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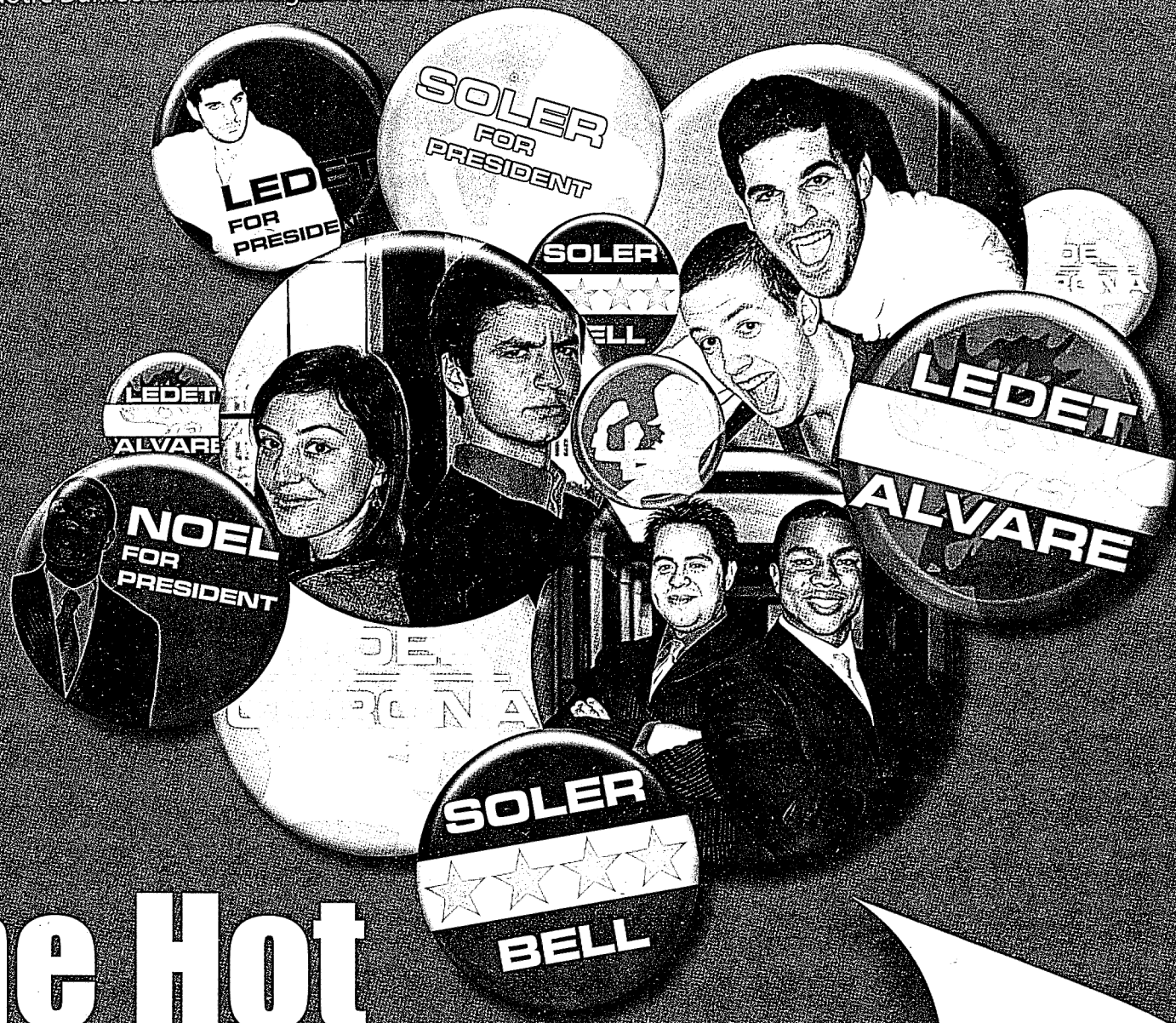


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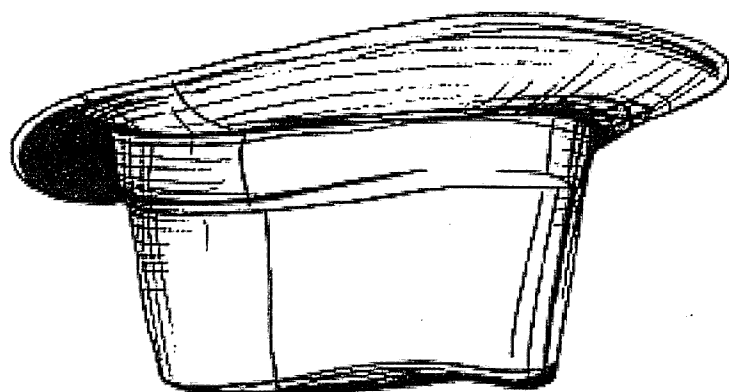


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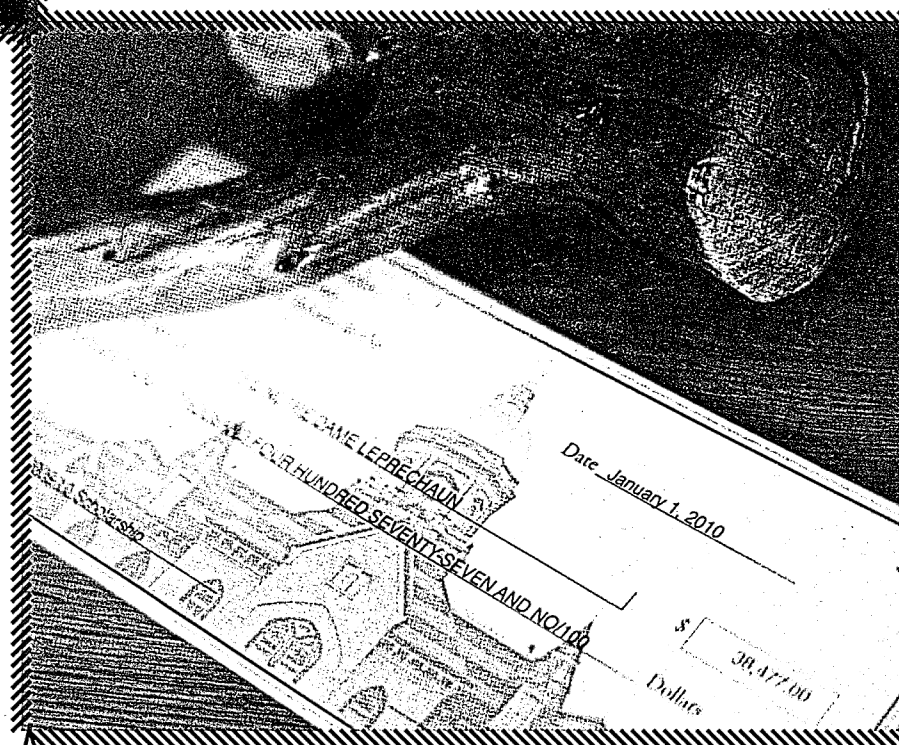
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Love is in the air at Notre Dame. There is, of course, the fast approaching disaster of February 14, a holiday dreaded by both singles and clueless lovers alike (see *Scholastic* emerita Molly Slavin's opinion piece, page 5). Last week the Notre Dame campus was assailed with proof of an often ignored form of love on our campus. It was impossible to miss — the garish orange t-shirts dutifully donned, the posters, the viewpoints and the silent protest that began at the main gates of the university. Ultimately this protest ended with a tense and frigid wait outside of Main Building while students and faculty were denied entrance, until a secretary was dispatched to receive their letter for president Rev. John Jenkins, C.S.C.

So let's take a walk to the other side of Highway 31. Saint Mary's non-discrimination clause does guarantee protection regardless of sexual orientation. Their non-discrimination policy reads: "Based on our Catholic values, the College also commits to avoiding discrimination based on sexual or political orientation."

How about a roadtrip. Boston College? Check. Georgetown? Ditto. DePaul? You guessed it. Maybe it's not impossible for a Catholic university to reconcile the needs of an often silent minority and the Church's current stance on homosexual persons. Maybe the real impossibility is more of an issue of image.

As perhaps the premier Catholic university in the United States, many consider Notre Dame an important masthead for the Church. Presumably, every decision the administration makes must be carefully weighed not only in its consequences for students, but for the Catholic Church's image in general.

This also explains why culture editor Jason G'Sell's article "S\*x Uncensored" touches on an especially delicate subject at Notre Dame. The Catholic Church is clear on its teaching about premarital sex and statistics are clear that most college students are having it anyway. How does a Catholic university enact its moral and real-world duty when it comes to students' sexual health?

Speaking of real world duty, it's election time. Flip to page 24 for *Scholastic's* hard-hitting coverage of your 2010-2011 student body president hopefuls. If that's not your cup of tea, humor editor Kathleen Toohill's "ND Personals" is sure to warm your heart.

So in the spirit of St. Valentine, please enjoy the love. Through all the ups, downs and perhaps even awkward squirming, we're in it with you. And so, I leave you with words from of the greatest romancers of all time: "Gentles, do not reprehend: / If you pardon we will mend."

XOXO,

*Jen Wulf*

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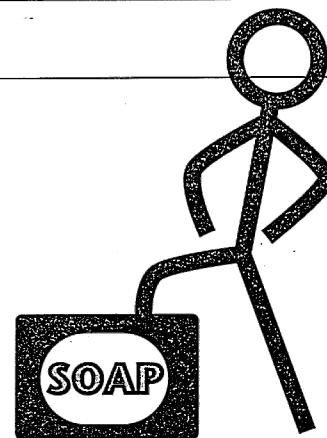


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# ON Fear

An Essay by Malisha Samarasekera



In the recent film “Up in the Air,” George Clooney’s character asks the audience during one of his lectures, “How much does your life weigh? Imagine for a second that you’re carrying a backpack. I want you to pack it with all the stuff in your life ... you start with the little things.” After watching the movie, I wondered what I would put in my own backpack. I would begin with something small, like textbooks from class and pictures of my family, maybe even my favorite book. Eventually, these little things would turn into big ones: relationships, morals, faith in a higher power. I could still lift my backpack — that is, until the last item is stuffed into the remaining space. Suddenly, the metaphorical backpack can no longer be moved, rendered stationary because of the excess weight. What holds my backpack down? Fear.

We all have them: fears that impede our ability to live fully and without abandon. Ranging from a basic dislike of spiders or heights to more deep-seated fears of vulnerability or even death, it is what we are most afraid of that stops us from achieving what we want. We think as we grow older that our fears affect us less; what we do not realize is that these fears only grow stronger, manifesting themselves in ways we are oblivious to until the moment has passed. Our daily lives are perpetually altered by our hidden fears — the things that frighten us most become such a part of our identity that we cannot move past them because we forget that they are there.

As a human being, it is impossible to live without fear. We may tell ourselves that nothing can scare us, might subject ourselves to the most terrifying of horror films or participate in extreme activities because a fear of pain is only for the weak, but in spite of our greatest efforts, we are always afraid. We care for our families and loved ones and therefore fear for their well-being; we have goals and ambitions and consequentially fear failure. Such worries and preoccupations


clearly illustrate our essential humanness, highlighting both our abilities to love and aspire to something greater than ourselves. In short, fear can be a good thing: it is what shows that we have passion. We need fear because being afraid means being vulnerable; it is only a positive, however, as long as we can move past it. Fear prevents us from being automatons by exposing a fracture in our facades of unconquerable strength, but when the fracture turns into a break, our fears become crippling.

We grow up imagining that we will change the world, become a hero to someone, make a difference which will render our memories immortal; yet with every day, our resolve to go out blindly into the world with our dreams as our only guide weakens as we let the fear of reality grow stronger than our commitment to hope. This fear is silent, unknown, and often unacknowledged, and it is this that makes it most dangerous. We are frightened by the risk of venturing out into the harsh world armed with nothing but idealistic visions of a better tomorrow, instead choosing to spend today wondering what could have been in the comfort of our stable lives. We are afraid to change because by changing we become different; we can no longer hide in the shadows of the conformed masses but are instead thrust into the light as everybody else stares. We are scared to be individuals because with individuality comes isolation — it is much easier to remain in the warmth of community than to prepare for the bitter cold which inevitably accompanies striking out on one’s own. We fear being alone in our quest to accomplish something great, and instead are content to revel in mediocrity with others as our talents decay along with our ambitions.

As a soon-to-be-graduating senior, I see the decisions I’ve made about my rapidly-approaching future challenging these fears. I was offered the chance to work as an elementary school teacher in the Mississippi Delta as part of Teach for America — a

commitment which I was fully certain of until the minute before I (electronically) signed the papers. The reasons why I applied to Teach for America — the desire to open up the world to children through education, the need to do something with my Notre Dame degree besides immediately entering law school — no longer seemed as important when it became clear that I would be living ten hours away from my home in Ohio, on my own for the first time. My fear of being alone in uncharted territory was starting to win over my greater goals.

And in spite of my fears, I pressed “Accept.” I accepted a life which I am absolutely petrified of entering, because as a small individual in this great big world, that’s often all you can do. I accepted moving to a region which I have never stepped foot in, to live with people I have never met before, because I know that out of my fears will come something much more important. I accepted a career which I have never actually prepared for, because at some point, being afraid stops being an excuse.

Though fear is an unavoidable reality of life, the only one which we should merit is the fear that we will leave this earth having not accomplished all that we are capable of doing. We must use this fear as a source of motivation, a call to move beyond the fright-induced paralysis which most of us spend our lives trying to counteract. We face countless external obstacles on a daily basis without having to stuff the added burden of fear into our already full backpacks. As human beings, we are much stronger than we give ourselves credit for; every person should be given the opportunity to manifest this strength without the extra weight of his or her own personal trepidations. Let the world say “no” to our dreams; let our peers scoff at our naïve beliefs; let our parents chuckle that we are young and inexperienced. But never, ever let our fears inhibit what we are capable of as intelligent and equipped members of society. 

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# Why Valentine's Day is Destroying the World

*Guest Author: Molly Slavin, Scholastic emeritus*

**W**hen I was in kindergarten, I choked on a candy heart during a class Valentine's Day celebration. My classmates laughed at the spectacle of poor, defenseless me choking. My teacher had to do the Heimlich, and the soggy treat lurched out of my mouth and descended to the ground. A long spit trail followed and I swear in my nightmares I can still hear the plop as it landed on the floor and coalesced into one giant spit puddle. I sat in humiliated silence, my cheeks turning bright red (festive) as a crowd of five-year-olds laughed and pointed.

That is still approximately the feeling I get every time February 14 rolls around. It's like a bunch of five-year-olds are laughing at me and spit is, against my will, spilling out of my mouth and onto the floor, making me, yet again, the most ridiculous, conspicuous and unattractive person in the room.

If you can't tell, I really, really hate Valentine's Day — and for reasons other than my own personal depression. I'm not even going to talk about the loads of bright pink and red Mylar balloons that taunt me with every step I take that fateful day. I won't even bring up the flowers that are toted in my face by every girl

who is apparently more lovable than me. I'm sure many readers are familiar with the sickening sense of doom and overwhelming, indescribable panic people like me get when they realize that they are destined to be alone for another year (at least). That feeling, along with the reality of spending the holiday looking up no-kill shelters to adopt the first of what is sure to be many future cats, are only the most trite and overdone aspects of this incredibly morbid, twisted, obscene holiday.

Instead, for this rant against Valentine's Day, I'm going to get to the heart of the problem: my belief that Valentine's Day is going to bring about the apocalypse. No one thinks through his or her incredibly dangerous Valentine's Day actions, and that is why I am absolutely positive that Valentine's Day is going to destroy the planet. Hear me out.

First of all, what about the environmental implications of the holiday? It can't be good to cut down all those flowers. I don't know a lot about botany, but I'm sure they provide some sort of important ecological service. And all those wrappings from chocolates piling up in landfills? Popped balloons littering the streets? It's just unethical. This is Notre Dame, the home of the Center for Social Concerns, and all the people who are ostensibly celebrating love are really causing global warming. Thanks a lot. We all really appreciate that your selfishness is going to destroy the environment.

I hope you're prepared for the inevitable wrath of Al Gore. And what about the upward spike in depressed parents around the holiday? I'm thinking beyond my own depressed feelings now — every year when my mom calls me on Valentine's Day and I still don't have anyone to celebrate with, I can hear her die a little inside. I think it's bad that people celebrating Valentine's Day cause sadness for mothers everywhere. Another point against Cupid.

Last but not least, think of all the things that could be accomplished on this day. I am sure that there are scientific discoveries to be made, programs to be created, Nobel Prizes to be won, but the world's leading doctors/politicians/peaceniks are probably too busy on February 14 comforting their bawling friends to do anything of real substance. Valentine's Day is why cancer still exists, the national unemployment rate is abysmal and why there is no peace in the Middle East. No one has time to devote to these pressing causes when there are sad friends to soothe.

So in sum: I hate Valentine's Day for more than silly, lonely, "Why doesn't anyone love me?" reasons. I hate Valentine's Day — and so should you — because it is destroying the world. When your children are living in an ecological wasteland full of crying, unemployed parents, a continuing Palestinian conflict and rising rates of cancer, don't you dare blame me. Blame yourselves for participating in the havoc that brought about the downfall of life as we know it. And you'll notice I said "your" not "our" children (because I won't be able to have any). All altruistic notions about wanting to save the world from the horror of Valentine's Day aside, I'm still pretty bitter about that. **5**

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# Civil Rights in Uganda

Courtney Ball

Tragically, when genuine human rights scandals occur internationally, there is often far too little media coverage devoted to them. A political war is currently being waged in Uganda to enact a policy that would systematically rob citizens of many of their civil rights. Uganda's "Anti-Homosexuality Bill" is an affront to human dignity; worse, its threat has been virtually ignored in the United States.

Under the bill, individuals who participate in homosexual acts are liable for life imprisonment. Those who commit "aggravated homosexuality," which includes serial offenders, are subject to a death sentence. Citizens or permanent residents of Uganda who violate the law outside of Uganda would be extradited and then prosecuted, making it impossible for homosexuals to escape the tyranny by leaving the country. If the bill's goal is to protect the traditional family values and youth of Uganda from the threat of homosexual influence as the text states, this clause seems unnecessary and counterproductive by forcing homosexuals to return. It suggests, rather, that the true goal of the bill is to marginalize and abuse a minority group.

The bill does not just transgress upon the rights of homosexual persons — it compromises the rights of any individual who happens to know a homosexual person. The bill reads:

*"A person in authority, who being aware of the commission of any offence under this Act, omits to report the offence to the relevant authorities within twenty-four hours of having first had that knowledge, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty currency points or imprisonment not exceeding three years."*

Under this law one must choose between betraying neighbors and friends or suffering a potential three years in prison.

The language of the bill is shocking both in its blatant violation of basic human rights and in its ignorant and dangerously broad language. For example, in the "Interpretation" portion of the proposed bill, the language utilized in the law is defined. A "sexual act" which is potentially punishable by death includes: *a) physical sexual activity that does not necessarily culminate in intercourse and may include the touching of another's breast, vagina, penis or anus.*" This definition could include even accidental or joking contact between friends.

While the bill has not yet passed, reports indicate that its enactment is not unlikely. Though the United States' attempt to assert political influence in developing countries could often be judged inappropriate and ultimately

detrimental, Notre Dame has a unique role to play in this development. Notre Dame has strong ties to Uganda which have been forged both through the Congregation of Holy Cross, which leads seven local religious communities there, and the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative. The Millennium Village Project, part of the development initiative, provides Notre Dame students and faculty an opportunity to work with villagers in developing interventions and conducting research. The university has invested substantial financial resources into fostering development in Uganda through this initiative, including building a school in the region. Additionally, each year Notre Dame students travel to Uganda for service and study abroad opportunities. This intimate relationship with Uganda provides us with an opportunity to educate citizens on Christian beliefs on homosexuality and use our influence to promote positive policy changes while discouraging policies which would allow the government to discriminate against its own citizens and foster human rights violations.

The prospective passage of the bill also requires Notre Dame to rethink the viability of sending students to Uganda for service initiatives. Can Notre Dame responsibly endorse initiatives which require students, especially LGBTQ students, to reside in a country threatening imprisonment or death to those who violate the bill?

The Anti-Homosexuality Bill also sheds light on an issue which affects Notre Dame even more intimately. The rationale for the bill faintly echoes Notre Dame's reasoning for excluding sexual orientation from its non-discrimination clause in that its cited objective is the protection of traditional values. The bill reads:

*"The object of this Bill is to establish a comprehensive consolidated legislation to protect the traditional family by prohibiting (i) any form of sexual relations between persons of the same sex; and (ii) the promotion or recognition of such sexual relations in public institutions and other places through or with the support of any Government entity in Uganda or any non governmental organization inside or outside the country."*

Though Notre Dame would certainly never allow this type of discrimination, this further emphasizes why we must clearly articulate our stance against discrimination rather than skirt the issue.

When a country like Uganda attempts to justify the subjugation and brutality of a minority

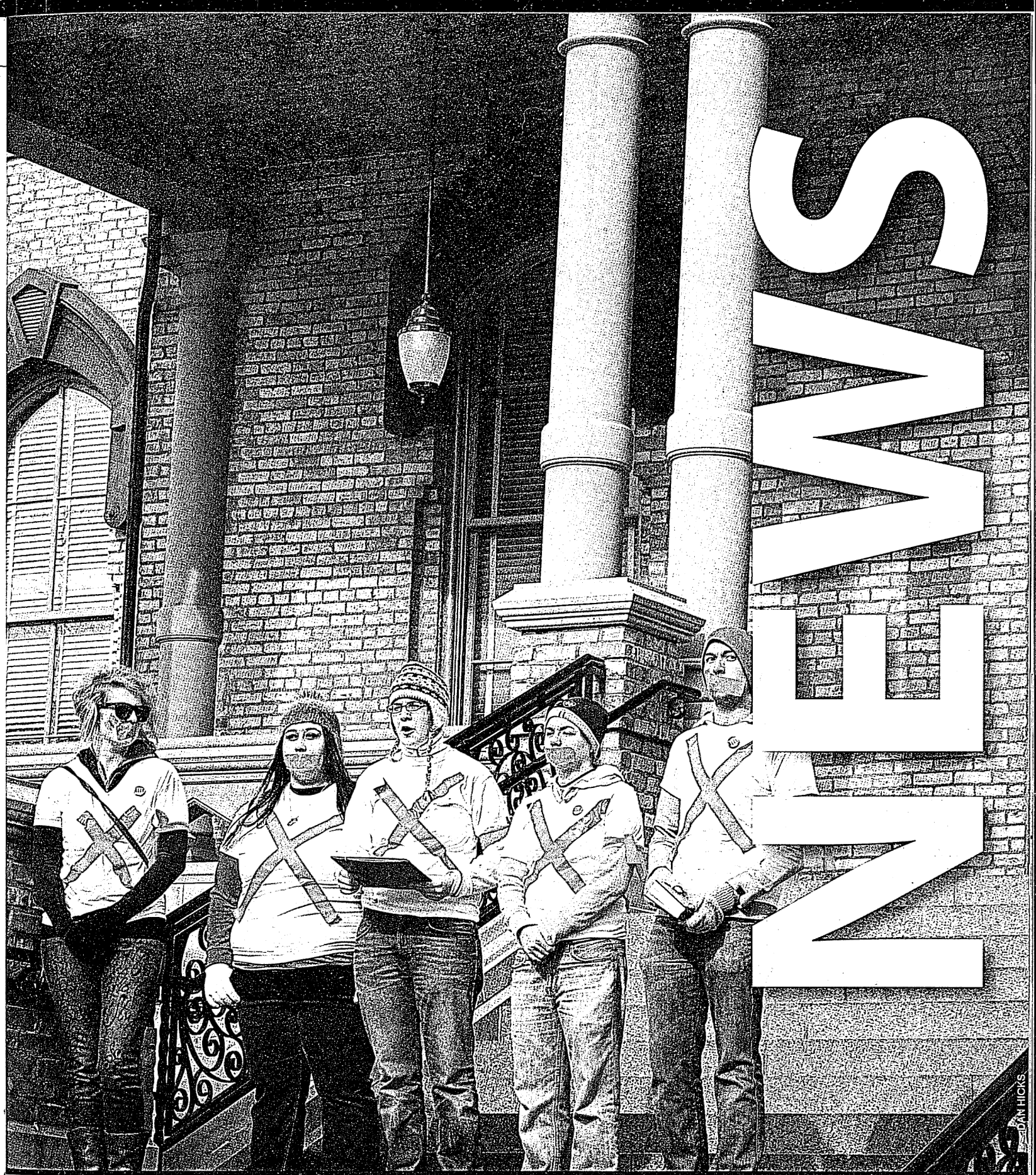
group by appealing to Christian values, it is more important than ever that Notre Dame, as the premier Catholic university, sets an example that intolerance and bigotry are not acceptable. How can Notre Dame teach the Catholic doctrine of love and acceptance, taking a stand against policies of hate like the Anti-Homosexuality Bill, when it will not guarantee non-discrimination to all students and staff?

Last Wednesday there was a demonstration on campus campaigning to have sexual orientation added to Notre Dame's non-discrimination clause. Over 200 Notre Dame students and faculty wore white and gathered at the gates of Notre Dame, covering their mouths with purple tape to symbolize the silence forced on members of the LGBTQ community. After marching to the Dome in silence and reading a prayer and a letter to Father Jenkins, the five demonstration leaders peacefully attempted to enter Main Building in order to deliver the letter. They were denied entrance. The university's decision to bar these students' from entering their own administrative building clearly illustrates that the LGBTQ community does not have a voice with which to address their president. Though Rev. John Jenkins, C.S.C. later met with the leaders, this does not excuse his refusal to acknowledge the presence of hundreds of concerned students calmly waiting to be heard.

As a Catholic university, the challenges facing society can become even more difficult to interpret and respond to. Regardless of the Church and one's personal views on homosexuality, it is fairly uncontroversial that the message of Christian scriptures is one of love and forgiveness, openness and understanding. Discrimination and the hate it reveals do not have a place in that message.

Whether it is our failure to provide legal protection for LGBTQ individuals on campus or to provide a voice for those being silenced in Uganda, Notre Dame students, faculty and staff cannot afford to veil this issue any longer. The Anti-Homosexuality Bill must be addressed in Uganda. Whether this means suspending student trips to the country or establishing a campus-wide campaign is for our campus community to decide. Perhaps by focusing on the wrongs occurring in Uganda we can begin to reflect upon what message our own policies are sending as well.

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**HEARTS FOR HAITI** Student performers raise money for Haiti through a charity concert.



**A NOTRE DAME LOVE STORY** The Actors from the London Stage perform a five-person rendition of Romeo and Juliet.

## JUDGMENT CALLS



### iPad

Here's the sad truth: It may seem pointless now, but in three years we will all need one.



### LOST

Fifteen exhilarating episodes until we are inevitably disappointed by the finale.



### Father John is Listening

Creepy. Plus, since when are we on a first-name basis with the president?



### Finny's Reverse Cover

No joke, they are actually paying people not to go to Fever. Save your dollars and your dignity.



### Saints in the Super Bowl

Their mascot makes them the NFL's Catholic team, but Reggie Bush is still the worst person ever.

## HOW TO

### Creatively campaign for student body president

Alyssa Morones

**W**hen campaigning for the prestigious office of student body president, candidates have many options for self-promotion. While some may choose a more conventional route (i.e. Facebook groups, snazzy posters), others may appeal to the student body through more ... creative means. Here are just a few simple ideas candidates can employ on this year's campaign trail.

**1 Make promises that sound really cool in theory:** Everyone knows campaigning politicians never keep their promises, so why not shoot for the stars this upcoming election? Promise a beer dispenser in North Dining Hall (for the over-21 crowd, of course) or a recreational zip line that extends between the Dome and the Basilica.

**2 Dress up as your favorite obscure president during the week leading up to election day:** Anyone can claim to be the "Lincoln of the present." As a result, such claims are more easily disregarded. Instead, dress as the obscure U.S. president with whom you most identify. Because, really, James K. Polk doesn't get enough credit.

**3 Sign a treaty with Notre Dame's squirrel population:** Everyone's tired of the tense squirrel-student relations on campus. Promote a friendlier, more trusting campus environment while hyping your peacekeeping abilities. The downside is, this method of campaigning implies that you can (or think you can) talk to squirrels.

**4 Bribe the media:** People say any publicity is good publicity, but in reality, good publicity is better than bad publicity. Therefore, it may be in your best interest to find a journalist willing to talk you up a bit in his or her election coverage. In the grand scheme of things, this is a more ethical alternative than, let's say, having your opponents "whacked." Just go to confession in a couple weeks. (I am currently accepting "donations.")

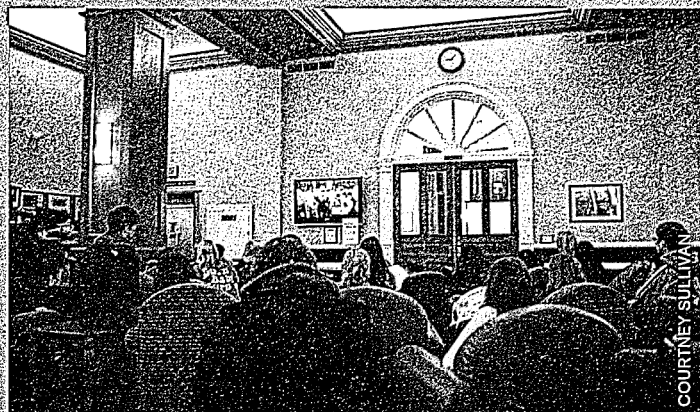
**5 Have free give-aways:** Just because we're in a recession doesn't mean you can't still give away cool, if cheap, campaign favors. At your next campaign event "make it rain" Ramen noodles, or just collect a very large group of friends to hijack some free Costco samples that you can later hand out to your constituents.

**6 Drive around in a Campaign Mobile:** Steal a golf cart, strap a banner to it and drive around until you get caught.





**SPELLCHICK** The class of 2012 hosted its first annual spelling bee to benefit victims of the earthquake in Haiti.



**BARACKING AROUND THE DOME** Students gather in LaFortune to watch the State of the Union address.

## NBC News Anchor Chosen as Commencement Speaker

Alexandra Moulton

While this year's commencement ceremony will take place in an entirely different venue from the media circus that was the 2009 commencement, it will feature another prominent figure in American culture. Brian Williams, current anchor of NBC Nightly News, has been named the commencement speaker for the graduating class of 2010. The ceremony will take place in Notre Dame Stadium for the first time in school history.

The process of choosing a commencement speaker at Notre Dame involves decision making by many university officials; students, however, have more influence than they think.

"Anyone associated with the University of Notre Dame is encouraged to submit suggestions for commencement speakers," Dennis Brown, University Spokesman and Assistant Vice President for Public Information and Communications at Notre Dame, says. "We keep an active list of possible invitees, and Father Jenkins, in consultation with board members, officers and other leaders of the university, makes the final decision."

Students can suggest names of speakers at any time to university leaders or student government representatives.

"Some institutions annually have the university president serve as the primary speaker, others always select an alumnus, and others make a selection in ways similar to our process at Notre Dame," Brown says.

Notre Dame's efforts are focused on bringing speakers from all walks of life to the commencement ceremony. Past speakers have come from a variety of fields, including former NBC journalist Tom Brokaw, comedian Bill Cosby and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Williams has been awarded five Emmy awards and the prestigious George Foster Peabody Award in his career as a journalist.

"He has witnessed success, suffering, confusion, chaos, peace and war," Notre Dame Student Body President Grant Schmidt says. "Given Mr. Williams' unparalleled experience with a number of pressing issues, I am confident that he will inspire us all with an extremely applicable address."

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## TOP FIVE things we should protest at Notre Dame

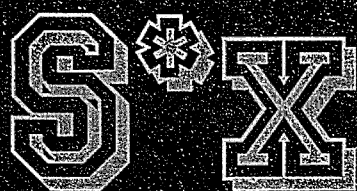
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Sex Education at Notre Dame

Jason G'Sell

**"Sex kills. So come to Notre Dame and live forever."**

This is the slogan that graced the front of t-shirts worn by a faction of outspoken Notre Dame students in 2003. While this statement was made in jest, the underlying issues it represents raise questions as to the proper place of sex education at a Catholic university.

One opinion on Notre Dame's ability to provide sex education to students lies in the 2009 Trojan Sexual Health Report Card, an annual report of sexual health resources at American colleges and universities issued by the condom manufacturer, Trojan. This report has consistently ranked Notre Dame as one of the least sexually healthy schools in the nation, listing it at 130th for 2009.

Of the 141 universities ranked on the report card, all eight Catholic institutions fell in the bottom 20. Reasons include the lack of availability of condoms and the inability to obtain birth control from Health Services for contraceptive purposes.

"Considering some of the categories that the report was judged on, such as 'contraceptive availability and cost' and 'condom availability and cost,' I think that as a Catholic university Notre Dame should have scored badly on at least these two categories," senior Katrina Peller, co-chair of the Edith Stein Project, says. "Perhaps we should form our own rubric on which to base Catholic universities' 'sexual health.'" The Edith Stein Project, an annual conference on campus, addresses how to integrate Catholic teaching with issues of gender, sexuality and human dignity.

While some have argued that Notre Dame students are less sexually active than their state-school peers, results from a school-wide survey administered in 1990 show that at that time, 50 percent of undergraduate respondents

reported that they had engaged in sexual intercourse while students at Notre Dame. Results from an informal survey of 100 undergraduates conducted by *Scholastic* show that 63 percent of respondents think that percentage would be higher today. The question, then, is not if Notre Dame students are sexually active, but what Notre Dame is doing in response.

According to recent data released by the Center for Disease Control, approximately one-third of adolescents have not received instruction on methods of birth control before the age of 18, leaving Catholic universities in the unique position of having to educate students on sexual health while still advocating Catholic sexual values. Just how aware are Notre Dame students of sexual health issues?

### A Touchy Subject

Eighty-two percent of respondents to the *Scholastic* survey reported having received some formal sex education before coming to Notre Dame. Despite this high percentage, many students are still uncomfortable discussing matters related to sexuality and sexual health. Heather Rakoczy Russell, director of Notre Dame's Gender Relations Center, explains that most Notre Dame students have had conversations before coming to college about being sexually active. She also says, however, "Where they seem to be really lacking is in a refined or a mature understanding of themselves as sexual beings, and so what I think is a common issue among our students is a lack of comfort around

discussing these things openly... If there is some lack of comfort discussing things, then people tend to live in ignorance."

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-KATRINA PELLER, CO-CHAIR OF THE EDITH STEIN PROJECT

While the potential causes of this discomfort abound, many credit the high number of students coming from same-sex high schools and the Catholic environment in which they live. With over 40 percent of current Notre Dame undergraduates

graduating from Catholic high schools, the guilt and shame that occasionally accompany premarital sex have grown to pervade discussion and discourse about the issue.

"I do think sometimes the shame or embarrassment or guilt — or perceived guilt — that comes with breaking the Church teaching stops people from asking good questions," Rakoczy Russell says. "Part of students being educated on a subject is them being willing to engage in the conversations and the dialogue and I think there is a general lack of comfort in that area."

Discomfort with discussion, however, does not always lead to lack of action. "I hear too frequently that it doesn't stop them from having sex or engaging in physical relationships," Rakoczy Russell says. "What it stops them from doing is getting educated and so they don't learn about birth control."

The Edith Stein Project features one opportunity for dialogue around the issue of birth control. This month, the conference will feature a presentation entitled "Natural Family Planning vs. Contraception: What's the Big Deal?" focusing on the positive and negative aspects of birth control and natural family planning. The conference tries to provide a forum for discussion that is both positive and optimistic surrounding many issues of sexuality.

As the percentage of college students engaging in sexual activity increases nationally, what is Notre Dame doing to integrate faith formation with sexual health education?



## Taking Action

Since the creation of the Gender Relations Center (GRC) in 2004, Notre Dame has implemented a number of programs to educate students on issues of sex and sexuality.

In order to reach students early in their college career, the Contemporary Topics course required for all freshmen includes a section on relationships, sex and sexuality. Students are asked to read a series of four articles followed by eight pages of frequently asked questions dealing with the Catholic Church's teachings on sex and sexuality and then write a two-page reflection paper. "I was terribly surprised, positively so, that resoundingly first-year students found the part that was most helpful was the Catholic Church teaching," Rakoczy Russell says. "Many of them had gone to Catholic schools and had never been told the Catholic Church teaching as plainly as it appeared in that document."

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Darrell Paulsen, a member of Campus Ministry working in the area of marriage preparation and enrichment, explains that the Catholic theology regarding sexuality is more than mandates of right and wrong. "The Church teaching is there to help people ... It's created based on life experiences and the tradition of

the Church," he says.

While the section includes resources for pregnant students and survivors of rape and sexual assault, it does not provide any information concerning sexual health, contraception or sexually transmitted infections.

To fill this void, the GRC presents an annual panel discussion on sex education and sexual health. Part of their "Signature Series" of forums, this panel features a female university physician, a male alumnus OB/GYN practicing in the South Bend area and a Master of Divinity graduate student. Students can have questions answered about any topic, often ranging from university policy to general health to moral questions.

While the forum was previously held in the residence halls to provide a single-

sex environment, this past fall it was presented to a co-ed audience in Geddes Hall. "We've tried to do the Signature Series same-sex in the halls and we've also done it this last fall co-ed and I didn't notice a difference," Rakoczy Russell says. "People were equally nervous, uncomfortable, reluctant to talk, single-sex or co-ed, so I think it's the subject."

## Notre Dame, Our Mothers

The discomfort surrounding sex frequently extends to lack of knowledge about the risks of pregnancy. This is evident in the numerous myths on Notre Dame's campus surrounding student pregnancy. While many rumors point to students being expelled or kicked off



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of respondents think that  
Notre Dame does enough to  
educate its students about  
sex and sexuality

# 34%

of respondents think that  
Notre Dame provides enough  
resources to students  
concerning sexual health

# 68%

of respondents think that  
Notre Dame does do enough  
to teach the Catholic Church's  
teaching on sexuality

\*Results from an informal survey conducted by Scholastic of 96 randomly selected students. Margin of error: 10 percent

campus for becoming pregnant, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Ann Firth writes in an e-mail to *Scholastic*, "Notre Dame is committed to offering students resources to support the choice of life." "Student Affairs offers a wide array of resources to assist students who are facing an unintended pregnancy — we support both women and men in these situations, and we are committed to providing caring, non-judgmental assistance," Firth says.

Resources include a reevaluation of financial aid and housing options, medical referrals to local OB/GYNs, assistance with academic matters and pastoral care. "Pregnant students can also choose to continue to live in their residence halls," Firth says. Students who are pregnant face no disciplinary consequences, and the university is committed to helping the mother carry her baby to term.

These resources, however, are not always well known. Only 33 percent of survey respondents believe that Notre Dame provides enough resources to students who are pregnant. "I don't think they are well publicized," Rakoczy Russell says. "Part of what the university can be working on is to make sure that the right information is out there and easily accessible."

To help make this information more available, the GRC is launching a new pregnancy resources campaign. The campaign will feature postcards set out in chapels, posters around campus and brochures. The pro-life task force founded by Fr. John Jenkins, C.S.C. in response to President Obama's commencement visit has also proposed a similar campaign to make better known the university's supportive policies of pregnant students.

### The Faith Factor

But while some argue that Catholic teaching on sex creates a culture of ignorance, others push for tighter faith integration. "Might some students feel like they're not having access to all of the information they want to get? I guess some students could say that," Rakoczy Russell says. "But they could go just about anywhere online to get the practical information they want, and the deeper conversation about how do you integrate this into your faith development

## HIV/AIDS AT (NOTRE DAME)

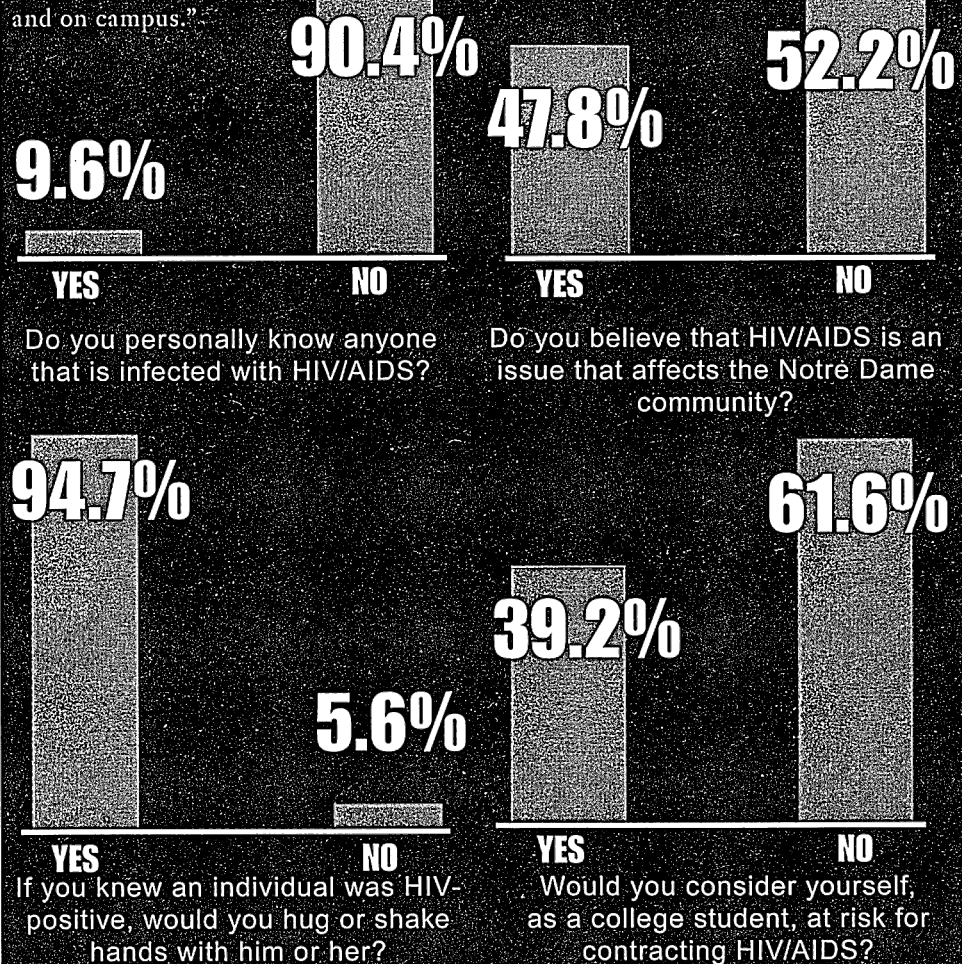
December 1, 2009 marked the 21st birthday of World AIDS Day. The day was created to raise awareness about the immense impact the AIDS pandemic has had on the world and show support and solidarity to those who are positive. To commemorate the day, a task force of students, many of whom had participated in national and international Summer Service Learning Projects, surveyed the student body to get their perspective on HIV/AIDS.

The results from the over 2,000 responses were put on display in LaFortune student center the afternoon of December 1. Reactions ranged from shock to indifference to an overall sense of discomfort. "People were uncomfortable with seeing just the words 'condoms,' 'contraception' and things like that in the student union," director of student leadership and senior transitions at the CSC Michael Hebbeler says.

The survey responses revealed a variety of attitudes and opinions, many filled with respect, but still many fueled by ignorance.

A national survey of 1,854 college-aged students conducted in 2003 by the Kaiser Family Foundation found that 69 percent of 18-24 year-olds were either "very" or "somewhat" concerned about HIV/AIDS. Why then, do less than half of students at Notre Dame believe HIV/AIDS is an issue that affects them while less than 40 percent consider themselves at risk?

"There's a stigma with HIV/AIDS of people being afraid to get tested," Hebbeler says. "Why is that fear there and can we address that? That was part of the hope of world AIDS day, to get the word out and say this is an issue, and not an issue that's isolated in Africa or the rest of the world. It's actually here in St. Joe's county... and on campus."

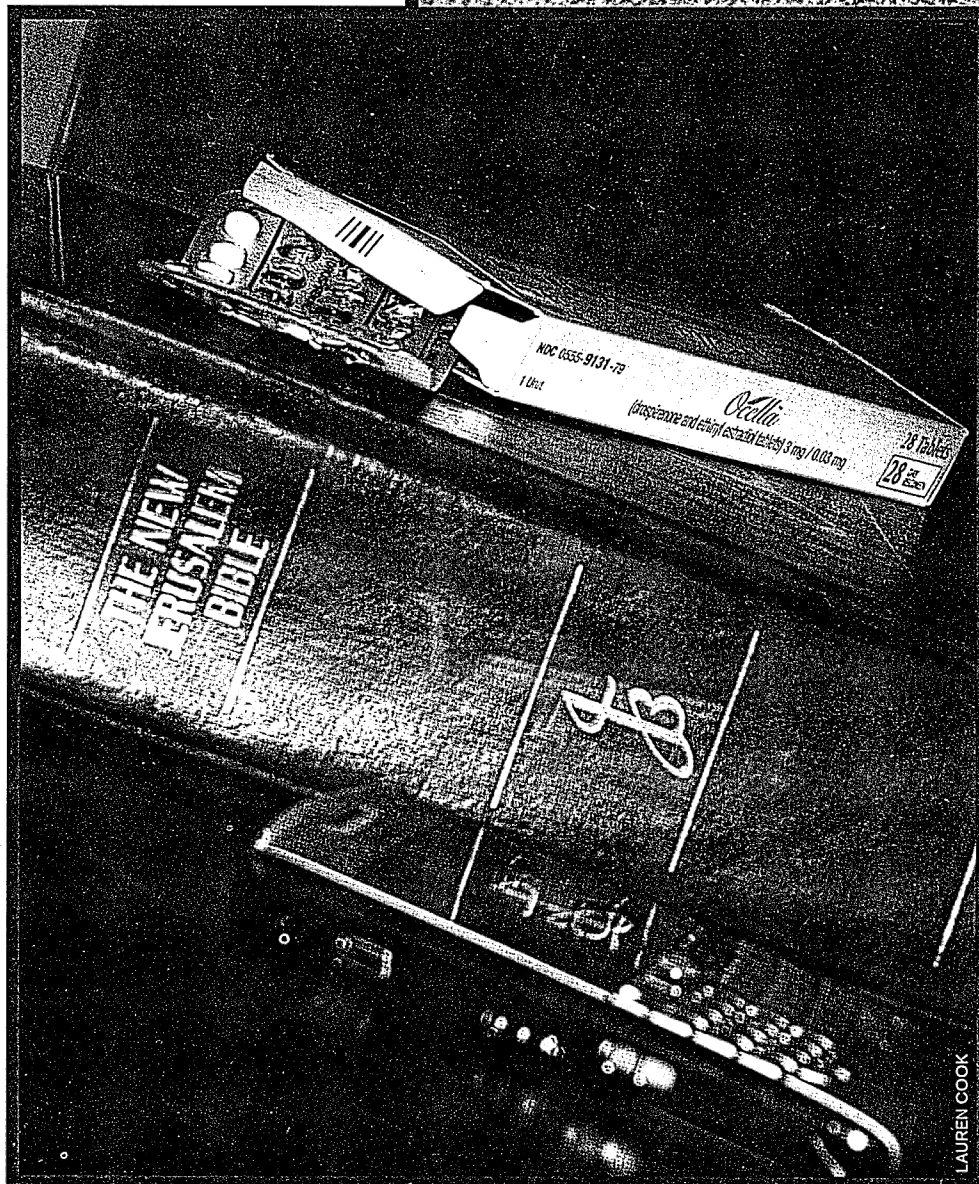
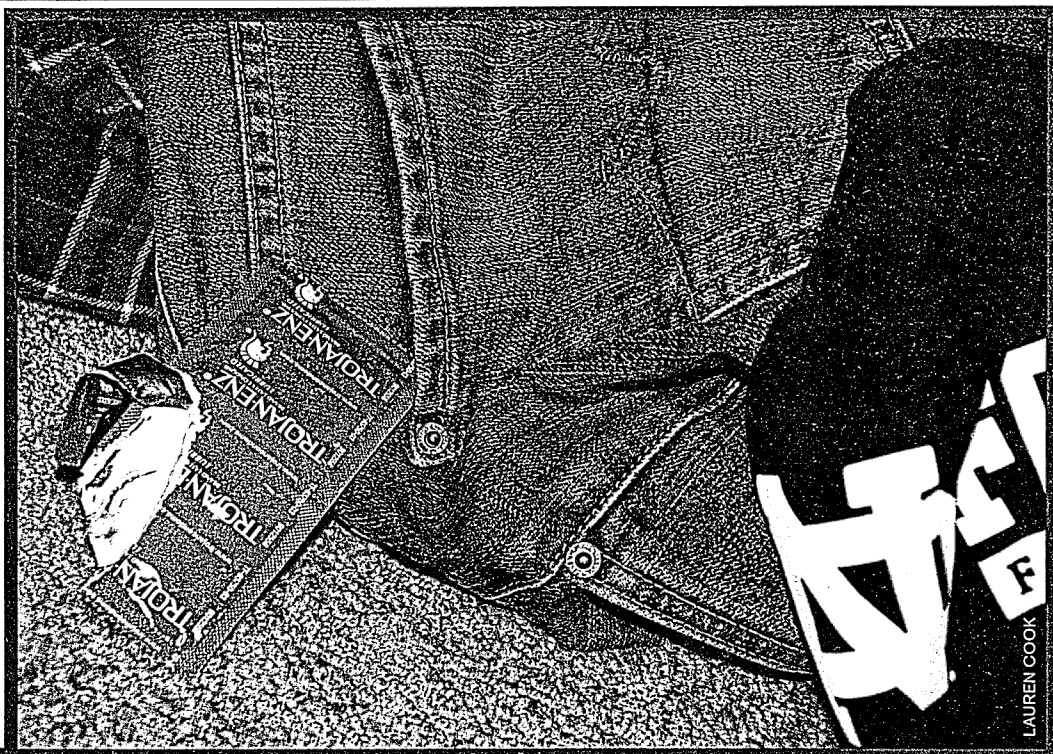


\*Results based on a survey taken by 2,207 students

# SPECIAL REPORT SEX EDUCATION

and your moral development ... actually happens here with great frequency."

Many professors also use the classroom setting to further these conversations. Fr. Mark Poorman, C.S.C., vice president for Student Affairs, teaches a theology class entitled "Relationships and Sexuality" that deals with Christian ethics and Roman Catholic moral theology in the context of human sexuality and sexual ethics. "When given a serious venue to consider the issues, [students] are very candid about their own perspectives on the morality of premarital sex, cohabitation, contraception and other important issues," Poorman writes in an e-mail to *Scholastic*. "They offer thoughtful



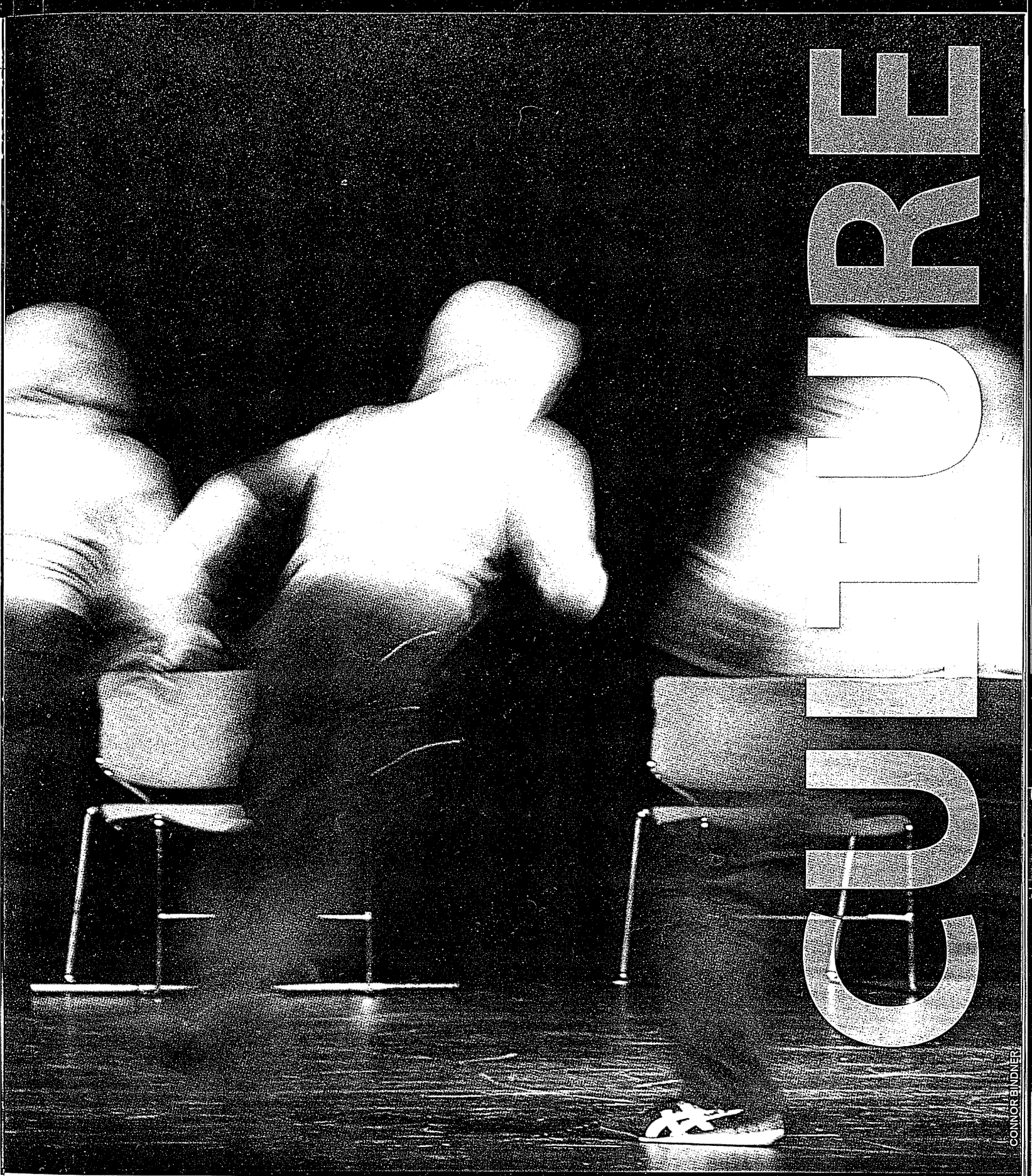
and constructive discussions about the campus culture with regard to sexuality and the value of Catholic Church teaching in providing moral guidance on sexual matters."

Other Catholic universities have taken steps to create an atmosphere where dialogue about sex can flourish. Georgetown University, ranked 121st on Trojan's Report Card, introduced its first "Sex Positive Week" in February 2009. Intended to stimulate a frank and open discussion about sexuality, Sex Positive featured events and discussions surrounding topics ranging from pornography and BDSM (Bondage, Discipline, Sadism, Masochism) to virginity and celibacy. As a product of three student groups, the event was not organized by university officials, but did obtain university funding.

"I think that the more we talk about the integration of sexuality into our psychology, into our spirituality, the better off we'll be," Paulsen says.

For many students, college is a time to solidify their identity and morals. As discussion surrounding sexual identity and sexual ethics at Notre Dame is suppressed or ignored, some students can be left in the dark. "As a university we can always do more to increase our students' education about sexuality and sexual ethics, both within the curriculum and in our co-curricular opportunities," Poorman says.





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# Culture

## DanceFest 2010

Where: Washington Hall

When: Fri. 02/05, 7 P.M.

What: Welsh Family Hall presents their annual dance show, "Bad Romance." The show is \$5 and open to the public. Tickets are available at the LaFortune box office.

## PemCo's PARADE

Where: Washington Hall

When: Fri.- Sat., 02/12-02/13, 7 P.M.; Sun., 02/14, 3 P.M.

What: Pasquerilla East Musical Company's 13th annual mainstage show. Tickets are available at LaFortune box office. \$6 for students, \$8 for general admission.

*Treasure of the Week*

## Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra Winter 2010 Concert

Where: DPAC

When: Fri. 02/12, 7:30 P.M.

What: ND Music faculty violinist Carolyn Plummer joins the orchestra for a midwinter concert. Tickets are \$3 for students.

*Caroline Henderson*



# Map



## Men's B-Ball vs. USF

Where: Purcell Pavillion @ the JACC

When: Sun. 02/07, Noon

What: Show your support as the Irish's 6th man.

## Women's B-Ball vs. Pittsburgh

Where: Purcell Pavillion @ the JACC

When: Sat. 02/06, 2 P.M.

What: Watch the 3rd best women's team in the NCAA take on Pittsburgh.

## THE SNITE MUSEUM OF ART Laura Izibor Concert

Where: Legends Nightclub

When: Sat. 02/06, 10 P.M.

What: Check out musician Laura Izibor, an Irish R&B singer from Dublin. In the past, she has opened for Aretha Franklin, Estelle and John Legend on tour.

## Preliminary Bouts

Where: JACC Fieldhouse

When: Sat. 02/13, 1 P.M.-8 P.M.

What: Come watch Bengal Bout's Boxing Club preliminaries and support the Holy Cross Missions. \$6 for general admission.

# MYTHBUSTERS ND

Kristy Cloetingh and Maria Sellers

**N**otre Dame is no stranger to rumors – whether it's about a famous pop singer stopping by for a campus tour or just who *is* going to enlighten graduating speakers at commencement, our campus is used to tall tales and hearsay. But what about the rumors that refuse to die down after weeks of Facebook statuses and text messages? Assistant Culture Editors Kristy Cloetingh and Maria Sellers uncovered the reality behind some of Notre Dame's most persistent legends.

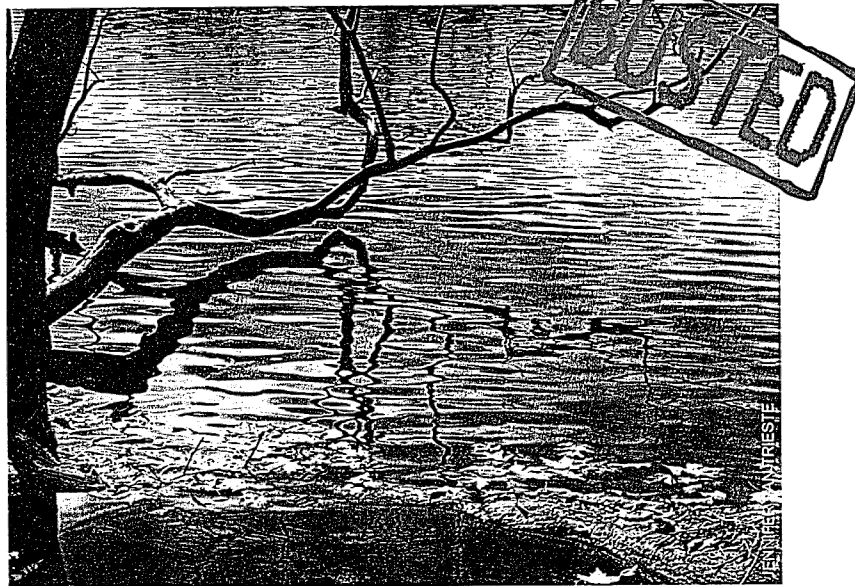
## MYTH: WORN AND DAMAGED CRUCIFIXES FROM ND CLASSROOMS ARE SUBMERGED IN THE CAMPUS LAKES. NEW CRUCIFIXES CAN BE PROCURED VIA A CROSS HOTLINE.

This myth is half true, half false. Worn and damaged crucifixes from ND classrooms are not being submerged in the lakes, but new crucifixes can be obtained by a call to Academic Space Management.

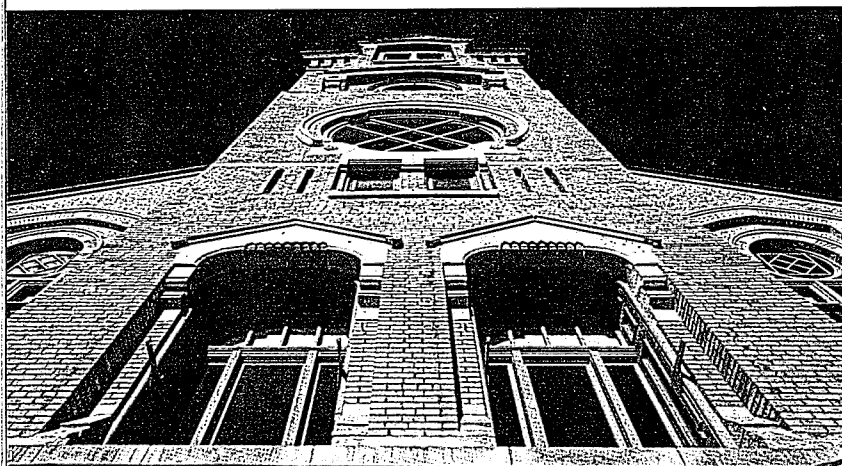
"There are three ways that the Catholic Church allows discarding of blessed objects ... one to bury them, two to burn them and three to submerge them in deep water," Director of Academic Space Management Joe Schellinger says. "For the past 21 years that I have been with the university, we have never submerged any crucifixes into the lakes on campus."

Instead, they have donated used crucifixes to local Catholic grade schools and high schools. The broken crucifixes are buried in new building sites around campus. Academic Space Management performs a classroom inventory biannually. Crucifixes are checked and replaced as needed during this time. In some cases, students or faculty will report a broken or missing crucifix to the office.

"I order the new crucifixes and have Fr. Rocca, C.S.C. or another campus priest bless them before they are placed into a classroom," Schellinger says.



## MYTH: THE GIPPER HAUNTS WASHINGTON HALL.



WASHINGTON



In 1920, George "The Gipper" Gipp allegedly slept on the steps of Washington Hall, caught pneumonia and died on December 14. Ever since then, the rumor that the Gipper haunts the dormitory-turned-theatre has practically become fact among the student body. But is this rumor true?

"Perhaps this is due to the fact that I don't believe in ghosts, but I have never seen any evidence of the Gipp's existence," Washington Hall Manager Ron Grisoli says. "I have never seen nor heard anything in this building that could not be rationally explained. I will say that the steam heating system (like in many other old buildings) can produce unpredictable noises. Also, the smoke hatches above the mainstage have rubber seals that create a 'creepy' noise on very windy days," Grisoli says.

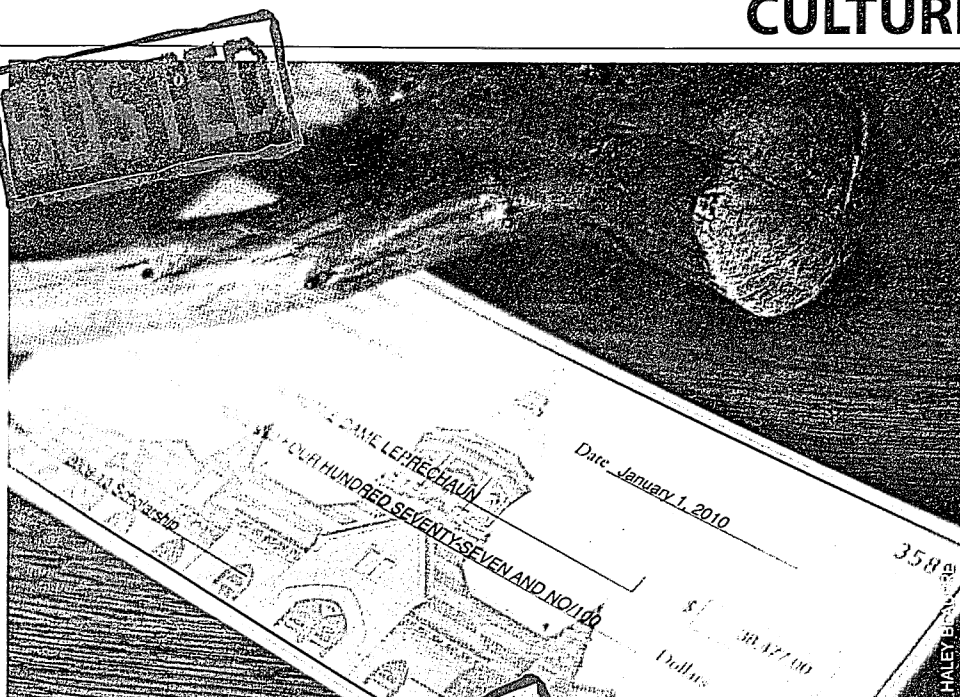
"Washington Hall is a very old building, so we have lots of strange noises all the time," assistant manager of Washington Hall Kathleen Lane says. Perhaps this is why *Scholastic* failed to conjure the ghost of the Gipper last year during a séance at Washington Hall.



## MYTH: THE LEPRECHAUN GETS A FULL RIDE.

It makes sense, doesn't it? He's the mascot of the university, the face of Notre Dame, in charge of representing the sports teams and getting the crowds fired up for football and basketball games. Why shouldn't the Leprechaun get some sort of financial aid, if not a full ride? His commitment to the school is practically legendary.

And yet, the Leprechaun does not get free tuition; this rumor has "zero basis in reality," Kyle Chamberlin, 2005 Leprechaun and current third year law student, says. "In fact, the leprechaun does not receive a dollar in scholarship aid, nor does any other member of the cheerleading team. But even in retrospect I wouldn't trade the intangible rewards for a full ride."



## MYTH: CARBOHYDRATES ON THE VEGETABLES AT THE DINING HALL.

This rumor has been discussed more than the football team's new coach. Ask anyone and they will tell you with conviction that the lettuce leaves and other vegetables at the dining hall salad bars are sprayed with a certain chemical that is high in calories to ensure that students who overdose on greens are still getting the nutrition they need.

This rumor, however, has been busted. Manager of Nutrition and Safety Jocelyn Antonelli insists that "there is absolutely no truth to this rumor. We don't spray our vegetables with anything." The vegetables in the salad bars around campus are, she says, "no different than the ones you would get at home, a restaurant, or the grocery store." In fact, in regards to other rumors revolving around the food on campus, "our food is wholesome as if you purchased it at Martins," Antonelli says. Not only are chemicals not added to the food, but if they were, Notre Dame would be committing an illegal act. "Under the Indiana and Federal Food Codes, food establishments are not allowed to add such things to the food," she says.



## MYTH: YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WALK ON THE GRASS OF GOD QUAD.

Many have gathered on the grass of God Quad, especially during home football game weekends. But is it really against duLac to walk on that lawn?

This myth is mostly false. It depends on the context of the situation.

Assistant Director of the Office of Residence Life & Housing Kathleen O'Leary says, "While there is no policy discussing such behavior, there are policies that address damage to property or behavior that causes a serious disturbance to the University community."

The Office of Residence Life and Housing makes decisions on a case-by-case basis, and sanctions issued in response to violations of these policies vary based on the nature of the incident.

We suggest you stick to the sidewalks though. After all, there is that other myth about a walk on the God-Quad grass bringing bad luck to the football season... **S**

# Campus Chatter

## DEPARTMENT OF BENGAL BOUTS

I'll be honest. The only reason I attend Bengal Bouts (other than to support its efforts in Bangladesh) is to feast my eyes upon some seriously cut Notre Dame man-candy. Don't deny it ladies, I know that's why you're there shoving down handfuls of popcorn while gazing in awe. I'm not judging, because I'm right there with you. So when the opportunity arose for one lucky *Scholastic* kid to spend the day observing Bengal Bouts practice, I jumped on it like The Situation on a Jaeger bomb. Fist pump.

As I hurried to the JACC on Monday, trying to avoid being blown down by the South Quad windstorm, I started to get a little nervous. It started with one bike, then two, then six, then 10 whizzing past me. Without realizing it, I started to hum the Wicked Witch of the West theme song. Most of these guys were huge, and none of them were smiling. Inside the JACC, they moved as a herd, tramping down into the pit. I was the only bouncing ponytail in the whole bunch.

The first thing I noticed was the smell. Whoever cleans the football locker room needs to get down there stat and start sanitizing. I lingered in the corner as the boys wrapped up their hands, started hitting the bags or shadowboxed in the mirror. I finally figured out where Bengal Bouts president Chris Cugliari was and he gave me the run-down for practice: Novices would be sparring in the rings to start, with those not signed up doing calisthenics and technique work up in the field house. The veterans would be training up in Gym 1, returning downstairs to spar when the novices were done.

I drifted towards the lower ring and started chatting with the student medic. After getting the basic name, dorm, major, etc. down, I asked him if any serious injuries ever occurred during practice. His response: "Like, more than a broken or bloody nose?" I gingerly touched my conspicuous nose ring and shuddered. As I started to watch the fights from the other side of the ropes, I became my mother's daughter and winced with every hit. This was only practice and the boys were taking a serious beating. I wasn't surprised when blood starting spurting during the third fight. I took this as my cue to see what the other boys were up to.

After observing both the novices and the veterans, I noticed a clear difference in fitness. While the novices were dragging their feet and trying to figure out who I was and why I was watching them, the veterans barely registered my presence. The focus and intensity in the veteran gym was palpable, and I was more than a little intimidated. These guys meant business. As I went back downstairs to watch

the veterans spar, their experience became even more evident. Coaches rarely stopped these fights, yelling advice from the side. The hits were harder, blocked more often. After talking to senior captain John Maier and junior captain John Tchoula, it became obvious where the dedication came from. Both these boys had been disappointed their freshman year and came back each year more dedicated and in better shape than the year before. Maier, who traveled to Bangladesh to see the fruition of Bengal Bouts, attributed his improvement to a heightened perspective of what Bengal Bouts could achieve, a greater focus in staying in shape year-round, paying attention to nutrition and taking a break from drinking while in season. Translation: Lay off the Natty so you don't become a fatty.

As I began to gather my things and put back on the three layers of clothing (the most propriety would allow for removal) that I had peeled off in the pit's sauna-like climate, I ran into the medic from earlier. I asked him how the rest of the day's sparring went, and he replied, "There's been a lot of blood today." Yikes.

-Lauren Cook

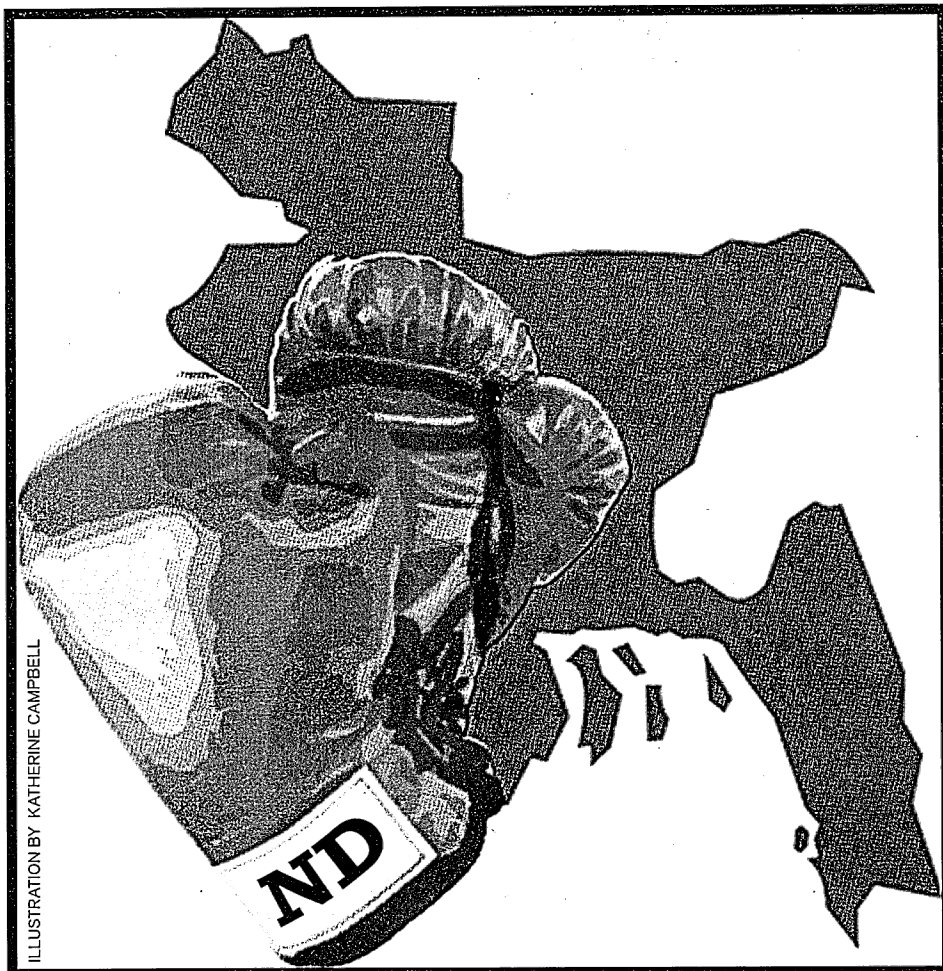


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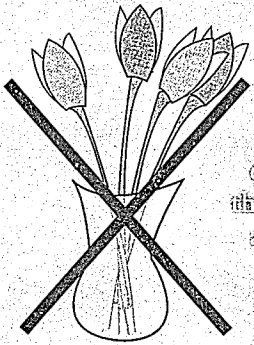
# REVIEWS PREVIEWS

*Don't know what to get your sweetie? Squeeze? Love muffin? Darlin' honey bunny cuddle cakes? We know your schnookle-fritz won't appreciate just any old Valentine's gift. No matter what "Best Couple Ever!" you claim to be, we've got the gift ideas to make you the number one romancer.*

Clara Ritger

## The Inseparables/ Same Side Sitters

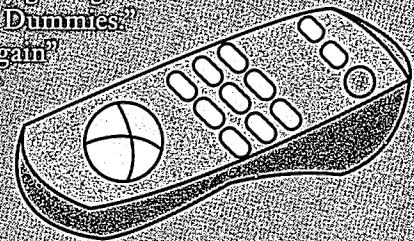
Since you've obnoxiously paraded your undying passion for each other Siamese twin-style, how about you take my funnily single-onlooker advice and be creative this Valentine's Day? Cancel that flower order. We're all tired of watching the not-so-surprise flowers arrive at your



girlfriend's door as she exclaims, "He didn't have to do this! How sweet!" Push-lease. It's the middle of winter and everyone knows there's nothing romantic about the flower industry capitalizing on your sorry self. Respect the recession and put your money toward a worthwhile investment like a Smitten Mitten. That way, you can keep holding hands outside of the dining hall and prove to other couples that what you have is real and warm.

## The On-Again Off-Again Couple

To all the single ladies who can't keep their man under control, drop your love-potion number nine and get yourself the "Control a Man" remote. Currently there are no published statistical rates of success, but I think pressing the "chocolates" button multiple times will give him the hint. Guys, unless you have no one else to be with on this special holiday, don't get anything. When she asks, just say, "We're off again." If that's too blunt for you, subtle gifts like a Knights of Columbus steak sandwich could make her think you're too cheap for a real dinner date. If you're worried about creating eating disorders, then here's another option: Launch your own self-image issues by gifting the novel "Kissing for Dummies." You'll be "off-again" before you know it.



## The Just-Started-Dating Couple

You're right. Every song T. Swift wrote was about you two. Did you just hear "Love Story" on the radio? Doesn't it sound exactly like your relationship?

A good way to kindle this blossoming fire in the snuggly winter months is to encourage your newly-claimed significant other to cultivate something together, as a couple. In light of the holiday, why not purchase blooming heart seeds? Signs of your celestial romance are all around, in song and in a metaphorical plant! What a fateful coincidence! Now that you've proved that what you have is completely real to each other, why not spread it to the world? Make matching t-shirts that say "I'm with Him/Her!" with a Cupid's Arrow pointing to the opposite person. Just remember to always walk with the arrows pointing at each other. You don't want us to forget, do you? Because of course, the entire campus can't already tell that you two are dating. Smoochy smooch!



## The Hookup from Last Week

Ladies, since this year V-Day falls on a Sunday, let's be the children of God we are and not trade in our V-cards. Send an e-card instead. It sends the message while keeping the proper distance.

Gentlemen, there's no reason we can't have repeats. You were out of options anyway. Candy g-string?



# From the Golden Dome to the Silver Screen

An inside look at the research into rare and neglected diseases

Chris Milazzo

**“F**act or fiction?” That is the first question one might ask after seeing one of the many inspirational films that inhabit Hollywood’s mythos, and occasionally Notre Dame’s (*Rudy*, anyone?). “Is this amazing story really true?”

For *Extraordinary Measures*, the answer is “yes.”

In the film, John Crowley, frustrated by the slow pace of pharmaceutical research, leaves the security of his corporate job to start a biotechnology company to find a cure for his children’s rare disease.

“It was a buildup over two years still we finally got to the point where we were frustrated with the pace of research and we wanted to step up and make a difference,” says the real-life Crowley, a Notre Dame Law alumnus and now President and CEO of Amicus Therapeutics. His children were diagnosed in 1998 with Pompe’s disease, which prevents

the breakdown of glycogen, key to muscle function, and can lead to death.

Pompe’s is one of thousands of rare diseases — those diseases that affect less than 200,000 people — that are often marginalized by pharmaceutical companies. In March 2000, to accelerate research into the disease, Crowley took a position as CEO of Novazyme, a biotechnology company that was conducting research on Pompe’s disease. As a result of the company’s research, his children received an experimental treatment he credits with saving their lives.

Despite Crowley’s successful example, pharmaceutical companies are still not focusing on these diseases. “I think there’s increased interest,” Crowley says, “but there’s nowhere near the level of interest that we need to see to develop treatments and ultimately cures.”

There are, however, some attempts to increase interest.

The Center for Rare and Neglected Diseases (CRND) at Notre Dame is not the subject of a film or book, but after only 18 months of existence, the center has already “made very good progress,” director of CRND Dr. Kasturi Halder says. “We’re the only university that does both rare and neglected disease.”

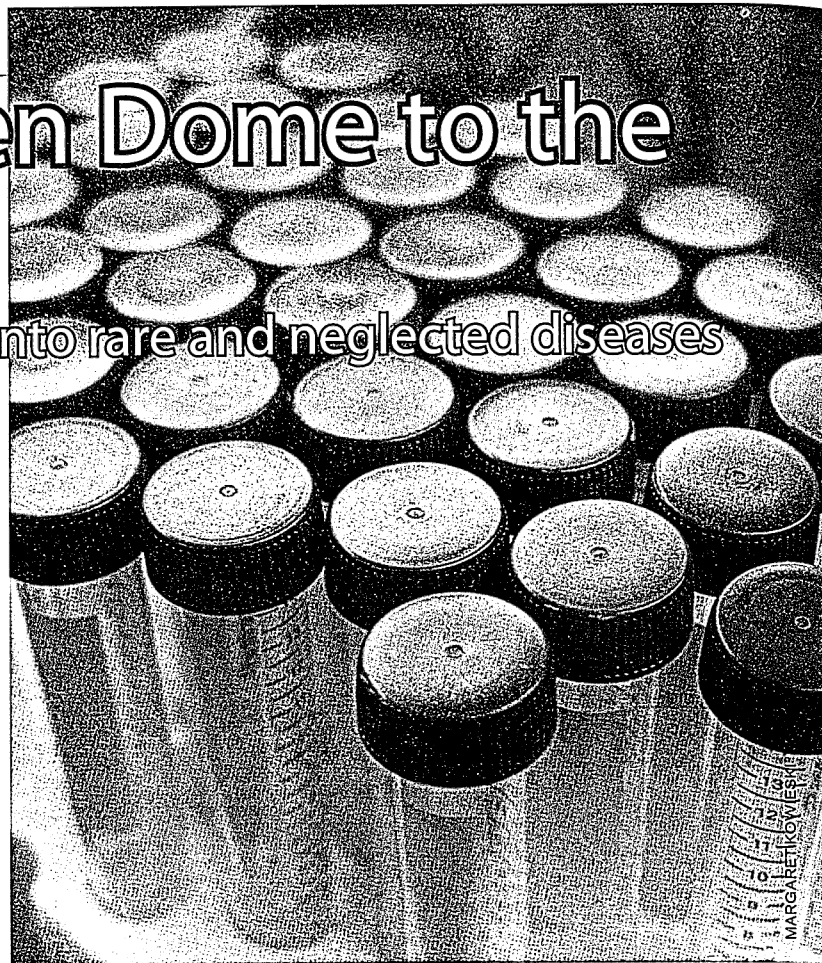
CRND’s sole focus is researching rare and neglected diseases such as malaria and Niemann Pick, the latter causing dangerous levels of lipid accumulation in major organs. “There really is a tremendous need [for research],” Halder says. “[The pharmaceutical companies are] interested in public health, it’s just

not a strong business model.”

CRND hopes to bring these companies into the fold. To aid in their research, the center collaborates with pharmaceutical companies. “By partnering with us, it gives them access to broad based discovery research, and gives us access to the nitty gritty of how ... you develop a therapeutic,” Halder says.

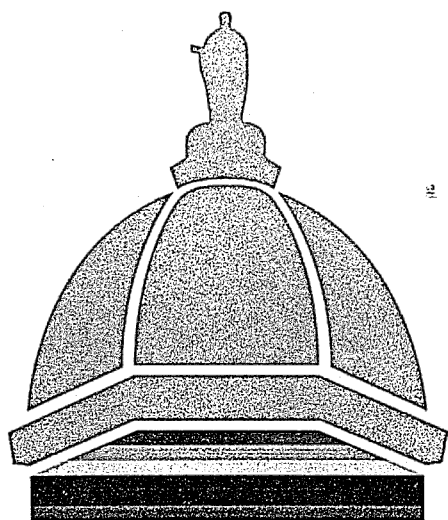
Besides low interest from pharmaceutical companies, rare and neglected diseases are often ignored because of a lack of disease specialists. To increase the number of practitioners, the center has started a program for undergraduate students. “We have an undergraduate clinical research program that we’ve put in place,” she says. “It’s a class I teach in collaboration with clinical partners where undergraduates become experts in a particular clinical area of either rare disease or neglected disease.”

Students study medical records and data to quantify particular symptoms and manifestations in a population. This becomes a “disease score,” which allows patients to have a better understanding of the risk they face and what treatment to pursue. “If you can understand how the disease progresses in a large number of people ... you can actually give the patients a lot of advice on how to manage the disease,” Halder says. **S**





## University Resources for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Questioning Students



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### The Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students

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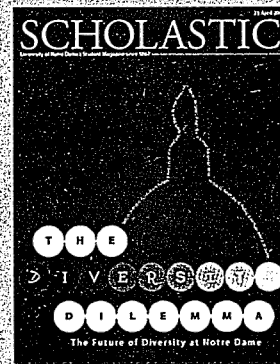
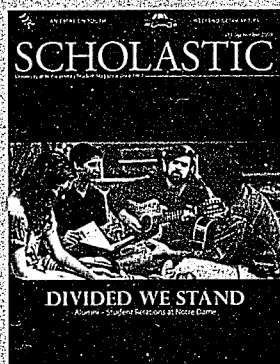
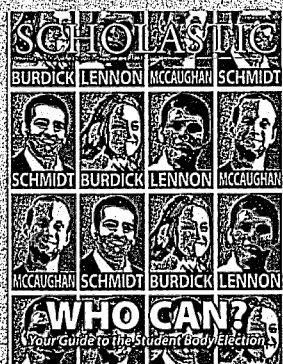
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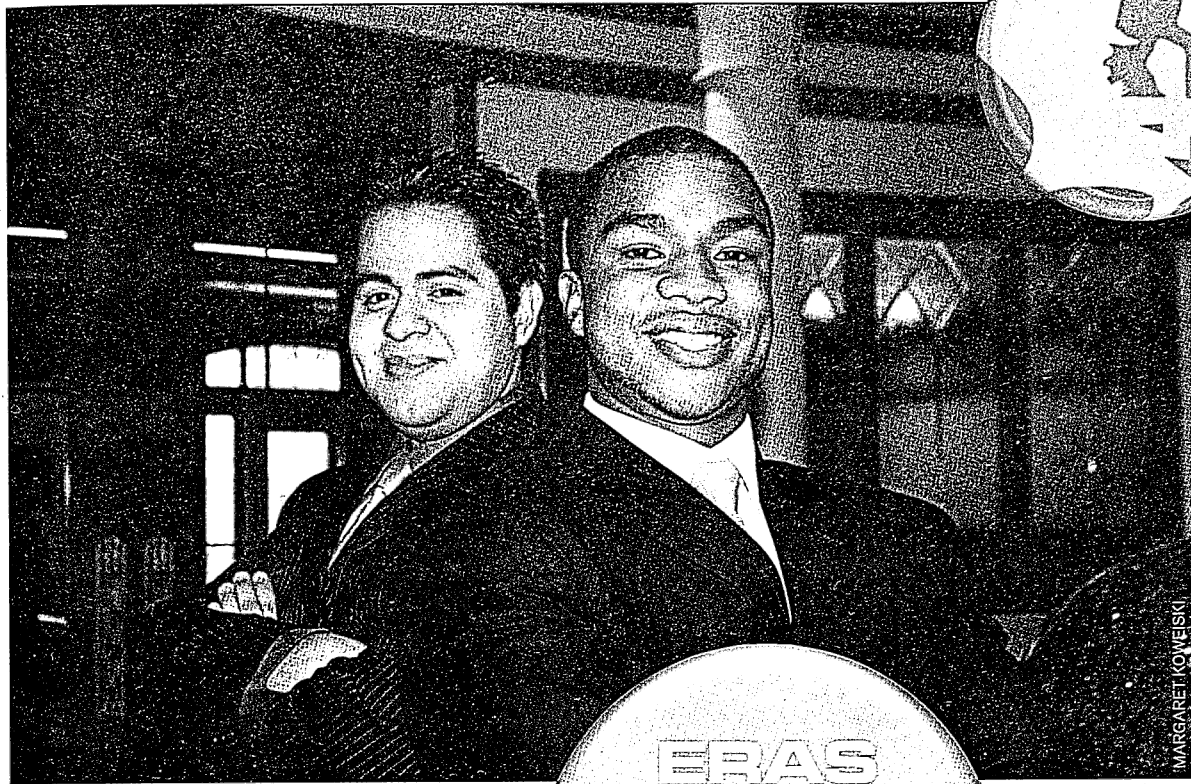
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# Whose Button Are You Wearing?



**Free Association****Success:** Notre Dame**Sex:** Reproduction**Jimmy Clausen:**  
My friend**Discrimination:**  
Civil Rights**Lady Gaga:**  
Just Dance**Scholastic:**  
Magazine**Observer:**  
Viewpoints**St. Mary's:** Girls**Twitter:** Don't even  
have a Twitter**Fun:** Friends*Clara Ritger and Kristen Stoutenburgh*

There is no doubt that juniors Eras Noel and Julian Corona, both students in the College of Engineering, would say hello to you in the dining hall and be open to discussion about their student government initiatives. "Our hope is that the students come to trust us," Corona says.

Ranging from issues like discrimination and security to student conveniences like Flex Points at Eddy Street Commons, Noel and Corona are running a campaign with the student body in mind. "We'd be here to be a voice for the students," Noel says. When asked how they would react to hot-button issues on campus, including the recent uproar over the exclusion of sexual orientation in the university's non-discrimination clause and the subsequent "No Home Under the Dome" protest, Noel says he and Corona would stand up strongly for students' rights to protest. "Our students have come together to stand up for what they believe is right, and this is what they should do as students of Notre Dame," he says.

While these two are not currently members of student government, both have developed

leadership skills through club involvement. Corona makes it clear that they stand for what "the whole group wants," rather than simply what he and Noel would want. For these two candidates, communication between the student body and student government is key.

The first priority for Noel and Corona, if elected, is expanding student dining options. They say the business owners at Eddy Street Commons have responded positively to their proposal to allow students to use Flex Points at restaurants like Chipotle, Five Guys and Hot Box Pizza. To execute this plan, Noel says meetings with ND Food Services and business owners are under way. The duo are also interested in reforming the Grab N' Go procedure by allowing students the option to use a Styrofoam to-go-box for five points of hot food in the dining hall and use the remaining two for snack items.

Noel and Corona want to create a new

forum for student/professor discussion. "I want students who would never meet and talk about the issue to have a chance to," Noel says. "[This] initiative is to make students aware of professors' research." Their enthusiasm for the program has been sparked by communication with various professors who share their passion to start student discussion. The pair wants to create a lecture series in which professors highlight their research and students can enter into the dialogue. Whether in informal situations or at the monthly meeting site, Noel and Corona hope to raise awareness about a variety of issues and research among students of all interests and majors.

Other reform ideas include bringing back the academic forum, hiring security for the Transpo 7A bus route and allowing seniors a way to vote on a list of candidates for commencement speaker.

Have something on your mind? Noel and Corona are here to listen. "We want to get [on] a first-name basis [with everyone]," Noel says.



## Free Association

**Success:** Hard work

**Sex:** Necessary

**Jimmy Clausen:**

Interesting

**Discrimination:**

Unfair

**Lady Gaga:**

Uggh, wow

**Scholastic:** Great

**Observer:** Serious

**St. Mary's:**

Lovely girls

**Twitter:** Too much

**Fun:** Love



**CATHERINE  
SOLER  
ANDREW  
BELL**

*Lisa Bucior and Jenny Hoffman*

**"C**ommon Ground, Uncommon Vision." This promising slogan from sophomore candidates Catherine Soler and Andrew Bell summarizes their ambitious campaign. Despite their status as underclassmen, Soler, an accounting major, and Bell, a double major in business and political science, say they are ready to successfully represent the student body.

Their biggest initiative will give students the opportunity to rent textbooks through Follett at the bookstore. Soler and Bell hope it will be a cheaper and more convenient option for students. "It's a great opportunity to save money and save the planet at the same time. We know it's feasible, and we think it's a great thing to bring to ND," Soler says.

Soler and Bell also hope to improve community relations. They want to implement a student discount program for off-campus eateries. The ticket promises to work with various establishments and create an off-campus meal plan debit card to use instead of cash. "We want to make it a bigger program," Soler says.

The team plans to work closely with the

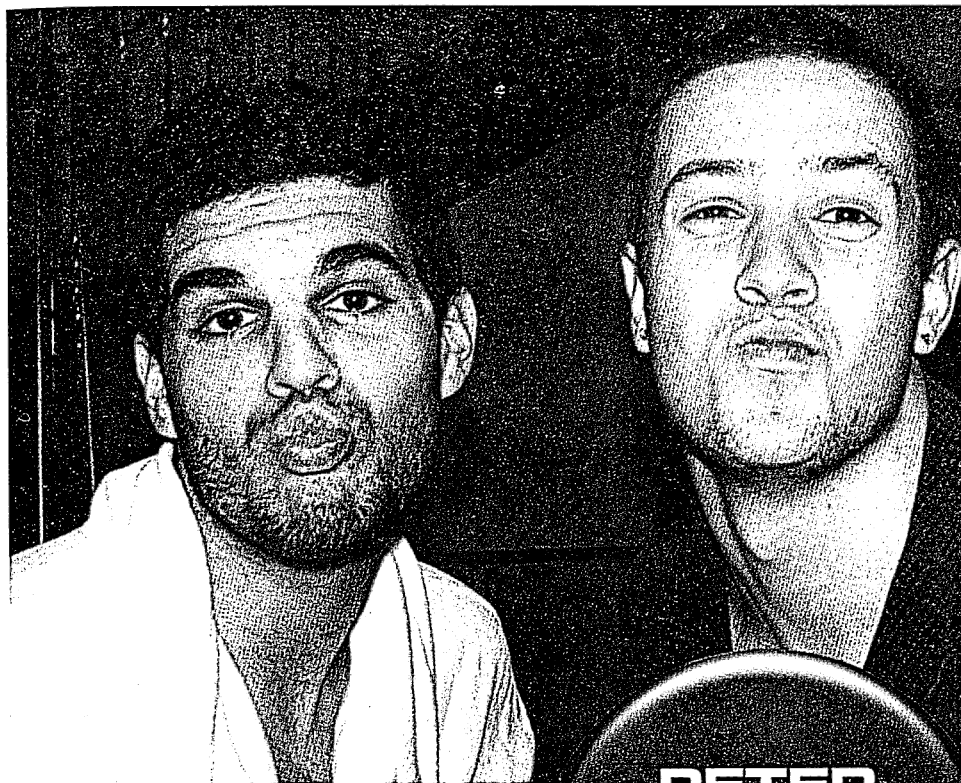
Office of Alcohol and Drug Education to address campus attitudes toward alcohol and drinking. Initiatives include implementing a Good Samaritan policy, which will prevent students who help others in need from being disciplined, and creating a hall commissioner position that deals solely with alcohol and drug issues. "It's a shame, but the level of authority [of rectors and R.A.s] intimidates people from doing things that are going to help them make better decisions," Soler, a two year member of the student alcohol education group P.I.L.L.A.R.S., says. "You would be more comfortable going to that sophomore down the hall than to your R.A. who can get you in trouble if she thinks you were drinking."

Additionally, the pair will try to shift the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education's focus from punishment to education. "The resources in that office aren't supposed to be scary or intimidating," Soler says.

The ticket also hopes to renovate the "airport lounge" in DeBartolo Hall. "That is an important space, just because DeBartolo is the center of the academic life at Notre Dame," Bell says. "It's somewhere you can go in between classes if you have a break and don't want to go to the computer lab or back to your dorm. You can go in there and relax. What we are hoping to do with that is make it more friendly." Improvements would include rearranging and reupholstering the furniture, adding a TV, and installing healthy-option vending machines. Soler and Bell will continue some of Schmidt and Weber's community projects. They hope to have a block party in Eddy Street Commons early next fall. "There's a lot of focus on policy and outside student activities. Let's give opportunities to engage students in South Bend," Bell says.

Although many current initiatives would remain, the pair feel that the internal structure of student government needs to change. "I think we have a holistic approach. Student government is more than a place to get conveniences. It's for a greater good," Soler says.





**PETER  
LEDET  
GABE  
ALVARE**

MARGARET KOWEISKI

**Free Association**

**Success:** Us

**Sex:** Dirty

**Jimmy Clausen:** Bi

**Discrimination:**

Banana Laffy Taffy

**Lady Gaga:**

Moon pies

**Scholastic:**

Best magazine (or whatever it is) ever

**Observer:** Not a fan

**St. Mary's:** Shuttle

**Twitter:** Don't even know what it is

**Fun:**

Milk chocolate statues

*Alyssa Morones and Claire Reising*

Supporting bathrobes, matching Notre Dame sweatpants and fresh Nike kicks, Zahm freshmen Peter Ledet and Gabe Alvare are calling for milk chocolate statues on the quad and lower tuition for male students under their administration.

"No offense to females, but when you go to a party, who pays for the alcohol? Guys. And, no offense, but that takes a pretty big chunk out of your pocket," Ledet says. The candidates would determine the cut in tuition for males based on firm scientific studies analyzing the average price males spend on alcohol annually.

If the candidates' new tuition policy causes protests among the student body, they say they will defend their decision. "We'll provide them with facts. Pie charts. Scatter plots," Alvare says.

The candidates' other main platform issue — chocolate statues on South Quad — became possible when Ledet's family moved to Philadelphia, close to Hershey, Pennsylvania.

"That was a big part of the move," Ledet says.

Alvare and Ledet plan to construct the 18-foot chocolate statues of themselves on South Quad for students' snacking pleasure. Despite health risks for students and squirrels alike, the candidates say the statues would make the student body happier.

"We feel like we need more of those. I don't see any. Those bring happiness into my day," Ledet says.

Although they have no government experience at Notre Dame, Ledet served on student government in high school, and the pair claims their unique personalities will give them an advantage over the other candidates. "What other candidates show up to interviews in bathrobes?" Ledet says.

Ledet says that he and Alvare would work well together because they are

roommates. "We passed the roommate test. We pierced each other's ears," he says. "I had a little sewing kit, so I just pulled out the needle."

Alvare emphasized that he and Ledet would be less formal and more accessible to students than current president and vice president Grant Schmidt and Cynthia Weber.

"One time when we were outside Zahm, there were piles of leaves. One of our friends dove into the leaves when [Schmidt and Weber] were walking by, and they wouldn't dive into the leaves," Alvare says. "They weren't part of the people. We'd be part of the people."

The candidates also plan to introduce mandatory high fives to increase the level of friendship between students.

"I feel like we have a strong voice and can spread the word of happiness. Mandatory high fives? I think so. [A high five] is the sound of happiness and friendship. We want to spread that sound," Ledet says.

# THE PLATFORMS:

**Textbook rentals** – An environmentally friendly policy that also helps out our pocketbooks, textbook rentals could bridge the gap between high bookstore prices and college students' budgets (Soler-Bell)

**Voting for Commencement** – While this may be difficult to implement, giving the students more voice in choosing their commencement speaker will likely result in more engaging and inspirational speeches at graduation (Noel-Corona)

**"Pitchers With Profs"** – Partnering with Legends for a free beer for students over 21 will surely liven up traditional office hours with their professors (Soler-Bell)

**Renovating the DeBartolo Lounge** – We could do without the airport-like atmosphere and fully support comfortable couches that are conducive to napping (Soler-Bell)

**Flex Points on Eddy Street** – As much as we would love to eat Chipotle and Five Guys on Notre Dame's tab, this plan doesn't have the logistics required to actually come to fruition (Noel-Corona)

**Drug and Alcohol Hall Commissioner** – It sounds like another RA to us (Soler-Bell)

**Milk Chocolate Statues** – Are squirrels allergic to chocolate? Will the statues melt in the sun? Do the statues get replaced after they are eaten? Too many questions, not enough answers (Ledet-Alvare)

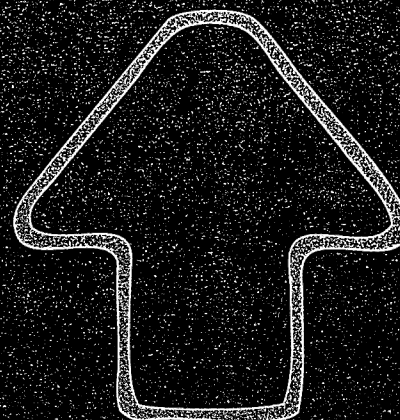
**Off-Campus Meal Plan Debit Cards** – We can use the debit cards that we all already own, just give us the discounts (Soler-Bell)

**Grab N' Go Reform** – A staple of the student government platform, the candidates both offer the classic solution which will inevitably be recycled in next year's campaign: to-go boxes! (Soler-Bell, Noel-Corona)

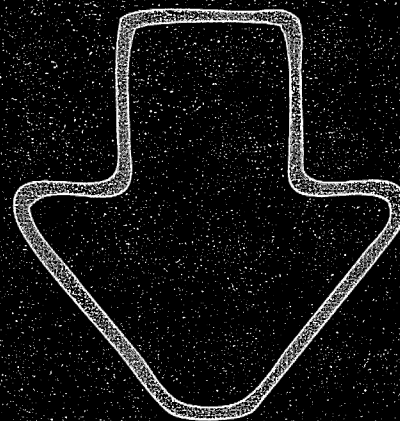
**Sexist Jokes** – If we wanted to hear them, we would go to Legends' stand-up (Ledet-Alvare)

**"Perspectives" Lecture Series** – If the Last Lecture Series cannot be maintained, there's no way this will survive (Noel-Corona)

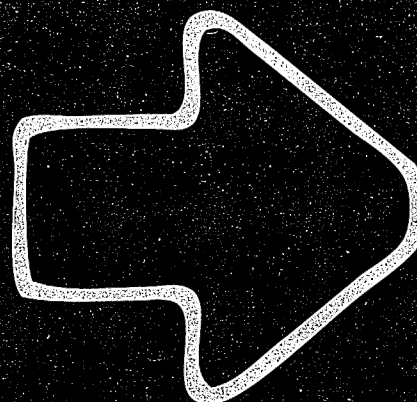
**Driving Privileges on Campus** – Just ask the guards nicely. No university-approved hangtag required (Soler-Bell)



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# ENDORSEMENT:

## CATHERINE SOLER AND ANDREW BELL

Scholastic Staff

In any given election for student body president, especially at Notre Dame, it is fairly easy to divide hopefuls into three general archetypes: The Outsiders, those with little or no government experience who claim that they bring a fresh perspective and a voice from the people; The Politicos, who tout their plethora of experience and who seem to have been preparing themselves for the political process their entire lives; and The Anti-Candidates, also known as joke candidates, who serve as satirical, and often farcical, caricatures of the entire election process. This year's election is no different — in fact, the three tickets seem to fit these archetypes almost to a T.

Juniors Eras Noel and Julian Corona, running on a populist platform of FlexPoints at Eddy Street Commons, a revamping of the Grab N' Go system and closer academic interaction between students and the research of their professors, claim to bring a "New Perspective" to student government. One of the duo's plans not stated in their Web site platform but brought up during our interview particularly intrigued us: Noel said they would push for a democratic selection process for commencement speakers, wherein the student body would be able to vote on a list of possibilities provided by the university.

What Noel and Corona do not seem to bring, however, is the readiness to be strong leaders and representatives of Notre Dame's student body. While their concerns about dining options are duly noted, they lack any concrete plans or research beyond brief exploratory contact with the university and associated vendors. One might also ask where the "New Perspective" is in Grab N' Go renovation and a student-professor lecture series, which seem to have become annual staples in every election campaign.

Aside from these concerns, we wonder whether this team fully understands that being representatives and leaders of the student body requires much more than catering to the perpetual desire for

various dining conveniences and luxuries. During our interview, Noel and Corona struggled mightily to formulate responses to hypothetical situations they would be likely to face as leaders: What would they say, for example, if a media outlet asked them to comment on the "No Home Under the Dome" protest that occurred on campus last Wednesday? How would they react if the university suddenly decided to ban alcohol from the dorms, as it did with hard liquor in 2002? Noel and Corona did not seem adequately prepared for such scenarios. The ability to react swiftly and diplomatically is essential for leaders who are supposed to be the voice of the student body.

Catherine Soler and Andrew Bell are only sophomores, but don't mistake their youth for inexperience. Soler, currently president of the Sophomore Class Council, and Bell, currently a senator for Knott Hall, have served in student government at Notre Dame and are familiar with the range of possibilities and limitations facing student leaders. In some years, this kind of experience might work against them — often, student election season is hostile to experience, as many question whether student government serves any legitimate or effective purpose at all.

Soler and Bell have a broad, ambitious and detailed platform — a rental textbook system that would save students valuable time and money; a pursuit of more off-campus dining discounts for students; and the creation of stronger relationships between Notre Dame and the South Bend community through an annual block party and a downtown street fair. We like their ambition, detailed research and willingness to be strong student advocates — even though some, perhaps much, of their platform may be cluttered with mere wishful thinking.

What Bell and Soler seem to recognize, however, is that any work done by student government must be done in the vacuum

of sometimes competing bureaucratic interests — the students, the university, university vendors and the South Bend community. During their interview, Soler and Bell exuded earnestness and a genuine desire to serve as leaders, as did Noel and Corona. More importantly, however, Soler and Bell were well polished and engaging. It is clear that their leadership experience so far at Notre Dame has helped rather than hindered their ability to be effective leaders.

At the end of their interview, Zahm freshmen Peter Ledet and Gabe Alvare complained that *The Observer* only gave their ticket a single paragraph in review of their candidacy. In the interest of fairness, we will give them two (this counts as one).

This year's incarnation of the annual Zahm freshman joke ticket, Ledet and Alvare were not the least bit satirical, and not even farcical (though we did find their interview robes humorous). Their idea of lowering tuition for men to counteract the amount of money spent on alcohol for women, which could have been an interesting, if not sexist, commentary on college culture, was underwhelming. We expected witty back and forth with our logistical questions about their proposed 18-foot milk chocolate statues of them on South Quad (What if they melted? What if people ate them? What if the people who ate them were sick? What if they toppled?), but all we got were unfunny, awkward and terse answers. In the end, all they appeared to be were an amateur impression of a Zahm freshman ticket. Perhaps they should have spent a little more time developing and perfecting their shtick.

Strong student leadership requires ambition, passion, preparation and the willingness to be aggressive advocates in a bureaucratic system that is not often favorable to the interests of the Notre Dame student body. We encourage you, therefore, to cast your vote for Catherine Soler and Andrew Bell on February 8. S



# Here's to Grant Schmidt

Mike Tresnowski

It is a widely held belief on campus that student government does a whole lot of nothing. It creates task forces and writes grand reports about certain aspects of life at Notre Dame that it presents at weekly meetings. But these meetings and reports never lead to real results. It's an elite club of people who want to feel like they are doing something important, but ultimately have no real effect on the university's trajectory.

The motives of student government representatives have also been called into question. People think its members are just trying to build their resumes. They just want to tell the guys from Goldman Sachs about all the good leadership experience they have. Who cares about actually getting stuff done as long as you can talk yourself up in an interview?

Two years ago, Bill Ehrlich (a joke candidate), came to the offices of *Scholastic* and said his campaign was guided by making "the implicit joke of Student Government explicit." At the time, we generally agreed with this sentiment. Let's quit the charade and make the whole thing funny. We could all use something to laugh at and we don't necessarily need more empty statements and promises.

As it turns out, however, the joke was on us. Not just on us, but on everybody else who had lost faith in the ability of the student government to be a legitimate force for improving student life on campus. Outgoing student body president Grant Schmidt has exceeded all of our expectations over his past year of service.

The Notre Dame student body needed a strong leader last spring and Schmidt delivered. The media circus brought on by the Obama speech put us in an awkward position. Each day in the newspapers and on cable news, we were forced to watch people mischaracterize and diminish the university we love. According to some, we were a bunch of conservative looneys for protesting the President. To others, we were a bunch of spineless phonies for honoring a pro-choice politician. As our elected representative, Schmidt was forced into the spotlight. He responded to this challenge with poise and humility. In his various national media appearances, Schmidt was always fair to both sides of

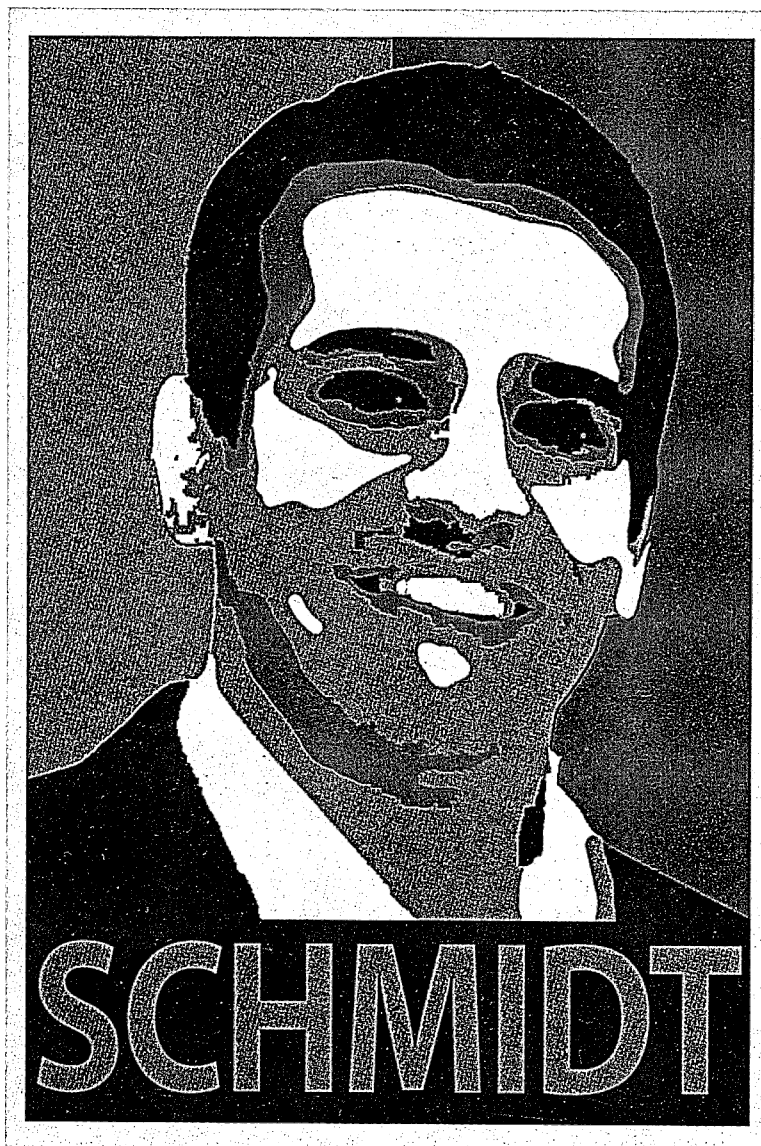
the controversy, but never afraid to defend Notre Dame against its critics. On CNN's "The Situation Room" last May, Schmidt said, "We will always be one of the top Catholic universities in the country. And I think we will stand by that reputation."

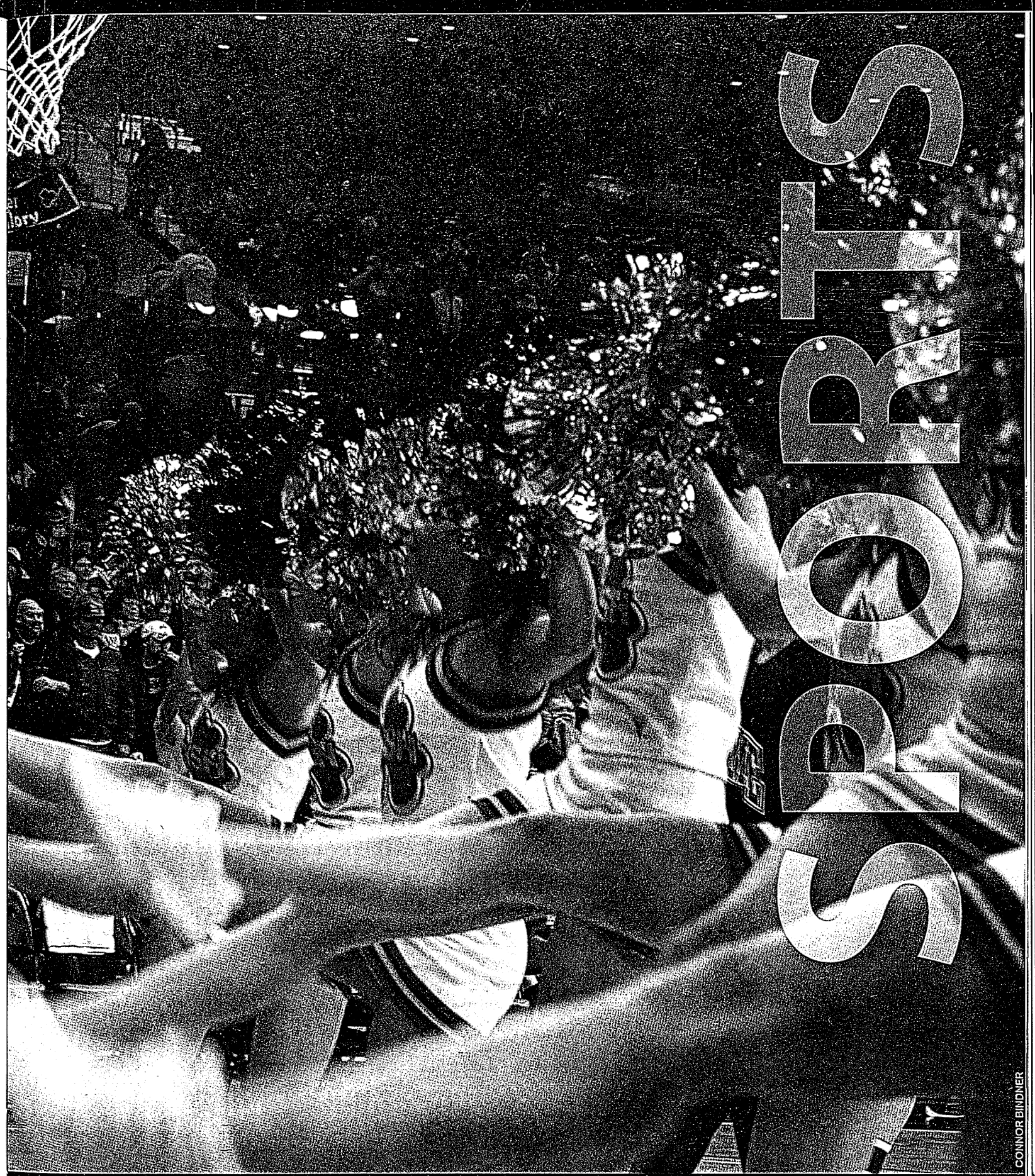
In addition to representing our school well in a period of crisis, Schmidt and vice president Cynthia Weber have followed through on their biggest campaign promise. They told us last spring they would reform the taxi system in South Bend. The reform that they gave us went beyond their promises; the introduction of the free weekend Transpo route on Friday and Saturday nights has drastically improved Notre Dame nightlife. Students save money, and despite this semester's assault, the bus is a much safer alternative

to wandering the streets of South Bend or finding a cab driver.

Schmidt and Weber have been active in making sure that students are adjusting well to the use of the bus. Weber was riding the bus on its first night, making sure everything was running smoothly. Schmidt has been known to respond instantly to late night e-mails about the bus's schedule.

Schmidt and his entire administration deserve praise for their performance over the past year. For the first time in a while, Notre Dame students have found a student government that they know is responsive to their needs and that they can trust. Schmidt and Weber's shoes will certainly be difficult to fill. S





# the games we play

## SPORTS

# IRISH EYES ON: COACH BRIAN KELLY

Josh Flynt

When Brian Kelly was introduced Notre Dame's new head football coach, he spoke of a passion for winning and a desire to reinvigorate the program he grew up watching. He understands the tradition of the program and the mystique surrounding Notre Dame football. As he prepares for his first spring practice, Coach Kelly has spent many hours on the road in pursuit of "RKGs" (shorthand for "the right kind of guys"), to bring ND back to prominence. Only time will tell if Brian Kelly is the RKG for Notre Dame, but his arrival in South Bend and his history of winning have certainly given Irish fans a reason to be excited about 2010 and beyond.

***Growing up as an Irish Catholic, being the head football coach at Notre Dame has been described as your "dream job." Since you started coaching at Grand Valley State University in 1991, was this always a position you strove to reach?***

I think it has always been, for me, the pinnacle of college football. But, I can't tell you that when I got the head coaching position at Grand Valley that I was thinking of being the head football coach at Notre Dame. I was trying to find out where the paper clips were. You know, it was my first head job. At times, I was really in over my head and it was a tough start for me. When it came to the best jobs in the country, in my opinion, it was Notre Dame.

***You've been on the job for a little more than a month now. Describe what it has been like.***

Well I think that what I see more than anything else is that everybody that surrounds the program is rowing in the same direction. In other words, everybody is here for the same reasons. To recruit, retain and graduate great young men and win football games.

***Head coach of ND football is widely considered one of the most challenging jobs in sports. Why did you decide to leave your great, upstart program at Cincinnati for the ND position?***

First, I thought we brought the program to its heights. In other words, back-to-back Big East championships, top ten ranking, back-to-back BCS games. There wasn't more room for growth. It was going to take five years or so before anything could be done relative to stadium improvements. Really, for me, the challenge was going to be as great next year. At Notre Dame, the challenge is great: To take over a program that has fallen on some mediocre times and bring it back to its status of years past. I'm always looking for great challenges, so Notre Dame is one for me.

***What is a typical day like when you are on the road meeting with recruits and their families?***

Well, it's a 15-18 hour day because you're up early and you're traveling. You're generally going to the school because the high school wants the [Notre Dame] head coach in the school. It means so much to the schools to have the ND head coach coming to visit. Unlike being an assistant coach whose charge is to get after the recruit, the head coach has got to get into the school and meet the high school coach. Sometimes the head coach is not always in the school, so it means going to another location. Believe me, I've met a number of high school coaches in a McDonald's. And then there's the home visit. Most of the time, it doesn't take place until after dinner, so you're going all day.

***If you could have only one book and one album what would they be?***

The one book would probably be the Bible. I think you need to have that around. Not only is it important in my spiritual growth, but I also use the



Bible to take passages and readings that are applicable to what kids do on a day-to-day basis. I can honestly say that without being like, "Hey you're at Notre Dame, you said the Bible and that sounds good." I think as it relates to the music album, the one that gets me moving everyday is something from Bruce Springsteen. I just grew up on it and it's been my gas, if you will, if I need the tank filled or topped off. "Born to Run" seems to be what my career has been about.

***If you could invite three people to dinner, either living or deceased, who would you choose?***




The first one would be Bobby Kennedy. We all know the history with him speaking at Notre Dame. I love his quote, "There are those who look at things the way they are, and ask why. I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?" That has really stuck with me. Whether at Central Michigan, Grand Valley or Cincinnati I asked, "Hey, why can't you win here?" I'd love to have had an opportunity to sit down and just talk to Knute Rockne about the game itself and the transformation of the game from being a violent game to being a finesse game. He's the innovator that threw the football when nobody thought you could. The other person would probably be John Wooden, to have an opportunity to meet a living legend. If I could get a chance before he passes to sit down with John Wooden that would be unbelievable.

***What are you most looking forward to about the September 4 matchup with Purdue?***

I'm looking forward to the culmination of an intense five or six-month period where we get our football team ready to play and create a lot of excitement. I don't know what the score is going to be, but we're going to be an exciting team to watch and I think I'm looking forward to everybody leaving that stadium and going, "Wow, this is going to be fun." Win or lose, obviously there's more fun when you win, but people getting a glimpse at what it's going to be like at Notre Dame, that's what I'm looking forward to.



# Survey Says...

ATHLETES IN THE ISSUE	FAVORITE TV SHOW	FAVORITE "JERSEY SHORE" CHARACTER	FAVORITE PARTY THEME	ND FOOTBALL'S RECORD IN 2010 WILL BE...	SAINTS OR COLTS?	AVATAR IS...
 Tim ABROMAITIS Basketball	<i>Entourage</i>	The Situation	Anything works for me.	16-0. The playoff system is happening.	The Cleveland Browns are out?	SSSIICCCKKK ...never seen it.
 Melissa LECHLITNER Basketball	<i>Will &amp; Grace</i>	Pauly D	Highlighter	8-4	COLTS!!!!	A movie...
 Rachael GUERRERA Lacrosse	<i>Dexter</i>	Vinny, because I hate The Situation.	90's Jock Jams	Hopefully better than this year.	Saints!	Awesome in 3-D.

## Time Travel

Matt Formica

*February 1, 1987*

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish stunned the No. 1 North Carolina Tar Heels with a 60-58 victory in front of a raucous crowd at the JACC. Junior guard David Rivers led a ferocious comeback for the Irish, who overcame a seemingly insurmountable 16-point deficit to end the Tar Heels' 16-game winning streak. Rivers scored all 14 of his points in the second half, including a basket and two free throws in the final minute to propel Notre Dame to the improbable win. The Irish trailed 32-16 shortly before halftime, but used a seven-point run in the final two minutes of the first half to trim North Carolina's lead to 32-23. Notre Dame clearly had the momentum and scored the first six points of the second half, cutting the deficit to 32-29. With the Irish trailing 55-54 and just over 30 seconds remaining, Rivers drained a jumper to give Notre Dame a one-point lead. As the final seconds ticked off the clock, a euphoric celebration broke out among the students, who eventually poured onto the court in triumph. The upset marked the seventh time that head coach Digger Phelps led his team to a win over a top-ranked opponent, a feat that is tied for the most in NCAA basketball history.

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### THE LIST

#### Top 5 Scoring Leaders in Irish Men's Basketball History

- 1 Austin Carr (1968-71) – 2,560
- 2 Luke Harangody (2006-present) – 2,356
- 3 Adrian Dantley (1973-76) – 2,223
- 4 Chris Thomas (2001-05) – 2,195
- 5 Pat Garrity (1994-98) – 2,085

# A Vindication of the Sports of Woman

Marques Camp

Just 19 days ago, the No. 1 University of Connecticut Huskies hosted No. 3 Notre Dame in a nationally televised matchup of two of this season's undefeated teams in women's college basketball. The Huskies, winners of 55 consecutive games entering the matchup, soundly, precisely and unapologetically dismantled and dissected the Irish, an alleged peer of excellence, 70-46. The game was a clinic on basketball perfection.

Yet I found myself strangely unmoved by the dominance displayed by the Huskies on this night, and not at all enraged that the Irish failed to provide any semblance of a challenge in one of the most important games in program history.

In fact, I don't think I felt anything at all.

My reaction to the game did not seem to be anything strange or out of the ordinary. Though the fact the game was nationally televised implied some sort of sporting significance, few sports fans I know cared about or analyzed this game beforehand. Fewer watched the entirety of the game — if any of it — and even fewer cared about the result.

Nobody debated whether Irish head coach Muffet McGraw adequately prepared her team for such a big game; nobody rushed to lionize Connecticut forward Tina Charles as college basketball's most dominant player; nobody lambasted Irish super-freshman Skylar Diggins as a choker for her 2-13 shooting performance.

Our utter apathy not only about women's college basketball, but women's sports in general, is startling. This apathy is a reflection of a culturally ingrained sexism that still pervades our sporting landscape.

It is true that there are extremists on the gender/sports spectrum that believe women's

sports are evidently inferior to men's. What is most worrisome, however, is that the vast majority of sports fans in the middle that claim to live and die in the world of sport seem simply indifferent or unaware of an entire hemisphere.

Those who abhor the very concept of women's sports — and those who simply could not care less — generally cite the aesthetic qualities, or perceived lack thereof, as reason enough to change the channel when women's sports come on.

But sport is not a collection of Astaire films and Baryshnikov ballets. Let us not pretend we are amateur critics deconstructing the aesthetic qualities of an art form. Those who live and die sports do so because of competition, of compelling narrative, of victory and defeat, of joy and heartbreak, of domination and unsurpassed excellence.

These are the themes that give value and meaning to our sports fandom, yet these are the themes we ignore once women step out onto the court. We hang onto every word of a brash, incoming California freshman promising us four national championships, but we just shrug our shoulders at the fact that America's best women's high school basketball player chose to stay home in South Bend and has excelled in her inaugural season with the Irish. We always hope that the latest in our long line of head football coaches will bring a return to glory, yet most of us could not name the head coach who is undoubtedly one of the greatest this university has ever employed.

Yet Skylar Diggins and Muffet McGraw will likely mean more to the history of Notre Dame's athletic program than Jimmy Clausen or Brian Kelly ever will.

Let us also not forget our women's soccer team, winners of two national championships,

five second-place finishes and four national player of the year awards in its brief 21-year history. Flash back to exactly two months ago, when the team suffered a heartbreaking 1-0 defeat in the NCAA semifinals to eventual champion North Carolina. How many cared then? How many care now?

Not many of us — probably because we had our hands full with enraging ourselves at our mediocre head football coach and praying that our star basketball player could carry a pedestrian team on his back to the NCAA tournament.

As college students and sports fans, much of the allure of attaching ourselves to our athletic programs is the prospect of supporting our classmates and peers who happen to be among the country's best at what they do. Their struggle reflects our struggle; their victory is our victory.

A blowout loss to Connecticut should be no less frustrating than a blowout loss to USC, and a semifinal loss on the soccer field should be no less heartbreaking than a loss during March Madness. Our female peers are no less deserving of our half-primal/half-religious dedication to sport than our male peers.

But we proceed in our fandom as if they were. We champion athletic excellence and passion and become upset when they aren't reflected in our athletic programs, yet we ignore them when they are right under our noses. Many of our women's programs not only give us the opportunity to witness sporting excellence, but also the opportunity to immerse ourselves in compelling sporting narratives that are too often underappreciated for their emotional power.

We should care not because of aesthetics or talent or winning or losing. We should care because sport is sport and fandom is fandom, no matter who is playing the game. **5**

# TALENT SPOTTING:

Seasoned women's basketball squad finds spark in top recruit

Andy Gray

## The Talented Newcomer

In 2001, after 13 years with Notre Dame, head coach Muffet McGraw led the Irish women's basketball team to a national title.

Skylar Diggins was 11. Still, it wouldn't be long before the established coach and the young phenom, a South Bend native, crossed paths.

"She first contacted me when I was in eighth grade," Diggins says. "From then on, we'd talk on the phone, or I'd come here and visit, and you could tell that she really cared for her players."

McGraw's eye for young talent and the attractive program she has built at Notre Dame are already paying dividends. Last year's Gatorade Female Athlete of the Year, Diggins is now a starting freshman guard on the third-ranked Irish squad. She leads the team in scoring at over 13 points per game, and is second in assists. But what most impresses the seasoned coach about her new star is what the statistics leave out.

"She's our best on-the-ball defender, and she can defend the other team's point guard or their best shooter," McGraw says. "She sets the tone on that end of the floor, and she hates to be scored on...It surprised me, but she enjoys defense, which most young players don't."

Diggins' performance has earned her three Big East Freshman of the Week awards this season. But she did not arrive on campus expecting such immediate success. On a team that didn't lose a single player from last year's 22-9 NCAA Tournament squad, in fact, Diggins wondered how important her role could be.

"I wasn't just going to be given anything," she says. "Returning five starters, all our scoring, I was wondering where I'd fit in ... but [Coach McGraw] pushed me, and I loved that challenge. I had to get physically stronger, and I had to learn."

She has certainly risen to that challenge.

## The Tradition of Excellence

But year after year, basketball reminds us that youth, left to its own devices, is sure to stumble once or twice before finding true success. Fortunately, in a program as respected and accomplished as that which McGraw has fostered at Notre Dame, there will always be seasoned talent at the helm.

Senior guards Lindsay Schrader and Ashley Barlow each pour in 11 points per game. Schrader, a First Team All-Big East player, also leads the team in rebounding at around eight per contest. And point guard Melissa Lechlitner, another senior starter, runs the



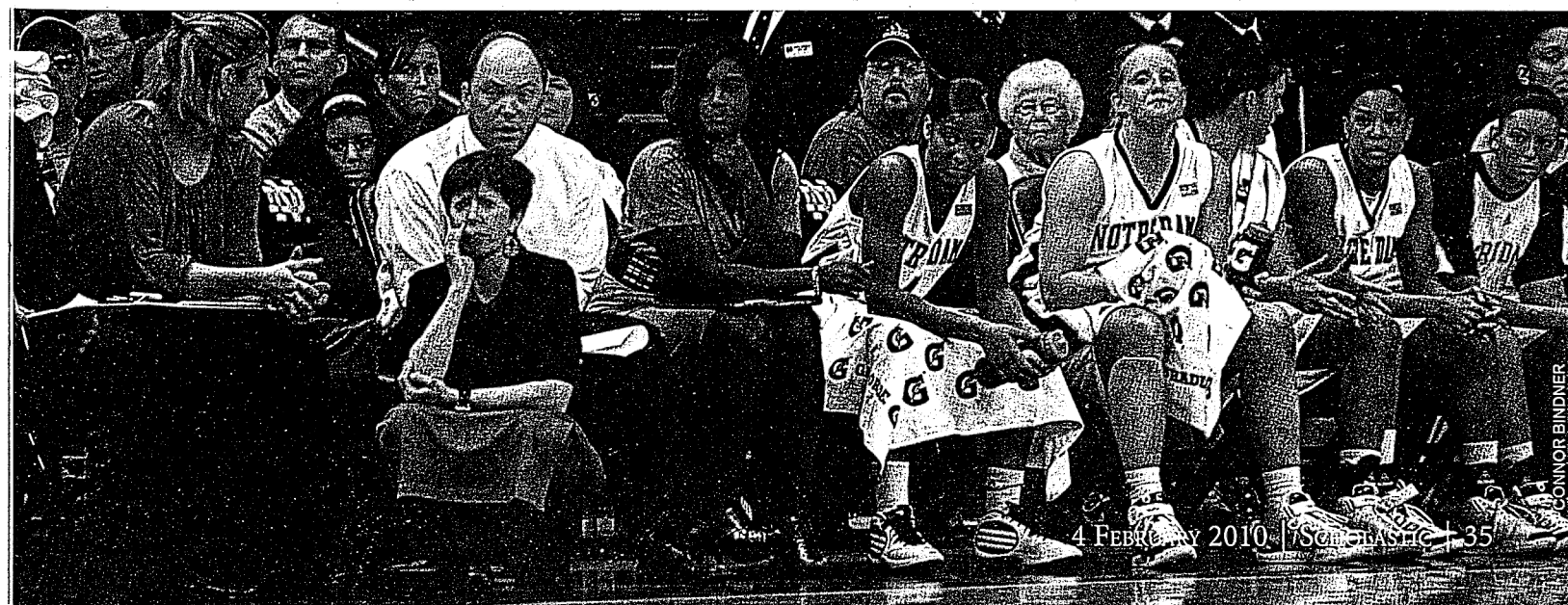
efficient Irish offense with over three assists per game.

"They keep us poised at the end of games," McGraw says of her senior leaders. "We got down early against West Virginia, Purdue, Louisville. They have that poise and experience, that calming influence, and we're smart down the stretch."

This has also, of course, helped the burgeoning freshman talent.

"The seniors have so much to offer young players like Skylar, so much experience. She didn't have to come in and be a star," McGraw says. Or, as Diggins herself puts it, "They just let me play like Skylar."

That sort of successful melding of new and





experienced talent is exactly what one would expect from a team led by a coach of McGraw's caliber and experience. "She's just a seasoned coach," Diggins says. "She'll always explain something again, is always positive. She'll get on you, but it's always constructive."

With their win over Louisville on January 19, the Irish did more than improve to 16-1. They handed their coach her 600th career win, making her the 19th women's coach to reach the landmark.

"It really struck me at the West Virginia game, when I walked in and everyone was holding up '600' signs," McGraw says of the milestone. "I took time to reflect on all the people and the great relationships I've had in that time."

512 of those wins have come at the helm of a women's basketball program at Notre Dame that has tasted the greatest success — and one that has the opportunity and the desire to achieve that success again this year.

### The Formula for Victory

In order to reach that goal this season, the Irish squad will have to defeat other great teams, teams with assets they lack.

"We can score. But we're small, we don't have a dominating post presence," McGraw

says. "So we need to use our speed to improve our defense and rebounding."

Her team was made all too aware of their issues inside in the contest against Connecticut, as 6'4" center Tina Charles rolled over the Irish defense for 23 points and 13 rebounds en route to a 70-46 pummeling of third-ranked Notre Dame. Certainly, the dominant squad from Storrs, a Big East rival, represents an important obstacle to and measuring stick for success. With multiple potential matchups against the Huskies left on the Irish docket, learning from the loss will be important.

"We need to start better," Diggins says. "First eight minutes [of the UConn game] — 26 to 6. Last 32 minutes — 44 to 40. And we're still having trouble with it. Louisville, West Virginia, we started terrible. We need to come out with intensity and play all 40 minutes."

McGraw knows it's her responsibility to get that out of her team. "We have tremendous potential," she says. "It's all about attitude. We can't dig a hole at the beginning of games. So we're working on that."

If that can be achieved, the sky may well be the limit for this Irish squad. In the 2001 Championship run, dominant post presence Ruth Riley was the focal point of Coach McGraw's schemes. This year's team is far different, but McGraw has found ways to get

scoring from many places.

"Our depth is as good as anyone in the country," she says. "We can go eight or nine deep."

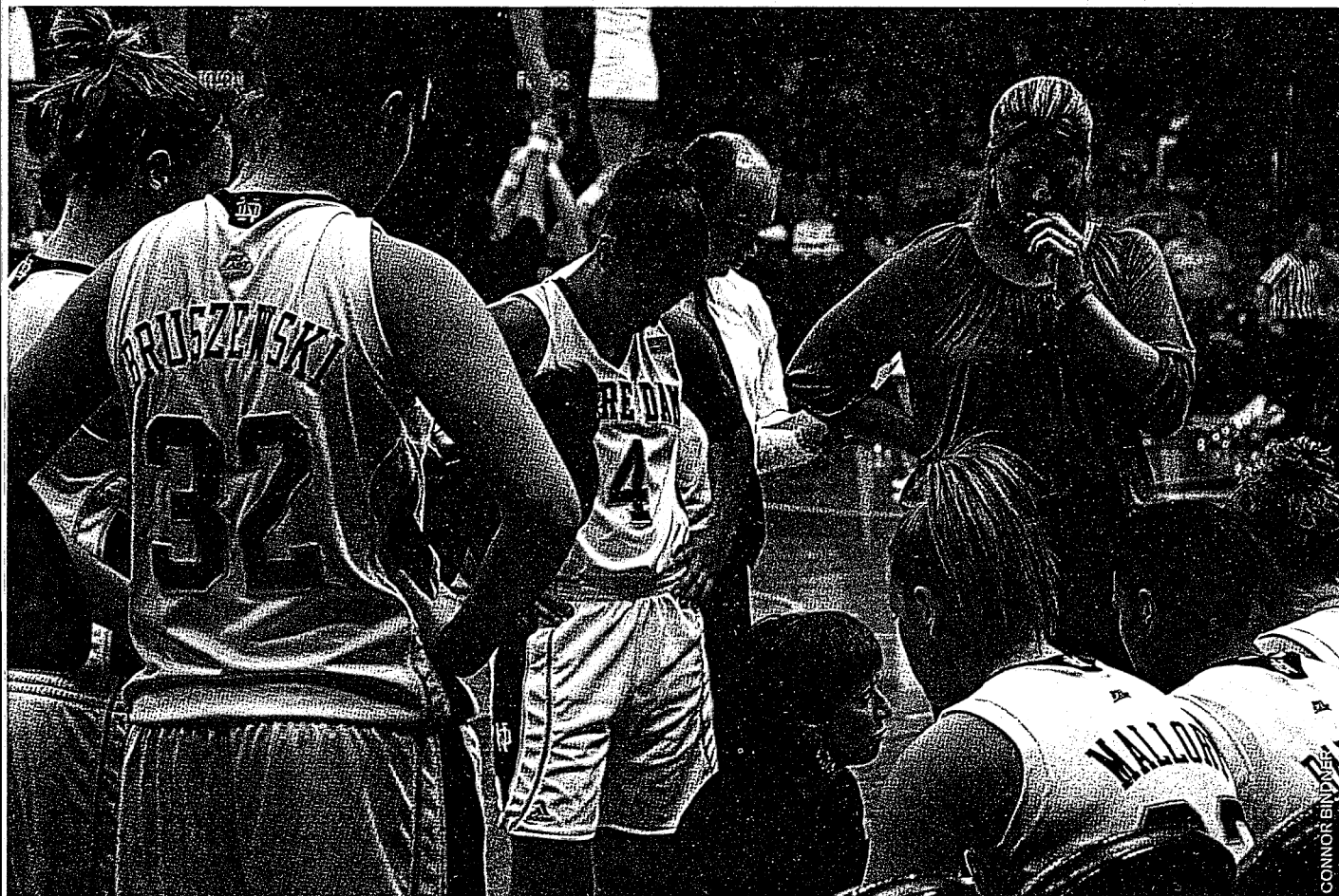
And they do, bringing talents like sophomore guard Natalie Novosel, junior guard Brittany Mallory and junior forward Deveraux Peters off the bench. Each averages at least five points and 16 minutes per contest, providing dependable play while the starters rest.

But this team's success will ride, at least in part, on the development of its freshman phenom. It may be a lot to ask of a first year player to lead a top five team, but Diggins seems ready for the challenge.

"For me to do that, I had to learn first," Diggins says. "You could say I'm a little bossy... nah, not really. But I welcome that leadership role. And thank God we have seniors who are teaching us for next year, helping me along the way."

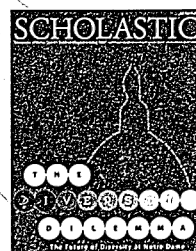
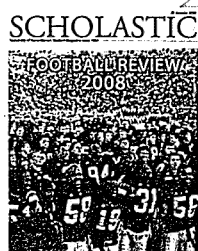
Only time will tell if it will be enough. But stay tuned to this team, because there are sure to be exciting games ahead.

"We've got Final Four potential for sure," Diggins says. "We just need to keep believing in each other and our coaching staff, and our coaching staff in us, and we'll be fine. We still haven't played our best basketball yet".



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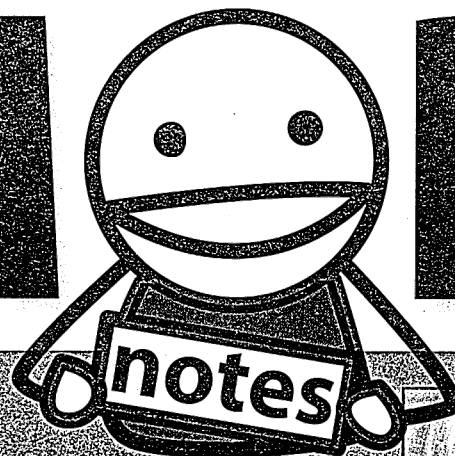
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# HUMOR



## Listening In...

Girl in love: What are you thinking about, honey?  
 Boy in love: Oh, nothing really.  
 Girl in love: Tell me, babe!  
 Boy in love: Fine. Sex.

More confused freshman: Wait, can you help me? I can't find it.  
 Less confused freshman: Find what?  
 More confused freshman: Water! It's not on the periodic table!

Incredulous bestie: You got drunk dialed by the gay, married man who won't even friend me on Facebook?

Budding Theologian: Just because you're Christian doesn't mean you have a soul.

## Back In the Day...

Walk into your favorite South Bend bar today and you won't be surprised by what you see — sludge on the floor from countless hours (and dollars) of spilled drinks, thumping music that would make Miley proud and the couple hooking up against the wall while the rest of the bar-goers search for the next partner to grind with.

Walk into your favorite South Bend bar fifty years ago, and the results may be more shocking. At least if you try to do The Twist on the dance floor.

"When a good lookin' girl does a good twist, there is not one good red-blooded American boy who has a good thought during that time."

So says Doug Drane, a 1961 Alumni Hall senator, quoted during an hour-and-a-half campus debate regarding the banning of the scandalous new dance fad. As his compatriot in the war against The Twist, Dave Castaldi served as the brainchild of this clearly necessary use of student government time — but at least was kind enough to absolve the men of blame over their unavoidably lascivious thoughts.

Luckily a student poll taken at the time showed that the student body did not see this as what one senator called "a moral mess." The students decided to sacrifice virtue in favor of a good time, a concept clearly lost on our current generation — after all, when's the last time anyone saw a lovely Notre Dame lady doing The Twist in Fever's cage?

—Malisha Samarasekera and Molly Kring

People have reacted in one of two ways to the revolutionary addition of the "Friend Crush" to the Notre Dame consciousness. They either say, "Oh yeah, a friend crush. I know exactly what that is. I have so many friend crushes. They're people I see and I just want to hang out and do friend-like things with." Now, as far as I can tell, these kinds of people are usually female and they are usually on the Scholastic staff.



Everyone else goes, "What the hell is a friend crush?" You explain it. "It is just someone you really, really want to have a Platonic relationship with." Most have been unconvinced. Can the yearning and aching and strife that come with a crush exist on the friend level? Can you really obsess over your desire to hang out and play video games or go shopping with someone? It's certainly a controversial statement. But it's controversial statements that make South Bend bearable in the middle of winter.

So in the spirit of continuing to push our radical agenda, we bring you the Friend Crush.

This month we present somebody who prefers Lindsay Lohan's early work to her current train wreck and thinks solo cups weren't meant to stand upright. "You need the ability to recite the whole *Mean Girls* script on command and be a fantastic partner for flip cup, once I turn 21, of course," this issue's pick says.

Meet sophomore Ashley Ulrich. She's a business and Spanish major hailing from the fine state of Ohio.

If you are going to keep up with this aspiring accountant, you are going to have to learn the art of multi-tasking. "I play volleyball, DDR as my intense daily workout, belt 'Love Story' at overcrowded dorm parties and Facebook stalk. I probably know more about you than you know about yourself," Ashley says.

Before you start hitting up dorm parties with Ulrich, you guys will have to go on your first friend date. She has a very specific agenda for this big event. "First, we'll pedicure on our toes, toes. We'll then try on all our clothes, clothes. Boys will be blowing up our phones, phones."

Will this date go somewhere? That depends. Are you over six feet tall? Can you give a good massage? Are you willing to compliment Ashley on her brilliant sense of humor? These are all requirements for the job.

So is it the Platonic relationship of your dreams? I asked Ashley to describe herself in one sentence. Her response? "Can you Google the calories in a Keystone Light?"

If you've had the same thought, then you may have met your match.

—Mike Tresnowski





Welcome back to the glacial grasslands, my scandalous scoundrels!

After a much-needed holiday in the motherland, good old Gipp is back and ready to relive some of the merriest mishaps and most sidesplitting stories of the New Year. For you seniors, it's the beautiful beginning of an employment-hopeful end; for you freshmen, it's time to step up and raise those GPA's so that Daddy doesn't revoke credit card privileges come the end of the semester, and for everyone else in between ... well, just hunker down somewhere warm with your books and besties until you can at last legally buy your own alcohol.

And speaking of alcohol, this month the Gipp will yet again explore the curious world of intoxicated college students. You lucky Irish men and women know as well as anyone that when booze gets thrown into the mix, all sorts of unusual decision-making occurs. Next thing you know you're on your hands and knees at a suffocating South Bend bar looking for a young woman's rouge veneer tooth. Or you're dancing with a girl dressed like Lady Gaga while belting a bastardized rendition of something resembling an old Elton John song. Or you've come to the terrifying realization that instead of ordering just one Snuggie online, you've in fact ordered 10. But just when you think you've seen it all, one more inebriated imbecile stumbles onto the collegiate drinking scene.

One Domer found himself in a particularly precarious situation full of booze, babes and booby-trapped bathrooms while celebrating the dawning of the New Year in the Big Apple. Our friend — who we shall call "Houdini" — was in a Red Bull and vodka state of mind with his evening well underway — several hours at a city bar had left him and his friends with the party ants in their pants. In the wee hours of the mornin' they hailed a taxi and were en route to the next big bash when Houdini decided that the cab wasn't worth the cash. At the next stoplight he disengaged the door and dashed off into the New York night.

Soon after, Houdini was high-tailin' it on a train headed in what he hoped was the general direction of his friend's abode. He was seated

between two fine female specimens, equally intoxicated as he, who found his mysterious musk to be worthy of their advancements. Quite pleased with himself and his dumb luck, Houdini made a quick exit to relieve himself in the train bathroom. But the lavatory was vengefully sabotaged — after zippin' it up he couldn't open the door! This was one trap that the great magician could not escape. When help arrived some 15 minutes later, the lady friends had already ditched the train. The dashing Houdini, while mourning his loss, came to the revitalizing realization that he had actually managed to board the correct train! But his adventure in the concrete jungle was not quite over. With a dead cell phone and no sober sense to consider alternatives, he embarked on the wobbly walk from the train station to his final destination. The journey included a trek across the three-mile-long, no-pedestrian-pathed, police-monitored Tappan Zee Bridge. From here the story goes as you might predict: Houdini was intercepted by the cops, who responded to his bizarre behavior by demanding that he drop trou in the middle of the bridge to search for weapons and drugs before agreeing to drive him home — drunk, disturbed and severely dispirited. Some kids would be better off sticking to small-town Indiana ...

Our second story brings us back to the magical Midwest, where a recently single Loverboy looked forward to a long weekend of third-class beer, second-class basketball and, hopefully, a free first-class dinner, for his parents had plans to drive in from out of town on Saturday morning to go to the game against DePaul. As Friday night crept closer and grand party plans were made, his friends grew giddy with post-pubescent glee: With Loverboy's long-time girlfriend no longer on the fornication forecast, watching him navigate the newly-available Notre Dame hookup scene was almost as hysterically atrocious as watching Snookie do a cartwheel in a miniskirt.

In the midst of the early evening cocktail consumption, an unprecedented instance of maturity overtook young Loverboy in the wake of his parents' impending visit: He needed to do laundry. At this same moment, his friends decided it was prime time to party and dragged Loverboy out the door with barely enough time to toss in the Tide and start the laundry load.

The party proved to be an extraordinarily hospitable habitat for the restless rascal, and Loverboy soon found himself surrounded by a swarm of potential partners. One particularly enticing individual had her gooey gaze fixed on the charming chap for quite some time, and, throwing both caution and decorum out the window, she moved in for the kill.

Excited by the evening's acquisition and well aware of the promise of prolonging the events long into the night, Loverboy had a sudden and distressing epiphany — his bed sheets were still in the washing machine. He stealthily sneaked back to his house, put his laundry in the dryer, returned to the party and resumed conversation (and activity) with his potential houseguest. An hour later he repeated the process and returned knowing his well-dressed mattress was ready for action. Loverboy's cryptic disappearances didn't seem to disturb his eager escort, and the two relocated to his house for the rest of the evening.

When they awoke the next morning, they were greeted by the alarming sound of Loverboy's parents' voices wafting up the stairs — they had arrived several hours earlier than anticipated, and now Loverboy was faced with a fast-approaching disaster. His roommates were stalling with small talk, in the midst of a desperate attempt to bail their buddy out of the oncoming crisis. Leaving his guest upstairs, he descended to greet his parents and covertly alerted his friends of a plan, and the house leapt swiftly into action.

Mom and Dad were swept into the kitchen, located in the back of the house, to help the roomies make breakfast. With his parents distracted and deep in conversation, Loverboy grabbed his gal and darted downstairs to the getaway car. He dropped her off unobtrusively and returned shortly thereafter, but the quick exit had not been executed as precisely as the previous night's endeavors. When his parents inquired suspiciously about his unexplained absence, the roommates cringed, preparing to witness the entire plan unravel. But without missing a beat, Loverboy reached into a plastic bag, pulled out a gallon of milk and grinned: "I thought we could use this."

From big-city brainlessness to crafty conundrum cracking, you Domers never cease to make Old Gipp marvel at the absurdity of your exploits. To those of you who sent in tips, cheers and many thanks! And to those of you who have stories yet to share, send them my way!

I want your bad romance,

The Gipper

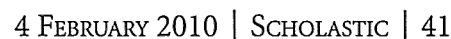
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## RETURNING FROM ABROAD: A GUIDE TO BEING OBNOXIOUS AND ALIENATING YOUR OLD FRIENDS

Krishna Surasi

- 1 The first step to making your reintegration into old friend groups as abrasive as possible begins while you are still abroad. Make sure you upload an absurd number of pictures of your adventures, even if there are multiple pictures of the same exact thing from different cameras. Quantity, not quality. This will set the groundwork for later on when you piss your friends off by telling them about all the things you did and act surprised that they didn't do them, even though you know they didn't.  
"Did you see my pictures from when we went windsurfing in Australia? It is so much fun, right? What? You mean you have never been windsurfing?! Oh my God, you really should have gone abroad somewhere; you really missed out."
- 2 Talk to the people who are going to study at the same place you did the next semester and tell them every single thing you did and why it was the greatest thing ever. Remember: use superlatives.  
Incorrect: "The beach at Puerto Escondido was very nice. We were able to go surfing and the beaches were not very crowded. I highly recommend it."  
Correct: "OMFG PUERTO ESCONDIDO WAS THE SINGLE GREATEST EXPERIENCE OF MY LIFE! WE HAD THE BEST SURFING INSTRUCTOR EVER, HE WAS SOOOO COOL AND I WANTED TO HAVE HIS BABY! AND THERE WAS NO ONE ON THE BEACH EXCEPT US. IF YOU DON'T GO YOU ARE WASTING YOUR LIFE AND YOU WILL REGRET IT UNTIL THE DAY YOU DIE!"
- 3 After your return, every time you drink you must start speaking in a foreign language and explain that you now sometimes slip into it because you are so fluent. Also make sure to claim that you speak the foreign language much better when you are drunk.  
"Conducteur! À Fièvre, s'il vous plaît."
- 3.5 If you studied abroad in an English speaking country, make sure to have adopted its lingo and use it in everyday speech. Cheers mate!
- 4 Be sure to pronounce all words native to your foreign language of choice like they are correctly pronounced. Also look confused when someone says a word in an anglosaxonized accent and proceed to correct him with your awesome accent.  
"Notre Dame?... Oh, Nohtre Dhaam!"
- 5 Act like you care about sports that no one in America cares about. Show your faux devotion by wearing jerseys or scarves from your favorite team you know nothing about.  
"Why am I wearing this jersey? What are you talking about bro? I've always liked cricket."
- 6 Brag about how many times per week you went out while you were abroad. The more times you went out, the more justified you will be in having chosen to go abroad and the more your friends will hate to hear you speak about it.  
"Hey man, did you go out a lot last semester at ND? When I was in Ireland we went out eight times a week: once every day and twice on Sunday, baby!"
- 7 Make sure everything reminds you of a story from abroad. Smooth transitions are not as important as making sure that people hear all the things you did no matter how mundane.  
"Oh man, see that elevator over there? There was something like that in Guanajuato called El Pípila. It's a giant transparent box that rides around above the city on cables! Well that's what we thought at least. Turned out it was actually just a room with glass walls that didn't do anything."
- 8 Ditch your usual Notre Dame friends for your study abroad group and frequently attend study abroad parties. Feel free to invite your usual friends to come anyway, since you know they will not go because they feel uncomfortable around your abroad group and don't understand any of your jokes, which brings me to number nine...
- 9 Make inside jokes that no one understands except that small group of people who you went abroad with.
- 10 Brag about how your abroad college is the best in its country.  
"Yeah, I studied at what is pretty much considered the Harvard of Uganda."

by Molly Kring  
and Jen Wulf





# WANTED: ND SINGLES

*Having a hard time finding that special someone at Notre Dame? Looking for that girl or guy who will walk with you holding hands around the lakes, kiss you under the Lyons Arch and then marry you at the Basilica after a grotto engagement (and five or so years on the waiting list)? Just in time for everyone's favorite holiday, Scholastic provides you with a collection of personals showcasing the finest ladies and gentlemen this campus has to offer.*

By Kathleen Toohill



## READY FOR THE REAL DEAL

Female student looking for a serious, committed boyfriend. I'm an intelligent, independent and forward-thinking young woman looking for someone who wants to spend time with me from 9 a.m.-11:59 p.m. during the week, 2:00 a.m. on the weekends (if only there were no parietals...nothing could keep us apart!). The guy I'm looking for needs to be confident enough to ignore any immature friends who may call him "whipped" because they're insecure and jealous of the close relationship we share. He should be willing to declare his love for me openly. Ideally, we'll be "Facebook-official" no more than two weeks after our first dining hall date.

## PERSONAL "JERSEY" CHASER WANTED

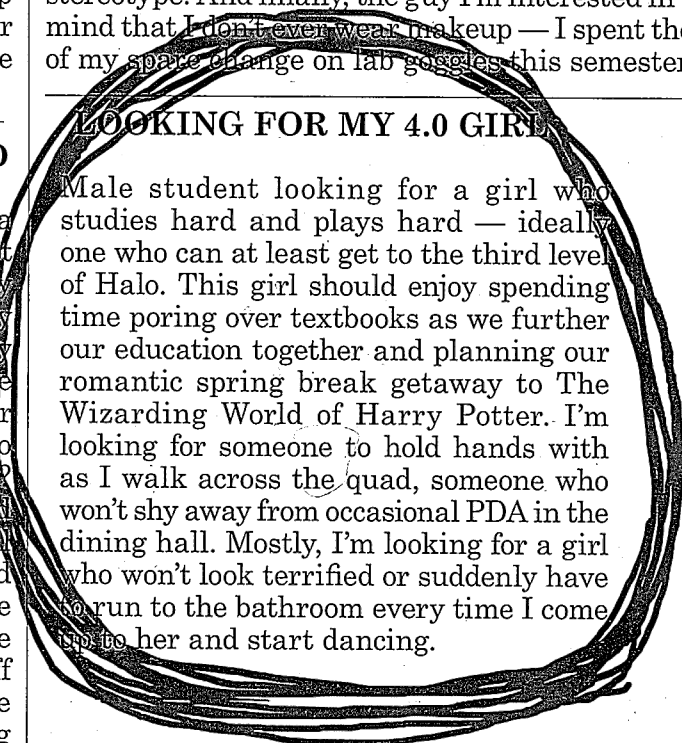
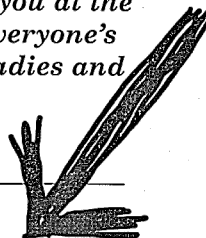
Hot, smart, athletic, funny, ripped guy looking for a cute girl to chill with. Let's just say The Situation's got nothing on me...I was all about the Gym Tan Laundry (GTL) routine before anyone had ever heard of "Jersey Shore." The girl I'm looking for should be totally impressed by how my roommates and I basically live like we're in a frat, at least until our RA fines us for playing beer pong. I mean, why do they even sell Solo cups in the Huddle if they don't want us to use them? The girl I'm looking for needs to at least understand the basics of a football game (no, a split end in football doesn't have anything to do with poorly conditioned hair) so she doesn't embarrass me. She shouldn't be full of herself either, cause that's totally not attractive in a girl. Also, the girl shouldn't want to do couple stuff like eating meals together or stopping to talk when we pass each other in LaFortune. I'm really not looking for anything serious.

## COMFY AND COZY

Female student looking for a guy who won't challenge my freedom to wear sweatpants anytime I want. I'm sick of guys giving girls a hard time for wearing Uggs too — whoever said "Beauty is pain" clearly never had to walk to class during a South Bend snowstorm. And what's more, this guy shouldn't mind when I show up to a party in running shoes and a workout t-shirt — if you're not going to get dressed up, why should I? I want a guy who would never complain that Notre Dame girls are unattractive or that we don't care about how we look. I'm tired of hearing that completely unfounded stereotype. And finally, the guy I'm interested in won't mind that I don't ever wear makeup — I spent the last of my spare change on lab goggles this semester.

## LOOKING FOR MY 4.0 GIRL

Male student looking for a girl who studies hard and plays hard — ideally one who can at least get to the third level of Halo. This girl should enjoy spending time poring over textbooks as we further our education together and planning our romantic spring break getaway to The Wizarding World of Harry Potter. I'm looking for someone to hold hands with as I walk across the quad, someone who won't shy away from occasional PDA in the dining hall. Mostly, I'm looking for a girl who won't look terrified or suddenly have to run to the bathroom every time I come up to her and start dancing.



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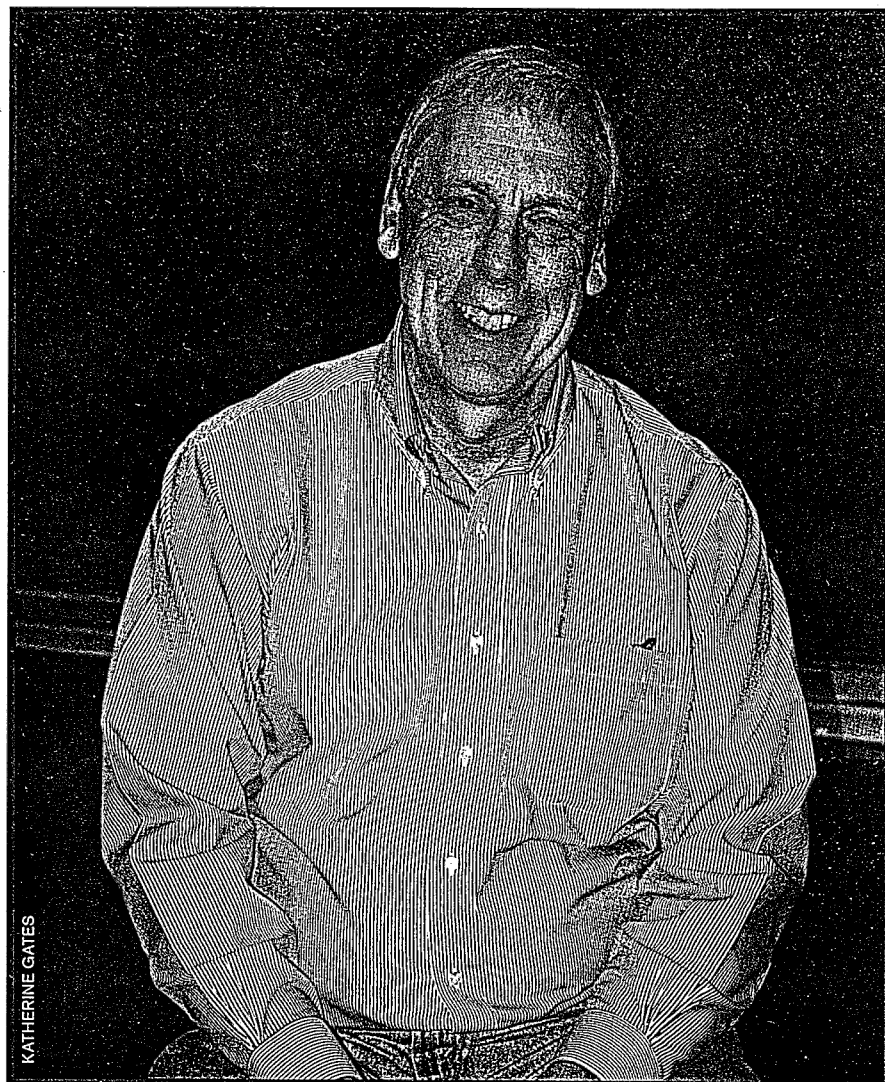


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Mike Tresnowski

*Specializing in film and twentieth-century fiction, Associate Professor William Krier brings a unique perspective to the English courses he teaches – rather than purchasing text books, students subscribe to Netflix as part of the “required reading.” Presenting film as a form of literature, Krier teaches one of the most in-demand courses in the English department: American Film. Krier’s film knowledge extends beyond the classroom, as he recently concluded a comprehensive study of the romantic comedy genre from the 1940s to today.*

*What attribute do you most admire in another person?*

Something the poet John Keats called “negative capability.” It means being able to delay forming an opinion about a person or an issue, being able to gather lots of information instead of rushing to judgment.

*If you could “live in someone else’s shoes” for a day, whose would you choose?*

Any major league baseball player, probably Jamie Moyer.

*What is the most useful piece of advice you have received?*

A roguish uncle of mine once tried to explain to me how to handle myself in a barroom fight. I was 12. His advice was to “wait, your turn will come.” I’ve never had to use that advice in a fight or a bar, but it has always seemed to me an appropriate way to move through life.

*What do you think our generation’s most pressing issue is?*

Global violence.

*What is your idea of a perfect day?*

Traveling, anywhere, with Terry, the woman I love. Perhaps in Venice.

*You can invite any three figures, living or dead, to a dinner party. Who would they be?*

John Keats, Francois Truffaut, and Terry.

*What is your biggest worry?*

The health and safety of my children and fifteen grandchildren.

*If you could have any one superpower, what would it be?*

Time travel.

*What is your favorite quotation?*

“The time to make up your mind about someone is never,” spoken by Katherine Hepburn in “The Philadelphia Story.”

*You are stranded on an island and discover a backpack with a single book in it. Which book do you hope to find when you reach in?*

Walker Percy’s *The Second Coming* (although, if the island were properly equipped, I’d love to find a DVD of Truffaut’s “Day for Night”). ❸



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\$1.99 each**

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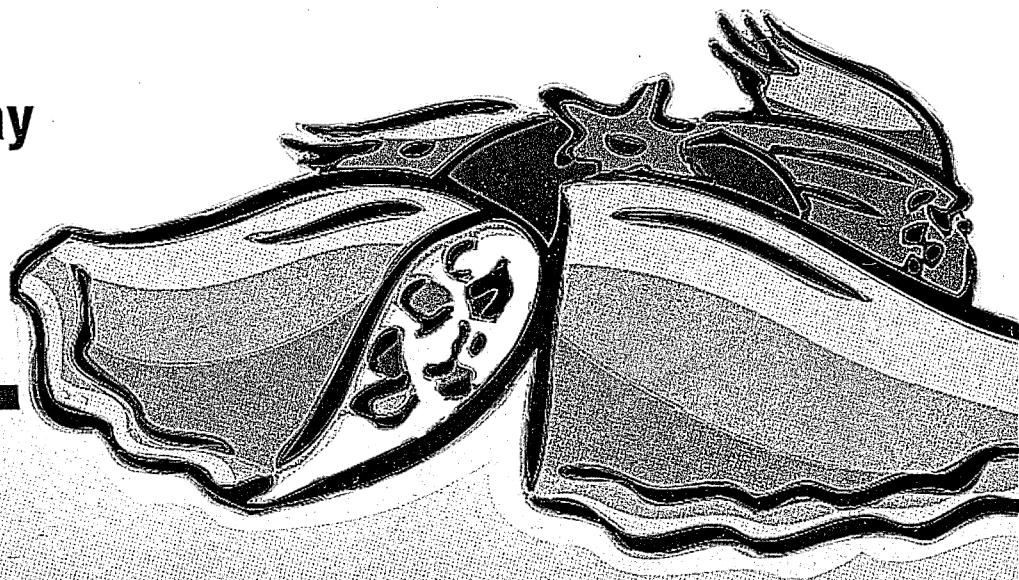
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