, and I fear for their safety. In these days of heightened environmental awareness, let’s remember that “going green” also means keeping our plants green with love, care and a whole lot of water.  
Sincerely,

Maria Sengenberger  
senior  
Walsh Hall  
Mar. 28

Water the flowers

Well it’s that time of the year for Notre Dame to announce what magnificent act(s) will be performing at the annual Spring Concert. Hoping to make up for the dry, drab and dreary performance by the geriatrics of Guster, Chiddy Bang and OAR will be taking the stage in about two weeks. The people could not be any more excited for this spectacle; two acts with such a great sense of musicality and pure talent.  
OAR brings poignant and potent lyrics and dazzling melodies while Chiddy Bang brings raw emotion and polemic subjects to the table in a fascinating style. The point being I didn’t think we could pull anybody worse than Guster and as usual, the University always exceeds my expectations. Being truthful, having a wannabe Dave Matthews Band

and a second rate rapper may be better than anybody’s wildest fantasies, considering Sam Adams’ cancelled show and other music debacles. Putting this aside, looking at IU’s lineup for April, I find myself astonished that they can pull Pretty Lights, State Radio, and Lil’ Wayne along with a cast and crew of other talented performers in a string of four concerts. I’d rather go to Acoustic Cafe than this show any night because at least I might get to see a flash of real talent.

Gregory Berryman  
freshman  
Keough Hall  
Mar. 28

“Student” lounge

I have been kicked out of the so-called “student lounge” in Coleman-Morse for the last time. Almost every single time I have gone to study in Room 104 of Coleman-Morse, the Hammes Student Lounge, it has been reserved for some event or some group. Why call this place a student lounge if students do not have regular access to it? I think the lounge in Coleman-Morse is a great place to study for its quiet and calming atmosphere. Besides that, it has a very convenient location and for those of us who live a far distance from campus, the student lounge is a great place to hang out in between classes or other meetings. So why deprive students of this excellent study-space oasis?  
Talking to the building manager’s office, people do not need to be student-groups to reserve the space. The current policy for the Hammes Student Lounge should be changed so that

nobody can reserve this space. This space should remain open all of the time for all students to share in its use. In addition, the groups (especially the non-student groups) who are constantly reserving the beloved student lounge should be moved to other locations on this campus designed for such activities like McKenna Hall.  
If the current policy persists, I plan on reserving the Hammes Student Lounge for students (What a strange notion!). If you happen to swing by the lounge and see those dreaded “RESERVED” signs, check to make sure they do not say “Reserved for ALL Students” before angrily leaving to search out another study spot.

Ben Mall  
junior  
Carroll Hall  
Mar. 27

UWIRE

Separate Libya from Iraq

As the United States becomes deeper involved in its third war in a Muslim state, comparisons with the war in Iraq are inevitably made. Before any discussion of the two conflicts is made, it is important to note that differences between the wars in Libya and Iraq undeniably differentiate the two conflicts. President Barack Obama continued his foreign policy trend of limiting U.S. combat involvement in Libya, while former President George W. Bush overwhelmingly devoted large numbers of troops to overthrowing Saddam Hussein in Iraq — though sustainability concerns limited the number of soldiers he committed as well.  
There has been some international support for intervention in Libya, although these resolutions have advocated for a much narrower range of military options than explored in Libya. Even the Arab League vote has been regretted substantially by those who voted for it. Libya has been over-

Bilal Ahmed  
Daily Targum

whelmingly portrayed as a humanitarian conflict that will protect the lives of civilians, while Iraq was sold to the international community as a security action against the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction primarily and a humanitarian action secondly.  
The bombing of Libya is somewhat similar to the NATO assault on Serbia, which saw the international community intervening to stop the destructive trend of regional politics. It is worrying that despite successes in the Slavic states, the United Nations is still skeptical about the capacity of ethnic tensions to ease in the region and these developments may be replicated in Libya.  
Obama sought to differentiate himself from his Republican peers by committing troops to Libya while confronting real concerns in the state. However, the basis for this commission is almost identical to that of Iraq. It became increasingly clear that a victory for Col. Muammar Gaddafi would set a powerful precedent in the Arab world that autocratic oppression of rebellious movements would lead to an end of political movements against

the dictators in question. American intervention in Libya would therefore prevent this eventuality and ally the United States with freedom and democracy in the Middle East, which is a similar justification to that which motivated direct action in the war in Iraq. Iraq is a continuing military campaign, which has roots in an attitude of self-admiring support for democracy that both predated and survived the revelation that Saddam Hussein did not pursue weapons of mass destruction. This support was meant to portray that the United States was allied with pro-democratic movements in the Middle East, though they were certainly less noticeable until a Tunisian man resolved to set himself ablaze. Libya is therefore another attempt to place the United States in a favorable light in the Middle East by offering itself as the vanguard of regional democracy and will have similarly complex problems later when these attempts run against American interests of maintaining stability and the export of oil from the region.  
However, the most striking differ-

ence between Iraq and Libya is that Bush at least attempted to maintain a semblance of democracy by lubricating the months leading up to the beginning of the conflict with a public relations campaign concerning the necessity of the conflict.  
Obama, surprisingly enough, has begun the Libyan campaign with little consultation from elected representatives, worrying, as there is a weak withdrawal strategy from Libya similar to that of Iraq where thousands of troops are still stationed. Let us not forget that Iraq was supposed to be a conflict concluded in a matter of months, not years. It seems reasonable to believe that Libya, while we are still stationed in Iraq, may become Obama’s Iraq. The gap of history is so minuscule between the two conflicts that it would be inexcusable if this were the case.  
  
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## *Notre Dame Chorale:* singing, touring, eating **Five Guys**

This May Notre Dame's official concert choir, the Chorale, is making an eight-day pilgrimage to Italy in their "Heart of Italy" tour. The Chorale has also journeyed to France, Germany, Austria and New Zealand. Besides international tours, the Chorale toured through U.S. cities over Winter Break and the Midwest in January.

"Each semester the University of Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra bring classics of the choral literature to campus in refreshingly skillful performances," the DeBartolo Performing Arts

Center's website said. "In repertoire ranging from Renaissance motets to works written by living composers, the Chorale exhibits an impressive range of styles and a high level of artistry."

The Chorale performs every season, including a special December performance of the popular Handel's "Messiah" concert. Chorale members also sing for the Inn at St. Mary's around Christmastime and for a Commencement Concert and Mass at the end of the year.

This year's spring concert on Friday

will help fund the trip to Italy, along with sales of CDs and other merchandise sold directly after the concert and during the month of April.

Chorale is also hosting a fundraiser at Five Guys this Wednesday, with a portion of all sales between 5 and 10 going to the Chorale.

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### On campus

**What:** Chorale Spring Concert

**Where:** Leighton Concert Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

**When:** Friday, April 1, 8 p.m.

**How much:** \$3 with student ID, \$6 for seniors, \$10 without student ID

**Learn more:** [nd.edu/~chorale](http://nd.edu/~chorale), [performingarts.nd.edu](http://performingarts.nd.edu)



### Around the Bend

**What:** Chorale Five Guys Fundraiser

**Where:** Five Guys 1233 N Eddy St. #110

**When:** Wednesday, March 30, 5-10 p.m.

**How much:** A portion of all sales will go to support Chorale

**Learn more:** [ssantay@nd.edu](mailto:ssantay@nd.edu)



### Chorale's "Heart of Italy" Tour, May 23-30, 2011

**Day 1:** Depart for Rome

**Day 2:** Arrive in Rome

**Day 3:** Tour of Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel & St. Peter's Basilica

**Day 4:** Full-day excursion to Florence, Academy of Fine Arts and highlights of Florence

**Day 5:** Full-day excursion to Assisi, sites of St. Francis and concert in Assisi

**Day 6:** Tour of Christian Rome, Vigil Mass at St. Peter's Basilica

**Day 7:** Tour of Ancient Rome, Formal Concert at Church of St. Ignatius

**Day 8:** Return from Rome





## Wiz slows down, lightens up on major label debut



By **CHRISTOPHER COLLUM**  
Scene Writer

At surface level, Wiz Khalifa seems to perfectly epitomize the stereotypical hedonistic rap star lifestyle, consisting of little else besides alcohol, drugs, women, cars and braggadocio about all of the above. He sounds comfortably at ease in this atmosphere. This is intriguing given that, despite having a No. 1 single about a month ago with “Black and Yellow,” he’s a very new arrival in the mainstream.

Twenty-three-year-old Khalifa, whose birth name is Cameron Jibril Thomaz, built up a substantial following first in his native Pittsburgh and then nationally among a certain demographic — namely college-age kids — through a string of official mix tapes and two independent albums between 2005 and last year. In those albums and mix tapes he seemed largely concerned with two things, both of which are also present on “Rolling Papers.”

First, he raps often about his hedonistic lifestyle, and especially about marijuana and all things related to it. (He was arrested and briefly held in prison after a concert at Eastern Carolina University last November when police found weed on his tour bus). Second, he is very proud of his city, and his Taylor Gang “crew” and will tell you all about it—a theme prevalent from his first single “Pittsburgh Sound” to “Black and Yellow.”

While never seriously regarded as a top-notch emcee, Wiz has been lauded in the past for his clever lyrics, generally delivered nonchalantly over airy beats. This, coupled with both artists’ notorious love of weed, has led to comparisons to Snoop Dogg. These comparisons have been strengthened by the rappers’ recent collaborations, including on the official “Black and Yellow” remix.

So then, one would think that an album called “Rolling Papers”, sporting album art that features Wiz in a cloud of smoke he is exhaling, would not take a huge step away from Khalifa’s previous endeavors. And that is mostly true.

Opener “When I’m Gone” sets the pace for most of the album as Wiz proclaims, “I’m gonna spend it all / Why wait for another day? / ...’Cause I can’t take it with me when I’m gone.” Second track “On My Level” is another of Wiz’s stoned-out slow-moving party anthems that have been found in spades on his previous releases.

The aforementioned Pittsburgh anthem “Black and Yellow” is followed by “Roll Up,” the second radio single. Despite the title, “Roll Up” is not at all a weed song, but rather a mid-tempo R&B love number. In the hook Wiz spouts such phrases as “Whenever you need me...I’ll be there shortly,” and “I’ll be your best friend and you’ll be my

homey.”

That’s practically monogamous for a man who has developed a rather promiscuous reputation, and while it wouldn’t sound strange coming from, say, Usher, coming from Wiz it just feels wrong.

There are signs elsewhere that this may not be a change of heart from Wiz, but rather his label, Atlantic Records, pandering to radio in the attempt to create more smash hits. “Fly Solo” and album closer “Cameras” both are obvious attempts to manufacture a hit, with the former featuring Wiz rapping (kind of) over an acoustic guitar-driven pop-rock track.

Just as with “Roll Up,” both of those songs are pretty innocuous pop numbers that wouldn’t be too bad coming from most anyone else. But they don’t seem natural coming from Wiz.

The other main problem with “Rolling Papers” is that it is far too slow—the middle part of the album gets bogged down in mid-tempo songs that sort of ooze along. This might make for good listening for one under the influence of marijuana, but for the average listener it just gets boring.

This is the third time in the last year that a critically acclaimed underground rapper has had an album on Atlantic Records that has sounded to a large extent like a ploy for mainstream success. B.o.B’s debut “The Adventures of Bobby Ray,” and Lupe Fiasco’s “Lasers,” released two weeks ago, are the other examples.

However “Rolling Papers” does have redemptive qualities. When Wiz actually raps it’s generally pretty entertaining, especially on songs such as “Rooftops” (featuring likeminded New Orleans emcee Curren\$y) where Wiz raps about his rise from the underground, saying, “Used to not be allowed in the building, now we on the rooftop.”

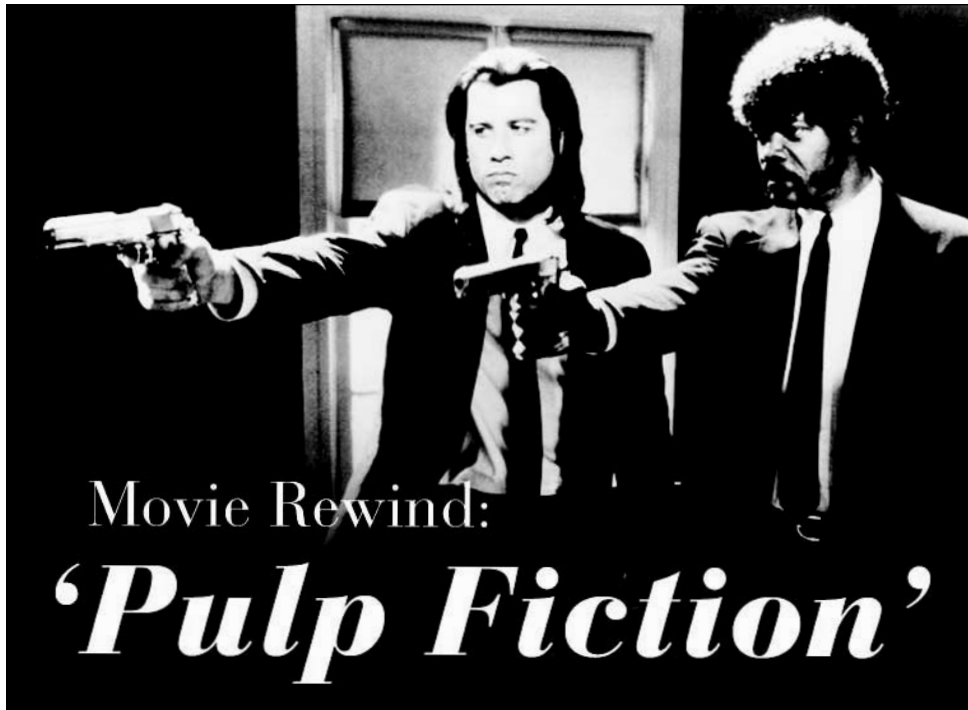
All in all, “Rolling Papers” is disappointing, but it’s hard to blame Wiz Khalifa for that. Besides, in all likelihood he has more than this ahead of him — whether he returns to his stylized breed of stoner rap or not, Wiz is certain to continue to grow in popularity.

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### ‘Rolling Papers’ Wiz Khalifa

Label: Atlantic Records

Best Tracks: “Black and Yellow,”  
“Rooftops” and “When I’m Gone”



## Movie Rewind: ‘Pulp Fiction’

By **CHRISTOPHER COLLUM**  
Scene Writer

Last week’s episode of the popular NBC comedy “Community” featured an homage to Quentin Tarantino’s classic psycho-crime thriller “Pulp Fiction.” Released in 1994, the movie was hailed as an instant classic, and its reputation

and influence has been maintained to this day. The “Community” episode is just one example of the influence the movie has upon popular culture.

The movie’s nonlinear plot revolves around several seemingly unrelated narrative threads about crime in the Los Angeles area. These episodes feature John Travolta as a drug-addicted grunt man for the mob, Samuel L. Jackson as his cold-blooded partner, Uma Thurman as the mob leader’s wife, Bruce Willis as a boxer, a British couple who rob a diner, a nefarious character known as “The Gimp” and even a cameo by Tarantino himself.

Without trying to give away too

much, the way in which Tarantino twists together these narratives to its eventual conclusion — or lack thereof — is incredibly brilliant. But what really sets “Pulp Fiction” apart is its stellar, though gleefully profane, screenplay.

Tarantino’s characters are multi-dimensional, and by the end of the

154-minute epic, the viewer really feels as if he has been made familiar with most of these dimensions. Most of the classic dialogues are too long and too profane to print here, but a mere 15 minutes into the movie, the genius of the screenplay should be obvious.

“Pulp Fiction” is highly recommended for any-

one who likes crime thrillers, dark comedies or movies that require a little bit of thought to decipher. It is not recommended for the squeamish, easily offended or for anyone who can’t stand long movies with slow-moving plots.

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# Stanley

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The Irish got on the board quickly with a try from sophomore back sophomore Ashley Okonta on a break in the beginning of the first quarter. Sophomore Megan Scheitlin made two of her three attempted kicks for extra points. At the beginning of the second quarter, Chicago put themselves on the board with a quick try after swinging the ball to the outside around the Irish defense. However, the Irish pulled it together and at the beginning of the third quarter when senior Theresa Yerkes stole a pass from a Chicago player and scored another try.

Later in the same quarter, Chicago made an attempt to come back, but Stanley stopped that attempt with another Irish try. Toward the end of the fourth and final quarter, junior Margot DeBot powered through the Chicago defense to put another five points on the board for the Irish. Stanley attempted the kick for the extra points on this final try and missed. The Irish kept playing hard on defense after that final try and prevented Chicago from scoring any more.

The Irish are much improved from their first friendly game of the season to this game. Both defensive and offensive alignments are much better and the Irish were able to win almost all of their offensive rucks. Though the Irish still have many improvements to make in the next three weeks, they are quickly becoming ready for the National Tournament Round of 16 in San Diego and are looking forward to their next friendly match on April 2 at Indiana University.

## Men’s Rugby

The Irish men’s rugby club traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio, this weekend to challenge Midwest rival Ohio State at Moeller High School. The stands were full for the charitable event featuring the Notre Dame-OSU tilt, as well as match between Moeller and St. Xavier High School. The event was organized by the Moeller Rugby Club to benefit the Cris Collinsworth Proscan Fund for health awareness and research.

The Irish opened play in the first half battling a fierce headwind and brisk temperatures. Following several unsuccessful attempts to clear the ball from deep inside Irish territory, the

Buckeyes scored the first points of the match on an unsuccessfully converted try. They followed this with a penalty kick minutes later. Roughly halfway through the first half, OSU maintained an 8-0 lead, until second row senior Nick Civetta punched in the first Irish score. Wing forward senior Andy Mullen added a second try following a diligent Irish march downfield. Flyhalf sophomore Sean Peterson converted on the subsequent kick to extend the Irish lead to 12-8 at halftime.

Anchored by tight defense and consistent support in open play, the Irish took control in the second half. Wing forward senior Nick Severyn scored after recovering a kick deep in Buckeye territory. Winger Byron Henry and center Tyler “Tuna” Plantz notched tallies of their own following disciplined Irish drives. As time expired, Plantz added a second try, and Peterson finished three of six on conversions. The Fighting Irish emerged victorious 36-8 over the Buckeyes.

Next week the Irish will take on the Aggies from Texas A&M in the first Notre Dame home match of the season.

## Men’s Water Polo

Notre Dame opened its Alumni Tournament against St. Louis University. SLU went up in the first quarter by scoring three goals while the Irish could only manage one. The second quarter was a defensive battle with both teams scoring once. In the third quarter, SLU came out strong and quickly scored a goal. SLU failed to score again for the rest of the quarter thanks to the solid defense played by goalkeeper and sophomore captain Tate Kernell.

In the last 30 seconds of the quarter, junior captain Dan Geisman drew a kick out putting the Irish up by a man. Notre Dame called a timeout and set up offense at the other end of the pool. After running the “shift” play, senior captain Matt Fordonski received the ball and scored a skip shot into the upper left corner putting the game at 5-3, SLU. During the final quarter the Irish attempted a major comeback, with Geisman tying the game at 6 – 6. With 1:45 left SLU stole the ball and counter attacked to put them in the lead and eventually gain the victory, 7-6.

The Notre Dame Men’s team faced the Notre Dame Men’s Alumni team in a friendly match. A few alumni returned from the previous year to play, with additional players provid-

ed by the ND team. The Irish went up in the first quarter by quickly scoring 5 points. Kernell only allowed one goal past him, virtually shutting down the Alumni’s offense. Over the next three quarters, the Alumni slowly closed the gap. However, that was not enough as the Irish won 11 – 9.

Notre Dame came out strong against University of Michigan. Sophomore Jon Hancher scored to start of the game and Fordonski quickly followed with another goal. Kernell completely shut out the Wolverines in the first by not allowing a single goal. In the second and third quarters, the Irish continued to hold a lead, at 4-3. In the fourth, Michigan made a huge comeback, scoring four goals and putting up a solid defense. The Irish could only manage two goals, and lost the game 7-6.

At the beginning of the final match, the Irish dominated Loyola Chicago both offensively and defensively. During the first quarter, Notre Dame scored five goals and allowed none. In the second quarter, Loyola only managed one goal while the Irish were stopped defensively. The third quarter proved to be good for the Irish, as graduate student Sebastian Testero, Fordonski and senior Clarke Madigan all scored goals to put the Irish ahead, 8-3. In the final quarter the Irish scored twice more and earned a 10 – 6 victory.

## Men’s Volleyball

The men’s volleyball team travelled to Ohio State this weekend to compete in the annual MIVA tournament. The Irish had a rough start Saturday morning, losing to Iowa (25-21, 23-25, 11-15) and Illinois (23-25, 19-25), but fought hard after a long break to get wins over Cincinnati (25-21, 25-20) and Baldwin-Wallace (28-26, 25-8).

Sophomore Rob Bauer earned all conference honors on Saturday. He proved why during each game, constantly being the go to hitter in tough situations and carrying the Irish to victory. Thanks to the strong finish on Saturday, the Irish were in a good position to place well in Sunday’s tournament.

Facing off against Purdue in the first match Sunday morning, the Irish seized victory and an opportunity to advance to the final four, winning 25-21, 25-17. Unfortunately, the Irish were then matched up against one of the best teams in the country, Indiana. The Irish had

a tough time stopping the power hitters of the Hoosiers, as well as putting the ball down on their scrappy team defense and excellent blocking. Notre Dame fell to the eventual tournament champion Hoosiers 24-26, 18-25. The Irish finished in fifth place, and are set up for a top-seed in the upcoming National Championship tournament in Houston.

## Men’s Rowing

The men’s rowing club travelled to Indianapolis early Sunday morning to take on Purdue University in their first race of the spring season. The third-varsity eight began the day for the Irish. Coxed by senior Chris Bennett, with senior Kevin Quigley, senior Phil Brunner, sophomore Jim Ropa, senior Jon Repine, freshman Joe Krug, Michael Neuberger, graduate student Chris Connair and sophomore Matt Planell, from stroke to bow, the eight placed second overall between the two Purdue boats with a time of 6:30.1.

The varsity eight event was next for the Irish. After taking an early lead off of the start, the crew coxed by sophomore Greg Obee, with junior Garrett Campbell, senior Greg Flood, senior Michael Maggart, junior Brent Shawcross, senior Cliff Roberts, junior Tim Parks, senior Sean Gibbons and senior Michael Wagner, from stroke to bow, increased the margin to a boat-length after the first 500m. The Irish eight increased its lead throughout the race, finishing first with a time of 6:12.0, about 11 seconds ahead of Purdue, the largest defeat in the day’s varsity events.

The club’s second varsity eight, coxed by sophomore Rebecca Holmberg, with junior Jamie Baffa, sophomore Mike Benvenuti, senior Graham Boechler, sophomore Brian Appleton, sophomore David Link, senior Kurt Krautmann, sophomore Curtis Kovaleski and Charlie Janini, from stroke to bow, was unable to hold its early lead on Purdue’s eight, finishing second with a time of 6:16.1, one-tenth of a second behind Purdue.

The men’s novice team had its first test in the 2000m spring race format. The first novice eight, coxed by senior Kate von Hoffman, with freshman Matt Rhodes, freshman Tomas Abrate, sophomore Zach Weber, freshman Jeff McLean, sophomore Brian Kwak, freshman Austin Swift, freshman Anthony Krenselewski and freshman Alec MacDonell, from

stroke to bow, was down early after the start, but gained on Purdue throughout the remainder of the race. They finished about 10 seconds behind Purdue in second place, finishing with a 6:38.4.

The second novice eight rounded out the day for the Irish. After holding on to Purdue for the first 500m, the crew coxed by freshman Casey Connolly, with freshman Nick Prevete, freshman Pat Hickey, junior Pat Clardy, freshman Steven Froelich, sophomore Matt Farrar, freshman Dylan Brandt, freshman Gabe Griggs and freshman Grant Tobin, from stroke to bow, finished well behind Purdue’s first boat, but with a strong sprint they finished second with a time of 6:55.0, about 15 seconds ahead of the Purdue’s second entry in the race.

The first and second varsity eights of the men’s club will travel to San Diego on Thursday afternoon to challenge some of the top crews in the nation at the annual San Diego Crew Classic on April 2nd and 3rd. Live online streaming of the entire regatta will be available at <http://crew-classic.org/video/>

## Gymnastics

This past weekend, the Gymnastics Club of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s traveled to Ypsilanti to compete in Eastern Michigan University’s annual Michigan Madness meet. The meet featured 16 teams and strong competition. This was one of the strongest performances for the Irish gymnasts, especially from the women.

Saint Mary’s freshman Kelsey Teske once again posted a strong all-around score with a 32.2. Strong scores were also posted on floor for the Irish women with a 9.2 from Irish junior Sarah Cole and a 9.3 from Irish freshman Emily Siebert. The women also scored especially well on vault with scores of 8.2, 8.35, 8.4, and 8.6 from Irish senior Kristin Smith, Irish sophomore Bryanna Bocardo, Saint Mary’s junior Elizabeth Bonne and Teske, respectively.

The Irish men also performed well, highlighted by Irish junior Mike Hannigan’s all-around score of 52.8. The men also posted strong scores on rings with a 10.9 from Irish senior Patrick Gorman and an 11.2 from Hannigan.

The team’s next and final competition will be the NAIGC Nationals Meet held in Richmond, Virginia from April 6-1.

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Guess what? I have flaws. What are they? Oh I donno, I sing in the shower? Sometimes I spend too much time volunteering. Occasionally I'll hit somebody with my car. So sue me — no, don't sue me. That is opposite the point I'm trying to make.

Allan "Brownbear" Joseph is seeking applications for his 2011 Yacht Dance date. Interested parties may apply at [ajoseph2@nd.edu](mailto:ajoseph2@nd.edu) Seriously, it's a good time.

Outlined against a blue-gray October sky, the Four Horsemen rode again. In dramatic lore their names are Death, Destruction, Pestilence, and Famine. But those are aliases. Their real names are Stuhldreher, Crowley, Miller and Layden. They formed the crest of the South Bend cyclone before which another fighting Army team was swept over the precipice this afternoon as 55,000 spectators peered down upon the bewildering panorama spread out upon the green plain below.

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 024 South Dining Hall. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is 5 cents per character per day, including all spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

## CLUB SPORTS

# Notre Dame hosts cyclists

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame hosted more than 250 cyclists from Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Ohio this weekend in the first ever MWCCA Racing event held in South Bend.

A Saturday road race was followed by a Sunday Criterium held near the Hall of Fame in downtown South Bend.

Notre Dame "A" finished sixth while Notre Dame "B" and Notre Dame "C" placed in the top-10 in their events during the team trials.

Sophomore Joe Magro finished 13th in the "A" road race. Magro shared the lead with three professional riders for the first 30 miles before getting caught with a lap to go. Collegiate cyclists are permitted to turn professional and still compete in collegiate events, and approximately 50 racers in this event were professional.

Graduate students Doug Ansel, Matt Prygoski and Neil Griggs also represented the Irish in the "A" division.

In her first race of the year, senior Jenn Perricone placed among the top-five in the women's "A" race. In the "C" race, sophomore Brian Hurley finished in the top-10, graduate student Andrew O'Donnell in the top-20 and freshman Josh Corcoran among the top-25.

In the "A" Criterium, Prygoski and graduate student Brian Boyle ranked top-20 and Griggs top-30. Perricone again finished in the women's "A" top-five.

O'Donnell took fourth in the "C" Criterium, with Hurley in the top-10 and Corcoran in the top-20. Sophomore Rob Piscatelli was among the top-15 in the "D" Criterium.

## Sailing

Notre Dame hosted its Freshman Icebreaker this weekend on St. Joe's Lake. In light winds and cold temperatures, they were able to sail 12 races in each division. The Irish fielded three boats — ND Gold, ND Blue and ND Green. ND Gold placed second overall, with freshman skipper Annie Schoenwetter and freshman Carter Perrin placing

second in A's, and freshmen skipper Peter Roehmholdt and Maria Skorcz placing second in B's.

ND Blue placed fourth overall, with sophomore skipper Tom Temmerman and sophomore Lauren George placing third in B's and freshman skipper Phil Hootsmans and Lucy Smith sailing A's.

ND Green placed fifth, with sophomore skipper Duggan Everage and senior Tess Wolfenson placing third in A's. Sophomore skippers Blaize Hrabrick and freshman Jacob Forney sailed B's with freshmen Wyn Sullivan and Katie Suarez. The order of finish was Michigan, ND Gold, Miami of Ohio, ND Blue, ND Green, Purdue Black and Purdue Gold.

## Women's Water Polo

The Irish Women's Water Polo team traveled to Oxford, Ohio, this weekend to compete in the Miami Invite at the University of Miami (Ohio). The Irish began their weekend with a strong 15-7 victory over the Hoosiers from Indiana University.

They started off slow, but regained their strength at the end of the first quarter with an exclusion goal from senior Ali Durkin. Durkin led the offense with five goals from the whole-set. Junior Maisie O'Malley and sophomore Victoria Anglin helped put points on the board with four goals each. Senior Lizzie Gormley added two. Kasia Ahern set the tone of the Irish defense with four steals in the field.

After a long break, the Irish came back strong with a 14-5 victory over Purdue University. Senior Eileen Flanagan and freshman Sarah Fleming split time in the net to help lead the Irish to victory. O'Malley led the offense with five goals. Durkin added three, Gormley and junior Colleen Middleton had two and junior Danielle Guidry and Rosemary Kelley each added one goal. The unstoppable Irish defense was led by Gormley who proved her outstanding defense in the field with five steals.

The Irish started off Sunday with a decisive 15-1 victory over Ohio University. The Irish dis-

played their stellar offense once again with 11 players scoring in the game.

Durkin, sophomore Savannah Hayes, Ahern, and sophomore Victoria Anglin each had two goals for the Irish. Guidry, O'Malley, junior Mary Kate Fidler, Gormley, Middleton, sophomore Adi Austgen and freshman Anastasia Hansen each added one. Fleming and Mary Fanslow split time in the net controlling the outstanding defense to lead the Irish to victory.

The final game of the weekend was a tough 10-2 loss to rivals from the University of Michigan. The Irish had a slow start in the first quarter, putting them behind Michigan 4-0. Despite drawing several ejections, six from Durkin, the Irish were unable to convert these opportunities into points. O'Malley was able to get a point on the board for the Irish with a goal in the second quarter. The Irish scored again on a fast break by Durkin in the fourth quarter. O'Malley led the Irish defense with five steals. Gormley won three swim offs for the Irish.

## Women's Rugby

The Notre Dame Women's Rugby Club defeated the Chicago Women's team 24-12 at Notre Dame on Saturday afternoon in a friendly match in preparation for both team's upcoming competitive seasons.

The Irish fielded more players than they ever have with a total of 23 players. Almost every Irish player played at least two different positions in preparation for nationals. Both teams played hard the whole game, but Chicago could not keep up with Notre Dame's speed and fitness. Once again, the Irish faced a physically larger team but they were able to hold their own in both scrums and rucks, and even won some of the other teams' put-ins.

Line-outs continued to be one of Notre Dame's strengths, with jumpers senior Kathleen Stanley, sophomore Ashley Okonta and senior Gillian Allsup supported by a plethora of lifters stealing some of Chicago's line-outs.

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## MLB

# Bonds' ex confirms alleged steroid use



**Barry Bonds arrives at the federal courthouse as his hearing resumes Monday in San Francisco.**

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Kimberly Bell, her voice cracking, looked out at the court room and talked about the final stretch of her nine-year relationship with Barry Bonds.

The greatest hitter of his era threatened "to cut my head off and leave me in a ditch," she said. "More than once."

She said Bonds told her "he would cut out my breast implants because he paid for them."

As for the Arizona house he had helped pay for, "he told me he would burn it down."

Bonds' federal trial resumed Monday with nearly daylong testimony from his former mistress, who said the slugger attributed a 1999 elbow injury to steroids use. She also discussed how Bonds became verbally abusive and said that his physique changed, offering a lurid description of his shrinking testicles, back acne, scalp hair that fell out and chest hair that turned gray. Such mental and physical symptoms are associated with

steroid use.

Prosecutors allege Bonds lied when he told a federal grand jury in 2003 that he never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs.

Bell met Bonds in 1994 and testified that from 1999 to 2001, "he was just increasingly aggressive, irritable, agitated, very impatient."

In testimony similar to that of former Bonds business partner Steve Hoskins last week, she said that in at least two different years at spring training, she saw Bonds and personal trainer Greg Anderson "go into a bedroom off the kitchen and close and lock the door."

She said Anderson "would always have a little satchel with him." She saw those scenes played out multiple times.

Prosecutors claim Anderson, who has been jailed for refusing to testify, repeatedly injected Bonds with performance-enhancing drugs.

Dressed in a gray pantsuit and white shirt, and with deep lines under her eyes, Bell answered 72 minutes of prosecution questions and was pressured during 4 hours, 15 minutes of questioning from the defense, who tried to portray her as a gold digger, a scorned former lover, a liar and the instigator of a mortgage fraud scheme.

Defense lawyer Cristina Arguedas brought up an interview Bell gave Playboy and a television appearance on Geraldo Rivera.

"You have taken many opportunities to disparage Barry Bonds ... in the most vulgar ways possible?" Arguedas said in a question that was more a statement.

"Did you go on Howard Stern's radio show?" Arguedas continued. "Does he do anything that isn't vulgar?"

When Arguedas repeated: "Did you say vulgar things about Barry Bonds?" Bell answered: "Please refresh my memory."

With that, Arguedas took a break to talk with Allen Ruby, Bonds' lead lawyer. After a few moments, Arguedas told the court: "We're going to decline that opportunity to go into the gutter. No more questions."

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NCAA BASKETBALL

VCU continues improbable run to Final Four

Associated Press

RICHMOND, VA. — Our time. Right now.

That is the rallying cry Virginia Commonwealth University has adopted during its basketball team's improbable nothing-to-lose, everything-to-gain run to the Final Four.

The Rams are having blast and their confidence is growing with each win.

"It comes from our personalities and coach (Shaka) Smart," forward Bradford Burgess said. "He wants us to be out there loose and confident and aggressive. We're out there playing with nothing to lose. It's just been a fun ride and I think we showed how much fun we can have on the court every game."

The urban university once viewed as a mostly commuter school has toppled some of the college game's elite programs.

The Rams earned their way to this weekend's semifinals in Houston with a 71-61 victory against mighty Kansas on Sunday in a game that rarely was as close as the final score.

The Jayhawks led 6-0 early, and the Rams didn't flinch.

"We kept our composure and hit 'em right back," point guard Joey Rodriguez said.

Smart, who has become one of the hottest names in coaching in only his second season, now boasts a 10-0 career record in postseason play; VCU went 5-0 to

win the CBI last season.

But this year's success seemed unlikely when they finished 3-5 in February, and showed up at the Colonial Athletic Association tournament thinking they had to win it to make the NCAA field.

Turns out they won just enough.

VCU used a buzzer-beater from Jamie Skeen in the quarterfinals to slip past Drexel, and then played one of their best games to oust regular season champion George Mason, 79-63.

Though they lost to Old Dominion in the championship, Smart sensed something different, and hearing their unexpected at-large bid blasted by commentators has only fueled their run.

"We knew that we had turned the corner as a team and that we were playing much better," Smart said, referring to the Rams' win that ended George Mason's 16-game winning streak. And though he was unsure if VCU would get in, Smart said the Rams "felt like if we got the opportunity to play in the NCAA tournament, we could certainly make a run."

It is how they are doing it on that run that is really turning heads.

Only Florida State, beaten on Burgess' layin with 7 seconds left in overtime, has been close against the Rams' pressing defense and 43.8 percent post-season 3-point shooting.

Southern Cal lost by 13.

Georgetown and Purdue by 18 each. And Kansas by 10.

Now, Burgess said, the Rams feel there is nothing they can't do.

"As the wins kept coming, we've gained more confidence and we've just been saying, 'We don't want this ride to end,'" he said. "Getting to Houston, why not try to go and win two games?"

The Rams (28-11) face Butler (27-9) in the semifinals on Saturday night. The Bulldogs lost to Duke in the national championship game last season, but the Rams won't be intimidated.

"We just have a lot of belief in each other," Rodriguez said. "We believe in our skills and whatever coach teaches us and we go out there and perform. We're not scared of anybody."

And the tournament has shown they don't need to be afraid with the cast they bring:

Skeen, who transferred after two seasons at Wake Forest, was the most outstanding player of the Southwest regional after scoring 26 points against the Morris twins, Marcus or Markieff.

Rodriguez, the team's steady, unquestioned leader, started his career playing alongside Eric Maynor — now with the NBA's Oklahoma Thunder — for former VCU coach Anthony Grant. Rodriguez was so upset when Grant left for Alabama that he almost transferred.

Then there are Burgess and Brandon Rozzell, both Richmond



Senior Brandon Rozzell lifts the NCAA Division I Southwest Regional Championship trophy during a celebration March 28.

products who have the ability to take over on offense with their outside scoring, but have impacted games besides scoring.

There's Ed Nixon, the defensive stopper with a knack for making big shots.

And of course, there's Smart, 33, who looks too young on the sidelines with his shaved head and discarded jacket to be in charge. However, he has masterfully manipulated his team's air of confidence to motivate them with pointed reminders of how people doubted them.

"We've been able to flip all the negative things that people have said and the naysayers and some of that doubt, and we've been able to use that as motivation, and the only reason we've been able to use it is because we have a very naturally confident team," Smart said.

The coach said before every game they've shown clips of different analysts picking VCU's opponent to win.

"If we didn't have a really confident group, that would be paralyzing because our guys would see that and think, 'Oh no, maybe we can't do that,'" Smart said. "But I know with our group, that's not a problem."

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles maintain winning record despite 8-0 loss

By KATIE HEIT  
Sports Writer

The Belles suffered a tough 8-0 loss at Bethel Monday, bringing their record on the season to 8-3. “Every loss is a tough loss for us,” junior infielder Kate Mitchell said. “Bethel is always a good game and tonight we just could not produce runs on offense.”

Saint Mary’s struggled early on, giving a quick run to the NAIA No. 23 Pilots due to an error in the first inning, the first of five errors the Belles would make throughout the game. The Pilots followed with runs in the second and fourth innings, bringing the score to 4-0 heading into the fifth.

Bethel’s offense proved to be too much for Saint Mary’s in the fifth inning when the Pilots scored four runs on five hits, including a two-run double, capitalizing on each the Belles’ errors.

“The main struggle we faced in winning the game is indicated through the final score,” senior captain and outfielder Hayley Bojorquez said. “We had zero runs and you simply cannot win a game with zero runs.”

Mitchell said a big problem was a slow start her team could not overcome besides entering the game ready to play.

“We made a few errors in the beginning and even though we kept up our energy, we were just taken out of our game,” Mitchell said. “We tried capitalizing all at once instead of trying to put the ball in play and trying to make things happen little-by-little.”

Freshman pitcher Callie Selner suffered her first loss, pitching through the fifth inning before junior relief Monica Palicki finished off the sixth and final

inning of the game.

The Belles fell short at the plate, coming out with only one hit by Bojorquez. Junior center fielder Lauren Enayati came close on two occasions, once after being called out at first and again after a 10-pitch at-bat that went the other way. The Pilots scored their eight runs with seven hits.

Mitchell believed her team never lost the intensity they pride themselves on, but struggled to follow through when it came to executing offensively.

“We never lacked energy,” Mitchell said. “Mentally we were in the game the whole time, we just seemed to struggle at the plate.”

Bojorquez said she hopes the team can move forward and regain its focus today when it hosts Manchester for a double-header and open their home season. It will be Saint Mary’s first chance to compete on their home field after inclement weather forced the Belles to postpone two games last week against Goshen and North Park.

“In softball it is easy to lose sight of our personal strengths when we make mistakes,” Bojorquez said. “We aim to work on maintaining our heads through every inning of every game we play.”

Mitchell said she thinks her team will be able to overcome Monday’s struggles and turn things around today.

“I think we need to go out there and be aggressive at the plate,” she said. “If we put the ball in play we’ll make things happen.”

The Belles will face Manchester this afternoon with a double-header beginning at 3:30 p.m. on the Saint Mary’s field.

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JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Sophomore outfielder Kelsey Thornton gets ready to run during Notre Dame’s first home game of the season Friday against Northern Illinois. The Irish won 4-1.

Clay

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really well from Spring Break,” senior catcher Alexia Clay said. “We dropped a couple of big games, but I still think we played pretty well except for a few details. However I think the team’s coming off that week really well and we’re ready to start the post-season off right.”

The talented squad has had goals for the second half of their season in sight from day one. This week’s string of home match-ups

will hopefully bolster the team’s confidence leading up to the beginning of conference play against Providence. The next test for the Irish will be Western Michigan (4-18), who will face a re-energized Notre Dame squad.

“We ended up having the weekend off because that’s how our schedule worked out, so I think we’ll all be rested up and ready to play,” Clay said. “Especially since conference games start this weekend that’s always a really exciting time for us. So everyone’s really excited to get the

games going on Tuesday and Thursday and then start conference on Saturday.”

Notre Dame and Western Michigan last faced off last year in Kalamazoo, where the Irish trampled the Broncos 13-4 in six innings. The Irish will look to do the same tonight and extend their home win streak to 22 straight.

The Irish will take to the diamond to face Western Michigan at Melissa Cook Stadium at 6 p.m. tonight.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles face Albion in hopes of continuing streak

By JACK HEFFERON  
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The weather isn’t the only thing heating up in South Bend. The Belles have won five of their past seven matches, and with MIAA conference play opening against Albion tonight, they hope to keep rolling.

Saint Mary’s (5-4) early success has been a gradual process, and the team has grown both through their matches and through practice. While much of that growth has been from the four starting freshmen, the Belles’ two senior captains also used the early season to hit their stride.

Senior captain Franca Peluso missed three matches and much of the preseason due to injury, but has since

battled back and is continuing to improve.

“Franca Peluso, who was our No. 3 singles player last year, is getting stronger every day and is getting stronger in doubles, as well,” Belles coach Dale Campbell said.

Another big contributor was the Belles’ other captain, senior Jillian Hurley. As Saint Mary’s top singles player, Hurley was forced to battle not only great competition, but also a nagging injury early in the year.

“Jillian is getting more match tough, so she is getting better with every match,” Campbell said. “She played a few nationally ranked players

in the beginning, which were difficult and she also started off the season with an injury. She is getting stronger and more flexible in how to win

matches and I think her experience will help her along the way. She has the skills to beat any player in our conference on any given day.”

After the rocky 1-4 start in singles play, Hurley won four singles matches in a row and is a big part of Saint Mary’s hot streak.

Both Hurley and the Belles will face a stiff challenge from Albion (4-1), though, in their MIAA opener. The Britons are a solid team from top to bot-

*“[Albion’s] number one player is very tough — an all MIAA first team athlete — but she is beatable.”*

Dale Campbell  
Belles coach

tom, but especially outstanding is their star senior Shelley Zamler, whom Hurley will be matched against.

“Their number one player is very tough — an all MIAA first team athlete — but she is beatable,” Campbell said. “Many of their other players are incoming freshmen and other underclassmen, but we always expect a tough challenge from them.”

The key for the Belles in this match and throughout conference play will be the continued improvement of their play and teamwork in doubles matches, Campbell said. The Belles are 14-13 in doubles play in the season, compared to a 34-20 record in singles.

“We always tell our team that they need to be more aggressive in doubles and to get our opponents reacting to us,” Campbell said. “Doubles

play happens quickly with an 8-game set, so you have to be ready to play your best from the start. We are stronger in singles, but we’re progressing in doubles.”

Campbell and the Belles hope that their early season performances carry over into the conference, and that a victory over Albion will be the start to a MIAA championship run.

“I think we have been well prepared by playing a few tougher teams such as Case Western and Dickinson,” Campbell said. “We have had enough match experience, but the feel of conference play is a bit different.”

The Belles and the Britons will square off at Eck Tennis Pavilion tonight at 5:30 p.m.

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Irish junior guard Fraderica Miller dives for the steal during Notre Dame's 73-59 victory over Tennessee Monday in Dayton, Ohio.

## Novosel

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nine-point lead with 15:31 to play. Notre Dame would lead by as much as 15, and its lead never fell below four.

"We knew any time we made a run, they were going to make a run," Diggins said. "We just had to make more." Tennessee point guard Meighan Simmons, the SEC freshman of the year, picked up her second foul just four minutes into the game, and spent most of the first half on

the bench. Starting forward Glory Johnson also missed time after two early fouls. Simmons, who leads her team in scoring with 13.8 per game, did not score until late in the second half, and finished the game with two points on 1-of-11 shooting. "You could just tell this was

a big game that seemed different for her," Volunteers coach Pat Summitt said. "I thought she was overanxious." Notre Dame got out to an early 13-7 lead, but lost it amid a stretch of nearly seven minutes without scoring. The Volunteers went on a

7-0 run to take the lead at 14-13 before a Becca Bruszewski jumper re-started the Irish scoring. From there, Bruszewski and Diggins powered Notre Dame to a 29-24 halftime lead. Senior forward Devereaux Peters re-entered the game with four fouls with nearly six minutes to play. She lent six points to a 7-0 Irish run that put Notre Dame up 60-48 with 3:37 left, and committed her fifth foul with 1:27 to play. "She played like a senior," McGraw said. "We got a lot out of her in those four minutes." Peters had seven points and five rebounds in just 17 minutes. Novosel finished the game with 17 points, five assists and four rebounds, and senior guard Brittany Mallory had 10 points. "Every one of our starters is the MVP," McGraw said. The win is the first over Tennessee in Notre Dame program history. The Irish were 0-20 against the Volunteers coming into Monday's game. Notre Dame advances to the Final Four for the first time since its championship season in 2001. It will play the winner of Tuesday's game between No. 1-seed Connecticut and No. 2-seed Duke on Sunday in Indianapolis.

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## Flames

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Irish coach Mik Aoki said. "More than anything else I want to see the quality of our at-bats with runners in scoring position improve. I think we have thrown some at-bats away there and that is the tale of the season at this point." The Irish (9-12-1) were 3-13 with runners in scoring position — all while leaving eight runners on base. Notre Dame blew an opportunity to tie the game late in the bottom of the seventh after senior right fielder Herman Petzold started the inning off with a single. Sophomore designated hitter Adam Norton then advanced Petzold to second on a sacrifice bunt. After a wild pitch advanced Petzold to third, senior pinch hitter David Casey walked, putting runners at the corners for the top of the lineup. But sophomore second baseman Frank DeSico softly grounded out to second to end the threat. The Flames held the lead

the entire game, starting in the second inning after freshman starter Anthony McIver (1-2) walked the leadoff batter, who scored on a groundout by Flames freshman left fielder Jon Ryan. Ryan later added a two-run double in the fourth that widened the lead to 3-0. The Flames added another run in the top of the ninth after a costly fielding error by senior third baseman Greg Sherry allowed the leadoff man to get aboard. After a sacrifice bunt by Flames sophomore first baseman Joe Betcher advanced the runner to second, redshirt senior second baseman Matt Serna lined an RBI single to right field but was thrown out at second trying to advance. But freshman right-hander Sean Fitzgerald kept the Irish within striking distance after he relieved McIver in the 6th inning. The reliever pitched four strong innings, including a stretch where he retired eight consecutive batters and struck out six, utilizing a commanding fastball. "I thought [Fitzgerald] pitched really well. He struck a bunch of guys out and com-

manded the strike zone well. That was the difference between he and [starting pitcher Anthony McIver] was that he had a lot of advantage counts. [McIver] was in a lot of hitters' counts and the end result was a performance that wasn't bad, but wasn't great while [Fitzgerald] had a great outing for us." The Flames added an insurance run in the top of the ninth after Sherry committed a costly fielding error, allowing the leadoff man to get on base and eventually score. The game didn't end without some drama, though, after DeSico lined a two-out RBI single to center to make the score 5-3 and bring the winning run to the plate. But senior shortstop Mick Doyle struck out with men on second and third to end the game. The Irish will try to rebound tonight against Central Michigan as they send sophomore right hander Adam Norton (0-1) to the hill at 5:35 at Frank Eck Stadium.

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its depth and resolve. At the NCAA championships, freshman Ariel DeSmet defied the odds and captured the gold medal in the weapon, matching Meinhart's performance from 2010. "Our foil team is absolutely unbelievable," said senior sabreist Avery Zuck. "Take Ariel [DeSmet] — here is a kid that is a freshman, and came out and performed just as well as Gerek did. He completely eliminated that loss, which

is incredible because we are talking about a kid who literally has a chance to win a medal at the Olympics this year... It was definitely a big hit when we heard that he was out, but there was not a better place to take that hit than on our foil team." Despite DeSmet's gold medal in the men's foil and another gold tacked on by junior Courtney Hurley in the women's epee, Bednarski stressed that Notre Dame's path to the championship had its ups and downs.

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Final Four bound

*Irish take down Vols 73-59 on their way to NCAA Final Four*

By LAURA MYERS  
Senior Sports Writer

DAYTON, Ohio — They donned their new caps, pulled their new T-shirts over their green jerseys and danced the Irish jig with their fans.

Then, the Irish climbed a ladder and cut down the net, a physical reminder of their 73-59 victory over top-seeded Tennessee, a win that sends them to the program's first Final Four since 2001.

Becca Bruszewski was the last player to cut a strand, and hers stuck as she tried to pull it off the hoop.

But just like Monday's game, the senior forward wouldn't let that piece of rope out of her grasp.

After injuring her knee Saturday against Oklahoma, Bruszewski was listed as questionable to start the game Monday.

Not only did she start, but she played 37 minutes and finished the game with 13 points and eight rebounds.

"Becca, she just won't quit," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "She is absolutely relentless. ... She is the most mentally tough player I've ever seen."

Bruszewski was named to



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**Junior guard Natalie Novosol drives to the basket as the Irish cruise past Tennessee 73-59 to earn a berth in the Final Four Monday in Dayton, Ohio.**

the all-tournament team for the Dayton Regional. Junior guard Natalie Novosol made the team as well, and sophomore point guard Skylar Diggins was named the region's Most Outstanding Player.

Diggins probably earned a good number of votes for her

performance Monday night as she scored 24 points and had four assists and four steals.

"Skylar was magnificent running the show today," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

After Tennessee forward Shekinna Stricklen opened

the second half with four points to make the score 29-28, Diggins answered with five straight to re-open the lead. Layups from Bruszewski and Novosol along with another Diggins 3-pointer gave the Irish a

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## ND WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

# Irish look to extend win streak

By KELSEY MANNING  
Sports Writer

After several weeks of road trips left the Irish less than satisfied, it's safe to say that the team is happy to be competing at home this week as it takes on Western Michigan tonight.

Notre Dame (17-6) extended a home winning streak Friday in its 4-1 home opener win against Northern Illinois, gracing Melissa Cook Stadium with her 21st straight victory. The Irish are now primed for the string of home matches that begin tonight and carry on to Thursday and the weekend, when they will face Purdue (19-7) and Providence (11-17), respectively.

After enduring a frustrating spring break in California that exposed a few weak spots, the Irish appeared to be back on track with Friday's victory. Notre Dame showed batting efficiency, grace under pressure, strong defense and outstanding pitching that marked a total team effort.

"I think we're coming off

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## BASEBALL

# Hitting woes cost Irish yet another close loss



JULIE HERDER/The Observer

**Senior outfielder Matt Grosso connects during Notre Dame's 4-3 loss to Georgetown Sunday in South Bend.**

By ANDREW GASTELUM  
Sports Writer

The bug has caught the Irish again — an epidemic that has soured solid Notre Dame pitching performances thus far this season.

A lack of timely hitting once again proved to be the deciding factor in a 5-3 loss to Illinois-Chicago Monday night. Despite out-hitting the

Flames (10-10), the Notre Dame offense couldn't get a hit when it counted for most of the night, squandering opportunities with multiple runners in scoring position.

"I think there were a few situations where we had the opportunity to cash a few things in and if we can figure out how to get two-out RBI's we would've been alright,"

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## FENCING

# ND coach: 'It's a great day'

By MICHAEL TODISCO  
Sports Writer

After four frenzied days of competition at the NCAA championships, Irish coach Janusz Bednarski could finally reflect on his team's season, which ended in a national title.

"For our program, it's a great day," he said. "It's not only a great day, it's a great year."

The season started with great promise, as the Irish fencers brought back strong results from international tournaments throughout the world.

Junior foilist Gerek Meinhart captured headlines when he took bronze at the World Fencing championships, becoming the first American to ever win a medal in the event.

"It [was] a huge accomplishment, like winning the Super Bowl," Irish foil coach Gia Kvaratskhelia said at the time.

However, on the same day the Irish earned the No. 1 national ranking, Bednarski was informed that, due to injury, the team would be



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**Junior Courtney Hurley discusses Notre Dame's national championship in fencing during a press conference Monday.**

without Meinhart for the rest of the season, endangering Notre Dame's title hopes.

As the season progressed, the team persevered without its all-world foilist, continuing to post strong results in matches against top competition.

"I started to be not fully, but a bit optimistic, that the absence of Gerek Meinhart would not hurt us as much as expected," Bednarski said.

Without Meinhart, the talented Irish foil team showed

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