

ND reviews sexual assault policies

Survey reveals most students understand how to utilize the present system

By MEGAN DOYLE
Senior News Writer

Despite significant changes to Notre Dame's sexual assault policies in the past two years, most students understand how to make a report of sexual harassment or sexual assault under the current system, according to a survey administered by the Office of Student Affairs last fall.

Vice president of Student Affairs Erin Hoffmann Harding and Deputy Title IX coordinator Dr. Bill Stackman released and discussed the results of the campus-wide survey last week with The Observer. While not every student completed every question, Harding estimated about 50 percent of the graduate and undergraduate student body responded to the October survey.

Of the students surveyed, more than 75 percent claimed they knew how to report incidents of sexual harassment, sexual misconduct or sexual assault to the University's administration, and more than 80 percent claimed familiarity with the University's policies related to these incidents.

But as Harding and Stackman reviewed the survey data and

Sexual Conduct and Campus Climate Questionnaire:

- More than 75 percent of students know how to report incidents of sexual harassment, sexual misconduct or sexual assault to the administration.
- More than 80 percent of students claimed to be familiar with the University's sexual assault and sexual misconduct policies, the sexual harassment policy and grievance procedures and the responsible use of information technologies policy.
- More than 75 percent of students believe the University responds effectively and fairly to incidences of sexual assault, sexual misconduct, sexual harassment and sex-based cyber harassment.

Survey responses provided by the Office of Student Affairs. Approximately 50 percent of the graduate and undergraduate student body responded to the October survey.

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over 350 pages of additional comments from students, they said administrators did notice areas where their outreach related to sexual assault reporting needed to grow.

"Our campus is not perfect, and we all need to work very hard to make it better," Harding said. "As an institution and a community, though, good networks of support are in place and we have a solid process. One area we know we want to do more in is training and education. Done well, this will help us prevent incidents in the

future."

While more than 75 percent of undergraduates indicated the University responds effectively and fairly to these incidents, Harding said between 20 and 25 percent of the responders did know the answer to those questions on the survey.

Harding said comments revealed two underlying trends in student concerns — a perceived double standard for student athletes in cases of sexual harassment or assault, and a perception of the system presuming the accused to be guilty

as soon as the report is made.

Harding described these perceptions as both "unequivocally not true" and "incorrect."

Even this year, Harding said Title IX investigations into these reports have found both the accused to be both guilty and innocent in different situations.

The survey also revealed some barriers for both victims and third parties who might file a report of sexual harassment or assault, Harding said. The most significant barriers for victims

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Professor receives Sheedy award

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Julia Douthwaite, professor of French and francophone studies, will receive the 2013 Sheedy Excellence in Teaching

Julia Douthwaite
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Award, according to an email announcement from the College of Arts and Letters on Monday.

The award, named for former Arts and Letters Dean Fr. Charles Sheedy, honors a faculty member who has "demonstrated sustained excellence in teaching, informed by scholarship, over a wide range of courses," associate dean for Undergraduate Studies JoAnn

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CCAC conducts student survey

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI
News Editor

A recent survey by the Community Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) gathered information on local college students' perceptions of South Bend, which CCAC said will be used "to improve the student experience in South Bend and increase the city's ability to retain students after graduation."

The data was collected from more than 3,500 students at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross College, Bethel College, Indiana University South Bend, Ivy Tech Community College, Purdue

College of Technology South Bend and Indiana University School of Medicine (South Bend).

On a scale of one to seven, students rated South Bend 3.64 as a city, the survey results stated. They gave a 4.17 when asked how well they feel they know South Bend and a 4.31 about whether they feel South Bend is a positive place to receive an education. The lowest number, 2.53, corresponds to whether students would consider living in South Bend following graduation.

Notre Dame student body president Alex Coccia said he thinks

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CSC celebrates thirty years of service to community

By CATHERINE OWERS
News Writer

The Center for Social Concerns (CSC) will celebrate its 30th anniversary with an open house tonight in Geddes Hall.

Rev. Paul Kollman, executive director of the CSC, said the Center seeks to assist students in fulfilling the University's mission.

"I think we represent a lot of Notre Dame's best ideals in what we seek to form in our students and in the ways we relate to the communities we seek to serve, locally, across the country and internationally," Kollman.

The Center was founded in

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April 1983 when the Volunteer Services Office and the Center for Experiential Learning combined, Kollman said. "We've engaged more and more students in

different sorts of experiences," he said. "We've sought to engage faculty in their pedagogy, and we've

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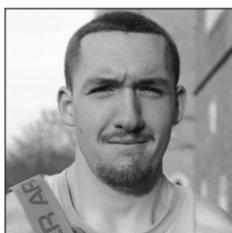
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Eck Baseball Stadium
5:35 p.m.-7:35 p.m.
The Irish take on Eastern Michigan.

Film: "Brothers on the Line"
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
Documentary showing and panel discussion.

Thursday

Take Ten Festival
Stepan Center
3 p.m.-5 p.m.
Local students celebrate nonviolence.

Mother's & Father's Day Photo Shoot
South Quad
12 p.m.-4 p.m.
Pose for a photo to thank your parents.

Friday

Write First
Coleman-Morse Center
8 a.m.-10 a.m.
Work on dissertations.

National Endowment for Humanities Seminar
Flanner Hall
3 p.m.-4 p.m.
Lecture by Malcolm Sen, Ph.D.

Saturday

Women's Softball
Melissa Cook Stadium
4 p.m.-8 p.m.
Double-header versus Louisville.

Concert: Nathan Gunn
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Grammy-winning baritone soloist.

Manzano named speaker

By ANGELA BUKUR
News Writer

Sonia Manzano, who plays Maria on "Sesame Street," will speak to 51 multicultural members of the Saint Mary's College Class of 2013 at the sixth annual Multiethnic Commencement Celebration on May 5.

The ceremony is hosted by the Office of Student Involvement and Multicultural Services (SIMS), which addresses the academic and personal needs of underrepresented students at the College, SIMS assistant director Graci Martsching said.

"The SIMS office decided to start the annual Multiethnic Commencement Celebration because of the many wonderful, but misrepresented, women who are a part of our community at Saint

Mary's," Martsching said.

According to a College press release, Manzano was raised in the South Bronx of New York City as a first-generation American of Latino descent. In her junior year of college at Carnegie Mellon University of Pittsburgh, she traveled back to New York to star in the original production of the off-Broadway show "Godspell."

Within a year, Manzano joined the production of "Sesame Street" and broke ground as one of the first Latino characters on national television, the release stated.

As a member of the "Sesame Street" writing team, Manzano won 15 Emmys and continues to create scripts for children's programs as well as other literary ventures.

"Some of the many reasons why we chose [Manzano] is because of

her diverse background, many life achievements and influential strive toward women empowerment," Martsching said.

Manzano has received the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Award in Washington, D.C., the Hispanic Heritage Award for Education and an honorary doctorate in fine arts from Notre Dame. She was inducted into the Bronx Hall of Fame in 2004 and was voted one of the most influential Hispanics by People Magazine en Español, according to the release.

Senior class president Silvia Cuevas said Manzano is living out her responsibility to encourage people not to let fear keep them from pursuing untrodden paths.

[Manzano is] an example of someone who saw her ability and used it, full force," Cuevas said. "I hope the rest of my classmates are also eager to go above and beyond and that they won't allow fear or doubt [to] hinder them from doing so."

Martsching said the Multiethnic Commencement Celebration is meant to demonstrate the College's special effort to celebrate the challenges underrepresented students overcome while at Saint Mary's.

Cuevas said only a small percent of multiethnic high-school students attend higher education.

"It is frustrating to see that only half of my childhood friends will finish with a college degree," Cuevas said.

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of the relatively small survey as "a first snapshot" and a starting point for continuing to organize student feedback mechanisms. Coccia said his administration has been planning to emphasize community engagement, especially with the incoming class of 2017.

"Obviously, the more time students spend in South Bend, the better perception they have of the city," he said. "That's why we really want to focus on fresh-

"It's all about building relationships with people and building this mutual commitment with residents of South Bend, so it's not just a one-and-done service project."

Alex Coccia
student body president

man engagement in South Bend, whether that's the freshman bus tour we want to do or a student government night out at the Silver Hawks game solely for the freshmen in that first week when they're here.

"We figure if freshmen and sophomores have good experiences with South Bend then when they move off campus as juniors and seniors, they already know about being good neighbors [and] they already know what's available. It just creates a better environment."

The survey said the top three reasons for students not residing in South Bend after graduation were employment, entertainment and safety. Timothy Sexton, Notre Dame's associate vice president for state and local public affairs, said the results seem consistent with his previous experiences at the University.

"On a daily basis, we hear about what people want in a 'cool' community — they want jobs, safety and a fun atmosphere," he said. "All those things come together to make a really nice community, and it's not a surprise [to me] that it was articulated in this survey."

Sexton reiterated Coccia's thoughts on engaging freshmen in the community, pointing to the bus tour guided by community leaders as a primary example of outreach he believes will be beneficial.

"We need to expose them to [South Bend] and show them what's beyond just the campus here at Notre Dame ... and at all the local higher-education institutes," he said. "There's more than just the campus. There are a lot of opportunities to take advantage of."

The results of this survey are a "good benchmark" in the

city's ongoing efforts to keep graduates around, Sexton said. According to Coccia, retaining recent graduates from the area schools is one of South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg's major projects, preventing what Buttigieg calls "brain drain."

"Part of the takeaway and action items from this survey is [asking ourselves], 'Okay, how can we get thorough student feedback ... about what it is that's going to make South Bend this increasingly cool place so they'll want to stay in the city?'" Coccia said.

Sexton said the survey results concerning economic development align with Notre Dame's focus on research and innovation.

"These results affirm the direction we've been taking ... in the last few years, with the University's research becoming a growing focus," he said. "A lot of the economic development comes from the research done on campus and cultivating that in the businesses that are expanding in our community. They're always looking to hire new people and bring in new innovation."

Thirteen percent of respondents said they do not spend any time in the city, while 30 percent spend 1 to 2 hours, 22 percent spend 3 to 5 hours and 11 percent spend 6 to 10 hours. The survey said 24 percent spend more than 10 hours per week in South Bend.

According to the CCAC's analysis, "the hourly breakdown of activities [reported] truly shows the immense impact of students in the South Bend community." The data showed that with approximately 30,000 students in the South Bend area, students contribute more than 45,000 hours of community service per week and spend more than 60,000 hours supporting local restaurants.

There is a difference between students' perceptions of the city and the reality beyond campus, Coccia said. He plans to review the data with his administration and the Co-Campus Council, which gathers representatives from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Ivy Tech and Indiana University South Bend, and "make positive suggestions for the city using this data."

Coccia said student government's efforts to promote projects and commitments that go beyond ordinary service activities have the potential to affect students' perceptions of the city and its residents in positive ways.

"It's all about building relationships with people and building this mutual commitment with residents of South Bend, so it's not just a one-and-done service project," he said. "It's about building those relationships and working on something with meaningful impact, ... and I think Notre Dame students would be especially prime for that kind of interaction."

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Annual Old2Gold sale raises funds

By **NICOLE McALEE**
News Writer

Beginning next week, Notre Dame students can raise funds for more than 40 local charities by donating gently used furniture, clothing, books and other items to be sold in the annual Old2Gold sale.

Marty Ogren, associate director of warehouse, delivery and transportation, said the collection period for items is May 6 to May 20. There will be designated areas outside each residence hall for gently-used items in working condition. According to the Old2Gold website, the sale will take place the morning of June 15 in Notre Dame Stadium.

Although the sale is in its ninth year, it still requires months of planning, Ogren said.

"We have several meetings to coordinate the PR for the sale, both to students who donate items and to the public who come and purchase items [and] meetings to instruct our campus teams as to their many roles. ... This is a one-day event that we spend four months preparing for," Ogren said.

Ogren said it is difficult to make a rough estimate of the number of items that have been donated over the past nine years.

"Tons of stuff would not be an exaggeration," he said.

Ogren said last year's sale raised \$54,000 and the highest amount of money raised in the sale's history was \$73,000. The money the sale raises directly benefits the local community.

One hundred percent of funds raised at the sale go to the agencies that volunteer to work the event," Ogren said. Each year, we support approximately 45 to 50 agencies. The agencies include Busy Hands of Michiana, Campfire River Bend Council and Hope Ministries, among others."

Donating items is more sustainable than throwing them out, Ogren said.

"Over the years, tons of items have been redistributed instead of ending up in a landfill," he said.

Ogren said Old2Gold is an important fundraiser for local agencies that volunteer at the sale.

"This sale gives local agencies the opportunity to earn funds for their groups," he said. "For some of these agencies, this is the only fundraiser they participate in and have come to depend on our event to accomplish their good works."

The sale also benefits the families that shop for items, Ogren said.

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low, many families are able to purchase items they otherwise would not be able to afford," he said. "[It's] really a win-win."

Ogren said the contributions of Notre Dame students

are what make the Old2Gold sale successful every year.

"This is a huge project and event," Ogren said. "It requires a lot of work and coordination, but it helps so many people who really need our

help. If it wasn't for the generosity of the Notre Dame student body, this would not be possible."

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sought to produce research that looks at the effects of our programs on the students who involve themselves and the communities we seek to serve."

John Guimond, the CSC's director of communications, said the Center runs approximately six seminars per semester, with about 1,000 students who participate each year.

"The Appalachia Seminar is the most popular, with about 400 students who participate each year," Guimond said.

In addition to seminars, Guimond said the Center works with all colleges in the University to develop community-based learning courses.

"We have a number of people here at the CSC to work with faculty to develop pedagogy from their courses to make connections to community partners," he said.

The Center also consults with community organizations to find areas of need when creating community-based learning courses, Guimond said. "It's really trying to figure out what the community need is and matching that need to the given class," he said.

Annie Cahill Kelly, the CSC's director of community partnership and service learning, said

community-based learning has been an important part of the Center's history.

"For about 28 of the 30 years, there's been a very intentional relationship with the local community, working to make connections," Kelly said.

Kelly said although once humanities-centric, the community-based learning courses are now available to students in many disciplines.

"My memory is that it was more theology, arts-and-letter classes that had such offerings. Those who had connections to the Center were pioneers of such courses," she said. "Now, today, it's business, it's science, it's engineering, it's architecture. It's all the colleges, not just humanities."

Kelly said the Center has grown in terms of numbers of faculty and students engaged, and many of the Center's programs have reached national and international levels.

"Some of the programs allow for greater numbers of students to participate and therefore have greater effects in terms of communities that are reached," she said. "The ways that students are able to interact and engage with local communities - I think those ways are deepened and more intentional."

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include not being comfortable discussing the details of the incident, fear of getting in trouble for other violations of University policy and fear their reputations would be damaged, based on 50 to 60 percent of responses.

For third parties, about 55 to 70 percent of responders reported similar barriers preventing them from reporting the assault — respecting the wishes of a victim who does not want to report, preferring to stay out of it and fear of getting in trouble for other violations of University policy.

Harding cited a "Good Samaritan" policy from duLac, the student policy handbook, which encourages students to come forward with reports even if they might be in violation of other policies related to parietais or underage drinking.

"The University will not pursue disciplinary action against a student who makes a complaint of sexual misconduct or sexual assault in connection with the reporting of that incident, or against students named as witnesses to the incident," the policy states.

These obstacles to reporting sexual assaults are not uniquely experienced at Notre Dame, Stackman said.

"I've been doing this work for over 30 years," he said. "My sense in looking at these barriers, they are very similar to [those at] other colleges and universities. Nothing jumped out to me as a particularly unique barrier. Guilt and fear of embarrassment are consistent with what I've seen at other places. It is also common to not always know where to go or how to report it. We are all trying to work to mitigate these barriers, and I hope that conversations like this one will help make a difference in that respect."

The survey also asked several questions in relation to what constitutes consent to participate in a sexual activity. Harding said over 90 percent of students understood the terms of consent

and responded to the question correctly.

The survey did show the University could clarify the terms of consent with respect to a current dating or sexual relationship where consent cannot be assumed or agreement to a different form of sexual activity, when consent to one form of activity cannot be assumed for another.

"I feel best about the individual work we are doing to support students as part of the system, and I think we have a lot of really great features."

Erin Hoffmann Harding
vice president of Student Affairs

Some confusion also arose around the terms of consent with respect to incapacitation as well, Harding said. In University policy, a person incapacitated by drugs or alcohol is incapable of giving consent.

As the administration continues its outreach and education, including hall staff training, in the future, Harding and Stackman said these barriers and issues of consent will be given strong consideration.

The Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Research circulated the survey via email in October. Harding said the survey was primarily "an ongoing piece of our education as a campus community."

The questions were also developed in response to an investigation in fall 2010 at Notre Dame by the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) in the Department of Education.

"When the University worked with the OCR a few years ago, we mutually discussed and agreed that a survey would be a valuable tool for Notre Dame and possibly other college campuses to start gathering information specifically on this issue," Harding said.

At the end of the OCR investigation in 2011, its officials released a public letter that both commended some of the University's policies and offered suggestions for improvements. The University began to implement these recommendations at the same time as it adopted more sweeping reforms suggested by the Department of Education for colleges across the country, including the creation of a Deputy Title IX coordinator to directly handle all reports of sexual harassment or assault. This academic year was Stackman's first in that position.

"There are different components that the OCR has placed and mandated that colleges and universities do," Stackman said. "I feel extremely good about the extent to which we're doing it. We've got the bar for ourselves very high."

As he prepares to conclude his first year in the Deputy Title IX Coordinator position, Stackman said he has seen the past two years of changes become more ingrained in the Notre Dame community.

"Among other things, OCR requires that we provide effective education to our campus community," he said. "We're pushing that pretty hard and want to do even more in future years. The process also requires an investigation. We are on the side of pursuing even a nugget of information — if somebody feels like there's a report and we're not sure, we'll go look at it to find out."

"I think we're doing all of the right things."

Harding agreed the survey reflected a growing understanding of the newer parts of the University's policy.

"I feel best about the individual work we are doing to support students as part of the system, and I think we have a lot of really great features," Harding said.

"Are we always learning and always trying to improve? Yes."

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Renowned lawyer to defend Boston suspect

Associated Press

BOSTON — The defense team representing the Boston Marathon bombing suspect got a major boost Monday with the addition of Judy Clarke, a San Diego lawyer who has won life sentences instead of the death penalty for several high-profile clients, including the Unabomber and the gunman in the rampage that injured former Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

Clarke's appointment was approved Monday by U.S. Magistrate Judge Marianne Bowler.

The judge denied, at least for now, a request from Miriam Conrad, the public defender of 19-year-old suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, to appoint a second death penalty lawyer, David

Bruck, a professor at Washington and Lee University School of Law.

Tsarnaev has been charged with using a weapon of mass destruction during the April 15 marathon. Three people were killed and more than 260 injured when two bombs exploded near the finish line.

The suspect's lawyers could renew their motion to appoint another death penalty expert if he is indicted, the judge said.

Tsarnaev's mother has staunchly defended him, calling the bombing allegations against him lies.

Clarke's clients have included the Unabomber, Ted Kaczynski; Susan Smith, who drowned her two children; Atlanta Olympics bomber Eric Rudolph; and most recently Tucson, Ariz., shooter Jared Loughner. All

received life sentences instead of the death penalty.

Clarke has rarely spoken publicly about her work and did not return a call seeking comment Monday. However, at a speech Friday at a legal conference in Los Angeles, she talked about how she had been "sucked into the black hole, the vortex" of death penalty cases 18 years ago when she represented Smith.

"I got a dose of understanding human behavior, and I learned what the death penalty does to us," she said. "I don't think it's a secret that I oppose the death penalty."

Harvard Law School professor Alan Dershowitz said the decision to put Clarke on the defense team shows "they are going to litigate hard against the death penalty."

INSIDE COLUMN

Happy last week

Maria Fernandez
Scene Writer

I woke up this morning tired and rather hesitant to go to class when it suddenly hit me: this is my last week of school as a Notre Dame student. As I came to this realization, I jumped out of bed, quickly got dressed, grabbed my book bag and walked to class.

The thought of my college experience coming to an end scares me. I had unconsciously been avoiding it throughout the semester until I had to inevitably face it yesterday.

So, trying to keep my mind off the fear and melancholy of graduating from Notre Dame while walking to class, I decided to reflect on a positive and notable question.

What have I learned throughout my past four years here at Notre Dame?

The answer was short and simple.

I have learned about myself, about others and about the ways I can truly contribute to and impact both.

From class discussions to a semester abroad, I have definitely gotten to know myself better throughout my college years — what I like and dislike, with whom and where I am most comfortable and also who I am and who I want to become.

Although I still constantly vacillate between different career paths, my Notre Dame education and extracurricular life has helped me get out of my comfort zone, enjoy new opportunities and get to know a new side of me I had yet to discover.

In addition, my four years have surprisingly taught me more about where I come from (Puerto Rico) — its past and its future.

Before arriving at Notre Dame, I never imagined I would learn so much about my first home while living and studying in my new, second home. Nevertheless, being at Notre Dame has made me more aware of where I am from and the influence and impact my culture and background have on myself as a student and as a friend.

Most importantly, being at Notre Dame has awakened in me a sentiment of constant action, change and inquiry about myself and those around me. I have become fascinated by interactions between different cultures, religions and points of view.

What had originally felt like a sad reality of college almost being over turned into an optimistic and hopeful future as I finished reflecting and finally arrived to class. I am and will always be grateful for my four amazing years at Notre Dame. I am sure the experiences I have had and the people I have met here along the way have shaped and will continue to shape me as I embark on a new and different life adventure.

Happy last week of school to everyone — especially to us seniors! Lets enjoy every minute of it.

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Know thine enemy

Christopher Damian
Ideas of a University

I came to Notre Dame three months after President Obama's commencement address. Amidst controversy and condemnation by more than 80 bishops, Notre Dame sought to forge a path of dialogue and discourse, ignoring episcopal warnings and insisting President Obama would be a listening companion and ally to the Church. In his speech, he said, "Let us work together to reduce the number of women seeking abortions. Let's reduce unintended pregnancies." We applauded. "Let's make adoption more available." We applauded. "Let's honor the conscience of those who disagree with abortion and draft a sensible-conscience clause." We applauded.

One might note the irony when legislative changes resulted in the unprecedented closure of Catholic adoption agencies across the country; when the president's administration changed grant rules to deny Catholic programs, ranked second nationally, funding for sex-trafficking victims; when the University of Notre Dame sued this same president's administration over its right to function as a religious institution three years later. "Virtuous discourse," it turns out, often only works in the minds of academics and their followers. "Dialogue" only goes so far as people are willing to actually listen. Lawsuits and closures occur when dialogue has failed.

When President Obama's HHS secretary told NARAL Pro-Choice America, "We are in a war," she spoke about Catholicism and about Notre Dame. As an institution that counters many contemporary cultural practices, Notre

Dame and its policies are seen as contrary to equality, liberty and tolerance. For many Americans, Notre Dame must bow to the standards of secular sexuality or give up its right to exist.

I was at a meeting in which one professor told attendees, "I have many friends here [at Notre Dame], but I also have many enemies. ... If they could get police to come to my door and hold a gun to my head until I paid for their birth control, they would. These are your enemies." They are here. Those who would undermine the work of Catholics and their beliefs lie in wait for the opportunity to act openly, fortified by federal mandates.

The only prejudices that are praised are those of the postmodern world. Postmodern society will seek to destroy those whose prejudices differ from its own. Catholics would be rash to say we are undergoing mass violent persecution in America, but we would be fools to ignore the seeds of such persecution. Already, Catholic institutions across the country have been compelled by law to either give up their beliefs or undergo penalties by our government.

In a homily in April 2012, Bishop Daniel Jenky aroused controversy by stating, "Hitler and Stalin, at their better moments, would just barely tolerate some churches remaining open but would not tolerate any competition with the state in education, social services and health care." Some say he has demonized some politicians. I believe he has reminded us of the humanity of Hitler.

He has reminded us every tyrant was once a beloved leader, every policy of persecution was once seen as sensible legislation, violence is always preceded by a feigned peace. He reminded us prior

to the great evils it committed in the 20th century, Germany was once among the most well-ordered, developed, intelligent and respected countries in the world. He reminded us not to be fooled, as many were in the previous century, into believing the world has progressed beyond evil. No society is beyond the production of martyrs. We have been called to vigilance.

Still, there is a lesson that was missing in Bishop Jenky's homily. We must be wary of those who would wage war against our faith, but we must understand Catholics do not wage war as the world would. We must show courage, but we must act in a spirit of hope and charity. Just as no earthly society is beyond evil, no soul is beyond the good.

At Notre Dame, I have come to know and respect men and women who disagree with Church teaching but who, nonetheless, love the University in her full integrity, as a Catholic institution. Further, they love their peers, students and co-workers and would defend them against injustice. Catholics must hold these men and women close to our hearts and cherish our friendships with them. One day we may need them, and they will not fail to come to our aid. When the world declares war on the Church and its institutions, these few may remind us of the goodness of mankind in heroic and selfless acts.

Know your friends, and know thine enemy.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months."

Oscar Wilde
Italian dramatist, novelist and poet

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The institution of marriage

Joshua Whitaker (“Keep your ‘traditional marriage,’” April 15) faults The Observer for failing to guide the debate on marriage to the legal institution of marriage, rather than Catholicism’s sweeping disregard for homosexual love.

He then goes on to offer neither a discussion of the legal institution of marriage nor of homosexual love, but rants about the problems of the Catholic view of marriage and the oppression of the gay community by society. Neither of these positions enlightens the debate nor solves the problem. As a Catholic priest, my views on marriage are shaped by Catholic teaching and by my attempts to understand the meaning of marriage as an institution.

To this end, I found the book, “What is Marriage? Man and Woman: A Defense,” by Sherif Girgis, Ryan T. Anderson and Robert P. George most illuminating. They argue marriage has three essential elements that cannot be applied to any other situation except to the relationship between man and woman. They discuss comprehensive union of body, mind and heart, union of pursuit of common good directed at procreation and the raising

of family, and a commitment to exclusivity and permanence. If Mr. Whitaker thinks about these three elements, he will find no matter how hard he tries to argue for gay and lesbian marriage, these three elements are not and cannot be present in their totality except in the relationship between a man and a woman. Furthermore, it seems the most outstanding characteristic embodied in these three elements is complementarity.

Complementarity says to me that marriage is a relationship in which two people are able to give of themselves to each other totally, and, through giving, are able to establish favorable conditions for the forming of families and the raising of children. Complementarity says there is a unity of purpose in pursuit of common goods; this unity of purpose comes as a result of both persons seeking the same thing — a shared life and the establishment of a family.

As a priest, I live in a community of religious life whose members vow poverty, obedience and chastity. Aside from these vows, it is rather difficult to get a group of men to live together with a common purpose and a truly

shared life. Really sharing in all responsibilities and decisions on an equal level seems possible only between a man and a woman bound together in marriage.

And in a complementary relationship there is a desire and likelihood for a permanent and exclusive relationship. Sometimes these relationships end in divorce, but where there is genuine mutuality in the relationship, the possibility of permanence and exclusivity is present.

This is not to say relationships of two men and two women cannot be valid relationships in and of themselves and open to the same legal process as marriages are. It is just to equate them to marriage, and to demand this right equally for all relationships seems to be somewhat far-fetched and liable to destroy what society has for ages regarded as a bedrock for the formation of good society.

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April 29

It feels natural

(Note the issue is not about the morality of homosexuality; rather, it is about homosexuality being part of Nature’s design.)

“For non-believers, homosexuality also clearly defies the laws of nature,” Mr. Carter Boyd says (“Somewhere Over the Rainbow,” April 10). I must have missed something, because this point is not so clear to me.

Consider this:

One of the things that distinguish humans from other animals is humans have souls and animals do not. This is a widely-accepted theory. This theory states humans can and do meditate on the morality and rightfulness of their actions, while animals cannot. Animals act wholeheartedly, as nature made them.

For example, both humans and animals have a natural inclination for killing and eliminating their competitors. While animals just kill that which threatens

them, humans refrain from killing because they are aware of the moral implications of the action.

You may ask what this has to do with homosexuality.

Homosexuality is a behavior that has been found in more than 1,000 species, including Homo sapiens. How is it a sin against nature? As established above, animals have no souls, which means they act just as nature made them. It follows then that homosexuality must be a natural orientation. Animals do not think about the moral implications of their doings — they simply do. Similarly, animals do not think about the moral implications of having sexual relations with the same sex. They simply have sex ... because it is part of their nature.

Moreover, Mr. Boyd, you have argued heterosexuality has survived this long because it is the only natural sexual orientation. I must admit I fail to understand this point and must request that you clarify. There have been many organisms that have gone extinct and

this does not mean they were unnatural. Dinosaurs once existed and I do not think one can argue they were not natural beings since they did not survive.

Also, I do not see how the survival of heterosexuality relates to homosexuality, because as far as I am aware, homosexuality has also survived in humans and more than 1,000 other animals. Indeed, just because humanity has survived because of heterosexuality, it does not instantly reveal that anything that is not heterosexual is unnatural.

I suppose I am a bit cautious not to dismiss your point entirely because I do not understand it. I am interested and would love to see the point more clearly explained if you are willing to explain.

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I speak for the fish

Ashley Casper

The Digital Universe

A biocide is occurring amongst society today. The victims of this don’t have a voice and don’t deserve their fate. This tale is in comparison to the Dr. Seuss children’s book, The Lorax. So just as the Lorax spoke for the trees, I speak for the fish, sea mammals, birds, turtles and countless other marine wildlife that have become subject to the danger of plastics.

100s of species of birds, such as the Albatross species of Midway, get their necks caught in the plastic separators used on six packs of soda cans and choke to death. Just as the character Lovelace from the Pixar film “Happy Feet,” animals suffer elongated pain as their airways are constricted by the plastic, eventually suffocating them. In the movie, Lovelace is saved from this fate, but for many of these Albatross birds they are not so lucky. On average 40 percent of newborn chicks die every year because of the 150 plus tons of plastics washed upon the Midway beaches.

A small turtle, named Peanut, was found with a six pack separator wrapped around the turtle’s shell, making his shell form a figure eight. As the turtle grew around the plastic his organs began to fail. This same process happens to other turtles and tortoises. Animals such as the Hawaiian monk seal and the Pacific loggerhead sea turtle have actually become endangered because of plastic entanglement from the waste.

Animals ingest much of the plastic particles, mistaking them as food. When they eat this plastic it disrupts their digestive system, and they also absorb the chemicals, such as Bisphenol A, that are found in the plastic. Bisphenol A affects their reproductive abilities as well as causes hormonal imbalances. According to Animal Friends Corotia, 10s of 1,000s of animals die every year because of entanglement and ingestion of this plastic waste.

A research team, headed by Chelsea Rochman and Mark Anthony Browne in February of this year, found the benefits for changing the classification of some plastics to become classified as hazardous materials. In declaring certain plastics hazardous,

they hope it will cause companies to look to safer alternatives for fear of the tax that is attached to hazardous material production because of the Comprehensive Environmental Response legislation.

We as consumers also need to take it upon ourselves to refrain from using plastics wastefully. We need to take small steps such as using reusable water bottles and brown-biodegradable grocery bags. We must also encourage endeavors such as declaring plastic a hazardous material because of the benefits that will come from it.

The Lorax book ends with the Once-ler giving Ted a single truffula seed because all the truffula trees have been cut down. Does it take a desolate ocean to open our eyes to the destruction that is caused by this plastic pollution? No. We need to act now.

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Professors After Hours

By **TESSA DeMERS**
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What would you do if you ran into your accounting professor at Club Fever? Or your art history professor in Las Vegas? It isn't as uncommon as you might think to run into teachers outside of their classroom or office hours.

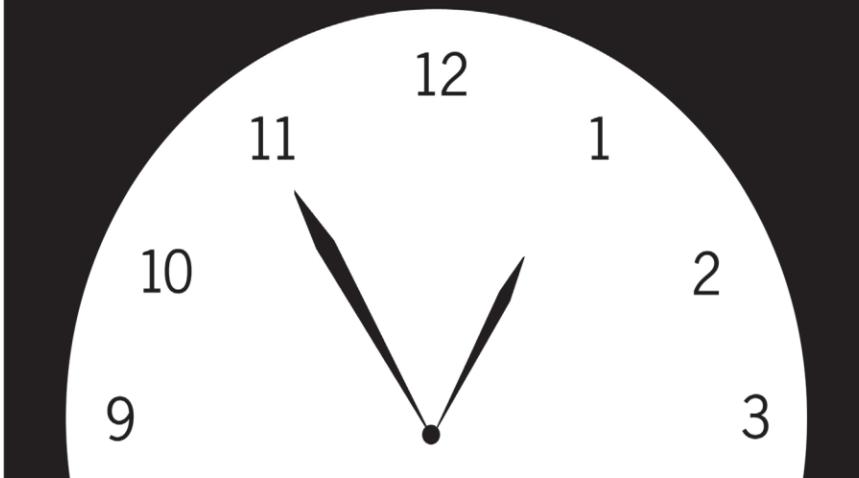
When you take your first step into a classroom at the beginning of a semester and look at your professor standing at the front of the room, getting ready to begin his or her lecture about whatever class you got yourself into this time, you always make judgments. Maybe the teacher immediately clicks with you, telling jokes that seem to indicate a shared sense of humor, or maybe showing pictures of fluffy puppies that just happen to be your go-to procrastination Google search.

However, it's often the case that your professor jumps right into coursework and you don't have a lot of opportunities to see him or her as more than an intimidating figure at the front of the classroom, spouting endless information at you, always much faster than you can write.

Sometimes, this can lead to fear of going to office hours if you have problems. Personally, I have had at least one professor every semester who has intimidated me so much that I was too scared to ask for help, even though I was riding the struggle bus all semester long. I would finally break down and go in near the end of the semester, only to realize professors are not as scary as I had previously assumed. They genuinely want to help you understand and learn and are usually really cool people who are willing to chat with you about nearly anything.

My goal with the following pictures is to show that professors are people, too. Knowing this might help you get rid of the fears that haunt many of us at the beginning of each semester and jump right to the part where you realize your teachers are actually awesome. I want to help you take advantage of the opportunities you have, get to know your teachers and maybe even end up with better grades!

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1. It may not quite be a moonwalk, but economics professor James Sullivan and his wife Kara Kane rock a Michael Jackson look for a costume party.
2. Philosophy professor Michael Rea shops with his adorable children, juggling the bags and banalities of normal-people errands.
3. Psychology professor Anre Venter poses as Santa Claus with senior Brian Becker at a St. Jude Children's Research Hospital fundraiser. All I want for Christmas is an A!
4. Economics professor Abigail Wozniak makes a face, but I don't think she's really all that sad. She has simply learned that her sad face makes her son David smile. Say "cheese!"
5. Professors Eric Sims and Nelson Mark display a flag at a Department of Economics football tailgate. Go Economics! Beat Recession!
6. Physics professor and aspiring professional-billiard player Justin Crepp touches the famous Notre Dame stadium sign. His personal motto might be "Shoot Like a Champion Today."
7. Professor Danielle Joyner, a professor of Medieval art history, sports a pink wig in Las Vegas. As she would say in class, "What happens in Gothic stays in Gothic!"

Greetings from London: *What to Wear*

By MEGHAN THOMASSEN
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Every day in London is like a master class for fashion. In the morning I walk across the Thames River and through Trafalgar Square, the London equivalent of Times Square. I arrived in London with a fairly-relaxed wardrobe: lots of cotton shirts in blues and blacks and a few dresses I thought were cute.

But once I hit the streets, I realized how woefully uneducated I was in the language of the London look. And now that I face my return trip home, I have to reflect on how my lessons will translate in America and at Notre Dame.

Disclaimer: Everything you see people wearing in London should be taken with a grain of salt. Do not take crazy-moustache guy, plaid-overdose girl or bright-green-hair punk rocker too seriously, unless, of course, you want to make a drastic change in your appearance.

This should be more of a lesson to those of us Notre Dame students who are tired of looking like we walked out of a college catalogue for jeans and Urban Outfitters shirts but don't feel the need to go out decked entirely in tweed. (It's a thing, I promise.) So, I hope you brought your pens and paper, because I've been taking notes.

Winter

These were probably the most valuable

ideas I came across while in London, since I spend the majority of my time in South Bend wrapped up against the cold and wind. Unlike Americans, Londoners usually deal with the cold without having to resort to the igloo-esque North Face, down-to-the-ankle coats.

The wind on the bridge to class can be just as biting as South Quad in January, but as I tromped along I saw men and women making their way wrapped fashionably in many layers of Irish sweaters, pea coats and Burberry scarves. Since snow isn't really a problem for this town, women were able to wear their favorite ankle-boot high heels while men stole the show with perfectly chocolatey-leather shoes.

Layers will always be in style, and it seems like Londoners have it down to a science. I learned to wear a camisole and long-sleeved shirt underneath whatever sweater I wore, then a shell underneath my pea coat.

Then I added a bit of color with a warm scarf and found a bright hat to bring a touch of color to the otherwise London-gray arrangement. I think this will be fairly easy to recreate, although I will probably need to add cute knee-high snow boots to the ensemble for South Bend next winter.

Spring

To be honest, spring didn't look that different than winter here in London. The skies were dark and cold and spat rain

unexpectedly throughout the day. I had to stick to my black water-proof boots like a koala sticks to a eucalyptus tree, which didn't give me too many options for what else to wear.

I took notes on the way to class again, however, and noticed how Londoners paired sleek leggings with the boots and then wore a chic sweater dress or pleated shorts. I firmly oppose the leggings-as-pants movement, so it was a relief to see the London fashion elite agreeing with me.

Granted, you will see plenty of leggings as substitutes for pants around the city, but never without sufficient coverage from an oversized men's dress shirt or vintage sweater. Overall, Londoners are modest, especially when it comes to showing skin. Strapless doesn't seem to be a thing here, but off-the-shoulder chiffon tops are a must, especially once the weather gets nicer.

Summer

Summer has just barely, maybe arrived here in London, but you probably couldn't tell from the way people are dressing. The wind is still chilly and the sun only comes out in the afternoon, so no one has broken out the short shorts and tank tops yet.

I have observed, however, the sheer genius of the sundresses London women wear. Cutouts, floral prints, '50s silhouettes — these dresses seriously run the

gamut. And the men have impressed me with the importance of the dress-shirt-and-tie combination.

Without jackets to cover up their coordination, I can now appreciate how much the right tie can complement a simple shirt. Extra points for a bow tie. I've transitioned to a pair of black-cloth, lace-up shoes that I bought for my Easter trip to Rome, which instantly makes me feel more like Audrey Hepburn as soon as I put them on.

It's gotten too warm for my scarves, so to add personality to my mostly-neutral wardrobe, I throw a purple or white cardigan over a dress and ditch the tights. Of course, these are all extremely conservative alterations; I'm limited by my plain closet (and thinning wallet).

Another thing Londoners do right is their shopping. You won't see cheap stores on London's main shopping strips, like Oxford Street or Regent Street. Things are sold here for value and quality, so Londoners slowly build an eclectic wardrobe according to their personality.

I much prefer the London approach to shopping and dressing and plan on making those significant purchases slowly but surely as I transition from college student to college graduate. Hope this gave you a little taste of the London look. Cheers!

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GABRIELA'S DECLASSIFIED LIBRARY SURVIVAL GUIDE

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As finals week rears its ugly head, you know it's time for you to start spending some quality time with the books. The information jumps from the page like a wild beast, one you've never seen before that threatens to overtake you. In other words, all that procrastinating has caught up to you and you have to cram a semester's worth of work into the next few days. To become one with your course material, you must prepare for a journey not quite unlike that of the Hobbits — to the library. How you fare there will determine your grade for the semester. For your greatest chance of survival, treat this next week in the Hesburgh Wilderness like the adventure it is.

Imagine your day at the library is like a camping trip. You need all the same types of supplies. Just replace insect

repellent with lots of books and random stuff so no parasitic fellow studier tries to infringe on your study space. Replace a sleeping bag with a big, comfy sweatshirt, perfect for a midnight nap. Replace a campfire with a cozy blanket to keep you warm when the air conditioning gets you a little chilly. Replace canned food with snacks from the Huddle. Replace water with caffeine. Instead of a flashlight and batteries, bring all the power cords you could ever need.

The most effective way to get the most out of your library study time is to spend the whole day there. No lunch runs to South Dining Hall. You will need to stock up on food and drink to last you the entire day. Go to the Huddle and prepare yourself a picnic basket full of goods. Suck it up and go to Au Bon Pain, no matter how many Flex Points you may or may not have left. A meal may

seem like an innocent break. Wrong, wrong. Do not, under any circumstances, leave the library until you've been there for at least five hours.

The final step is to get one of these prime spots. Arrive early. While some of these are well known, some of the spots are diamonds in the rough. If you can find them, do whatever you can to lay your claim.

Study Spot #1: Basement Booths. These are tough to get, especially during finals week, but maybe if you wait for a little bit in one of the cozy chairs, you'll be lucky enough to snatch up a booth after some studied-out soul decides it's time to zombie walk home.

Study Spot #2: The Lonely Basement Table. If you're brave enough, venture into the book archives in the basement, and if you walk far enough you will find several extremely-isolated tables. You have absolutely nothing to look at

besides stacks of books and your laptop screen, so get off Facebook and finish that paper.

Study Spot #3: The Room with a View. Alright, more like the desk with a view, but if you're lucky enough to score one of the upper-floor solo desks with a breathtaking campus view, you had better be studying instead of watching movies and tweeting.

Study Spot #4: The Fishbowl Booth. This is the lap of luxury. These booths are comfortable, they have outlets and they are perfect for hiding from people and distractions. The high walls are like shields from the rest of the room.

As you venture out into the Hesburgh Wilderness, remember: Every adventure must eventually end. This, too, shall pass.

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Storylines abound in NHL playoffs



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After a shortened season due to the lockout that made each regular-season game hold even more importance than in normal years, the NHL playoffs begin tonight to make for two of the most exciting months in sports.

Sadly, North America's favorite underdog, the Columbus Blue Jackets, came up just short of reaching the playoffs. Despite a 19-5-5 finish to the season, a horrific start led to a tie for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference, and unfortunately, Columbus lost the tiebreaker to Minnesota. Lucky you, Chicago.

With the playoffs now upon us, here are five storylines to keep an eye on:

1. The Return of Sidney Crosby

Love him or hate him, there is no denying Crosby is the best player on the planet. Despite missing the final 12 games of the Penguins' regular season with a broken jaw, Crosby still finished tied for third in the NHL in points.

He is practicing now, though it's uncertain if he will play in Wednesday's series opener against the New York Islanders or in the series at all. However, if No. 1-seed Pittsburgh advances to the next round — which is likely, even in his absence — Crosby will probably be back. That, similarly to LeBron in the NBA, is a good thing for the NHL because of his polarizing nature that draws fans, whether rooting for or against him.

2. Can Los Angeles repeat?

The Kings completed the Cinderella run a year ago when they marched all the way from the eighth seed in the West to lift Lord Stanley's Cup. This year, they will have a target on their back, not only as the defending champs, but also no longer as the last team in the field. Most of last year's Stanley Cup-winning roster has returned, including standouts Jonathan Quick, Drew Doughty, Dustin Brown and Jeff Carter, and has the Kings looking to become the first repeat champions since Detroit in 1998.

3. Will a No. 8 seed make a deep run again?

As I just mentioned, the Kings won it all from the No. 8 slot last season. This year, the two No. 8 seeds are Minnesota in the West and the Islanders

in the East.

It's hard to tell what type of momentum they have entering the postseason. The Islanders lost only once in regulation in their last 13 games but enter the playoffs on a three-game losing streak — with two shootouts and a regulation loss in their last three games. Meanwhile, the Wild struggled down the stretch, going under .500 in their last 10 games, but won in a must-win regular-season finale to make the playoffs.

If either of them is going to make a run, it will be tough sledding early, as New York and Minnesota play No. 1-seeds Pittsburgh and Chicago, respectively. Speaking of the Blackhawks...

4. Can Chicago turn regular-season dominance into playoff success?

The Blackhawks tore through the NHL in the opening months, earning a point in their first 24 games, an NHL record to start a season. The Blackhawks didn't falter much down the stretch, either, and managed to win the Presidents' Trophy with the best regular-season record in the NHL. But unlike Minnesota, which had to win its final game to sneak into the playoffs, Chicago hasn't faced much pressure this year due to its hot start. And three of the last four Presidents' Trophy winners were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs.

5. Toronto is back in the playoffs

The Maple Leafs were the only franchise in the entire NHL not to make the playoffs since the 2004-2005 lockout until they broke through this season, earning the No. 5 seed in the Eastern Conference. Now, the hockey-crazed citizens of Toronto can go nuts once again to see their team back in the postseason.

The Leafs' first-round series should be quite a treat, as No. 4 vs. No. 5 series often are. Adding to the excitement is their opponent: the Boston Bruins. Original Six matchups are always fun to watch and the atmosphere will only be revved up more in the playoffs.

So, there you have it. Sit back, relax and get ready for an intense May and June on the ice.

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NBA

Nets topple Bulls to stave off elimination

Associated Press

The Nets' first season in Brooklyn goes on, with another victory needed to set up the biggest game here yet.

Brook Lopez had 28 points and 10 rebounds, Deron Williams added 23 points and 10 assists, and the Nets beat Chicago 110-91 on Monday night, cutting the Bulls' lead to 3-2 in their first-round playoff series.

Andray Blatche scored 10 of his 13 points in the fourth quarter and Gerald Wallace had consecutive baskets down the stretch as the Nets finally pulled away in a game they led most of the way, but never by too much.

"We came out very aggressive, as we have the past few games. I think the difference was just we sustained it for essentially a full 48 minutes tonight," Lopez said.

Two days after rallying for a 142-134 triple-overtime victory, the Bulls were outscored 15-1 down the stretch and failed to set up a second-round series with Miami. Instead they will host Game 6 on Thursday.

Nate Robinson had 20 points and eight assists starting in place of point guard Kirk Hinrich, who bruised his left calf in Saturday's game.

Robinson scored 29 of his 34 points after the third quarter Saturday in a game the Nets led by 14 late in regulation. Coming off his big game and agitating to opposing fans even when he's struggling, Robinson was loudly booed during introductions, and each time he touched the ball early on.

He made a jumper with 4:17 remaining to cut Brooklyn's lead to 95-90, but there would be no charge this time. Lopez converted a three-point play, and after a free throw by Jimmy Butler,



Nets stars Brook Lopez, left, and Deron Williams, right, battle Bulls guard Kirk Hinrich for a loose ball during an April 25 playoff game.

Wallace nailed a 3-pointer, then came up with a steal and dunk to give the Nets a 103-91 advantage with 2 minutes to go.

The Nets finished it off with ease, extending their first season in Brooklyn after moving from New Jersey. They would host a Game 7 here on Saturday.

Butler scored 18 points for the Bulls, who were out-rebounded 44-33 and gave up 24 second-chance points.

"That's the difference in the game, the rebounding," Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau said. "If you defend fairly well and then you give a team a second and a third crack at it, it's hard to win like that."

Only eight NBA teams have overcome a 3-1 deficit, but the Nets remained confident after Saturday's collapse, feeling they had outplayed the Bulls for long stretches during the series. They have led by double digits in four of the five games.

"I believed that we would respond," Nets interim coach P.J. Carlesimo said. "We've bounced back all year too well, and as disheartening a loss as that was on Saturday, there's still been enough

good minutes in this series. Neither of us are getting away from each other."

But they need two more wins against a Bulls franchise that is 12-0 all-time when holding a 3-1 lead.

The Nets ran off seven straight points late in the first quarter, five from Lopez, to turn a 17-17 tie into a 24-17 lead.

Brooklyn got eight second-quarter points from Kris Humphries, then opened its biggest lead when Johnson and Gerald Wallace made consecutive 3-pointers before Lopez made two free throws to make it 50-40. The Nets led 52-44 at the break.

The Nets had the lead into double digits a few times in the third quarter but never built on it. The Bulls were back within four by the end of the period after making 11 of 16 shots (69 percent).

Butler made a 3-pointer to open the fourth quarter and make it a one-point game, but Chicago never could grab the lead in the final period.

The Nets improved to 6-0 all-time in Game 5s at home. They have never lost a series when holding home-court advantage.

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NBA

Collins comes out as first gay NBA player

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the simplest of sentences, NBA veteran Jason Collins set aside years of worry and silence to become the first active player in one of four major U.S. professional sports leagues to come out as gay.

In a first-person article posted Monday on Sports Illustrated's website, Collins begins: "I'm a 34-year-old NBA center. I'm black. And I'm gay."

Collins has played for six teams in 12 seasons, most recently as a reserve with the Washington Wizards after a midseason trade from the Boston Celtics. He is now a free agent and wants to keep playing in the NBA.

"I didn't set out to be the first openly gay athlete playing in a major American team sport. But since I am, I'm happy to start the conversation. I wish I wasn't the kid in the classroom raising his hand and saying, 'I'm different,'" Collins writes. "If I had my way, someone else would have already done this. Nobody has, which is why I'm raising my hand."

Saying he had "endured years of misery and gone to enormous lengths to live a lie," Collins immediately drew support for his announcement from the White House — President Barack Obama called him — along with former President Bill Clinton, the NBA, current and former teammates, a sponsor, and athletes in other sports.

Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant tweeted that he was proud of Collins, writing: "Don't suffocate who u r because of the ignorance of others," followed by the words "courage" and "support."

"We've got to get rid of the shame. That's the main thing. And Jason's going to help that. He's going to help give people courage to come out," said Billie Jean King, a member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame who confirmed she was gay after being outed in the early 1980s.

"I guarantee you he's going to feel much lighter, much freer. The truth does set you free, there's no question. It doesn't mean it's easy. But it sets you free," King said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

The Wizards, whose season ended April 17, issued a statement from President Ernie Grunfeld: "We are extremely proud of Jason and support his decision to live his life proudly and openly. He has been a leader on and off the court and an outstanding teammate throughout his NBA career. Those qualities will continue to serve him both as a player and as a positive role model for others of all sexual

orientation."

Collins' coach with the Celtics, Doc Rivers, drew a comparison between Monday's announcement and Jackie Robinson's role when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, breaking the color barrier in Major League Baseball.

"I am extremely happy and proud of Jason Collins. He's a pro's pro. He is the consummate professional and he is one of my favorite 'team' players I have ever coached," Rivers said. "If you have learned anything from Jackie Robinson, it is that teammates are always the first to accept. It will be society who has to learn tolerance."

Collins says he quietly made a statement for gay rights even while keeping his sexual orientation a secret. He wore No. 98 with the Celtics and Wizards — 1998 was year that Matthew Shepard, a gay college student in Wyoming, was killed, and the Trevor Project, a suicide prevention organization, was founded.

According to the General Social Survey, the public has grown increasingly accepting of gay relationships since the late 1980s. That survey found in 1987 that 76 percent of Americans thought sexual relations between adults of the same sex was morally wrong. That fell to 43 percent by 2012.

"I'm glad I'm coming out in 2013 rather than 2003. The climate has shifted; public opinion has shifted," Collins writes. "And yet we still have so much farther to go. Everyone is terrified of the unknown, but most of us don't want to return to a time when minorities were openly discriminated against."

While some gay athletes have talked in the past about concerns that coming out would hurt their earning potential, 12-time Grand Slam singles champion King said she thinks Collins' openness could have the opposite effect.

"I have a feeling he's got a whole new career," King said. "I have a feeling he's going to make more in endorsements than he's ever made in his life."

Sports equipment maker Nike released a statement Monday saying: "We admire Jason's courage and are proud that he is a Nike athlete. Nike believes in a level playing field where an athlete's sexual orientation is not a consideration."

On Monday evening, hours after his story appeared on the web, Collins wrote on Twitter: "All the support I have received today is truly inspirational. I knew that I was choosing the road less traveled but I'm not walking it alone."

Momentum has been building toward this sort of announcement from a pro athlete in a top league in the United



Washington Wizards center Jason Collins, right, battles with Chicago guard Kirk Hinrich for a rebound. Collins came out as the first openly gay athlete in the four major American sports leagues Monday.

States. NFL players Brendan Ayanbadejo and Chris Kluwe were outspoken in support of state gay-marriage amendments during last year's elections. Obama spoke about his support for gay marriage during his re-election campaign.

The topic made waves during Super Bowl week when one player, San Francisco 49ers cornerback Chris Culliver, said he wouldn't welcome a gay member of his team. At the time, Ayanbadejo estimated that at least half of the NFL's players would agree with what Culliver said, at least privately.

Scott Fujita, who recently retired after an 11-year NFL career, said: "I'm pleased to see such an overwhelmingly positive reaction to this news, because it just shows that we're becoming more accepting every day. But more than anything else, I'm happy for Jason. I'm not a gay, closeted athlete, so I can't pretend to know what that must have felt like for him. But I imagine this is freeing for him, and hopefully he's encouraged by the millions of people who are voicing their support. ... It's not a reaction to some rumor and it's not some unwanted outing. It's his message, and it was delivered under his control and on his terms."

On Monday, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell sent a memo to teams reiterating the league's anti-discrimination policy about sexuality. It includes a section on questions teams cannot ask prospective draft picks and free agents. After the NFL combine in February, three players said officials posed questions about sexual orientation.

Earlier this month, the NHL

and its players' union partnered with an advocacy organization fighting homophobia in sports, and Commissioner Gary Bettman said the You Can Play Project underlines that "the official policy of the NHL is one of inclusion on the ice, in our locker rooms and in the stands."

"I would say the NHL has been a force to kind of obviously embrace and encourage. ... What (Collins) did, I think it's definitely (good) for basketball, and the same for hockey, too. It's going to be encouraging for more guys to step up and just be open about themselves," Washington Capitals forward Joel Ward said.

Living in the nation's capital last month while the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments about same-sex marriage had an effect on Collins, who says "the strain of hiding my sexuality became almost unbearable" at that time.

"Less than three miles from my apartment, nine jurists argued about my happiness and my future. Here was my chance to be heard, and I couldn't say a thing," he writes. "I didn't want to answer questions and draw attention to myself."

After being a first-round draft pick in 2001, Collins has averaged 3.6 points and 3.8 rebounds for the New Jersey Nets, Memphis Grizzlies, Minnesota Timberwolves, Atlanta Hawks, Celtics and Wizards.

In his SI piece, he jokes self-effacingly about his journeyman career and a parlor game known as "Three Degrees of Jason Collins."

"If you're in the league, and I haven't been your teammate, I surely have been one of your

teammates' teammates. Or one of your teammates' teammates' teammates," he writes.

Never a star, he acknowledges, "I take charges and I foul — that's been my forte. ... I set picks with my 7-foot, 255-pound body to get guys like Jason Kidd, John Wall and Paul Pierce open. I sacrifice myself for other players."

He continues: "I go against the gay stereotype, which is why I think a lot of players will be shocked: That guy is gay? But I've always been an aggressive player, even in high school. Am I so physical to prove that being gay doesn't make you soft? Who knows? That's something for a psychologist to unravel."

As for what response other NBA players will have to his revelation, Collins writes: "The simple answer is, I have no idea."

"Openness may not completely disarm prejudice, but it's a good place to start. It all comes down to education. I'll sit down with any player who's uneasy about my coming out," he says in his account, adding: "Still, if I'm up against an intolerant player, I'll set a pretty hard pick on him. And then move on."

On Monday, there was an outpouring of positive sentiments.

In texts to the AP, Wizards guard Garrett Temple wrote, "I was surprised. I didn't know and I was right next to him in the locker room. It definitely took a lot of courage for him to come out. He was a great teammate," and rookie Bradley Beal said: "I didn't know about it! I don't think anyone did! I am proud of his decision to come out and express the way he feels and I'm supportive of that!!"

CLUB SPORTS

Rowing team finds success at MARCA regatta

Men's and Women's Ultimate teams finish seasons at regional championships

Special to The Observer

Men's Crew

This past weekend, Notre Dame headed to Ypsilanti, Mich., to compete in the MACRA Regatta against many of the best crew teams in the Midwest. Although the regatta was originally scheduled for Indianapolis, conditions at the original venue caused a last-minute change in location. Thanks to the hard work of the regatta organizers, the competition went off without a hitch.

The first novice 8+ boat took second place in its morning heat, moving on to the finals in the afternoon. In the finals, the novices raced to a fifth-place finish in what was their most successful regatta of the spring thus far. In the second novice 8+ event, the Notre Dame boat also finished in fifth.

For the Irish varsity, the day started out with the 4+ boat taking second in their heat, qualifying the boat for finals. The varsity 8+ boat also had a heat in the morning. It raced the first kilometer before cruising to a third place finish, also qualifying for finals.

In the afternoon, the Irish entered two boats in finals-only events. In the lightweight varsity 4+ event, the Irish crew raced to a fourth-place finish in a hard-fought battle to the wire. In the JV 8+ event, the Irish boat was also able to race to a fourth-place finish, seeing traditional rivals Michigan and Grand Valley for the first time this season.

In the varsity 4+ final, the Irish boat attempted a late charge but fell short, and the boat finished fifth overall. In the varsity 8+ final, the Irish crew was unable to hang with the leader, and also finished in fifth place.

Men's Ultimate

The Irish traveled to Rockford, Ill., over the weekend to compete in the Great Lakes Regional Tournament. Notre Dame entered the tournament seeded sixth but needed to win the tournament to advance to nationals.

Saturday's first game was against Michigan-B, and although the Irish got off to a fast start, Michigan-B fought back and evened the score, and then went on to win on universe point, 13-12. Notre Dame bounced back in its second game of the day against Wheaton, coming away with a comfortable 13-6 victory. The third and final pool play game was against Michigan State, the third seed in the tournament. Notre Dame fought hard, played aggressively and stuck with the Spartans for the first part of the game, but a couple of breaks by Michigan State allowed the Spartans to walk away with a 12-9 victory.

Notre Dame's 1-2 record was good enough to put it into a cross-over game against Indiana, meaning the winner advanced to the quarterfinals Sunday morning

and the loser was knocked out of the championship bracket. Notre Dame and Indiana initially traded points, but Indiana gathered momentum as the fourth game of the day took a toll on the Irish, allowing the Hoosiers to cruise to a 15-7 victory.

While not in the championship bracket, Notre Dame had more games to play Sunday. The Irish started the day out against Purdue. The Irish came out fast again, but Purdue fought back to tie the game. Then the teams traded points, making for a close finish. Purdue was able to execute better down the stretch, though, and defeated the Irish 17-15.

Notre Dame then played Illinois-B, and in the final game of the day the Irish played well for the entire game. Consistent play led to an easy 15-7 victory for Notre Dame. The win gave the Irish a 13th place finish for the tournament and officially concluded their spring season.

The team was led all tournament by its seniors — as it has been all season. Notre Dame's seniors include captains Jonathan Koch and Zach Woodruff, as well as Dan Bolivar, Collin Mackett, Eric Bens, Patrick Leary, Connor Sea, Andrew Romero, and Charles Bowen. These seniors left their mark on the team and will be missed as the Irish look to rebuild for next season.

Women's Ultimate

Notre Dame finished its season over the weekend in the Great Lakes D-1 Regional Tournament in Rockford, Ill., where 12 teams competed to qualify for a spot in the national tournament in May. The women placed fourth in the tournament, asserting their position as one of the top teams in the Great Lakes region.

The Irish went into their first set of games determined to continue their 20-game winning streak, and Saturday got off to a great start. The team faced Purdue in its first game of the morning, winning 11-6. The players carried that momentum into their second game, winning 11-0 over Loyola-Chicago.

The team's third game was the toughest of the day, as it faced one of its top competitors, Northwestern. The Irish knew going into the tournament that Northwestern would be one of the best teams they would face all year. The game got off to a rough start, but after battling through defensive points and conserving the disc on offense, Notre Dame was able to tie up the game at 5-5. Unfortunately, Northwestern regained control of the game late, and the Irish lost 7-10.

Although the team members were disappointed, they did not let the loss discourage them from playing seriously. The team wrapped up the day with an 8-5 win over Illinois and an 11-1 win over Michigan-B.

On Sunday morning, the weekend's intensity reached its peak

as the women began bracket play for the regional championship. In the first round, Notre Dame faced Chicago, a team that came out strong. With tremendous efforts and enthusiasm from the team's key new players — sophomore Kristen Collins and freshmen Emily Dowling, Heather Fredrickson and Mara Jurkovic — the team achieved a 15-5 win. Senior captains Kelly Taylor and Kelsey Taylor attributed the team's success in the game to the positive energy that each player channeled both on and off the field.

In the semifinals, the team played Michigan, a historic rival. Like Northwestern, Michigan was one of the region's top teams and presented itself as a worthy adversary to Notre Dame. The game began with strong offensive and defensive points, and cheering fans, players and alumni filled the sidelines of both teams. The Irish ladies fought hard but were unable to pull out the win as Michigan gained control and claimed the 15-9 victory.

The team's last game Sunday was against Purdue. Several players stepped up and turned in great performances for the Irish, including senior Erinn Riley. Riley's last game for Notre Dame may have been her best, as she not only snatched several discs out of the air for points, but also threw the

disc for assists. But after the exhausting loss to Michigan, the Irish showed their fatigue in their eighth game of the weekend, falling to the Boilermakers, 13-10. Although Notre Dame didn't reach its goal of advancing to the national tournament, it finished fourth in its region with a season record of 33-7, a great improvement over years past.

The players agreed that this year's squad played with better chemistry than they had ever experienced, which, aside from bringing great success on the field, also brought the players closer together. The team attributed much of that cohesion

to its seniors: captains Taylor and Taylor, as well as Riley, Kari Chen, Kasey Coonan, Annie Flood, Kelly Gilmour, Allie Hawkins, Courtney Iverson, Devlin Lynch, Andrea Palazzolo and Elizabeth Villafuerte.

All of these wonderful young women have been instrumental over the last four years in guiding the team in community and growth. These ladies have been more than just friends and teammates — they have been amazing role models as both players and people, inspiring the younger players to carry on their legacy through a love for the sport and each other.

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some rough holes and move up to 57th place.

Meanwhile, Cincinnati senior David Tepe continued to lead the individual competition after firing a second-straight round of 69, which put him at six-under for the tournament and gave him a two-shot lead. Following him was South Florida freshman

Chase Koepka, whose consecutive rounds of 70 helped power the Bulls into the overall team lead.

With a seven-stroke differential dividing the fourth-place Irish from the lead and South Florida, and just three shots between the team and third place St. John's, the Irish will tee off at 8 A.M. with Connecticut for the final round of the Big East championship.

Softball

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to show its ability to bounce back and leave the loss in the past.

"After losing to DePaul, we need to realize that we can control the outcome of each game," Buntin said. "We beat ourselves in the DePaul game. If we play every inning focused and work to produce runs with runners on base, we will be an unstoppable team."

Notre Dame already has

momentum to move past the loss entering tonight's game. Junior pitcher Laura Winter, who has acted as a defensive leader throughout the season on the mound, received her first Big East Player of the Week honor Monday. That marked Winter's fourth award win the past two weeks.

Offensively, the Irish will continue to look deep into their roster and rely on all members of the lineup to bring runners home and put numbers on the scoreboard.

With only five games left before the Big East Championship begins, the Irish know every inning counts.

"As we get closer to Big East, we need to focus on one game at a time," Buntin said. "No rushing or looking ahead to what could happen, just one game at a time."

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MLB

Braves snap losing streak

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves, who began the night with the most home runs in the majors, showed they can win playing small ball.

Now Washington's Stephen Strasburg must show his right arm is completely healthy.

Andrelton Simmons hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the seventh inning, then made an eye-popping play to start the ninth as Atlanta beat the Nationals 3-2 on Monday night and ended their four-game losing streak.

"We battled and did the little things right," said Simmons, the second-year shortstop. "We got the bunt down. We got the sacrifice fly to get the run in."

Washington manager Davey Johnson said Strasburg, who



Braves shortstop Andrelton Simmons throws out a runner from the ground during Atlanta's 3-2 victory over Washington on Monday.

was pulled after six innings, has "a little tightness" in his right forearm.

Johnson said Strasburg was seen by a doctor after the game.

"That was a tough one," said Johnson of the loss. "But the main thing I was a little concerned about was Strasburg."

Strasburg, who had lost a career-worst four-straight starts leading up to the game, said he'll be able to make his next scheduled start. He is 1-4 with a 3.13 ERA.

Strasburg appeared to struggle to get comfortable on the mound. Johnson also noticed, saying Strasburg "doesn't look right to me."

"He was shaking his elbow more frequently," Johnson said, adding Strasburg didn't complain "but he was irritable."

"I was really concerned," Johnson said. "Any other time, I might have let him continue. Hopefully, it's no more than a tired arm or something."

Strasburg gave up six hits, four walks and two runs in six innings, striking out eight.

Strasburg insisted he "felt good" but struggled with his control.

"I couldn't throw strikes early on," Strasburg said. "I was able to kind of battle through it and keep it close."

Atlanta beat the Nationals for the eighth straight time dating to last season. The Braves swept three games at Washington earlier this month.

Ian Desmond off the ninth with a slow grounder that Simmons charged. Simmons slipped as he fielded the ball and fell on his backside, but somehow fired a strike from the seat of his

pants that first baseman Freddie Freeman caught by making a long stretch.

"That's the first time I've ever seen two guys do a split on the same play at the same time," Braves closer Craig Kimbrel said.

Desmond was called out on a close play, and disagreed with the decision. Johnson came out to argue with umpire Tim Timmons.

Simmons was able to laugh about his awkward but successful throw.

"I just lost my footing," Simmons said. "It was a little muddy. Fortunately, we've got Freddie helping out there. ... Sometimes you've got to improvise to get it done."

The Braves began the night with 36 homers, one ahead of the Yankees for the lead. Against the Nationals, Atlanta's only extra-base hit was a double by starting pitcher Julio Teheran.

Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez said Teheran, who allowed 10 hits and two runs in 5 1-3 innings, showed his growth by escaping jams as the Nationals left six runners on base.

"We're watching him grow up in front of our eyes," Gonzalez said.

Gerald Laird led off the Braves' seventh with a walk from Tyler Clippard (1-1). Laird moved up on pinch-hitter Tyler Pastonicky's sacrifice bunt and was held at third on Jordan Schafer's single.

Simmons' fly ball to right allowed Laird to slide safely head-first across the plate.

Jordan Walden (1-0) struck out three in 1 2-3 hitless innings.

Eric O'Flaherty struck out two in a perfect eighth and Kimbrel pitched the ninth for his ninth save.

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winning percentage would still be disappointing if it were a batting average.

Friday's 12-2 win over Connecticut was promising enough; a 17-hit game will always be welcomed by a team that's developed a knack for hitting the ball straight into fielders' gloves. But it was the come-from-behind win Saturday that should really encourage Irish fans.

Despite what you hear on sports radio, I think it's very rare for athletes and teams to give up on a season and "mail in" the rest of their games. But it's plenty easy to lose focus, especially when things just aren't going your way. There's no denying it takes a good deal of mental fortitude to hold on for two error-aided, go-ahead runs in the bottom of the eighth when your team has trailed for an entire game. You don't see that kind of grit and focus from a team that has accepted the disintegration of a once-promising season.

As Irish coach Mik Aoki said over the weekend, the Irish wasted a lot of the collateral they built up in the first month of the season. They can't afford to drop mid-week matc-ups against directional Michigan schools and other non-conference opponents, which the Irish have done too much of in the past season and a

half. Another Tuesday dud would be bad enough for the win-loss record, but Notre Dame really doesn't want to tempt a return of the recently-exorcised doldrums.

There are three more weekend series left on the Big East calendar, which make three more opportunities for the Irish to pull themselves up from sixth-place in the conference standings, or at least finish with a winning record in the Big East. Remaining conference opponents St. John's and Cincinnati currently inhabit the bottom half of the Big East standings, and while USF is 29-15 with just two conference losses, the Bulls do not exactly schedule world-beaters for their out-of-conference match-ups. Despite the struggles the Irish faced at the beginning of the conference season, Louisville is the only Big East team ranked above the Notre Dame in RPI, and the Irish are in control of their own destiny when it comes to an NCAA tournament bid.

This Notre Dame squad has gotten more buzz than the program has seen in years. If this past week is any indication, they might just live up to it.

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Mancini

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Irish coach Mik Aoki said the one-two punch of Jagielo and Mancini has been crucial to his squad's recent success, especially with Mancini finally showing his power as an All-American candidate.

"When Eric and Trey are both going good at the same time, I mean, I'd pity the pitching coach that has to face that duo," he said. "I know that I certainly wouldn't want to be that guy. So it's nice to see Trey get going, it's nice to see him using the entire field. That was a real big pick-me-up."

The current tear at the plate for Irish batters comes as a result of Aoki's charge to be aggressive with each at bat and to score first in each game, an attitude he said his players will need to keep up in the regular season's 12 remaining games.

"Outside of the typical baseball things — pitch it well, defend it, get timely hitting — I just think it's still us being the aggressor, us being the ones to try to dictate the action and the tempo of the game," he said. "I think that as long



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Sophomore outfielders Connor Biggio and Mac Hudgins celebrate during the Irish's 12-2 victory over Connecticut on Friday.

as we do that and as long as we stay in that mode, we're a very good team."

Notre Dame will have to keep that spark alive to match the recent offensive torrent of Central Michigan (19-22, 8-10 MAC). Sophomore first baseman Cody Leichman accumulated five hits in as many at bats in the Chippewas' 10-1 win over Eastern Michigan on Saturday, a game in which the team totaled a season-high 19 hits. Freshman right fielder and leadoff batter Logan

Regnier also picked up four hits that day.

Aiming to extinguish Notre Dame's hot streak will be freshman starter Jimmy McNamara. The left hander comes in to the game with a 0-2 record and a 3.03 ERA.

McNamara will take the mound against the Irish today at Theunissen Stadium in Mount Pleasant, Mich., where the first pitch is scheduled for 4:05 p.m.

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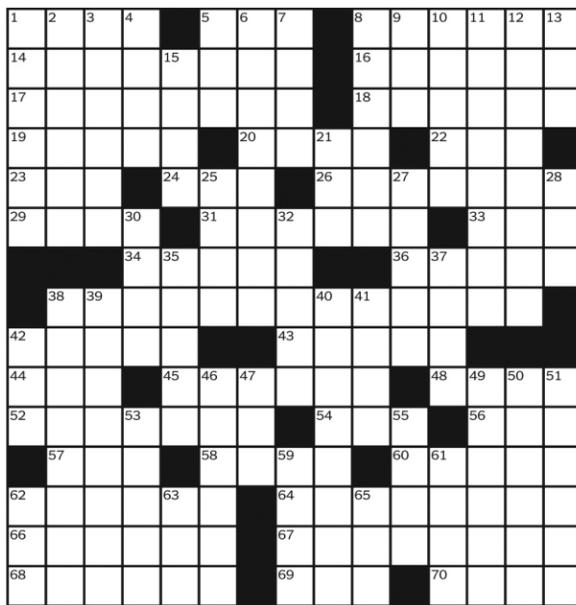
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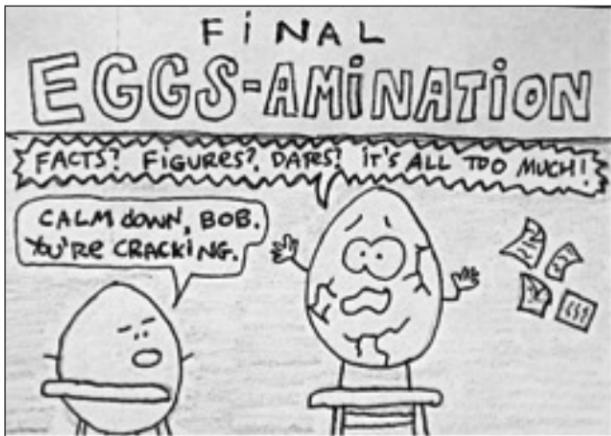
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Andre Agassi, 43; Uma Thurman, 43; Michelle Pfeiffer, 55; Jerry Seinfeld, 59

Happy Birthday: The more you do to improve your relationships with others, the easier it will be for you to make the personal changes that can alter your life forever. Consider your mental, physical and financial options and you will find a way to balance your life. Relocation or adding knowledge or skills to your resume will lead to greater success. Your numbers are 6, 13, 20, 26, 31, 34, 69.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put some thought into what excites you, and you will find a way to satisfy your needs. Travel, communication and education will all help you reach your current goal. Don't let anyone limit what you can achieve. Take progressive action. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Speak with confidence and authority, and you will sway others to support you. Follow up whatever statement you make with actions. Once you put the work behind you, the rewards will follow. An agreement will help you move forward. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A spontaneous act will help someone more than you realize. Rewards for your actions may not come through the usual channels. The less you expect, the more you shall receive. Take action rather than being a bystander. Settle differences and move on. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): What you do for others will be a reflection of who you are. Reconnecting with people you have worked with in the past will open doors to new beginnings. Let your instincts and keen memory lead you in the right direction. Love is highlighted. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't give in to anyone putting demands or pressure on you. Speak up and make it clear what you need and want to see happen. Step outside your comfort zone if that's what it takes to get your way. Make an unexpected move. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Step up and take action. Let your heart lead the way personally and professionally and you will find peace of mind and satisfaction. Romance is on the rise. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may have more at risk than you realize. Go over contracts, personal paperwork and your financial situation and make adjustments. Protect your assets, your home, your family and your emotional wellness. An unusual interest will relieve stress. ★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Deal with partnerships and lifestyle issues that haven't been giving you the satisfaction you require. Spice up your life and utilize your talents. Share what you have to offer with those sharing your interest and skills. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't give up a chance to socialize, network and be a participant. Responsibilities must not be allowed to stand between you and your goals. Helping someone out is one thing, but being taken advantage of is another. Draw the line. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take control and make things happen. Your insight and common sense will help you engage in ventures that will secure your position and transpose anything that isn't working for you into something that is. Love and romance are in the stars. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Say little. Whatever you need to do, just pick and choose the time and place carefully. It's important to avoid interference. A problem with institutions, authority figures or traveling to destinations you know little about should be curtailed. Stick close to home. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Pull in ideas from people you see as creative and forward-thinking. Draw up contracts and agreements that will help you alter your course and reach your set goal. Someone you have worked with in the past will come in handy now. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are a leader. You are responsible, assertive and dedicated.

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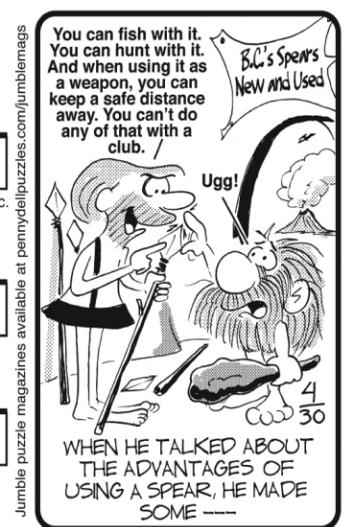
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BASEBALL

Power trip

Irish enter match-up with Eagles riding hot bats

By MARY GREEN
Sports Writer

Fresh off a weekend sweep of Connecticut, Notre Dame will quickly head back into action in its game against Central Michigan this afternoon in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

The Irish (26-16, 7-8 Big East) grabbed three conference wins in the series against the Huskies, with the first and third games displaying the team's rediscovered offensive power. Notre Dame claimed 12-2 and 12-5 victories, respectively, amassing 32 hits as a team between the two contests.

Leading the Irish at the plate in that power surge was junior first baseman Trey Mancini. Mancini collected nine hits in 12 at bats over the weekend and has picked up 15 hits in his last 18 at bats, boosting his batting average to .374, which trails only junior third baseman Eric Jagielo's .400 average.

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Irish junior first baseman Trey Mancini follows through on a swing against Connecticut on April 26. Mancini finished the three game series with nine hits on twelve at-bats, including three doubles and five RBI.

Squad ends slump, looks to build on recent wins



Vicky Jacobson
Sports Writer

Remember when the Irish were ranked No. 15 in the country?

I do — Notre Dame had several buzzworthy players returning, opened the season with a 12-5 record and appeared ready to hang with anyone in the Big East.

Well, it looks like the Irish (26-16, 7-8 Big East) finally remember that team, too. For some time it seemed like the players who swept Tulane, dropped just one game in each of their three early-season tournaments and took victories from top-20 teams like Virginia Tech and UCLA had forgotten how to win games.

Starting March 28, Notre Dame lost nine of 13 games, including six in a row. Call it bad luck; call it a funk. Either way, the Irish were stuck in it.

But they've found a way out in the past week. Seven wins in eight games is not a meaningless fluke, even if the streak started with a three-game sweep of 10-29 Quinnipiac, a team whose .256

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MEN'S GOLF | 584 (+8); FOURTH PLACE

ND falls to fourth on Day Two

Observer Staff Report

The Irish teed off Monday to continue play at the Big East championship at Reunion Resort in Orlando, Fla., eventually capping their second round in fourth place.

The squad could not hold the first-place lead it secured in the first round and fell behind South Florida, which shot a one-under 287 to best Notre Dame's 296 (+8).

Irish senior Paul McNamara started on a good note by firing three consecutive pars but fell on a rough patch later on, recording three bogeys on the back nine to end at two-over-par on the day.

That score placed McNamara in a tie for sixth place with freshman and teammate Cory Scupider in the individual competition. McNamara started the day

in second but could not keep up his great start from the first round. Scupider, on the other hand, improved in the standings through consistency, firing his second consecutive even-par round to move from 10th to sixth.

Junior Niall Platt gave up some shots to the field Monday, shooting a 74 to move back from sixth into a tie for 12th place. Platt was hampered by a two-over 38 on the front nine but played par golf after the turn to help him stay in contention.

Freshman Zach Toste nearly matched his first-round score in Tuesday's second round but took one more stroke to card a four-over 76 and drop to seven-over-par overall.

Junior Andrew Lane was able to improve on his first round by two strokes, using three birdies to counter

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SOFTBALL

Irish set to battle Eagles

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

Tonight the Irish return home after a weekend series to host Eastern Michigan in Melissa Cook Stadium.

Notre Dame (37-11, 17-2 Big East) stands tied at the top of the Big East conference standings entering the game.

"Our hope for the Eastern Michigan game is to prepare for Louisville this weekend," senior catcher Amy Buntin said. "We are hoping to use these live at bats and defensive situations as practice to get us ready for the big games this weekend."

Eastern Michigan (15-29-1, 5-12 MAC) comes into the midweek showdown riding a three-game winning streak, as it earned wins over Miami and Ball State last week. Despite this momentum, the Eagles will have to overcome their struggles away from Ypsilanti, as they have only gathered one win on the road this season while taking 13 losses. The Irish will look to capitalize on Eastern Michigan's troubles when away from home



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Irish junior Laura Winter pitches against Villanova on April 7. Winter was named Big East player of the Week for April 22-29.

and attempt to drive the number to 14.

Last weekend, senior pitcher Jenna Ignowski led the Eagles with her five strikeouts. Defensively, the squad has given up 10 runs in its last three wins, in comparison to its 18 scored.

Notre Dame is looking to rebound after suffering its first loss in 12 games to DePaul in the final game of a three-game series over the weekend. Tonight, the squad will have the opportunity

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