

Students form subcommittee for WPC

Campus organizations contribute to discussion about University's 'China policy' on manufacturing

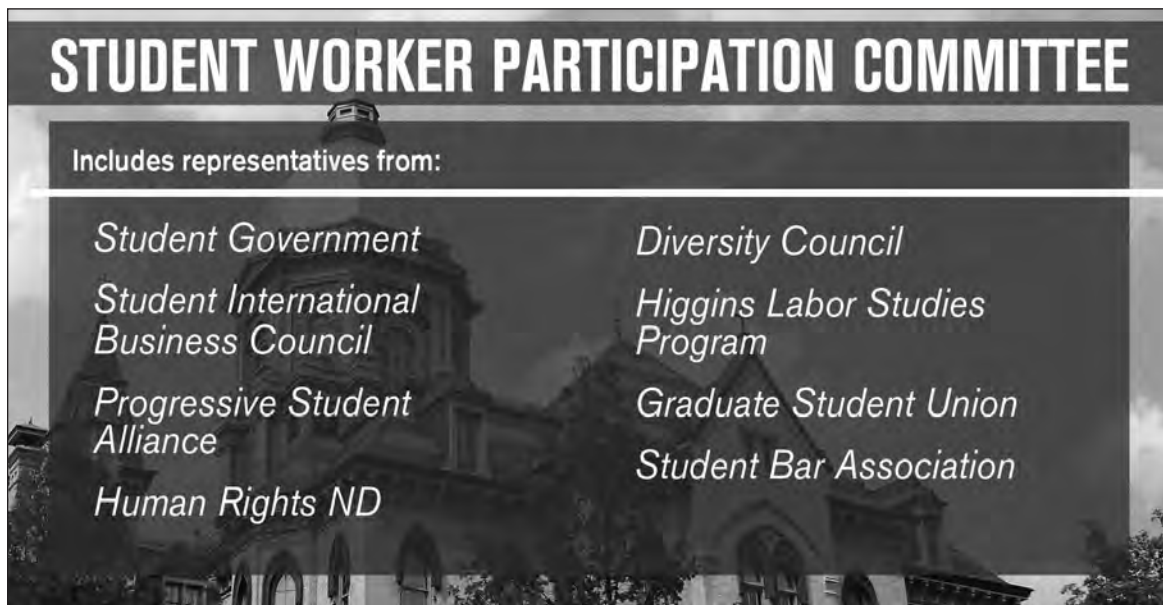
By **SELENA PONIO**
Associate News Editor

As a member of both the Fair Labor Association and the Worker Rights Consortium, Notre Dame prohibits its licensed products from being manufactured in countries that lack a legal right for workers to form independent labor unions of their choice. In 2013, University Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves appointed the Worker Participation Committee to review Notre Dame's Licensing Code of Conducts due to an increasing frequency of interactions between the University and China, according to the website

of the Office of the Executive Vice President. Representatives from several student organizations came together in February to form a Student Worker Participation Committee (SWPC).

The "Freedom of Association" policy has been enforced since 2001 and has identified 11 countries as ineligible for production of university products. In May of 2015, the Worker Participation Committee wrote a "Review of the Freedom of Association Policy," which assessed factories in China and other countries to better understand the status of worker participation.

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Speaker explores Korean, Japanese relations

By **JENNA WILSON**
News Writer

Jae Woong Lee, deputy consul general for the Republic of Korea, spoke on Korean-Japanese relations Monday night in a lecture sponsored by the Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies.

According to Lee, Japan and Korea countries have shared — and continue to share — a

long and complicated history. Their geological position and common culture should create favorable conditions for diplomatic relations, Lee said, yet Korean-Japanese relations continue to be strained.

Lee said ancient Japanese and Korean art display "striking similarities," though ancient Japanese art is usually sculpted from wood and Korean sculptors preferred to

use a bronze medium.

"This is evidence of the close interactions and close relationship between Korea and Japan more than 1,000 years ago," Lee said. "We like to boast that Korean ancient history moved to Japan and had them give birth to their own Japanese culture."

Though the countries share a

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Students examine German response to refugee crisis



Courtesy of Francesco Tassi

Three Notre Dame students traveled to Germany during spring break to examine the country's response to the Syrian refugee crisis.

By **COURTNEY BECKER**
News Writer

Instead of relaxing on a beach or returning home to visit family, three Notre Dame students spent spring break in Germany researching the Syrian refugee crisis.

Sophomore Francesco Tassi, who traveled to Germany along with freshman Christopher Lembo and sophomore Bridget Rickard thanks to a grant from the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, said he

wanted to visit Germany to research efforts to ameliorate the crisis.

"[News outlets] never touch upon what some countries are actively doing to help integrate these people into their populations, and quite successfully for some ... I wanted to go there and see what was being done there in Germany, as far as integration," he said.

While most people think the refugee crisis only applies

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Notre Dame committee to reform student parking

By **RACHEL O'GRADY**
Associate News Editor

In response to student and faculty feedback, Notre Dame convoked an expanded committee in February to reform student parking on and off campus.

According to an email sent to the student body Monday night from University Vice President John Affleck-Graves, the committee is composed of a diverse selection of members representing several

groups on campus.

"I have asked the committee to put together a holistic recommendation for parking solutions long term that balances the needs and desires of the faculty, staff, students, and visitors, with the environmental and economic impacts to campus," Affleck-Graves said in an email to The Observer. "I am hopeful that they will be able to put together a set of recommendations that will address the overall needs of the campus community."

Affleck-Graves said he has heard growing frustrations from the Notre Dame community in regards to the parking situation.

"Parking impacts almost everyone on campus and I know that it is becoming more and more of a challenge during this period of historic growth," Affleck-Graves said. "It was important to me to put together a long term parking plan that was developed and

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What is your favorite thing about springtime?

**Gabriela Portmann**

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“Sunshine and running around the lakes.”

**Kaitlyn Keffler**

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“No more parkas.”

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“Sunshine.”

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“Sun coming back.”

**Emily Gust**

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“Taking my princess blanket on the quad.”

**Utkarsh Sonkiya**

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“Quad music.”

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Decio Faculty Hall
4:30 p.m.- 5:30p.m.
Practice Italian with members of the Italian Program.

Holy Week Night of Prayer

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
9 p.m.-10 p.m.
Featuring Folk Choir.

Wednesday**Softball vs. Michigan State**

Melissa Cook Stadium
5 p.m.-7 p.m.
The Irish take on the Spartans.

Film: “TOXI*City”

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.-10 p.m.
Narrative segments on Hurricane Sandy.

Thursday**Evening Mass**

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
5 p.m.- 6 p.m.
Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Adoration in the Lady Chapel

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
6:30 p.m.- 11 p.m.
Personal prayer.

Friday**Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
6:45 p.m.-7:15 p.m.
Solemn liturgy.

Stations of the Cross

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
Self-guided prayer and reflection.

Saturday**Women's Lacrosse vs. Syracuse**

Arlotta Stadium
12 p.m.-2 p.m.
The Irish take on the Orange.

The Paschal Vigil Mass

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Begins at 9 p.m.
Easter Vigil Mass.

Saint Mary's hosts film festival

By MEGAN UEKERT

News Wrtier

Saint Mary's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) is screening four international films on campus this week as part of the annual World Cinema Festival. Mana Derakhshani, director of CWIL, said in an email that the festival is part of the effort to internationalize campus and aims to bring students and faculty an opportunity to acquire a more global perspective through the cinema of other countries.

“Saint Mary's World Cinema Festival continues to support the ongoing internationalization of the curriculum and the College community,” she said. “In addition, the festival brings to light the rich cinematic body of work that is being produced outside of the United States.”

Julie Storme, associate director of CWIL, said in an email that internationalization of the campus and curriculum is one of the College's strategic goals.

“Internationalization requires that all members of our community

have a greater awareness of the world beyond Saint Mary's and beyond the United States,” she said. “A world film festival contributes to this awareness, particularly be-

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Julia Storme

associate director, CWIL

cause films offer us a glimpse into other cultures — their values, perspectives and they way that people live in them.”

Derakhshani said the festival is

showing films from France, Iran, Argentina and Japan that are both popular and award-winning films from France, Iran, Argentina and Japan.

Storme said Saint Mary's students were able to suggest films to be included in the festival.

“We're showing a variety of films. Selection was based on a number of factors — their recognition, the picture they give of the way individuals live in the particular country, vignettes of life that those of us in this country might not expect to exist in the countries of origin of the films we're showing

Yesterday evening the festival began with a showing of the French film “The Intouchables.” The Iranian film “About Elly,” the Argentinian film “The Secret in Their Eyes” and the Japanese film “Linda, Linda, Linda” will be shown Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, respectively. All films will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Vander Vennet Theatre in the Student Center.

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Relations

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related history, Lee said tensions remain in the current Japanese-Korean relations, yet have not kept the countries from working together on prominent issues.

"There is a prolonged, unstable relationship from various factors. Even though Korea and Japan have a close history, there are still problems," he said.

These problems stem from the way the Japanese government portrays this shared history, Lee said.

Lee said the Korean people are worried the Japanese are promoting a type of revisionist history, through endorsing textbooks that incorrectly portray the invasion of Korean lands, and by authorizing such books, the Japanese government is refusing to depict past wrongs.

"This is just one of the main headaches, one of the stumbling blocks over which there is a divide between Japan and Korea," Lee said.

Many Koreans are offended by Japanese politicians' visits to to Yasukuni Shrine, Lee said.

"This is just one of the shrines that Japan has. But this specific shrine, they have the names of the war criminals ..." Lee said. "Politicians of Japan go to this shrine, giving a certain impression to Koreans that they do not truly regret their past wrongs against the people in the region."

Japanese-Korean relations were previously strained by the

issue of "comfort women." The term refers to the practice in countries occupied by Japanese rule, including Korea, in which young women were taken from their homes and taken to "comfort stations," where they were forced into sexual slavery.

Lee said Korea and Japan reached a tentative agreement in December to resolve the dispute over this issue, and this agreement represents a large success for the diplomatic relationship between the two countries.

"Japan is finally accepting more responsibility for this issue and they agreed to provide

"Japan is finally accepting more responsibility for this issue and they agreed to provide us compensation."

Jae Woong Lee
deputy consul general
Republic of Korea

us compensation. The Japanese government clearly said 'sorry' to Korea," Lee said.

Lee said Japanese-Korean relations can only continue to prosper if both countries continue to be sensitive to and aware of past events.

"They have to acknowledge the correct history," Lee said. "There is no compromise on that."

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to Syria, Germany has accepted a large number of refugees from countries all over the world, Tassi said.

"The one country in Europe that is taking in most of the refugees [is Germany]," Tassi said. "Right now it's about 1.2 million, 1.4 million refugees in general, but not just Syrian refugees. [There are refugees] from Kosovo, Eastern Europe, Nigeria — a little bit from all over the world."

Tassi said the education system was one of the most visible examples of the German government's effort to integrate refugees into society.

"The education system is phenomenal," he said. "The plan is five years of free education — two years of learning German and then three years of social integration classes, just for the refugees, and you don't have to be just Syrian, as long as you're an asylum-seeker."

Refugees also have the option to attend vocational schools to learn a particular skill to contribute to the German work force, Tassi said.

"A lot of refugees go [to vocational schools] to learn to become blacksmiths because the jobs that Germany needs a lot are also in the lower-wage sector, which is

perfect for people who come over that may not speak the language, may not have the highest work skills," he said. "Germany needs these jobs, so you really have a case where Germany's interests reconcile and work with the interests of asylum-seekers, because Germany will give them housing, it will give them a job, but at the same time, Germany expects something from them."

Tassi said he was surprised by the initiatives of German citizens that go beyond the government's efforts.

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Francesco Tassi
sophomore

it was to my surprise that so many refugees were so rapidly looking for a chance to contribute. It is one thing to see the problem through the lens of the media, but it is another thing to encounter it for yourself."

In each of her interviews, Rickard said, "one salient theme emerged — the only viable starting point for any possible solution is an encounter with refugees through our shared human experience."

"Refugees, like others among the forcibly displaced, live on the margins of society. My interviews enabled me to develop a more robust understanding of the current situation in both Germany and Europe," she said in an email. "And it is my hope that I can employ such understanding in my future contributions to the exploration and framing of questions of forced displacement and migration."

"My experience has led to the realization that I wish to devote my life to some of the most marginalized members of the human family — internally displaced persons, migrants and refugees."

Tassi said he is hoping to continue his work with the research he did over spring break by creating a website that will allow grassroots organizations across Germany to grow, connect with and inspire each other.

"So essentially this website would be a directory, and at the same time, an information portal, but also with a crowdfunding option and a donation option for existing grassroots so these grassroots could get international support and the website could become a place where if you have an idea to make a grassroots in Germany, you just go on here, and not only could you crowdfund it, you can get inspiration from others, you can get support and really build a community of grassroots," he said.

Tassi said the biggest thing he took away from this trip was the impact of seeing this situation firsthand as opposed to learning about it from a news outlet.

"Just going there and seeing for yourself, I think that's the most important thing," he said. "We often don't do that just because of media, just because of how we feel like we're totally connected and it's super easy to get news, but going actually there is completely different, and I recommend it for anyone."

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can really custom fit to integrate refugees on a community level," he said. "You also need that human connection, which is something we often don't think about, but it's really, really important. ... That was something I never thought about before going there, but if there's anything that I left with it was that these grassroots, there's a lot of them and it's something that people never talk about and it's something that you never see in the paper, how much impact and how much power these grassroots have, really, to turn something as negative as a refugee crisis into a solution both for Germany and these people."

Lembo said Germany is a "true revolutionary" in admitting refugees.

"After speaking with a German economist and several organizers of NGOs and non-profits in Munich, it is safe to say that Germany needs refugees," he said in an email. "The refugees are a great chance for cultural integration and for a boost in the German economy, and

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Parking

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vetted by representatives of all of the key campus stakeholders, to ensure that multiple viewpoints and considerations are taken into account."

According to the email, the committee met for the first time as a larger group in February, after increasing pressure from the community to reform the current parking system.

"The University had a smaller parking committee that would meet a few times a year to consider changes to parking lots, the on-campus shuttle system, and game day parking. It also had undergraduate and graduate student, faculty and staff representation, but it was a smaller committee with a proportional scope of influence," Affleck-Graves said.

Affleck-Graves said he anticipates the new, larger committee

will give him their final proposals by the end of the summer.

"I asked them to consider the following components of campus parking in particular: The reserved parking pilot program for faculty and staff, the campus shuttle system, ground parking and a parking garage," Affleck-Graves said. "I also asked the committee to balance the environmental, social, economic and aesthetic impact of its recommendations."

The committee has created an online form for concerned parties to submit feedback on the parking situation situation, according to the email.

"When considering each of these separately or in combination, the committee is also considering costs, locations and routes for implementation, as well as all of the varied constituent groups that utilize parking services, including faculty, staff, students and visitors," a statement from the new website said.

"The committee welcomes your feedback to help form and recommend constructive and implementable solutions to parking on campus," Affleck-Graves said.

According to a committee roster on the website, the group includes faculty from all of the colleges, as well as two representatives from student government, who will change April 1 when student government turns over.

"I know that it will be difficult to find a solution to parking that satisfies everyone, however I hope that you take this opportunity to offer feedback to the parking committee and help to craft a viable plan that will be equitable and addresses the overall needs of all," Affleck-Graves said.

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China

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One of the recommendations outlined in this proposal stated "the University provide a forum for continuing campus participation and feedback, including the establishment of a student subcommittee to the Worker Participation Committee." Skyler Hughes, senior and representative for the Progressive Student Alliance in SWPC, said this committee was officially formed by the end of December and by January all the involved parties had come together.

"In the original recommendation from John Affleck-Graves ... we consider it part of our mission to make sure that the student body stays informed on the issue and that we provide forums for the students at the university to give feedback to us," Hughes said.

Hughes said there are currently 15 members of the student subcommittee and three of these

members then sit in on the full Worker Participation Committee.

"Our main goal is to make sure there's a strong student voice on the issue and that we gather views of the Notre Dame student body as best as we can and represent those to the committee," Hughes said.

SWPC's Facebook page describes the group as "the student committee advising Notre Dame's Worker Participation Committee on the changes to the factory licensing policy in China and other countries."

"This is one of the first times that the University has given students such a significant voice on a major change in university policy and because of that it's our responsibility as students to really take advantage of this opportunity to show that we as students are capable of helping out with university policy and should be consulted in the future on university matters," Hughes said.

Madeline Inglis, senior and member of SWPC said in an email that the student subcommittee provides the perfect opportunity for students and administrators to collaborate on university matters.

"Students should get involved with the SWPC because it's one of the only ways on campus to interact directly with the administration and get student voices heard on such a high level," Inglis said. "It also gives interested students further insight into this crucial issue, which has implications for both corporate social responsibility and Catholic Social Teaching."

Inglis said one of the main goals of the committee is to make sure full worker participation in the form of unions is present in all factories in which Notre Dame licenses manufacture goods.

"The initial emphasis was in China because while China has one state-run union, it does not have the diversity of choice other countries offer, and so the original WPC decided to end manufacturing in China," Inglis said. "In addition to revisiting manufacturing in China through the pilot program, the WPC and the SWPC are also examining the extent to which worker participation exists in countries which allow unionization in name but potentially not in practice, such as El Salvador, Guatemala, India and Bangladesh."

Inglis said she hopes the SWPC sets a precedent for future student groups to become involved in administrative decisions.

"I've been really involved with this issue since the pilot program was announced a little over a year ago," Inglis said. "I think it's so critical that students are informed about major policy changes the administration is considering and actually have an active voice in whether those changes should go into effect."

Hughes said his interest in the organization lies in its global effects.

"The policy in itself is something that could have a real effect on the workers who make Notre Dame licensed goods, so this is our change to have a real effect on the world and lives on people that we never meet and we should care about," Hughes said.

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'GHOSTBUSTERS' TO BUST

Tommy Anderson

Scene Writer

If you have not heard the unfortunate news, there is going to be a remake of the 1984 film "Ghostbusters." The remake will star Kate McKinnon, Melissa McCarthy and Kristen Wiig. While I am an avid fan of the original "Ghostbusters," I am pessimistic about the quality of this year's film, to put it nicely.

Historically, remakes have had a terrible track record with matching the original's ratings. I will stay away from saying that the film will be unsuccessful, because the fact alone of a remake 80's classic will inevitably attract a large audience. Throw in some modern A-list actresses and there is little room for error. That is why director Paul Feig scored a \$150 million budget to work with. However, let's step back for a minute and approach this philosophically.

As a cinema fanatic, I want to see

quality movies. A remake of a formerly very successful film is a cop-out way of producing bad cinema that is a product of the studio system. We are talking about an industry here, after all. The filmmaking studios are the investors that make big-budget movies; thus, they are looking for guaranteed profit, which has become a formulaic strategy in the entertainment industry. While a formula for entertainment sounds oxymoronic, it's true that they exist, and studio executives know them by heart. You might notice how every comedy you have seen in the last decade stars a very similar cast and follows very similar plot lines, or how the most comedic moments are spoiled in the trailer. And there's a reason why Kevin Hart and Will Ferrell show up in trailers every time you go to the movies: the studios are trying to sell the movie to you. So I'm not saying this year's "Ghostbusters" will be unsuccessful, because it will most likely make its budget back and then some. To the studios, this will be a "successful"

picture, regardless of how poorly standard film characteristics such as acting, editing, visual effects, lighting, etc. turn out on screen. If you don't believe me, do a Google search on some remakes, or simply think about some you may have seen. For example, the "Herbie: Fully Loaded" 2005 remake starring Lindsay Lohan was one of the most disappointing films to hit the silver screen in the last decade. But with a \$50 million budget, it earned over \$66 million, scoring \$16 million for Disney. Would you release a 90-minute abominable picture for \$16 million? Exactly, and that is why these films are made.

There are outliers, of course. New film technology brings about capabilities that were previously unfathomable. Regardless of your opinion on last year's "Mad Max," think about how beautiful it looked. With the same director as the original, released 36 years later, there is a persistent cinematic vision that lived through the decades. The potential to create quality remakes is there — I just

wish more of an effort was given to create and foster an original and separate vision. But as long as the film industry keeps making money in this way, dreadful remakes are here to stay.

So take my advice: don't let the trailer make you pay upwards of \$10 to see a calculatedly terrible picture. At least don't see it on the opening weekend, because statistics say you're going to waste your time and money. Do us all a favor and wait at least a week to see it. Read some reviews and then decide. Who knows, maybe after all Columbia Pictures will get it right and the film will be as inventive and witty as the original. Maybe I'll love it. But I will not be suckered into seeing it the opening weekend, regardless of how many Instagram ads remind me to do so.

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WEEKLY WATCH: 'PUNCH-DRUNK LOVE' EXPLORES INSECURITY AND LOVE



By NICK LAUREANO

Scene Writer

"And all at once I knew ..."

Do you remember your first time? I sure do. There was music — strings, a xylophone and a harmonium. It was at once too loud and not loud enough, and it dovetailed with splashes of bright color, delivering synesthetic bliss.

There's nothing quite like seeing a Paul Thomas Anderson movie for the first time. Watching "Punch-Drunk Love" on an iPad in the back seat of my mom's car was an experience I knew I would never forget.

"And bye-bye you stupid [expletive]"

"Punch-Drunk Love" — Anderson's shortest and sweetest movie — took my breath away. That Barry Egan (Adam Sandler) runs a novelty plunger business is quirky without being twee. The same goes for his real-life inspired plot to acquire a million frequent-flyer miles by purchasing thousands of dollars of pudding. With any luck, his access to free airline tickets will allow him to accompany Lena Leonard (Emily Watson), the woman he loves, on her

travels around the world for business.

Fittingly, this off-kilter story is presented as an ethereal vision: images are overexposed, yet punctuated with splashes of bright color like Barry's blue suit and Lena's red dress, and the ever-present musical score typically vies with the overlapping dialogue for your attention. Anderson nods to a rich tradition of Technicolor classics, French New Wave movies like "A Woman Is a Woman," and the work of New Hollywood directors like Robert Altman, all in the name of distorting our sensory experience.

The film's charms extend beyond both its premise and its surface. The scene in which the troubled Barry asks his dentist brother-in-law for help, confessing that he doesn't like himself, showcases Anderson's talent as a writer and Sandler's talent as an actor. You're not sure whether to laugh at Barry's fundamental misunderstanding of the title "doctor" as it's applied to dentists, or cry at his aching vulnerability. This is another way of saying "Punch-Drunk Love" captures the complexities of true humanity.

These dark moments are balanced

by scenes of whimsical humor. Barry paces about a grocery store in search of the cheapest foodstuff that can earn him frequent-flyer miles. "What am I looking for?" he whispers, not to himself, but to the aisles and shelves. "Talk to me." He stops. There it is. "Pudding." Of course.

Watching this lovely amalgam of styles, moods and emotions is like talking to a cute girl at a party — everything you do, say or feel is accompanied by the skeptical voice of your conscience. Does she think I'm funny? Smart? Can she tell I'm trying too hard? Just as Barry torments himself over the self-perceived stupidity of saying "bye-bye" to Lena at the end of their first date, you start to wonder if you're having a sane reaction to "Punch-Drunk Love." Is it okay to like an Adam Sandler movie this much? What will my friends think? Will they think I'm dumb? Will they think I'm trying too hard to be contrarian? Barry's insecurities — so wonderfully rendered by the combination of Sandler's superb acting, Robert Elswit's Kubrickian photography and Jon Brion's melancholic score — spark our own.

"Could you just let me redeem the mileage?"

There's a sincerity and innocence to Barry that makes him impossible to resist, obsessive-compulsive tendencies and all. Despite the mistakes Barry made — destroying the restaurant bathroom, leaving Lena at the hospital alone — Lena could never have rejected this plea. Their final embrace is an affirmation of that obscure Beatles song about love. It also echoes the iconic final line of the film "Some Like it Hot."

"Punch-Drunk Love" is about the futility of worrying about saying "bye-bye" or trying too hard to impress a girl. These manifestations of insecurity — along with those that come with deeply enjoying an Adam Sandler movie — are silly. No one except your insecure self cares if you say something dumb like "bye-bye" or love a movie starring a clown like Sandler, because everyone else knows that nobody's perfect, and all you need is love. "Punch-Drunk Love" knows this. So does Lena. And the proof, as they say, is in the pudding.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Moments we miss every day

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Have you ever tried going without your phone for a day or two? It's actually rather freeing. Everyday the urge to check for notifications buzzes at the back of our minds until we finally give in. We take our phones everywhere and check them constantly to the point where we forget that we are surrounded by other people we can actually open our mouth and talk to. Look up people. My parents have all these stories about random people they met while in a grocery store line, sitting in the doctor's office or even standing in line at Disneyland, people that they have learned great lessons from and remember all these years later. If we always have our noses in our phones whenever we are in an awkward place, we miss out on the stories we might happen upon from those around us.

Now, understand that I'm not trying to be self-righteous. You see, if I had not lost my cell phone going on eight weeks ago now I would be right there with the rest of you. For the past two years around March I have lost my phone, and the experience always makes me look up and realize how much time I waste and how much I miss when I do have a phone. No, I have not turned into a hermit. I can still iMessage people on my computer, but yes I have felt more removed and maybe that's really good thing.

Over Spring Break, I spent a week doing an Appalachia seminar through the Center for Social Concerns, and there my group of ten built relationships with each other and the people of the region and developed an appreciation of the simplicity of their lifestyle. Rarely was anyone's phone out, instead we read books, played games, sang, laughed and loved a lot. It's so much easier to strengthen relationships with people right in front of our faces when we aren't constantly checking for a text or watching videos of how much fun someone else might be happening.

I'm not knocking cell phones altogether and obviously I recognize what an asset they can be to retaining our relationships across distances and making plans, but when they hinder new relationships from strengthening, or starting altogether, we do have a problem.

So try it. Leave your phone in your dorm for a day. Or, if that is too extreme, stand in line waiting for food, sit in your desk waiting for class to start or go from one whole class to another without pulling your phone out once. Focus on what you are doing and focus on what you can get out of life from those around you by looking up and not down.

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Cure for the common sense

Stephen Raab

Let's Talk Smart

If I could force all politicians to never utter one phrase of my choosing again, it would be "common sense." It's everywhere. "Common sense" gun control from Bernie Sanders, "common sense" immigration bans from Donald Trump and "common sense" health insurance from Ted Cruz. The phrase has saturated political discourse, and I'm sick of it.

The first reason I'd like to annihilate this stupid phrase is that gives politicians an excuse for lazy argument. All a politician has to do is tack the phrase "common sense" onto whatever poorly planned proposal they're hawking and it instantly becomes unassailable. After all, what right-minded rhetorician would argue against common sense? The argument then becomes tantamount to proof by vigorous hand waving.

Moreover, common sense is the go-to for any second-rate populist who wants to pander to low-information voters with plain-folks propagandizing. The use of "common sense" implies that the ideas of those who have not studied an issue are on par with, or even superior to, those of the men and women who have made it their life's work. Read the comments on any article about the Supreme Court nomination and you're sure to find many loud voices that know what "makes sense." Would it surprise you to learn two-thirds of Americans can't name a single justice?

I can't really blame disaffected citizens for rallying to common sense. Humans as a rule tend to massively overestimate their competence in fields beyond their experience. The so-called "Dunning-Kruger effect" means that humans not only remain blissfully unaware of their own ability, but also cannot detect competence in those who are actually skilled. This leaves most people with skepticism towards claims of expertise. Canny politicians wisely feign that same skepticism, loudly singing the praises of "common sense." Heaven forbid that the people running the most powerful country in the world would try to appear smarter than average.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Leave the gaggle alone

I am a dog person, a dog person through and through. I am also from Berkeley, California. I was born there and even stayed as an undergrad. Berkeley is an interesting place where people are always ready to unleash a barrage of hashtags and organized protests over the latest and greatest social justice warrior cause. Due to spending my undergrad years in Berkeley and never experiencing a real winter, this month has been my first exposure to Canada Goose jackets. My first impulse when I saw a fellow student wearing a Canada Goose jacket was to step back and wait for a PETA protestor to start throwing red paint, but then I realized I wasn't in Berkeley anymore.

Canada Goose, of course, uses fur from coyotes to add a little stylish trim to the hoods of their jackets. But I am not here to pass judgment or condemn those wearing them; it's not their fault. I am here, however, to pass

Let's take a moment now to think about what common sense really means. As a concept, common sense reasoning is distinct from other modes of logic in that it functions at a very basic level that is "common" to all people involved and allows them to reach a decision quickly. In other words, common sense is the antithesis of critical thought. Is that really an ideology we want our government basing its decisions around?

When I was younger and dumber, I believed that heavier objects fell faster than lighter ones. I held firm to this belief over my teacher's objections and science-museum demonstrations. After all, it was common sense. Even Galileo's famous a priori proof wasn't enough to convince me; it was only when I wrote out the Newton's second-law balance and saw the mass variable cancel out that I understood. A short while later, I viewed the famous footage of Apollo 15 Commander David Scott dropping a hammer and a feather on the moon, and my faith in common sense was forever shattered.

Science abounds with such counterintuitive results. It's impossible to travel faster than the speed of light. A boat made of solid steel can float in water. Freeze water and it expands. Even our most fundamental beliefs once ran counter to common sense. Look outside right now. What evidence do you have, solely from your eyes, that the earth is round? Absent satellite imagery or clever Greek trigonometry, all evidence at first glance suggests a flat earth. It is only when we look deeper that we see that common sense is wrong, as it so often is.

If politicians are looking for a snappy phrase to stir up support for their legislation, I suggest, "The experts have spoken." It's short, it gets the point across and it emphasizes the value of knowledge and experience over superficial reasoning. It might not be perfect, but anything is better than what we have now. I invite the reader to join me in my quest to get rid of "common sense" for good.

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Political correctness? No, politeness

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Viewpoint Columnist

The campaign for the 2016 presidential election has been defined by candidates on both sides criticizing facets of American society that we see today. The disintegration of family values, the social liberalism (or conservatism) of many Americans, the inability to have civilized dialogue, the list goes on and on. One of the biggest problems that many candidates (specifically Republicans) have pointed out is the idea of “political correctness” that supposedly permeates throughout every interaction Americans have. Numerous Republican candidates have railed against it, calling it an assault on the idea of free speech, our country’s ideals and the ability of all people to speak their minds freely.

To be honest, the term “political correctness” has been thrown around quite loosely by candidates. It seems as if when they disagree with the way a situation has been handled, they rail against it as being a result of a politically correct society. Ben Carson defended waterboarding as not giving into political correctness in war. Ted Cruz said that political correctness contributed to the terror attacks in 2015. Donald Trump railed against it in defending his proposal to kill the families of terrorists. So is political correctness really dismantling our country?

For full disclosure, I wrote an article earlier this year defending the idea of free speech, regardless

of the harm it may inflict on people. I’m a firm believer that people should be allowed to say what they think in our country; it’s what makes America great. During this election season, however, the idea of political correctness has been used far too broadly and improperly. Becoming politically incorrect has become the norm, but that’s turned into something else. It’s reduced the civility of discourse in our country, changed the entire nature of political debate and made our leaders look significantly less than what they should be.

In a speech during the dying days of his campaign, Marco Rubio said, “We have to get rid of this idea that just being polite is being politically correct.” It seemed as if Marco realized what had been infecting the Republican Party for much of this election cycle. So many of the candidates were eager to break through the barriers of political correctness that they were doing other things that were unfit for people who are supposed to be leaders of our country. All of the Republican candidates were pulled into the dirt by slinging insults, calling names and making jokes about other candidates.

The question is not about whether or not political incorrectness should be allowed. It surely should be, as disallowing it undermines one of the very freedoms that all people in the world deserve to have. But that doesn’t mean that political correctness is wrong at its core. The idea of political correctness isn’t supposed to be used to muzzle every opinion that any person has. At its base, political correctness

is an extreme form of politeness. Yes, it may be difficult and seem unnecessary to watch what you say out of fear of offending someone. But trying to be politically correct means that a person is conscious of another’s background, feelings and emotions. Might that be sappy? Sure. Do you have to try to be politically correct all the time? Absolutely not. But being politically correct doesn’t make you weak. It makes you polite, civil and conscious of other people.

Political correctness can have its problems. It can cause people to refrain from speaking their minds, restraining their viewpoints and being afraid of speaking. And politics doesn’t need that. Politicians should be speaking their minds so that citizens can truly understand what they believe. But politicians shouldn’t throw it entirely out of the window. Our leaders need to be able to speak their minds, but they also need to be polite. That’s the only time politics works. “Combating political correctness” shouldn’t be what politicians hide behind in order to say offensive things. Because at its core, that’s not being politically incorrect; it’s being impolite. And America could always use more politeness.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Catholic Social Teaching and Laetare honorees

In a letter published in The Observer on March 18 entitled, “Objections to the Laetare Medal Decision,” several students criticized the University and its administrators, specifically Fr. Jenkins, for their decision to award the Laetare Medal to Vice President Joe Biden and former Speaker of the House John Boehner. The authors of the aforementioned article objected heavily to Biden’s reception of the award, with little to no evaluation of Boehner’s right to the same honor. The letter states that “giving the award to Speaker Boehner at the same time [it is given to Biden] does not alleviate the scandal committed by the University,” suggesting Boehner deserves the award.

The letter focuses on Biden’s stance on two contentious issues: same-sex marriage and abortion. The authors are correct in one sense: Biden’s views on both issues run contrary to Church teachings. This is irrefutable. However, the authors mysteriously neglect to mention Boehner’s own political positions, including both their practical implications, and consistencies with Church doctrine. Yes, Boehner’s views on same-sex marriage and abortion align with those of the Church. Despite this, his political positions regarding immigration, environmental issues and capital punishment are lacking in the face of Catholic Social Teaching (CST).

On the issue of immigration, CST maintains that individuals have the right to “migrate to sustain their lives and the lives of their families.” CST also calls on countries to “regulate their borders with both justice and mercy.” On any given day, roughly 30,000 illegal immigrants face detention in the United States with the threat of deportation and separation from their families. In 2013, Boehner infamously refused to hold a House vote on a bipartisan comprehensive immigration reform bill — despite it having enough votes

to pass — in an effort to appease his far-right colleagues. The bill would have provided a path to citizenship and deportation relief for productive workers and children. Additionally, House Republicans under Boehner’s leadership have approved bills that would terminate the Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, effectively eliminating deportation relief for over 500,000 young immigrants. These are just a few examples of Boehner’s failure to live out his Catholic faith by acting compassionately toward those who have “migrated to sustain their lives.”

The Church’s stance on environmental issues has always been made crystal clear. Pope Francis’ 2015 encyclical, “Laudato Si’,” addresses climate change, calling global warming the product of “great concentration of greenhouse gases released mainly as a result of human activity.” In his final encyclical, “Caritas in Veritate,” Pope Benedict notes that “the protection of the environment, of resources and of the climate obliges all international leaders to act justly and to show a readiness to work in good faith.” Despite these Papal addresses, Boehner voted against both the enforcement of CO2 pollution limits and tax credits for investors in renewable energy. In 2009, Boehner wavered in acknowledging human contribution to global warming, stating that the “idea that carbon dioxide is a carcinogen that is harmful to our environment is almost comical.”

Finally, both Boehner and Biden have actively supported the death penalty. Boehner, by voting “no” on a bill that would have changed death penalty sentences to life imprisonment and by voting to suspend the rights of habeas corpus in death penalty appeals cases. These positions blatantly ignore the Church’s stance on the right to life — a concept the previous viewpoint’s authors argue so passionately for.

Both the assessment and challenge of the worthiness of Laetare Medal recipients is certainly important. After all, the University touts it as “the oldest and most prestigious award for American Catholics.” However, in failing to equally examine both recipients of the award, the issue is placed under a staunchly partisan lens, only giving a greater voice to Fr. Jenkins’ warning that those “who disagree often will vilify, attack, demean the opposition and [thereby] cannot work with the opposition,” which causes an “impasse of acrimony of intransigence” that “doesn’t serve society.” While “attack” and “demean” are perhaps strong words to describe the previous viewpoint’s criticisms of Biden, their critiques undoubtedly fall the hardest on the political left’s nominee and ignore the right’s, despite the numerous disparities between both awardees’ stances and those of the Catholic Church. Such obvious partisan bias leads to an unfair assessment of the issue and fails to contribute any constructive commentary regarding how the University should award the Laetare Medal.

Performing thorough reviews of the honorees is an important exercise. However, it is unproductive to do so when one maintains a preference for certain ideologies and issues. We do not wish to endorse or refute either awardees’ worthiness to receive this honor, but simply calls on dissenters of the University’s decision to acknowledge the importance of all Catholic Social Teachings, not simply those they believe are the most important.

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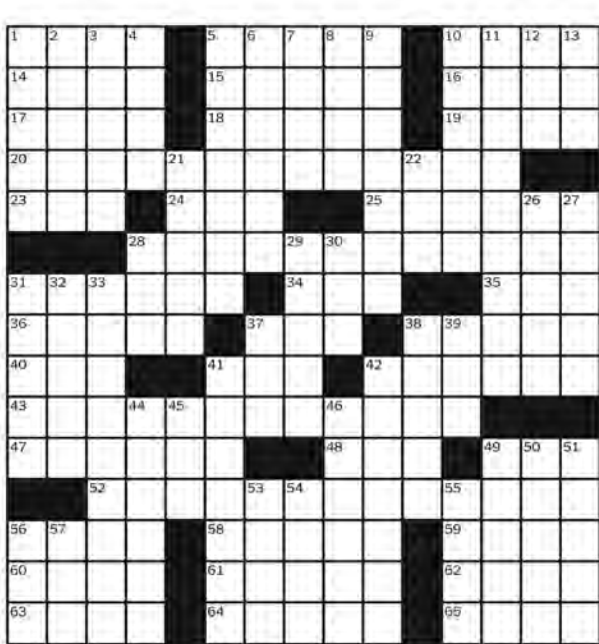
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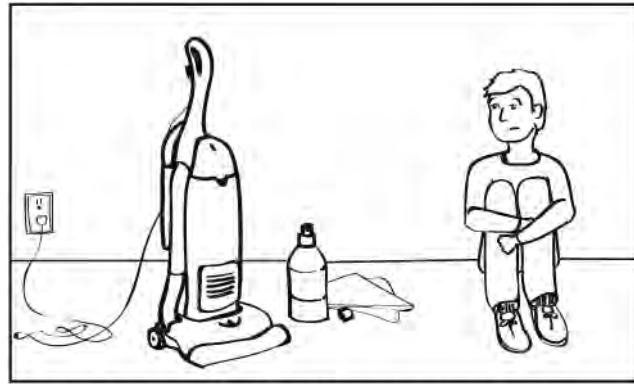
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Happy Birthday: Finish what you start. Consider your alternatives and figure out your best plan of attack to reach your chosen destination. Make a point to get along with your peers and anyone who can boost your chances of getting ahead. An opportunity to learn something new, expand your awareness or update your appearance should be put into play. Your numbers are 1, 7, 11, 28, 34, 42, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Someone will confuse you with his or her actions. Stay grounded and look at every possibility before you make an assumption. It's better to be safe than sorry. Focus on personal progress. Make your health a priority. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Spend time with the people who make you laugh. Love is on the rise and will lead to a better personal situation. Initiate positive changes by cutting costs and lowering stress. Join forces with someone you respect. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make upgrades to improve your work or personal life. Constant change can get tiring, but it will also allow you to obtain a more diverse picture of the possibilities that exist. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will receive if you give. Offer suggestions to people who share your concerns, and let your creativity shine through when dealing with domestic situations. Romance is encouraged and will have a positive impact on your personal life. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you feel restless, make a change that will spark your interest and allow you to show off your talents. Make your pursuits fun and you will create a vessel for others to contribute to. Let your charisma take over. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Express your feelings and your personal plans. You need to find out where you stand so that you can make a move. Recognize what is best for you. Let go of negativity and make a leap toward positive alternatives. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let excessive spending lead to your financial demise. Determine what you really need and what you don't. Make subtle changes that will set you up for a brighter future. Convenience and comfort should be your objectives. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Speak up and protect your interests. Show emotion and let others know exactly where they stand. Offer incentives, but make it clear that nothing you offer will be free. Love will motivate you to reach a lifelong goal. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You become annoyed easily and may irritate others as well. Think before you share your thoughts and don't believe everything you hear. Concentrate on what you can do to improve your surroundings and your health. Don't overindulge. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Check out an unusual opportunity. You will have a chance to invest in something that intrigues you, but consider the consequences first. Joint ventures will not allow you to control the outcome. Romance will improve your personal situation. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make changes that will affect your income and your vocational direction. Be true to yourself and follow the path that you feel can bring you the greatest satisfaction and highest return. Dig in and focus on your success and future expansion. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Partnerships should be your priority. Whether dealing with someone personally or professionally, check out what you both have to offer and how you can fine-tune your relationship to achieve the most. Romance is highlighted. ★★★

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans: A

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: JUICE PLANK SLEEPY FIZZLE
Answer: When her jigsaw puzzle was ruined, she did this — FELL TO PIECES

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

No surprise as Simmons goes pro



Daniel O'Boyle
Sports Writer

In the least surprising news imaginable, Ben Simmons has declared for the NBA Draft.

The 6-foot-10-inch freak athlete averaged nearly 20 points, 12 rebounds and 5 assists per game and earned comparisons to LeBron James and Magic Johnson. It's not hard to see why he's a strong contender for the first overall pick in this year's draft.

But Simmons' biggest accomplishment hasn't been how he has played. Leading LSU to a hardly-formidable 19-14 record, ending with a limp defeat to Texas A&M, hardly makes him a great of college basketball. Even if the backlash against Simmons did begin to get just as out-of-control as the hype, there's no way he was the best player in the nation.

What Simmons did achieve, though, was creating the biggest mockery of the NBA's ludicrous one-and-done rule imaginable. Since the league decided in 2005 that players cannot go directly from high school to the pros but instead must spend one year out, college players with obvious NBA potential have made little secret of their desires to put in just one year with their team before leaving.

Simmons did not need a year at LSU to develop. Whatever part of his game still needs work, most notably his jump shot, could be remedied far better in the pros than on this LSU team. Basketball isn't football either. Simmons isn't going to be facing a greater injury risk by playing against grown men, many of whom are already behind him athletically. From a purely NBA-based perspective, there's not really a good reason why Simmons should have had to spend a year at LSU.

From a college-sports perspective, the idea becomes even more bizarre. With just one year in college, what did you expect Simmons to do? What does he have to gain by getting a 4.0 for the first quarter of a degree he'll never need. When you have a test coming up, thinking of the worst case scenario if you don't study is

one way to remind yourself the need to work hard. For most students, it's failing out of school. For most student athletes, there's the risk of academic ineligibility from their sport, too. But as a basketball player who'll be in the NBA a year later, Simmons only needed to hit the low first-semester targets and coast for his second.

Not only is ignoring the "student" part of the "student-athlete" designation a possible strategy for players like Simmons, they'd practically be fools not to do it. You don't need to spend four years in college to see that learning about Oceanography — a class Simmons said he struggled with — is not going to help his career. His career is in basketball — there is no doubt about that. And even if he doesn't turn into the transcendent pro many expect, he's going to make a lot more money before he turns 25 than the greatest oceanographers will make in their lifetimes. I struggle to bring myself to study despite the fact that NBA scouts have shown little interest in me.

If I were in Simmons' position, I can categorically say I would put in no more effort in the classroom than he did.

So what did Simmons have to lose? Eligibility for the Wooden Award? He wasn't going to win for on-the-court reasons anyway, and he could still easily carve out an NBA career that makes him forget about any college awards. The respect of scouts who wanted to see his work ethic? Surely there has to be a better way of judging that — one that actually relates a bit more to basketball.

If a player is ready, he's ready. And plenty of players have been ready. Has that extra year in college really helped players mature as people? Has it helped them develop all that much as basketball players? College will always be there for the players who can use it, but for the Ben Simmonses of the world, it offers nothing.

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MEN'S TENNIS | ND 5, MIAMI 2; ND 5, DUKE 2

Irish pick up pair of wins against ACC rivals

By JOE EVERETT
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Notre Dame wrapped up an undefeated weekend at home on Sunday, defeating ACC rival Miami by a score of 5-2, while also securing a victory over Duke on Friday by the same score.

The Irish (10-8, 4-2 ACC) bounced back from their 7-0 loss at the hands of No. 10 Wake Forest the previous weekend, playing against quality ACC competition. For Irish head coach Ryan Sachire, the ability of his team to bounce back from the losses to Wake Forest and Clemson was the thing that impressed him most.

"I thought we did a great job of responding from a tough weekend beforehand," Sachire said. "Guys came to practice ready to get better — I thought Tuesday was one of the best practices of the year".

On Friday against the Blue Devils (8-9, 2-3 ACC), the Irish snapped their two-game slide, starting the match strong by picking up two doubles point through 6-3 wins on Courts 2 and 3. In the singles portion of the match, freshman Grayson Broadus, senior Quentin Monaghan, junior Eddy

Covalschi, and senior Kenneth Sabacinski each clinched a point for the Irish in their respective matches. Sachire said the ability of his players to win the critical points within their matches was the key to their success — at times a problem area for the Irish this season.

"I thought we responded well when our opponents made a run," Sachire said. "In matches like that it the difference of-tentimes comes down to a few key points, and I thought our guys did a good job and kept battling".

Against Miami (7-7, 2-2 ACC), the Irish had to rally after a poor start, as they dropped the doubles point to the Hurricanes — usually a major setback to a team's chances of winning the match. The Irish fought back in singles, however, drawing even with a victory by Monaghan on Court 1, and then reeling off victories on the next four courts, courtesy of Covalschi, junior Josh Hagar, senior Alex Lawson, and Broadus, who clinched the Irish win on Court 5 with a clutch rally in the tie-breaker against Miami sophomore Kevin Bondar. It was the first match the Irish have won this year after losing the doubles point, and Sachire said

he is starting to see a stronger identity within the team.

"We're getting healthier, and so we have a lot more continuity in the lineup," Sachire said. "Guys are getting more confident and have a lot more clarity in their roles on the team".

Next up for the Irish is a date with the No. 1 ranked men's team in the nation: Virginia. The Irish will hit the road and play the Cavaliers (14-2, 4-0 ACC) this Friday, followed by a match at Georgia Tech this Sunday. For Sachire, this road trip provides the Irish with a couple of chances to get a quality road win and improve their standings within the ACC.

"Virginia has arguably been the top program in the country over the past several years, so this gives us a great opportunity at a great win," Sachire said. "We split our matches with Georgia Tech last year, and they're a really good team so that's gonna be a tough match as well. It's a great challenge this weekend and we're looking forward to it".

Notre Dame and Virginia are set to face-off at 3 p.m. on Friday.

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ND SOFTBALL

Notre Dame looks to extend win streak

Observer Staff Report

After crushing Bowling Green 10-0 on March 17, No. 19 Notre Dame looks to build on its 18-game winning streak this week as the Irish take on a pair of rivals from the Great Lakes State.

Tuesday evening, the Irish (22-3, 3-0 ACC) face off against Eastern Michigan at Melissa Cook Stadium. Then, on Wednesday, the Irish will turn their attention to Michigan State.

The Irish are not strangers to extended winning streaks. Last year, Notre Dame won 24 consecutive games before falling to North Carolina in the last conference series of the regular season.

During this year's winning streak, the Irish have been firing on all cylinders. The Irish are batting .356 as a team this season, while holding their opponents to an average of .221.

Leading the way for the Irish offensively are freshman third baseman Melissa Rochford and junior outfielder Karley Wester. Rochford leads the team in batting average (.471), RBIs (29)

and walks (12) and was named the ACC player of the week last week. The only other Notre Dame freshman to earn that honor in team history is Wester.

Wester, meanwhile, leads the team in hits, with 46, and runs, with 33. Wester also leads the team with 22 stolen bases on 24 attempts. Wester's offensive success comes as no surprise, however. The California native led the ACC in hits both her freshman and sophomore seasons and is the youngest Irish player to reach 200 career hits, a mark she accomplished March 6 against Stony Brook. Rochford and Wester are currently ranked 23rd and 27th in the nation in batting average, respectively.

On the mound, Notre Dame boasts two pitchers with seven wins or more. Senior Allie Rhodes has a 10-2 record on the year and junior Rachel Nasland is not far behind with an undefeated record of 7-0. Rhodes, Nasland and sophomore Katie Beriont all enter Tuesday's game with ERAs at 2.50 or lower.

The Eagles (9-14, 0-0 MAC) enter Tuesday's game looking

to right the ship after a three-game losing streak before they enter conference play over the weekend. Eastern Michigan has played the Irish 19 times before Tuesday's contest, with Notre Dame holding a 17-2 series advantage. A victory for the Eagles would mark their first win against the Irish since 2007 and their first win against a ranked opponent since 2009.

Senior first baseman Abi Clark leads the Eagles' offense, batting .404 and tallying 23 hits thus far this season. Junior outfielder Michelle Kriegshauser has also been a contributor for Eastern Michigan this year and leads the team with 16 RBIs.

The Eagles have only fielded three pitchers so far this season with freshman Nicolle Miranda leading the team with a 4-8 record in 12 starts. To complement the California native, sophomore Trisha Trujillo and junior Abbie Minsker have each pitched over 30 innings and hold ERAs of 7.77 and 7.00 respectively.

Tuesday's game against Eastern Michigan will begin at 5 p.m. at Melissa Cook Stadium.

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rip their hearts out at the end of the night?

Throw aside all the declarations of “rivalries never end,” and do the same with the moral high horses. Sure, it’s an intricate rivalry with tons of underlying complexities — there’s no denying that. But please, stop pretending you’re better than each other.

Bring it back. It doesn’t matter if it’s hockey, basketball or, yes, football. These two need to play. Every year. In every sport.

Ask anyone who’s a college sports fan why they prefer college football or basketball to their professional counterparts. Hint: It has nothing to do with the quality of play.

You see, the NFL and NBA are great, but outside of a few moments every season, the unbridled passion you see just isn’t matched. It’s the one aspect in which the college game consistently beats its professional, franchised counterparts.

So when we have these great arenas and these great games that incite such incredible passion, why are we turning them away?

We’ve seen it down south, where Texas and Texas A&M stubbornly refuse to play on the gridiron, in the heartland with Kansas and Missouri and, yes, right here with Notre Dame and Michigan.

They’re two fanbases that quite simply hate each other. Ask a “Michigan Man” to describe Notre Dame, and he’ll tell you the same thing an Irish fan would about him: The other side is a bunch of pompous idiots. It’s an almost entirely irrational hatred of another man solely because of the college he roots for.

And it’s fantastic.

So I have one request of Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick:

Get this series back on the schedule.

I don’t care if you have to pay the buyout to Ball State to free up a football game, or if it means forgoing a big-time preseason tournament on the hardwood.

This game, this series, this passion is worth doing whatever you can to save it.

Because in a world where the general public becomes more and more apathetic each year toward collegiate sports, we simply can’t afford for rivalries like Notre Dame’s with Michigan to fade into obscurity.

I don’t want my kids growing up in a world where the color maize isn’t detested in South Bend.

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Football

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The big question the Irish need to answer is just who that quarterback will be when Notre Dame takes the field against Texas on Sept. 3 in Austin, Texas: senior Malik Zaire, junior DeShone Kizer or sophomore Brandon Wimbush.

Sanford had an answer to that question Monday: there won’t be an answer anytime soon.

“Every single year you should come in and think about reinventing yourself or that next guy is going to catch you,” Sanford said. “Or the next guy behind him is going to catch him, and surpass him and get you. We really wanted to make that evident from day one that this is like every quarterback group in the country, and I think it’s shown up.”

Of course, Sanford also admitted Notre Dame’s predicament at the quarterback position is far different from those almost everywhere else across the country.

“I don’t believe I have,” Sanford said when asked if he had ever been in this situation before. “And the thing that’s probably different about it is the fact that all three of them have played in real games. All three of them have had significant reps in practice with the ones or twos, and then they all do have some great physical attributes.”

Still, Sanford said he and Irish head coach Brian Kelly want to keep everyone focused on their individual improvement and away from drifting toward the bigger picture looming in the fall.

“The biggest challenge is just constantly keeping everybody process-oriented,” Sanford said. “If we can stay on the process and really not worry about the big picture — because it’s going to be proven out over the course of time, we’re going to

figure out the best way to give our team the best chance to win a championship and that’s what we’re going to do with that group — but we have to individually, me as a coach and Coach Kelly as the head coach, we have to work with that group about just being focused on that next step.

“Each and every day there’s another door that you have to bust through, and then once you bust through that door hypothetically there’s another door waiting for you. You have to bust through that door. So we have to be process-oriented and not worry too much about the big picture.”

Last year, when Zaire and former-Irish quarterback Everett Golson were trading reps with the first team in the spring, Zaire said the coaching staff was tracking how each player performed in different situations. This year, Sanford said Monday, they’ve “expanded upon” that system, keeping offensive intern Matt Mitchell busy all spring.

“We’re charting third-down completions, everything that has to do with third downs, red zone, when we get into backed-up situations, two-minute situations,” Sanford said. “All those situations really are what separate the great ones from the guys who are a 10-win quarterback, and we want to be above and beyond that.”

Denson excited about running back competition, Williams’ progression

Quarterback isn’t the only position on the field that resembles a three-headed monster, though. Running backs, senior Tarean Folston and sophomores Josh Adams and Dexter Williams, are all viable options out of the backfield, according to Irish running backs coach Autry Denson.

“Right now everybody’s out there taking reps so we don’t



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Sophomore quarterback Brandon Wimbush throws during a practice last August at Notre Dame Stadium.

necessarily have a pecking order,” Denson said. “Just out there playing football, trying to get better.”

Denson bestowed particular praise on Williams, who has seen the smallest amount of playing time, but has made large strides already this spring.

“Obviously we know [Williams is] special with the ball in his hands, but the next step for any running back is the things you do without the ball in your hands,” Denson said. “Play-faking, making sure you’re carrying out fakes. Make sure you can block. Make sure you’re contributing in the pass game via route running. ... He’s a year in now, so you’re just starting to see the signs of

his athleticism because he’s so much more comfortable and now he’s reacting as opposed to thinking.”

Denson also gave an update on Folston, who missed almost all of last year after tearing his ACL during the season-opening win over Texas.

“He looks really good. Picked up a blitzing [defensive end] today and really laid into him,” Denson said. “Tarean is Tarean. Nobody worries about him. He’s a tough kid, and just a really good football player, so he wants to be out there just as much as we want him out there. He’s looking really good.”

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those last two shots, both of which were from far out but were still really hard saves for Virginia's goalie," Irish junior goalie Shane Doss said. "That just goes to show how good of a shooter he is capable of being, and also the confidence that he has to make them in big moments like that."

Leading up to Sergio's late goals, both teams opened the contest with long possessions that resulted in low scores. Notre Dame maintained a 2-0 lead after a first-period goal by senior captain and attack Matt Kavanagh, followed by junior midfielder Ben Pridemore's goal in the second. By half-time though, Virginia tied the game, 2-2, with the Irish turning the ball over nine times.

Less than half a minute into the third period, Virginia scored twice to take the lead, 4-2. But Perkovic helped keep the offense alive, notching a goal off an assist from freshman attack Ryder Garnsey just over five minutes into the third period. Kavanagh tied the game, 5-5, with 1:26 left in the third period, and senior captain and attack Eddy Lubowocki found the net with 2:27 left in the fourth to tie it, 6-6.

"Coach Corrigan talked about moving the ball around the offensive end faster and attacking the backside of the defense, which makes it hard for the other team later on in possessions," Doss said. "Virginia was playing really well defensively and their goalie Matt Barrett made some really tough saves, but we can still improve as an offense and make it harder

for opposing defenses in the future."

While the Irish offense continued to tie the game each time the Cavaliers took the lead, Notre Dame's defense proved steady throughout the game. Doss finished the first half with nine saves and ended the day with 14, thanks to help from his teammates in front of the net, he said.

"The defense did a great job of forcing Virginia into taking harder shots from tough angles, which made my job a lot easier throughout the day," Doss said. "We didn't give them anything easy and we made some key stops in important situations which put our team in a good position to win the game."

The Cavaliers called a time-out with 16.8 seconds on the clock following Perkovic's game-tying goal just seven seconds before. The Irish held Cavaliers in the game's final seconds, forcing the match into overtime. This time the Irish emerged on top, 8-7.

"We've dug some holes for ourselves early on in games so that is definitely something we're going to need to work on in the future, but the fact that we have come from behind to push the game to overtime speaks to the confidence and resilience of our team in late game situations," Doss said.

"We never stopped fighting even when things were getting frustrating for us and it paid off in the end."

After two games at home, Notre Dame will travel to Columbus, Ohio, to take on Ohio State. The Irish and Buckeyes are set to meet Saturday at 1 p.m.

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on defense," Allen said of the stretch she helped spark. "We weren't really getting layups or boxing out on the defensive end, but we really locked in and got some stops and got some steals. Then we got going into transition, which is the best part of our team."

While it was her defense that sparked the 15-2 second-half run to help seal the game for the Irish, Allen was locked in from the beginning. Although the Irish struggled to put away the Hoosiers in the first half, Allen scored 18 points in the period, including a stretch of 10 straight points capped off by a buzzer-beating jumper to end the half.

After a one-point, 10-assist game Saturday in Notre Dame's win over North Carolina A&T, Allen was not expected to carry the scoring load for the Irish coming into this game. But when her team needed her most, she delivered with a season-high 22 in addition to seven assists and five steals. Despite her best efforts to help her team adjust to a more aggressive Allen, Hoosier head coach Teri Moren said Allen made several great plays that made her difficult for the Hoosier defense to handle.

"Anything inside [the 3-point line] she's pretty comfortable and able to knock them down, even though she didn't score the other night," Moren said. "We knew that she had a short mid-range game, and then she just got hot. She was feeling confident. ... Again, it's a great player making great plays. She caught fire there and really burned us on a couple occasions. I thought she played a great first half."

Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said she was pleased



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Irish graduate student Madison Cable looks to pass during Notre Dame's 87-70 win over Indiana at Purcell Pavilion on Monday.

with Allen's performance in the first half because it carried the Irish until the team's other players were able to close things out in the second half.

"Lindsay Allen took over the offense in the first half, and then [sophomore forward Brianna Turner] and [graduate student guard Madison Cable] finished it up in the second half," McGraw said. "Just great teamwork."

While Allen was on the attack offensively in the first half, she only scored four points in the second half. However, that was largely because she only attempted three shots after the break as she deferred to Cable and Turner, who scored 14 each in the second half. Allen said her performance in both halves was simply a product of taking what the Hoosier defense gave her.

"I think it was just the way defense was playing us today," Allen said. "We really worked on getting that free-throw line jumper and attacking the basket and making sure we're attacking that transition. So it was just

taking over what the defense gave us and just reading them."

And in the first half, that meant attacking them with the same sets of plays until they made the adjustments to stop it, which allowed her to take over during her scoring stretch right before the half.

"We just noticed that we were getting the same shots, and we were pretty successful at it," Allen said. "So, we were doing the same plays until they stopped it, and that's what happened. We kept getting the same shots — either the free-throw line jumper, a layup for me and a layup for [Brianna Turner]. It was just reading the defense and taking what they gave us."

With the win, the Irish punched their ticket to the program's seventh-straight Sweet 16 appearance. Notre Dame will next take the court Friday when it travels to Lexington, Kentucky, to battle fourth-seeded Stanford at Rupp Arena.

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by Hoosiers junior guard Karlee McBride — the sister of former Irish All-American Kayla McBride — on a layup attempt and crashed to the hardwood on her back to silence the formerly raucous Purcell Pavilion crowd.

As Cable got back to her feet and returned to the huddle, officials determined McBride's foul wasn't flagrant, and play resumed.

Up to that point, Cable had just two points. But by the time the game ended a little more than a quarter later, that number had jumped to 16 as the Irish rode that momentum to an 87-70 victory to advance to their seventh-consecutive Sweet 16.

"I thought the foul was key," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said. "When Maddie got fouled, the crowd really got into it. I thought she got a little chip on her shoulder, and from that point on,

she really wanted the ball. She hit back-to-back 3s shortly after that, and I thought that was the game."

Cable's 16 points were just the third-most on the team, with Allen pacing the way with 22, along with seven assists and five steals, and sophomore forward Brianna Turner adding 18 more, plus 10 rebounds and three blocks for a double-double.

Like Cable, Turner also surged in the second half, as she closed the second quarter with four points on 2-of-6 shooting, but her teammates frequently found her mismatched in the paint for easy buckets after halftime.

"I think that she puts a lot of pressure on herself, and she wants to play well every possession," McGraw said of Turner. "I think after that first shot it threw her a little bit because she was just a little bit off in the first half. I think she relaxed a little bit in the second half after watching Lindsay and Madison get some points, she realized that she

didn't have to do it all by herself, even though we were calling her number very frequently. You'd think she had a bad game, but she scored 18 points, 10 rebounds, three blocks, three assists and one turnover — not a bad day at the office."

With Turner and Cable not hitting their strides until after halftime, the Irish relied heavily on Allen before the half, who had 18 points at the break, and freshman guard Marina Mabrey, who scored 11 of her 15 points in second quarter alone.

While Notre Dame never trailed past the 6:28 mark of the first quarter, the Hoosiers never fell too far away until after the foul on Cable, either, and the teams exchanged runs that kept the Irish from developing a comfortable lead.

Notre Dame closed the first quarter on a 9-3 run, while Indiana had missed all five of its final field goal attempts.

Then the Hoosiers roared back

to tie it up at 26 midway through the second quarter before the Irish pulled their lead back up to 10 at halftime by hitting all of their final six shots.

Finally, Indiana made one last bid by knocking what had been a 13-point deficit down to just two points before the Allen steal-Ogunbowale layup-Allen steal-Allen layup-Cable foul sequence started to put the game away.

"They're a good team, and I think they were playing really hard," Cable said. "They came into the game, and they weren't really afraid. They made a couple runs, but I think that we finally ended that and went on a run and never looked back."

McBride carried the load for the Hoosiers in the first half, connecting on 4-of-5 3-point attempts for 12 points at the break, but she managed just five more points after halftime as the Irish defense keyed in on guarding her.

Junior guard Alexis Gassion also totaled 17 points to co-lead

the Hoosiers in scoring, and three other players added 10 apiece. After Indiana made six 3s in the first half, Notre Dame didn't allow another shot from long-range until one made it through at the final buzzer.

"It's important for us to play in a close game; we haven't had a lot of them," McGraw said. "We've had plenty of ACC games where we were down in the second half. At Duke, we were down five in the fourth quarter. We've had the chance to be able to come back, and we know what that's like. We need to work a little bit more on late-game situations. I think the league really prepared us for having close games."

Notre Dame will next play in the Sweet 16 against No. 4 seed Stanford, the same team it topped in last year's Sweet 16. Tipoff is at 9 p.m. at Rupp Arena in Lexington, Kentucky.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 87, INDIANA 70

Irish surge late, punch ticket to Sweet 16

ND holds off scrappy IU squad for Sweet 16 berth

By **MARY GREEN**
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No. 1 seed Notre Dame had watched a 13-point lead shrink to just two points near the end of the third quarter against ninth-seeded Indiana on Monday night, and the Hoosiers were ready for an upset.

But Lindsay Allen wasn't about to let that happen.

The junior guard got her hands on an Indiana pass in midair and snapped the ball ahead to freshman guard Arike Ogunbowale for a layup, then Allen stole the inbounds throw and quickly converted it into another two points for the Irish.

The lead was back up to six points, but based on the runs the Hoosiers had made throughout the night, it still wasn't safe.

But Indiana woke the sleeping giant on the next play, and there was no stopping for the Irish until the final buzzer.

Graduate student guard Madison Cable was fouled hard

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Irish junior guard Lindsay Allen drives to the paint during Notre Dame's 87-70 win over Indiana at Purcell Pavilion on Monday. Allen scored a season-high 22 points to lead her team to a spot in the Sweet 16.

Lindsay Allen powers Notre Dame offense to victory



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For a while Monday night, top-seeded Notre Dame found itself in a heavyweight fight with ninth-seeded Indiana.

For roughly three quarters, the two teams traded scoring runs. Each time the Irish (33-1, 16-0 ACC) attempted to pull away from the Hoosiers (21-12, 12-6 Big Ten) for good, Indiana fought its way back into the game.

With 2:10 left in the third quarter and the Irish maintaining a narrow 56-54 lead after a 12-1 scoring run by the Hoosiers, Irish junior guard Lindsay Allen came up with a steal and found freshman guard Arike Ogunbowale for an easy layup. Then, on the proceeding inbounds pass, Allen came away with another steal and scored a layup of her own, beginning a 15-2 run that would finally put the Irish well ahead for good.

"I think we really locked in

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FOOTBALL

Players impress offensive coaches



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Senior quarterback Malik Zaire runs upfield during Notre Dame's 34-27 victory over Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia, on Sept. 12.

By **ZACH KLONSINSKI**
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Mike Sanford acknowledged next season's Notre Dame squad will have the talent and depth to make another championship run in the fall when he and the other offensive assistant coaches met with the

media Monday morning following practice.

"If we play championship caliber football at the quarterback position, we know we can win one," the co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach said.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame, Michigan need to embrace tradition



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BROOKLYN, N.Y. — Seriously. How fun was that?

After 40 minutes of two rivals going back and forth, how could you not want more?

I sat through three games

Friday with atmospheres that could best be described as lackluster. Yeah, a handful of fans from each of the participating teams were in attendance, but at the end of the day, they weren't games fitting of the stage.

But Friday's finale — a game that bled into Saturday, actually — was one more than befitting of it.

Sure, there were Irish fans

in attendance Friday night in Brooklyn. There's no doubting that. But when Notre Dame was introduced, it was the boos from the pro-Michigan crowd that drained out the cheers from the Irish section.

As a kid growing up, isn't Friday night your dream? To walk onto a big stage, in front of fans that don't like you, to

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ND squeaks past Virginia in overtime win

By **KIT LOUGHRAN**
Sports Writer

Junior midfielder Sergio Perkovic scored the game-tying goal with 23 seconds left in the fourth period and then netted the game-winning goal 29 seconds into overtime to lift Notre

Dame over Virginia.

No. 2 Notre Dame (5-1, 1-0 ACC) opened ACC play with an 8-7 win against Virginia (3-5, 0-2) on Saturday at Arlotta Stadium. Last Sunday, No. 1 Denver pushed Notre Dame into overtime, edging the Irish, 9-8. Notre Dame's second

overtime session in one week, though, saw Perkovic fire the ball off the pipe and into the net past Virginia junior goalie Matt Barrett less than 30 seconds into the extra time.

"Sergio came up huge on

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