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## Applicants admitted to parents' dream school

*Class of 2015 promises to be one of the best*

By SAM STRYKER  
News Editor

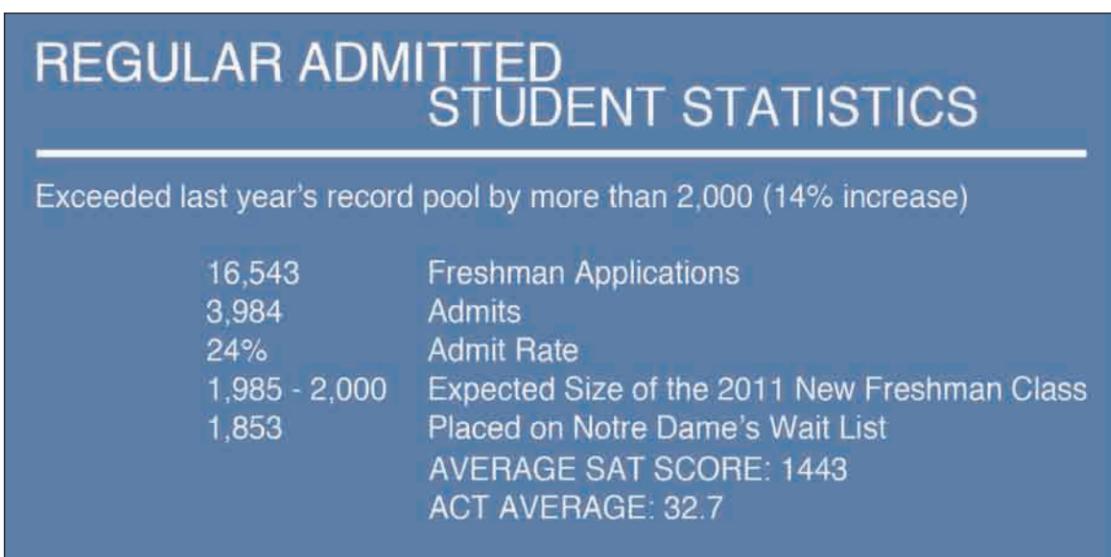
Before they even set foot on campus, Notre Dame's Class of 2015 has broken records. With an increase of over 2,000 applications from last year, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions has put together its most accomplished group of students yet.

The mean SAT score of admitted students is 1443, a nine point increase from last year. The median student ranks in the top two percent of their high school class. Two-thirds of those in the top 3 percent of their high school class were not admitted.

Director of Admissions Bob Mundy said the strength of the admitted class's profile is a result of the dramatic increase in applications.

"In terms of overall academic quality, this group is stronger. It is a reflection on that increase in applications," he said. "Generally what happens when you have a big increase, you ... get a [stronger] distribution of students."

A total of 16,543 students applied to Notre Dame this year. 3,984 students were admitted



LAUREN KALINOSKI | The Observer

and 1,853 were waitlisted. Last year's final rate of admission was 29 percent. Before students move off the waitlist, this year's rate stands at 24 percent.

Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Enrollment Don Bishop said this year's waitlist students are very strong, as their average SAT score is higher than the enrolled Class of 2014.

"The waitlist profile this year is equal to the class that enrolled in the fall," he said. "Last year a significant number of [currently waitlisted students] would have been admitted."

Mundy said what makes the admitted class stand out is what its students have accomplished

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*ND ranked as a top choice by parents*

By ADAM LIORENS  
News Writer

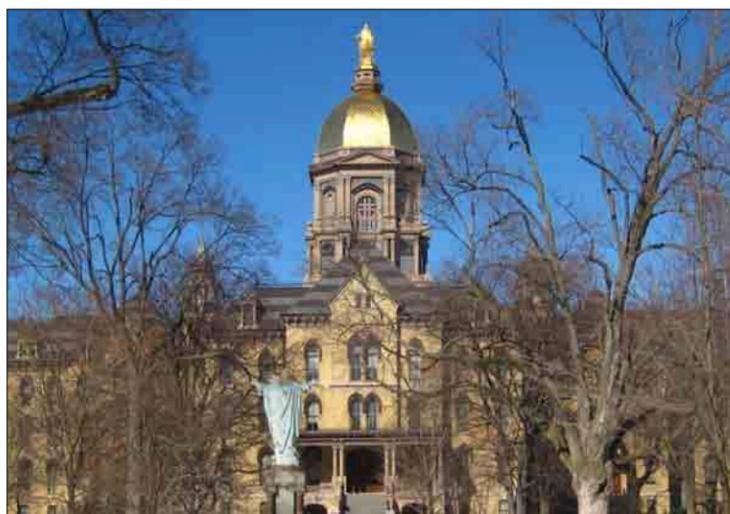
Notre Dame's scenic campus, prestigious academics and vast alumni network have placed it amongst parents' top dream schools for their children, according to The Princeton Review's "College Homes and Worries Survey." Notre Dame took the ninth spot on the list, falling from number seven in last year's survey.

Director for Editorial Content David Soto said the strong response regarding Notre Dame among polled parents indicates the University is held in high esteem.

"We have been doing this list since the 2002-2003 school year, and Notre Dame has always been a usual suspect," Soto said. "This year, 3966 parents responded to the survey question, so obviously they see the value Notre Dame brings to the table."

The Princeton Review is a test preparation and admis-

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OBSERVER FILE PHOTO

Notre Dame's main building is a widely-recognized symbol of the University. Students refer to ND as their "home under the dome."

## Halls struggle to fit returning students

By MEL FLANAGAN  
News Writer

After living away from Notre Dame for four months, students planning to study abroad next fall may not be able to return to their current homes on campus for the Spring Semester.

Problems arise when a residence hall has a greater number of students going abroad in the fall than the spring. With a limited number of rooms opening up in the spring, halls cannot guarantee accommodations to all returning residents.

Jeffery Shoup, director of Residence Life and Housing, said this problem is not uncommon.

"Every spring there are a few dorms where there are more

students returning from abroad than who are leaving," he said. "[Next year], it is likely that a few halls will have this issue."

Pangborn is one dorm currently attempting to resolve the issue. With 24 residents traveling abroad in the fall and only 14 departing in the spring, the hall will likely have to turn 10 students away.

Lisa Edwards, a sophomore from Pangborn who will be studying in Dublin in the fall, said her dorm organized a random lottery with the 24 girls who will be gone first semester. The top 14 will be able to return to Pangborn, but the remaining 10 will have to find other housing.

Edwards received a number in

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## South Africa hosts ND

By ANNA BOARINI  
News Writer

Last summer, 20 students experienced cultural and economic hardship very different from their own experience at Notre Dame while on a six-week study abroad program in South Africa.

"It was a typical study abroad program that's intent was cultural immersion and exposure to poverty," said Anre Venter, psychology professor and program coordinator.

While in South Africa, the students lived in an apartment complex near the University of Cape Town where they took two classes. Outside the classroom, students had to travel and volun-



photo courtesy of JOANNA STABILE

Students stand at the southwestern point of the African continent during their trip to South Africa last summer.

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### CORRECTIONS

In a March 29 article, "SMC appoints alumn as new VP for Mission," the name of the College's outgoing Vice President for Mission is Sr. Mary Louis Gude. Her name was misspelled in the original article. The Observer regrets this error.

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WOULD YOU SURVIVE A ZOMBIE ATTACK?



**Anna Wanzek**  
*sophomore McGlenn*

"No, I wouldn't. I don't have any socks."



**Eric Wilde II**  
*sophomore Siegfried*

"Not only would I survive, but I would take down more zombies than anybody else."



**Maggie Armstrong**  
*freshman Walsh*

"Of course I would. I just need a shovel."



**Nate Balmert**  
*sophomore Dillon*

"Of course I would! I'm Nate Balmert."



**William Klein**  
*junior Keenan*

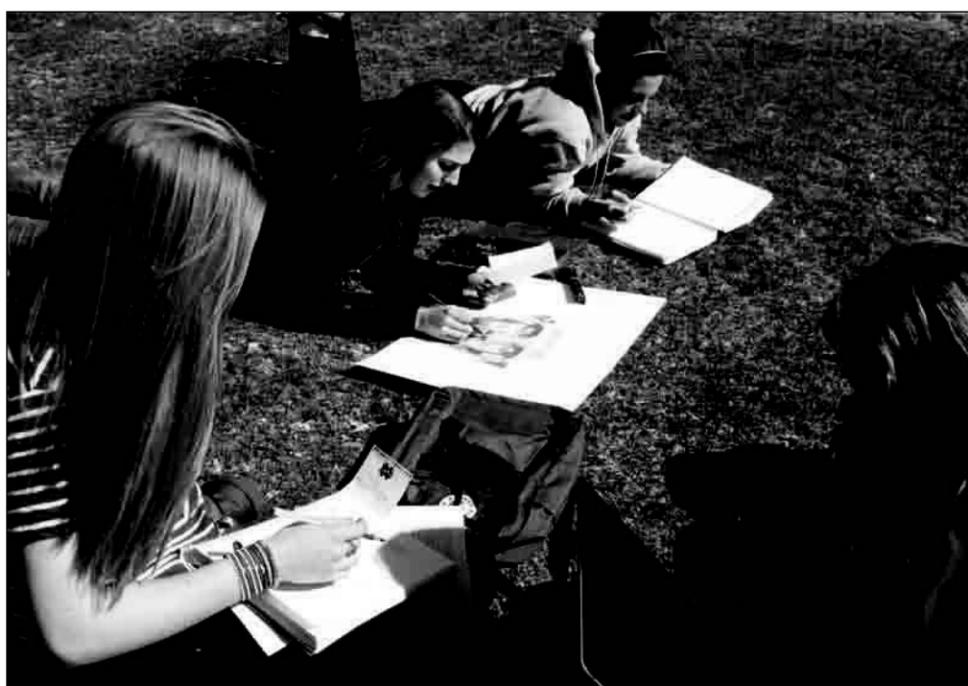
"Clearly not."



**Yiting Zheng**  
*sophomore McGlenn*

"Wait, zombies are already dead. So how are we supposed to kill them?"

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email [obsphoto@gmail.com](mailto:obsphoto@gmail.com)



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**Freshmen Hillary Rolfs, Marissa Kinsley, Dani Dorrego and Anne McEnery take advantage of the first day warm enough to do homework outdoors on a sunny South Quad Monday afternoon.**

### OFFBEAT

#### Bronx Zoo's missing cobra speaks out on Twitter

NEW YORK — The Bronx Zoo may still be looking for its missing cobra, but a tongue-in-cheek Twitter user is charting its supposed progress.

Someone using the handle BronxZoosCobra has been tweeting to a quickly growing number of followers — more than 85,000 by early Tuesday evening. In contrast with the user posing as the 20-inch, highly venomous snake, the Bronx Zoo had about 6,000 followers.

"On top of the Empire State Building!" BronxZoosCobra posted.

"All the people look like little mice down there. Delicious little mice."

Tweets included one about "Sex and the City": "I'm totally a SSSamantha."

#### 375-pound shark leaps into Texas fisherman's boat

FREEMONT, Texas — It's the catch of a lifetime, but it's not clear whether a Texas fisherman landed an 8-foot shark or it landed him.

Jason Kresse, 29, of Freeport, and two crew members had been fishing for red snapper about 50 miles into the Gulf of Mexico and were dumping fish guts into the water

about 3:45 a.m. Monday when they heard two big splashes in the distance.

"All of a sudden something hit the side of the boat," Kresse told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "He ends up landing on the back of the boat."

The mako shark had apparently been in a rush to feed. It began thrashing around, and Kresse said he and his crew couldn't get close to the 375-pound fish to toss it back in the water. It damaged the boat before dying several hours later.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

### IN BRIEF

The International Sunrise Breakfast will begin at 7 a.m. today in the Fischer Community Center as a part of International Festival Week.

Check your skin for sun damage at Melanoma Awareness Day beginning at 12 p.m. today. The event will be hosted by Howard Hall in the Sorin Room of LaFortune Student Center.

A colloquium titled "Emergence of Order in Physical, Chemical, and Biological Systems" will be hosted by the Department of Physics today. The event will begin at 4 p.m. in 118 Nieuwland Science Hall.

The lecture "Blowout! Sal Castro and the Chicano Struggle for Educational Justice" will be held in 210-214 McKenna Hall today at 5 p.m. The Center for Latino Studies will sponsor the event.

A peer-to-peer panel on job searching for international undergraduates will begin in 210 DeBartolo Hall at 5:30 p.m. today.

Speaker Colette Coyne will present in the Montgomery Auditorium of LaFortune Student Center tonight at 8 p.m. The talk will be part of Howard Hall's Melanoma Awareness Day.

A red hot chili pepper contest will be held at 9 p.m. tonight in the Fischer Community Center as a part of International Festival Week.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, email detailed information about an event to [obsnews.nd@gmail.com](mailto:obsnews.nd@gmail.com)

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# Africa

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teer.

Senior Joanna Stabile said the most interesting part of the program was gaining perspective on how the various townships coped with the lasting effects of apartheid, especially poverty.

"During apartheid, they [government officials] forcibly removed anyone of color or black from the cities and into the townships," she said. "Even though apartheid is over, the black people are still living in extreme poverty in the townships."

Stabile said while visiting the townships, she and the other students would typically be the only Caucasian people in the area. She said children often expressed shock at the sight of the students.

Venter said exposing the Notre Dame students to poverty was a central component of the program.

"By taking the students to the townships like Soweto, one of the first black townships, they got insights into how the local African people lived and live," Venter said.

During their time in the African nation, students went on safari in Kruger National Park and visited an orphanage in the Mpumalanga Township. Venter said the orphanage was makeshift, operated by a local woman out of her house.

Senior Justin Siler said there were between 20 and 25 children living in the orphanage ranging from infants and toddlers to teenagers. Some of the children were born infected with AIDS and had been abandoned at birth.

Visiting the orphanage and going on safari were not the



Courtesy of Joanna Stabile

**Students participated in service projects by working with South African youth in orphanages and day programs.**

only chances the students had to experience South Africa outside the classroom. Students had the opportunity to live with a local family for a weekend, and Siler attended the first game of the FIFA World Cup.

"Each of us, either by ourselves or with another person, were able to spend a weekend with a family in a township," Siler said. "It was a really cool experience."

When the students were not in school or travelling throughout the country, they did service work in the townships. As the World Cup resulted in some school cancellations, NGO's and government agencies set up alternative programs. Stabile volunteered at one such program.

Stabile said some of the children in the program expressed concern about getting home at an early hour as Nigerian men had been kidnapping girls to be sold into slavery.

"It was crazy hearing about the human trafficking," Stabile said. "I never imag-

ined I would sit with an 11 year old and listen to her talk about how she lost her friend."

Stabile said the extreme disparity between the lives of South African youth and her own made a lasting impression.

"I had to be confronted with all this poverty and not really be able to do anything about it," she said. "It changed me for the better and I gained something, but [I] wasn't really able to give something back, and that was a challenge."

Upon returning to Notre Dame, Stabile and some of the other students began trying to help the locals in a way they could not while in South Africa. Venter's daughter, a student at Trinity High School, has collected around 500 pounds of clothes, shoes and other goods. Stabile and her peers are collecting funds to ship the goods back to South Africa.

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# Housing

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the bottom ten.

"It's understandable that it all happens, but it's just a bummer," she said. "Dorm life is such an important part here, and now there's no way to possibly get back into your own dorm."

Betsy McGovern, another sophomore in the bottom 10 of the lottery, said Pangborn's rector, Sister Mary, indicated she will try to take the girls' wishes into consideration.

"Because of its proximity to Pangborn, I would prefer to live in McGovern said. "My rectress will help me and the other nine girls figure out a rooming situation that best suits us."

If McGovern or the other nine Pangborn students wish to remain on South Quad, Badin Hall could be a potential home for the spring.

Sr. Denise Lyon, rector of Badin, said only three girls from her hall will be going abroad in the fall, compared with 12 or 14 leaving in the spring. These numbers are similar to those of past years.

"It's been a coincidence that many more go in the spring than go in the fall, so Badin does indeed take in people who can't get back into their own hall," she said.

Although Sister Denise generally tries to resolve rooming for next spring this year, she said many rectors wait until fall since students' plans often change.

"Just because you don't have room now doesn't mean it's not going to open up in the fall either," she said. "And that happens quite often — that right now it looks like there's not going to be enough rooms and come the fall there are enough rooms."

McGovern said she is frustrated that she may not know her living situation until she returns from Dublin in the spring. However, she is planning on spending a great deal of her time in Pangborn regardless of where she lives.

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**Sister Denise Lyon  
Badin rector**

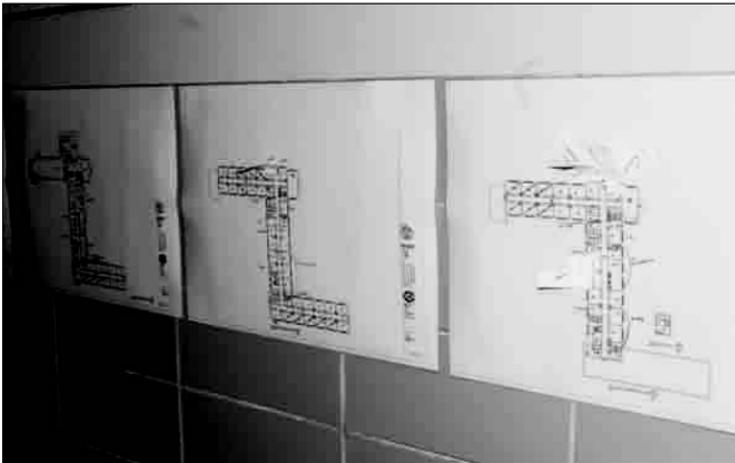
"I love my dorm and the people in it so much," she said. "I don't want to drift away from the connection I have to my dorm now."

Kat Wilson, another Pangborn sophomore who will not be able to

return to her dorm after a semester in Fremantle, Australia, said she understands housing planning can be complex, especially since Pangborn is one of the smaller female dorms.

"I honestly have no idea where I am going to be living in the fall," Wilson said. "But as long as I am guaranteed to live on campus, I'll be happy."

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SUZANNA PRATT / The Observer

**Pangborn Hall, currently facing a room shortage for students studying abroad next year, posts schematics indicating availability.**

# Dream

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sions advisory company primarily serving rising undergraduate and graduate college students. The Review based its rankings on responses solicited from parents of high school and college age students, and did not consider statistics like acceptance rates or costs of attendance.

Soto said high-profile rankings draw greater attention to universities and tend to increase the number of applications received.

"We have long been fans of Notre Dame, as they consistently appear at the top of many of our academic and social lists," Soto said. "Students and parents realize this, and in turn many of them apply to Notre Dame."

Freshman Kevin Strickland's brother Danny is a high school junior currently looking at colleges. Strickland said he understood why Notre Dame appeals to his parents.

"My parents want him to go to Notre Dame because after

my dad [graduated in 1985], he really enjoyed the community aspect of the campus and felt that was something important to have in a school," Strickland said. "Notre Dame offers an academic level that would challenge him and leave him with many opportunities after graduation."

For senior and South Bend resident Robert Hayes Schafer, his father's position as a professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering made attending Notre Dame a practical decision.

"Having grown up near Notre Dame for my entire life, I have always been a diehard Notre Dame fan," Schafer said. "However, it would not have made financial sense to come here if my father was not working here. I had some generous scholarship offers from other colleges that were of similar quality, but with the tuition benefits that come with my father's job, I was able to attend my dream school."

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# Radiation spikes near plant

Associated Press

TOKYO — Seawater outside the hobbled nuclear power plant in northeastern Japan was found to contain 3,335 times the usual amount of radioactive iodine — the highest rate yet and a sign that more contaminated water was making its way into the ocean, officials said Wednesday.

The amount of iodine-131 found offshore some 300 yards south of the coastal Fukushima Dai-ichi power plant does not pose an immediate threat to human health but was a “concern,” said Hidehiko Nishiyama, a Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency official. He said there was no fishing in the area.

“We will nail down the cause, and will do our utmost to prevent it from rising further,” Nishiyama said.

The power plant has been leaking radiation since a March 11 tsunami slammed into Japan’s northeast, knocking out power and backup systems crucial to keeping temperatures down inside the plant’s reactors.

Residents within 12 miles have been evacuated, while those up to 19 miles have been urged to leave as radiation has made its way into vegetables, raw milk and water. Last week, tap water as far away as Tokyo, 140 miles to the south, contained levels of cancer-causing iodine-131 considered unsafe for infants.

The latest findings — based on a sample taken Tuesday — highlight the urgency of stabilizing the crippled power plant. The mission has been fraught with setbacks, as emergency crews have dealt with fires, explosions and radiation scares in the frantic bid to prevent a complete meltdown.

The government acknowledged Tuesday that its safeguards had been insufficient to protect the facility against the magnitude-9.0 earthquake and tsunami.

“Our preparedness was not sufficient,” Chief Cabinet secretary Yukio Edano told reporters Tuesday. “When the current crisis is over, we must examine the accident closely and thoroughly review” the safety standards.

An Associated Press investigation found that Tokyo Electric Power Co. officials had dismissed scientific evidence and geological history that indicated that a massive earthquake — and subsequent tsunami — was far more likely than they believed.

That left the complex with nowhere near enough protection against the tsunami.

Highly toxic plutonium was the latest contaminant found seeping into the soil outside the plant, TEPCO said. Safety officials said the amounts did not pose a risk to humans, but the finding supports suspicions that dangerously radioactive water is leaking from damaged nuclear fuel rods.

“The situation is very grave,” Edano said.

Workers succeeded last week in reconnecting some



A Greenpeace anti-nuclear activist attends a vigil for tsunami victims near the Japanese embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia.

parts of the plant to the power grid. But as they pumped in water to cool the reactors and nuclear fuel, they discovered numerous pools of radioactive water, including in the basements of several buildings and in trenches outside.

The contaminated water has been emitting many times the amount of radiation that the government considers safe for workers. It must be pumped out before electricity can be restored and the regular cooling systems powered up.

That has left officials struggling with two crucial but contradictory efforts: pumping in water to keep the fuel rods cool and pumping out contaminated water.

Officials are hoping tanks at the complex will be able to hold the water, or that new tanks can be trucked in. Officials from the Nuclear Safety Commission said other possibilities include digging a storage pit for the contaminated water, recycling it back into the reactors or even pumping it to an offshore tanker.

On Tuesday, three workers trying to connect a pump outside the Unit 3 reactor were splashed by water that gushed from a pipe. Though they wore suits meant to be waterproof and protect against high levels of radiation, nuclear safety official Hidehiko Nishiyama said the men were soaked to their underwear.

They quickly washed it off and were not injured, officials said.

Last week, two workers were hospitalized with burns after they waded into highly radioactive water that reached their knees while wearing ankle-high protective boots. They have been treated and released.

Nikkei, Japan’s top business newspaper, called it “outrageous” that TEPCO had been slow to release information about trenches outside the reactors filled with contaminated water, one just a few inches from overflowing.

TEPCO’s shares plunged nearly 20 percent on Tuesday. Its share price has nose-dived a staggering 73 percent since the tsunami.

Prime Minister Naoto Kan reiterated in a speech to parliament that Japan was grappling with its worst problems since World War II.

More than 11,000 bodies have been recovered, but officials say the final death toll is expected to exceed 18,000. Hundreds of thousands of people remain homeless, their homes and livelihoods destroyed. Damage could amount to \$310 billion — the most expensive natural disaster on record.

“This quake, tsunami and the nuclear accident are the biggest crises for Japan” in decades, Kan said Tuesday. He said the crises remained unpredictable, but added: “We will continue to handle it in a state of maximum alert.”

Kan has faced increasing criticism from opposition lawmakers over the handling of a nuclear disaster stretching into a third week.

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outside of the classroom, in addition to scholastic achievements.

“I think while maintaining and even advancing a class of students who are good matches for Notre Dame, we’ve seen the academic profile improve,” he said. “All those things that seem to be hallmarks of this place. A high degree of engagement outside of the classroom is still present, while we are able to improve the academic profile.”

The array of academic and personal achievements comprises the variety of factors the office looks to in admissions decisions, Bishop said.

“We tried to be as fair as we could for all the groups that are interested in coming to Notre Dame,” he said. “You have obviously the most qualified students, the students beyond the numbers with incredible leadership and service [with] special talents like sports or music. We look at academic abilities in specific areas.”

Bishop said next year’s class is actually intended to be slightly smaller than normal, creating a challenge for admissions.

“This big increase in applications and somewhat smaller class exacerbates that issue of selectivity,” he said.

Because of the top-flight academic profile of applicants, Bishop said the admissions office had to look beyond the statistics in making final decisions.

“With the numbers getting so high, the other deliberations that went on were about fit, attitude, personality...it was sobering to see how many kids adore this place and wanted to come,” he said. “It is tough to turn down so many kids who are great.”

Mundy said the office usually anticipates the early action admissions process being more selective than the regular decision process. However, he said the increase in this year’s applicant pool was a game-changer.

“What we had to do in regular action, we had to say to our staff we need to behave in regular action like we behave in early action because we know we are going to be up by 2,000 applications,” Mundy said.

A quarter of students enrolling for next year’s freshman class are expected to be legacy students, or children of alumni, Mundy said. This is one attribute of admissions that sets Notre Dame apart from other elite schools, he said.

“I would venture to say there aren’t any institutions in this selectivity range that would be able to say that,” Mundy said. “I think you would see numbers in the low teens at best with our peers.”

Mundy said additional factors of tradition at Notre Dame factor into admissions decisions.

“Managing the male-female percentage — for many of our peers that is not an issue... They can adjust. Obviously here, we need to be a little more sensitive to that,” he said. “We have some additional challenges here because of some of the traditional differences Notre Dame offers.”

While the increase in applications has presented a challenge for the Office of Undergraduate Admissions this year, Mundy said ultimately the process has been a rewarding one.

“In my 28 years [in admissions,] this year has been unlike any other,” he said. “It is pretty exciting to feel as though we are maintaining the very special character of Notre Dame while advancing some other things.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Major League boost

The wait is almost over. Cue Spring, cue the lights, cue the organ and someone bring down the unscripted script, because Opening Day begins scene one.

Here begins the only day that all teams have the same record and the same reasonable goal of winning in October. Here, the Orioles share first place with the Yankees, while not even a billy-goat can sour the zest of Wrigleyville.

Baseball and only baseball can begin in Spring, where hope bounds aplenty and the shadows of winter turn to shadows that separate the diamond into pitcher vs. batter. A vivid, fluid poetry of the sound of a bat rhymed to a slap of the glove dominates the air with the enthusiasm and roar of the crowd flowing from fan to fan as a pollen that spreads Spring Fever throughout.

But in a time when the American sports fan swarms to the real sports, baseball still runs with a carefree ubiquity. Where we find America's most popular sport in a desperate state of affairs with a season in serious doubt, we see baseball as the old grandfather uttering, "Been there, done that, won't happen again."

What the general public calls boring to watch and a game that drags on far too long, fans call heaven, as attendance figures have continued to climb. According to MLB.com, 2010 marked the seventh straight season that baseball clubs eclipsed the 73 million mark in attendance, seventh-best in baseball history. The previous season drew even more fans for sixth-best in MLB history, all while America struggled through the worst economic crisis that our generation has seen.

Not to mention, five years ago the sport slogged through a scandal that rocked the sport from Bonds and Sosa down into the minors.

This new season will welcome a new era across the league without the aura of Torre, Cox and Pinella, yet with the same tradition that remains from the legends of Lasorda, Sparky and Stengel.

Yet concerns arise over the ascension of free agency and the spending of franchises across the league as killing the integrity of the game. Just last year the Yankees spent over \$200 million on its roster alone. The American League champion Texas Rangers spent a smidgen over \$55 million.

In fact, 14 of the 20 teams that played in the past ten World Series were not in the top five in team salary that season, with the highlight coming in 2008 from the hefty \$43 million payroll of the Tampa Bay Rays — enough to earn them 29th highest. To put that in perspective, the combined salary of all-stars Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez in 2008 was \$49 million, all for a team that missed the playoffs that year.

Baseball is back, a return more certain than the sun's rising.

Cue the smooth green grass, the majestic blue sky and the cool breeze, because Spring is here. And with Spring comes baseball.

One ... more ... day.

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Andrew Gastelum

Sports Production Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# The strength of words

Notre Dame student: Every time a Notre Dame guy "hooks up" with a Saint Mary's student a tree is planted along The Avenue.

Saint Mary's student: Every time a Notre Dame guy gets with a Notre Dame girl a golden dome is built.

These jokes may be a little humorous, and sure we all get a chuckle from them, but what impact can these jokes have on the women of this community? Not only are the women of this community subjected to demeaning classifications, such as "sluts" or "ugly," but the frequency of sexist jokes I hear particularly on this campus is astounding. It's the 21st century, right?

Go ahead and try to shrug off these jokes as meaningless, but consider this: Words reflect thoughts, and thoughts and words are represented by actions. Considering the amount of verbal abuse our female students are subjected to, I do not find it surprising that ND is ranked second in the number of reported sexual assaults on campus in Indiana, only behind IU of Bloomington.

Still reluctant to believe the potential impact these jokes may have on our students' thoughts and actions? Just this past weekend my friends were subjected to harassment through words at Finny's. Unprovoked, a particular ND student stated multiple

times to my friend that sexually "she wanted him." Does he think she "wants him" and he is entitled to make those inappropriate comments merely because she is a student of Saint Mary's, and we have a construed reputation of being sexually promiscuous?

This same student later harassed me, angrily shouting in my face some random nonsense, and proceeded to menacingly grin down at me, telling me how he sexually "split open" some other girl. As he towered over my petite body of 100 pounds, he refused to step away from me, despite my requests that he step back, until my male friends stepped in.

I just wanted to go out Saturday night and have a good time with my friends. Is that too much to ask?

Do you still think I'm making a big deal out of the sexist and demeaning jokes that our women are exposed? How about this example? Another student of our college community also possesses misconceptions of Saint Mary's women. He has once referred to Saint Mary's College as "a factory to get girls."

His beliefs and words certainly have been shown in his actions. I lost my virginity through rape by this student. He raped me twice within an eight-hour period I was at his apartment, and he attempted to rape me on two other occasions in the following

month.

With this information, I am asking that every student, male or female, take some time to consider the effect name-calling can have on our female students. Not only does it belittle and degrade our community's large number of talented, female students, but it also may be one of the many factors that contribute to sexual assault.

My advice for fellow students is to stop and think before you laugh at one of these jokes. Saint Mary's women, next time someone puts you down, be the bigger person. Do not put down your sisters across the street. Notre Dame women, please do not belittle us by calling us "dumb" or "sluts."

We should be standing together. Our women are being hurt enough through sexual assault. We should not be putting each other down when such a large number of our women are also being victimized sexually.

As for Notre Dame and Holy Cross men, please listen to the same advice I offer the women. Although we may laugh at the jokes, they hurt, and it especially hurts the women who have suffered more severe levels of abuse during our college career.

Margaret Otten  
senior  
off campus  
Mar. 29

EDITORIAL CARTOON



POLL OF THE WEEK

Who do you think is going to win the men's NCAA tournament?

- Kentucky
- Connecticut
- VCU
- Butler

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"If all the world's a stage, I want to operate the trap door."*

Paul Beatty  
American author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## God Debate continued

I would like to add my own comments to Joseph Nawrocki's Letter to the Editor "The God Debate" (March 25). I was again disappointed this year when I saw the choice for speakers, although I cannot say I was surprised. There is an ever increasing liberalism within this country, this University and undergraduate student populations in general. By liberalism I do not mean the American idea of liberal and conservative — they too are players in a history of liberalism.

I borrow from Blessed John Henry Newman's definition. He says, "By liberalism I mean false liberty of thought, or the exercise of thought upon matters, in which, from the constitution of the human mind, thought cannot be brought to any successful issue, and therefore is out of place. Among such matters are first principles of any kind." Neither Newman nor I am arguing here that the question of God is one that human reason cannot come to on its own. Rather, there is a history before now, before Newman, in which philosophy and theology began to reject first principles that cannot be known through reason, but just clearly are. A simple first principle is the theory of non-contradiction: Something cannot be and not be in the same respect. I am sure everyone knows Descartes' rejection of the existence of his hand. Again I repeat the question of God is not one of first principles. However, one must start with first principles to ask the question sincerely.

The framework of liberalism rejects these basic first principles and tries to formulate questions anyways. False dichotomies are set up left and right. The questions are interminable. In regard to the God Debate this is obvious. It is no surprise that one speaker will argue for the empirical knowledge of science, while the other (an analytical philosopher) argues for faith without science, i.e. creationism. Both of these claims completely ignore the rich philosophical traditions of Plato and Aristotle that works from first principles. Both of these claims ignore the Catholic tradition of *fides et ratio*.

It is, to put it bluntly, idiotic to bring in these two seemingly opposing views and ask a mainly Catholic undergraduate audience to come and make a choice as to whether God exists or not when there is a rich intellectual tradition philosophically and theologically available to us that is completely void of this false dichotomy and actually able to give real answers to real questions. I fear a lack of sincerity on the part of those who are willing to completely disregard the history behind these issues. Everyone likes a cage match without a clear winner, but let us not trick ourselves into thinking an honest intellectual discussion is taking place.

Kelly Mason  
 senior  
 off campus  
 Mar. 28

## No lights on the Dome

Anyone who crossed God Quad after dark this weekend should have noticed an odd peculiarity: There were no lights on the golden dome. The Office of Sustainability announced that the lights on the golden dome and the Word of Life mural on the Library would be turned off over the weekend as a sign of support for International Earth Hour. As Executive Vice President John Affleck Graves explained, the university was supporting the initiative "by keeping the lights off on these symbols of our campus for a span of 60 hours instead of 60 minutes." While I'm sure it was well intentioned, the decision to turn the lights off on the images of Our Lady and Christ was poor and disquieting.

The image of Our Lady on the dome of Main Building is not merely a symbol of the University of Notre Dame, but is a sacred image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The statue is a sign of Our Lady herself. Given that the nature of a sign is to point towards the thing signified, an image of Our Lady should be given honor and reverence — not for its own sake, but for the sake of Mary who is signified. Likewise, an insult to the sign is an

insult to the thing it signifies. Turning the lights off the images of Our Lady and Christ disrespect Christ and Our Lady because we are not giving the signs that represent them due honor and reverence.

We would not turn the lights off Stonehenge because it is a symbol and memorial of the sacrifice made by great citizens of our nation. Further, we would not turn the lights off an American flag, given that the flag is a sign of the United States. Turning the lights off would disrespect our nation and the people who fought for it.

Dr. Graves' statement and the University's decision were poor but telling signs of the administration's ambivalent attitude toward a true Catholic identity. We have put the lights out on enough of our Catholic tradition already. God forbid that we turn the lights out on Our Lady as well.

Andrew Lynch  
 sophomore  
 Morrissey  
 Mar. 29

## Stepan not fit for acts

I write this letter in regards to the Spring Concert. I congratulate SUB on pulling an amazing lineup this year, completing an excellent three year run. A few years ago it was Cartel and Citizen Cope; last year it was The Roots; this year has Chiddy Bang and OAR. The board has really done a great job providing talented, relevant acts for our students.

Now stop making them play in Stepan Center. This leaky-roof building is barely qualified to be hosting the ACCT 20200 Managerial Accounting final, much less these highly touted and established musical acts.

As an amateur musician who played on the Notre Dame and South Bend scene throughout my time at Notre Dame, I played at the Stepan Center a few times. It is an acoustical nightmare. Students might not notice this, but, I assure you, the artists will. I specifically remember Citizen Cope complaining — scratch that, Citizen Cope had no idea where he was — but I specifically remember Cartel voicing complaints about the venue. We need to stop allowing big name acts like this to be exposed to such a horrible music venue. Continuing to do so would mean putting our reputation amongst the music community at

risk.

I write this letter (for the third consecutive year) asking that SUB please entertain the idea of coming up with a new venue. The B1 Block Party is a huge step in the right direction. Let's continue with that outdoor festival type theme. Consider a concert at the east end of South Quad. This will maximize student attendance and provide an experience far more enjoyable and memorable for the students and artists alike.

Honestly, I know SUB is paying these bands good money and they will play wherever they are told to. But let's not settle for that. I challenge SUB to take on a new venue that will entice students to come out and cause artists to want to come back.

Something to think about for next year. Until then, all I can do is encourage students to go out and enjoy Chiddy Bang and OAR — two artists I have seen a few times and will be sure to bring Stepan Center down (hopefully not literally.)

Pat McKillen  
 alumnu  
 Class of 2010  
 Mar. 28

## 'Jus in bello' or just in bad taste?

I believe that members of the ROTC program sincerely pray for peace, as no one suffers the burdens of war more than our nation's military and their families. For this reason, it is troubling to see the invitation to Colman McCarthy to serve as the keynote speaker for this year's 2011 Student Peace Conference (April 1-2) put on by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. The Kroc Institute's website describes Mr. McCarthy as a "renowned journalist, teacher and peace activist" who has had editorials printed in a number of prominent newspapers. In one such editorial, Mr. McCarthy directly mentioned the ROTC program at Notre Dame. Disputing Father Hesburgh's view that the program serves as a way to "Christianize the military," Mr. McCarthy asked if there was a "Christian method of slaughtering people in combat, or a Christian way of firebombing cities, or a way to kill civilians in the name of Jesus." While it may come as a surprise to Mr. McCarthy, the American military does not seek to engage in any of these activities. Rather, it serves to impartially defend the nation by carrying out the just orders of our democratically elected leaders.

Mr. McCarthy continued his criticism, drawing a shameful and absurd parallel between the U.S. Army and the Taliban. He concluded by labeling its academics as "laughably weak," comprised of "softie courses" and its members as poor pawns that signed on because "they were mainly from families that couldn't afford ever-rising college tabs."

Mr. McCarthy, I firmly believe that the cadets and midshipmen here joined ROTC because of their love for the nation, choosing to dedicate their lives to defending the values that make it great and making peace possible. It would be unfortunate for you to forget that all of these values, including the freedom to criticize the military without fear of retribution, were bought with the blood of America's men and women in uniform. Perhaps on your visit you can take a walk to Stonehenge, a monument to the Notre Dame graduates killed serving in foreign wars, as a reminder of the price of this freedom.

Jay Rowley  
 senior  
 off campus  
 Mar. 29

## One-day 'sacrifice'

I am shocked by the selfishness expressed in Mr. Baker's Letter to the Editor "Where's the Meat?" (March 28). As a vegetarian, I find it appalling that someone would be so clearly opposed to abstaining from meat for one mere day! Plenty of people — myself included — refrain from meat every single day of the year as an act of protest against the cruelty implicit in the practices of the American meat industry. There are over 925 million people who do not get enough to eat in this world. One acre of land used to grow cow-feed produces around 165 pounds of edible cow flesh when that same plot of land could grow 20,000 pounds of potatoes. On top of that, the standard treatment of animals in the American food system induces needless amounts of suffering to God's own creatures. No one should complain about one day without meat. Especially not someone with the education and opportunity that Mr. Baker has as a student of Notre Dame.

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 Mar. 28

Be creative.  
 Send a letter to the editor.



# Ark Music Factory

## Getting on Board with Factory

I was frustrated by a deep-seated conflict when approaching this week's Tantrum. I began the day by sending out the alert, "looking for a good tantrum, open to all suggestions." I posted this alert on Twitter, the hub of friends/Joss Whedon junkies/natural grocer advertisers who all deign to follow me on the new-media mammoth site that I have, reluctantly, hooked up to my phone.



Stephanie DePrez

Scene Writer

By late afternoon I had received two suggestions: "Ark Music Factory = The Disney Channel. So much pain." This tweet included a link to a video called "Ordinary Pop Star" by eleven-year-old CJ Fam, produced by the super-slick production team that brought us Rebecca Black's "Friday." This tweet was followed in quick succession by, "Whatever it is, don't let it be Rebecca Black. Plz." Well, unfortunately for tweeter number two, it seems that all tweets lead to one topic. Why we love Rebecca Black, and why we hate Rebecca Black.

Let's set the stage: cute, bouncy thirteen-year-old who literally looks like she could be hanging out with your little sister lands in the middle of a very well-produced music video with auto-tune sharp enough to make Rihanna weep. Millions downloaded her single. She goes on Jay Leno, sits next to Bradley Cooper (without ever acknowledging she's sitting next to smolder incarnate) and answers questions as if she were talking to her dad's college roommate. Meanwhile, everyone who spent the weekend partying, partying (yeah!) remains acutely aware that in the normal wheel of music production and distribution, something is not right.

Here's the hitch: Rebecca Black's music video was produced by a company called the Ark Music Factory. Based in LA, Ark is run by two guys destined to live out the music producer's dream, even if that means making videos for children of loaded Los Angelinos who are will-

ing to back their children's' pop fantasies. They seek to reach out to "young artists" by offering them a venue to pursue music that is "clean and safe." After multiple clicks on Google and YouTube, I found an interview — very staged — with Patrice Wilson, CEO and founder of Ark Music Factory.

"What we do, and the amount of work we put into artists...is very amazing, because we provide that platform. We give that music video, we give that song., we give that photo shoot, that image [a] consultant. How much do we charge? Number one, we don't charge all artists. If we are to charge an artist, it can range from \$2000 to \$4000. Is that a bad deal?...You even get lunch!"

Thus speaks Wilson.

The system is clear: parents pony up the cash, and their children get to play rock star for a day. Which is great. Ark Music is happy. The parents are happy. And the kids get to dress up, perform at an Ark Music showcase, get interviewed on the "red carpet" and send a link of their professional looking music video to all their friends. Stasis remains.

But what happens when the parental-pleasing fodder that we roll our eyes at actually catches on at Finny's? We like to think that extravagant birthday presents such as an Ark Music video remain contained to the little world in which they were produced, but Rebecca Black's "Friday" proved what many of us refuse to believe — pop music really is just crap that's fun to sing along to! NOOO!

"Listen to a song on the radio. Try to compare it with the song 'Friday,'" Wilson says. "A pop tune is supposed

to be really, really catchy. Now, regardless of the lyrics, and how easy the lyrics might be, some part... can stick in your head, and you get out of the shower, and you're singing, 'Friday, Friday...' because it's stuck in your head. That's the whole purpose, that's the goal of creating tunes and songs like that."

Here we have it folks. Jason Derulo may think he's trying to make art, to be somebody and fight for something greater, but really all he needs to do is write something that goes down in your head — and stays there.

"There is no difference whatsoever to the songs you hear on the radio today and the songs that we make. To get that radio sound, we have to go ahead and create that auto-tune to balance it out."

And with that, Wilson might as well have said checkmate.

How can we compare "Friday" to "Only Girl (in the World)" and not come out scratching our heads? Ark Music Factory has called out

the system by playing right into

it. So Black has to get a bowl and cereal instead of being the only one who knows your heart. Does that make it any less fun to sing along to and make fun of? Ark Music Factory is utterly transparent in its purposes. Wilson literally tells us how much it costs to get to be a pop star for a day. Is Rihanna any more "legit" because we don't know how her songs are written? The next stage is, of course, Lady Gaga's place in this debate, but I'll leave that for another week.

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# PANDORA

Music your way

By **ANNALEE RICE**  
Scene Writer

Pandora: no longer known in popular culture as that impulsive Greek chick. No, Pandora has commanded the Internet signals of laptops and smart phones across campus, save for that weird dead zone between the library and Starbucks. As an Internet radio app and website, Pandora enables listeners to create a station based on an artist, then streams music from similar artists through that station. And although Pandora may

not have encountered exactly what she wanted in her box, your Pandora Radio will be fine-tuned to your tastes. No random Pitchfork-endorsed artist will pop up on your beloved Britney station. But you will get a heavy dose of the Princess of Pop as well as some quality Christina and Rihanna. So the next time Steve Jobs and iTunes lets you down, or you're on the verge of tears because using Limewire can now land you a lawsuit, check out Pandora.

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Station Suggestions ▼

### PUMP IT UP

**"Lady Gaga"**

Station highlights: Gaga. Ke\$ha. Katy Perry. B.o.B. Britney. Need I say more? If your night proves wilder than Gaga's Grammy regalia, congratulations.

**"Daft Punk"**

Station highlights: techno for the Indie set. Don your keffiyeh and stand around.

**"Kid Cudi"**

Station highlights: Cudi, Drake, even some MGMT.

### STUDYING

**"Chopin"**

So you haven't touched a piano in three years since high school — it's okay, this station is pure relaxation.

**"Explosions in the Sky"**

Indie instrumental, minus nonsensical lyrics.

**"The Script"**

Station highlights: The Fray, The Script, Singer Songwriters. Pop flavorings, sweet lyrics, mellow music.



### RAMBLING THROUGH CAMPUS

**"Dave Matthews"**

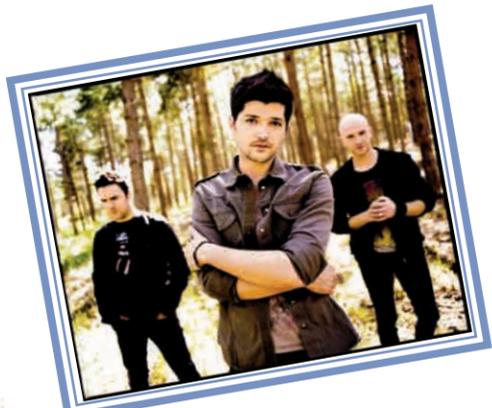
So college. Pull out the pinnie.

**"Vampire Weekend"**

Station highlights: Iron and Wine, Vampire Weekend, The Strokes, Ingrid Michaelson.

**"The Beatles"**

Admit it, they just make you happy.



### SPRINGTIME

**"Third Eye Blind"**

Because nothing says summer than thinking off all the fun you had as a middle schooler listening to "Semi Charmed Life" before you understood the lyrics.

**"Katy Perry"**

Station highlight: California Girls. I can't get away from that song.

## PGA

## Despite struggles, Woods remains center of attention

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — So many people surrounded the first tee that it was hard to see who was playing. The gallery stretched down the entire length of the 461-yard opening hole and wrapped around the back of the green on a sun-baked Sunday at Bay Hill.

Now on the tee, Tiger Woods. He was in a tie for 29th. He was 10 shots out of the lead, no serious threat to win.

About four hours later, the final group of Martin Laird and Spencer Levin approached the fifth green with under 100 fans tagging along.

This is nothing new. A few weeks earlier at Doral, the PGA Tour decided to group players based on their world ranking. Someone estimated the gallery at 85 people for the "Big Three" of Martin Kaymer, Lee Westwood and Luke Donald. On the other side of the course, there were too many fans to count in the group of players ranked 4-5-6 — Graeme McDowell, Woods and Phil Mickelson.

During the FedEx Cup playoffs last year at Ridgewood, thousands of fans crammed behind the ropes on both sides of the fairway at Ridgewood Country Club to watch Woods, who was

in 20th place and going nowhere.

One reporter was thinking too hard as he searched for the meaning of it all.

"I get it ... but I don't get it," he said as his eyes scanned the size of the crowd. "The guy is in 20th place. Why wouldn't you go watch someone who is actually playing well?"

The answer: They were there to see Babe Ruth.

Even at his worst — and there are plenty of numbers and statistics to back that up — Woods remains the most compelling figure in golf. It was like that at Bay Hill. It will be that way next week at the Masters, even as Mickelson tries to join him with four green jackets, or Kaymer goes after a second straight major, or Westwood tries to regain the No. 1 ranking, this time without having to explain why.

Never mind that Woods is meandering through mediocrity at the moment.

Wednesday will mark 500 days since his last victory at the Australian Masters, his last tournament before the car crash outside his Florida home and the revelations of affairs that followed and broke up his marriage.

He has played 20 tournaments since, not including the Ryder

Cup. In his only chance to win, at the Chevron World Challenge, Woods coughed up a four-shot lead in the final round to McDowell, the first time in his career that Woods was leading by more than three shots going into the last day and didn't win.

Woods has earned \$265,465 in five tournaments this year. He earned more in his first five tournaments as a 20-year-old pro.

In 16 starts on the PGA Tour since he returned last year, Woods has three top 10s.

One longtime British golf journalist might have summed it up best last year at The Players Championship. He wandered onto the TPC Sawgrass to watch Woods for a couple of holes, then walked back in. "It's nothing special," he said.

So why the special treatment? Because Woods is approaching an important anniversary.

It's not the one-year anniversary of his return to competition at the Masters, where he played off memory and somehow tied for fourth at Augusta National with a performance that raised false hopes.

It's the 10-year anniversary of his greatest feat.

Woods won the Masters in 2001 to become the only player to hold all four major championships at the same time. It took him 294 days to achieve some-

thing that might never be done again. There was no one close to him in the game back then.

There remains no one close to him in interest level now.

That's why he draws the biggest crowds. That's why television can't resist showing him.

A few years ago, Sean O'Hair was in rough on the 14th hole of the North Course at Torrey Pines, and Woods was on the adjacent hole. Spotting a reporter, O'Hair playfully asked why he was always watching Woods. Then came a question to O'Hair: "If you had this job, who would you be watching on Thursday?"

"Tiger," O'Hair said with a laugh.

Woods was more interesting to watch when he was winning 40 percent of his tournaments, when he looked like a special player. Now he is interesting in a nostalgic sense. They remember how he once performed and wonder if he ever will play that way again.

Will he reach, let alone surpass, the benchmark of 18 professional majors won by Jack Nicklaus?

Can he be golf's best player again?

Not even Woods knows the answer.

All anyone has at the moment are memories of how he once

played, and they are strong enough to hold the interest.

In times of parity — which is what Woods' demise has brought — come reminders of how hard it is to win, and how often Woods won. Consider this: Before turning 30, Woods already had 46 wins on the PGA Tour and 10 majors.

Until someone else comes along — probably not in Woods' lifetime — everyone will want to know about Woods, good or bad. Some watch because they are eager to see him dominate again. Some watch because they delight in his failure. Others are just curious.

But they're watching.

At the 1999 Masters, when Woods was rebuilding his swing and was no longer No. 1 in the world, he was in the middle of the pack and headed for Amen Corner on Saturday with a dozen or so media close behind. A radio technician looked at the approaching mass with disdain, shook his head and said, "Why are you guys following Tiger? He's not even the story."

That's when someone posed a question.

If Nicklaus had called Augusta National that day, he probably would have asked who was leading the tournament.

What would his next question be?

## MLB

## Wilson, Rangers primed to defend pennant

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Texas left-hander C.J. Wilson was already at Rangers Ballpark on Tuesday, getting extra treatment on his left hamstring and preparing for his first opening day start.

Wilson came out of his final spring training start after only two innings Saturday because of tightness in the hamstring. He said he will be ready Friday when the AL champions open their season at home against Boston.

"The issue was I had a little bit of tightness the day before from sprinting, so it was just something residual I just couldn't get really rid of that day," Wilson said. "The next day was a lot better, the day after that was a lot of better and today it's a lot better."

Wilson threw a 45-pitch bullpen session Monday in

Arizona before flying home to Texas.

"Just very normal. Everything is fine," he said.

The rest of the Rangers were in Myrtle Beach, S.C., on Tuesday night for an exhibition game, then play their Triple-A affiliate in Round Rock, Texas, on Wednesday night. They will have a workout Thursday at Rangers Ballpark.

"I came here instead of doing the whole barnstorming tour," Wilson said. "Just to get extra treatment and get massages and kind of be in a little more controlled environment and get used to the time zone and all of that stuff."

Wilson was 15-8 with a 3.35 ERA in 33 starts last year, his first full season as a starter after the former closer made the transition from the bullpen. He pitched a career-

high 204 innings with 170 strikeouts.

The Rangers, who lost ace left-hander Cliff Lee in free agency, tabbed Wilson as their opening day starter early in spring training. Colby Lewis, who won 12 regular-season games in his return from Japan last season before going 3-0 with a 1.71 ERA in four postseason starts, will follow Wilson in the rotation.

"I couldn't have been any happier with the year that he had last year and the way he took to starting," said Rangers CEO and team president Nolan Ryan, the Hall of Famer who pitched a record 27 seasons. "I've seen a maturity in him that I think he is very comfortable in his role one of our premier starters and he's matured into that capacity, so I really expect this year to be even better than last year."



Texas Rangers starting pitcher C.J. Wilson delivers in a March 10 spring training game in Surprise, Ariz.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

# Harrellson embraces role as Kanter's replacement

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky center Josh Harrellson could hear the murmurs when the NCAA ruled freshman big man Enes Kanter permanently ineligible in January.

The thought was the Wildcats were done without the highly recruited Kanter. That they couldn't thrive relying on Harrellson, a little-used reserve who played all of 88 minutes as junior, to serve as their only post presence.

Harrellson tried not to take it personally. He knows better than most how good Kanter is and even offered to give up his senior year if it meant Kanter — sidelined for accepting improper benefits while playing for a Turkish club team two years ago — could take his place.

Though it was a heartfelt gesture, it had no bearing on Kanter's situation.

"I wanted him to play more than anybody," Harrellson said. "Well, maybe Coach (John

Calipari) wanted him to play more."

And the rest of one of college basketball's most ardent fan bases.

Harrellson was considered too goofy, too slow, too inconsistent to be considered a legitimate threat at either end of the floor.

This is the same kid who once skipped a game as a freshman in high school to go deer hunting, who had his Twitter privileges revoked by Calipari after expressing frustration over what he considered a lack of

respect from his coach.

Kanter's nickname is "the UnderKanter," a twist on one of his idols, professional wrestler "The Undertaker." Harrellson's nickname is "Jorts," a tribute to his affinity for knee-length jean shorts that he likes to wear regardless of the sometimes unpredictable Bluegrass weather.

Many felt there was no way the Wildcats could be considered a legitimate Final Four threat with Harrellson as the enforcer. But the end of

Kanter's season became the beginning of Harrellson's renaissance.

The player considered an afterthought in October is owning March while leading the Wildcats to their first Final Four in 13 years. Kentucky (29-8) plays Connecticut (30-9) in Houston on Saturday for a spot in the national title game.

"When Josh heard Enes couldn't play, he changed his mentality," said Kentucky guard DeAndre Liggins. "He started to do all his extra stuff to make him better."

Technically, Harrellson didn't have a choice. Calipari's punishment for Harrellson running off at the Twitter was to make him run until he puked on the court. He ordered Harrellson to endure grueling conditioning drills 30 minutes before each practice.

Calipari was trying to get Harrellson to quit. Harrellson did the opposite.

Suddenly the kid who admits he only picked up the game because he was tall and good at it, but couldn't play more than a handful of minutes without asking to come out, was running the floor alongside Calipari's latest batch of McDonald's All-Americans.

He scored 23 points and grabbed 14 rebounds in a win over Louisville on New Year's Eve and led the Southeastern Conference in rebounding, averaging 8.8 in league play.

Harrellson has been even better in the postseason, where he's averaging 12.8 points and 8.7 rebounds a game while holding his own against some of the best post players in the country.

Battling against Kanter — who opted to serve as a student assistant following his NCAA ban — in practice each day gave Harrellson confidence he could hang with the best. Kanter held the advantage early in the season, but their one-on-one battles aren't so lopsided anymore.

That confidence has allowed Harrellson to play with a fearlessness he lacked during his first two years on campus after transferring from Southwest Illinois College.

Harrellson simply refuses to back down from a challenge no matter who he's banging against.

The former Little League pitcher threw a fastball off Ohio State freshman Jared Sullinger in the regional semifinals while falling out of bounds. The play helped ignite the Wildcats to a 62-60 upset and led Buckeyes coach Thad Matta to call Harrellson one of the most underrated players in the country.

He was just as good in the regional final against North Carolina. Harrellson finished with 12 points, eight rebounds, four assists and two steals as the Wildcats moved on to the Final Four for the first time since winning it all in 1998.

The Final Four is rarified air for a player who spent the first three days of his high school career in St. Charles, Mo., standing alone under a basket until he proved to coach Ben Owens he could make one.

"He didn't know what to do," Owens said. "He was extremely confused. He couldn't really dribble. He just didn't have any basketball sense in him, which is completely understandable."

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## NFL

# Dez Bryant sued by Dallas-area creditors



Dallas wide receiver Dez Bryant has been sued for more than \$850,000 for unpaid debts to a store owner in Dallas.

Associated Press

DALLAS — In the 18 months before Dez Bryant signed with the Dallas Cowboys, he apparently spent like a superstar.

He bought at least seven men's watches and two more for women. He paid \$65,500 for a diamond cross made of white gold and \$60,000 for a custom charm. He ordered a set of dog tags made of white gold and diamonds, and all sorts of other rings, earrings, bracelets and necklaces in various shades of gold, nearly all crammed with diamonds.

And finally, according to a pair of Texas lawsuits, Bryant ponied up for tickets to Cowboys and Mavericks playoff games, and to see LeBron James play. He also acquired some cash, at least \$35,000.

Bryant got it all through a line of credit set up by his adviser, the lawsuits say, all with the understanding that he'd settle up once he signed his first pro contract.

But eight months after striking a deal that included \$8.5 million guaranteed from the Cowboys, Bryant is facing two claims from people who say they are tired of waiting to get paid. A man from the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and a New York company, are seeking a total of \$861,350, plus interest and attorneys fees.

Bryant's attorney, state Sen. Royce West, declined comment on the specifics in the lawsuits, calling them "sheer allegations."

"What we're seeing is Dez Bryant being singled out," West said. "There are lawsuits. They will be resolved."

Bryant is a dazzling receiver and punt returner, but his character and maturity have often been questioned. That's widely considered the reason he went from a likely top-10 pick in last year's draft to No. 24.

Since he joined the Cowboys, he's made plenty of off-the-field headlines. He spent \$54,896 on a single meal, and then there was the Dolphins executive who got punished for asking in a pre-draft interview whether Bryant's mother was a prostitute.

Just last week, Bryant got into a ruckus at an upscale Dallas mall. A shouting match with an off-duty police officer, stemming from him and his friends wearing their pants too low, led to him being banned from the premises for a few days.

The latest revelation, about debt Bryant ran up before he was drafted, raises the question of how much more he's spent since then.

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said the team had no comment.

The bigger of the lawsuits involves Eleow Hunt, a jeweler and ticket broker from suburban Colleyville. He is seeking repayment for \$588,500 in jewelry, \$15,850 for tickets and \$11,000 in loans.

Hunt said in the lawsuit that a buy-now, pay-later system was set up by David Wells, Bryant's adviser and a co-defendant in the case. Hunt said he's known Wells for more than 10 years, and that they used a similar arrangement the year before with Wells' cousin — Michael Crabtree, the standout receiver at Texas Tech who was a first-round pick of the San Francisco 49ers.

"Mr. Crabtree ended up doing exactly what he said he would do, so my client felt pretty comfortable," said Hunt's attorney, Beth Ann Blackwood.

Bryant and Wells signed 17 receipts from January 2009 to July 2010, the lawsuit said. The longest wait between purchases was 2 1/2 months.

The bills ranged from \$15,500 to \$71,500, although Bryant also rang up \$94,000 on two receipts in a single day.

The haul included six men's watches and two women's watches, and a variety of men's and women's diamond earrings. There were bracelets, rings and necklaces, with themes ranging from skulls to religion (three diamond crosses, a diamond Jesus medallion and a rosary made from diamonds and palladium).

All that's been paid was \$15,000 of the original loan amount, Hunt's lawsuit says.

Hunt originally filed suit in September. Hunt didn't try publicizing it because he continued calling Bryant in hopes of working something out.

"My client was basically being nice," Blackwood said. "He deals with a lot of professional athletes, and he's not in the habit of trying to raise a fuss or have a high profile. He genuinely liked Dez Bryant and thought he would come through. ... My client's finally decided Dez doesn't care, he's not going to keep his word. My client is pretty angry."

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# Norton

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two double plays started by senior third baseman Greg Sherry to help the right-hander get out of a couple early jams.

Aoki said the ground ball out is a big part of Norton's game.

"Every once in a while he shows a little bit of velocity with his four-seam," Aoki said. "But he uses that two-seam to get under the barrel a little bit against right-handers. Thankfully today, those balls on the pull side found some gloves."

Notre Dame finally broke through against Morrow in the sixth with a rally started by the middle of the order. Freshman center fielder Jagielo opened the inning with a double, and fellow freshman Trey Mancini drove him in with a single. Mancini advanced to second on the throw home, and senior left

fielder Matt Grosso made the extra base count with a single to put the Irish up two.

Senior right fielder Herman Petzold, who went three-for-three on the day, capped the rally with a double to round out the Irish scoring. Aoki said he was pleased with the offense in the frame.

"That's what you need," he said. "We had some other opportunities to do it. I wasn't crazy about our at-bats earlier in the game with runners in scoring position. But in the sixth inning I thought our at-bats were pretty good. The way our offense has been going, to score three runs all in one inning is an absolute bonanza."

Central Michigan cut into the lead with a two-run home run from junior first baseman Nate Theunissen in the top of the seventh. Norton eventually gave way to the bullpen, and junior Will Hudgins preserved the lead with a scoreless eighth.

Freshman closer Dan Slania ran into trouble in the

ninth, as the Chippewas opened the frame with a triple and a walk. Slania fought back with two consecutive strikeouts and completed the save on a soft ground-out to senior shortstop Mick Doyle.

"That [save] was huge," Aoki said. "I thought Danny taking out those two guys by himself to get two outs was great, I thought [sophomore catcher Joe Hudson] made a great block on that slider that Slania buried to strike someone out. Then the play to end the game was not a routine play either that Doyle made, so I thought that was really good."

I thought our team showed a little resiliency and toughness there, and it was nice to see that."

The Irish return to action when they travel to Pittsburgh, Pa., to take on the Panthers (13-9, 1-2) in a Big East weekend series.

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# Broncos

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including a two-run homer to Western Michigan junior Tara Buchanan.

Notre Dame's numerous hits belied the deficit.

"I don't think that the team was nervous," senior catcher Lex Clay said. "I don't think that we really realized we were losing until the fifth inning because we had been getting so many hits — we had eight hits within four innings — and we were getting runners on base. We just weren't executing. So I think people didn't realize until near the end of the game that we were actually still down, and then we had to press a little bit."

From the second inning on, Notre Dame's pitching was nearly flawless, allowing the Broncos just two more hits and serving 10 strikeouts on the day. Though the Irish pitching staff has struggled of late, freshman pitcher Laura Winter was a bright spot in Tuesday's game. She kept the Irish in the game by attacking the Broncos, throwing 23 strikes in 27 pitches.

"The pitchers are trying to work on that [throwing strikes] and the defense is trying to play behind them," Clay said. "So we're really trying to stay focused and still improve defensively because the reality is we still need to improve to do well in the postseason."

On the other side of the ball, however, Notre Dame remained stagnant. Of the team's 10 hits, senior Heather Johnson's two-run triple in the third was the only one to lead to runs scored.

In the final four innings, despite Winter and junior Alexa Maldonado both tallying three-for-four hitting performances, Notre Dame was simply unable to keep the game close. The Irish left 10 runners on base during the loss.

"I think for us it's very important to focus on execution because we did have 10 hits — they just weren't timely," Clay said. "So I think that focusing on being a clutch player offensively will really help us."

The team was visibly stunned by the loss, but Clay admitted that the team has room to grow. She said last Friday's convincing 4-1 victory over Northern Illinois was not Notre Dame's finest performance.

"Even though we won the last game and we executed very well, we still haven't been playing our best," the senior said. "So maybe we're in a bit of a slump. I'm not sure, but our team is pretty resilient and I'm confident that we'll get back out of it."

The Irish will attempt to do just that as they take to Melissa Cook Stadium once again against Purdue (19-7) Thursday at 5 p.m.

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# NHL

## Thomas shuts out Hawks

Associated Press

BOSTON — Tim Thomas stopped 32 shots for his ninth shutout of the season, and Mark Recchi moved into 12th on the NHL's career points list on Tuesday night as the Boston Bruins beat the Chicago Blackhawks 3-0.

Zdeno Chara and Johnny Boychuk scored 2 minutes, 20 seconds apart in the second period to break a scoreless tie, and Recchi assisted on the sec-

ond goal to give him 1,532 points — one more than Paul Coffey. Nathan Horton made it 3-0 in the third.

It was the 25th shutout of Thomas' career, and his second in three games. He has allowed just two goals in four games to drop his league-leading goals-against average to 1.96.

Corey Crawford made 31 saves for the defending Stanley Cup champions, who had won three of four but remained

three points ahead of idle Calgary for eighth place in the Western Conference.

The Bruins protected their lead over Montreal atop the Northeast Division and moved three points behind the Washington Capitals in the race for the No. 2 seed in the East.

One night after an overtime victory in Detroit, the Blackhawks started slow and didn't get off a shot for the first 7:44.

# MLB

## Jason Giambi's trainer supplied Bonds steroids

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Colorado Rockies first baseman Jason Giambi and his brother testified Tuesday that Barry Bonds' personal trainer supplied them with performance-enhancing drugs.

The two were the first athletes called to testify at the Bonds perjury trial, which is in its second week.

Appearing calm, Jason Giambi testified that he met trainer Greg Anderson after the 2002 season while both were traveling through Japan with a U.S. all-star team.

When they returned to the states, Anderson had Giambi's blood tested and it turned up positive for a steroid that Major League Baseball was planning to test for during the 2003 season.

"Anderson told me that would trip a Major League Baseball test and that I should take something else," Giambi said.

Giambi said he paid Anderson a total of about \$10,000 for several shipments of steroids known as "the clear" and "the cream" designed to evade detection starting in late 2002 and through the beginning of the 2003 baseball season. Syringes and a calendar detailing when he should take the substances were included in the first shipment, Giambi testified.

During cross examination, Bonds attorney Cris Arguedas read Giambi's 2003 grand jury testimony when he testified that

Anderson had told him "the clear and the cream had steroid-like effects without being a steroid."

Giambi agreed with that testimony.

Bonds lawyer Allen Ruby said that Bonds used the designer steroids, but believed Anderson when he told the slugger they were legal supplements.

Giambi's brother, Jeremy Giambi, testified similarly. Jeremy Giambi played for four major league teams during a five-year career that ended in 2003.

Neither Giambi provided direct testimony about Bonds. Instead, prosecutors hope to use their testimony — and that of other players — to show that Anderson was a well-known steroids dealer. Anderson is in jail for refusing to testify at the trial.

Several other athletes are expected to testify about their relationship with Anderson this week.

Bonds, the major league record-holder for home runs in a career (762) and a season (73), has pleaded not guilty to four charges that he lied to a grand jury when he denied knowingly taking performance-enhancing drugs. He also pleaded not guilty to a charge of obstruction.

Before the Giambis' afternoon testimony, former San Francisco Giants trainer Stan Conte testified that Bonds added significant muscle mass before the 2000 season.

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## Corrigan

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to be together with that disappointment than for everybody to have headed off for the summer, and we wouldn't [have seen] each other until this fall."

While visiting Japan, Notre Dame played a schedule that consisted mainly of local college teams, but also included two matchups against Japan's national team, both of which the Irish won.

Sophomore attack Ryan Foley says that the overall atmosphere of the contests gave the players an opportunity to retake the field in a stress-free environment.

"It was good to play right after the national championship — just to play in a kind of loose atmosphere and just have fun," he said.

That is not to say that the matches were uncompetitive. Foley said that the college teams, and especially the national team, showcased proficiency in the expanding sport.

"We were actually very impressed with the level that

they were at considering how little experience most of them had playing," Foley said. "The competition was really good. They had a different style, which was fun to see, but we were definitely impressed with how far along a lot of them were."

The Irish also held instructional clinics for the younger Japanese boys, and Foley said the participants took an immediate interest in the game of lacrosse.

"We ran a clinic for the younger guys after one of our games," he said. "We were really impressed with how hungry they were to learn the game."

While acting as teachers of the primarily North-American sport, Corrigan said that the Irish were in Japan first and foremost as students.

"We don't take those trips as much for the lacrosse benefit as much as for the overall educational benefit and the teambuilding," he said. "It is such a great experience — it is such a great thing for a team to do together."

The players had ample opportunity to immerse themselves in the culture of Japan, visiting a spectrum of local

sights and even lodging with residents of the city.

"We got to visit various cultural staples," Foley said. "We got to see some temples, we got to tour some towns. We kind of split up and got to experience the culture firsthand and the day-to-day life of those people over there. It was incredible. It was an eye-opening experience."

Considering their newfound connection to Japan and its people, the Irish players and coaches said they have a special cause for concern following this month's earthquake and tsunami. The team's main contact during their time in Japan is safe, but he has been relocated by his company to Hong Kong for the time being.

"He said as far as his personal situation, he's fine," Corrigan said.

Following their 8-3 win over Rutgers last Sunday, the Irish are currently at the midway point of their season. They look to continue their successful campaign Saturday when they host Villanova (7-2).

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## Albion

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lone singles victory (6-1, 6-2) over sophomore Allie

Bloodworth in the No. 5 singles match.

After 11 days between matches, the Belles return to the courts to play back-to-back home contests April 2 at 1 p.m. against MIAA oppo-

nent Trine (3-5) and April 3 against non-conference foe North Central (10-3), also at 1 p.m.

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## Belles

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able to stay focused despite a quick start from Manchester.

"They definitely jumped on us early at the plate in the first game," Mitchell said. "We kept composure, and my teammates had some clutch hits to get our momentum going and keep us in the game."

Freshman pitcher Callie Selner came up big for the Belles, hitting her first career home run, and senior captain and outfielder Hayley Bojorquez chipped in a three-run homer of her own.

Selner was an important player on both sides of the diamond, as she earned her fifth win of the season after throwing all seven innings of the game. At the plate, she tallied a double, two runs scored and three RBIs to go along with her home run.

In game two, Saint Mary's got off to an early start, scoring two runs in the top half of the first inning. Manchester came back and scored two in the top of the

second, but the Belles countered with six runs on seven hits in the bottom of the second.

"Manchester was well prepared," Sullivan. "They definitely didn't give up, even when they were down in game two. They made us better today."

In total, the team amassed 31 hits in 12 innings of play.

"We were aggressive at the plate, but we weren't over-anxious," Mitchell said. "[Selner] and [junior pitcher Monica Palicki] both threw good games, and we just kept putting the ball in play and making things happen."

Sullivan said she believes her team is performing at its best.

"When we play with confidence and win every inning we can, we are successful," Sullivan said. "I tell my team I don't want robots on the field. They are smart ball players and need to trust their instincts and experience."

The Belles will begin conference play on Saturday, April 2 at 2 p.m. against Alma (17-2).

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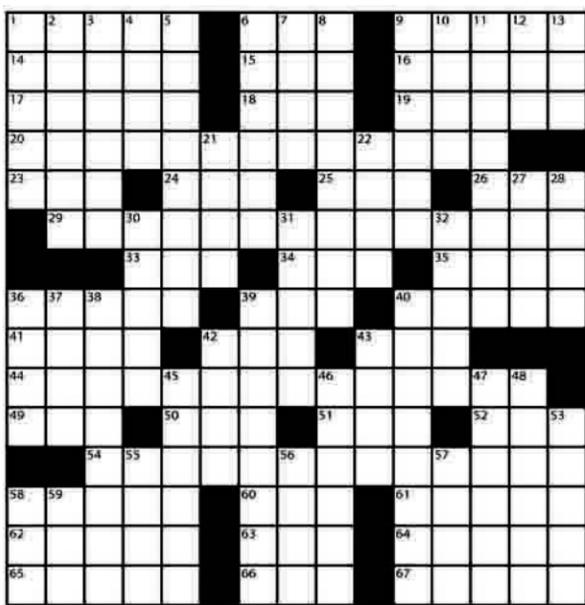
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look inward and you will find the answers you are looking for.
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TUESDAY VARIETY SHOW

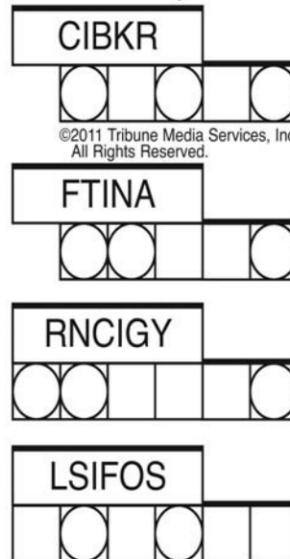
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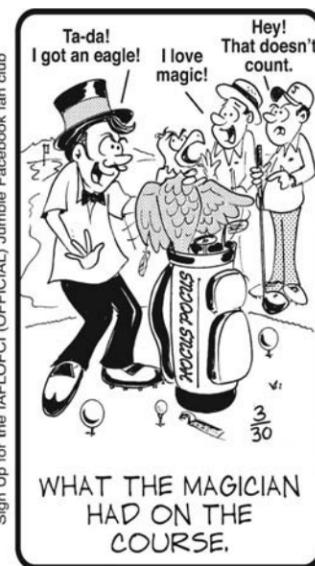
JUMBLE

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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BASEBALL

# Big inning 'bonanza'

*Norton pitches seven strong innings for Irish*

By CHRIS ALLEN  
Sports Writer

For the majority of the current season, Irish coach Mik Aoki has called for his team to produce at the plate in timely situations. He got his wish Tuesday night, even if it was only for one inning.

Notre Dame (10-12-1) scored three runs on four consecutive hits in its half of the sixth inning and sophomore starting pitcher Adam Norton (1-1) made the lead stand up with seven innings of two-run ball, as the Irish took down Central Michigan (9-16) 3-2.

Norton and Central Michigan starter Bryce Morrow started the contest tossing up zeros, as both teams struggled to get much going in the first five innings. Norton was the beneficiary of

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Senior outfielder Matt Grosso runs the basepaths during a 4-3 loss to Georgetown March 27 at Frank Eck Stadium. The Irish rebounded with a 3-2 victory over Central Michigan Tuesday.

JULIE HERDER/The Observer

SMC SOFTBALL

# Belles take two from Manchester

By KATIE HEIT  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's put on a strong showing against Manchester Tuesday, winning 10-5 and 12-4 in a double header to bring the Belles' record to 10-3 on the season.

"It was nice to finally play at home," junior infielder Kate Mitchell said. "We were comfortable and ready to put yesterday's game behind us."

In the first game Manchester scored early, leading 5-0 after only two innings. The Belles quickly took control of the game from there, earning their first run on a dropped third strike and scoring four in the third inning.

"We were much looser today," Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. "We looked confident at the plate, which was the biggest reason behind our success."

Mitchell thought her team was

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SMC TENNIS

# Albion sweeps doubles pairings to beat Saint Mary's

By MATT UNGER  
Sports Writer

In Saint Mary's MIAA opener Tuesday, Albion College held the edge in doubles play, finishing 3-0 in deciding sets in singles' play to earn a 7-2 victory over the Belles (5-5, 0-1).

"I was proud of the team's effort, but we knew we had the talent to beat this team," Belles coach Dale Campbell said following the match at

the Eck Tennis Pavilion. "Hopefully we get another chance."

On the doubles side, the Britons (5-1, 2-0) defeated the Belles' No. 1 and No. 2 squads 8-3 and 8-5, respectively. However, Saint Mary's third doubles team, composed of freshman Mary Catherine Fallor and senior Jessica Kosinski, defeated Albion's duo of freshman Marrisona Messenger and Leah Saurman 8-3 to register one of the two team victories on

the night.

Doubles play has been a weakness for Saint Mary's this year. The Belles are just 15-15 in doubles matches, while holding a 35-25 record in singles matches.

"While we made some strides tonight, we need to improve our play [in doubles] by taking advantage of opportunities to attack around the net," Campbell said.

In singles play, Belles No. 1 player and senior co-captain Jillian Hurley fell to fellow

senior and Albion rival Shelley Zamler in a back-and-forth match (0-6, 6-0, 3-6). The two opponents have frequently faced each other over the past four years in team matches and conference tournaments, with Zamler winning every contest.

While Tuesday's outcome proved no different for Hurley, she was proud of her effort, especially in a dominating second set that gave her a shot in the third set.

"I came out relaxed, more

aggressive on the net, and more confident in my serves in the second set," Hurley said. "Overall, I'm not upset as we both played well in the third set."

The third singles set plagued the Belles Tuesday, as Hurley and seniors Mary Therese Lee and Franca Peluso each lost to their opponents in the final set.

Senior Kate Grabarek decisively collected the Belles'

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ND SOFTBALL

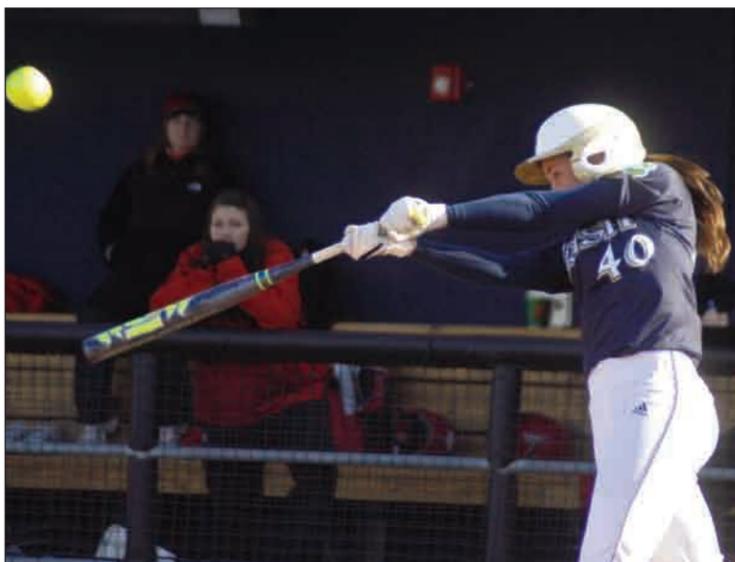
# Broncos claim win over ND

By KELSEY MANNING  
Sports Writer

The weather was not the only thing cold for the Irish on Tuesday, as their struggle to generate offense resulted in a 3-2 loss to Western Michigan on their home turf. The loss snapped Notre Dame's 21-game home winning streak, the fifth longest in the nation.

Though the Irish (17-7) out-hit the Broncos 9-4, an explosive first-inning for Western Michigan put Notre Dame in a deficit that they were never able to recover from. Senior pitcher Joey Valdivia struggled early, allowing three earned runs in the first,

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Sophomore catcher Amy Buntin blasts a pitch during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Northern Illinois March 25.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

# Irish remember trip to Japan last summer

By JOSEPH MONARDO  
Sports Writer

Rattling off win after win, the No. 2 Irish appear to have avoided any title game hangover, a feat due at least in part to the team's early offseason trip.

Only one day after a heartbreaking 6-5 overtime loss to Duke in last year's NCAA championships, the Irish (6-0) regained their confidence and enjoyed a much-needed break during their trip to Roppongi, Japan, a district on the outskirts of Tokyo.

The trip was the most recent installment of a

lacrosse tradition in which Notre Dame travels to a different location once every four years. Coming immediately on the heels of a loss in the program's first ever championship game, last year's trip took on added significance.

"It was really about as good of a thing as you could have planned," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We got a chance to go over there and really enjoy what we had just been through for the last month and celebrate what we did. Yeah, there was disappointment as well, but ... it was better

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