

Class Council tickets announce platforms

Elections for sophomore, junior and senior Class Councils held today online

By JACK ROONEY, EMILY McCONVILLE and CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writers

The election committee of the Judicial Council approved six tickets to run for Class Councils. The tickets for Senior Class Council and Junior Class Council will run unopposed, and four tickets will campaign for Sophomore Class Council. Elections take place Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., according to the Judicial Council.

Senior Class Council

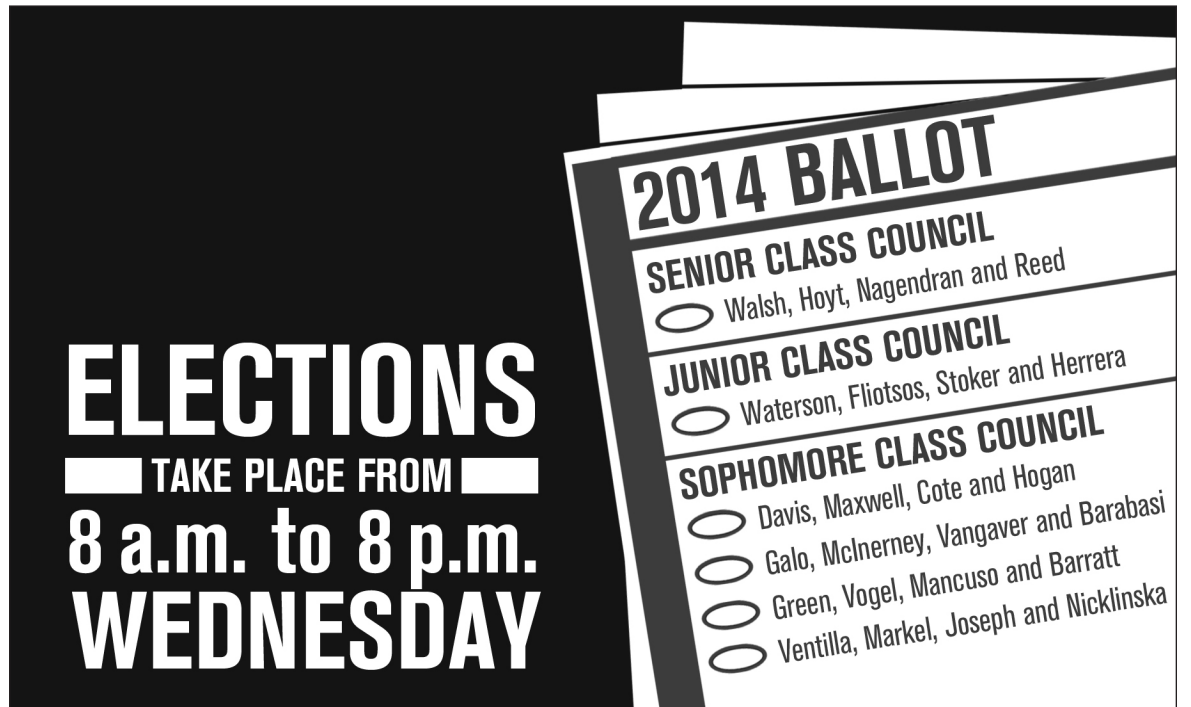
Martin Walsh, Briggs Hoyt, Devin Nagendran

and Robert Reed

Martin Walsh, Briggs Hoyt, Devin Nagendran and Robert Reed hope to utilize their collective experience to create a memorable senior year for their class by organizing events to bring its members together.

“For next year, our main goal is to plan memorable class events that are rooted in unity and service,” Walsh, the ticket’s presidential candidate, said. “It is our hope that these events not only promote class unity but also foster a stronger class growth as we journey through our final year here at Notre Dame.”

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Professor gives ‘last lecture’

By KEVIN SONG
Online Editor

For students, making service work a high priority can be difficult if cultivating a promising career takes precedence, but professor of finance Carl Ackermann thinks it doesn’t have to be.

Ackermann delivered the first talk of this year’s student government-sponsored

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Professor of finance Carl Ackermann talks with students following his speech on Tuesday evening in the Last Lecture series.

GRC sponsors LGBTQ session

By LESLEY STEVENSON
News Writer

LGBTQ 101, a program initiated this semester by the Gender Relations Center (GRC), will kick off Wednesday and offer local students and educators an opportunity to learn about issues related to gender and sexual identity in an inclusive Catholic environment,

the GRC’s assistant director for LGBTQ student concerns Maureen Doyle said.

“Through participating in LGBTQ 101, we hope individuals throughout campus feel better equipped to join the conversation around the needs and concerns of LGBTQ students here, while recognizing our call as a

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Oxford professor charts human development

By TORI ROECK
Associate News Editor

In a talk Tuesday at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, Frances Stewart, professor emeritus of development economics at the University of Oxford, described the history of human development from the 1950s onward.

Thinkers from developed countries created the concept of foreign aid in the 1950s, and this aid promoted

industrialization and an increase in developing countries’ gross domestic product (GDP), Stewart said.

“There were indeed a growth increase and an investment increase, so the objective in that sense was fulfilled,” she said. “But it threw up its own problems and that’s the next process in the cycle. The problems were that unemployment began to increase and it hadn’t been an issue before.”

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Oxford professor emeritus Frances Stewart (right) discusses the history of human development from the 1950s to present. Stewart said human development cannot be easily measured.



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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

Being in the cast for “Legally Blonde: The Musical,” what excites you most about opening night?

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“The joy.”



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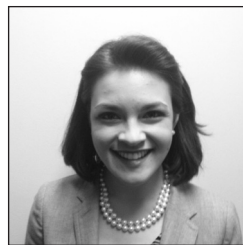
“Finally getting to share what I love with an audience.”



Anthony Murphy

sophomore
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“The quick change in ‘Ohmigod You Guys.’”



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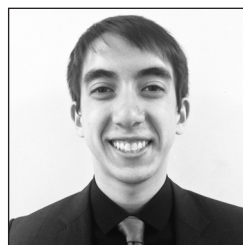
“Making the audience laugh.”



Sarah Cahalan

senior
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“To share my incredible dance skills with the greater Notre Dame populace.”



Joe Binzer

senior
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“(Joe is speechless about opening night.)”



ALLISON D'AMBROSIA | The Observer

The pit orchestra directed by junior Emma Kusters rehearses for “Legally Blonde: The Musical,” The musical opens Thursday night at 7: 30 p.m. in Washington Hall and shows through Saturday.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Want your event included here?

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Wednesday

LGBTQ 101

LaFortune McNeil Room
5 p.m.- 7 p.m.
Interactive presentation.

Learn to Curl

Compton Family Ice Arena
12 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.
30 min. of instruction then 60 min. of play.

Thursday

Zen Meditation

102 Coleman-Morse Center
5:15 p.m.- 6:15 p.m.
Open to students and faculty of all faiths.

Play: Clybourne Park

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.
Race and generational issues in Chicago.

Friday

Akash Sharma Memorial

LaFortune Ballroom
5 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.
Celebrate the life of former Ph.D. student.

Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.- 9 p.m.
Winter concert.

Saturday

Men's Tennis

Eck Tennis Pavilion
12 p.m.- 2 p.m.
The Irish take on the Ohio State Buckeyes.
Free admission.

Vigil Mass

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
5 p.m.- 6 p.m.
Music by the Women's Liturgical Choir.

Sunday

Film: Mary Poppins

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
3 p.m.
Directed by Robert Stevenson.

Women's Basketball

Purcell Pavilion
1 p.m.- 3 p.m.
The Irish take on the Duke Blue Devils.

SMC dedicates trees for victims of violence, cancer

By **HALEIGH EHMSSEN**
News Writer

Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO), Stand Up to Cancer and Campus Ministry co-sponsored the dedication of two trees Tuesday evening in the Student Center Atrium to provide support for those affected by sexual violence, stalking, relationship violence and cancer.

Connie Adams, director of BAVO, said the idea for the tree dedication originally came from a student. She said the two goals of the service aligned with core tenants of BAVO's mission of awareness and healing.

"[One goal is] to raise awareness of the issues of violence and abuse and their prevalence in our communities," Adams said. "[The second] is to provide a space for healing for those who have been impacted to know that they aren't alone and to break the silence which often surrounds these issues."

Adams said the dedication of the two trees held important symbolism, as each tree represents different struggles. One is for victims of sexual violence, stalking and relationship violence, and the other is for victims of cancer,

she said.

"Trees are a symbol of life and hope, both important aspects to an individual's healing journey as well as our community's commitment to prevent violence from happening," Adams said.

Director of Campus Ministry Judy Fean said the trees would provide a visual sign of support for students.

"In the Student Center Atrium, they are in front of Mary, with the sign of living water to show there is hope and prayer in community," Fean said.

Adams said the tree dedication combined different areas of campus life, BAVO, Stand Up to Cancer and Campus Ministry but united them in faith.

"While there are significant differences when understanding cancer and violence, hope and healing are common themes," Adams said. "It is also common for individuals directly and indirectly impacted by cancer and violence to use their faith as a means of strength."

The Student Center Atrium is an important location for the placement of the trees, Adams said.

"The placement of the trees in a prominent area on

campus will increase visibility and allow more community members and visitors to participate," Adams said.

Fean said the dedication service Tuesday night included three readings that highlighted the importance of peace and support.

"We gather in prayer to recognize God's unconditional love and His healing power for all people," Fean said. "The service [provided] a sense of peace and openness to be changed by God's love."

During the service, students were invited to tie ribbons onto the branches in remembrance of loved ones affected by sexual violence, stalking, relationship violence and cancer, Fean said.

Anyone who was unable to attend the service is still able to participate by tying a ribbon on either tree at his or her convenience, Adams said.

"I encourage students, faculty, staff and alumnae unable to attend the dedication [Tuesday] evening to visit this space and tie a ribbon on the respective tree for someone impacted by violence and/or cancer," Adams said.

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Club emphasizes green initiatives

By **CHRISTIAN MYERS**
News Writer

As Kermit the Frog famously said, it's not easy being green.

Nevertheless, a new group is working to push Notre Dame toward a green, sustainable future.

Juniors Katie Otterbeck and Garrett Blad started the "We Are 9" campaign in the fall with the overall goal of making Notre Dame a fossil fuel-free campus, Otterbeck said.

Otterbeck said the idea grew out of their shared involvement in the sustainability club GreeND and desire to do even more.

"We wanted to bring a more goal-oriented campaign to campus," Otterbeck said.

Blad said the name "We Are 9" is drawn from United Nations projections about the global population in 2050 and the need to protect the environment for the people of that future.

"We're trying to emphasize the human element and show the connection between the issues of justice and climate change," he said. "We stand in solidarity with the nine billion people that will be on Earth by 2050."

Under the overarching goal of a fossil fuel-free campus, the group is emphasizing fossil fuel divestment and carbon neutrality, Blad said. The group is currently focusing their efforts on achieving carbon neutrality.

Blad said the campaign is currently circulating a petition on their website that asks University President Fr. John Jenkins to sign the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, which has already been signed by more than 650 college and university presidents nationwide. Otterbeck said the online petition also presents the goals of the campaign and represents student support for those goals.

The group hopes to be able to submit the petition to the Office of the President by the end of the semester as a sign of student support for moving the campus toward carbon neutrality, Blad said.

Blad said another "We Are 9" project was a promotional video for the new group featuring 15 professors and student leaders from around campus. He said the group filmed in the fall and screened the video at their official campaign launch Feb. 7 in the LaFortune Student Center.

Otterbeck said the majority of the campaign's efforts thus far have been devoted to bringing together various groups and individuals in the Notre

Dame community concerned about sustainability.

"We're gaining momentum all the time," she said.

The "We Are 9" campaign has identified three "standpoints" that they use in their appeals to the University and members of the campus community, Otterbeck said. Preventing climate change is compelled by human compassion, Catholic identity and competition with other top-tier institutions, she said.

Otterbeck said her personal involvement stems from service work she performed in Africa while in high school, which involved teaching the students and teachers how to compost and recycle.

"My experience [in Africa] made me realize my passion for sustainability and environmental concerns," she said. "I am involved in sustainability issues because I recognize the enormity of climate change as a problem around the world, a humanitarian issue."

Catholic Social Teaching calls members of the Church and Catholic institutions like Notre Dame to protect the natural environment as a gift from God, Otterbeck said.

Notre Dame has fallen behind most other high-profile universities in terms of sustainability and environmentally conscious efforts, Otterbeck said. She said implementing the measures advocated by "We Are 9" would eliminate that disparity.

"We're trying to emphasize the human element and show the connection between the issues of justice and climate change."

Garrett Blad
junior

Blad said carbon neutrality is a realistic goal for any university of Notre Dame's caliber.

"[Carbon neutrality] is relatively feasible on a college campus with the endowment we have, but we still burn coal on campus," he said. "It is not a priority, so students should make it a priority."

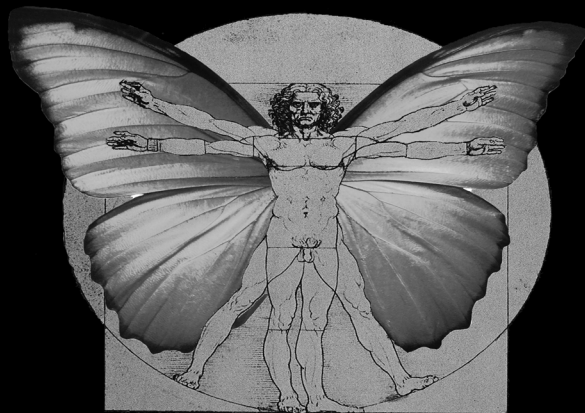
Blad said the next "We Are 9" event would be a screening of the documentary "Chasing Ice" on Feb. 27 in the Andrews Auditorium of Geddes Hall.

Otterbeck said more information and the online petition could be found on the group's website: <http://blogs.nd.edu/we-are-nine/>

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Media critic examines advertising and gender

By **ABI HOVERMAN**
News Writer

Although many Americans believe advertising images do not impact them, Dr. Jean Kilbourne argues that the impact comes from repeated, subconscious and instant exposure. This inundation shapes cultural norms, especially with regard to acceptable forms of female beauty and behavior, she said in her talk “The Naked Truth: Advertising’s Image of Gender,” on Tuesday night in DeBartolo Hall.

“They stay with us and we process them over and over again, and we process them subconsciously,” Kilbourne said. “To a great extent, advertising tells us who we are and how we should be.”

Kilbourne, an author and filmmaker, spoke as part of the Gender Relations Center’s (GRC) “Love Your Body Week.”

She said Americans view an average of 3,000 ads every day and spend two years watching television commercials in their lifetimes. She said it is impossible to completely ignore this constant messaging, which creates a toxic cultural environment that sacrifices health for corporate profit.

“What they’re selling us is image,” Kilbourne said. “... People are willing to spend a lot more money to buy that image while at the same time they believe they aren’t influenced by advertising.”

Having studied advertising since the late 1960s, Kilbourne said that American advertising has created an unrealistic ideal for female beauty, telling women and girls that they must spend incredible time and money to achieve the impossible standards portrayed in advertisements by unhealthily thin and often air-brushed models.

“What this does is it creates the idea that there is something wrong with [women who see the advertisements] ... and creates the image that women can be perfectly thin and beautiful if we try hard enough,” Kilbourne said.

Citing multiple examples of computer-manipulated photos, Kilbourne said these artificial and constructed pictures damage women’s self-esteem and also cause men to have unrealistic expectations for females.

“Failure is inevitable because success is based on absolute flawlessness,” she said. “No one looks like this, including her ... yet real women and girls measure themselves against these ideals everyday.”

Kilbourne said if an eating disorder meant having a disordered attitude toward one’s body or food, 65 percent of America would qualify. She said an obsession with becoming thinner and thinner prevents women to value themselves for anything but their bodies and teaches girls that they will be judged in life for how they look and what they wear, not what they accomplish.

“On a deeper level, the

obsession with thinness is about cutting girls down to size,” she said. “Girls are taught to aspire to become nothing”

With damaging ads running in teen magazines targeted at audiences as young as 12, she said the image of the ideal woman causes a girl’s self-esteem to plummet in adolescence.

“Girls are getting the messages so young that they need to be thin and perfect looking and hot and sexy, and there is no way they can succeed,” she said. “Part of this wall [of self-esteem] is this terrible emphasis of physical perfection.”

Kilbourne said objectifying women by showing only a body part like legs or a stomach or by transforming a woman into a beer bottle can lead to violence.

“It is part of a cultural climate in which women are seen as things, as objects ... which is

almost always the first step of being violent against someone,” Kilbourne said. “It is a chilling but logical result of this kind of objectification.”

Kilbourne said many ads also show women in victimized, passive positions that glorify battery, murder and submission. She said these advertisements are dangerous in the U.S., where one-third of female murder victims are killed by their romantic partners.

Kilbourne said objectification of male bodies has become increasingly common, although men often assume poses of power, dominance and violence that contrast with the passive rag-doll positions of females. She said male models often receive computer-enhanced muscles instead of the waifish look for female models.

“It’s a perverse kind of equality,

and it’s not okay; it’s not ever okay to be objectified,” she said. “... Men and women inhabit very different worlds. Men don’t live in a world where their bodies aren’t routinely stereotyped and judged.”

According to Kilbourne, the body language in advertisements has grown increasingly graphic and pornographic. She said ads have more frequently portrayed young girls sexually, but she said an APA study suggests that girls exposed to sexual images at a young age have higher chances of developing eating disorders, depression and low self-esteem.

“Girls learn from a very young age that their sexual behavior affects them,” Kilbourne said. “... Girls learn to turn themselves into objects. When the culture offers women and girls only one way to be sexy, it can hardly be portrayed

as a choice to choose it.”

When asked how she stays hopeful despite advertisements growing worse since she started her work decades ago, Kilbourne said society must work together for change. She said after showing one of her documentaries, “Killing Me Softly,” to the British Parliament, a politician introduced legislation to label Photoshopped images and to enforce a minimum body mass index for models.

“The big thing that’s changed is I’m no longer alone, which I was when I started talking out about it,” she said. “What’s at stake for all of us ... is the ability to have authentic and freely-chosen lives and relationships, and we all deserve that.”

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Students walk to support women's center

By EMILIE KEFALAS
News Writer

Sunday afternoon, more than 30 Saint Mary's students participated in the St. Margaret's House annual Winter Walk, a fundraiser organized to benefit the women's care and day center, professor of social work Jennifer Bauwens-Byers said.

"The Winter Walk is a way to increase awareness about the needs of the women who come to St. Margaret's House," Bauwens-Byers

said. "St. Margaret's House provides a safe place during the day to women and children. This is place for them to learn new skills and to also get a hot meal."

Members of the South Bend community support St. Margaret's House by walking a mile around the city, according to the center's website.

"Every winter, we walk in solidarity with women and children whose everyday means of transportation is their feet, in any kind of weather," the website said.

The event kicked off at 2:30 p.m. at the County City Building and was followed by a reception at St. Margaret's House in downtown South Bend. Students were enthusiastic to get involved and take part in a worthy cause in spite of the cold, Social Work Club president and senior Corinna Martinez said.

"I thought we had a good number of girls willing to participate," Martinez said. "It was exciting to see SMC students outside the club happy and energetic about the walk even though it was cold."

Junior Macy Genenbacher said she experienced warmth and positive energy as she walked the one-mile loop Sunday afternoon.

"I was motivated to continue the walk by the members of St. Margaret's House who cheered us along the whole way and expressed their gratitude towards all of the supporters who help them improve their quality of life," she said.

Though not a social work

"I believe it is important to participate in events that bring awareness to social justice issues. It is paramount that we be aware of the concerns in our own cities, towns and state because we all have a responsibility to those in need and when we do so, we help build a stronger community"

Jennifer Bauwens-Byers
professor of social work

major, Genenbacher said she made the decision to participate after being inspired to promote and support the services of St. Margaret's



EMILY KEFALAS | The Observer

Saint Mary's students participate in the annual Winter Walk, which acts as a fundraiser for St. Margaret's House in South Bend.

House.

"My decision to participate was based on wanting to raise awareness about the good works that St. Margaret's House is doing in the South Bend community, and to help them continue and expand that work," she said. "It was so great to see how many people came together for such a great cause. Seeing everyone walk in solidarity for the women and children of our community was so amazing."

Senior biology major Haley Koth said she was impressed by the number of people who participated and donated their Sunday afternoon to support St. Margaret's House.

"The County Building was packed," Koth said. "I was inspired by the enthusiasm and good nature of everyone there, and I feel so blessed to have been a part of the event."

The walk marks the first major event of the spring semester for the Social Work Club, Martinez said.

"As a club, we chose to participate because it gets us involved in the community," she said. "Part of being in the Social Work Club is going out and helping others in the community as much as we can."

"I am personally drawn to these types of events, because I know I am helping someone make a change in

their life. It is very rewarding and satisfying knowing someone is going to be happy."

Bauwens-Byers said she was proud of the Saint Mary's students' presence and representation at the walk.

"I believe it is important to participate in events that bring awareness to social justice issues," she said. "It is paramount that we be aware of the concerns in our own cities, towns and state because we all have a responsibility to those in need and when we do so, we help to build a stronger community."

As a senior, Martinez's main hope for the Social Work Club is its continued participation in the South Bend Community, Martinez said.

"All I can say to SMC and ND students is to not be afraid to dip their feet in the water," she said. "As students, I think having organizations like St. Margaret's House welcoming volunteers and donations is a great thing."

"I believe students need to take advantage of the opportunity. The best advice that I can give is for students to get to know the South Bend community. Go out there and see what you can do to make a difference."

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"We hope to build on past successful events of Junior Class Council as well as allow the class as a whole to be more integral in determining the types of events we plan."

Walsh said the ticket's main goal is to provide class events that promote senior class camaraderie and integrate the South Bend community. He said they hope to plan a class Silver Hawks game and social events that showcase the South Bend music scene.

Junior Class Council

Zach Waterson, Michael Fliotsos, Andrew Stoker and Miranda Herrera

Zach Waterson, Michael Fliotsos, Andrew Stoker and Miranda Herrera plan to center their Junior Class Council administration on collaboration, communication and quality.

"Junior Class Council is in a unique position, as many of our classmates will be abroad during at least part of our term," Waterson said. "Our goal is to envision events, projects and resources that strengthen the unity of the class of 2016 and ensure that our classmates feel connected, even across continents."

Waterson said the ticket wanted to focus on collaboration.

"We want to extend the Junior Class Council's presence in event programming on campus," Waterson said. "For example, we want to collaborate with next year's Sophomore Class Council for the second annual Great Gatsby dance, hopefully cementing it as a tradition."

Sophomore Class Council

Thomas Davis, Grace Maxwell, Benjamin Cote and Joanie Hogan

As class officers, Thomas Davis, Grace Maxwell, Benjamin Cote and Joanie Hogan would link to be a link between sophomores and other people and organizations on campus.

"We see our place as more of a bridge for people who have ideas, but they can't get them to the right people," Green said. "We see our place as trying to be that bridge between either the administration, the judicial council, upperclassmen, pretty much anyone who needs to hear these ideas."

Green said he and his ticket want to help people with specific ideas bring them to fruition, as well as organize events that connect the different classes.

"One thing is that we don't have as many events that link with other classes, and so I'd try to work with some of the upperclassmen to try to build a broader community instead

of just the sophomore class," he said.

Andrew Galo, Michaela McInerney, Vincent Vangaever and Daniel Barabasi

The ticket of Andrew Galo, Michaela McInerney, Vincent Vangaever and Daniel Barabasi is attempting to ensure student government hears the voices of rising sophomores next year.

"We believe that the sophomore executive board should be the first line of communication between the sophomore class and the University," Galo said. "We will make sure every complaint or suggestion about residential, academic, social or spiritual life is heard."

"If we cannot directly solve it, we will consult the student body president and vice president, and we will make sure you are heard."

Galo said the ticket would also promote social outreach projects in South Bend and the social aspects of campus life. A specific initiative of the group would be making the Great Gatsby dance an annual event.

Editor's Note: Barabasi is a Scene staff writer for The Observer

Andrew Green, Ned Vogel, Francesca Mancuso and Matt Barratt

Current freshmen class officers Andrew Green, Ned Vogel, Francesca Mancuso and Matt Barratt want to continue their work by encouraging community in the sophomore class.

"What class council's all about is getting unity and community for the entire class, and so what we really want to do is push for that more, by doing all the different events that we did

this year but more off campus next year and focusing in on the service aspect and the social aspect — making sure that everyone feels like they're included in this class," Green said.

The ticket's ideas include a class trip to Cedar Point, improving the class website to include events and employment resources, organizing events with the Career Center and other events like a battle of the bands.

Noemi Ventilla, Michael Markel, Neil Joseph and Eva Niklinska

As class officers, Noemi Ventilla, Michael Markel, Neil Joseph and Eva Niklinska would like to increase the connections between the Sophomore Class Council, other student government organizations and the student body.

"We would set up office hours or hold monthly town hall meetings where students could voice their opinions, ask questions, volunteer their help or make suggestions to the Sophomore Class Council," Ventilla said. "We want the sophomore class to be familiar enough with us to feel comfortable sharing their ideas and needs."

Ventilla said the other students on her ticket, all of whom currently serve on Freshman Class Council, would like to establish service events in South Bend and organize free skates and a dance marathon.

"We would like to first receive feedback from the sophomore class as to their interest," she said.

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Catholic community to create an environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive for all of our students," Doyle said.

Christine Caron Gebhardt, director of the GRC, said LGBTQ 101 would offer participants a chance to ask questions and "learn strategies to care and support all of our students as part of our Catholic mission."

"Ultimately, we want to promote a healthy dialogue on our campus as we all engage with the complexity of issues related to sexuality and identities," she said.

Doyle said the monthly two-hour LGBTQ 101 sessions would welcome students, faculty and staff from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross. She said each session will offer "a basic understanding and greater awareness" of the LGBTQ community.

"The presentation includes an overview of the Catholic Church's teachings on sexual orientation, definitions related to sexual orientation and gender identity and a look at common myths and misunderstandings about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender identities," Doyle said.

Sophomore Bryan Ricketts, a FIRE Starter at the GRC, said even students who do not identify as members of the LGBTQ community should participate in one of the presentations.

"The sessions are intended for those who have little experience with the LGBTQ community but would like to learn more about the lives of its members," Ricketts said. "Anyone who attends should come away with a better understanding of sexual orientation, gender identity and how it relates to them, especially if they are not part of the LGBTQ community."

Ricketts said incorporating Catholic teaching would expand the message of inclusion that LGBTQ 101 hopes to spread.

A willingness to learn about and understand the problems facing members of the LGBTQ community fits into Catholic tradition and moral teachings of respecting human dignity,

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Christine Caron Gebhardt
director of the GRC

Ricketts said.

"Notre Dame's Catholic identity calls all of its members to love one another," he said. "Too often, this call is forgotten when people are different than we are and we fail to respect their common human dignity."

"Understanding and embracing our differences is the key to this acceptance, and the LGBTQ 101 program is intended to introduce LGBTQ terminology and experiences to those who have not had them but who recognize the importance of a personal or Catholic call to respect and love."

Wednesday's session will take place in the McNeill Room from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Doyle said.

"Participants will walk away from the two-hour presentation with a wealth of information, provided in a way that is sure to be both engaging and educational," she said.

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... Poverty began to be recognized that it wasn't automatically going away."

In the 1970s, movements came about that questioned the objectives and process of this early form of aid, Stewart said. Some economists argued that GDP per capita is not a good indicator for development because it does not take into account other important aspects of life, she said.

"It neglected income distribution, so you could find that countries with similar growth had very different income distributions," she said. "... It neglected public goods and externalities. It neglected employment, and it ignored important features of life beyond income, like health, education, food and so forth."

The dependencia movement also began in Latin America to fight the dependency that results in underdeveloped countries after receiving such aid, which led to the formation of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), Stewart said.

"The biggest impact was the dependencia movement

because it influenced OPEC in particular and because of the big oil cost rise that resulted, first in 1973 and then again in the early 80s," she said. "This

"In general, having a high share of social expenditures seems to be a main correlation of success."

Frances Stewart
Oxford professor of economics

in turn is the source of the debt problem of many developing countries because of the big rising oil prices in the early 70s. Countries immediately went into deficit."

Stewart said the two major movements that influence development today — the basic needs approach and economist Amartya Sen's capabilities approach — began in the 1970s in response to questions about the objectives and process of GDP-focused development.

"The basic needs approach was in part a sort of political reaction that seemed to speak more to politics to say

to people, 'Surely, everybody should have their basic needs met, their fundamental needs,' rather than say that they should have redistribution of growth," she said. " ... [Sen's] argument is that the law of development is to enhance people's potential to be and do, and beings and doings are capabilities — only the ones they have reason to value, and the reason to value is a very important phrase."

In 1990, Sen helped create the Human Development Index (HDI) that judges health, education and income to rank countries into tiers of human development, Stewart said.

"What are the characteristics of success?" she said. "There aren't that many universal characteristics. Some do it through good growth, like Singapore and South Korea. Some have very good distribution of income. Some have well-spent social expenditures.

"But there are some general traits, and one is giving priority to girls and women. That is the one factor that does seem to be universally shared by successful countries. ... In general, having a high share of social expenditures seems to be a main correlation of success."

Even still, Stewart said the HDI does not solve the problem of quantifying human development.

"I said I was going to measure human development in terms of the human development index, but one major issue is that it's not a good measure of human development because it's got those three components," she said. "... The components of a full life are much bigger than that."

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Last Lecture series Tuesday night in the Coleman-Morse Center lounge. He spoke on his personal growth and service, reflected on his career and encouraged students to put themselves in uncomfortable situations.

"The single experience where I learned the most in my life was refereeing soccer games in an ethnically-focused league in Boston," he said. "In that league, I had to ... communicate with the players who often didn't speak English, often in very heated situations.

"So I've actually been sworn at in dozens of languages. If you place yourself in unfamiliar situations, ... you will mature much faster as a person."

Ackermann said doing service work and appreciating the little things in life go hand-in-hand. He challenged students to maintain their commitments to serving others.

"One of the things that I admire most about Notre Dame students is the extraordinary amount of service that all of [them] do ... two hours, here and there, fitting it in when possible," he said. "No matter how tired you are, do the make the extra effort to make at least one person smile every day. You will bring so much joy to others and happiness that will return to you."

Ackermann also encouraged students to learn about nutrition and personal finance, as serving others begins with being able to care for oneself.

"By gaining command of your personal finances, you'll actually be able to use your financial resources to service projects as well," he said.

Ackermann walked into the lecture wearing a horse-head hat. He later explained the decision as a way to engage the

audience.

"I always try to do something to lighten the mood at the beginning of a talk, so that people will feel like it's going to be more fun and be more enthusiastic about it," he said.

Ackermann told The Observer he put a lot of thought into crafting his lecture and making it appeal specifically to Notre Dame students.

"I think you've got three pieces — you talk about how wonderful Notre Dame students are and what you can learn from people individually," he said. "Then I think they want to hear some suggestions about the future, mostly [about] career[s]. ... And then, for me, I think that the defining part of my life, and for so many of the students here, is service, and you have to address that."

Ackermann emphasized the role of service among students as valuable to both their short-term and long-term life goals.


"Trying to figure out how you can make the most of that element, I think right now, it takes the form of direct service, but as you acquire professional skills and acumen, you can do a lot more by embracing a leadership or policy role," he said. "I think [students'] personal desire to do service, as strong as it is now, will only grow as they get older and have more resources and freedom."

The Last Lecture series invites professors to deliver the talk they would give if it were the last in their career, not their actual last lecture. Still, Ackermann, a 2001, 2002 and 2009 Last Lecture veteran, said he plays it cautiously.

"When I used to schedule a Last Lecture, I would make sure I had class the next day to make sure it wasn't the last one."

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Warmer weather on the way

Associated Press

BOSTON — A speedy winter storm that blew through parts of the Great Lakes and East on Tuesday is expected to leave a trail of warmer weather and rain that should provide a respite for residents weary of weeks of bitter cold but create the potential for flooding and collapsing roofs in some areas.

Clogged storm drains could cause ponding and puddles on roads, and in Ohio the National Weather Service said the combination of melting snow and more rain could cause significant flooding. In Michigan, where several roof collapses have been reported since January, there was concern that rain on top of snow could lead to more.

Temperatures above freezing in places where the storm passed through Tuesday should move up to the 40s to mid-50s for the rest of the week, said meteorologist John Cristantello, of the National Weather Service in New York.

Despite the warming and some expected rain on Wednesday and Friday, flooding will not be a concern in New England, said Alan Dunham, a meteorologist with the weather service in Taunton, Mass.

"The snow can handle a lot of rain," he said. "It's not like we're looking at temperatures into the upper 50s and mid-60s. The snow's not going to all melt away all at once. By next week, we'll be back down to normal and below normal temperatures."

INSIDE COLUMN

Making new friends



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When we get to Notre Dame, we're told in some sort of knowing, dramatic voice to "look around" at the students in our halls and classes. "These people," we're told, "will be your friends forever. They'll be in your wedding party."

Hearing that news at Frosh-O, my heart was not warmed. Instead, it set me off on a path of anxiety that these four years represent our last chance to ever make friends in this world. Let it be known I have made wonderful, lasting friendships here, but to think this short stint in the collegiate world marks the end of friendship-making as I know it is a little scary and pretty sad.

I'm not the only one — 20-somethings are constantly lamenting their apprehension and confusion in the realm of post-collegiate friendship. To meet new friends in the adult world is a mysterious part of the great unknown before us, along with car maintenance and how bank accounts work.

However, my anxiety and sense of overall doom were put to rest a few days ago. In the midst of Junior Parents Weekend (JPW), while we juniors had the opportunity to show our parents exactly what we do on this fine campus and introduce them to our friends, I watched my parents form genuine friendships themselves.

I can't exactly say I didn't see it coming.

My close friend, Keri, and I were continually discovering the similarities between our parents for months leading up to JPW, and were thoroughly amused by the prospect of our parents meeting. Our moms were both animal lovers, taking in pets from near and far and saving poor creatures from oncoming traffic much to their daughters' horror. Our fathers were both hilarious men named Terry. JPW, we thought, was going to be interesting.

What Keri and I didn't see coming was the joy and hilarity that would ensue. As soon as we did our generic introductions, the parents hit it off instantly. Our moms laughed and high-fived over shared experiences despite having met that day; our dads, the Terrys, listened to the tales of animal rescue, exchanged knowing glances and enjoyed great conversation. Keri and I sat back in amazement as our two worlds, home and school, came together almost seamlessly.

Throughout the weekend, I was able to introduce my parents to many of my friends and their parents. Bonds continued to form. By the end, my mom left with plans to not only come back and visit me, but to reunite with the great people she met over the weekend. Hearing about these newly-made connections was not surprising in some ways. After all, these people had one thing for certain in common — they are fantastic, caring parents.

Still, watching these bonds form was not only amusing and adorable, but reassured me that no matter what age, there's always room and possibility for more friends.

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Traveling Europe the best way

Jameson Ondrof

Around Europe in 120 Days

Since my last installment of this column, the London program kids have finally been able to travel around Europe. For the first three weekends of the semester, we had a Friday class named "Inside: London," which introduced us to the city and its multifaceted nature as a cultural, political and economic hub. By the end of January, though, impatience with the class and the restrictions it placed on our traveling time had reached a boiling point.

Consequently, over the past two weekends, the majority of the students have scattered all across Europe, from Barcelona to Bucharest and Florence to Frankfurt. I myself was lucky enough to have traveled to Paris and Dublin over the first two weekends.

Both cities were fantastic, and exactly what you would expect given their reputations. Paris was full of art, culture and romance: from wandering the Louvre at night to a visit to Versailles and watching couples stroll along the Seine, we barely had enough time to fit in the highlights of the city. Dublin, by contrast, was all about the craic (fun, in Irish). Soaking in live music at a pub, seeing Aviva Stadium and a visit to the Jameson factory (basically a legal obligation for me) were the most memorable moments of the weekend.

However, the biggest benefit of my travels to date has been the variety of forms of transportation that I've used to reach my two European destinations. After only two weeks of country-hopping, I feel that I'm able to dispense some valuable advice about how to get around continental Europe. So hold on to your

hats, boys and girls, because here comes some hard-hitting consumer advice.

No. 3: the Bus

Starting from the bottom, the bus is unequivocally my least favorite form of transportation I have ever taken. While it's perfectly fine for a quick jaunt from O'Hare to campus, under no circumstances should you ever try to take it from Paris to London. First of all, the journey was scheduled to be nine hours long, which, for comparative purposes, is longer than it took for the program to fly from Washington to London. It's simply a staggering amount of time, which allowed me to finish my homework, watch two movies and know deeply personal things about the relationship of the two people across the aisle.

Also, the bus has to use the Chunnel train to get back to England, which, rather inevitably, was delayed, and meant that we spent about 10-and-a-half hours on the journey back to London. It was the trip equivalent of receiving a Dementor's Kiss: it was draining on the soul. The best thing that can be said for the bus is that it is cheap, and only cost 19 euros to return from Paris.

No. 2: the Airplane

Air travel, particularly through cheap airlines such as Ryanair and Easyjet, is much maligned by both the London program leadership and past participants in study abroad. However, I think air travel has gotten a bad rap, as I used Ryanair to get to Dublin and had a wonderful experience. Due to cost-cutting measures, it's required you print your boarding pass at home, which saves a lot of time at check-in. Security checkpoints are more numerous and efficient than in the USA, and Ryanair uses both

doors on the plane to board people, which means that passengers are seated quickly and the flight gets underway. Honestly, there is a lot that US airlines could learn, from a business perspective, from budget airlines, but it was the pleasant experience from check-in to clearing customs that made flying a clear No. 2.

No. 1: the Train

The train is, by miles, my favorite way to travel Europe. I used the Eurostar to get from London to Paris, and it was the greatest travel experience I've ever had. Security procedures are much like an airport, but once you clear the checkpoint, the travel experience is on a totally different level. The waiting lounge had WiFi and complementary cups of coffee or tea (I took the 5:40 a.m. train, needless to say, they were out of both when I got there), and unlike an airplane, the concept of personal space actually exists while you are on the train. Another added bonus when compared to air travel is the ability to see the countryside out of the window. The train whips along at 140 miles per hour, which got me to Paris in two-and-a-half hours, as compared to the 10-hour bus ride. Overall, the experience was remarkably refreshing and felt like a "real" European way to travel.

So, if you are ever in Europe, and want to know how best to get around, just remember: train, plane and, if all else fails, automobile.

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The left's intolerant 'tolerance'

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Confusing title?

Tolerance should be a less confusing concept, but some would never know based on the political left's misuse of the term. "Homophobe" and "racist" are two terms that have been frequently thrown about in reference to people who have different opinions from those on the left. Believe in the sanctity of traditional heterosexual marriage? The left calls you a homophobe. Don't agree with President Obama's crippling policies? The left accuses you of being a racist, and just plain unaccepting of America's first African-American president.

The Democratic Party and those who fall politically left often brag about being the "accepting" party and being "tolerant" of others, yet they are the ones attacking people with differing views. Senator Tim Scott recently got attacked by the increasingly liberal National Association for the Advancement of Colored People simply for being politically conservative. The group has taken such a far-left stance in recent years that they are apparently only interested in advancing liberal colored people. They went as far as to call Scott a "ventriloquist dummy" for not following liberal agenda. This sad misuse of authority has isolated the once highly benevolent organization and has continued the

rift of intolerance among the politically liberal and their sycophants.

Does anyone remember Phil Robertson? The Duck Commander from A&E's "Duck Dynasty" got attacked by the liberal media for admitting his religious beliefs in support of traditional marriage. The party of "tolerance" did not do much to tolerate Robertson's religious beliefs. In fact, A&E even fired Mr. Robertson for his religious beliefs, and those in the liberal organization GLAAD vocally called for his termination from the hit TV show. Does that sound like tolerance to you?

The most frightening example of the Democratic Party's intolerance is that of New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's statements regarding conservatives. The far-left governor said during a radio show this past month that extreme conservatives have "no place in New York." He described these "extreme conservatives" as people who are "right-to-life, pro-assault weapon, anti-gay." I am not sure what he means by anti-gay, but I would assume that he is referring to those who are defenders of traditional marriage, people who are usually not "anti-gay." Cuomo, like many of his liberal colleagues, incorrectly makes the jump from supporting traditional marriage to being homophobic and scared of gay people. If Cuomo wants pro-life residents and those that support traditional marriage to leave New York, then whom are the Democrats being tolerant of?

Since the election of Obama and the passing of Obamacare, religious groups have seen less and less tolerance from first White House without a Crèche. Many Catholic organizations, Notre Dame included, have been faced with mandates ordering them to go against their religious beliefs in order to comply with liberal policies. If Obama were the tolerant president that he claims to be, then he would be supportive of religious liberties and tolerant of those liberties and beliefs that build the religions themselves. Not to mention, Obama blamed his race as a factor that leads to his disapproval in an interview with Bill O'Reilly earlier this month. I think it is safe to say that the main factor that leads to his disapproval is his disastrous foreign policy, frivolous spending and wreck of a healthcare law, but who's to say?

And what is with the war on the wealthy that the Democratic Party has been supporting? If America is the land of opportunity, then those who seize the opportunity and become successful should be held up to emulate, not taxed into the ground and made to look like the enemy. Democratic mayor of New York City, Bill DeBlasio, has seemingly taken numerous stances against the wealthy members of Manhattan's elite class. He is even accused of purposely not plowing the roads on Manhattan's upper east side, the city's wealthiest neighborhood. None of this behavior seems

to spew tolerance of the successful.

On a more macro level, Obama's ignorance to the wishes of Congress set a bad example for the party that he leads. In his State of the Union address, he claimed that he "has a pen and a cell phone," and was willing to surpass the legislative branch elected by the people in order to accomplish his individual tasks. All of this confusion leads us to beg the question: Who exactly is the Democratic Party actually tolerant of besides gay people who want to be married? Attacking those who have different opinions from you is not only intolerant, but it is the disease plaguing liberal America.

The Republican Party on the other hand does not wave its so-called tolerance in anyone's face like that rich Notre Dame girl and her Louis bag. On the contrary, we simply support the Bill of Rights and the United States Constitution. We defend the first amendment that the Democratic Party squashes. Freedom of religion and freedom of speech are vital lifelines to this country's success and chances for continued prosperity. If you are a beneficiary of prosperity, we won't discriminate against you either.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Keenan Revue: an abomination

To the students of Notre Dame,

Every year this happens. Every year, the most despicable group of boys at this once renowned university feel it is their right to disturb the status quo and make Notre Dame feel like one big joke. Sometimes I lie awake at night, haunted by my memories of Gregory, the Mermaid of St. Joseph's Lake. The horror. I feel it is my personal and sacred duty to speak out against this monstrosity that threatens the very integrity of this campus.

I am talking about, as you all may have guessed, THE KEENAN REVUE. Now THE KEENAN REVUE is taking place this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Stepan Center. I don't know why anyone would want to go to the Stepan Center at 7 p.m. this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

First of all, why would anyone want to go to the Stepan Center and have to encounter flashbacks of DomerFest, Statistics exams and DomerFest? I am sure all of you are very busy at 7 p.m. this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, much too busy to trek all the way to the Stepan Center and see THE KEENAN REVUE.

Besides, this year The-Hall-That-Must-Not-Be-Named has decided to have this year's theme be IT'S NOT REVUE, IT'S ME: A BREAKUP REVUE. What kind of pun is that?! I guess they think there are plenty of jokes and material about relationships at these fine institutions. Well, I'll tell you one thing:

they're wrong. The gender relations here are top notch; just ask the Gender Relations Center! Besides, my girlfriend and I have been dating since our eighth-grade private-school days. That's normal and healthy, isn't it?

THE KEENAN REVUE is worse than Harry Potter. It's worse than The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. It's worse than Breaking Bad! It's just as sinful and immoral as that show, but instead of five seasons of sin, it's been 38 years of sin! Terrible skits, live animals, rock 'n' roll and hip gyrations by those dancers that remind me of Elvis Presley, Satan himself. It's enough to make you feel sick to your stomach.

Anyway, I've had it with THE KEENAN REVUE and this public service announcement should dispel the rest of this campus from heading to THE KEENAN REVUE at 7 p.m. this Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Why go to a free show? It's practically socialism. Thanks a lot, Obama.

Yours,
Seamus

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'TWITCH PLAYS POKÉMON' THE WORLD WATCHES

By **MATT McMAHON**
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Last Wednesday, an account on the video game streaming website Twitch.TV started an experiment in which viewers could play Pokémon Red. The popular Nintendo game was being streamed live on the site and users could contribute to playing by typing in button commands in the accompanying chat. Since gaining coverage on Reddit.com, Huffington Post and similar sites, the experiment has exploded, amassing over 11 million views in six days and upwards of 100,000 viewers simultaneously watching what is essentially a crowd-sourced play of the popular GameBoy game.

Watching the stream, named “Twitch Plays Pokémon,” is at the same time hilarious, frustrating, grating, boring and rewarding. Thousands of users provide input together at a dizzying pace, navigating about 30 seconds lag time from the chat to stream, forcing the game into somewhat of barely controlled chaos. The game’s coder implemented a system balancing “Democracy” and “Anarchy,” weighing users’ input concurrently on separate and vote-based trials.

There have been heroics, heartbreaks and everything in between — including numerous in-jokes generated by the outlandish and unfortunate gameplay resulting from controlling the stream in this manner. The party’s Pidgeot became a legend after single-handedly powering through many battles with under 10 percent health and while paralyzed. Conversely, players accidentally missed teaching then Pidgeotto the useful Wing Attack move by button-mashing past it and immediately mourned the

mishap. Another moment of despair occurred when players agreed to riskily go to their PC, which resulted in releasing their starter Pokémon, an unfortunate mistake.

The mechanics of the stream made it so that the users must anticipate about 30 seconds into the future when giving their input. This caused the play to get stuck at various points, including when they could not get past a route for approximately 12 hours, due to the precision needed to navigate the unforgiving, narrow path. The game, therefore, can tend to wane in interest.

Until, however, players overcome the current obstacle. Then the intensity ramps back up by way of the progress and next decision needed to be made. Sure, it might be trite or trivial to cheer for a tiny character walking the correct direction just to make it through a doorway, but there is something grander at play in this experiment.

Seeing Red, the little sprite being controlled in the game, struggle to walk around, cut a tree or buy the right item from a mart is like seeing a visual representation of the inherent struggle of man in a society at odds with itself. At one point, when trying to cut a tree that would allow for access to the fourth gym, two different potential strategies developed in real time. The House Strat butted heads with Zonal Predicting; the former was more short-sighted and not as scientific while the latter was broader and more overarching.

Often in the rapidly scrolling feed accompanying the stream, you see flashes of people exclaiming how they now know what being in Congress must feel like, or how this is a representation of United States politics (which both adds to the comedy of the whole charade, but equally to the reality of it). Similarly, there has been a consistent

debate between acquiring either Eevee or Lapras for the team’s future Surf needs. Divides like this can potentially halt progress indefinitely — all the same as a tricky bit of terrain — like an evenly strengthened game of tug of war with the indicator stuck directly in the middle.

It’s laughable to see it become so difficult for seemingly simple, menial tasks to be accomplished when so many people are contributing and forcing the same actions. On a deeper level though, it’s a real, notable social experiment. Of course there are unsolvable hiccups as a result of the inconsistencies between chat and stream, but conflict also arises when everyone involved cannot agree to work toward a single goal. It makes watching or participating that much more frustrating, feeling like each individual user’s efforts are for naught. Still, when everything does come together and that little sprite defeats a gym leader or travels down the right path without falling down a ledge, the results are that much more earned — and that much sweeter.

Many people have come to compare the play through to the old theorem that postulates if you give a million monkeys a million typewriters to hit random keys for an infinite amount of time, almost surely one will eventually type a given text, such as the complete works of William Shakespeare. Whether this experiment is directly relatable or not, at times it certainly does feel as wild, unpredictable and coherent as a monkey slapping a keyboard. Yet, if this many people can work together to even eventually beat the game, I would consider it a sign of hope for society and the greater good of the world.

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AMAZON LAUNCHES PROMISING PILOTS

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While “House of Cards” fans settled down and dug into the show’s second season this Valentine’s Day and “Orange is the New Black” enthusiasts impatiently await a batch of new episodes, it’s become clear that online-only shows have moved into the consciousness of American television watchers in a big way. In about seven years, Netflix went from a DVD rental company with streaming options to the go-to online streaming service for shows and movies to an award-winning provider of original content.

Netflix isn’t the only online streaming service, however, now putting out original content. Online giant Amazon began streaming pilots to original shows last year. Rather than taking rival Netflix’s approach of producing and releasing entire seasons at once, Amazon takes a crowd-sourcing approach instead. The website “premieres” a group of pilots and waits for viewer responses to determine which shows to continue producing, combining, in some ways, Netflix’s high quality, no-holds-barred production style with the more traditional network television approach.

Now, the company is back with 10 new pilots available

for free streaming, even without an account. This year’s pilots include five children’s shows, three comedies and two dramas, new genre for Amazon. Though the website’s first attempt at garnering viewership last year did not prove as successful as Netflix’s “House of Cards” or “Orange is the New Black,” this year’s batch shows plenty of promise.

The two hour-long dramas bring two familiar names back to the television (or more likely, computer) screens. “The After” is a sci-fi drama made by “X-Files” creator Chris Carter. Taking place during post-disaster chaos in a hotel in Los Angeles, the ensemble cast experiences mysteries and coincidences. Think “Lost,” but in Los Angeles. If you’re looking for even more “Lost,” Amazon’s second drama pilot stars Titus Welliver of “Lost” fame as a detective in “Bosch,” based on author Michael Connelly’s series of the same name.

Comedies include “The Rebels,” about a woman whose football coach husband unexpectedly dies, leaving her to manage the fictional professional football team, and “Mozart in the Jungle,” an unexpected look at the world of classical music written by Jason Schwartzmann, Roman Coppola and musical theater writer/director Alex Timbers. “The Rebels” sounds like every bad sports-comedy show on cable right now, and isn’t particularly

interesting. However, “Mozart in the Jungle” could prove to be a success with a fresh theme and behind-the-scenes look at the wild world of classical music, basically taking American Pie’s “one time, at band camp” punch line and moving it into adulthood.

The standout of the group of five pilots for adults, however, is undoubtedly “Transparent,” with an all-star cast including Jeffery Tambor, Jay Duplass, Gabby Hoffman and Amy Landecker. Centered around an LA family of three adult siblings and their divorced parents, the pilot is funny, sad, progressive and sure to pick up a substantial viewership. With an important, albeit slightly predictable, twist at the end of the episode, “Transparent” proves that Amazon is stepping up its game both in production quality and content.

Though some pilots clearly stand out more than others, the best part of Amazon’s “premieres” is that they’re available on-demand and for free. Though Amazon’s streaming style prevents the infamous “binge” that Netflix permits, with five unique pilots available, you can have a dynamic binge of your own, and just maybe you’ll find a new favorite show to cheer for between “House of Cards” binges.

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I don't watch a lot of television.

This isn't something I'm bragging about, it's just a fact. I don't even have some admirable, moral reason for not watching TV; I'm just bad at it. My attention span doesn't really work for the length of shows, and I'm far too much of a commitment-phobe to keep up with a series. Instead, I stick with mostly episodic comedy (read: cartoons), exciting pilots (see below) or anything from the "Law & Order" franchise because it's on at any waking hour of the day.

When I moved into Farley my freshman year, I brought with me a wonderful gift from my parents — a huge Sony television. Seriously, it's enormous. How big? I have no idea. People measure TVs in inches, right? It's a lot of inches. Though I didn't watch much television to begin with, I was excited to have an especially large TV to call my own. It was fancy, flat-screened and a marker of my emergence into adulthood. I carried it up to my miniscule dorm room with all the pride of a college freshman convinced she had achieved independence, despite the fact that her TV had just been purchased in full by her parents.

Upon assembling the television and placing the giant, shiny Sony on top of the diminutive refrigerator in my freshman quad, I already had doubts about how much use it would see that year. Boy, was I right. The poor guy experienced about two hours of use over the entire academic year, and when it did, the only thing my roommates and I could find to watch was "Keeping Up With the Kardashians." It got to the point that the Sony became known simply as "the Kardashian box." We even considered taping a printed out picture of the sisters to the black screen, since it would be the equivalent to its current use, both in the diversity of shows watched and the interestingness of the Kardashians.

Don't you worry, though; this story has a happy ending. During my sophomore year, the Kardashian box

experienced a beautiful transformation. One fateful night of shameless procrastination lead to some online shopping and the impulse-purchase of a Nintendo 64 from eBay. One week later, the package arrived, changing the course of history for both my GPA and the Kardashian box's destiny. Late nights of "Tony Hawk Pro Skater" brought me closer to the Sony than I ever was before. After years of neglect and abuse in the form of the E! Network, my television got the use and attention it deserved.

I share this tale not (only) to publicly reassure my parents that their purchase went to good use, but to spread my vast knowledge of and appreciation for old-school video games. While some of you may be well versed in fancy Xbox and games that involve zombies and car-jacking, I'm here to walk you through some of the best (and most affordable) consoles and games from yesterday so you can play them your very own Kardashian box. Because if there are two things this generation needs more of, it's video games and nostalgia.

Nintendo 64

There's pretty much no doubt that the Nintendo 64 was the pinnacle of video gaming systems. There's no better feeling than blowing in the cartridge and firing up your favorite game. To be fair, though, there's also no worse feeling than that hand cramp you got from the weird controllers. Totally worth it.

Notable games:

Diddy Kong Racing: This was by far the best racing game available on N64, as we call it in the business. Plus, it had a killer soundtrack that got stuck in your head for no less than seven years.

Kirby: In this game, you can eat your enemies and mix-and-match their powers. Nothing else needs to be said about "Kirby"; just let that first sentence sink in.

Atari

Atari isn't technically the first at-home gaming system, but it will always be the original in America's memory. It also remains the classiest gaming console

in history due to its wooden paneling. While naysayers may argue that playing on a 40-year-old console is horribly boring, Flappy Bird mania has reassured us that 2-D graphics with huge pixels are still the video game version of crystal meth, so all arguments against Atari are null and void.

Notable games:

Ms. Pac-Man: Just like the "Pac-Man" arcade game, "Ms. Pac-Man" requires agility, speed, strategy and a healthy fear of ghosts. Plus, it combines all this fun of the original game with lipstick, bows and female empowerment!

Frogger: With "Frogger," you simply navigate a frog to cross a busy street. The game is great because if you aren't already anxious enough with school-related stress, you can plug in your Atari, throw on "Frogger" and be on the verge of a panic attack in mere seconds.

Sega Genesis

Immortalized by Notorious B.I.G. and completely forgotten about otherwise, the Sega Genesis is a great addition to any dorm room entertainment system.

Notable games:

Aladdin: I know it may not seem particularly cool or exciting, but I promise you that "Aladdin" for SEGA was the greatest collaboration Disney ever did pre-Pixar. In the game, you got to navigate the magic carpet in some high-stakes getaways, and the music was MIDI version of the movie's original soundtrack transformed to bring the best of Disney to your console.

Mortal Kombat II: Enjoy all the nostalgia of fighting over your favorite characters with your friends and hitting buttons incoherently as you battle them. The special effects in this game are top notch (read: absolutely absurd), and enjoy the indescribable bliss you feel upon seeing the words "Finish Him!" on your television screen.

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NO CLEAR ANSWERS ON CROWDPILOT

By **MIKO MALABUTE**

Scene Writer

Sites such as "Ask.fm" or "Spring.me" offer the prospect of gathering a general consensus of people in the hopes of becoming all the wiser about a certain dilemma.

What really sold these ideas to everyone, however, was the added allure of doing so anonymously.

The idea of not attaching one's name to their comments empowered users by allowing users to type away with reckless abandon, with little to no consequence as a result of what they say. More importantly, the anonymity allowed users to save face when faced with the prospect of asking a very embarrassing question or — even worse — one that would reveal their inner, dark and personal weaknesses. In time, however, people seemed to really move on from dealing with countless anonymous users, as they either felt tired of or simply cheated by the faceless, seemingly invincible users.

As with all trends, though, these things come and go, and eventually come again. So it is with the newly

popular app, "Crowdpilot," which advertises itself as a service that "lets you crowd source your conversations by bringing a group of your friends or strangers along to listen in and assist you in any situation." An intriguing proposition, I decided to see — against my better judgment — how useful this application would be.

Seeing it make headlines as a way to crowd source Valentine's Day ideas, I decided "Why not?" and asked a fictional scenario (in which, if one must know, I asked about an entire date centered around watching "House of Cards" and adopting Southern accents) to Crowdpilot users. The only thing I managed to learn that there was no clear answer, as the few people who did answer were varied in their responses, ranging from humor to outright disappointment.

I tried again a couple of nights later to see how useful Crowdpilot could be. As the application opens, you may "Start a session," after which you may then ask complete strangers advice on situations for dating, arguments, family gatherings or anything else, really. However, my wait for a response led me to promptly exit the app. Not

for lack of a response, but for lack of confidence in responses from strangers.

In a largely social media-centered generation, it increasingly seems as if people are overly concerned with strangers' opinions and input. Whether it is responses to forum posts, Twitter followers, Instagram comments or even the aforementioned Ask.fm and Spring.me experiences, people seem extremely sensitive to opinions of the people that have no prior relationships with each other.

Crowdpilot is a very solid idea that offers assistance to those who seek advice from other Crowdpilot users. But what does that say when people feel the need to confide in strangers (strangers who, at least in my case, offered such conflicting advice that it left me just as clueless as I started) and not in the loved ones who know and understand them the most? It is easier to hide behind the mask of anonymity, but in order to really see eye-to-eye on a situation one should probably remove that mask.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Accepting the end of eras



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Once every two years, NBC breaks Bob Costas out of liquid nitrogen so he can anchor the network's Olympic coverage. They must store him in liquid nitrogen — he never ages and his hair never changes.

Costas has hosted in prime-time for nine Olympics, but this year, due to a pink-eye infection, Costas temporarily turned over his hosting duties to Matt Lauer and Meredith Vieira.

I freaked out because it is just not the Olympics without Bob Costas. Costas' Olympic broadcasting career started with the 1992 Games in Barcelona, so for as long as I have been alive, Costas has been the face of the Olympics.

Thankfully, Costas has returned to his post, but his absence spurred reporters to ask NBC executives about succession plans for when their prime-time host retires.

Succession plans? For Bob Costas?

I freaked out again.

Even people who are not fans of Costas' reporting style have probably grown accustomed to hearing his Olympic broadcasts because they don't remember or have never known anything else. It's comfortable and familiar to see Costas interviewing athletes in the NBC Olympic studio, and it will always be that way — right?

Right, just like Derek Jeter will always be the captain of the New York Yankees.

The most recent wave of sports retirements marks the first time I have been acutely aware that my favorite athletes growing up won't actually play forever.

I grew up in Chicago, so it was hard to wrap my mind around Brian Urlacher's retirement from the Bears. Urlacher debuted for the Bears when I was eight, so when he announced his retirement after the 2012 season, I could hardly remember a time when the Bears had played a game without him.

It was even hard to imagine a world without Brett Favre when he announced his retirement

from the dreaded Packers.

His retirement, in fact, does still hold, at least at the time of this printing.

I had always thought only parents talked about "the end of an era."

"Yeah, okay, Dad, I wish Hank Aaron was still playing baseball, too," I would say.

No one would complain if we could continue watching Aaron play ball, but my dad's wish didn't mean as much to me because I had never seen him play. This ongoing "end of an era" business, though, belongs to me and my generation.

I would really not like to own it, but it didn't come with a receipt.

A good bit of sadness comes with watching one's childhood heroes retire. It's a quiet reminder — especially to college students observing such a transition probably for the first time — that growing up happens in all aspects of life, including sports.

Time to call Peter Pan, because I am not on board for that.

But maybe the process isn't entirely a bad thing. Maybe the way I watch sports just needs to evolve.

As a kid, a lot of my favorite athletes were my favorites because I wanted to grow up and be just like them. Well, sports can't really serve that purpose for me anymore.

But I will keep watching sports so I can cheer on my Chicago teams, and, during the Olympics, my country. I will keep watching because it's fun to cheer with friends and get wrapped up in the excitement of a game. I will keep watching so I can see historic and courageous moments.

The transition might not be pleasant, but I think I can adjust to being a grown-up sports fan.

Alternatively, I will petition Costas and NBC to share their liquid nitrogen with my favorite athletes so they can play forever.

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NFL

NFL to interview prospects

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — NFL teams will spend this week's annual scouting combine trying to get answers out of college prospects.

They will need to tread carefully.

A year ago, three players contended they were awkwardly asked about topics that seemed to reference sexual orientation. Two weeks ago, Missouri defensive end Michael Sam and NFL hopeful publicly announced he was gay.

Questions are sure to be a hot topic this week in Indianapolis.

"A lot of people want to know what the rules are and whether they're different in the NFL, and they're really not," said Camille Olson, an attorney with the discrimination litigation practice group of Seyfarth Shaw. "It's pretty clear, it's black-letter law. An employer is not able to take into consideration for any employment purpose someone's sexual orientation. If the answer is, 'Locker rooms are different,' you still can't ask questions on that topic."

The NFL has reiterated that point after college tight end Nick Kasa claimed that one

team asked him if he "liked girls" during last year's combine. Within a week, running back Le'Veon Bell and receiver Denard Robinson said they were asked similar questions. All three were drafted.

League officials responded with an investigation but found there was no violation of either federal or state laws or of NFL protocol.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello told The Associated Press last week in an email that the league has sent a memo to all teams reminding them of those standards.

Personal questions, like the ones Kasa, Bell and Robinson were asked, could take on new significance now as Sam attempts to become the first openly gay player in the NFL. Publicly, Sam has received widespread support, from his former teammates and coaches to President Obama.

Longtime NFL executive Bill Polian doesn't believe Sam's announcement should change a thing in the eyes of league scouts and decision makers.

"I've always taken the position that a person's sexual orientation is none of my business," said Polian, architect of the Colts' Super Bowl team and the Bills' four straight

AFC championship teams. "We always had a position (with the Colts) that a player has familial obligations, so it would be reasonable to ask do you have a steady partner, do you have any children or siblings that you have to support. Those are perfectly legitimate questions to find out what the guy's facing in terms of his obligations. But a person's sexual orientation is none of my business, and I always made it clear to everyone we had, it was none of their business, either."

Olson said she considers questions about familial obligations to be inappropriate but not necessarily illegal.

Still, some wonder how Sam, the reigning SEC defensive player of the year, would be treated in NFL locker rooms and whether teams may try to get those answers this week, especially in light of how things reportedly played out in the Dolphins locker room between Jonathan Martin and his teammates last year.

Any team that takes Sam in May's draft will be under a white-hot spotlight.

Polian, now an ESPN analyst, said that's something Sam and his team must be prepared for.

Miami offensive line in flux

Associated Press

Pending free agency and a racially charged bullying scandal could add up to a completely overhauled Miami Dolphins offensive line — and some players looking for a job.

Several Miami linemen are at the center of the NFL-ordered report detailing harassment in the Dolphins locker room, including Richie Incognito, Jonathan Martin, John Jerry and Mike Pouncey. The report released last Friday said Jerry and Pouncey followed Incognito's lead in harassing Martin about not being black enough, threatening to rape his sister and calling him a long list of slurs.

Incognito and Jerry, the team's starting guards, are free

agents. Pouncey and Martin, the starting center and left tackle, are under contract although their future with the team is unclear. Even Miami offensive line coach Jim Turner's future may be in doubt after the report said he took part in some of the bullying.

Whether Turner or any of the three starters embroiled in the scandal will face punishment from the NFL remains unclear. Spokesman Greg Aiello told The Associated Press in an email Monday the league will comment on the report "at the appropriate time."

Steve Beuerlein, a former NFL Pro Bowl quarterback and TV analyst for CBS, said if the Dolphins have to make wholesale changes to the offensive line

it would be "a huge adjustment."

"How quickly they develop would depend on what type of guys they go after and how much money they're willing to spend," Beuerlein said. "To have a good offensive line in today's NFL, you need two standout linemen and then you have to have three smart versatile guys that can move from position to position."

"If they do that they can adjust pretty quick. But they'll have to find the right type of guys."

Beuerlein knows about playing behind poor offensive lines.

He was sacked a league-high 62 times in 2000 while playing for the Carolina Panthers, prompting the organization to invest millions and spend top draft picks on that position in the years that followed.

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sub-zero temperatures and bone-chilling winds. After sticking with the lead pack for the first half of the race, Bednar and one other skier broke free and faced off for the rest of the race. The tension culminated in a sprint finish in which Bednar finished just one second behind the leader with a time of 1:43:13.

The women's team also had a number of notable finishes, with Gleadow and Coble finishing second and third in their age group in the Classic with times of 2:55:38 and 3:39:40, respectively. Stolee finished third in her age group in the Skate with a time of 2:30:04.

The team is in its third year of existence and the seniors said they look forward to its promising future.

"Nordic skiing tends to be a sport most people have to grow up with to understand, so it can be hard to attract members and grow the club," Stolee said. "However, we've seen a lot of growth, especially in this last year. We have some really outstanding leadership coming from the underclassmen, and I am excited to see them take ownership of the club after Kevin and I graduate."

Next weekend, the team will travel to Wisconsin to tackle North America's largest ski race, the American Birkebeiner, which spans over 30 miles on a trail connecting Cable, Wis., to Hayward, Wis. For most of the team's skiers, this will be the longest race any of them have ever competed in and will certainly mark a milestone in their ski careers.

Sailing Club

The Irish made it back to Notre Dame from New Orleans on Sunday night after a strong weekend. Notre Dame placed fifth overall, with seniors Peter Roehmholdt and Maria Skorcz placing sixth in A's and seniors Sarah Eide and Annie Schoenwetter placing fourth in B's. The full regatta scores can be viewed at <http://scores.collegesailing.org/sl4/nelson-roltsch/>

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Irish compete at Junior Olympics

Observer Staff Report

The Irish sent four male fencers to the United States Fencing Association National Junior Olympics last weekend, a four-day competition held in Portland, Ore.

Three epeeists — sophomore Garrett McGrath and the freshman duo of Conrad Sutter and Arthur Le Meur — participated, along with sophomore sabreur John Hallsten.

All three epeeists made it through pool play with 5-1 records. Le Meur, the No. 25 seed, defeated Austin Spickes 15-11 in the single-elimination round before breezing through his match with Matthew Comes, winning 15-6. Le Meur then fell to Nicholas Campbell-Kruger 15-13, finishing in 23rd place.

Sutter entered the elimination portion with the No. 18 seed, out-touching Justin Swicegood 15-9 and James Salem 15-8 to start the elimination round. However, he was defeated in the next round by eventual champion Ace Eldeib 15-11.

McGrath had the highest seed of the three, earning the No. 16 seed in pool play. He breezed through his first two elimination bouts, defeating Zachary Landzerg 15-8 and Bryn Hammarberg 15-3. He then won a close match over Jake Raynis 15-12. In the round of 16,

McGrath quickly eliminated Zach Kravitz 15-4, but had to battle with Campbell-Kruger, narrowly pulling out a 15-14 victory. After winning his semifinal bout, 15-11, over Dante Centeno, McGrath fell to Eldeib 15-10 in the championship bout.

In sabre, Hallsten went 3-3 in pool play, entering elimination with the No. 70 seed. He seemed to flip on a switch, knifing through the competition until the quarterfinals, where he lost to Karol Metryka 15-11.

The Irish will be back in action for the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships, held at home at the Castellan Family Fencing Center on March 1 and 2.



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Irish sabreur John Hallsten, left, battles at the DeCicco Duals on Feb. 9. Hallsten lost in the quarterfinals of the USFA National Junior Olympics this weekend.

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The women's team also had a number of notable finishes, with Gleadow and Coble finishing second and third in their age group in the Classic with times of 2:55:38 and 3:39:40, respectively. Stolee finished third in her age group in the Skate with a time of 2:30:04.

The team is in its third year of existence and the seniors said they look forward to its promising future.

"Nordic skiing tends to be a sport most people have to grow up with to understand, so it can be hard to attract members and grow the club," Stolee said. "However, we've seen a lot of growth, especially in this last year. We have some really outstanding leadership coming from the underclassmen, and I am excited to see them take ownership of the club after Kevin and I graduate."

Next weekend, the team will travel to Wisconsin to tackle North America's largest ski race, the American Birkebeiner, which spans over 30 miles on a trail connecting Cable, Wis., to Hayward, Wis. For most of the team's skiers, this will be the longest race any of them have ever competed in and will certainly mark a milestone in their ski careers.

Sailing Club

The Irish made it back to Notre Dame from New Orleans on Sunday night after a strong weekend. Notre Dame placed fifth overall, with seniors Peter Roehmholdt and Maria Skorcz placing sixth in A's and seniors Sarah Eide and Annie Schoenwetter placing fourth in B's. The full regatta scores can be viewed at <http://scores.collegesailing.org/s14/nelson-roltsch/>

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Football

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Tuitt battled injury and weight issues at the outset of the 2013 season. At his current size (Notre Dame listed Tuitt at 6-foot-6.5, 312 pounds this season) Mayock said Tuitt has probably grown into a five-technique defensive lineman (the defensive end in a 3-4 formation).

"I think Tuitt, if he went somewhere between 25 and 50, it wouldn't surprise me," Mayock said.

Zack Martin

On the offensive line, Mayock slots Martin as the No. 4 tackle in the draft. Mayock said he believes Martin will be drafted somewhere around No. 20 overall.

"I think he can play tackle, but the beauty of this kid is he can play all five positions in the NFL," Mayock said. "Some teams look at him as a Pro Bowl-guard and that

therefore playing the tackle doesn't make as much sense."

Chris Watt

Watt started 11 games at left guard in his graduate-student season, missing the games against Navy and Rutgers, respectively, due to a knee injury. Mayock said he thinks Watt can be a starting left guard and pegged him as a third-round pick.

Troy Niklas

Niklas, who elected to forego his senior season and enter the Draft, ranks behind fellow tight ends Eric Ebron (North Carolina), Austin Seferian-Jenkins (Washington) and Jace Amaro (Texas Tech), according to Mayock. In 2013, Niklas hauled in 32 receptions for 498 yards and five touchdowns.

"If he commits to becoming a good inline blocker, he could be the best blocking tight end in the NFL in two or three years," Mayock said. "He's a better receiver than people

think. He's not Tyler Eifert. He's not a 4.5 guy, but he's probably a 4.75, 4.8 kind of guy. He can catch the ball short and intermediate. He's got really good hands.

"I don't think he's getting out of the second round because I think there's a dropoff after him."

Bennett Jackson

Cornerback Bennett Jackson finished fourth on the team with 64 tackles and tallied a pair of interceptions in his senior season. Mayock projected Jackson as a mid-to-late-round draftee, somewhere near the fifth round.

"I see Bennett Jackson as a corner with some length," Mayock said. "He's gotta get stronger. He's got some pretty good movement skills but he's not an elite speed guy so he's gotta use his length to compete on the outside."

George Atkinson

Junior running back George Atkinson elected to forego his senior season and enter the draft following the Pinstripe Bowl. Atkinson finished second on the squad with 93 carries and 555 rushing yards. He also served as the primary kick-returner in each of his three seasons at Notre Dame. Mayock said Atkinson "is draftable if only as a kick-returner."

The Combine begins Saturday with the offensive linemen, tight ends and kickers, continues Sunday with running backs, quarterbacks and receivers, Monday with linebackers and defensive linemen and Tuesday with defensive backs.

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MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

ND dives for ACC Championship



ZACH LLORENS | The Observer

Freshman James Lichtenstein prepares to dive at the Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 31.

Observer Staff Report

A year removed from a strong finish in its final Big East Championships, Notre Dame will compete in its first ACC Diving Championships from Thursday through Saturday at the Greensboro Aquatic Center in Greensboro, N.C.

Each of the three days of competition consists of two six-dive rounds, a preliminary in the morning and finals in the afternoon. The men's three-meter event will take place Thursday, followed by the one-meter Friday and the platform Saturday to close out the meet.

The points earned this weekend will combine with the points from next weekend's ACC Swimming Championships to determine the overall conference champion.

All five Irish divers — juniors Nick Nemetz, Michael Kreft and Ted Wagner, along with freshmen Joe Coumos and James Lichtenstein — are entered to participate in

all three events.

Kreft was named Big East Most Valuable Diver after finishing in the top six in every event at the 2013 Big East Championships, highlighted by his second-place finish in the three-meter dive. Nemetz took silver in the one-meter competition and placed in the top eight in all three events, as did Wagner.

Coumos claimed first place 12 times throughout the season, including four times when he swept the one-meter and three-meter events, and Lichtenstein competed in every meet this year.

Virginia Tech was the only team to place at least two of its divers in the top eight spots in every event at last year's ACC Diving Championships, which included the two-meter springboard instead of the platform. Duke's Nick McCrory, then a junior and a 2012 Olympic bronze medalist in the men's synchronized 10-meter platform, swept first place across the board.

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W Lacrosse

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Halfpenny said Saturday. “I saw some great leadership in her, putting up two back-to-back incredible games on offense and a stellar shooting effort again.”

While her coach was pleased with her performance, Gargan maintained that winning was the only goal that mattered to her.

“Losing a conference game is never something we take lightly; every game we play in the ACC has implications, so it’s upsetting to lose like we did on Saturday,” Gargan said. “It’s always nice to play well as an individual when your team plays well as a whole, but scoring points doesn’t really matter if we don’t get to add a win to our record.”

Although Gargan was upset with the loss, she said the mistakes are very fixable.

“Moving forward, we have to make sure that we pay attention to detail and make sure that we stay fundamentally sound,” Gargan said. “If we focus on simple pieces of the game, like draw controls and ground ball pick-ups, our play will improve, mostly because we’ll be able to control possession. Luckily, much of what needs fixing is in our control. We’ll focus on those things to improve our



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Irish junior Caitlin Gargan launches a shot against Boston College on Saturday. ND lost 15-10, but Gargan scored four goals.

play in other games.”

The Irish are loaded with young talent, including the top freshman recruit in the country in Cortney Fortunato, but lack experience. On such a young team, Gargan said she uses her status as an upperclassman to make sure the team stays loose and has fun.

“As much as possible, I try to have fun while playing,” Gargan said. “Much of what

we do requires us to be very focused, but I like to offer that reminder, especially to our younger players, that we don’t have to be totally serious all the time. A smile every once in a while is always a good thing.”

Gargan will try to bring that attitude Saturday, when the Irish host Stony Brook at 8 p.m.

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M Bball

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last five games.

“It’s a little bit of a Syracuse mentality because you’re going to play against a zone for 40 minutes,” Brey said. “So the mental state of dealing with the zone and being patient and getting touches in different areas of the floor, you’ve gotta be disciplined with that.”

Despite limiting its opponents offensively of late, Miami has struggled to score itself, losing three of those four games in which the opponent didn’t crack 60. The Hurricanes average 61.0 points per game, a mark that ranks 339th in the nation (out of 345 teams), per NCAA.com.

Miami fell to Virginia Tech, 52-45, on Saturday after knocking off Florida State, 77-73, on Feb. 10 in what Hurricanes coach Jim Larranaga bluntly described as an up-and-down week.

“The night we put the ball in the basket we won,” Larranaga said Monday. “The night we didn’t put the ball in the basket, we lost. So I would have preferred we shot the ball consistently well in both games, but obviously that didn’t happen.”

Brey said he’s still wary of

the Hurricanes on offense because of their rebounding ability.

“Sometimes a great play for them is a missed shot, because they’ve got guys who can go up and get it,” he said. “And we’ve had a little problem controlling the defensive boards at times. So there’s where my concern is. I think we can force the first miss. ... Can we get the first miss though?”

“It’s been an Achilles heel of ours and it worries me for Wednesday.”

Brey said Monday that freshman guard Demetrius Jackson, who had been away from the team for two games to focus on what Brey termed “academic habits,” would rejoin the team and travel to Miami.

“[He’s] caught up academically,” Brey said. “Needed some time to get his academics straight, get some work handed in. We kept him home this weekend so he could catch up. Really pleased with how he’s handled the week kinda getting back in gear academically.”

Notre Dame tips off against Miami at 9 p.m. tonight at the BankUnited Center in Coral Gables, Fla.

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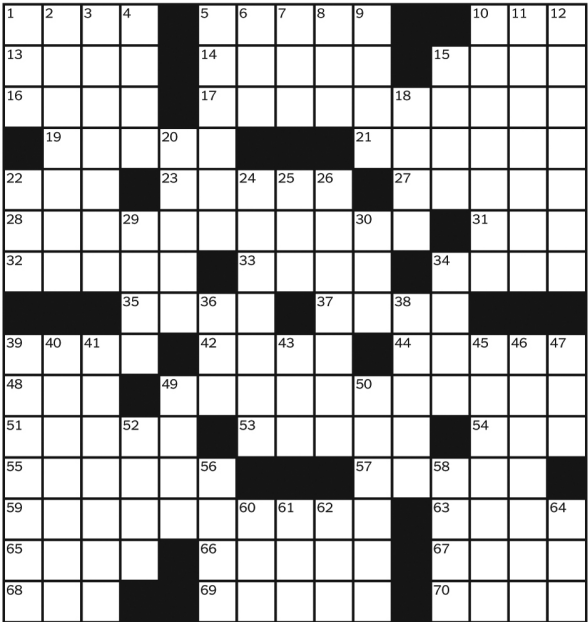
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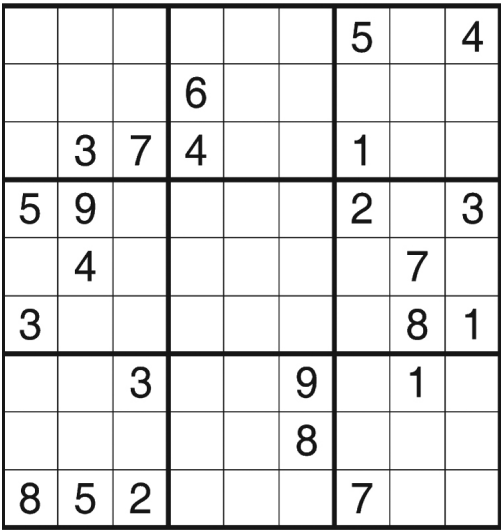


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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stay in line. Don’t ask or look for trouble. Meddling will lead to an argument. Protect your reputation and show compassion for those around you. It’s better to be safe than sorry. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Chase your dreams. Plan a vacation, sign up for a course or indulge in something that will help build your confidence. Put romance at the top of your list and make plans to socialize or engage in a one-on-one evening of fun. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Jump into action at work and establish a position that will raise your profile. Don’t feel the need to overspend when what’s required is dedication, hard work and concern for others. Push your way to the forefront using class, dignity and mindfulness. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Frustration is likely if you are dealing with a friend, child or partner who is trying to guilt you into something. Think before you act and you will avoid making a mistake. An unusual offer will enhance your life. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look for a chance to show off your skills. You will draw scrutiny if you make an unusual choice. A money deal or move to a better location will require sufficient legwork before you set your plans in motion. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A sudden change in your financial situation is likely if you have bought into a get-rich-quick scheme or overspent on something you don’t need. An event that is geared toward connecting with old colleagues or friends will bring you interesting opportunities. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Self-reliance is your best bet. Don’t count on anyone at home to agree with your plans or help you out. Talk to the people who share your concern or interest and move forward. Equality in any partnership you form will be a must. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Trust in your judgment and your abilities. Develop your ideas and don’t be afraid to be a little different. Travel plans should be made but not executed until a later date. Romance will help improve your relationship with someone you think is special. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Check out what everyone around you is doing before making a move. Emotional matters at home can be resolved if you are willing to make a couple of changes. Listen to what others say, but get the facts before responding. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don’t be daunted by what others do or say. Step around any negativity you come up against. Go it alone and you will reach your goal. Lean toward a conservative deal and question anyone trying to sell you the impossible. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get involved in something that will enhance who you are and what you can do. Don’t feel the need to pay for others or to take on a burden that doesn’t belong to you. Concentrate on getting ahead, not on helping someone else advance. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put your ideas out there and get involved in events or organizations that can use your expertise and talents. What you have to bring to the table will also be your calling card for new opportunities and adventures. Romance is highlighted. ★★

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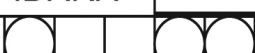


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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hurricane warning

By **MIKE MONACO**
Sports Editor

The first road win came Sunday.

Three days later, Notre Dame visits another ACC opponent when it battles Miami tonight at the BankUnited Center in Coral Gables, Fla., the midpoint in a taxing three-game road trip that has the Irish traveling more than 5,800 miles.

After downing Boston College, 73-69, in Chestnut Hill, Mass., on Sunday night, the Irish (14-12, 5-8 ACC) returned to campus for a few days before hitting the road for Florida. Following Wednesday's matchup with the Hurricanes (12-13, 3-9) — a 9 p.m. start — Notre Dame will charter back to campus and return around 4 a.m. Thursday morning, before traveling again for a Saturday

afternoon tilt on the road against Virginia.

This is Notre Dame's first three-game road trip since the 2010-11 season.

"We can't stay on the road. We have a class-missed policy. So we will be back," Irish coach Mike Brey said Monday during a teleconference. "Most teams would go right from Miami to Charlottesville, [Va.] probably on Thursday. We've got to be back. It's midterm week, got some work to do."

With the victory over Boston College, the Irish have won back-to-back games for the first time since they bested Canisius and Duke on Dec. 29 and Jan. 4, respectively. Notre Dame hasn't strung together three consecutive wins since downing Santa Clara, Army and Cornell from Nov. 22 through Dec. 1.

"We got two league wins in

a row and little steps for us," Brey said. "I think where we've made some strides here in the last week to 10 days is in our offensive efficiency. We've simplified some things."

The Irish shot 50.9 percent from the field versus the Eagles and tallied 14 assists compared to seven turnovers. Against Clemson on Feb. 11, Notre Dame mustered just 40.0-percent shooting but still managed to defeat the Tigers — who boasted the No. 1 scoring defense in the nation — 68-64 in double overtime.

Another stout defense awaits Wednesday in Miami, where the Hurricanes play almost exclusively zone defense. Miami ranks 11th in the nation in scoring defense at 59.6 points per game and has held its opponents to fewer than 60 points in four of its

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EMILY McCONVILLE | The Observer

Irish junior forward Pat Connaughton drives to the basket during Notre Dame's 68-64 win against Clemson on Feb. 11.

FOOTBALL

Mayock evaluates Irish draft prospects



EMILY KRUSE | The Observer

Former Irish players Stephon Tuitt, left, Louis Nix and Prince Shembo rush Spartan quarterback Connor Cook on Sept. 21.

By **MIKE MONACO**
Sports Editor

NFL Media draft analyst and NBC Notre Dame football broadcaster Mike Mayock discussed his evaluations of former Irish players Tuesday heading into Saturday's NFL Scouting Combine.

On Monday, NFL.com released the first edition Mayock's position-by-position rankings for the

NFL Draft. Four former Irish players — tight end Troy Niklas, guard Chris Watt, tackle Zack Martin and defensive tackle Louis Nix — checked in in the top five of their respective positions.

Louis Nix and Stephon Tuitt

Mayock ranks Nix as the top defensive tackle, ahead of Timmy Jernigan (Florida State) and Aaron

Donald (Pittsburgh), among others. Stephon Tuitt, meanwhile, didn't crack Mayock's top five at defensive end or defensive tackle.

"They're really kind of lightning rods right now around the league," Mayock said of the Irish defensive-line duo.

Mayock said Nix is "a prototypical nose tackle" who possesses solid short-area quickness for a player his size. Nix missed five of the last six games in 2013 due to a knee injury and Mayock said he didn't consistently play at a high level.

"When you put all the composites of Louis Nix together — when he's healthy, when he's in shape, when he plays with leverage and doesn't stand up — when you put all that together, he's a top-20 pick."

"The good thing for Louis is it only takes one [team]," Mayock added. "I think teams are going to look real hard at him. What kind of kid are we getting? What kind of work ethic are we getting? But he is a good kid and I think he's going to check out."

Similarly, Mayock noted how

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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Gargan emerges with hot start

By **ALEX WILCOX**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's entrance into the ACC got off to a rocky start with Saturday's 15-10 loss to Boston College. But one bright spot in the game, and throughout the young season, was junior midfielder Caitlin Gargan.

The Rocky Point, N.Y., native has scored six goals and tallied five assists through Notre Dame's first two games. While she hoped for a strong start to the year and knew she was a capable scorer, even Gargan was surprised by her hot start for the Irish (1-1, 0-1 ACC).

"I didn't expect to start the season off like this," Gargan said. "Hopefully, I can make it a habit for the rest of the season and carry it through to May."

Last season, Gargan had 24 points and was the fourth-highest scorer on the team with 19 goals. She leads the team in points this year and is on pace to shatter last year's

mark. But even with all her personal success, Gargan credits her teammates as the reason for her offensive prowess.

"One thing I can point to is a lot of help from the rest of the attackers I play with," Gargan said. "A lot of work is done to get the ball in a scoring position. Our offense tries to work as a unit and have a lot of players get touches on the ball each possession. I think my teammates have helped to put me in a position to find success and score early this season."

Irish coach Christine Halfpenny sees Gargan's unique scoring ability as a form of leadership for her team. Even after the loss to Boston College, Halfpenny praised Gargan for her four-goal, two-assist performance, which followed two goals and three assists in the season-opening 25-1 win over Cincinnati on Feb. 12.

"[I saw] a lot of good things,"

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