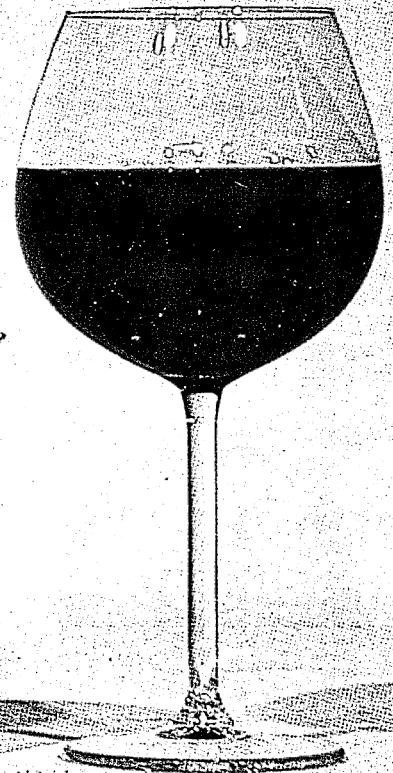


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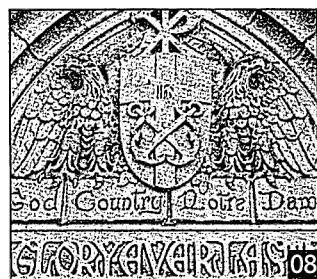
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LIQUOR? I HARDLY KNOW HER.

From crowded, sweaty dorm parties to beer pong tournaments at off-campus houses to 3 a.m. at the Linebacker Lounge, it's easy to see that the drinking culture at Notre Dame, like most universities, encapsulates a wide variety of behaviors. For many students, alcohol is a part of some of their favorite memories — and/or some of their worst college experiences. Every student faces the decision of whether or not to drink, how to manage their consumption and whether or not to do it underage.

A new movement called the Amethyst Initiative, made up of 134 university presidents from across the nation, is advocating for discussion on lowering the drinking age. Their Web site lists binge drinking and problems stemming from fake IDs as part of their reasoning, along with the following statement: "Adults under 21 are deemed capable of voting, signing contracts, serving on juries and enlisting in the military, but are told they are not mature enough to have a beer."

See Associate Editor Jen Wulf's cover story, pages 14–19, on the history of alcohol policy at ND to find out why Father Jenkins has declined to join the Amethyst Initiative. The story also addresses alcohol issues especially significant at ND, such as competitive drinking and the effectiveness of counseling sessions at the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education.

OH THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL ...

But the rest of our issue is so delightful! Curl up on your futon and learn about broomball, the intramural sport ND students are going crazy for, in sports writer Matt Formica's article on page 23. On page 20, Culture Editor Mike Tresnowski attempts to infiltrate those mysterious cigarette circles — and goes up in smoke. Our Reviews/Previews section on page 21 is filled with the staff's top picks for elective courses this spring semester, so check it out before you DART. And for a final chuckle, staff writer Mary Kaminski catches up with campus comedian Joe Kwaczala on page 32.

If you do venture out into the newly fallen snow, head to the Morris Performing Arts Center downtown. It's actually ranked in the top 100 theatres *worldwide*, not just in the U.S., as we stated in an article last issue. All the more reason to go take in a show!

Stay warm,



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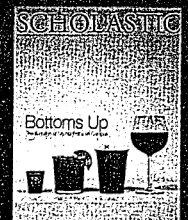
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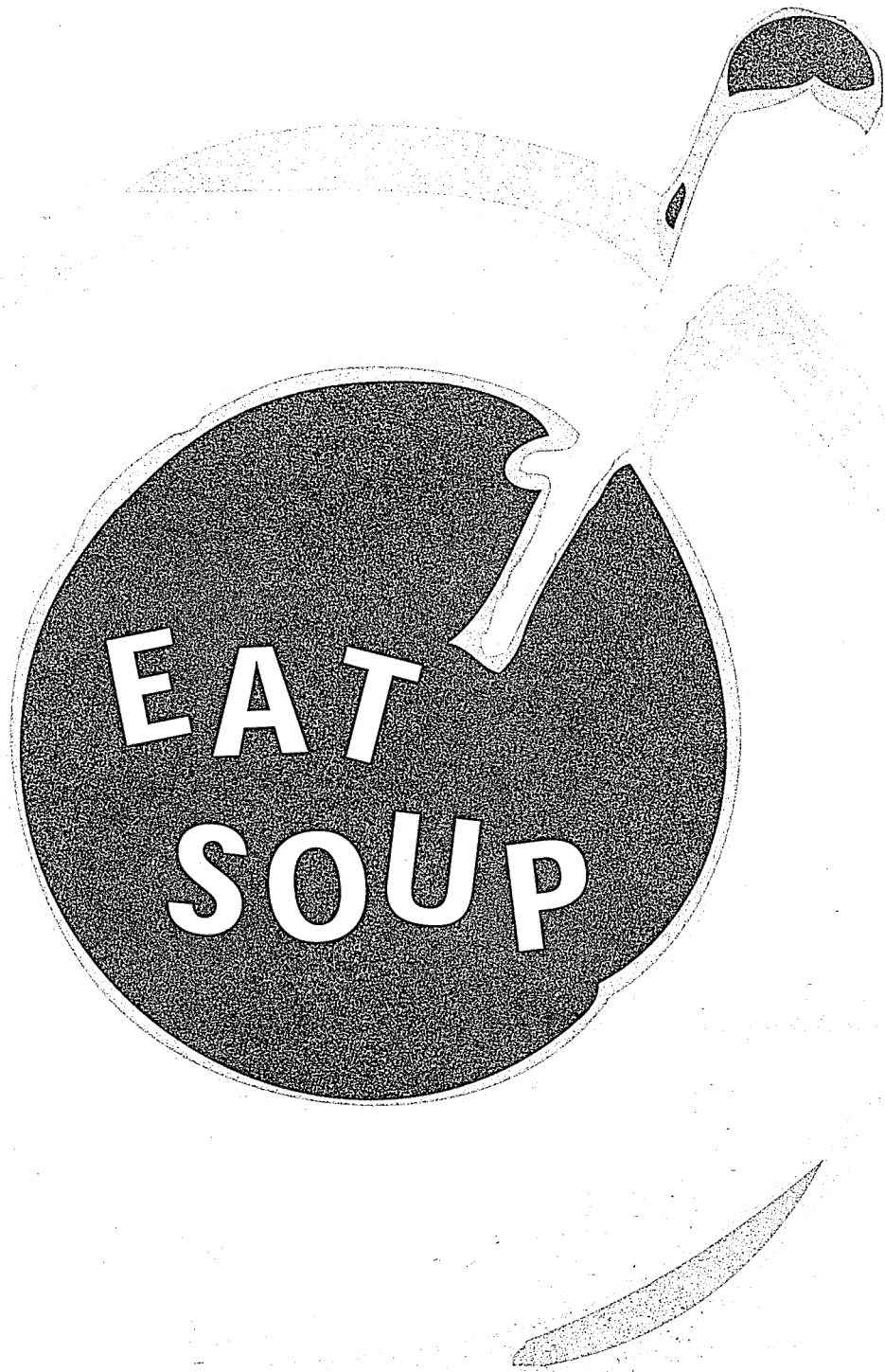


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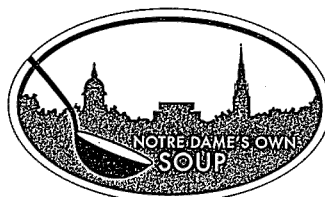
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Eco Enthusiasm Goes Downtown

Students and residents watch green films over lunch in South Bend

Meagan Drapalik


While Notre Dame students are used to stealing other dorms' recycling, trying to find something that is both edible and locally grown in the dining hall and holding green fashion shows that feature eco-conscious couture, the green craze now seems to be spreading off campus. The first three Thursdays in November, South Bend residents and students gathered during their lunch hour at the Notre Dame Downtown Crossroads Gallery at 217 Michigan St. to watch films featuring current environmental issues.

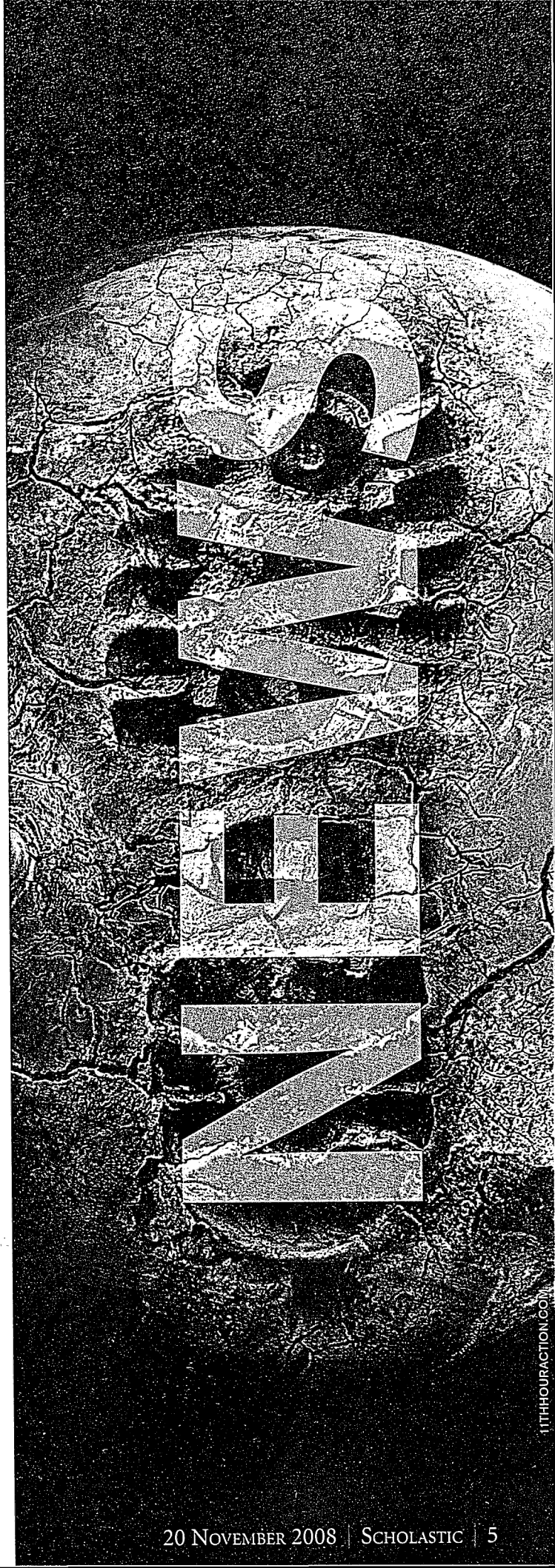
In conjunction with Notre Dame's Office of Community Relations and other sponsors, "Downtown South Bend" launched the Downtown Lunch & Learn Eco Film Series in response to the success of this past summer's Eco Fest. Marco Mariani, Downtown South Bend's executive director, spearheaded the event and hopes that the film series will continue the organization's commitment to community activism and advocacy. "We want to be an advocate for not just working in a green way but actively living green lifestyles," Mariani says.

Mariani also sees the series as a way to encourage the business community of South Bend to interact, support their city and learn something at the same time. With this audience in mind, Mariani chose three short films he felt would most strongly appeal to the environmental concerns of the South Bend community, and he credits Eco Fest sponsor Dean Bergeman for providing the films and helping to hatch the idea. The first film, "Six Degrees: Could Change the World," was shown on November 6.

"Human Footprint," the second film of the series, drew a diverse and casual audience. Business people eating their lunch, retirees taking an afternoon break and even a local Jimmy John's employee gathered at the coffee tables in the small Crossroads Gallery on Nov. 13.

The film follows the life and consumption of two people from infancy through retirement, analyzing and physically representing the many foods and products each individual consumes in a lifetime. For example, the narrator stacked up a mountain of the 3,796 diapers that the average baby will use, which paled in comparison to the 1,423 chickens most non-vegans will eat in a lifetime. The 43,371 cans of soda and 13,248 beers the average person drinks may force many to reconsider their beverage choices.

At the conclusion of the film, Mariani reminded the audience of the final film, "The 11th Hour," which screened at noon on Nov. 20, then invited the viewers to reflect on what they had seen, which he says he feels is the most important aspect of the series. "If two people have a conversation about an idea related to something green, and it starts here, then that's great," he says. 





LIBBY KOERBEL

ASIAN ALLURE The annual celebration of a myriad of Asian cultures was held on Friday, Nov. 14, and Saturday, Nov. 15.



JENNIFER VAN TRIESTE

LET THE DRUMMER KICK Citizen Cope, along with Cartel, performed at Stepan Center on Friday, Nov. 14.

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People complaining about snow in November

Did you not understand you would be attending school in South Bend?

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One down, 42 to go.

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We know dogs are cute and all, but does anyone really care?

"The Dark Knight" this weekend

For once, we actually want to see a SUB movie.

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We eagerly await the arrival of "The Vagina Monologues."

The End of TCEs

Online CIFs replace old pen and paper method

Amber Travis

Sophomore Jasmin Simmons is one of many students who is happy to hear that she no longer has to fill out Teacher Course Evaluation (TCE) forms at the end of the semester. This semester, the new Course Instructor Feedback (CIF) system will allow students to give feedback online and in the privacy of their own rooms.

"I think it's a better idea, because in the past we've had to fill out TCEs at the end of class, and students are rushing to get to their next classes," Simmons says. Many students did not have the opportunity to give the evaluations the proper time they deserve.

Dr. Mark Gunty, assistant director of Institutional Research, says this new program, which was approved in April by the Academic Council and goes into effect approximately 10 days before the end of the semester, is different from the previous TCE format. "This is not just TCE online. This is the development of a new system," he says.

The results from student feedback will be available for each course on the class search tab, which has never been done before with TCEs. Gunty also says the best thing about the program, which consists of a series of multiple choice and written questions, is that it provides greater flexibility for each student to complete the online form.

Some students anticipate that they will prefer CIF over other online feedback applications, such as ndtoday.com. "It seems a lot easier to access the results and information, because when I look for classes, it will be right there," Simmons says.

Gunty says the results from this semester's CIF will be available to all students, but this will eventually change to exclude those who do not complete the online form for future semesters. "If you're part of the data, you'll be able to see the results," he says.



HONOR THE FALLEN Father Ted Hesburgh speaks at an ROTC-sponsored Veterans Day ceremony.



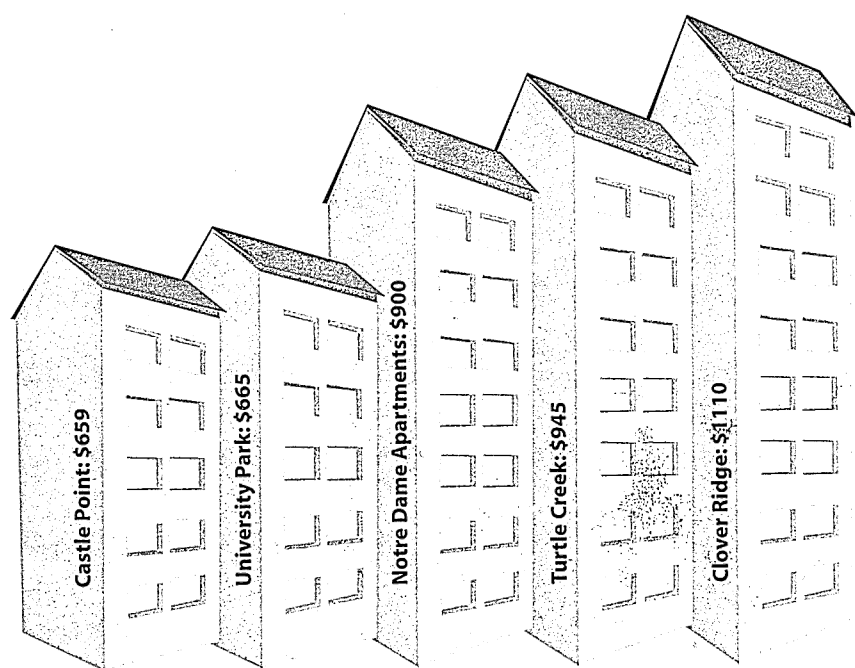
WORDS OF WISDOM Professor James McKenna delivers the first of the "Last Lecture" series to a packed Coleman-Morse lounge.

The Cost of Living Off-Campus

Scholastic compares apartment prices

Molly Kring

For those of you making the switch from on to off-campus living next year, this guide is for you. *Scholastic* has done the research on the prices of popular student apartment complexes so you do not end up living in a cardboard box. Consider it an early Christmas present. The graph below displays the projected monthly rent for the Fall 2009 semester of two bedroom, one bathroom apartments. Note that in some cases, rent does not include all utilities, so overall prices may differ from those shown.



TOP FIVE

Excuses at ResLife

1 "I thought I left my pants in her room."

2 "It just seemed like very holy water."

3 "I went to Catholic school! I didn't know what we were doing."

4 "No, seriously, it was just the Spicy Sea Nuggets."

5 "Did you know my last name is CoMo?"

GOD. COUNTRY. NOTRE DAME.

Notre Dame represents itself
and America in Washington

Andy Gray

Many have called the 2008 election a watershed, a reinventing of government or possibly of the nation. If this is true, if the tides of change are advancing, it will be due in part to several people who share with us the experience of a Notre Dame education.

One notable Domer is former Congressman Tim Roemer, who is rumored to be under consideration for a cabinet post in the new Obama administration. A native of South Bend and the grandson of a Notre Dame professor, Roemer earned his bachelor's degree from the University of California, San Diego only to return home and attend Notre Dame at a graduate level. He earned a doctorate in political science in 1986 under the direction of Peri Arnold, still a professor of political science at the university.

"I think his coming home was part of what inspired him to run for public office," Arnold says of Roemer. "During his Ph.D. work, he announced to me that he would run for office in the state senate. I said it was crazy ... He lost, but it was the beginning of his career."

Roemer, a Democrat, went on to become the Representative to Congress from Indiana's 3rd District, a post he held for 12 years from 1991 to 2003. During his tenure, he served on the 9/11 Commission and the House Intelligence committee, among others. These experiences serve as the basis of his qualification for a seat as the head of the Department of Homeland Security, a cabinet post he sought to create in its earliest stages.

"If he's on Obama's short list for the

Department of Homeland Security, he comes in with an agenda," Arnold, who has spoken with Roemer about security in more recent years, says. This agenda is likely to include cleaning up things he says he believes the Bush administration did incorrectly. Though he was integral in the conception of a cabinet post for Homeland Security, he eventually voted against the formation of the office as President Bush wanted it due to the potential for bureaucratic inefficiency.

Roemer would also likely seek to implement the lessons learned from the doctoral work he did at Notre Dame, Arnold says. His dissertation concerned retirement and public personnel policy, and his investigation showed that retirees from the executive branch were leaving early and not being equivalently replaced by young public servants. Roemer may also attempt to do work alongside his national security agenda to make service through the government more attractive to young men and women.

Of course, Roemer is not the only public servant or policymaker with Notre Dame ties. The Congressman from Indiana's 2nd District, which includes South Bend, is Democrat Joe Donnelly. Donnelly is twice a Notre Dame graduate, earning both a B.A. in government in 1977 and a J.D. from the

Notre Dame Law School in 1981.

Donnelly was elected to a second term as Representative of Indiana's 2nd District this November, defeating Republican Luke Puckett with over 67 percent of the vote. Donnelly espouses a pro-life view and is a member of the Blue Dog Coalition, a Democratic group of Congress members dedicated to moderate policy, fiscal responsibility and strong national defense.

"It has never been about Democrats or Republicans. It's about doing what is right for families here in Indiana and across the country," Donnelly told his supporters after he was reelected.

Joining Donnelly in Congressional representation for Indiana is fellow Democrat Peter Visclosky of the 1st District and Republican Mark Souder of the 3rd District. Visclosky, who earned his law degree from Notre Dame in 1973, took his 12th term by winning 71 percent of the vote. Souder, with an MBA from Notre Dame, is now in his eighth term in the House of Representatives, and his fourth as the Congressman from the 3rd District, which was redrawn in 2003.

Other Notre Dame alumni in Congress include Republicans Peter King of New York and Dan Lungren of California.

The future of this university's presence in


government looks bright as well. Soon to join the ranks of these Notre Dame graduates in public service may be Tom Pappas.

Pappas, a junior from Siegfried, allowed *Scholastic* to trail his campaign in the Democratic primaries for a seat in Indiana's State House of Representatives in April of 2008. Reflecting on the experience, which ended in a loss but with approximately 40 percent of the vote of his district, Pappas says he learned quite a bit from his campaign. "Grassroots works!" he says. "And campaigning that way is fun. You get to talk to people about how you can help them and discuss policy with all kinds of voters."

The importance of Roemer's bid for a cabinet seat is not lost on Pappas either.

"He's a very inspirational figure for young politicians, especially from Indiana," Pappas says. "How well he did here, and how far he's going, it definitely helps my confidence."

The junior hopes to run for Congress or governorship some day — in his words, "However I can best serve Indiana and the country."

And maybe, on that day, Tom Pappas will inspire another young Notre Dame student with designs on public service to try his or her luck. As Pappas says, "It would be nice — I'd be in good company." 



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Futures & Options

The game changes for graduating seniors

Kate Zinsmeister

For those of us who have yet to invest our life's savings in a plunging stock market, or for people who don't quite know what, "The Dow dropped another 400 points" means, there is another kind of worry perpetuated by the recent economic meltdown that, unfortunately, everyone can understand: Will I have a job when I graduate?

Though senior finance major John Watkins does have a job lined up, he understands how dire the situation is for many of his peers. "How can you be hiring people right out of college when you're cutting thousands and thousands of other workers?" he says. Watkins attributes his success to his many semesters of work in Notre Dame's Student International Business Council and to his summer internship at Fidelity, where he will be working post-graduation.

Lee Svete, director of ND's Career Center, says that seniors who completed internships before the economy collapsed are generally receiving offers, but those who did not are struggling. And, according to Svete, even those students who did receive offers are not guaranteed a position come graduation time. "We continue to monitor to make sure that those students are taken care of. One might think that a company can't rescind an offer, but [sometimes], like at Lehman Brothers, there is no company," he says.

The Career Center has implemented several new strategies in response to the shaky job market. Svete and his colleagues recently sent an e-mail to 24,000 alumni, asking them to make sure their companies were aware of Notre Dame's career fair and to help identify open positions. The Career Center is also prepared to shift the interviewing process to the Internet, phone and even Skype and webcam, as travel budgets tighten.

Svete has also noticed a change in how students are approaching their job search. "Students are not restricting themselves geographically; they're looking at smaller to medium-sized organizations where you're not seeing the big layoffs," he says. Senior economics and political science major Claire Hutchinson said that she would love to work in Chicago but realizes that she may have to make some sacrifices in the tough job market.

Even students who do have jobs lined up have had to make compromises. Senior English major and theology minor Molly Palmersheim's summer internship at Target turned into a job offer that she has accepted, but she also hopes to go to law school one day. "I think that my decision to take time off before law school was definitely influenced by the economic crisis. Having this outstanding offer with such a good company, it didn't really make sense for me to not take it now."

But, as they say, there might be a silver lining amidst all of the uncertainty. Many Notre Dame students are taking this opportunity to give, rather than accept. "We've seen a huge increase in Teach for America applications. Peace Corps applications are up. And our volunteer service fair was well-attended," Svete says.

And for those who are determined not to let the economic crisis affect their career plans, Svete does offer hope to Notre Dame students. "I'm optimistic that our grads will be successful. They're among the best and brightest in the country. Their integrity and ethics continue to rise to the top. They're career-flexible. And they're resilient."

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COVER STORY



JULIANA HOFFELDER



Jen Wulf

In the 1950s, students could get expelled from Notre Dame for getting caught with a case of beer. In 1977, the junior class held a 30-keg party on what is now known as DeBartolo Quad. And today? Notre Dame's alcohol policy has undergone a winding evolution and is certainly more moderate than in the days of yore. But is the policy effective in keeping students safe?

On other college campuses, it seems that this is not the case. Overall, alcohol consumption among college students has declined fairly steadily over the years, but incidents of dangerous intoxication have actually increased.

According to Monitoring the Future, an ongoing survey of young adults conducted by the University of Michigan Research Center, 94.3 percent of college students had used alcohol in their lifetime in 1980. By 2004 this percentage dropped to 84.6.

But according to a 2008 *Time* article, "Should You Drink With Your Kids?" more college students are blacking out and injuring themselves while intoxicated. Citing Henry Wechsler of the Harvard School of Public Health, John Cloud writes that in the 1940s, 18 percent of college students who drink said that they have forgotten where they were or what they did at least once. Today, 26 percent of college students nationwide say that they have blacked out. In the 1940s, six percent of college students suffered an accident or injury because of alcohol. Today the figure stands at 13 percent.

The times they are a'changing, and so is Notre Dame. Here is a look at where we've been and where we are now.

The Good Ole' Days

According to "Student alcohol use a concern since ND's early days," a 2002 article from the *South Bend Tribune*, in the 1800s, Rev. Edward Sorin put his foot down against hard alcohol; however, he turned a blind eye towards beer consumption on campus. The same article says that in 1881 Rev. Thomas Walsh, a prohibitionist, began a more heavy-handed regime with regard to alcohol. It wasn't until the late 1960s that students could have alcohol in the residence halls. Students made up for lost time, though, and according to the article, "in the early 1980s, alcohol flowed unchecked in the residence hall common rooms on weekends."

The check came in 1984 when the university banned kegs in residence halls, and again in 2002 when dorm dances (SYRs) were moved out of the dorms and hard alcohol was banned.

The keg ban incited "near-riot conditions" according to an April 19, 1984 issue of *The Observer*. Current Assistant Director of News and Information Michael Garvey was in the Main Building when almost 2,000 students stormed the Dome in protest. "What I most vividly remember about that day was how very frightening it was," he says. "I remember seeing the ceiling and watching it ripple and thinking, 'Oh my Lord, we're going to have one of those terrible indoor accidents.'"

Class President Pat Flynn ('78) attended the 30-kegger party on DeBartolo Quad in 1977. "We didn't do anything stupid; we were just having fun," he says. Flynn and his wife owned eight student rental houses in South Bend in the mid-1980s, and he said that he saw hard alcohol replace the kegs of yesteryear. "I noticed then that things had changed a little bit. People were out to get hammered rather than have fun," Flynn says.

Hard alcohol's days, however, were also numbered, and in 2002 the administration banned it from residence halls. Fr. James Lewis, rector of Carroll Hall and assessment counselor for the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education (OADE), was on campus during the 2002 ban. "As you might expect, there was great resistance. There was a sense among students that the policy was unjust, but those complaints never seemed to address the concern for student safety that was articulated by Student Affairs," Lewis says.

Associate Vice President for Residence Life William Kirk says, "I think [the ban] certainly has had an effect in terms of reducing the number [of hospital visits]. Is it perfect? No.

I mean, there's still hard alcohol, I would venture to guess, in every hall on this campus, but I think that there is a hope and intention that by having a prohibition on it that there is some recognition among our students that can cause them some relative good," Kirk says.

Junior Mikey Moses says that students now often resort to hard alcohol as a matter of convenience rather than preference. "I live off campus now, but when I was on campus, if you want to drink you have to get your booze [...] on the campus. Getting a case onto campus, you can do that, you get a couple backpacks, and it's fine. But getting more than that, you're going to need a lot of people and a lot of effort and a lot of backpacks ... So it's a hell of a lot easier to go get a fifth or a handle and bring that on," Moses says.

Ambulance runs slowed dramatically in the year after hard alcohol was banned and dances were moved out of the residence halls. In 2001, 25 students were taken to the hospital for alcohol poisoning in the first eight weeks of school. In 2002, only eight students went to the hospital in the same time frame. Despite improved safety on campus, however, many students feel that administrators have unrealistic expectations of students.

Alcohol Education and Punishment Evasion

The Office of Alcohol and Drug Education (OADE) was founded in 1989 to educate students about responsible alcohol consumption. It is fairly unique to Notre Dame — most other colleges send students to campus counseling centers — and has been a prominent feature of Notre Dame's alcohol landscape for the past 19 years.

Vice President Rev. Mark Poorman, C.S.C., says the OADE was an important step in developing alcohol policy. "First, we wanted to provide better education to students about alcohol and alcohol abuse. The subsequent investment in the staffing and programs of [OADE] has been an important step in the right direction toward meeting this goal. [...] OADE, the University Counseling Center and University Health Services established and enhanced their cooperative efforts to assist students who need resources for in-patient and out-patient assessment, treatment and recovery programs," he says.

Somestudents, however, have mixed feelings about the OADE's effectiveness. Moses' rector recommended alcohol counseling after Moses was sent to the Office of Residence Life and Housing (ResLife) his freshman year. "I think

it was mainly a good face gesture to make to ResLife," Moses says about his motivation for going voluntarily. He attended about three sessions but did not find them very helpful. "There was this odd sanctimoniousness that is really well-intentioned, but is just strangely out of touch."

Men who consume more than five drinks and women who consume more than four per occasion are considered binge drinkers by the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Moses says he thinks the definition is idealistic. "It was so unrealistic. If I remember correctly, it was something to the effect of: I said I had been drunk like twice before that, and [OADE] told me I was showing signs of having a drinking problem, just from me saying that. There seems to be a disconnect between the definitions that they had and what reality actually seems to be," Moses says.

Lewis says that he thinks the definition of binge drinking was "absolutely" realistic. "First of all, I think it's imprudent to be underage and drink. Of course that would not be a popular perspective among students. On the other hand, to normalize high risk behavior is common on college campuses. But in no way am I or Hall Staff or the university, or, as I think we're learning, law enforcement, going to enable what is often normalized among students," he says.

Regardless of whether the OADE's expectations are reasonable, some students say they do not find counseling there very effective. Kristen* had to go to alcohol counseling after she was taken to the hospital during a dorm dance. She lied on her assessment and was placed in a level-one group meeting that she only had to attend once. She also does not think that reporting inaccurate responses on an assessment is uncommon among other students. "I lied like crazy," Moses says. "And despite that, I still failed it miserably, which makes me question how realistic the assessment is in terms of qualifying people."

Those who cheat on the assessment may not be as sneaky as they think. Assistant Director of Student Assistance Annie Eaton, a counselor at the OADE, says she realizes that students are not very open during the assessment part of the process. "When they do their screening, not so much, but once we're in the group where it's okay to talk about that kind of stuff, they do [open up]," she says. "I have been pretty surprised to see how forthcoming some of them have been at times in the group."

Moses agrees that group sessions were more

*name has been changed to protect identity

candid, but the reason why may not be what the OADE expects. "In the group discussion I think people were typically honest," Moses says. "I think that kind of came from the fact that none of us were taking it all that seriously, and some people had some pretty ridiculous stories to tell." Kristen had a similar experience. "You share your stories and they just give you a bunch of facts about alcohol which you already know," she says.

Despite their frustration, all three students interviewed said that they had positive impressions of their counselors. "So we're here and we think this is kind of absurd, but the moderator is really well-intentioned and a really nice guy. And so at least my impression was that I wanted to show him some respect by doing what he was asking us to do because he was such a nice guy who really thought that he was doing something very important," Moses says.

Actual impact on students' drinking habits is debatable. Kristen has not been in trouble for alcohol since her first visit to the OADE, but she says that this is because her initial experience was an isolated incident and not because her counseling session had any lasting impact on her. "I think they don't really educate you about alcohol, they just tell you not to do it. I think it would have been different if I maybe had to go to more classes, but I only had to go to one," she says.

If she had told the truth on the assessment, however, she probably would have had to attend more sessions. The lack of impact seems attributable to both the OADE and students' approach to counseling. Some students in the top tier of treatment, level three, found the OADE's counseling services more helpful. Junior Kevin Donahue says, "So what's wrong with level two that people are still going to level three? Clearly it's not working, or people aren't changing."

Donahue was originally placed in level-two counseling, but due to scheduling conflicts, attended the meetings for level-three counseling instead. He said that counseling has had a positive impact on his drinking habits, and he has attended counseling sessions every week this semester with one exception. Interestingly, the weekend after he missed a session he was arrested at the Purdue football game for public intoxication and minor consumption.

Donahue says he thinks that the upper-level group's approach is starkly different from levels one and two's counseling. "The group focuses on making safe decisions about drinking. It's much more free-flowing and accepting; it's a little more realistic. We have two drinking rules. Rule number one — don't black out, and

“There seems to be a disconnect between the definitions that they had and what reality actually seems to be.”

— Mikey Moses



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rule number two — no hard alcohol, which go together because it's kind of hard to black out on beer," he says. "The nickname for the group is the 'get your s--- together' group. It's time for many of us, myself included, to get our s--- together."

Although unable to obtain statistics on how many students are sent back to the OADE after initial counseling sessions required by ResLife, Eaton says that she sees some students return. "I can pretty much tell when I see a student whether or not I'm going to see them again down the road based on where their thinking is about it," she says. For some students, Eaton says, "They're going to have to get in trouble a couple more times before the light goes on."

Senior Andy Bulso is a member of Peers Inspiring Listening, Learning, and Responsible Socializing (PILLARS), a peer advocacy group that is rooted in the OADE. He too understands the difficulty in immediate change and thinks that this makes education initiatives more, and not less, necessary.

"Ultimately, I don't know how effective any sort of argument with words is going to be on somebody's behavior," Bulso says. "People are going to have to figure it out for themselves sometimes. That's why a lot of our focus is on peer education."

Women At Risk

Generally speaking, women cannot

physically drink as much as men. This is common knowledge, yet dangerous drinking seems to be even more prevalent among Notre Dame women than men. In 2002, 26 Notre Dame women were taken to the hospital for alcohol poisoning as opposed to 17 men. Lewis says that men can consume roughly two drinks for every one drink a female consumes.

Eaton, who leads a women's support group at the OADE, says that trends show that women who are athletes or are in male-dominated majors are more susceptible to dangerous drinking. "If women are going to perform in a man's world then they should be able to kind of keep up and I don't think guys even stop to think. Especially sometimes I have girls express they may be the only female with 40 other male interns and so there isn't any kind of time out that the drinking should be any different for them," she says.

Women in business majors tend more towards dangerous drinking. Eaton says that they often feel pressure to drink as much as males because they are in the minority and because of the competitiveness of their major. This competitiveness is also a factor in drinking problems among female athletes.

"I run the women and alcohol groups here, and especially with our women who are athletes, they talk about that piece, that competitive nature does fit into it. And I think just the whole equality piece of women today — women tend to have to speak up more and

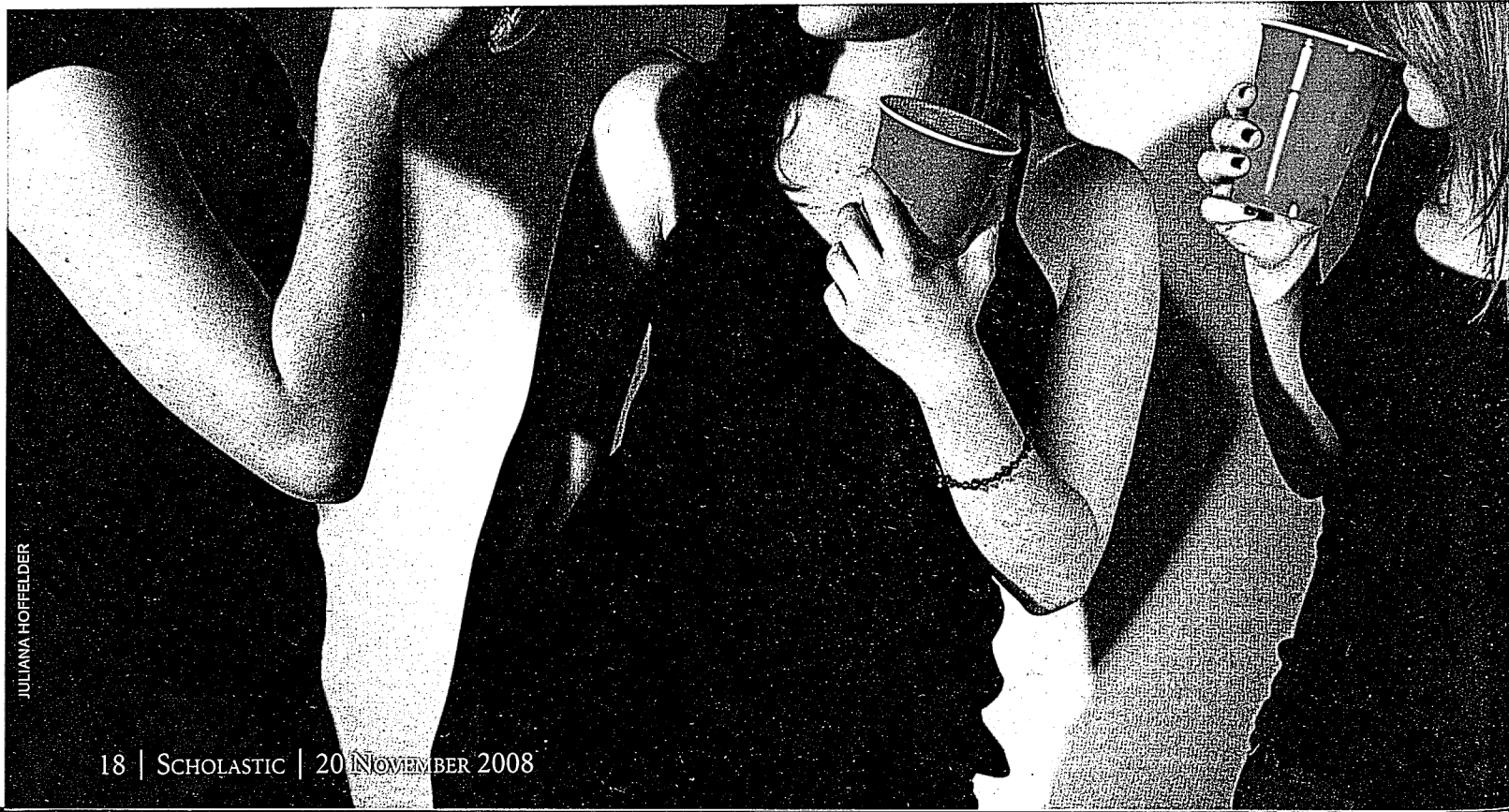
compete more, in that, I think there's just this encouraging them to compete with men when they're out there," Eaton says.

In "Campuses on a Binge," a 2002 *South Bend Tribune* article, reporter Margaret Fosmoe found that ResLife saw a 31-percent increase in female referrals between 1996 and 2002.

The director of Drug and Alcohol Education at the time, Gina Firth, speculated in the article that the "traditionally male environment" at Notre Dame encouraged females to compete with males both in and out of the classroom.

Eaton says that even dorm life seems to be a different experience for men and women. "Yeah, I think there still is the 'boys will be boys' attitude and girls are kind of supposed to be young ladies, and there is definitely different kinds of expectations within dorm life and in how the policies are enforced," she says.

Pasquerilla East rector Breyan Tornifolio attributes this difference to the distinct party atmospheres of men's and women's dorms. "I think that if my women here were to have a party that we may have ten, twelve people here; that's a manageable number. If you go to a male hall their number may be 35 people. For two R.A.s to walk into a room of 35 people, there are probably going to be different ways of how you're going to approach it than if you were to walk into a party of eight people," she says.



JULIANA HOFFELDER

Today

The drinking culture on campus these days is characterized by Notre Dame's peculiarities. For example, dorm parties are unheard of at most state schools, but are common on this campus where residence halls take the place of fraternities and sororities for camaraderie. Notre Dame also has the added pressure of being a major representative of the Catholic Church. And, as mentioned above, Notre Dame's beginnings as an all-male university and the inherent competitiveness of its students can affect students' decisions regarding alcohol.

Although Lewis is an assessment counselor for the OADE, he says, "First and foremost I'm a rector." Unlike many college campuses in Indiana, alcohol is allowed in residence halls that house minors as long as it is in the possession of students over 21. Purdue does not allow alcohol on campus at all. So why are Notre Dame's policies more lenient?

"I don't make policy. As an observer, I would say that first of all college is an age-appropriate time to learn how to drink, but that does not circumvent the law that says you must be 21 years old," Lewis says. "Second, from a Hall Staff perspective, to turn dorms into non-alcohol communities would really shift a lot of the focus of rectors, assistant rectors and [resident assistants]. I think that would tend to erode the more pastoral dimension of our service."

According to "Corking It," a 1992 article from the *National Catholic Register*, Catholic universities face special challenges with alcohol. Robert Chapman, coordinator of the Alcohol and Other Drug Program at LaSalle University at the time, says, "Catholics are at a higher risk of problems than other ethnic groups because we tend not only to be heavy drinkers, but understanding of and accepting of intoxicated behavior. There's an old joke, 'Show me four Catholics, and I'll show you a fifth.'"

In the same article, ND's Garvey said, "Catholic colleges and universities have the advantage that they're able to address alcohol consumption as a moral issue. We can affirm there's a moral dimension to behavior."

Director of the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education Christine Nowak also cites students' intensity as a factor in the alcohol culture at Notre Dame. "It would carry over to lots of things. It would be drinking, it would be hall SYRs. I think just about anything that students do, they do it all or nothing," she says.

Kirk, however, thinks that this intensity and, more specifically, the well-roundedness that often characterizes ND students, could actually work to students' advantage. "I think that Notre Dame students probably need [alcohol] less than most students because they are so well-rounded and they have the ability to make great contributions in their community and in their residence halls. It's unfortunate, but it's a fact of life. I'm a realist; I understand the role that alcohol plays in a college student's life," he says.

Also important are both the measures the university is taking and those they are not. Rev. John Jenkins, C.S.C., announced in early October that he "appointed an ad hoc committee to review the on-campus safety, security and hospitality protocols and practices for football weekends."

Jenkins has declined to join the Amethyst Initiative, a movement that is promoting discussion on college campuses about the lowering of the national drinking age. Approximately 100 college presidents have joined the initiative, including those from Duke, Dartmouth and Ohio State, saying that "current laws actually encourage dangerous binge drinking on campus," according to an article from the *Chicago Tribune*. In the same article, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) CEO Chuck Hurley, says, "Nearly all peer-reviewed studies looking at the change showed that raising the drinking age reduced drunk-driving deaths." This could be a factor in Jenkins' decision.

Conclusion

Evolution never stops. In nature, it is completely random, and the changes that happen to work are retained — those that do not fade out. Though the varying attitudes toward alcohol on campus are certainly not random, they do seem to follow the pattern of evolution in that they must constantly be adjusted, and they may never reach a definitive conclusion. According to Kirk, alcohol has always been an issue on college campuses and, especially on a campus such as Notre Dame's, it will be difficult to ever say that the problem has been resolved.

"Certainly the statistics are helpful in trying to identify policies and procedures for dealing with it and certainly we want to be to some degree data-driven in this," he says. "But I think that especially on a campus like ours, where we care about each and every individual, if we've got one student having a difficulty with it we've got a problem." ❊

Tips on how to help someone who has alcohol poisoning

Follow these steps to perform "The Bacchus Maneuver"

1. Raise the person's closest arm above his/her head. Prepare to roll him/her towards you.



2. Gently roll as a unit. Guard his/her head as you roll him/her.



3. Tilt head to maintain airway. Tuck nearest hand under cheek to help maintain head tilt.



4. Check on him/her often.

www.drug-rehabs.org/alcohol-poisoning.htm

Campus Chatter

DEPARTMENT OF NICOTINE

It's one thing to try a cigarette from time to time. Maybe you'll borrow one from a friend outside a party or at a bar. After all, it's tough to resist all the curiosity that builds up after being subjected to 20 years of anti-smoking campaigns. And who hasn't watched an old private detective film and thought, "Hey, smoking might be kinda cool"?

But it's another thing altogether to actually become a smoker. To earn that title, you smoke on the way to and from class. You smoke outside DeBartolo waiting for your next class. You perch on the steps of Riley, staring at the passers-by. When it drops below freezing and blizzards fall upon South Bend, you still post up outside your dorm, puffing away.

The group of smokers at Notre Dame is not all that easy to infiltrate. They tend to gather in small groups, and their kind is increasingly rare. Just last week, the U.S. smoking rate dropped below 20 percent for the first time in history. The percentages on campus are even smaller. But in the spirit of journalism, I did my best to get into the mindset of these rare Notre Dame characters.

I find my first group meeting of smokers at the back corner of my dorm, Keenan Hall. At least one of them hangs out back there most hours of the day, ironically standing next to the building that houses Health Services. The only form of landscaping back here is the pile of cigarette butts that line the walkway. I stroll up with my very best Marlboro Man swagger and casually say, "Yo, can I bum a smoke?" I think that's the right thing to say. One of them offers me one and flips open his Zippo lighter. I take a few puffs and study the way the others hold their cigarettes. Let your arm casually dangle to the side with the cig between two fingers. Despite my best impression, however, it's not long before they identify me as a poser. One of them calls me out, saying, "You're not even inhaling,

are you?" I cough a few times and respond with a nervous chuckle, thinking, "This might take some work."

After this initial embarrassment, I decide to see how your average Domer reacts to the sight of a smoker by accompanying one of Keenan's smokers, junior Phil Marshall, as he walks to class. As Phil lights up, a few students along the quad shoot him a demeaning stare. Phil tells me along the way that it's not unusual to hear people let out a few coughs as they pass him by. He even claims people have lectured him on the quad about his bad habit. No incidents occur on this particular occasion, but it makes me wonder: Why would anybody choose to smoke on a campus that could hardly be called smoker-friendly?

I set out on a two-hour fact-finding mission in the midst of the first big snow of the winter season, hoping to ask a smoker why they do what they do. I am disappointed to find smokers aren't sitting around waiting to explain their craft to eager young journalists. One smoker tells me, "I'm sorry, I don't speak English very well," in very clear English when I ask him for an interview. Other smokers blow by me on their way across South Quad with headphones on. One professor has his eyes glued in a book as he smokes a pipe on the way to the library. My failure to find a direct answer is frustrating, but what did I expect? Children learn that smoking is bad before they even learn their ABCs. New smoking bans are rolled out constantly. In effect, the decision to smoke is increasingly a private decision. Why would somebody want to blab about it to me?

—Mike Tresnowski

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REVIEWS & PREVIEWS

BIOS10107: Ecology

Professor Kenneth Filchak

Jen Wulf

Though he shows no mercy to dozing or chatting students, Professor Filchak is an engaging and provocative professor who will challenge everything you thought you knew about human nature. Do not let the name of the course mislead you — you will not have to wade through classifications of deciduous trees. Instead, you will read “The Red Queen,” a book that argues that human nature is a product of evolution. If you think this might throw you into an existential tailspin, don’t take this class. Or, even better, do take this class and go to Filchak’s office hours. He’s an interesting guy, and he understands that many students struggle with his class on an academic and personal level. If you’re up for the challenge and don’t mind severe awkwardness as 150 freshmen attempt to maturely discuss sex, you’re in for a treat. **S**

MATH10360: Calculus B

Professor Chong Keat Lim

Caitlin Wilson

Even the sleepest students get out of bed for this 9:30 a.m. calculus course. Lim’s exuberant energy fills the classroom as he jumps around, checking to ensure that everyone, from those in the front row to those in the last three rows of “Siberia,” understands the lesson. While he insists that reciting “I love math!” each morning helps students learn, he also welcomes students to his office hours for extra help. By combining humor with careful explanation, Lim makes this required class interesting and informative. **S**

THEO20828: Christianity & World Religions

Professor Brad Malkovsky

Molly Kring

The first day of my Christianity and World Religions class, there were students sitting on the floor because the available chairs could not seat all the students who wanted to enroll. This is not your typical theology class. Malkovsky begins each class with 10 minutes of meditation and finishes with a hilarious anecdote of his time living in India. Malkovsky takes a refreshing approach to theology, one filled with personal insight into what it means to be a Christian in today’s global world. He is not afraid to cross the line between life insight and scholarly criticism. This class teaches students about the major world religions and challenges them to analyze their own faith in light of these other religious traditions. **S**

SOC20732: Introduction to Criminology

Professor Curt Sobolewski

Maddy Zollo

Serial killers, prostitutes and gangs are only a sampling of the topics discussed in Introduction to Criminology. Sobolewski’s entertaining lecture style makes learning about criminals and criminal behavior seem more fun than it should be. During each unit, there are plenty of movie days set aside to highlight the theories and subjects covered. **S**

ARST21401: Photo I

(Teachers vary, may be a grad student)

Juliana Hoffelder

Photo I challenges students to master the basics of fine art photography. Students begin the semester using a 35mm camera for black and white images then proceed to a digital SLR camera. Printing materials must be purchased by the student and can be expensive. Cameras and equipment, however, can be checked out from the Art Department. While class is three hours long, some days are set aside as work days. Projects normally require time spent outside of class and are subject to class critique. Photo I will dare you to think creatively beyond the expectations of your usual course load. Just warn your roommates that they may be the subjects of multiple photo shoots. **S**

ANTH10104: Introduction to Anthropology

Professor James McKenna

Jessica Farmwald

Professor McKenna turns what could be a snoozer class on the evolution of man, primate studies and socio-cultural behavior into an exciting, life-changing experience. He is incredibly passionate and down-to-earth, despite his plethora of awards and honors. Special treats of the course include McKenna’s groundbreaking research on mother-infant co-sleeping, videos on monkey sex and anecdotes from his undergrad years at the University of California, Berkeley. The class is fairly easy in terms of workload and grades, but it will challenge you to think about humans in a new light. **S**

PHIL20415: Morality & Modernity

Professor David Solomon

Courtney Ball

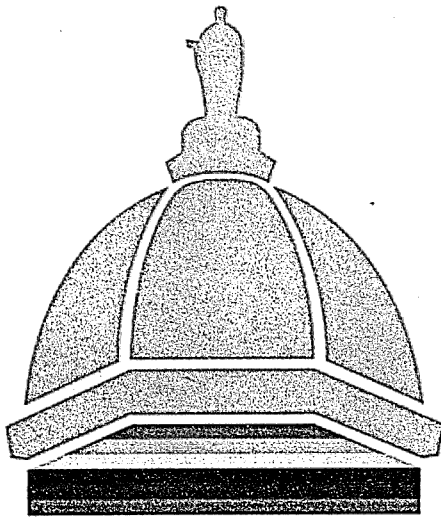
Focusing on Notre Dame professor Alasdair MacIntyre’s work “After Virtue,” this course invites you to imagine yourself in a world in which a catastrophe has erased our collection of scientific knowledge, leaving just incomprehensible fragments. While this scenario is reminiscent of bad science fiction, the class insists modern society is in a similar predicament. The course will attempt to convince you of the shocking claim that the modern world faces precisely this crisis with a fractured and nonsensical moral vocabulary. Though the courses is taught in the impersonal, large lecture style of the Introduction classes, the material is absorbing enough to keep even the back row awake. **S**

ENGL30101: Intro to Literary Studies

Professor Maud Ellmann

Alexa Shoen

Each work, each word of every sentence, reinvents literature for a new generation of creative writers. This class is an expository seminar on the true meaning of literature within humanity. Professor Maud Ellmann’s course seems more like a group of scholars discussing their favorite poets from the past 500 years. The passionate intellectualism that Ellmann brings to this course allows for the creativity, energy and freedom that every college education needs. **S**



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STUDENTS**

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The Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students

(Information, education, and resources)

Contact: Sr. Sue Dunn, OP, dunn.54@nd.edu, 1-5550, or Eddie Velazquez at evelazqu@nd.edu

Office of Campus Ministry

(Annual retreat for gay/lesbian/questioning students and their friends; pertinent library resources in 304 Co-Mo; discussion and support)

Contact: Fr. Joe Carey, CSC, at 1-7800

University Counseling Center

(Individual counseling)

Contact: Dr. Maureen Lafferty at mlaffert@nd.edu

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Leadership Institute: Emerging Leaders Call for Applications

The new Leadership Institute: Emerging Leaders program is designed to provide leadership education for first-year students at Notre Dame. Participants will engage in large and small group discussion, and reflective journaling. Sessions will be supplemented by self-directed projects, and a service project designed by the participant in conjunction with various service agencies in the community. In addition, each participant will be paired with an experienced student leader mentor to guide the participant in their leadership journey. Participants will become familiar with the many opportunities to become engaged in campus activities at Notre Dame during and after the program has ended.

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**Applications should be completed and submitted to the
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Swept Away

Intramural broomball takes ND by storm

Matt Formica

A sport played with brooms has captivated Notre Dame students in recent years — and this one has nothing to do with Harry Potter. Broomball's popularity has skyrocketed in the past decade and is a fixture at Notre Dame and countless other colleges.

There is evidence that broomball originated in Iceland during the 10th century, when games frequently involved entire villages and lasted for up to 14 days. In fact, an occasional death while playing was not uncommon. In other words, ancient broomball resembled a battle more than a sport.

Since that time, broomball has undergone numerous changes, but its popularity continues to grow. Broomball as we know it today likely originated in Canada and quickly spread to Minnesota.

The rules of intramural broomball at ND are relatively simple. Played in the JACC, each team has six players on the ice at all times, and the games consist of two 10-minute halves. RecSports provides necessary equipment like brooms and helmets, and rather than wearing skates, players use standard athletic shoes. The games are self-officiated, and any intentional contact is illegal.

Now that we've covered the basics, it's time to address the real question: Why has a seemingly obscure sport caught fire lately, particularly among college students? The most striking explanation is that broomball excludes absolutely nobody — everyone can play, regardless of athletic ability or competitive drive.

"Broomball is really easy to pick up, and both guys and girls play, so I don't think anybody is really apprehensive to just give it a shot," senior Danny Rosas-Alvarez says, who plays on a team with some of his friends from the marching band.

Freshman Danny Zebrowski enjoys the option to be either as intense or as laid back as he wants. "Some people get really into it, but others like to be more mellow during games. It's really all about having a good time," he says.

Additionally, playing broomball is a good way to blow off some steam. "It's actually a great study break and gives me some time to relax while also boosting my adrenaline a little bit," Rosas-Alvarez says.

Although broomball can be conducive to a friendly and laid-back environment, some strategy is involved. We all remember the days of tirelessly chasing after the soccer ball in kindergarten, and it seems as though some students revert to this tactic when they play broomball for the first time. "I think people forget that you can't just run after the ball, and it's actually important to pass and work together, just like in other team sports," Zebrowski says. Ultimately, however, most players realize the importance of maintaining at least a basic formation while playing. "Having a background in team sports is definitely an advantage," Zebrowski says.

With many former athletes participating in the broomball league, the competition can at times become fierce. Although intentional contact is illegal, it is not uncommon for a player to sprawl across the ice in an attempt to win the ball, knocking down a few competitors in the process. "Some players definitely shy away from contact, but others really approach each play with reckless abandon," Rosas-Alvarez says. In fact, RecSports provides a medical staff for each game in the event that an injury does occur. Maybe modern-day broomball isn't as different from the bloody 10th-century version as one might think. ❧



IRISH EYES ON: PAT KUNTZ

Malisha Samarasekera

Senior defensive end Pat Kuntz has become a force on the field and a cult hero off it. With shirts bearing the moniker “Kuntz Nation” and Facebook groups such as “Pat Kuntz #1 Fans” created in honor of him, 6-foot-3-inch, 283-pound Kuntz has become a prominent figure on campus, along with his mohawk. Kuntz led all linemen in the Football Bowl Subdivision with nine pass breakups in the 2007–08 season.

You have a pretty big cult following at this school, with T-shirts and Facebook groups dedicated to you as an on-field hero. How does it feel to have so many fans?

I love my fans, and I love people being goofy. I embrace it—I keep on making the shirts. I feel like I represent the university in a great way, and I stand for a lot of the things that are right about this program. I feel like it's important for the leaders on this team to have that “nasty” mentality, which I definitely have.

You seem like a nice guy, but you have a lot of ferocity on the field. How do you get fired up for a game?

It's pretty easy. I just think about things that make me mad and envision the other players doing me wrong. I'm playing football for Notre Dame in front of 80,000 people, so it really doesn't take much to fire me up.

Does playing in front of that many people, as well as a national audience, put a lot of pressure on you to perform well?

I think I get too jacked up to really feel anything. I go pretty berserk when I get on the field. It's not fear; it's more anger.

You must have other talents. Can you share any of them?

A lot of fans don't know this, but I have the best voice on this team by far. People don't believe me, but it's true.

Do you have any songs that you specialize in?

Metallica's “Enter Sandman,” “Walk” by Pantera, Kid Rock, Lynyrd Skynyrd— you know, all the good ones.

So if singing doesn't work out, do you have any back-up plans for what you are going to do next year?

I'm going to see how far football takes me. I have too much fun playing it to look past it. I'm not sure what I'm going to do yet, but I wouldn't be disappointed if I got into coaching myself. I can't sit behind a desk. I have to be active— whether it's playing or coaching, it's a good way for me to escape and have fun.

SPORTS NOTES

Molly Krings



Sophomore Michael Sullivan has become a big deal in the world of Notre Dame sports. Last week, he was named Big East Swimming and Diving Athlete of the Week. Sullivan had two individual wins in a meet with No. 16 Purdue on Nov. 8. While Notre Dame lost to the Boilermakers, Sullivan's swims were sensational. His times in both the 200 back (1:52:79) and 400 individual medley (4:07:18) were the best the Irish have seen this season. Notre Dame will take on Ohio State University at home this Friday, Nov. 21, at 5 p.m., hoping to secure another big victory like the one over Big East rival Pittsburgh earlier this season.



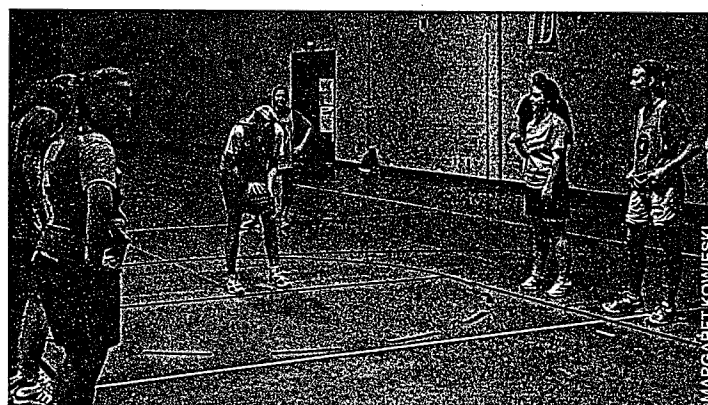
Following a devastating 1-0 loss two years ago to North Carolina in the NCAA championship game, the Irish women's soccer team is seeking revenge. The team is making its 16th-consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this week and has already advanced to the third round following wins over Toledo and Michigan State. The lone undefeated team in Division I women's soccer, Notre Dame is poised for victory with its 23-0-0 record. With a No. 1 overall seed in the tournament, the Irish are confident in their abilities. Senior forward Kerri Hanks and forward/midfielder Brittany Bock are expected to lead the Irish offense, while senior defender and co-captain Carrie Dew will hold the Irish's defensive line.



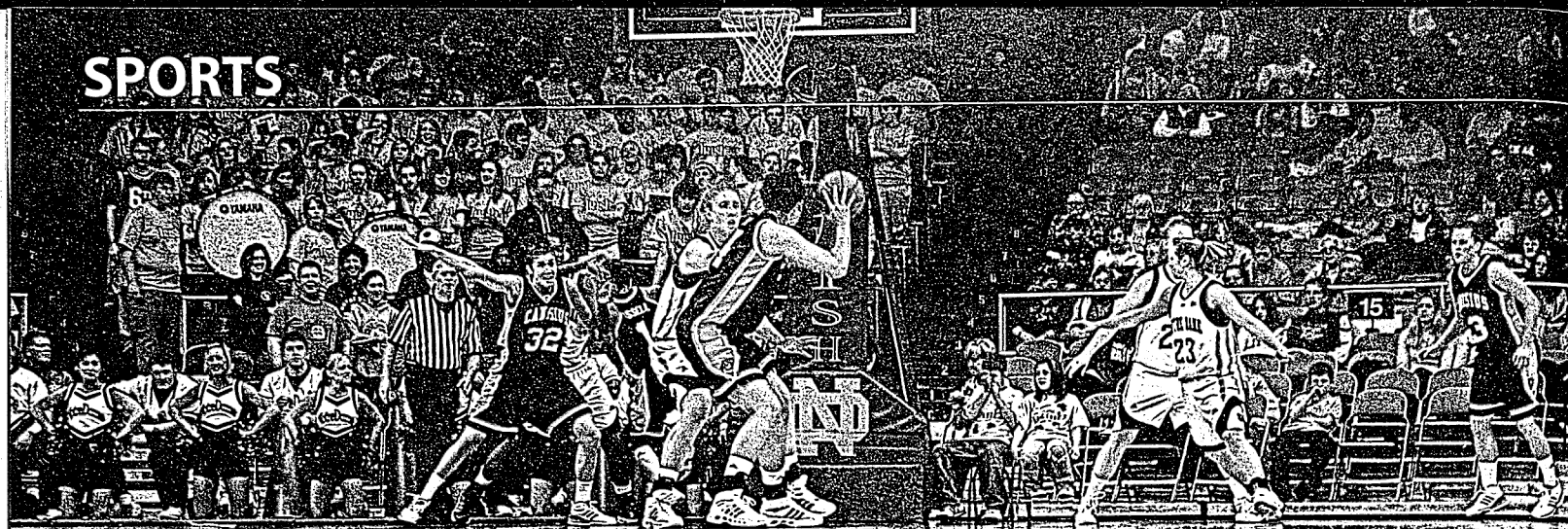
On Nov. 12, Irish basketball standouts Kyle McAlarney and Ashley Barlow achieved what many consider an athlete's dream: gracing a regional cover of *Sports Illustrated* magazine. One of six pairs highlighted in the College Basketball Preview issue of the magazine, McAlarney and Barlow are the figureheads of Irish basketball. *SI's* preseason poll ranked the Notre Dame men sixth and the women 13th. Before the men play their next home game on Nov. 30 against Furman, they will take a tropical vacation to Maui, Hawaii, for the Nov. 24-26 EA Sports Maui Invitational. The women play their next home game on Nov. 25 against Georgia Southern.



SECTION RIVALRY The residents of Stanford 1 E/W take on their fellow Griffins during a section football game.



ON THE LINE An interhall basketball player lines up to make a free throw for her team.



High Expectations on the Hardwood

Both women's and men's basketball enter the season highly ranked

Josh Flynt

Although the weather in South Bend can make the time between the start of the second semester and spring break feel like an eternity, Notre Dame's men's and women's basketball teams are sure to give fans a few reasons to get excited this winter. Both teams enter the 2008–09 season with high expectations and aspirations to play deep into March.

Women's Basketball

Led by Coach Muffet McGraw, now in her 22nd season at Notre Dame, the women's team comes into the season ranked No. 16 in the Associated Press Top 25 poll. With three Big East foes in the Top 10, the Irish are sure to face many challenges this season. This has not, however, stopped the team from setting high goals.

"We want to finish in the top four in the Big East and get a bye in the Big East tournament. We want to be able to compete and stay active in the Top 25. We definitely

want to be top 10 in the nation by the end of the season," junior center Erica Williamson says.

Fortunately, the team has three starters returning from a squad that reached the Sweet 16 last season. These key contributors, including Williamson, junior guard Ashley Barlow and senior guard Lindsay Schrader, are sure to make an impact again this season. Junior point guard Melissa Lechlitner, who joins Barlow and Schrader as this year's tri-captains, will take over as the team's floor general, replacing Tulyah Gaines, who graduated last spring.

In addition to the veteran returnees, the team also welcomes back sophomore forward Devereaux Peters, who tore her ACL in February, forcing her to miss a significant part of her freshman season.

Among the non-league opponents that ND faces this season are Vanderbilt, Purdue and Michigan State. Like the Irish, Vanderbilt reached the Sweet 16 last season, while Purdue and Michigan State boast two

of the strongest programs in the Big Ten. Aside from the non-league schedule, Notre Dame's Big East schedule includes a visit to preseason No. 1 Connecticut and a home matchup against No. 5 Rutgers.

Williamson explains that they need to win some big games if the Irish are going to meet their expectations this season. "I was always told that the great teams beat the teams they are supposed to beat, but also some of the teams they aren't supposed to, so we're hoping to go out there and surprise some people and get the job done when we need to," she says.

It will ultimately come down to staying focused throughout the course of the long season. "It's a lot of work, and we want to stay mentally focused and make sure we are playing our game every day," Williamson says. "If we're in a 2–3 zone, we want to make sure we're guarding the right people. We need to rebound strong, offensively and defensively and be a big presence on defense."

Men's Basketball

After a disappointing loss to Washington State in the second round of last season's NCAA tournament, the men's team comes into the 2008-09 campaign with something to prove. The team returns four starters, including junior guard Tory Jackson, senior guard Kyle McAlarney, junior forward Luke Harangody and senior forward Zach Hillesland. Senior guard Ryan Ayers and senior center Luke Zeller will also play important roles for the Irish on both ends of the court. With many key contributors from last season's squad coming back, the Irish come into the season ranked ninth in the country.

"We're really dreaming big this year. We're better than last year, so we want to go deep into both tournaments, the Big East tournament and the NCAA tournament," McAlarney says.

Although their ultimate goal may be to play their best basketball in the postseason, the team also recognizes the importance of not getting ahead of themselves. Harangody says, "With all the

players we have coming back, we have a much older group this year, so we feel like we can do pretty much anything. We're smart enough to know we have to take it one game at a time. There's a long way to go and a lot of work left to do."

The road to reaching their goals this season will not be an easy one. Playing in the Big East means facing perennial basketball powers such as Connecticut, Louisville and Georgetown. In addition to their difficult league schedule, they will also run into several challenges from non-league opponents.

"It's the toughest schedule we've played in our history," Coach Mike Brey says.

McAlarney, however, emphasizes the importance of not letting the difficult schedule affect the team's confidence. "Coach Brey has talked about how we're going to take some punches this year, and I think for us as a veteran team with the great schedule that we have, we need to just take those into context," McAlarney says. "We might not have

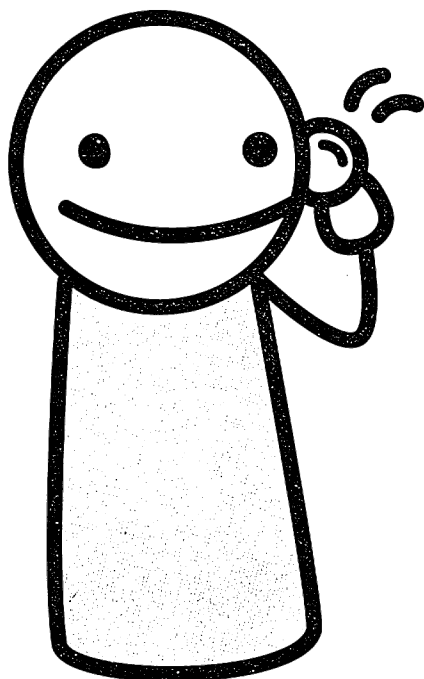
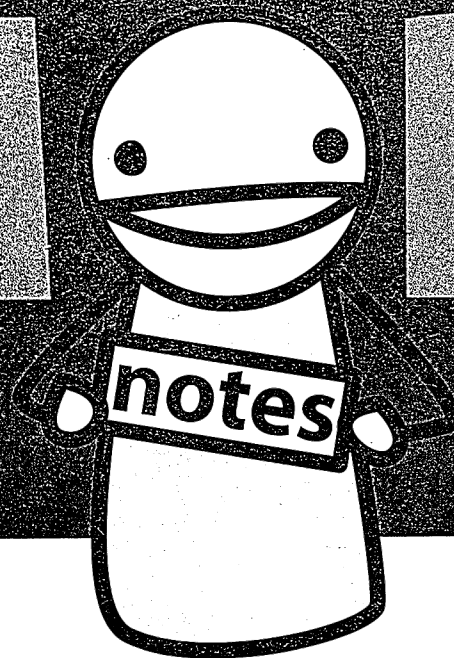
as good of a record as we had last year if we lose some of those games, but we're just as good, if not better than last year. For us to understand that might be a little tough, but it's something that we've got to take a hold of."

The season really picks up when the team heads out to Hawaii for the Maui Invitational, the annual tournament that takes place prior to Thanksgiving. The Irish will face Indiana in the first round, and depending on the outcome, they could also face No. 8 Texas and No. 1 North Carolina. In December, they will travel to Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis for a matchup with Ohio State.

While it remains to be seen if the Irish can live up to the hype this season, both the Notre Dame men's and women's basketball teams have the talent and leadership necessary to do some damage in the Big East and NCAA tournaments. Even though their challenging schedules may affect their records, these teams have the potential to keep playing when the snow melts and the birds return in late March. **S**



HUMOR



Listening In...

Girl at Citizen Cope concert: I think we are going to hook up tonight!
Guy: Yeah!

"I wasn't naked. I didn't do it voluntarily. I thought it was my bed."
— male student to friend on way to DeBartolo

"I think *Rolling Stone* must be conservative. Or maybe racist is the right word."
— dude reading magazines

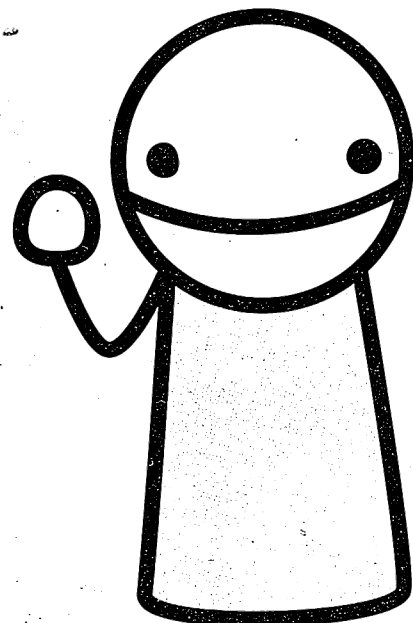
"There's a fine line between being in a relationship and prostitution."
— boyfriend to girlfriend

Girl 1: I mean, she's *really* mad. I can't imagine being that mad at her ever. Well, maybe if she killed my dog.
Girl 2: Or drowned your fish.

Back In the Day...

Go back to the summer before your freshman year at Notre Dame. That long-awaited, fateful day that will determine your identity for the next four years finally arrives. You tear open the envelope (everything was much more dramatic before we had e-mail), heart pounding, palms sweating. You eagerly scan the dorm assignment letter, images of different mascots and signature events flying through your head. But wait — this can't be right. You've been assigned to live in ... a convent? This wasn't a bad dream, but a somber reality for a number of girls years ago when Notre Dame faced an undergraduate housing shortage. Some freshman girls were placed in the convent next to St. Joseph's High School and had to take a shuttle to class every day (and the guys in Carroll think they have it bad). But beyond the inconvenience, this had to have put a bit of a damper on the social scene. I have a feeling these girls didn't *ever* break parietals. Actually, I'd be surprised if there was any need to enforce the rule. I can't imagine one of these girls bringing a guy back to her room. "Want to come over?" "Where do you live?" "Oh, you know ... the convent." Makes it a little harder to complain about how the other people on your floor never go out or about the long walk from your dorm to O'Shag, doesn't it?

— Kathleen Toohill





Bienvenido, my little gippings! That chicken fight that Gipp loves so much — the presidential election — has passed us by, and even Gipp was surprised to see his ninny of a conservative state swinging blue. Gipp was even happier to see celebrations erupt in every corner of campus, regardless of political affiliation — after all, a win or a loss for a party is still a party, and Gipp managed to find scandalous tips from all walks of life this time around. Seminarians, St. Mary's girls, the Green party, even those hippie little liberals ... the Gipp has never been prouder to be in this tasty melting pot called America! So sit back and enjoy what Gipp has entitled Election 2008: Sandwich Edition.

Our first story finds us at a birthday celebration, complete with tumbling cups, inebriated seminarians and a lonesome lad minding his own business in a chair. Because girls always dig the dude in the chair, it should come as no surprise that our sitting duck, Wheaty William, soon found himself being fawned over by his very own St. Mary's chick, who jumped into his lap without provocation or warning. Never one to resist the enthusiasm of fervent ladies, Wheaty William humored his lap-dweller's whispered advances and insidious glances. When she could no longer resist our gallant WW, she presented an offer: take her to his room, stat. But WW, ever the gentleman, chose not to exile his studious roommate, who was using their dwelling for his own passions (writing a lab report). Unfazed, WW's chick immediately offered an alternative: she wanted some bread. This struck WW as a strange departure from where the night had originally seemed headed, but the chick insisted. SHE WANTED SOME BREAD. And so WW went on a quest for quenching starches. After hijacking an entire loaf from

an unnamed source within his dorm, he returned to find the partying seminarians "parting like the Red Sea" and leading him to a closed-door lovenest. There, his chick had climbed into the first available lofted bed and now waited in hypoglycemic anticipation for him. When WW entered, bread in hand, her eyes lit up in crazed excitement. She asked our gallant WW to do the only thing one can do with bread and a hot chick: feed it to her. And so he did. Never the selfish eater, our chick quickly returned the favor, generously feeding WW bread from her own bare hands. Then, they brought their crumbed lips together in passion, occasionally taking replenishing breaks that involved more forced feedings. As the loaf wore down, the chick wanted to continue their love, but WW found himself a little confused and frightened over what had become a night of multiple deadly sins. In one clean swoop, the chick had appeased both his lust and his gluttony.

Our next story brings up sandwiches of a more human variety; namely, Gipp refers to "the man-wich." This story also brings up someone who is now becoming a recurring character in Gipp-dom — our beloved Gentle Blonde Giant. Perhaps you elders remember the Gentle Blonde Giant from last spring, when he relieved himself on his girlfriend and then paraded around an apartment in sleepwalking naked glory. As for you youngins, have no fear, new antics are here. This time, the scene is set with friends frolicking around the house in banana suits, curly-haired blondies dancing all up on inflatable alcoholic beverages and a pong battle for the ages. Such a mess can only end in slumber, as it did for the Gentle Blonde Giant, who managed at least to remain clothed and in a bed (belonging to the aforementioned girlfriend — yes, they're still together) at the beginning of his sleep. But it only took 15 minutes for him to resist such comforts and bust out of the room, eventually settling on a wooden board. After some maneuvering, the Gentle Blonde Giant was coaxed back into bed, and everyone fell asleep for the night. Or so it seemed. In the morning, Gentle Blonde Giant awoke to discover he was not wearing nothing below the button-down he wore to the Linebacker the night before. NOTHING. Although he found himself in the same bed he began

the night in, his skivvies were nowhere in the vicinity. After some searching, the missing lower halves were eventually found in a downstairs bedroom, still together and quite obviously released in one fell swoop, and luckily unaccompanied by any golden signs or smells of GBG's old habits. The story of Gentle Blonde Giant's mysterious nighttime journey was further complicated when another housemate awoke to tell her tale. Sometime early in the morning, she was roused to find not one, but two pairs of hairy legs surrounding her. Remembering that she had snagged one lucky lad from the Backer — but by no means two — she jumped out of the naked man-wich in a terrified haze. It turns out that in the darkness, Gentle Blonde Giant had somehow mistaken the ladies of the house and crawled into the already doubled-up bed of his girlfriend's roommate, completely pantless. Screaming, the two invaded lovers pushed the Gentle Blonde Giant back to his girlfriend's home base, where he promptly passed out with absolutely no recollection of his journeys. Much like one will never discover the secret ingredient in General Tso's Chicken, so too will the Gentle Blonde Giant never exactly know what led him to his man-wich position on that fateful Friday night.

In closing, the Gipp would just like to remind everyone that no matter how loving and peaceful you appear, the police will never believe that the mysterious "vegetable" tree in your background was not, in fact, planted and intended for sale by you. As some off-campus residents found out the other day, sometimes when old residents leave you their house, they also leave you their herbal hobbies in the backyard. There are some plants that are never fit for sandwiches. Gipp thanks all of the sandwich makers and enjoyers who contributed to the pickles of this latest column. Remember gippings, presidents come and go, but sandwiches are forever.

Cheers,
Gippy Mc Gipp Gipp

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Midwest or Bust

Dear People Who Think They're Better Than the Midwest,

Hi, my name is Jen. I'm from Indiana, and the last time I was home, I ate a turkey that was shot by my best friend, Annie. Her little brother can fart on command, and she once stayed home for three hours to count how many he could do in a row. Six hundred and thirty-six.

Hello, I'm Jen's funnier roommate, Malisha. In eighth grade I traveled with my class to the Ohio Capitol Building to campaign to make the bullfrog the state amphibian, as it is one of the few animals found in all 88 counties. We lost due to the strong opposition from the salamander contingent ... apparently they were a large part of the voter block that year.

Beyond more practical concerns (e.g. how would you ungrateful slobs eat without the rolling farmlands of the Midwest?), we can objectively say that we are the region everyone strives to be (whether they know it or not). Think about it. Who has the least noticeable accent? The Midwest. Who is the least politically skewed? The Midwest. We are the middle ground. We excel at mediocrity. We are the safe and secure rock upon which this country was built, and if I hear another East coast/West coast dispute settled by "at least we don't live in the Midwest," I will corn* your house.

That being said, we have compiled the following list of reasons why the Midwest does not suck:

1. No Privacy in Your Hometown: This is a bit of a trade-off, especially if you are trying to keep the facts that you wore headgear in middle school and that you read the entire "Lord of the Rings" trilogy during recess from following you for your whole life. But the day I found out that my next door neighbor had become a gay porn star under the alias of Chet, I decided it was worth it.

2. Modern Grecian Gods: Giving Ohioans the ultimate claim-to-fame, we from the Buckeye State have the proud honor of knowing that beautiful Brady Quinn was birthed in our state and now plays for its favorite pro team, the Cleveland Browns. You in Cali and Florida may brag about your lovely beaches and tropical locale, but just remember this — the sun never sets on Brady Quinn.

3. The Cost of Living: Everyone knows that housing is cheaper in

the Midwest, but the savings don't stop there. Especially when all you have to pay for groceries is five dollars worth of shotgun shells.

4. Contemporary Art: As if we don't have enough grain to feed all of southern Alaska for the rest of eternity, there is a vast expanse of land covered with concrete corn in Dublin, Ohio. This monument to our favorite homegrown product lets us Midwesterners get our fix even in the dead of January. It is located next to the mall and is a memorial for Sam Frantz, the inventor of hybrid corn, who changed the agricultural industry in more inspiring ways than even Barack Obama could promise. Nothing says, "Welcome to the Midwest" quite like 109 phallic stone vegetables.

5. Obese America: You can thank the Midwest for your next late night trip to Wendy's ... Bob Evans Farms also calls the Midwest home. Where else can you buy a guaranteed heart attack for only \$7.95, complete with homemade biscuits and honey syrup? Without Columbus, Ohio, there would be no "Harold and Kumar Go To White Castle." Let's be honest — nobody wants to watch "Harold and Kumar Go To Panera Bread."

6. Cultural Education: My high school had "drive your tractor to school" day. Seriously.

7. Smiling Faces and Friendly Cashiers: Don't try to find this in Boston, unless you want to get stuck with a \$200 non-returnable dress that you only bought because the one nice person in all of the Northeast happened to be working at the store you passed by. And don't even bother talking to the lady behind the Dunkin' Donuts counter unless you want to dilute your not-very-tasty coffee with tears of rejection.

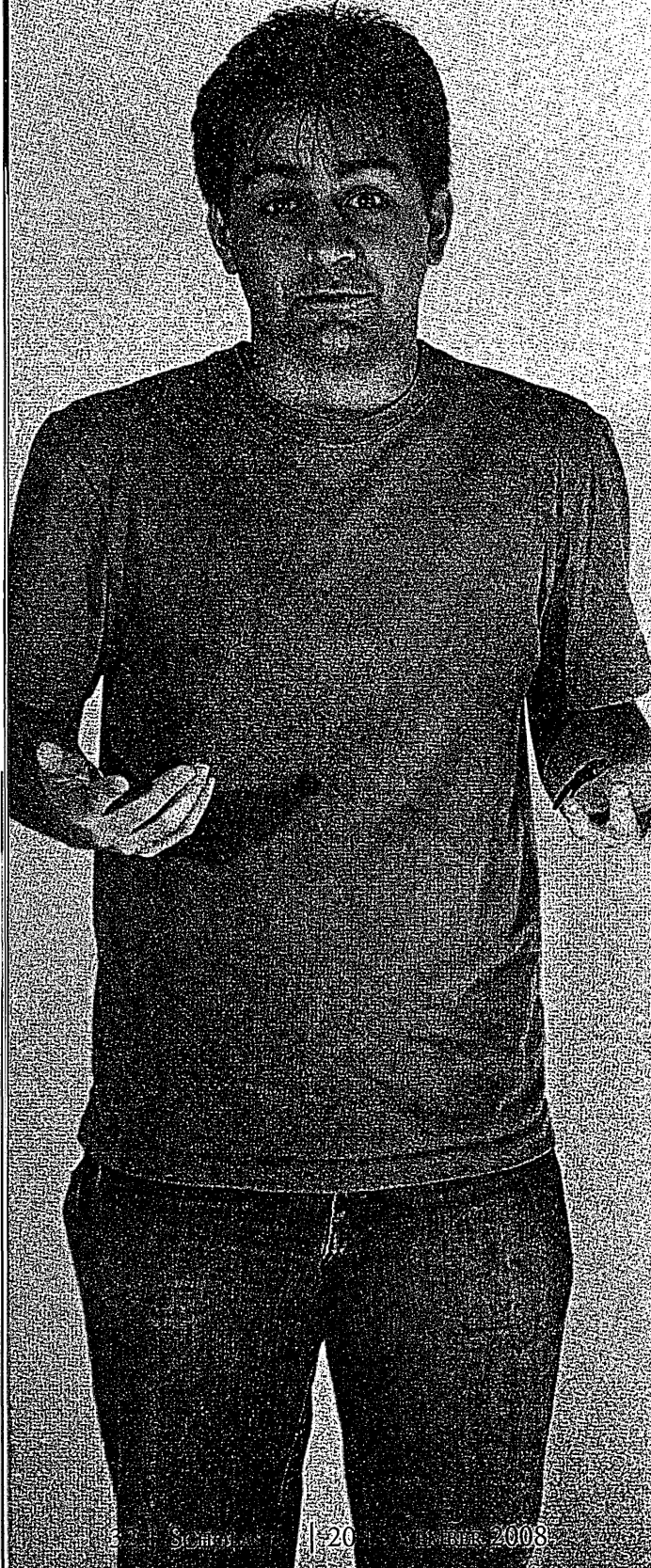
Though not exhaustive, this is a good foundation upon which to build your love for the Midwest. Sure, it may not be the prettiest or most exciting or warmest or most intellectual or ... wait, what point were we trying to make again?

Your friends,
Jen Wulf and Malisha Samarasekera

*corn — *v.* to throw corn at houses, cars and passersby; usually out of the bed of a moving pick-up truck

Q&A with JOE KWACZALA

Senior Film, Television and Theatre major Joe Kwaczala has done stand-up and sketch comedy on campus since his freshman year. Last spring, he took the semester off to study sketch comedy at The Second City theatre in Chicago. *Scholastic's* Mary Kaminski sat down with Kwaczala to hear about his life in the big city and to find out what makes him tick. And to see if he's funny in person. He entered the room, as if on cue, with a joke, answering our question before we could ask it.



Scholastic: When did you find out you were funny?

Joe Kwaczala: I guess it's one of those things where when you're young you latch onto something. And I do recall at a very young age finding that I could make people laugh. And hearing laughter is such a good feeling, that a lot of times it would become my concentration on what to do, whether it's in class or with friends.

S: So you took the semester off to study at The Second City?

JK: Yeah, The Second City just started this college program called Comedy Studies. It's an intensive semester-long course of study. [...] And so when I went there I would have classes like a normal college student, only they'd be like writing, acting, improv, history of comedy — working with some of the best faculty Second City has, which was very nice. [...] In Chicago I was still working on stand-up, but at Second City I was able to, for the first time, find like-minded people my age, as it was a college program, and work on improvising, learning how to improvise and learning about sketch-writing as well. And then at the end we had a final show on one of The Second City stages.

S: So do you plan on moving back to Chicago then, or where do you think you'll go from here?

JK: You know, maybe. I really do like Chicago, and not only do they have a really thriving stand-up scene, but improv and sketch as well which I really like. And so yeah, I might move there ... it's really all about the road until Los Angeles in a way. And I think if I spent some time in Chicago before I moved out there I could really hone my craft — I hate to use that word — and just try to get as funny as I can, and then have spec scripts ready and just work that I can show people, so when I go out to L.A., I can make more of a splash.

S: Have you ever gotten up and just fallen flat?

JK: Oh my god, all the time. Yeah, what was interesting was my first couple times I did it here on campus, and it was such a supportive environment just with people who were going to accept anything. So I definitely got a little cocky. And then I did some open mics back in my hometown in Pittsburgh, and it was rough. [...] Sometimes you just don't connect with an audience, or the audience is just bad, or you're just not on top of your game, or you're just not performing well.

S: Talk a little bit about what you do with NDTV and what's new with that.

JK: I used to host "Late Night." I'm not doing that anymore. Right now I'm in production trying to work on a new show that will just be sketches. It won't have any of the variety or interview stuff that "Late Night" had. Yeah, so hopefully I'll get at least one episode out this semester. What I'm trying to do is just make a sketch comedy show and have a big event at the end of the year if all goes well.

S: What do you like to do in your spare time when you're not being funny?

JK: I have to say that a lot of times my primary focus is comedy. I don't think that a lot of people could say that, like I don't even care about my school work if I have to get a sketch written or if I have a show coming up — that really does take top priority.

S: And what would you describe as your perfect night out in South Bend?

JK: Oh, South Bend, the Entertainment Capital of the World. I don't even go out that much to be honest. I don't want to trash South Bend, but coming back from Chicago where you can see good stand-up, good sketch or good improv on any night of the week and then coming back here where it's like, "Maybe I'll watch 'It's Always Sunny [in Philadelphia]' On Demand."

S: So you want to head more down the stand-up road?

JK: You know, I think so. I do like writing and performing and sketches, and I'm going to take what I did at Second City and use what I've learned to kind of inform the sketch show I hope to do at the end of the year and the TV show as well. Stand-up is something I'll always be doing, and I think it's easy to do. I've gone back to Chicago a couple times since the beginning of the year to do shows there which has been really great.

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