

## Lewis wins Hall of the Year

*Pasquerilla East and Knott named Women's and Men's Halls of the Year*

By **NICOLE MCALEE**  
News Writer

Three residence halls were named 2012-2013 Halls of the Year last Wednesday. Lewis Hall was honored as overall Hall of the Year, while Pasquerilla East Hall (PE) won Women's Hall of the Year and Knott Hall won Men's Hall of the Year.

Junior Maura Jones, former president of Lewis Hall, said there were many factors she thought helped Lewis capture overall Hall of the Year, including improving existing events such as Lewis House of Pancakes, planning new events like a Father-Daughter Weekend and creating a Freshman Hall Council.

"I don't think I could even begin to name all of the factors that contributed to our success this year, but I think the combination of really successful signature events, winning Frosh-O, new social and multicultural events, and really dynamic faith and service events were all contributing factors," Jones said.

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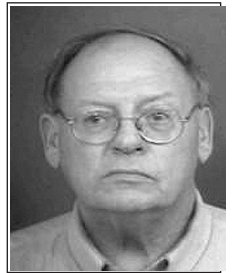
*Lewis Hall was named Hall of the Year last Wednesday. Lewis Hall president Maura Jones credited the dorm's signature events and community infrastructure for the honor.*

## Steinke sentenced to four years

Observer Staff Report

Don Steinke, a former assistant registrar at Notre Dame, was sentenced to four years in prison after

**Don Steinke**  
former assistant registrar



violating his probation for a voyeurism conviction in March 2011, according to the South Bend Tribune.

He was arrested and charged in 2011 after a woman found a camera pointed towards a toilet in a campus bathroom. St. Joseph County

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## Center offers course at correctional facility

By **ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI**  
News Editor

Edward Kelly, a professor in the University Writing Program, said prison is the best place to start conversations about social justice. Notre Dame students can make the 45-minute drive to Westville Correctional Facility this fall to do just that, he said.

Susan Sharpe, an adviser on restorative justice for the University, and Kelly will lead a three-credit course through the Center for Social Concerns titled "Rethinking Justice: Explorations from the Inside-Out." Notre Dame students and inmates from Westville Correctional Facility will comprise the

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class, which will meet at the prison once a week to discuss crime in today's society.

"We talk about a bunch of things, like privilege in our society and its impacts on people," Kelly said. "We talk about what prisons are for, what causes people to commit crimes. We talk about the costs of crimes on

victims but also on the offenders and the offenders' families and society as a whole."

Kelly said the inmates and students will be on "an equal playing field," completing assigned readings and earning credits from Notre

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## Comment period for HHS mandate ends

By **MEGAN DOYLE**  
Senior News Writer

The 60-day period for public comment regarding a proposed compromise to the Affordable Care Act's mandated contraceptive coverage expired Monday without any public response from Notre Dame.

The White House proposed the compromise Feb. 1, crafting a deal that would potentially allow Notre Dame to issue a health insurance plan to its employees without directly providing birth control coverage or claiming it was indirectly paying for birth control coverage.

University Spokesman Dennis Brown declined to comment at this time on why the University did not submit a public comment during this response period. When the White House released the proposed compromise in February,

Brown said Notre Dame administrators needed to fully analyze and discuss its contents.

The proposal suggested a separate, individual private insurance policy that could provide contraceptive coverage at no cost for the employees of faith-based organizations.

"These proposed rules aim to provide women with contraceptive coverage without cost sharing and to protect eligible organizations from having to contract, arrange, pay or refer for contraceptive coverage to which they object on religious grounds," the proposal stated.

The proposal is an amendment to rules regarding minimum insurance packages set forth by the Department of Health and Human

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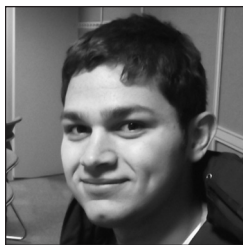
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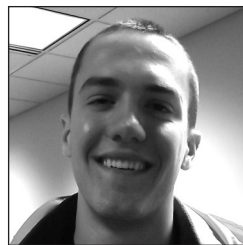
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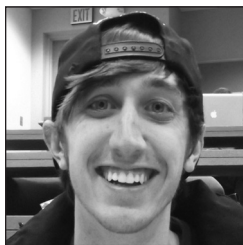
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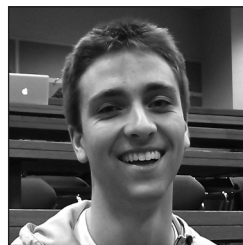
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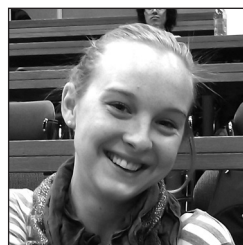
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“Super Smash Brothers with Tera Joyce.”

**Tera Joyce**sophomore  
Cavanaugh Hall

“Super Smash Brothers with Caroline Gerstle.”



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*A student enjoys the refreshing spring weather while feeding ducks near Saint Mary's Lake on Monday. When the weather reached a high of 68 degrees, students headed outside for frisbee, basketball and other activities.*

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*Want your event included here?**Email [obsnews.nd@gmail.com](mailto:obsnews.nd@gmail.com)*

## Tuesday

**Baseball vs. Michigan**Eck Baseball Stadium  
5:35 p.m.

The Irish take on the Wolverines.

**Four:7 Catholic Fellowship**Cavanaugh Hall  
8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.  
Student-led Catholic fellowship and discussion.

## Wednesday

**Wellness Wednesday**LaFortune Student Center  
12 p.m.-1 p.m.

Tips on social anxiety.

**MFA Student Reading**Hesburgh Library  
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
Poetry and prose readings by MFA students.

## Thursday

**Zen Meditation**Coleman-Morse Center  
5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.

Practice meditation.

**Admitted Student Open House**Jordan Hall of Science  
7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
Prospective students and parents meet faculty and students.

## Friday

**Relay for Life**Compton Family Ice Arena  
6 p.m.-9 a.m.

Fund cancer research.

**Women's Lacrosse vs. Loyola**Arlotta Stadium  
7 p.m.  
The Irish face off against the Greyhounds.

## Saturday

**Duncan Classic Golf Tournament**Notre Dame Golf Course  
10 a.m.

Individual 9-hole tournament.

**Women's Softball vs. Rutgers**Melissa Cook Stadium  
12 p.m.-4 p.m.  
Double-header versus the Scarlet Knights.

## Halls

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Jones said winning Hall of the Year was not a specific goal she had for her presidential term. She said she placed a high value on the happiness of Lewis residents instead.

"I think every dorm measures success in a different way, but Lewis measures success by the happiness of our girls," Jones said. "Because we met our goal of creating a great community and making our residents happy, I think Lewis was a huge success this year," Jones said.

Junior Gwen Hooley, former president of Pasquerilla East, said PE's Hall Council collaborated with other dorms through events like Mod Quad's Drip n' Dodge dodgeball tournament. She said PE's Hall Council also built a community within the dorm through service events,

guest speakers and supporting the men's swimming team.

"Prior to this year, PE was the only dorm of 29 that had never won a Hall of the Year Award, ... so one of my goals at the start of my term was to accomplish that," Hooley said. "However, that wasn't my main goal, and I often reminded the commissioners of that. I would have considered it a successful year if the girls really got a lot out of our events and really enjoyed living in the dorm. Hall Council is about building community, it's just nice to get the recognition."

Junior Denver Lobo, former co-president of Knott, said a main goal for the dorm was to [to target] the mind, body, and spirit to build a well-rounded resident who was constantly trying to go above and beyond the status quo.

"[The goal] transformed Knott Hall into becoming more than a dorm or a community, it started

to become a home and a family," Lobo said. Lobo said Drip n' Dodge, hall retreats and winning the Flanner Cup and the Fisher Regatta, along with the hall's family atmosphere, all contributed to Knott's selection as Men's Hall of the Year.

"We had a surprise birthday party for our rector a month ago," Lobo said. "We all gathered outside in the chapel lounge as he came out of the chapel after Mass. With tears in his eyes and being completely overwhelmed, he said, 'This is the happiest moment of my life in Knott Hall.'"

"The inclusion, the community and the brotherhood created this year, wasn't only because of the commissioners and head staff, it was full participation of everyone in Knott Hall."

Seniors Matt Lynch and Dennis Smith, former co-chairs of Hall Presidents Council (HPC), said Hall of the Year selections are based on Rocknes, which are (monthly summaries of each dorm's events) and an eight-minute presentation by each hall to the HPC chairs.

Lynch said he and Smith considered several factors when selecting the Halls of the Year, including how well each hall met the needs of its residents, improved over the year and became a more tight knit community.

"We know that each dorm has unique goals and needs, so there are 29 different definitions of success on this campus," Lynch said.

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## NDSP sponsors annual Bail N' Jail

By MEG HANDELMAN  
News Writer

If you have ever wanted to lock your best friend, boss, significant other or worst enemy behind bars, Notre Dame Security Police's (NDSP) Jail N' Bail fundraiser can make it happen.

The annual Jail N' Bail event raises money for Relay for Life, NDSP Captain George Heeter, who is also a Relay team captain, said. He said Jail N' Bail will take place Friday at a makeshift jail created at Notre Dame Stadium and offer students the perfect pranking opportunity. "Participants must fill out an entry form indicating the name and description of the person they want to be 'arrested,' along with a location and time for them to be 'arrested,'" Heeter said.

Heeter said officers will go to the designated location on the date and time listed on each form to "arrest" the subject and take them to the stadium jail to be "booked." If the person being "arrested" does not want to be thrown in jail, they can donate a minimum of \$5 to receive a "Get Out of Jail Free" card. Heeter said NDSP will release a subject on bond if someone else donates an amount of their choice.

"NDSP Jail N' Bail is unique because anyone from the Notre Dame community can participate this year and help to raise over \$1 million for American cancer research," Heeter said.

Heeter said the idea for the event, now in its third

year, came from local law enforcement agencies that hold a similar fundraiser.

This year's NDSP Jail N' Bail event will be open to all faculty, staff and students, he said.

"People should participate because it is a great cause and a great University event to help find a cure and an end to this horrific disease," Heeter said.

"You never know when you or a family member or friend may fall victim to [cancer] and may need assistance.

**"NDSP Jail N' Bail is unique because anyone from the Notre Dame community can participate this year."**

George Heeter  
NDSP captain

Lastly, it is a chance to do something out of the goodness of your heart for those in need."

"We hope to raise as much money as we can. Every bit helps local victims of cancer."

Applications for Jail N' Bail are online at [main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayforLife/](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayforLife/) and at Hammes Mowbray Hall. Applications must be accompanied by a minimum donation of \$25 and are due Thursday at noon. Paper applications must be returned to Hammes Mowbray.

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## Justice

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Dame. The group will discuss issues of crime and justice, write several papers and break off into small teams to complete group projects on a subject of their choice, Kelly said.

"Our readings and papers and discussions focus a lot on the causes and costs of crime, and various responses to crime, including alternatives to conventional responses to crime," Kelly said. "Fundamentally, what we're doing is bringing two disparate groups of people together in an environment where they can exchange ideas and explore questions, think together, talk together and learn together."

Senior David Willcutts took the course in the fall of 2012 and said it was "the most important [course] I've taken at Notre Dame."

"The biggest takeaway from the class is that it puts a face to prisons and the justice system," he said. "These are people that are living in it. I'm sure a lot of people will say our justice system isn't perfect, but you don't know until you've met the people in it. You form relationships with them, you care about them as individuals."

Willcutts said the class was a "very interesting life experience" that provided students with the chance to talk and learn alongside people whose paths would never intersect ordinarily.

"It's one of the most unique experiences you can have at Notre Dame, and it's a great way you can actually get involved with real world relations and what real people are experiencing in the justice system," he said. "You will most likely walk away from the class with a very different perspective than you did before."

Senior Julaine Zenk, another member of the fall 2012 class, said she worked with Willcutts on their final project for the class. Their group created a garden within one of the prison dormitories. Zenk and Willcutts said they enjoyed the chance to collaborate on a constructive, concrete program and the project is continuing even after the class's conclusion.

"A garden program isn't going to change people's lives, but it will help them in some way," Zenk said. "Even the smallest program in prison can benefit people. You talk to the people there, hear their stories, and a lot of people would think 'They're hardened criminals, they don't care.' But these guys [in the prison] really care."

"It's a good-sized, large group of people who actually do want to make a

change."

Kelly said the group doesn't shy away from difficult or uncomfortable topics but relies on mutual respect and openness to create a forum for real learning.

"In the early going, it's naturally going to be uncomfortable," he said. "The nature of the subject matter is such that there are things we talk about that are touchy subjects for some folks, and there are bound to be some moments of discomfort. 'One of our jobs

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David Willcutts  
senior

is to cut through that discomfort and help break the ice so people on both sides recognize this is an opportunity to learn from one another.

"We hope the students are honest with one another, [that they] aren't posturing or game playing and we work to develop a sense of trust between the students and ourselves and amongst the students, too."

The program aims to "transform thinking" for the long-term, both for the Notre Dame "outside students" and the Westville "inside students," Kelly said.

"The hope is that transformation will take place ... in the Notre Dame students coming in and finding out that these people they had stereotyped in a particular way as monsters or bad guys are actually human beings just like them, who share similar dreams and are actually very, very good people who made some mistakes," he said.

"We also want the guys on the inside to think about the experience they're having in prison and what they can do to make that experience better for themselves and those around them."

Zenk said the connections formed among students on both sides were incredible, and the class was the "most fulfilling" she has taken at Notre Dame.

"It was uncomfortable for the first two meetings or so [because] everyone was pretty wary about boundaries, but once we got further into the class we definitely got an open feeling ... that really resonated throughout," she said. "With the outside students at first, you could tell that we were trying to be polite and weren't all that open, but the inside students were open and upfront right off the bat."

"It really was a very open forum, ... and a lot of these guys were very earnest. One told us his story one day and I found myself in tears. Every so often, you forgot what setting you were in."

Kelly said applications for the class during the fall of 2013 semesters are due Thursday. Information and application materials can be found at [www.socialconcerns.nd.edu](http://www.socialconcerns.nd.edu)

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## Steinke

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Superior Court Judge Jerome Frese ruled yesterday Steinke violated his probation by failing to seek mental health counseling after the March 2011 arrest, the report said.

The initial incident was a Class D felony. The Tribune report said St. Joseph County prosecutors added three more charges of voyeurism in March 2012 after more cameras were found.

Steinke pleaded guilty to the

four charges, which Frese decided to treat as misdemeanors. The original punishment consisted of four years of probation and 20 hours of community service, according to the report.

Frese ordered Steinke to seek counseling, but prosecutors filed a petition in February to revoke probation when Steinke failed to do so, the report said. An evidentiary hearing took place earlier this month, and the sentence for prison time came down yesterday.

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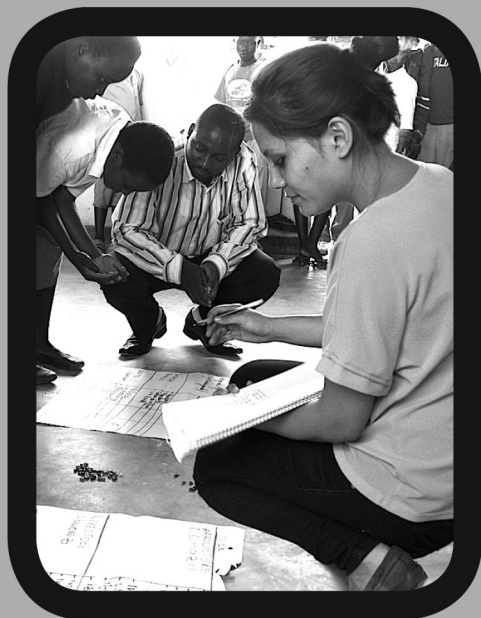
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# SMC club highlights gender-related issues

By **TABITHA RICKETTS**  
News Writer

Saint Mary's College student organizations, Feminists United and She's the First, are sponsoring a screening of "It's a Girl," a film documenting the cultural "war against girls" in India and China.

"We're sponsoring the movie because we believe it is important to raise awareness about specific global issues affecting women such as female gendercide," senior president of Feminist United Brittani Hradsky said.

According to the "It's a Girl" movie website, the documentary reveals the reality faced by many women and girls around the world. The website said,

"The film tells the stories of abandoned and trafficked girls, of women who suffer extreme dowry-related violence, of brave mothers fighting to save their daughters' lives and of other mothers who would kill for a son."

Hradsky said raising awareness

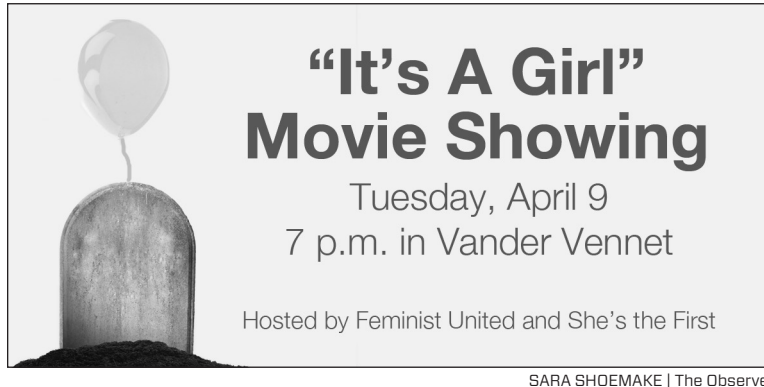
of gender-related issues is one of Feminists United's goals.

"We stand for equal rights for women and men," Hradsky said, "Part of our mission is to educate other students about current women's issues. Our goal of hosting the screening [is to] open the opportunity for discussion."

The documentary illuminates the general prevalence of the issue in countries like India and China, where women and girls are commonly victims of murder and violence simply because of their gender, said Hradsky. "We believe the film is a really important opportunity to highlight current global injustices that warrant our attention," Hradsky said.

She said she hopes the showing will be well attended by students, "particularly students who are not familiar with the issue of gendercide and policies that influence it".

"For example [one policy is] China's one child rule," Hradsky said. "The movie also details some of the cultural and political



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influences that serve to reinforce the widespread subjugation of women and girls."

The suggestion to sponsor a showing of "It's a Girl" originated from the Saint Mary's Feminists United's faculty advisor, professor Sonalini Sapra, and quickly received support from the student members.

"This event is important to all ... of Feminist United," Hradsky said. "We have a passion for equality and women's issues, and we want to be active in spreading this interest. Our goal is to support, empower,

educate and challenge our fellow students."

She said she hopes to have at least 50 students come out to attend the showing and participate in the panel discussion afterward.

Feminists United asks students to learn of the severity of the issues that women and girls still face in the world today, Hradsky said.

Hradsky said, "We want to show others how to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves."

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# Fulbright assistant presents on Yemen

By **CATHERINE SULLIVAN**  
News Writer

Salma Ishak, one of Saint Mary's two 2012-13 Fulbright teaching assistants, introduced faculty members and students to her home country of Yemen in Cushwa-Leighton Library on April 8.

Ishak's presentation was sponsored by the Saint Mary's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL).

The center's director, Elaine Meyer-Lee, said becoming a Fulbright scholar is a "highly competitive process and these scholars do it all. They teach in our classrooms with our faculty and take classes with our students."

Ishak began her presentation by pointing to Yemen on a map.

"People constantly ask me, 'Is [Yemen] in Europe? Is it in Africa? Is it in Germany?'," Ishak said. Ishak said Yemen is a country located in

Western Asia, at the southern end of the Arabian Peninsula. Yemen's geographical position, with more than 2,000 kilometers of coastline extending from the Red Sea in the West to the Arabian Sea in the East, is a gift, Ishak said.

"Its geographical location has placed it at the heart of trade and cultural exchange between [the] East and West," Ishak said. "It is known for its coffee exports, as well as its spices. ...

I am very accustomed to rich foods. When I eat American food, I always ask where I can find the spices."

Ishak's home city is Sana'a, Yemen's capital. Ishak said its altitude of 7,500 ft. makes it one of the world's highest capital cities.

"[Sana'a is] one of the very oldest inhabited cities in the [Arab] world, and it still has the original architecture," she said. Ishak said a typical day in her home city is

interwoven with Islam, the main religion of the country. She said there is also a small representation of Jewish populations.

"We wake up at five a.m. to pray, one hour before sunrise," Ishak said.

Families in Yemen are often very large, Ishak said.

"It is weird in Yemen to have only one or two children, usually there are between four and seven in each family," she said.

Ishak said women in Yemen are expected to remain home and raise their children. Less than 47 percent of women in Yemen are literate, she said, and the Yemen education system is very underdeveloped.

Ishak said she is studying to obtain a degree in education in order to return home and contribute to the rejuvenation of the system.

Because she has been studying English for some time, Ishak

said there was no language barrier when she arrived at Saint Mary's, but other cultural differences have taken some adjusting to.

"Last semester, I was almost the only one with a scarf, and that was very hard," Ishak said. "Everyone here is very kind, so it was not so bad, but I could tell that many students wanted to ask about it and did not."

Ishak said the dining hall experience has helped her meet friends on campus.

"In my culture, socializing at meals is very important," Ishak said. "Those who work away from home come back for lunch each day to eat with their families. It is a similar situation at Saint Mary's. If I did not have [the] dining hall, it would be very hard to make friends and socialize with people."

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# La Fuerza presents panel on immigration

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La Fuerza, a Saint Mary's club representing Latina culture on campus, kicked-off its annual week of action Monday evening with a panel titled "What does it mean to be Undocumented?"

College President Carol Mooney said Saint Mary's admits undocumented students and treats them the same way as documented students in the application and acceptance process.

"Bottom line: documented, undocumented, everybody should be treated alike," Mooney said. Mooney read the Catholic Church's

position on immigration from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website: "All per-

**"Bottom line: documented, undocumented, everybody should be treated alike."**

Carol Mooney  
SMC president

sons are invited to participate in our parishes, attend our schools and receive other services offered by our

institutions and programs."

Felipe Merino, a local immigration attorney and 2001 alumnus of Notre Dame's Law School, urged the panel's attendees to gather stories of immigration and undocumented students to help develop the passion for these issues the United States currently faces.

"You, as Saint Mary's students, are in a great position because you have access to a student body that you can inspire and motivate," Merino said.

Kathy Cabello, an executive of Project Stepping Stone, an organization that helps to inspire Latino students to continue their education, said members of the College

community have a responsibility to help all students achieve higher education

Alma Bravo, a social worker and 2012 alumna of Saint Mary's, said she works with clients who feel "the system is flat-out broken." The panelists said immigration reform is necessary and undocumented students should continue to seek education.

"The more undocumented students that go to college and get a higher education, the more voice we will have within the nation," Bravo said.

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## HHS

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Services (HHS) as part of its regulatory authority under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

If the administration finalizes this draft of the rule, objecting organizations could provide employees with a plan that does not offer contraceptive coverage. The health insurer providing the plan would then enroll those employees in a separate, stand-alone policy that only covers contraceptives at no extra cost.

The University, however, is self-insured. The proposed policy outlined several options for self-insured organizations, all of which allow the objecting employer to work with the company that administers its health benefits to avoid coverage of contraceptives.

A third-party administrator would "automatically arrange separate individual health insurance policies for contraceptive coverage from an issuer providing such policies," the proposal stated.

Last May, the University filed one of more than 40 religious liberty lawsuits from faith-based organizations to contest the constitutionality of the contraception mandate. The lawsuit stated the mandate would go against Church teachings and therefore violates the First Amendment, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and other federal laws.

A federal judge dismissed Notre Dame's lawsuit in early January, when U.S. District Court Judge Robert Miller Jr. ruled the University's claim was not yet "ripe," meaning it was not ready to be litigated. This was the case because the rule regarding contraceptive coverage had not been finalized.

Despite the proposed changes, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) continued to voice its own concerns about the mandate in a statement Feb. 7.

USCCB president Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, who will visit Notre Dame in May as the 2013 Commencement speaker, claimed the compromise fell short but said the bishops looked forward to finding "acceptable solutions" to the mandate.

"[The proposed rule] appears to offer second-class status to our first-class institutions in Catholic health care, Catholic education and Catholic charities," Dolan said Feb. 7. "HHS offers what it calls an 'accommodation' rather than accepting the fact that these ministries are integral to our church and worthy of the same exemption as our Catholic churches."

HHS will now review public comments and decide whether this draft of the rule will become final.

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## INSIDE COLUMN

# Play for the green



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It's that time of year again. Yes, it's April. And the onset of April means another thing — The Masters. The time of the year when everyone becomes an avid golf fan. It's the weekend when those who consider golf "boring" find themselves excited to watch golf for three days. People model their green sport jackets, and some dig out their golf clubs from the attic.

The Masters stands as the biggest golf tournament of the year. The 2013 Masters Tournament will definitely not be one to disappoint.

The competition that will find itself putting, chipping and driving at Augusta National this week will fall nothing short of intense. The players of the PGA Tour are coming into the Masters ready to win. With such a title at stake, the players have evolved their own idiosyncratic ways of preparing themselves to do just that.

Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson both stand as veterans of the Masters. They've both found themselves wearing the green jacket at the end of the day with their own particular ways of preparing. Mickelson usually plays a tournament the week before the Masters (though this year he did not), while Tiger religiously takes the week off leading up to the big day.

Regardless, everyone is coming into the Masters prepared. With Tiger back at the No. 1 spot in the rankings, his chances of winning his fifth Masters are looking strong. His brilliant putting is just one facet of his game helping make Tiger the favorite. In the past 144 holes he has played, Tiger has made 35 putts longer than eight feet. Despite his 2009 scandal, Woods has found his place on the PGA tour again and looks to capture the Masters jacket this year, which would earn him his 15th major title.

Woods, though, is not without threats to his game. No. 3 ranked Justin Rose enters the tournament as a competitive force. The 32-year-old Englishman will perhaps play Augusta National much more under-the-radar than Woods, but that doesn't mean he doesn't have a shot at winning his first Masters. In this past 2013 year, Rose has finished second at the Arnold Palmer Invitational, eighth at the Cadillac Championship, and fourth at the Honda Classic. Clearly, he's got a chance to snatch that first-place finish.

With all this in mind, it's officially time for us as viewers to prepare for Masters ourselves. So, get your Polo shirts and country club attire ready to wear, hear that classic Masters music sounding through your ears, get ready for some legendary fist pumps and magical shots and anxiously anticipate Bubba Watson putting the Green Jacket on the 2013 Masters champion.

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## The diversity debate

**Shaaya Ellis**  
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On Sept. 6, 2012, I submitted a letter to the editor aptly named "Multiculturalism fosters segregation" in which I critiqued the various race-based groups that insist celebrating division somehow unifies us. This is an elaboration of the article.

After reading "Segregation at the Tabernacle," Sept. 3, "Segregation or celebration?," Sept. 6, and "Celebrate to unify," Sept. 6, my first article was correct in arguing race-specific events wholly contradict the University's mission of unification. How can race-delegated retreats unite all members of the Notre Dame community?

However, the author of "Segregation or celebration?" said her time at a Latino retreat was open to various members of the Notre Dame community. So, apparently such is not the case with all race-specific organizations on campus. While they insist they are welcoming to all persons and committed to diversity, race-based organizations are not welcome to a diversity of thought.

I attended the Show Some Skin, formerly known as the Race Monologues, performance Thursday and was disturbed at what I witnessed. I suspected those who decided to attend a three-hour performance and the cast members who practiced assiduously might express diversity of thought. Much to my chagrin, such was not the case. During an act called "Ethnic Goddess," the actress made a crude comment about white girls. The comment made

went along the lines of "you know, the average Notre Dame white girl who works out six hours a day and eats only lettuce." Not only was the comment shameful and tasteless, the audience's laughter showed the true color of those who advocate for accepting everyone's differences. If the actress stereotyped any other non-white group in that manner, the auditorium would have been showered in boos and charges of racism would be levied against her. The show prides itself as a means of seeing people as more than what they look like. However, stooping this low contradicts everything they stand for.

This incident at the Show Some Skin performance is not the only instance in which my suspicions about multiculturalist were sadly confirmed. As a black American, I have political perspectives that are not in line with the majority of blacks. So, when I share my point of view with the various members of the Notre Dame community, I find it is the blacks and African Americans who attack me with scorn and derision — the same people who claim they appreciate diversity. Instead of challenge the arguments I make, they resort to saying I proudly participate in white racist demagoguery. "Uncle Tom" and "sell-out" are just a few of the responses levied at me.

What my detractors fail to understand is true diversity comes from people who think differently, not from people who look differently. Affirmative action is antithetical to wanting everyone equal under the law. Saying a certain group is alike and therefore acceptable to mix and match by race is simply the soft bigotry of low expectations. How can we

come together whilst having a different set of standards for specific groups of people?

Multiculturalism locks people into a blind alley. It confines people to where they were born, regardless of future opportunities.

Similar to the caste system in India, multiculturalism places a strong emphasis on an accident of birth and binds people to the circumstances in which they were born. But, at least the caste system does not claim to benefit those at the bottom rung.

When multiculturalists endorse and embrace ebonics as a means of communication in urban public schools, the only thing it accomplishes is protection of students' self-esteem. Such a lofty claim reeks of absurdity. It does no good to prevent black students from speaking standard English, especially in a world where black unemployment is twice that of white unemployment.

So, if we as a community want to heal the wounds of yesteryear, unify people with various opinions and enlighten each other, then we have to acknowledge that multiculturalism is a barrier to progress. Multiculturalism is like an albatross around the neck of those who would love to see that we look beyond our racial differences and see that we are all humans created in the image of God.

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON



## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If men could only know each other, they would neither idolize nor hate."

**Elbert Hubbard**  
American author

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# Weather woes

The GreenMan

Ask the GreenMan

To my fellow Domers,  
I'm writing this as I lay outside on the quad making grass angels, soaking up the sun while I can. For the third time this month, I have my hopes up spring is here to stay. Let's be honest, South Bend's weather is just frustrating. ... Y'all comment and complain about it daily on Facebook, so I know you agree. But really, I just want to wear flip-flops again or at least be able to walk around barefoot without the risk of frostbite.  
Anyway, thinking about the weather made me start thinking about the climate, which obviously made me start thinking about the upcoming climate change and

the common good conference April 8 through 10. I don't actually know if it will teach me anything about why the weather in South Bend is as crazy as it is, but I'm excited to find out.  
And I know climate change just seems like a buzzword nowadays, but it really does matter, especially if you're an underclassman and will be sticking around the Bend for a few more years. Scientists are fairly certain continued high greenhouse gas emissions will mean more rain for the Indiana region, which means more puddles to trudge through on the way to class. The summers could get much hotter, too. Maybe this doesn't hit home for those who live in air-conditioned dorms, but for those of you living in dorms like Badin and Alumni, have fun in August.  
What can you do personally? Well, I think I've

already lectured enough on transportation methods. Unplugging your appliances and turning off your lights help, too. If you live off campus, buying local produce is a delicious option. I highly recommend the South Bend farmer's market, which is well worth the short ride.  
Just a thought. ... See you in McKenna Hall!  
Kthnxbai,  
The GreenMan  
  
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# A different sort of confession

I have a confession to make.  
Last week, the ND Confessions Facebook page was starting to get under my skin. Sometimes I would read a post that resonated, but more often, after reading the comments underneath, I exited my browser dismayed and slightly nauseous. I did what I thought I should do.  
I "unliked" the page.  
But today I read Alex Caton's column about speaking out about provocative issues on campus. He used ND Confessions as an example of a controversial campus phenomenon. Suddenly it hit me: I am not alright with what

is going on. I do not think the style of commenting is appropriate for a community that defines itself as a "family." I might have unliked the page, but I am not going to ignore it anymore.  
I'll admit I am emotionally raw from my participation in the recent campus production "Show Some Skin: It's Complicated," but I am appalled at how some ND Confessions are treated. I spent two months pouring over the anonymous monologue I was assigned for Show Some Skin, weighing every word and punctuation mark, fretting I would not do justice to the author's experience. We grappled with our

confessional monologues, showing them the utmost respect. So, when I see someone comment under an ND Confession by a struggling, asexual female student by telling her to "try animals," yes, I am going to feel extremely offended. She is a person who opened up to find relief and maybe comfort, but our online community, her family, mocked her.  
Do we realize there are human beings behind those confessions? Really, do we? And is the thrill of seeing "likes" pile up underneath your comment worth the pain you are causing someone? Worth making them feel even

more marginalized? If you think so, that's pathetic.  
Despite my ire, I would actually like to thank the creator of ND Confessions, whoever you are. You are showing us the tender, honest and sometimes ugly underbelly of this community, and if we use the venue you have created correctly, we can learn so much about how to improve as a community.  
So please, think before you comment.

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# Hacking for public benefit a valid initiative, but masks policy problems

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As hacktivists and open-data advocates continue to find themselves on the wrong side of the law, the idea of "civic hacking" aims to redirect young programmers away from breaking things and toward rebuilding them.  
Code for America has deemed itself a kind of "Peace Corps for Geeks." The fellowships program, which uses technology to solve infrastructural issues, closed its application process on March 31 for city governments seeking to take advantage of the program.  
Cities that apply for the fellowships would be assigned a team of programmers, developers and designers for one year that would then devise creative solutions for the problems facing the area.  
One project that fellowship developers launched was the BlightStatus site in New Orleans. This site allows citizens to see blighted properties in the area in order to help the city rebuild.  
While it sounds nice to program for the public good, it will be difficult to convince young programmers it's worth working for a nonprofit when the private sector can offer a much more lucrative salary.  
Projects like Code for America can also seem like a potential waste of money, as there are some problems

facing our cities that technology can't actually solve. Apps aren't magic wands, and pouring more taxpayers' dollars into technology that few will use doesn't seem like the right answer to more complex problems like obesity or growing crime rates. But at least it's a start.  
Code for America is working with other nonprofit groups, like Random Hacks of Kindness and Rally for Impact, to sponsor the governmental initiative, "The National Day of Civic Hacking." The event is scheduled to take place nationwide from June 1-2 in a bid to coax techies away from the dark side of hacktivism.  
The initiative will attract more than 15,000 participants at about 67 locations using "publically-released data, code and technology to solve challenges relevant to our neighborhoods, our cities, our states and our country," according to the official website, hackfor-change.org.  
The irony in this little branch of the hope and change rhetoric is that the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act has allowed for an overbroad definition of what the government considers to be criminal activity in the digital world.  
Therefore, those who join these kinds of "good guy" initiatives may do so more out of fear of prosecution than unflinching support for the public good.  
If government officials were really concerned about transparency, they would be less concerned with public

relations initiatives like "The National Day of Civic Hacking" and more focused on changing overbroad policies like the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.  
This act has allowed government officials to decide at whim which kinds of public application programming interfaces are considered criminal or not.  
In addition, the act allows the government to trap anyone who might "exceed authorized access" to a computer. This ambiguous statement has been used to prosecute open-data activists like Aaron Swartz.  
Hackers are being seen as vigilantes committed to civil disobedience, when many are just dynamic problem-solvers looking to participate in the systems that affect our lives.  
The point of a democracy is that all citizens should have a say in the decisions that affect their lives, and gaining more access to data that is already publically available will help us become active participants in a healthy government.  
Our governmental processes are evolving and, in an age where surveillance within a police state seems like an inevitable reality, we must protect our rights.  
  
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# MAD MEN RETURNS



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After the intensity of the Season Five finale and the anticipation in the months before the Season Six premiere, I have to say I was less than impressed with the content of Sunday's episode of "Mad Men." Of course, I enjoyed spending time once again with the array of unique characters and admiring their authentic 60's wardrobes, but in the two-hour episode, little to nothing really happened. The ads for this much-awaited extra-long premiere exaggerated the hype, and the show failed to live up to its high expectations. However, we do have to remember this was the first episode after a 10-month hiatus, so I suppose we should not be all too surprised to see very little new action as viewers are trying to remember what is happening in the lives of Don Draper, Roger Sterling and company.

Continuing the theme of confusion and a lost sense of identity, this episode featured Don Draper's brow-furled, deeply

unhappy face more than a few times. His insomnia, late-night drinking and brooding attitude all contributed to the cloud of depression that followed him for all two hours. Also, the fact that he drunkenly threw up at Roger Sterling's mom's funeral doesn't help to convince us he is in good spirits. Don is on the brink of a complete breakdown, and I would bet he only lasts two or three more episodes before falling flat on his face.

One of the reasons for my negative reaction to the Season Six premiere could be the fact that death encompassed nearly every aspect of the episode. Although none of the deaths were too surprising or major, we still saw three characters die and had to watch the ensuing sadness. (One did come back to life, but not before his heart stopped beating.) Roger suffered the most with loss between his mother and his shoe shiner, and the scene of him breaking down in his office over the shoe shining kit was dramatic and heartbreaking. To see our favorite sarcastic, arrogant and inappropriately

hilarious character surrender to sorrow and completely break down was terrifying and very telling. Clearly, there is an overall sense of unrest in the office of Sterling Cooper Draper Pryce, and their future looks bleak.

After vacationing in Hawaii with his overly-positive wife Megan, Don fails to impress the Hawaiian resort representatives because of the undertones of death in the ad pitch he presents to them. The pitch involves footprints and a man's clothes, while the company expects bright beaches and luxurious amenities. They interpret his idea to be a man committing suicide, leaving only his clothes and his footprints behind — a noteworthy connection to Don and his depression. Instead of being full of action and plot, this episode was instead a mixture of cryptic hints and mysterious signs, both aspects of the show I enjoy yet can rarely seem to figure out.

You might be wondering why I have waited until the last sixth of this recap to mention Betty Francis, Don's blond and

distant ex-wife, but that is because she added absolutely nothing to this episode. Besides the scene of her cooking with the two hippie hobos in the abandoned house, I enjoyed nothing about her performance. First of all, the episode failed to remind us who the mature 15-year-old girl living with them is, so I was disinterested whenever she appeared. Secondly, Betty acted like a complete psychopath in this episode — no exaggeration. Between telling her husband to rape the 15-year-old in a far too serious manner, to dying her hair black, to acting more like a child than her immature preteen daughter, Betty only served to confuse me.

As much as I had been looking forward to the Season Six premiere, I was disappointed. The episode offered several enigmatic signs but failed to even hint at any explanation. I am hopeful the show's writer Matthew Weiner will pick up the pace for next week's episode and bring together some of these loose ends.

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# IMAGINE DRAGONS 'NIGHT VISIONS'

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Imagine you're looking for the right band to commit to, no band in the past feeling quite right. Then, imagine stumbling upon a band that encompasses the alternative, slightly indie rock feel you've been looking for after years of searching. Imagine Dragons.

Yes, in this band I have found my musical soul mate. And in the nature of the free love movement back in the 1960's, let me share this love with you so you too may find musical bliss in this amazing band.

Mosey on over to your Spotify and listen to Imagine Dragons' "Night Visions (Deluxe Version)."

You have probably heard of Imagine Dragons, perhaps without knowing it. The group's hit "It's Time" has been playing so often on your Top Hits Pandora station you probably think "it's time" for the song to stop playing.

However, although overplayed, there is no denying "It's Time" mixes impactful lyrics with tasteful hand clapping

and manages to seem both uplifting and gloomy at the same time.

The strength of the album is it effortlessly goes from darker, punkier numbers to lively poppy tunes without feeling at all disjointed. The band possesses a remarkable ability to stay true to itself without sticking to the same formula for each song. "Radioactive" is nothing like "On Top of the World," yet they're both impressive.

"Radioactive," which opens "Night Visions," is definitely a darker type of song. Front man Dan Reynolds' voice eerily portrays a poisonous air, eliciting a post-apocalyptic feel with the help of strong drums and a vibrating bass.

Another favorite of mine, "Amsterdam," strikes a chord by combining light symbols and chords that seem to sparkle with the band's undeniably poignant message. The song is both playful and grounded, with the verses portrayed as apologetic and the chorus easily deemed prophetic. When Reynolds belts "your time will come if you wait for it," it's hard not to believe him.

"On Top of the World" starkly contrasts

the previous two songs. A whistling synth and joyful claps culminate in a triumphant refrain with a burst of guitar beckoning multiple vocals together. The song overall is reminiscent of the spirit and fervor of a Hallelujah chorus, in a modern pop/rock way.

All of the songs really add value to the album as a whole. "Hear Me" starts off with beats not so unlike a cheesy 1990's rap group and then descends quickly into an electronic plea with the help of a nice bit of drum work. "My Fault" showcases Reynolds' vocals. With nothing but a low bass beat, minimal guitar and his voice advocating the emotional case of the song on the verses, Reynolds proves his expressive skill.

Imagine Dragons' forte is undoubtedly its ability to portray emotion effectively in each song. While listening to "On Top of the World" I cannot suppress the urge to dance and celebrate. "Demons" automatically leads me to reflect on my own inner demons. When "Underdog" pops up on my iPod, I immediately feel better about my own struggles and failures. "Round and Round" makes my head feel

like it's going round and round, repeating the monotonous cycles of life. I find that potency to be the most impressive type of musical accomplishment.

I really can't imagine what I did before Imagine Dragons. I am constantly finding new things I love about their album "Night Visions."

My only complaint? Their songs are far too short and far too few.

More, please.

## "Night Visions" Imagine Dragons

**Label:** Interscope Records

**Tracks:** "It's Time,"  
"Radioactive"

**If you like:** OneRepublic,  
GroupLove



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On South Dining Hall:

A Collection of Haikus  
By Christine Anspach

On favorite meals:

Waffle sandwiches  
With Fro-Yo in the middle  
Best dinner ever

On difficult decisions:

Breakfast for dinner  
Or some stir-fried fajitas?  
A hard decisions

On berries:

They have strawberries  
Such a rare delicacy  
I'm bored of apples

On Indian food:

Indian food night  
Madra Beef Do Pyaza  
What is it made of?

On long lines:

6:30 at South  
Too many people in line  
Just eating Fro-Yo

On brunch:

Sunday morning brunch  
Everyone is in sweatpants  
What happened last night?

On Lent:

The Fridays of Lent  
No meat in the dining halls  
But plenty of cheese

On children:

Middle school field trip  
Kid with a tray of cookies  
And some taco meat



# An Open Letter to Knee Pants

By CHRISTINE ANSPACH  
Scene Writer

Dear Knee Pants,

I know you get annoyed when I call you capris, because you don't quite reach my ankles. But I appreciate the fact that you are not quite shorts and not quite pants. You are somewhere in the middle, perfect for the bipolar "spring" weather of South Bend, Ind. I can wear you while working out, with a tank top and flip-flops for warmer weather or with sneakers and a sweat-shirt for colder days. You have the glorious stretch of yoga pants without the annoying flare at the bottom that always drags in the puddles that line the sidewalks of South Quad.

I know other people make fun of you because you look kind of awkward. People aren't quite sure what to make of you. You cut off strangely at the knee, and people often refer to you as "half-pants," as if you do not

quite match up to the standard of full-length pants. I hate being compared to other people, so I can identify with your frustration of being compared to full-length pants. I mean, shorts aren't called "quarter-pants," right? I completely respect your decision to be called knee pants.

Just because you are made fun of doesn't mean you can't be successful. I mean, Miley Cyrus gets made fun of, and so does Lindsay Lohan, but they're both able to lead moderately successful, happy lives. Miley is (was?) engaged to Liam Hemsworth, and Lindsay still gets movie roles (even if they are just Lifetime movies, and even if she has more mug shots than pairs of shoes).

The only frustration I have with you is you make me look shorter than I actually am. You were always criticized on that TLC show, "What Not to Wear." The hosts of the show would always throw you in trash cans, blaming you for being unflattering or for making the fashion offenders on the show look shorter and wider. But it's not your fault

I'm short. I choose to wear you for my own comfort and convenience.

Don't get the wrong idea, though. I don't like you like that. I like you for your easy and comfortable pull-on style that makes you perfect for working out, but I would never wear you out to a party. No offense, but you just aren't compatible with my heels and chiffon tops. I know you want a fair chance to prove you are versatile and adaptable. I know I just said you are well-suited to either sweatshirts or tank tops. But there is a time and place for everything, you know? For example, I would never put ketchup on chocolate cake, but I would put it on almost any other food. Likewise, I can wear you all day, to class and to working out and to club meetings, but I can't wear you when I'm going out.

But just because I can't always wear you doesn't mean that I will never wear you. I'll wear you as often as I can, because I mean it when I say you are the most comfortable thing in my closet, even if you are a little awkward. But

that's okay, nobody's perfect. Even Kim Kardashian makes an ugly face when she cries. But it must make you feel a little better to know celebs like Victoria Beckham (a.k.a. Posh Spice), Mila Kunis and Ellen Pompeo sport you on a regular basis when they work out. No, they aren't going to wear you on the red carpet. But you do get to be seen in celebrity gossip magazines, thanks to the paparazzi. That must make you feel a little special, right? I mean, both LuluLemon and Nike make versions of you, so that must make you feel pretty legitimate.

If nothing else, Knee Pants, know you are appreciated. I will always own at least one pair of you.

Best,  
Christine Anspach

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## SPORTS AUTHORITY

# Baseball: Just what the doctor ordered



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Sports Writer

Last Sunday signaled the beginning of two seasons in America — baseball and a certain disease — and oddly enough, they go hand-in-hand.

Millions of fans traveled to stadiums across the nation or just to their couches to watch a game they love begin again this year. Meanwhile, many others began to show early signs of the yearly epidemic.

Symptoms of this illness include scoffing at the length of the baseball season, citing pitchers' duels as unentertaining and a general misconception about the game itself. The one telltale sign of the disease is if the following leaves the person's mouth: "Baseball is boring."

Unfortunately, in the age of short YouTube videos and endless highlight reels, this disease is growing each year, especially among those under the age of 30. Don't worry though if you think you might catch the disease because you are surrounded by people who think baseball equals boredom. Just cover your mouth with your baseball glove, breathe in that rich leather smell and smile because you know they're wrong.

Besides more cowbell, there's only one prescription for this illness. But don't worry, the Doc (no, not Roy Halladay) is here to provide the full dosage.

First, take a step back and a deep breath, and slow down. One of the best things about baseball is, believe it or not, its slower pace. Life is hectic and enjoying a baseball game means taking a step back and soaking in the present. Sometimes there are lulls in the action of a game or season, but staying with it during these times helps you really enjoy the biggest moments that come later.

Second, appreciate the need for endurance, because the baseball season is a marathon, not a sprint. There are slumps and streaks through the entire season, and while watching a team at the top of its game is sweet, seeing a team overcome its struggles is just as enjoyable. Through the entire season, teams have the same singular goal in mind — a World Series crown — and seeing the finish of a marathon is particularly special when you know what it took to get to the end.

Next, listen to the

broadcasters. Whether its radio or television, the commentary from guys like Bob Uecker and Vin Scully add depth to the game, no matter if the action is thrilling or just routine. Even if your team is out of contention, the best broadcasters will supply smiles and stories sometimes only tangentially related to the game.

Fourth, find the beauty in the details. Granted, the intricacies of baseball are not usually apparent to those who find the game boring. But exploring the details, whether for the first time or all season long, elevates the game to a new level. For example, each at bat represents a new duel between the pitcher and batter, each with his own strategy and distinct talents, and the situation changes with each pitch.

Fifth, enjoy the uniqueness of the game. There are so many aspects of baseball that distinguish it from other sports, and these attributes, like the fact that it's the only true summer sport, make it special for fans. For example, without a salary cap, each team, from the Yankees (pretty soon, we'll start saying the Dodgers) to the Athletics, has certain traits that characterize it year in and year out. The minor leagues also play an important role in baseball and teams are always making decisions that affect the long-term success of the club. Even the concept of the game itself is vastly different than most other sports. It's these distinctions that fans love about baseball.

Finally, capture the moments to remember. The walk-off home runs, incredible pitching performances, unbelievable defensive plays and other amazing moments baseball provides are the greatest thing about the game. Watching them live is remarkable, but reliving them years later is just as wonderful.

So, there you have it, a guide to enjoying baseball for those missing out on it and a refresher for those already doing so. If you reexamine it, this guide for enjoying the game also seems like an awfully good guide for enjoying life. That's because the game of baseball is not boring, but full of life.

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## GOLF

# 14-year-old seeks to 'Master' Augusta

## Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Guan Tianlang is in good company this week at Augusta National.

He played a practice round Monday with two-time Masters champion Ben Crenshaw, then headed out in the afternoon with Tiger Woods. He has a gamelined up Tuesday with Tom Watson, an eight-time major champion. On Wednesday, he plans to play the Par 3 Tournament with Nick Faldo, winner of six majors.

Can't he play with someone his own age?

Not at this Masters.

Guan is the 14-year-old from China, the youngest to ever play in the Masters and the youngest player at any major in 148 years. He qualified by winning the Asia Pacific Amateur Championship last fall in Thailand, and now he gets a crack at the best in the game, on one of the most famous golf courses in the world.

Nerves? So far, only a big smile.

"I'm really excited in the morning when I come out on the course and there's many people here," Guan said Monday, conducting his news conference in English with a Chinese translator at his side in case he needed help. He rarely did.

The kid has shown to be special in many ways.

He went wire-to-wire in the Asia Pacific amateur, and he wasn't even rattled on the final hole at Amata Spring Country Club. With a belly putter he had been using for about six months, he calmly rapped in a 5-foot par putt for the one-shot win and a drive down Magnolia Lane — in the passenger seat, of course.

Age seems to have no limits these days in golf.

Tiger Woods was 21 when he set 20 records to win the 1997 Masters. Sergio Garcia was 19 when he nearly beat Woods in the PGA Championship two years later. Morgan Pressel was 18 when she won a major championship on the LPGA Tour. Lydia Ko was 15 when she won the Women's Canadian Open last year on the LPGA Tour.

Even so, this is the Masters.

Guan is 14, the only player in the field who brought his



AP

Chinese prodigy Guan Tianlang tees off on the 17th hole of his practice round for the Masters on Monday.

eighth-grade homework with him to Augusta National.

"I knew he was young," Steve Stricker said Monday. "I didn't know he was the same age as my daughter. Yeah, that's remarkable. And I've been telling my daughter the same with this Lydia Ko, who has been playing on the LPGA Tour. I just can't imagine being that young and competing at this level at such an early age. It will be interesting. I'll be interested to see how he does and how he handles it and how he plays. It's remarkable that he's even playing."

The only player younger than Guan in a major championship was Young Tom Morris, who was about a month younger in the 1865 British Open.

He arrived a few weeks ago and can't get enough of Augusta. Guan figures he already has played six rounds, and he was with a member the day he shot 69. Whether that translates in the tournament is another story.

Guan played in the Australian Open in December and opened with an 82 at The Lakes in Sydney. He bounced back with a 70 the next day, though the first-round score was enough to imagine what kind of number waits on the 7,445-yard course at Augusta National, where just getting to the slick, contoured putting surfaces is part of the challenge.

"I would say I'm not long enough, but I think I'm still all right in this golf course," Guan said. "And I drive a little bit longer in Thailand than here, but I think I'm still all right, not a

really serious problem."

At least he's finding the right kind of help.

A friend at his home course in China knows Crenshaw and passed along the message that the kid wanted to play a practice round with him. Crenshaw gladly obliged, and was impressed with what he saw. Guan did not go wire-to-wire in Thailand on accident.

Crenshaw studied his touch, balance and rhythm, and he tried to show him the nuances of the slopes on the greens.

"It was fascinating to see," Crenshaw said.

Guan planned to stay in the Crow's Nest on Monday night, the tiny quarters set aside for the six amateurs in the field this week. He has been spending long days at Augusta in the week leading to the Masters, not leaving until twilight on Saturday.

And he was back on the course Sunday, playing nine holes and heading to the practice round. He was startled by a familiar voice.

"There he is!" Watson belted in his direction. After a hearty handshake, Watson said to him, "Working hard?"

Guan nodded.

"GOOD!" Watson replied, flashing his gap-tooth grin.

The 30,000 fans on the course Monday didn't seem to bother Guan on the first official day of practice. Woods played 14 holes on Sunday with Stricker, and then returned Monday afternoon to play with Dustin Johnson, with Guan tagging along.

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## MLB

# Nava, Buchholz lead Red Sox past Orioles, 3-1

## Associated Press

BOSTON — A second brilliant start by Clay Buchholz. A clutch homer by Daniel Nava. Another flawless fielding performance by the Boston Red Sox.

The fans at Fenway Park saw for the first time what all the excitement is about when they watched the surprising Red Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles 3-1 in Boston's home opener on Monday.

"This team is growing in confidence by the day," first-year Red Sox manager John Farrell said.

Buchholz (2-0) allowed three hits in seven shutout innings, Nava hit a three-run homer in the seventh off Wei-Yin Chen (0-1) and the first-place Red Sox improved to 5-2 for their best start in seven years.

Last year, they lost five of their first seven games and finished last at 69-93, and in 2011 they started 1-6 and missed the playoffs with a September collapse.

So winning Monday after taking two of three road games against both the New York Yankees and the Toronto Blue Jays "is a lot better than starting 2-9, or whatever it was last year and the year before. We've

got an awesome group of guys," Buchholz said. "It's easier to come to the ballpark and be in high spirits, in good spirits about it whenever your team is winning."

The Red Sox won their ninth straight home opener a day after Jon Lester pitched seven innings in a 13-0 win in Toronto. Boston pitchers had 18 consecutive scoreless innings before Adam Jones hit his first homer of the year with one out in the ninth off Joel Hanrahan, who finished for the save.

Boston's new closer is perfect in three save tries this season.

The Red Sox haven't committed an error in any of their seven games, their longest season-opening errorless streak.

Nava broke open a scoreless duel with his second homer in two days. He hit a shot over the Green Monster in left after Dustin Pedroia singled and took third on a double by Mike Napoli.

"It was special just because it was opening day," Nava said. "I wasn't trying to hit a home run. It just worked out like that but to contribute and get us a lead in a tight game after Buck pitched well is something that I think



Red Sox shortstop Jose Iglesias stretches for a force out at second base in the fourth inning of Boston's 3-1 victory over the Orioles at Fenway Park on Monday.

anyone who stepped in the box in (that) situation was looking to do."

Buchholz gave up three walks and struck out eight. Last Wednesday he allowed one run in seven innings in a 7-4 win over the New York Yankees.

"He had very good stuff," said Farrell, who took over after Bobby Valentine was fired following one season as Boston's manager. "You can't say enough

(about) what Clay did for us. The way Chen was pitching, a classic pitchers' duel, and one swing of the bat becomes the difference."

Andrew Bailey blanked the Orioles in the eighth before Hanrahan, acquired from the Pittsburgh Pirates in the offseason, made his Fenway debut.

"We might spend all day tomorrow crying as a team, holding each other's hands, spend all day walking through the Prudential

Center (in Boston) crying," outfielder Adam Jones said sarcastically after Baltimore fell to 3-4. "We're playing good baseball. We've got 155 games to go; a lot of games to go."

Buchholz allowed the first batter to reach base in four innings but only one runner advanced to second.

"I actually felt better pitching out of the stretch," Buchholz said. "I felt like the tempo was better."

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## MLB

# Santana, late rally lift Royals over Twins

## Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Royals fans waited almost all afternoon to see some offense. When their team finally built a rally, it came just in time to give Ervin Santana a much-deserved win.

Santana pitched eight strong innings, Alcides Escobar doubled home the go-ahead run and Kansas City beat the Minnesota Twins 3-1 on Monday in its home opener.

"Better later than never," Santana said. "I know we are going to score runs."

Santana (1-1), acquired from the Los Angeles Angels on Oct. 31 for minor league left-hander Brandon Sisk, gave up a run and eight singles. He struck out seven, walked one and hit a batter with a pitch.

Santana allowed only four hits after the first inning, when the Twins scored their lone run.

"He really had his big slider working and he had a good fast-ball, too," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "After the first inning he really settled down. His slider was phenomenal. He was able to throw it at the back foot of their big sluggers and keep them off balance. Giving us eight strong innings was big."

Twins right-hander Kevin Correia (0-1) limited the Royals to five singles and no runs over the first seven innings before Lorenzo Cain doubled to right-center to open a three-run eighth. After Chris Getz's sacrifice bunt moved Cain to third, Alex Gordon singled to tie the score.

Escobar's double scored Gordon and knocked Correia out of the game. Jared Burton gave up a run-scoring single to Billy Butler, who tied a club record with seven RBIs on Sunday in Philadelphia.

"Correia did a good job getting us to hit on top of the ball and hitting ground balls," Yost said. "In the eighth he got some pitches up and we were able to get some runs. These guys just keep plugging away. They have the confidence that they're going to hit."

Correia took the loss after giving up three runs and eight hits in 7 1-3 innings.

"I made a couple bad pitches," he said. "I got behind on (Cain) and I didn't want to walk him. I threw a middlish pitch that he got enough of to get it in the gap. The pitch to Gordon, I tried to throw a fastball and it ran back over the middle."

The Royals, who had the best spring training record in the majors, won their first home opener since 2008 when they beat the New York Yankees 5-2.

"It means a lot," Yost said. "Last year there was as much excitement, but we were down seven after three innings. We wanted to show our fans some exciting baseball. We wanted them to see

in person what they have been reading about. We're very happy to win the home opener in front of a sellout crowd."

Aaron Crow worked the ninth to earn his first save of the season and the third of his career — two against the Twins. His previous save came July 21 against Minnesota. The Royals, who have come from behind to win three straight games, have three saves from three different pitchers this season.

Crow walked Chris Parmelee with one out, but coaxed Brian Dozier to bounce into a game-ending double play.

"The decision was easy," Yost said. "(Greg) Holland and (Kelvin) Herrera were unavailable. It's too early in the season for them to be pitching three

days in a row. Aaron's an All-Star. I don't like to say it, but he's one of the big four we've got out there, with Holland and Herrera and (Tim) Collins. I've got confidence in any one of those four closing the game."

Joe Mauer scored on Ryan Doumit's two-out single in the first for the only Minnesota run. It was the first time this season the Twins scored first after being outscored 9-1 in the first two innings during their first six games.

The Twins bunched four singles in the first inning, but managed just the one run after Doumit ended the inning by being thrown out scrambling to get back to second base after Justin Morneau stopped at third on Trevor Plouffe's single.



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Royals pitcher Ervin Santana deals during the first inning of Kansas City's 3-1 victory over the Twins on Monday in Kansas City.

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## Softball

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Beyond these achievements, the Irish also have gathered nine Big East Conference Softball Weekly Honor Roll awards between four members of the squad. Sophomore second baseman Jenna Simon earned the award Monday, the second time she won it this season.

Notre Dame will continue to look for Simon and other key players to contribute in the batting lineup, including junior left fielder Lauren Stuhr, junior shortstop Chloe Saganowich and sophomore center fielder Emilee Koerner.

"The main focus of this game will be playing like Notre Dame softball should play and dominating offensively and defensively," Buntin said.

Northwestern (19-14, 5-3

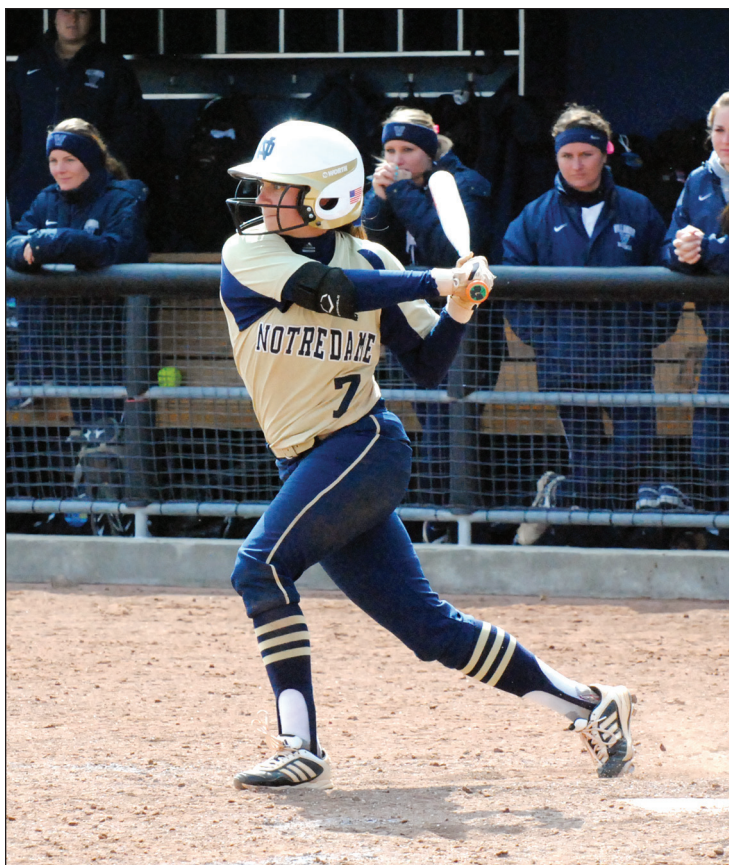
Big Ten) enters tonight following a three-game sweep of Illinois. They have sought leadership from sophomore starting pitcher Amy Letourneau on the defensive end. Letourneau has a 1.66 ERA this season.

During the sweep, the Wildcats held the Illini to five hits and one run, while they scored 23 runs and hit six home runs. Northwestern will bring a new challenge to the Irish defense, forcing junior Laura Winter and senior Brittany O'Donnell to continue shining in the pitching circle.

"We haven't done anything special to prepare for Northwestern," Buntin said. "We've just been focusing on playing Notre Dame softball."

The squads will face off at 5 p.m. at Sharon J. Drysdale Field in Evanston.

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**Irish sophomore second baseman Jenna Simon swings during Notre Dame's 9-3 win over Villanova on Sunday at Melissa Cook Stadium.**

## O'Donnell

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fulfill that dream. In high school, she posted 1,247 strikeouts with a 79-13-1 career record. She was named an ESPN/Under Armour All-American two years in a row and received first team EA Sports All-American honors.

At Notre Dame, O'Donnell has continued her success. As a freshman, she struck out 71 batters and finished with a 3.71 ERA. As a sophomore O'Donnell was named second team all-Big East, finishing her season 10-1. Last season, she was named a Big East Academic All-Star and completed her season with an 11-5 record.

O'Donnell said she improved significantly each year she played with the Irish.

"As a player, I have grown both mentally and physically," O'Donnell said. "I have become stronger and with the help of my coaches [have] been able to fine-tune all of my pitches."

Aside from the improvements in the technical aspects of her pitching, O'Donnell said Notre Dame gave her a confidence in her game she's never had before.

"I feel I'm able to confidently face any challenge thrown my way and overcome it successfully," O'Donnell said.

Now approaching graduation, O'Donnell said she's not

**"Leadership is a quality that the coaches and Notre Dame [have] instilled in all of their athletes."**

Brittany O'Donnell  
Irish senior pitcher

ready to end her time with the team.

"Next year, while finishing up my teaching credentials, I will be joining the current coaches and becoming part of the Notre Dame coaching staff," O'Donnell said. "After that I will pursue a career as an elementary school teacher in pediatric oncology units. I will be working in a hospital setting assuring that the patients receive the proper schooling to reach their academic potential without falling behind."

In the meantime, O'Donnell will coach the girls she now calls her teammates, teaching them to lead in her place.

"Having the ability to give insight on and off the field to my teammates is an awesome value that I have learned through my prior teammates," O'Donnell said. "Leadership is a quality that the coaches and Notre Dame [have] instilled in all of their athletes."

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## O-Line

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scrambled around the other spots during spring ball. One lineman who has made his case for locking down a starting spot is junior Nick Martin, Zack's brother. The younger Martin played mostly guard and tack-

***"Nothing is etched in stone in the spring."***

Conor Hanratty  
Irish junior offensive lineman

le over the past two years, but now looks to be the favorite to succeed Cave at center.

"Obviously Braxton left big shoes to fill, but Nick has been doing a great job as far as getting us to the line, getting us down and doing a good job with the snap count lately, as well," Watt said.

Junior center Matt Hegarty has surprised many early in camp by coming on strong to challenge Martin for the job. Hegarty suffered a stroke late last season, after which doctors discovered he was born with

two holes in his heart. After a summer of therapy, Hegarty has increased his level of play, forcing offensive line coach Harry Hiestand to take notice.

"I've been very impressed with Matt and how he's been able to maintain through all this," Hiestand said. "And now you see him getting better. We anticipate he'll keep climbing and we're really pleased with what he's doing."

Another young player who has helped his cause through spring ball has been junior Conor Hanratty, who has emerged from a pack featuring injured sophomore Ronnie Stanley and early enrollee Steve Elmer to be a frontrunner in the race to line up next to Lombard. Hanratty said focusing on the little details has been the key to his big improvements.

"The key right now is just in fundamentals, and getting better every play," Hanratty said. "You have to be able to be reliable."

Each player is looking to use the offseason to prove and assert themselves as individual starters, but Hiestand and Irish coach Brian Kelly are



MACKENZIE SAIN | The Observer

***Irish fifth-year offensive lineman Chris Watt blocks for junior quarterback Everett Golson during Notre Dame's victory over Michigan State on Sept. 15 in East Lansing, Mich.***

more worried about the offensive line as a whole. With just under five months until Notre Dame opens its season against Temple, every player has gotten the message: In the spring, no

spot is safe.

"Nothing is etched in stone in the spring," Hanratty said. "It's all about getting your work in, getting used to playing with the other guys and that's all that's

important right now. We'll wait until the season starts for everything else."

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***Irish sophomore right fielder Ryan Bull rounds the bases during Notre Dame's 10-6 loss to Villanova on Sunday.***

## Baseball

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ranked opponent Michigan faces this season, but the Wolverines hold a commanding 85-45 lead in the all-time series against the Irish. The Wolverines and the Irish split a pair of contests last season and will also play each other in Ann Arbor next Tuesday.

"[Michigan is] a team we're fairly familiar with, given that we've played them four times over the past two years," Aoki said. "They seem to be a lot better hitting team than they were a year ago. ... They've got a good

coaching staff and the team has obviously got to feel pretty good about themselves after sweeping an excellent Michigan State team [last weekend]."

After Michigan, Notre Dame will return to the field for another non-conference home game against Eastern Michigan on Wednesday. Sophomore right-hander Matt Ternochek is scheduled to start against the Eagles (14-16, 4-5 MAC).

The first pitch between the Irish and Wolverines is set for 5:35 p.m. today in Frank Eck Stadium.

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## FOOTBALL

## Changing of the guard



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*Irish fifth-year offensive lineman Zack Martin looks to block for junior quarterback Everett Golson during the national championship game Jan. 7 in Miami.*

By JACK HEFFERON  
Sports Writer

Last year, Notre Dame's veteran offensive line arrived ready to dominate, and did just that by powering the run game and protecting rookie quarterback Everett Golson.

This year, some assembly may be required.

The Irish return one of the nation's best left sides in tackle Zack Martin and guard Chris Watt — both fifth-year seniors

are back for one more season before playing football on Sundays. However, the graduation of center Braxton Cave and right guard Mike Golic Jr. created a gaping hole between Watt and senior right tackle Christian Lombard that a number of anxious young players are looking to fill. That influx of inexperienced players has shifted much of the leadership responsibility onto Watt and Martin, something Watt said has forced them to be

more vocal on the field.

"The biggest thing is from the communication standpoint, being able to tell those guys what they're doing wrong and also pointing out the mistakes that we make on the field," Watt said. "It's important that Zack and I both demonstrate leadership and toughness."

The seniors' leadership should give the line some consistency, even as players are

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## BASEBALL

## Bats propel ND into midweek matchup

By JOHN SANDBERG  
Sports Writer

No. 18 Notre Dame will look to bounce back from Sunday's loss to Villanova as it returns to Frank Eck Stadium today to take on regional rival Michigan in a non-conference matchup.

The Irish (19-10, 4-5 Big East) are coming off a 2-1 series victory against Villanova this past weekend, where they recorded wins Friday and Saturday before losing in Sunday's finale.

Despite taking two of three from the Wildcats, coach Mik Aoki said the Irish were "really fortunate" to come away with two victories in a series that featured uncharacteristically sloppy pitching from Notre Dame.

One thing that has not been sloppy is the middle of Notre Dame's batting order. Junior infielders Eric Jagielo and Trey Mancini are batting .398 and .324, respectively. Mancini leads the team with 29 RBIs, and Jagielo is not far behind with 27 of his own.

"They're a great luxury to have," Aoki said. "For the past two years, Eric and Trey [have] been great to have hitting three and four. ... They're great players, and even more importantly, they're really phenomenal kids."

Sophomore outfielder Ryan

Bull has also been hitting the ball extremely well while batting fifth and providing some protection behind Mancini. Bull, who Aoki described as having "come into his own" this season, is batting .325 with 16 RBIs, including five RBIs in Sunday's loss to Villanova. Bull is also riding a seven-game hitting streak.

At the beginning of this season, Aoki said a key factor in Notre Dame's success this year would be its ability to win midweek games. The Irish accomplished that last week, beating Illinois-Chicago and Valparaiso on Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively.

This week, Notre Dame will look to do the same, starting this evening against Michigan (16-14, 4-2 Big Ten). Freshman right-hander David Hearne is slated to start on the mound for the Irish. Hearne is 0-1 with a 4.40 ERA in eight appearances this season.

"Pitching is always the key in our game," Aoki said. "[Today] we need for David Hearne to go out there and give us a few strong innings and get the game to the bullpen and manage that."

The Wolverines have been hot lately, with five wins in a row and six wins in their last seven games. Notre Dame is the first

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## ND SOFTBALL

## Surging squad readies for battle with Wildcats

*Team prepares for non-conference tilt with Northwestern*

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The Irish travel to Evanston, Ill., to face non-conference opponent Northwestern today.

In its last 13 games, Notre Dame (26-9, 7-1 Big East) has only lost two games and allowed 26 runs. Most recently, the Irish won a three-game series against Villanova last weekend, sandwiching two wins around a 1-0 loss in the second game.

"We recognized the loss, learned from it and now we are ready to move forward with the rest of the Big East," senior catcher Amy Buntin said.



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*Irish sophomore third baseman Katey Haus swings during Notre Dame's 9-3 victory over Villanova on Sunday at Melissa Cook Stadium. The Irish take on Northwestern on Tuesday.*

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*Lifelong Irish fan Brittany O'Donnell leads teammates*

By KATIE HEIT  
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Though her last year as a player will soon come to an end, senior pitcher Brittany O'Donnell is not ready to complete a journey that began as a kid and will return to coach the Irish next year.

"When I was seven years old, I stepped foot on campus with my family for the first time," O'Donnell said. "Ever since then, I've wanted to come to the University of Notre Dame. There is so much tradition and prestige associated with the University and I wanted to be part of the Irish mystique."

O'Donnell worked hard to

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