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## Corbran, Helping to lead classes

By SARA FELSENSTEIN  
Associate News Editor

Officers for next year's junior and senior class councils were named late Thursday night.

Tricia Corbran will serve as senior class president and Lizzie Helping will serve as junior class president.

Due to a campaign violation in the Sophomore Class Council election, Judicial Council held the results until 10 a.m. today.

Corbran's ticket won 436 votes out of a total 693, or 70.7 percent of the votes, defeating one opposing ticket.

Her council will include seniors Claire George, Daniel Klodor and Chris Champlin.

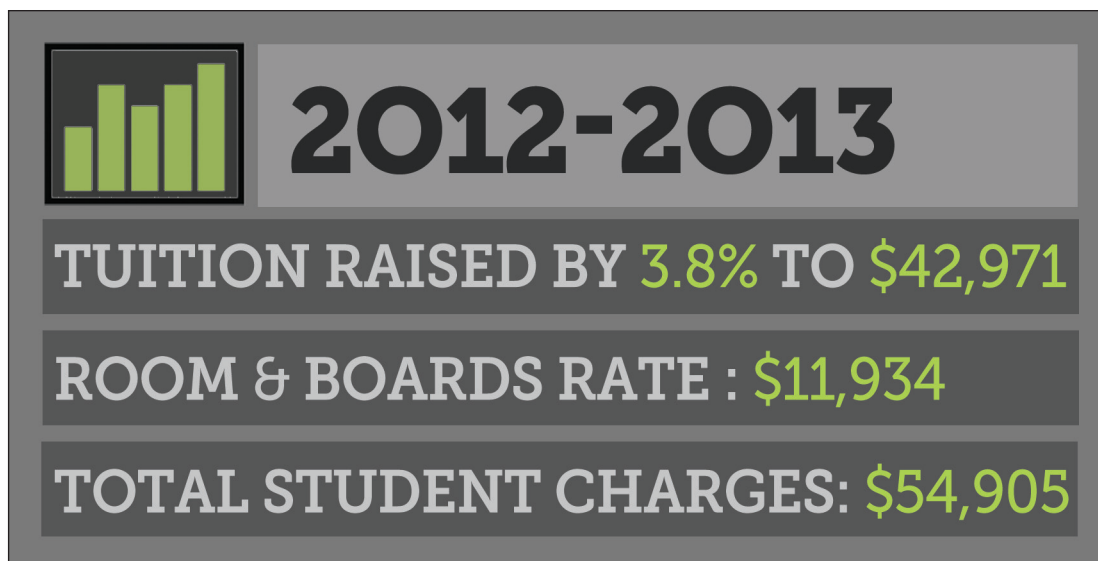
Corbran said their plans for next year involve throwing large-scale events to strengthen class unity.

"For next year we're looking forward to involving everyone in the class ... making sure everyone has a voice and making it really about the senior class," Corbran

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## Tuition continues to rise

University attempts to provide best education for undergrads



MARINA KOZAK | Observer Graphic

By SARA FELSENSTEIN  
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame's undergraduate tuition continues to rise for the 2012-2013 academic year by 3.8 percent to \$42,971, a University press release stated Feb. 9.

The rate of increase is the same as the previous two years, which was the lowest since 1960, the release stated. Combined with average room and board rates of \$11,934, total student charges will be \$54,905.

Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said Notre Dame strives to keep tuition increases

down while maintaining Notre Dame's tradition of academic excellence.

"We're about educating people for the rest of their lives, and we just have to think about how we can do that in the best way possible, and try to make it more affordable as possible, but not allow the affordability to compromise the educational experience," Affleck-Graves said.

He said he expects the rate of tuition increase to remain about the same over the next few years.

"I think in the future we're going to continue to see increases in tuition, hopefully the students

are getting the value of that," Affleck-Graves said. "But I don't see us getting much below the four percent a year increase."

In a letter to parents and guardians of students returning for the next academic year, University President Fr. John Jenkins said the University recognizes the financial challenges families may be facing and seeks to provide the utmost value for their investments.

"Notre Dame's administration and Trustees continue comprehensive efforts to contain its costs

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## NAE elects engineering professor

By ADAM LLORENS  
News Writer

The National Academy of Engineers (NAE) elected Joan Brennecke, the Keating-Crawford Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, to their prestigious organization earlier this month.

Membership in the governmental-based non-profit group is considered among the top titles an American engineer can hold, Brennecke said. Of the 1,100 members in the NAE, 156 are chemical engineers.

"It's a recognition by your peers that you've made significant contribution to chemical engineering," she said. "It's sort of like a lifetime achievement award. Kind of a stamp of approval that you've really made a difference, and that feels great."

Brennecke said election to the NAE is based on a scholar's entire con-

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## Student attends Grammy's

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY  
Saint Mary's Editor

While many students spent last Sunday watching the Grammy's on TV, Saint Mary's senior Briana Coyne experienced the red carpet, celebrities and awards up close as her father was nominated for his work on Adele's album "21."

"After going to the Grammy's two years ago for his work on Beyonce's 'I am Shasha Fierce' album, he promised my mom that if he was ever honored with another Grammy opportunity, he would make it a family affair," Coyne said.

Coyne said she would never forget walking down the red carpet and sitting with nominees.

"I just had to pinch myself to see if it was real," she said. "I was within touching distance of hands like Foster the People and Kings of Leon, and I accidentally bumped into Paul Schaffer from 'The Tonight Show.'"

Her father, Tom Coyne is partner of Sterling Sound Mastering Studios in New York City.

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AP

Adele performs during the Grammy Awards last Sunday in Los Angeles. Saint Mary's senior, Briana Coyne, attended the event.

## Notre Dame welcomes junior parents to campus

By DAN BROMBACH  
News Writer

Tonight marks the beginning of Junior Parents Weekend, a three-day event when sons and daughters of Notre Dame will show their parents how they have spent the past three years.

JPW co-chair Marta Stepien said the weekend will give parents of junior students a unique opportunity to share in their children's college experience.

"It's really a setting for both parents and students to get to know the energy and environment of the school," Stepien said.

The weekend festivi-

ties will kick off with an evening Gala, followed by a Saturday of collegiate workshops hosted by each of the four colleges, she said. After a Saturday night mass, students and their parents will gather for a President's Dinner at the Joyce Center.

Stepien said the seating arrangement of the dinner will allow students to bond with their parents while also becoming better acquainted with the families of their friends and classmates.

"We set up the seating so that everyone sits with their friends, and all their families

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD HAVE AN ALL-EXPENSE PAID TRIP TO ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, WHERE WOULD YOU CHOOSE?



Anna Fanelli

first year  
Regina

"Munich."



Callie Brown

first year  
McCandless

"Back home  
to the San  
Francisco Bay  
Area."



Gretchen  
Newcomer

first year  
Le Mans

"Hawaii."



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"Greece."



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"Bora Bora."

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



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Tom Kselman, professor of history and Fellow of the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, speaks during a lecture called "The Emergence of Religious Liberty in Modern France" on Thursday afternoon in O'Shaughnessy Hall.

OFFBEAT

\$1 million worth of gold coins discovered in ceiling

LES RICEYS, France — A French Champagne producer is spreading the wealth with his workers after they discovered nearly \$1 million in gold coins stashed away in the building's rafters, according to Agence France Press (AFP).

"One of the workers (was) attacking the building's ceiling with a crowbar when gold coins started to rain down on him, followed by sacks of gold," Francois Lange, head of Alexandre Bonnet in Les Riceys France, told AFP.

It's not unusual to hear about treasure hunters combing the ocean's depth for gold and other precious metals lost at sea, but find-

ing \$1 million in your office attic is quite a steal. And a valuable one too, given that demand for gold has reached new heights recently. In 2011, just an ounce of gold was valued at \$1,920.30.

In all, 497 gold coins were unearthed, with the majority literally raining down upon the workers who were busy renovating the building. Minted between 1851 and 1928, the coins have a face value marking of \$20 each. However, together they are now worth an estimated \$980,000, according to AFP.

Tightrope walker attempts to cross Niagara Falls

ONTARIO, Canada — Canada agreed on Wednesday to allow a member of the Fly-

ing Wallenda family of dare-devils to attempt a tightrope walk over Niagara Falls, clearing the way for the stunt some time during the summer.

Nik Wallenda, 33, secured support on the American side of the falls last September when New York Governor Andrew Cuomo signed a bill giving him one year to perform the feat, which Wallenda says will be the first attempt in more than a century.

On Wednesday, the board of Canada's Niagara Parks Commission voted unanimously to allow Wallenda to go ahead, reversing its earlier decision.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning will host a workshop called "Teaching Problem Solving Strategies in Science and Engineering" today from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the LaFortune Student Center. For more information, email [kaneb@nd.edu](mailto:kaneb@nd.edu).

The Ten Years Hence Lecture Series will continue today with a lecture called "Innovations in Poverty" from 10:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. The speaker is Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA.

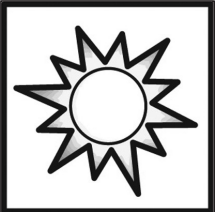
Today from 4 to 5 p.m., the Hesburgh Libraries Information Desk will host a library workshop called "Researching the Visual and Built Environment." The workshop will be in room 222 of the Hesburgh Library. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Max Tolomei by email at [mtolomei@nd.edu](mailto:mtolomei@nd.edu) or by phone at 574-631-1856.

"Taste of Brazil" will be today from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The event includes Brazilian foods, samba dance lessons taught by certified instructors, a craft station for kids and activities offered by the Brazil and Portuguese language clubs. The event is free and open to the public.

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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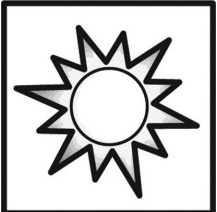
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MONDAY



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TUESDAY



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# Panel looks at int’l women’s issues

By KAITLYN RABACH  
News Writer

The Student Diversity Board (SDB) hosted an International Student Women’s Issues Panel on Thursday evening as part of Women’s Appreciation Week at Saint Mary’s College. The discussion focused on diversity and women’s rights. Co-women’s representative junior Jean Oseberger and three international students led the panel discussion. “I think that we often forget about International issues and focus mainly on issues that pertain to America,” Osberger said. “This discussion focused on a very large spectrum of women’s issues and I felt it was important to integrate the International Students so they could participate and be involved on campus.” First year Aneth Batamuliza, who represented Tanzania and Rwanda, began her discussion by painting an image of daily life for women in her home countries. “In Tanzania, you see more women staying home and not taking leadership opportunities. In both countries, you see groups of girls who do not have the same opportunities as others,” Batamuliza said. “In Rwanda, the aftermath of the genocide is still very present, but the government is taking steps to give young women more opportunities.” Michelle Espinal, a

16-year-old from Nicaragua studying at the Saint Mary’s English Language Center, said women in her country struggle as second-class citizens. “My country definitely sees men as superior to women,” Espinal said. “This feeling of superiority is engrained in the culture and I see it is a domino effect.” Espinal said younger generations learn from older ones and continue these problems. “Men abuse women and create a sense of power that is then observed by their children,” she said. “The cycle then continues on.” In contrast to the other representatives, senior Christine Clissold of Australia said she doesn’t see many differences between women in Australia and the United States. “Though many of the schools in Australia are separated on the basis of gender, we see females in leadership positions and we then model ourselves after these leaders,” Clissold said. “In my country, women are expected to be educated and go to university.” The depictions of women in these cultures differ, but the role of media portraying the ideal beauty was a common experience among women, Clissold said. “In Australia, media portrays the perfect woman as being sporty, blonde, blue-eyed and skinny,” Clissold said.

Batamuliza said this idea of beauty is different from those in both Tanzania and Rwanda, though the media’s influence has grown in recent years. “One thing that was interesting for me when I came to America was the idea of dieting. In my home countries we do not diet, and we are not pushed to be of a certain weight,” Batamuliza said. “But girls tend to stick to trends that they see in the movies and magazines now.” Clissold said the experiences of young women differ with each nation, but understanding these other cultures is essential to becoming a more global-minded citizen. “I think it is important that other women see what is happening in the world around them because women will be taking more leadership roles in the future and they must be aware of women’s issues worldwide,” she said. Batamuliza said discussion is the first step toward interconnectedness. “Diversity is something that is very important. Many people intend to learn different cultures, but never really take the steps to do so,” Batamuliza said. “Attending these panels and learning of the issues of the world is the first step toward changing the global system of women’s equality.”

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# Love Your Body Week connects SMC, ND

LOVE YOUR BODY WEEK EVENTS

Mon. 7 p.m.	<b>“Down the Rabbit Hole”</b> by Christina Grasso >Student Center Lounge
Tues. 12:30 p.m.	<b>“Do Men Love Their Bodies?: Body Dysmorphia Among Males”</b> By Dr. Susan Alexander >SGA Conference Room
Wed. 5 p.m.	<b>“Intimacy, Friendship and Faith”</b> By Campus Ministry >Conference Room F
Thurs. 12 p.m.	<b>“Count the Ways You Love Your Body”</b> By Love Your Body Week Committee >Conference Room A, B & C
Fri. 5 p.m.	<b>Fashion Show at Legends</b> >Sponsored by Notre Dame

MARINA KOZAK | Observer Graphic

By JILLIAN BARWICK  
News Writer

“Love Your Body Week” at Saint Mary’s College begins next week and aims to help women critically analyze the negative media stereotypes about their bodies. Laura Glaub, a senior and founder of “Love Your Body Week” said the ultimate goal of the week is to foster self-confidence. Glaub said this year the week will include a wide range of events, from speakers from the community to physical exercise. Christina Grasso, a 2011 graduate from Saint Mary’s, will speak again this year about her struggle with anorexia. After coming forth last year to speak about eating disorders, Grasso saw an enormous response from students. “Talking about it is so important. Whilst in the throes of anorexia, I was very, very private. Had I not eventually spoken up, the disease would have killed me very shortly,” Grasso said. “I see a desperate need for resources and awareness, and I am fully committed to seeing that it happens.” Communication Studies professor Terri Russ, who has done research on gender and the effect of the media on women, will also speak at an event during the week. “Basically, I am going to focus on how Barbie is a doll, but a doll that comes with a lot of baggage,” Russ said. “I want to talk about the connections between Barbie and beauty and the ideals that we think people want to see.”

Russ said “Love Your Body Week” is important in combating the hyper awareness society has on image. “This is played out through potentially harmful practices like excessive exercising, eating disorders and many more extremities,” Russ said. Glaub said this year’s “Love Your Body Week” will also feature a collaboration with Notre Dame’s Gender Issues Department. Katie Rose, director of the Notre Dame Gender Issues Department, said the teamwork has allowed the two campuses to coordinate events more efficiently. “Our week is called ‘Body Image Week’ this year. Although our names are different, our mission will be the same as Saint Mary’s,” Rose said. “We have many events that overlap between the campuses.” Glaub said the rich tradition between the schools allows the two to focus on issues encountered on both campuses. “We are constantly in contact and share many of the same problems since our cultures are very similar,” Glaub said. Rose said each school’s week has gender specific events as well as community events. She said she hopes this year’s body image weeks will have an impact on both campuses. “I hope that through these programs we can work to change the culture on campus so that people can feel comfortable getting fro-yo when they have a sweet tooth, or skipping a day at the gym if they really need a nap instead,” Rose said.

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# Army ROTC to host annual ball

By CHRISTIAN MYERS  
News Writer

Fighting Irish Army ROTC cadets will look to show off their best dance moves next weekend as the battalion hosts its annual Army Ball on Friday, Feb. 24, at the Hilton Garden Inn in South Bend.

Senior cadet Trevor Waliszewski said the ball will feature a saber arch in honor of the senior cadets, an address by guest of honor Major General Richard Longo, a class dance competition and a traditional formal dance.

Waliszewski said each of the battalion's graduating seniors will walk through the arch while a brief biography of their accomplishments is read. Many of the seniors' parents will be in attendance, he said.

"As a senior, I'm looking forward to the saber arch.

There's a real sense of accomplishment from knowing I've worked hard the last few years," Waliszewski said.

Major General Longo is the deputy-commanding general for Initial Military Training for the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command. Longo is stationed at Fort Monroe, Va.

Sophomore cadet Julia Steines-Berkemeier said she is looking forward to Longo's speech.

"I should be interesting. Everyone's who's

been in the army for that long has a lot of good insight to share," Steines-Berkemeier said. "They're very experienced and knowledgeable."

There will also be a dance competition between the different classes, Waliszewski said. Each class is working

hard on the choreography, he said.

"We didn't have a class dance competition last year, so I am excited that it is coming back this year," Steines-Berkemeier said.

The rest of the night will feature traditional dancing with students attired in dress uniforms and gowns, Waliszewski said.

The event is an opportunity to build a sense of community amongst members of ROTC, Steines-Berkemeier said.

"The ball is definitely good for building camaraderie and gives you a different atmosphere for interacting with other cadets. They like to say it builds 'esprit de corps' [morale of a group]," she said.

Steines-Berkemeier said he enjoyed last year's event as a fun way to spend time with other cadets outside of ROTC.

"Last year's ball was really fun," Steines-Berkemeier said. "It is a nice way to see people in a more social setting, everyone is more relaxed."

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*"As a senior, I'm looking forward to the saber arch. There's a real sense of accomplishment from knowing I've worked hard the last few years."*

Trevor Waliszewski  
senior cadet

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## CLASS COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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TRICIA CORBRAN  
CLAIRE GEORGE  
DANIEL KLODOR  
CHRIS CHAMPLIN

No. VOTES 436  
% VOTES 71

### JUNIOR

LIZZIE HELPING  
NEAL RAVINDRA  
JESSICA PURICELLI  
GREG YUNG TUM

No. VOTES 436  
% VOTES 70

\*SOPHOMORE VOTES HELD DUE TO A VIOLATION

MARINA KOZAK | Observer Graphic

## Council

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said. "Our main goal is to really reduce the gap between Class Council and the class as a whole and also have a great year that we can all talk about for years to come," she said.

For Junior Class Council, Helping's ticket secured 71 percent of the votes, defeating one opposing ticket. The ticket received 436 votes out of a total 673.

Helping's council will include Neal Ravindra, Jessica Puricelli and Greg Yungtum.

"We're so excited, we absolutely cannot wait to get to started," Helping said.

She said her council's biggest goal is to integrate the student body more with student government.

"We want students to know more what student government's doing and feel they

have a say in student government," she said. "We [also] want to reach out to student groups on campus."

The Judicial Council found the Kevin Walsh, Martin Walsh, Jeanette Kim and Shannon Hogan ticket in the

Sophomore Class Council election in violation of the Constitution because a member of the ticket posted a link to the polling site on the Notre Dame Class of 2015 Facebook group.

The Constitution states that only Judicial Council may post a link to the polling site.

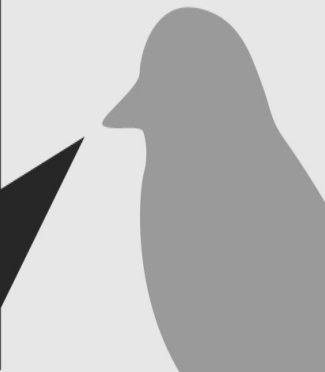
As an appropriate sanction, the Election Committee decided the ticket's Facebook page must be removed by 11:59 p.m. Thursday night and no new web page may be created for the ticket. The Election Committee also required that a member of the ticket post an apology to the Class of 2015's Facebook page.

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*"We want students to know more what student government's doing and feel they have a say in student government."*

Lizzie Helping  
president-elect  
Junior Class Council

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# NJ Assembly passes gay marriage bill



The New Jersey Assembly passed a bill on Thursday legalizing same-sex marriages despite opposition from Gov. Chris Christie.

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — The New Jersey Assembly on Thursday passed a bill legalizing same-sex marriages, setting the stage for an expected veto by Gov. Chris Christie.

The 42-33 vote sends the bill to Christie, who won't take immediate action. The Republican governor who opposes gay marriage had promised "very swift action" if the bill passed both houses of the Legislature, but the Assembly isn't required to send the bill to his desk until the close of business Friday. The Senate approved the bill Monday.

"Without question this is a historic day in the state of New Jersey," Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver said after the vote. She said she had never been more proud of the Democratic caucus for doing "what citizens sent us here to do: to deliberate, to use the legislative process to represent the interests of all New Jerseyans."

Christie and most state Republican lawmakers want gay marriage put to a popular vote. Democrats say gay marriage is a civil right protected by the Constitution and not subject to referendum.

Six states and Washington, D.C. recognize gay marriages. Washington State's new gay marriage law is scheduled to take effect in June.

The affirmative vote in the Assembly after more than two hours of debate ended weeks of speculation over whether Democrats who control the chamber would muster the 41 votes needed for the measure to pass. Four of the Assembly's 47 Democrats voted no, and a fifth was out of town and didn't vote. No Republicans voted in favor of the bill.

Instead, they plan to bide their time in hopes that support for gay marriage will continue to grow.

"We do have two years," said Reed Gusciara, a Trenton Democrat who sponsored the bill in the Assembly and one of two openly gay state lawmakers. "We changed a lot of views in the last couple of weeks. Give us two years and we're going to change a heck of a lot more."

In case same-sex couples can't win gay marriage through legislation, they have engaged in a parallel fight in the courts. Seven gay couples and several of their children have sued, claiming that the state's civil union law doesn't work as intended.

Civil unions were designed to provide the benefits of marriage to gay couples without the title. They were adopted after the Supreme Court instructed the Legislature to provide marriage equality to same-sex couples.

The state's own review commission has since found problems with the law, however, and many same-sex couples have backed that up with testimony before the Legisla-

ture.

Gay rights advocates say civil unions have not provided true equality. They complain that they set up a separate and inherently unequal classification for gays — something social conservatives dispute.

## Tuition

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and limit spending in response to the ongoing economic uncertainty that affects many of our Notre Dame families," he wrote. "These financial challenges are not likely to ease soon, nor will our efforts to increase the efficiencies of our operations and the quality of our student experience."

Affleck-Graves said the University's largest source of revenue is tuition and the second largest is payment out of its endowment. The University's endowment has not been as large as past years, he said.

"The endowment has done reasonably well given the economic conditions, but it's still below the level it was in 2008 and 2009, so there's some pressure for us on that source of revenue," he said.

Affleck-Graves said the University's other major sources of revenue include auxiliary operations like the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore and Food Services. These have also experienced significant pressure in recent years, he said.

"I think generally like the rest of the economy, the University is

seeing pressure on all revenue sources and I think that's why we have to increase tuition [but] we try to keep it as moderate as we can," he said.

He said more than 50 percent of the University's expenses tie to salaries and benefits. But Notre Dame is not willing to trade exceptional faculty for a lower cost of tuition, Affleck-Graves said.

"We want to give our students ... really great faculty, and that means we have to pay them commensurate with what they're worth, and so that's a big factor," he said.

Notre Dame is working to reduce costs on the administrative and operational sides of the University, Affleck-Graves said. He said reducing energy use is one way to drive down utilities costs.

"It's responsible on both the cost side and the environment side if we're all careful about the amount of electricity and utilities we consume," Affleck-Graves said. "And the student body's been reasonably good ... in helping us ... you know, switching off computers at night [and] turning off lights."

As a need-blind University, Affleck-Graves said Notre Dame has offered more financial aid since the 2008 economic downturn.

About 48 percent of Notre Dame students are currently on some form of financial aid.

Affleck-Graves said the issue of college affordability in the United States is more complex than the media portrays it. Some families have voiced anxieties about the rising cost of a Notre Dame education.

"We understand especially in this economy it's very hard for some parents, that's why we do the financial aid ... but there are parents who don't get the financial aid who also need help," he said.

He said a Notre Dame education comes with both academic and personal benefits, and the University will not compromise those benefits simply to reduce cost.

"The problem is, [parents] send us the children because they think we can give a high quality education, we can give a good residence life experience, so if we don't do that just because we want to save some money, in the end I think we're shortchanging the students," Affleck-Graves said. "And that's the last thing we want to do."

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# Professor

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tribution to the industry. Brennecke said fellow engineering professor Dr. Ahsan Kareem is the only other NAE member inducted while at Notre Dame.

“When people look at schools and ranking universities, they’ll look at the National Academy to determine if it’s a top place,” Brennecke said. “So, for the university, it’s really important.”

Brennecke said her research specializes in the use of ionic liquids and supercritical fluids for environmentally benign chemical processing. Brennecke

has three postdoctoral, 11 graduate and seven undergraduate students working in her Ionic Liquids Lab.

“In my 23 years here, we have seen huge growth in external research funding the number of Ph.D. students,” Brennecke said. “That has been important to me because I’ve been able to do research that I’m interested in.”

The focus on undergraduate teaching is also a very important facet of Notre Dame, she said.

“Notre Dame has provided me with the opportunity to teach really great students in a setting where teaching is valued and appreciated,” Brennecke said. “Notre Dame is very committed to en-

hancing and growing our graduate programs.”

Brennecke said Notre Dame is a wonderful environment to work in since the research conducted on campus makes a difference.

“Notre Dame has created an environment that’s very conducive to doing great research,” she said.

Brennecke said her election is advantageous for both her work and the university.

“Everybody tells me it’s great for me, the department and Notre Dame,” Brennecke said. “It’s great that we’re being recognized here.”

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# Parents

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are together,” Stepien said. “Not only do you get to spend time with your parents, but also with the people you chose to sit with and their parents.”

Stepien said the weekend concludes with a brunch Sunday morning in the Joyce Center.

Stepien said she expects this year’s JPW will be extremely successful. The rise in ticket sales for weekend events demonstrated an unexpected rise

in student enthusiasm, she said.

“In preemptive tickets sales we have surpassed the total people expected from the past 10 years,” Stepien said. “However, we’re still hoping that even more parents and students will show up.”

Despite the time-intensive effort required to plan and coordinate JPW, the job was not stressful due to the devotion and hard work of her co-workers, who ultimately made the planning experience a positive one, Stepien said.

“I’m really just happy that I get to be a part of

it all,” Stepien said.

Stepien said parents will not only see what their sons and daughters are studying academically, but also how they relax outside of the confines of the classroom. This makes JPW a very special weekend, she said.

“At Notre Dame, there’s such a balance between work and play that students really want to show their parents what they do in the classroom, but also what they do to unwind,” Stepien said.

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Photo courtesy of Briana Coyne

Senior Briana Coyne and brother Dillon attend the Grammy’s in support of their father’s work on Adele’s winning album, “21”.

# Grammy

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He said the event was even more enjoyable because he was able to experience it with his family.

“It’s always fun to share experiences with others and having my children attending the parties and all the hoopla surrounding the Grammys was great,” he said. “[I wanted] to start filling up their memory bank.”

Coyne said the most memorable part of the weekend was seeing her dad receive his award.

“My dad booked it up to stage. He would have won the 100-meter dash,” she said. “He even got up there before Adele.”

Tom Coyne said he tried to wait long enough for Adele to reach the steps.

“I walked a little too quickly and reached the steps of the stage be-

fore Adele. I stopped cold and ... that was just enough time to see Adele start up the steps,” he said. “So after another second I walked up and LL Cool J came over and congratulated me.”

Coyne said if he were lucky enough to be on the Grammy stage again, he’d take a back row position.

“I [initially] put my cement shoes on and stood just to the left of Adele,” he said. “If I were lucky enough to win again, I’ll go right to the back row and give someone else their chance. The pressure is just too great.”

But Briana Coyne said her dad deserved the front-row recognition.

“No one deserved [this recognition] more than my dad,” she said. “I know that’s being biased, but seriously, I saw him work so hard. I couldn’t be more proud of him.”

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# No restrain on anti-whaling activites

Associated Press

SEATTLE — A federal judge in Seattle declined to immediately restrain the activities of a Washington state-based anti-whaling group Thursday. Judge Richard Jones said he would issue a written ruling later, but that he's inclined to deny a request for a preliminary injunction made by Japanese whalers against the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society.

The whalers — the Institute for Cetacean Research — said the Sea Shepherd group has attacked and rammed their ships off Antarctica during the whaling season, and asked the judge to order them to stop. Some of the clashes have been shown on the "Whale Wars" reality TV show.

Sea Shepherd activists use stink bombs and other nonlethal means to interfere with the whalers. The group argues that its activities are supported by international law, that the court doesn't have jurisdiction in the Southern Ocean, and that it's the whalers who have rammed its vessels.

"It is a victory for the Sea Shepard, for environmentalists. It's a victory for the whales," said Charles Moure, an attorney with the Seattle firm of Harris & Moure representing the Sea Shepherd.

In a federal lawsuit filed in Seattle on Dec. 8, the institute argued that the whalers are "entitled to be free from at-



Activists on an inflatable boat attempt to distract a Japanese whaling vessel during an encounter in the Arctic Sea.

tack by what are essentially self-proclaimed pirates with a base in the state of Washington."

Japan's whaling fleet kills up to 1,000 whales a year, an allowed exception under a ruling by the International Whaling Commission. Japan is permitted to hunt the animals as long as they are caught for research and not commercial purposes. Whale meat not used for study is sold as food in Japan, which critics say is the real reason for the hunts.

Activists launched or threw glass bottles containing paint or butyric acid in one attack last year, the captain of a

whaling vessel said in an affidavit translated from Japanese.

"A crew member could be blinded in such an attack," said Tomoyuki Ogawa, captain of the Nisshin Maru. "These attacks also cause fear in the crew, thus interfering with the prompt and accurate carrying out of orders."

Sea Shepherd president Paul Watson said in documents that his activists have never injured any whalers. He accused the whalers of attacking activists with concussion grenades, long-range acoustical devices, bamboo spears, heavy nuts and bolts, water cannons and prop foulers.

## AUSTRALIA

# Bankrupt airline strands thousands of passengers

Associated Press

SYDNEY — Thousands of travelers from Hawaii to Thailand were stranded Friday after budget airline Air Australia ran out of money and went into voluntary administration, immediately grounding its five-jet fleet.

The Brisbane-based international and domestic airline, formerly known as Strategic Airlines, said all flights had been canceled and the airline would not be accepting new bookings because it could no longer pay its bills. Voluntary administration in Australia is similar to bankruptcy protection in the U.S., and can buy a company time to trade out of its financial problems.

"It currently appears that there are no funds available to meet operational expenses so flights will be suspended immediately," the airline said in a statement. Passengers who bought tickets with credit cards or had travel insurance may be given a refund, the airline said.

Around 4,000 passengers were overseas with Air Australia round-trip tickets, voluntary administrator Mark Korda said. Some of those affected were stranded in Ho-

nolulu and Phuket, Thailand. "Overnight, the company was unable to refuel its planes in Phuket," Korda told Australia's Fairfax Radio. "The directors appointed us at 1:30 this morning and the boys have been working throughout the night to deal with what's a very difficult situation."

Stranded in Honolulu, Priya Sinh was forced to postpone her 18th birthday party on Saturday at her home on Australia's Gold Coast. She used her iPad to log onto Facebook to tell her 70 guests not to come because she wouldn't be back in time.

"We tried to laugh about it, but it wasn't funny," she said while her family called hotels looking for a room. Her mother managed to reserve the last four seats on a Jetstar flight to Sydney leaving Saturday.

Air Australia's fleet consists of five Airbus A330-200 and A320-200 aircraft, and regularly flies to Bali, Phuket, Honolulu and cities within Australia.

Korda said in a statement that Air Australia's administrators were calling for immediate expressions of interest in the sale of the business.

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## INSIDE COLUMN

# Relocating Notre Dame

It is kind of a thing here at the University this time of year to say you have seasonal affective disorder, commonly known as SAD.

In fact, I'd venture to say that you wouldn't truly be a Notre Dame student if you didn't wear a North Face, like squirrels and have SAD.

But I don't have SAD because of the winter weather; rather, the winter weather just makes me plain sad. Some people whine and complain about the weather for the sake of doing it. I truly hate the cold.

I always say the day of graduation I am going to have a diploma in one hand and a plane ticket to somewhere warm in another. However, I would like to save the future generations of Notre Dame students the pain and suffering of the winter lake effect. Therefore, I have taken the time out of my busy schedule to find potential sites for the University to relocate to.

Miami, Florida:

Why not pull a LeBron James and take our talents to South Beach? Miami is warm, it has beaches and it has nightlife. What is not to like? We could even replace the campus squirrels with campus dolphins. It is a win-win. In fact, I like this idea so much, I'm going to throw an extra win in for good measure — it's a win-win-win. We even get to encroach on the convicts' home turf.

San Francisco, California:

Admittedly, this is not the warmest choice or even the city with the best possible weather. However, not only is San Francisco a beautiful city, but it would provide the perfect liberal juxtaposition for our ultra-conservative Catholic university. San Francisco has hippies, druggies and gays and lesbians, and we have priests, nuns and parietals. Instead of ResLife, we'd have Alcatraz. It's a match made in heaven!

Plus, instead of Jimmie Johns, we get In-N-Out. Someone call the moving vans. Now.

Yakutsk, Russia:

Moving the University here would be the only possible way to get people like me from complaining constantly about South Bend's weather. Yakutsk is officially the coldest city in the world, with an average yearly high of 25 degrees Fahrenheit. The average January high is a balmy 33 degrees.

All I can say is that makes Notre Dame seem tropic in comparison. Maybe if Fr. Jenkins threatened to move the University here, the whole SAD craze would go away.

Well, it's your move, Fr. J. Hopefully the dolphins or the promise of Alcatraz will help you make the right decision.

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Sam Stryker

News Editor

# Parents, welcome to the fold

As the cars roll up and the parents get dropped off with suitcases and eager smiles in tow, a moment of panic grips you. A weekend awaits, full of galas and Mass and brunch and bonding. Will it be awkward? Will it be fun? Will it be worth the drive?

Is Junior Parents Weekend as great as it's made out to be? It is if you embrace it for all its worth.

For one special weekend in the midst of your college career, Notre Dame plays host to hundreds of middle-aged and elderly adults (no offense, parents), a much different crowd than the 20-somethings that usually rule the scene. Parietals persist, parties move off campus and students get to focus on developing relationships with the ones who have loved them since before they were born — their parents.

At first, Junior Parents Weekend might feel a little forced as you introduce your folks to your friends under the guise of a fancy gala. You walk around the Purcell Pavilion, not sure if you need to hold Mom and Dad's hands like it's their first day of kindergarten. Can they mingle by themselves? Do they know what to do and where to go? Will they play nice with others in the sandbox?

Maybe your parents are the kind who love college and all it implies, ready to go out and be the lives of the party. Maybe they're more reserved, shy and a little nervous when thrown into unknown situations. Maybe they couldn't make it, and instead you're on your own to entertain the massive influx of adults swarming campus.

Whatever the situation may be, sit back, relax and enjoy

what's ahead. It's a rare moment when adults and children get to experience a beautiful thing called college together. For this one special weekend, the stars align and maybe, just maybe, the sun comes out.

Open your doors and hearts to your parents and let them know how much you appreciate their love and support. The pride that fills their eyes when they see the great company you keep and the curriculum you conquer will ease any and all tensions.

This weekend is about so much more than checking events off the list. As sappy as it sounds, it's about letting your home and Notre Dame family become one.

Parents, this is your chance to catch a glimpse of the adults your kids are becoming. They're letting you into a world that has allowed them to grow in a multitude of ways. Take advantage of the opportunity to see their lives both academically and socially. It's a rare time, a period of formation both you and their peers play a large part in.

Embrace their friends and their friends' parents, people who have influenced and shaped your child's life in more ways than you can count.

Next year, when you meet again amidst tailgates and football games, bond over that first encounter, the one that started it all. Know that your children are well taken care of by the University, their peers and those who have raised the class of 2013.

Hold onto this weekend. Like your college career, it goes by fast. Do your best to make it last.

## THE OBSERVER Editorial

## EDITORIAL CARTOON



## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Any man who afflicts the human race with ideas must be prepare to see them misunderstood."*

H. L. Mencken  
U.S. editor

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"BABY I'M A FIREWORK"	13% (4)
"I FOUND LOVE IN A HOPELESS PLACE"	16% (5)

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# The characters who define our society

Consider for a moment the characters of *Pride and Prejudice*: Elizabeth, Jane, Darcy, Bingley, Lady Catherine, Bennett and the rest. They are about as different as they could be almost caricatures.

Dan Sportiello  
*Bound Variables*

Nonetheless, they are characters who represent their time and place. They all are, despite their diversity, committed to British society in its absolute commitment to politeness, specifically to honorable marriage in the context of a hierarchical agrarian order. The climax of the novel comes when Lydia nearly destroys her family by absconding to London; she enters into a romantic relationship with Wickham with neither the permission of her father nor the consecration of a clergyman and, scandalously, earns neither money nor power from the transaction.

Darcy's commitment to the moral order of honorable marriage is such that he is willing to reestablish order at great personal cost to himself — thereby becoming a hero to the lovely Elizabeth.

The point is worth repeating: Darcy is, for Austen and her audience, a moral exemplar precisely because he has the will to defend the institution of marriage — and the money to pull it off. Gentlemen, take note.

It may be you are not a fan of “*Pride and Prejudice*.” If so, then you should read it again. In the meantime, though, realize it is not only novels characters who reveal the moral orders which define them. A character is, in a certain sense, a caricature — a somewhat idealized expression of something profound about his social context. And whether that social context is actual or fictional, those within it understand and define themselves in relation to those characters, whether that relationship is one of opposition or affirmation.

It's obvious different societies understand themselves in relation to different characters, especially since Cervantes created his Don Quixote. The knight, a character defined by his perfect fusion of courage and piety, is as noble in one age as he is absurd in the next. Moreover, ours is no longer a moral order defined by its commitment to honorable marriage in the context of a hierarchical agrarian order.

Who, then, are the characters who define our society — one that lacks any agreement upon the meaning of life, in which talk about right and wrong is therefore unjustified?

According to Alasdair MacIntyre, who, in his “*After Virtue*,” calls characters “the masks worn by moral philosophies.” The Manager, the Therapist, the Aes-

thete and the Conservative Moralist are prominent among them. Such characters are not the inventions of MacIntyre; they are idealized versions of the men and women whom he sees every day.

Consider as examples Mitt Romney, Doctor Phil, Paris Hilton and Glenn Beck, respectively. Some of these characters inhabit the political right while others are rather further left. Some are respected public figures while others are media darlings known largely for their nuttiness. Despite their great diversity, however, they are manifestations of the same spirit, a refusal to ask about right and wrong, about the point of life, beyond what people happen to want or what they themselves happen to decide.

Mitt Romney, for instance, drones endlessly about how, if elected, he will make the national economy run better and about how he is an expert in making things run better. What we should do with all of the extra money, of course, he would not presume to say — we would not begin to listen.

Doctor Phil, for his part, talks people through the deviancy within their lives, helping them to conform to what is considered normal in our society. Although, he would never think to ask whether what is considered normal should be so considered.

Paris Hilton is good at spending her

family's money to make herself constantly, deliriously happy in the most public, grotesque way possible. What things should make her happy, of course, is not something she bothers to ask herself.

Glenn Beck, finally, screams endlessly about how liberals, minorities or those intelligent enough to read this essay are destroying America. Whether or not America should be a place of liberals, minorities and those intelligent enough to read this essay is not something he bothers to ask his viewers — or himself.

I have no particularly strong feelings toward any of these individuals. If I criticize anything, it is the moral order they presuppose in their words and deeds. Even in this criticism, though, I still define myself in relation to (albeit in opposition to) these characters.

For we are narrative animals: each of us makes himself what he is. He tells the story of his life only in the context of the stories, the characters and the people confronting him.

I wonder if it is not time to start telling better stories.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### South Bend still a food desert

The front page of the Feb. 16 issue of *The Observer* boasted “Whole Foods to open in fall: High-end grocer will offer more dietary options to students.” While this store will make a wonderful use of the vacant Borders building on Grape Road and a wonderful addition to the number of food options in Mishawaka, we must be conscious of who this store is for.

The headline says it pretty clearly. Notre Dame students, who typically have the economic power to be able to shop at more expensive grocery stores, will be able to enjoy a wider selection of healthy, organic products. Meanwhile, many residents of South Bend are stuck in food deserts.

Food deserts, as defined by the Center for Disease Control, are areas characterized by poor access to healthy and affordable food. As has been explained, fresh and organic foods are more expensive than less healthy, processed foods. It makes sense that Whole Foods is located in Mishawaka; it's close to the suburbanites and the students who can afford to shop there. But Whole Foods is not the only retailer with this mentality. Other stores such as Target and Meijer have moved from west to east to capitalize on “being where the money is,” leaving even less food options for low income families and slowing South Bend's economic development even further.

So while you are on your next shopping trip, I urge you to think about why you are driving to Mishawaka instead of into South Bend, and how your buying power affects your eating habits. And when Whole Foods opens in the fall, I hope the Notre Dame family will make a conscious effort to share these nutritional opportunities with the residents of South Bend.

Stephanie Pedicini  
senior  
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Feb. 16

## Scientific theory no matter of faith

Many people like to hold Galileo up as the supreme example of the Church changing its teaching (“‘Never,’ is a strong word,” Feb. 16). But the fact is, the Church never has and never will define a scientific theory as a matter of faith. Galileo actually demanded that the Church change her teachings on Scripture. Galileo insisted he was right even though his foundations were flawed, leaving the Church with only two choices: accept it or condemn him. The third choice that the Church offered was calling the theory plausible but in need of more evidence, however, this would not satisfy Galileo.

Galileo was not the first scientist to propose the heliocentric view. Johannes Kepler proposed his theory of heliocentricity 10 years earlier and was ridiculed by his colleagues. The main source of intolerance for their theories was from the esteemed scientific community of that period, not the Church. The hierarchy of the Catholic Church only stepped in when Galileo presumed to try to tell them they needed to defer to his flawed scientific findings. Furthermore, Galileo's heliocentric theory said that the sun was the center of the universe, a theory that has later been shown to be false.

The Church tribunal that judged Galileo's case may have been mistaken in saying the sun is not the center of our solar system. They were, however, completely correct in declaring Galileo's entire attitude towards the Church and Scripture dangerously heretical. Also, that tribunal was a small group of men that definitely did not have the authority to declare any of the immutable teachings of the Church. This authority is reserved for the Pope in specific circumstances. The tribunal only had disciplinary power.

So, Josh was completely correct in his claim “the Church has never been known to waver on its teaching.” The Church as the Mystical Body of Christ on this earth has never changed its dogmatic pronouncements on faith and morals. These are truths that will last to the end of the world, no matter how the collective morals of our weak human society fluctuate.

Adrienne Chabot  
junior  
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Feb. 16

## Church should be open to change

Dear Josh,  
In your letter (“Church over society,” Feb. 15), you condemn an individual who “... had the audacity to claim to have knowledge that superseded 2,000 years of church teaching ... to suggest that the Church should rethink its teaching based on the whims of a generation.” You also claim that throughout its 2,000 years, “... the Church has never been known to waver on its teaching...” and that the Church cannot represent a “pillar of truth” by “bending to the will of society.”

As Catholics, we belong to a church devoted to God, inspired by Jesus, but comprised of humans — living, emotional and flawed. While you state that the Church remains “the beacon that lights the way to heaven,” that same Church also initiated the Inquisition, started the Crusades, sold indulgences, colonized peoples who did not ask for such indoctrination and persecuted scientists, artists, and philosophers.

As Mr. Niehaus and Mr. Schlehuber noted in their Feb. 16 letter (“‘Never,’ is a strong word”), not even Galileo, a man who did indeed have knowledge that superseded what was over 1,000 years of Church teaching, was spared.

If the Church “... has never been known to waver on its teaching...”, then what was the purpose of the Second Vatican Council? The Church endures because of a willingness to recognize its flaws and grow with human-

ity. Our Church embodies a living entity, not an archaic institution incapable of self-examination and change.

You also argue that because Jesus “went against many societal values,” the Church should not become subject to the “constraints” of society. Perhaps you have forgotten that Jesus also opposed the inflexibility and misguided practices of his society's dominant religious leaders. If anything, Jesus would promote a collaborative dialogue.

The most disturbing aspect of your letter remains the line, “The Church is not part of society, it's above it.” As a Catholic and student of this University, I beg to differ. The Church operates soup kitchens, homeless shelters, hospitals, schools and development programs around the world — are these not part of society? Is this University not part of society?

Catholic universities, food programs, medical initiatives and outreach efforts exist in prisons, in impoverished neighborhoods, in war zones and in the fabric our communities, making a visible difference.

As part of society, the Church needs to remain open to discussion with all people, for that remains the true message of Christian action and love.

Austin Hagwood  
freshman  
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Feb. 16





This fashionista first fell in love with all things Brazilian upon discovering a little restaurant-club in the 10th arrondissement of Paris, Favela Chic. Memories made with best friends to the rhythm of “Magalenha” amplified the already strong impact the Brazilian mystique exerts on us all. The breezy natural beauty of the Brazilian fashion aesthetic captures our style senses.



Felicia Caponigri

Scene Writer

Thankfully senior Rio de Janeiro native Tatiana Spragins let us in on the secret.

FbyF: So, Tati, tell us about the fashion aesthetic in Brazil.

TS: Well, first of all Brazil is a large country with many different regions, and therefore, different styles. Sao Paulo, for example, is like New York, many more suits and businesswear. I’ll speak to the aesthetic of Rio where I grew up. Carioca (a person from Rio) fashion reflects the hot temperature of Rio, with bright, vibrant colors and organic fabrics like linen and cotton, and sandals. Patterns are extremely popular. Certain stores market their own for strong brand recognition. Patterns take the place of logos in Carioca fashion, acting as a status symbol. The key is to look natural, with not too much makeup, and flowing hair. A pair of well cut jeans with a flowing, loose, bright top. It’s very basic. Carioca fashion is as much about how you wear it as what you wear. Taking care of yourself is important.

FbyF: What do you think of the Brazilian fashion mystique?

TS: Actually I think it’s quite funny, this obsession with Brazilian beauty. I think it’s natural — that

a beauty that is different has a wow factor. It does deserve attention, but to us it’s not that exotic. I’ve always been very aware of the reality of the

stereotype.

The thing about fashion in Brazil, too, is that the middle class is a new phenomenon, and to retain a sense of status, people don’t mix high and low fashion, like you see in the States. Services in Brazil are cheap, products are expensive, so the cost of clothes is also much higher, naturally.

FbyF: Growing up and then coming to Notre Dame, how was your fashion aesthetic formed and then changed?

TS: Well, at about 16 or 17 I really fell into the Carioca style with my friends. Going to the beach so much, you wear something that can translate easily from there to a restaurant to the mall. I don’t think Brazilian fashion is so different from fashion at ND in that it’s casual, and you don’t really try to stick out or be flashy. But I distinctly remember getting a Lewis Hall t-shirt as a freshman, and cutting it up immediately, making the neckline lower, cropping it at the waist, to make it fit better, not knowing we were going to wear these shirts for the whole week. I looked different.

Also, I find there’s less of an impetus here to dress for class. There’s a fashion divide — either you try too hard or not at all. In Brazil, everyone makes an effort.

I’ve adapted to ND naturally by buying most of my winter clothes in the States, UGGs and fleece for instance. There are some conditions, like the weather, whose affect [on your style] you can’t control. But when summer comes, out come my Carioca dresses. My Brazilian style has become stronger. I miss what I can’t find here in the States. And of course, when I’m in New York, where they really express personal style, I take my true [Brazilian] fashion aesthetic out of the closet.

And on that note, darlings, let the Carioca style summit begin!

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Carioca Style: Shop 126



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Senior Tatiana Spragins models carioca fashion, Patterned dress by Totem



One day he was just a dog, the next, he was the bane of Mitt Romney’s existence.

Seamus, the precious Irish Setter pup of the Romney family, has taken the world by storm.

Word recently got out of Seamus’ misadventure in the presidential hopeful’s past.

This pooch is having the worst week ever.

As the old tale goes, little Seamus was a pup who loved the rush of wind in his ears. He enjoyed it so much, the Romneys would stick man’s best friend in a crate strapped atop their car and drive 12 hours from Boston to Canada.

Word recently got out on Politicker, a political website, one of the Romney sons let it slip off-the-record Seamus skedaddled once the family parked at their final destination.

Previously, Romney’s wife, Anne, had claimed Seamus went on to live to a “ripe old age,” according to The Toronto Star. Something smells doggy.

Many parties have cried foul at the Romneys’ care of their pup, claiming this is surely an indicator the presidential elect is unsympathetic toward the underdog.

Though the event took place in 1983, the story has gained recent traction thanks to two forces: the Westminster Dog Show and New York Times columnist Gail Collins.

The Seamus-inspired movement, “Dogs Against Romney” made a special appearance at the Westminster Dog Show this week. About a dozen angry people held up signs reading “Mitt is

Mean” and “I Ride Inside.”

The campaign has its own website and claims 30,000 members. Seamus, wherever you are, there’s an abundance of treats guaranteed in your name.

Collins apparently also has a vendetta against the presidential-hopeful. She’s mentioned the Romney incident numerous times since his campaign began and tosses references to Seamus’ story around in her column regularly. In a Feb. 1 piece, she questioned whether Romney would ever plan ways to fix the safety net to benefit the poor.

“Be real. This is the guy who drove to Canada with the family dog strapped on the roof,” she wrote. Woof.

This week, while pristine puppies were primed for the Best in Show prize, the memory of Seamus lived on in protests and on poster boards.

Nothing maintains the memory of someone like writing, so Seamus will also forever be immortalized in Collins’ columns.

Regardless, Seamus, wherever you’re frolicking (hopefully in a Canadian field somewhere), you’re having the worst week ever.

Though Romney might

publicly be taking the heat, it’s you who felt it in the first place. We know you love your master, even if he might have taken the phrase “catch some fresh air” a little too literally.

Here’s to you, Seamus the Irish Setter, and to hoping your dog days aren’t over just quite yet.

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# THINGS TO DO FOR JPW

## JUNIOR. PARENTS. WEEKEND.

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Today, the festivities of Junior Parents Weekend (JPW) begin. JPW is a University tradition in which junior class parents come to Notre Dame “to get a glimpse of their sons and daughters’ lives at their home away from home,” said Caitlin Connelly, co-chair of the JPW Presidential Dinner.

“This year is particularly special because we also celebrate the event’s 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary,” Connelly said.

With a full schedule of activities planned from Friday to Sunday, Connelly said this JPW promises to be “a fun and entertaining weekend for the 2013 junior class and their parents alike.”

### Friday

JPW festivities begin today at 1 p.m. with Air Force ROTC and Art Department receptions. Later in the afternoon, the Black Cultural Arts Council (BCAC) will

host Black Coffee House in the LaFortune Student Center Ballroom. This signature event showcases various talented singers, dancers and poets.

The JPW Opening Gala begins at 9 p.m. in the Joyce Athletic & Convocation Center.

“[The Opening Gala is] one of the weekend’s most important and awaited events,” Connelly said.

This activity serves as a way “for students and their parents to socialize with other classmates and their parents,” she said. Cocktail attire is suggested for the Opening Gala. The event will have different entertainment stations with food, professional photographers, music and a dance floor.

### Saturday

Saturday’s schedule is busy, packed with events from morning to night.

From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., each University college will offer a con-

tinental breakfast and a variety of receptions and presentations for students and their families.

“It is a great way for parents to learn more about their kids’ learning environment and faculty at Notre Dame,” Connelly said.

After a busy morning, Residence Hall staffs will host semi-formal luncheons from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. in student’s respective dorms. Later, the Notre Dame Jazz Band will perform a special number for JPW attendees at Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC.)

“The more formal and elegant activities begin at 5:30 p.m. with the JPW Mass at Purcell Pavilion, followed by the President’s Dinner at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse,” Connelly said. Junior class president Kevin Doherty and University President Fr. John Jenkins will address the class of 2013 and their parents Saturday evening. The University Glee Club will also perform during the event.



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**Parents and students enjoy time together at last year’s Junior Parents Weekend.**

### Sunday

JPW festivities come to an end Sunday with the Closing Brunch in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. With guest speakers and closing remarks from the coordinating staff, juniors will enjoy a relaxing meal with their parents as the weekend

comes to a close.

“We’ve put a lot of effort into all of this year’s JPW activities and the class has shown a lot of participation and enthusiasm,” Connelly said.

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# THE WOMAN IN BLACK IS GRAY AT BEST

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Everyone’s been anticipating Daniel Radcliffe’s first cinematic moment in the spotlight since the conclusion of the “Harry Potter” franchise.

“The Woman in Black” hit theaters nationwide Feb. 3, and Radcliffe’s wacting abilities in the new horror-thriller period-piece unfortunately prove to place him in the long list of typecast actors.

Director James Watkins’ thriller

is based on Susan Hill’s 1983 novel of the same name. “Woman in Black” is certainly not as light-hearted or geared to young audiences as the “Harry Potter.”

Nonetheless, Radcliffe contributes to the film in the same way he contributes to the character of Harry Potter, with a sense of obligated altruism. One wonders whether this was Watkins’ intention or Radcliffe simply fails to act beyond his selfless and earnest role in “Harry Potter.”

Radcliffe portrays protagonist Arthur Kipps, an early 1900s British lawyer whose wife Stella (Sophie Stuckey) died during childbirth. Kipps’ past only makes his career more difficult.

After facing financial problems from his law firm, he is assigned the task of finalizing the estate of Alice Drablow ¾ one final chance to prove his worth to his employer.

Drablow’s estate rests on a marshy is-

land in the creepy North Eastern English village, Crythin Gif

ford, where children keep mysteriously committing suicide.

Watkins adds an obvious, albeit appropriate, aspect of horror to the movie by locating Drablow’s house on an island linked to the mainland village by only a long road covered at high tide.

Kipps must unravel the mystery of the deaths while also finalizing the legal documents of Drablow’s estate. The enigma revolves around the title “Woman in Black,” Drablow’s sister Jennet Humfrye, whose son Nathaniel drowned in the wetlands during a tragic carriage accident.

The lack of realism in “The Woman in Black” diminishes the scare factor and instead merely adds suspense to the majority of the film.

Radcliffe’s token altruistic role seems out of place in a setting where most of the other characters warn against his delving too far into the frequent deaths. The villagers insist Kipps leave the town before another death occurs, but he refuses.

Kipps’ only reservations about going to Drablow’s estate, which has all the visual appearance of a haunted house, appear to stem from his desire to reunite with his four-

year-old son Joseph at the end of the week.

Radcliffe’s near lack of fear, while

appropriate in a role like Harry Potter, instead seems strange and inhuman in “The Woman in Black,” and even goes so far as to detract from the horror of watching the thriller.

Watkins’ cinematography proves more effective to incite horror in the audience than Radcliffe’s acting, as he creates a natural palette of white, black, tan and gray, but occasionally contrasts it with red blood. Additionally, a philosophical plot twist at the movie’s end redeems Radcliffe’s inability to act beyond his role.

Overall, Watkins provides a decent scary movie experience, but

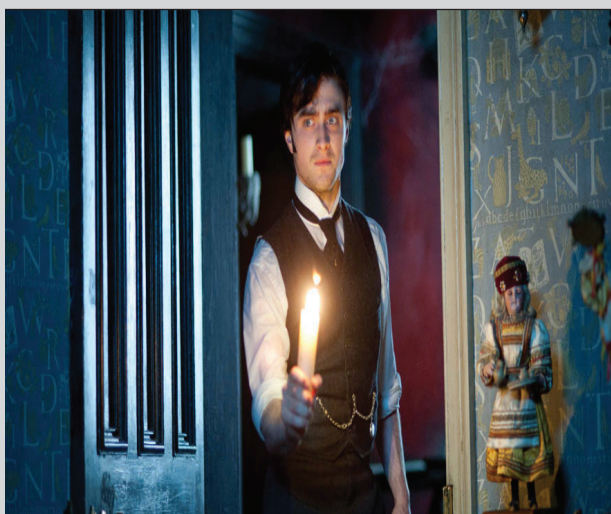


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### “The Woman in Black”

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Why the Colts should keep Peyton Manning

Let's talk generalizations. As the owner of an NFL team, you're given the choice between an aging quarterback who missed the last entire season due to injury and the top quarterback prospect in 25 years, according to some.



Eric Prister  
Senior Sports Writer

The older quarterback has a contract worth millions of dollars and if you keep him around, you have to pay him a \$28 million bonus within the next month without knowing how healthy he actually is. You can pay the new quarterback much less because of new rookie contract limitations.

Your team went 2-14, you fired your general manager and head coach and you're just looking to rebuild.

The logical move in this situation is to get rid of the aging quarterback, avoid paying the high salary and bonus and see how the young gun can lead your team.

Let's move into specifics now.

Jim Irsay, the owner of the Indianapolis Colts, has a choice between retaining Peyton Manning as his quarterback or drafting and giving the starting job to Andrew Luck.

Manning is 35 years old and missed all of last season after neck surgery. But we're talking about Peyton Manning, and that's as far as we need to go. Keep Manning.

Hypotheticals don't matter in this case. Manning is not an aging quarterback who missed all of last season — or at least he's not only that. Manning is the quarterback who led Irsay's team to a Super Bowl title, who led the Colts to the playoffs in nine straight seasons and who won four MVP awards.

The Colts went 2-14 last season, the first time since 2001 they didn't win double-digit games, and anyone could see it was because Manning wasn't on the field. Now Irsay thinks it's in the best interest of the franchise to play another season without him?

Andrew Luck may be the next great quarterback. He may be the best prospect to enter the NFL draft since

John Elway, as ESPN's Mel Kiper, Jr. has said. He may be the closest quarterback to a sure thing we'll see in our lifetimes. But he's not Peyton Manning.

Manning isn't a young man anymore €that can't be disputed. Even if he's fully healthy after his surgeries, he can't have more than five good years left, and that's if he plays until he's 40. But giving up the quarterback who has built the Colts into the perennial powerhouse they are (except for last year) is unintelligent at best, professional suicide at worst.

Irsay should make the decision to keep Manning — that shouldn't even be a question. The question should be whether or not to draft Andrew Luck and have him play under Manning, one of the greatest quarterbacks of all time. Manning's days are numbered, and Luck would be learning from the best.

The Colts could draft Luck — they have the space under the salary cap to do so. They could give him the opportunity of a lifetime to be mentored by a Hall of Fame quarterback. If he's too proud to spend a few seasons as a backup, then he's missing out. It would be far less risky to draft Luck and hope he's content than to place all of the hopes of the franchise on him and lose Manning.

The Colts could also choose to draft an elite player at another position. Judging from last season, they could use the help in many different areas. Offensive and defensive linemen have proven to be far easier to judge, and so drafting a player at either position is much more of a sure thing than drafting Luck.

The Colts are faced with a rare situation — the ability to draft an elite quarterback with another still under contract. Someone with no prior knowledge of the situation might think Luck is the safer, more reasonable choice. But that someone would be wrong. Never bet against Peyton Manning.

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NBA

LeBron would return to Cavs

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James could picture returning one day to the place where his NBA journey began.

Back in Cleveland. Imagine that.

After practicing in a gym where he refined his game for seven seasons, James said Thursday he would not rule out a return to the Cavaliers, a team he carried to the brink of a title before he spurned an entire region by leaving as a free agent in 2010 to chase a championship with Miami.

Asked if he could play for the Cavs again, James initially paused before giving his answer.

"I don't know. I think it would be great," he said. "It would be fun to play in front of these fans again. I had a lot fun times in my seven years here. You can't predict the future and hopefully I continue to stay healthy. I'm here as a Miami Heat player, and I'm happy where I am now, but I don't rule that out in no sense.

"And if I decide to come back, hopefully the fans will accept me."

James' comments may have been calculated, coming one day before the Cavs host the Heat for the third time since the superstar's infamous and messy exit from Cleveland. In mentioning a possible reunion, he may be trying to soften the negative response he'll get Friday night from fans who haven't forgotten what he did to them.

However, James appeared sincere when talking about a potential return to the Cavs, his fractured relationship with Cavs owner Dan Gilbert and topics ranging from phenom Jeremy Lin to rookie Kyrie Irving following practice on the fourth floor of Quicken Loans Arena.

Perhaps it was because he was back in familiar surroundings that prompted James' remarks. Or maybe it's part of a larger agenda. Whatever the case, his past with Cleveland, and his decision to bolt from the Cavs, will always be a sensitive subject.

After all, James put Cleveland back on the NBA map by taking the Cavs to one finals and winning two MVP awards during his stay. He left the franchise during a summer in which he held an entire city at bay as it awaited his decision. After he announced he was joining the Heat during a nationally televised special, the Akron native was vilified by the same fans who cheered every one of his dribbles and dunks.

Time has healed some of the wounds — not all.



AP

Heat forward LeBron James drives during a game Monday against the Bucks. James said Thursday he would consider a return to Cleveland.

James said he has made no attempt to patch things up with Gilbert, who harshly criticized James in a scathing letter to Cleveland's fans. Gilbert promised to win a title before James, questioned his character and told The Associated Press he felt James quit on the Cavs during the playoffs.

James said he has no bitterness toward Gilbert. They have not spoken since James met with the Cavaliers on July 3, 2010, when they were one of several teams courting him to sign with them.

"I don't have any hard feelings. He said what he said and I've moved on," said James, who is under contract with the Heat for two more seasons. "But there's been no attempt to patch things up."

James, however, said he can envision being friends again with Gilbert.

"I don't hold grudges," he said. "I hold them a little bit, but I don't hold them that long. He said what he said out of anger and he would probably want to take that back. But I made a mistake, too, and there are some things I would want to take back as well.

"You make mistakes and move on."

But could he play for Gilbert? "Dan is not the coach," he said. "I can play for any coach. We'll see what happens."

Attempts to reach Gilbert were unsuccessful.

It wasn't clear if by "mistake" James meant the way he announced his departure from Cleveland or joining the Heat. He insists he's happy in South Florida and committed to winning a title with the Heat, who are favored to win it all this season after losing to Dallas in the finals last June.

James acknowledged he's changed and enjoying hoops the way he once did.

"I'm back to how I was in Cleveland, having fun with the game, appreciating the game, loving the

game and playing at a high level," he said. "I got away from that last year. It was a difficult year for me last year, making the whole transition, on and off the floor, going through everything I went through.

"I just got back to how I got to this point, back to playing the way I know how to play."

James' comments about a return to Cleveland — albeit unlikely — caught former teammate Antawn Jamison off guard.

"It surprises me that he's saying that now," said Jamison, who played 25 games with James in 2010 after coming over in a trade. "Three years down the road it wouldn't surprise me if he entertains the idea. But hey, after the first go-round, I don't think anything would surprise you as far as scenarios taking place."

Cavs guard Daniel Gibson can't envision Cleveland fans ever receiving James warmly again.

He may have moved on. They haven't..

"I don't think he'd be welcome," Gibson said. "Not with the way that went down. It was a pretty tough situation. I'm sure they wouldn't feel comfortable with that at all."

James knows what's coming on Friday. He's prepared for a rough reception, but not as hostile as the one the seven-time All-Star got on Dec. 2 last season. James expects to hear boos, but maybe not as many obscenities.

"It doesn't sting anymore," James said. "The booing isn't as bad as it was last year so it's not even a big deal."

James' comments about a hypothetical return to Cleveland didn't surprise teammate Dwyane Wade, his running mate in Miami.

Even Wade, who stayed with James at his home Bath, Ohio, could imagine his friend reuniting with the Cavs — some day.

"Anything is possible," Wade said. "Hopefully, I'm retired."

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles to close regular season with home game

By NICK BOYLE  
Sports Writer

Having already clinched a berth in the MIAA tournament, Saint Mary's will take on Kalamazoo on Saturday looking to pick up momentum heading into the post-season.

This will be the last regular-season game for the Belles (12-12, 8-7) before they compete in the newly restructured four-team MIAA tournament starting next week.

"We are looking forward to playing at home to finish out the season," Belles senior guard Patsy Mahoney said. "We are ready to work hard and take care of business."

With a playoff spot secured, Saint Mary's will use its game Saturday to prepare for postseason play.

"Looking to next week for our first-round game, we are excited to play Calvin for the third time and show them a team that is not ready for our season to end," Mahoney said. "We are doing new things to prepare and think we have the mentality to come out and win the first round [playoff] game and continue on."

The game will also serve as a special occasion for many of the Saint Mary's players. The game will

serve as Senior Day for the Belles, as it is their last regular season home game.

"This last home game is full of mixed emotions," Mahoney said. "I am sad that it is my last home game at Saint Mary's, but I also know that it doesn't mean my season is over since we have at least one more game the following Thursday for the first round of the MIAA tournament."

Saint Mary's features a core group of seniors who will be honored Saturday. These players include seniors Mahoney, forward Kelley Murphy, forward

Jessica Centa, guard Maggie Ronan and guard Katie Sullivan.

Mahoney said their time together has brought the seniors close on and off the field.

"Playing on this team has definitely made me a better person as well as a better player," Mahoney said. "The friends I have made on this team over the years are lifelong and I know I will always be able to count on them for anything I need."

Saint Mary's seniors will play their last home game Saturday at 3 p.m. when the Belles take on Kalamazoo.

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ND Women's SWIMMING

Irish hold on to second place



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Sophomore Mikelle Masciantonio takes off in the 200-yard individual medley Feb. 27 in the Shamrock Invitational at home. The Irish continue Big East Championships through the weekend.

By MATT UNGER  
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The Irish could not muster enough points in four events Thursday to keep up with first-place Louisville in the Big East Swimming and Diving championships.

However, the team kept its hold on second place and also saw impressive performances from freshman swimmer Emma Reaney and the 200-yard freestyle relay team.

After trailing Louisville by nine points entering the day, the Irish concluded Thursday with 212 points, well behind the Cardinals' 304-point total. While the defending champion Cardinals appear headed toward a second straight Big East title, the Irish still remain 12 points ahead of West Virginia for second place.

The most impressive Irish swim of the day came from Reaney in the 200-yard individual medley. Reaney dominated the field in the event finals, winning in 1:56.42, more than three seconds clear of second place.

The time was Reaney's personal best on the season for that event and fell just less than a quarter of a second shy of the automatic qualifying NCAA A-cut time.

Meanwhile, the closest women's finish on the day occurred between Louisville and Notre Dame in the 200-yard free relay. The team of senior Amy Prestinario, junior Lauren Scott, sophomore Kelly Ryan and freshman Hannah Bowen finished just .22 seconds behind first-place Louisville in an exciting finish.

The Irish suffered in the

team points category as none of their swimmers placed in the top eight of the 50-yard and 500-yard freestyle events. However, Bowen and Prestinario finished ninth and 10th respectively in the 50-yard freestyle, which were the top two places in the consolation bracket.

The events on Thursday marked the second of four days for the swimming portion of the Big East Swimming and Diving championships. The Irish will face their busiest day of the Big East championships today, with five individual events and one relay race at Trees Pool in Pittsburgh. Preliminary races begin at 10 a.m. with the finals occurring at 6 p.m.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles stand in sixth in MIAA meet

Observer Staff Report

After the first full day of competition, Saint Mary's stands at sixth in the MIAA championships with 124 points. At the top of the leaderboard, Hope leads Calvin by 1.5 points with 255 points total.

In the morning session Thursday, the Belles qualified swimmers for each of the five events they competed in. The Belles competed well in their two relay races. In the 200-yard freestyle relay, consisting of freshman Ann Nolan, sophomore Sarah Thompson, senior Katie Donovan and freshman Julianne Divine, the Belles took third in qualifying with a time of 1:43.65. Also taking third, with a time

of 4:13.34, was the 400-yard individual medley relay of freshman Anna Nolan, junior Kristyn Gerbeth, senior Audrey Dalrymple and senior Megan Price.

Saint Mary's competed just as well in the individual events during the preliminary round. With an eighth-place finish and time of 5:21.05, senior Megan Price qualified for the 500-yard freestyle finals. Audrey Dalrymple qualified in fifth place (2:13.90) and Katie Donovan in 15th place (2:22.06) in the 200-yard individual medley. Rounding out the qualifying rounds was Nolan, who finished 10th in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 25.13.

The Belles improved their times for the final round

Thursday evening, but for the most part finished in the same places. In the relays, the 200-yard freestyle relay finished in sixth (1:43.02) and the 400-yard individual medley relay moved up, taking second (4:09.91).

On the individual level, Price again finished eighth in the 500-yard freestyle (5:19.38). For the 200-yard individual medley, Dalrymple finished fifth (2:12.45) and Donovan moved up, finishing 13th (2:19.90). After many races, Nolan's 50-yard freestyle time slowed slightly to 25.30, but she retained her 10th place position.

The Belles continue in the MIAA championships today and Saturday in Holland, Mich.



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Irish junior midfielder Emily Conner passes the ball during Notre Dame's 13-8 loss to Ohio State. The Irish ended last season 10-9.

# Halfpenny

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one she describes as “learn fast, think fast, play fast.” As the name indicates, the style

focuses on a high-tempo pace of play designed to maximize shots on goal. Halfpenny said the team has been remarkably quick in picking up the new offensive style.

“We have a number of very talented and skilled athletes

here who are also very smart, so they have been quick on the uptake,” Halfpenny said. “Our four-week preseason could not have been more effective, and the players are certainly seeing some success in the system.”

This year's Irish will feature

several new faces on the field, as the team looks to fill the void left by the departure of all-Americans Shaylyn Blaney and Jackie Doherty, along with three other starters from last year's team. Halfpenny said the team's talented underclassmen will take on an increased role and become valuable contributors.

“I'm excited to see some of the young kids step up because, losing several players to graduation, we'll need to rely on youthful faces starting this weekend,” Halfpenny said. “I'm hoping to see a number of contributors on the field, and I'm excited to see what combinations we can come up with.”

Despite the losses to graduation, the Irish do return 16 monogram winners. Key returnees for Notre Dame include senior attack Maggie Tamasitis and sophomore midfielder Kaitlyn Brosco, who were both named to the all-Big East preseason team. The Irish also feature a strong and experienced defensive front that includes seniors Jordy Shoemaker, Megan Sullivan and Kate Newall.

Although the Irish received strong preseason preparation against teams like Johns Hopkins, the team will face its toughest test in Stanford (0-2).

In a preseason coaches' poll, the Cardinal were picked to win the MPSF [Mountain Pacific Sports Federation], but have dropped their first two games, losing to No. 1 Northwestern and No. 18 Ohio State last weekend. Stanford graduated its top four goal-scorers and starting goalkeeper from last season but features a strong core of seniors in Anna Boeri, Emilie Boeri and Catherine Swanson. Swanson was named the MPSF's Player of the Week for her efforts in the team's first two games.

Halfpenny said beginning the season against a top-ranked opponent provides a good measuring stick for her young team.

“I think it's great that we get an early test with an opponent that has been to the NCAA tournament in each of the last two seasons, as it will give us a good measure of where we are at this point,” Halfpenny said. “Athletically, I think we match up very nicely with them, and we're very excited for this game.”

The Irish will open their season against Stanford on Sunday at 12:00 p.m. at Arlotta Stadium.

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**Christine Halfpenny**  
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MEN’S SWIMMING

Dyer’s record-setting times give ND lead in Big East



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Sophomore Frank Dyer swims in the 500-yard freestyle Jan. 27 in the Shamrock Invitational at Notre Dame. Dyer set a new Big East record in the event Thursday with a time of 4:18.50.

By MEGAN GOLDEN  
Sports Writer

The Irish entered the second day of the Big East championships on Thursday with a solid lead over Pittsburgh and Lou-

isville and built on that lead with strong swimming across all events. Sophomore Frank Dyer’s record performance gave Notre Dame a 406-330.5 first-place lead over the Cardinals.  
Just a day after leading an

Irish relay team to a school record, Dyer set a new Big East record with a time of 4:18.50 in the 500-yard freestyle. Notre Dame freshman Brennan Jacobsen earned second place in the race at 4:24.28.  
Irish head coach Tim Welsh

said Dyer stands out among others, even against the best opposition in the conference.  
“He beat his own meet record from last year, and he broke the pool record from 1993. His time is one of the very, very fastest times in the country. Frank’s just having a terrific meet,” Welsh said. “The thing about Frank is he earns it. He does everything the right way, which does not mean it’s easy, but he earns his success. He trusts what he does. He’s a great competitor.”  
Irish junior Bill Bass earned the gold medal in the 200-yard individual medley. The Irish trio of freshmen Cameron Miller and Zachary Stephens and sophomore Colin Babcock also finished in the top six.  
Defending champion Louisville controlled the top four spots in the 50-yard freestyle, and West Virginia rounded out the top-six.  
“[Louisville is] loaded with talent. They are loaded with talent. That’s a tribute to them,” Welsh said. “It’s been a great competitive race; a great matchup between the two of us. It’s been, ‘You punch me in the nose, I’ll punch you in the nose.’”  
The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Dyer and juniors Bill Bass, John McGinley and Kevin Overholt finished in second place behind Louisville, with a

time of 1:18.79.  
The results of the 200-yard freestyle relay were not officially released due to controversy regarding one of Connecticut’s exchanges in the race. The Huskies will most likely be disqualified in the race.  
Irish freshman Nick Nemetz had won the Big East title earlier this week on both the 1-meter and 3-meter boards, giving Notre Dame an early lead.  
Welsh said the Irish swimmers have rallied behind Nemetz’s success.  
“We haven’t lost the lead that our divers gave us, and we love our divers,” Welsh said. “Louisville was heavily, heavily favored to win; that’s why you have the meet. What we’ve been trying to focus on is taking care of business between the Ts.”  
Today’s competition features several 100-yard races, including backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. Saturday marks the final day of the meet, which opens at 10 a.m. with the 1650-yard freestyle race.  
The Big East championships continue today at Trees Pool in Pittsburgh at 10 a.m., beginning with the 400-yard individual medley.  
  
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the top five CCHA teams earn byes in the conference tournament, while the five conference tournament winners and top 11 at-large teams in the Pair-Wise make the NCAA tournament.  
“It’s as frustrating for [the players] as it is for me and our staff,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “It’s a matter of we won all those games [early in the season] struggling with our

secondary scoring and all of a sudden now our primary scoring’s not scoring. I think that’s tough. And then when the goaltending’s been pretty good in the second half — we’ve had a few inconsistent starts — it’s challenging.”  
The Irish have notably had strong performances against high-profile opponents such as Boston College, Michigan, Boston University and Minnesota this season, yet struggled against small-name teams such as Alaska and Bowling Green.  
“When we play with that

underdog mindset, we’re a pretty darn good team,” Jackson said. “When we play against Boston College or Michigan, we still believe that we have that underdog mindset. But when we don’t play with that underdog mindset, we’re just as good as everybody else.”  
The underdog mindset will likely be around when the Irish travel to raucous Steve Cady Arena. The Redhawks, who possess the Mason Cup after winning last season’s CCHA tournament, have been inconsistent this season but are full of talent. The

squad features all-CCHA junior forward Reilly Smith, who leads the team with 30 points, and the senior goaltending duo of Cody Reichard and Connor Knapp.  
“[Miami] is a very good hockey team,” Jackson said. “We have to do a really good job with the puck, but I think against this team, we’re going to have to make sure that we don’t give them a lot of odd-man rush situations.  
“They’ve got great team speed. They’re a little younger up front than they’ve been in the last few

years. They’re still real experienced on the back end and in goal. Their forwards are very talented, but they’re young. And they’ve had ups-and-downs like we’ve had this year and we just have to play real smart hockey with the puck, not taking unnecessary penalties.”  
Despite the stretch of poor play recently, Irish senior captain and defenseman Sean Lorenz believes his team still has time to turn things around.  
“We’re excited. It’s crunch time and as bad as we’ve been playing the past 10 games, honestly, there’s so much more time in the season,” Lorenz said. “There’s four games and those four games could boost us up into the top four in the conference and top 10 nationally. So these last four are really important and going to Miami is always a challenge and always fun in my opinion, just because of the atmosphere, and we’re looking forward to it.”  
Jackson has echoed those sentiments to his club, referring frequently to the 2008 Irish squad that made the national championship game after hobbling into the NCAA tournament.  
“You have to take solace in the fact that if you maintain the right attitude, regardless of how bad things look, is that anything’s possible,” Jackson said. “Anything’s possible until your heart’s not beating anymore.”  
The Irish will face the Redhawks in a critical series at Miami tonight at 7:35 p.m. and Saturday at 7:05 p.m.  
  
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ND Women's Tennis

Irish host first meet since big Vanderbilt upset



Sophomore Julie Sabacinski competes Nov. 5 at the Eck Classic tournament hosted by Notre Dame. Sabacinski defeated Wake Forest's Karen Forman 6-1, 6-1.

By VICKY JACOBSEN  
Sports Writer

The Irish will face two talented rivals from different conferences this week-

end, with matches against North Carolina and Illinois at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Saturday's match against No. 13 North Carolina (6-4, 1-0 ACC) will be the first

for the No. 23 Irish (5-2, 1-0 Big East) since they upset No. 18 Vanderbilt on Feb. 5 in Nashville. "We are playing two tough teams this weekend,

but we have been working hard in practice and the coaches have been preparing us for what to expect," junior Chrissie McGaffigan said. "We hope to build momentum from our upset win at Vanderbilt."

The Tar Heels have been ranked in the top-10 nationally for much of the season, but fell from the No. 8 spot after two losses over the weekend at the ITA National Team Indoor Championships. Despite their recent struggles, Irish coach Jay Louderback said the Tar Heels are an elite opponent.

"They got a win over Tennessee who we lost to, so they're going to be tough," he said. "They've got good doubles teams and they compete really well. We always, when we play Carolina, we always have just tough matches."

Louderback also said he expects a challenge from Illinois (5-1, 0-0 Big Ten) because of his ties to the Illinois coach Michelle Dasso.

"They're always a tough regional team. Their coach played for me and was my assistant, and so when we play then she always has

them ready. They always play really well against us," Louderback said. "They aren't ranked as highly, but it'll be a tough match."

The Fighting Illini come into the match with momentum from a Feb. 3 home win over Southern Methodist. The Illini have only dropped one singles match at home so far this semester — to SMU No. 1 singles player Edyta Cieplucha — but have not been as domi-

*"We are playing two tough teams this weekend, but we have been working hard in practice and the coaches have been preparing us for what to expect ... We hope to build momentum from our upset win at Vanderbilt."*

Chrissie McGaffigan  
Irish junior

nant on the road. Although the matches fall on Junior Parents Weekend, Louderback said the event should not have a large impact on the matches. McGaffigan is the only

junior on the squad. When asked if the team was preparing anything for JPW, Louderback said they only planned on winning.

Notre Dame will take on the Tar Heels at 11 a.m. Saturday and face the Illini at 12 p.m. Sunday in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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SMC Tennis

Underclassmen look to step up for young Belles

By ISAAC LORTON  
Sports Writer

After graduating a remarkable five seniors out of six singles players last season, the Belles will begin the 2012 season hoping to build on last season's 11-6 record — but with a new group of athletes.

The Saint Mary's squad will be made up of entirely freshmen and sophomores this season.

"Replacing the seniors overnight will definitely be hard to do," Belles coach Dale Campbell said. "This young team though, has a lot of talent and I think the team is full of solid competitors."

There is hope to build upon the success attained last season, but Campbell is not setting any specific goals for this season until he sees the girls play in matches.

"Right now, we are not looking to set goals until we see them compete," Campbell says. "Maybe after the first few matches, we will set season goals."

Campbell saw the group of sophomores improve last season and believes they can help the freshmen, who will be competing at the college level

for the first time. Campbell said the team spent the off-season working on speed and conditioning.

"This season we are going to want to improve our footwork and speed," Campbell said. "This will contribute to our offense greatly."

The strength of the Belles lies in their athletic ability and their doubles play, but Campbell wants his young team to not commit unforced errors and be precise.

"We have a lot of doubles savvy for a young team," Campbell said. "I think this team as whole will come along well."

For leadership, the Belles will look to the only player who held a top-six spot last season who was not a senior — sophomore Mary Catherine Fuller.

"She was the No. 3-seed last season and this year she's going to be our No. 1," Campbell said. "She really has raised her level and she'll be one to look out for this season."


The Belles first match will be at home against Case Western on Friday at 6 p.m.

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FENCING

Irish travel to Salt Lake City for national spots



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Junior sabre Jason Choy competes in the Notre Dame Duals on Jan. 29. The Irish swept the weekend 12-0.

By MIKE MONACO  
Sports Writer

With the regular season in the books, the Irish will take a break from collegiate action to participate in the United States Fencing Association's National Junior Olympics this weekend in Salt Lake City.

The event provides fencers under the age of the 20 with the opportunity to qualify for the Olympic team.

"We are sending just four [freshmen] fencers at this moment," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. "We qualify by age so we don't typically send any juniors. It's an event for the freshmen and sophomores."

With fencers from all over the country competing for prestigious national team spots, the Irish are prepared for fierce competition. Bednarski said he is excited to see how the four perform against top talent.

*"This is a qualifying event for the world so it's a very tough tournament."*

Janusz Bednarski  
Irish coach

"This is a qualifying event for the world so it's a very tough tournament," Bednarski said.

"We will observe the progress of our freshmen and see how well they do."

The quartet of Irish fencers consists of foilist Gabriel Acuna and epeeists Michael Rossi, Nicole Ameli and Ashley Severson.

Acuna saw action in the final two meets of the season and compiled an 18-6 record, including a 13-4 performance at the Notre Dame Duals on Jan. 29.

Rossi competed in all five meets and posted winning records in four as part of his 36-21 record for the regular season.

Ameli, who posted 39 wins on the season, was one of the top performers on the women's epee squad.

Rounding out the group is Severson, who finished right behind Ameli in the win column with a 37-7 mark for the

campaign. Bednarski said he expects a strong performance from Severson in Utah.

"From this group Severson is probably the most experienced," Bednarski said. "She has already played in many top competitions against top fencers in the nation. I think she can maybe medal or maybe even reach the final [this weekend]. She probably will qualify for the national team. That's our goal [for her], to fence in [the World Cadet and Junior Fencing Championships] in Moscow in March and April."

After the National Junior Olympics are over, the team will return to action as a group Feb. 26 for the Squad Championships in New York. The four freshmen will use the National Junior Olympics as a building block for the rest of the season, Bednarski said.

"We're competing in [the Squad Championships] next week," Bednarski said. "We can try to use the [National Junior Olympics] as a promotional event for next week. We will see how [the freshmen] will compete in two weeks."

The National Junior Olympics begin today at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City.

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ND SOFTBALL

Young Irish travel to Calif. to begin season



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Irish senior infielder Dani Miller winds up to bat against St. John's on April 30. The Irish won the home game 10-3. This weekend they travel to San Diego for the Campbell Cartier Classic.

By KATIE HEIT  
Sports Writer

After losing eight seniors to graduation, the inexperienced Irish begin their season with a tough weekend as they compete in the Campbell Cartier Classic in San Diego.

The slate of games begins today with a doubleheader against San Diego State, followed by a game against San Diego. The Irish will face Oregon State and UC Santa Barbara on Saturday before rounding out the tournament on Sunday against Boise State.

Junior catcher Amy Buntin said she is eager to see what this year's team is capable of.

"Compared to last year, this team has the ability to play with speed and quickness," Buntin said. "We have put in a lot of preparation scrimmaging ourselves in Loftus, so it will be nice to compete outside against some tough competition."

Buntin said she sees Or-

egon State as Notre Dame's toughest competition this weekend, but senior outfielder Alexa Maldonado said the Irish are unfamiliar with many of the teams they will face this weekend.

"We are going out there and focusing on playing," Maldonado said. "We are going out there and focusing on playing our game. In our eyes, the competition doesn't matter. As long as we play Notre Dame softball, we can beat whoever we face."

As one of four seniors, Maldonado said her personal goal for the season is to be a strong leader for the younger girls.

"I want to help this team get to the next level," Maldonado said. "Not only by my playing ability but as a leader."

One of the talented newcomers to the roster, freshman catcher Cassidy Whidden said she is looking forward to the start of her first collegiate season. She said that her team is ready to face competition outside

of practice.

"For the past five weeks we have been working really hard to make ourselves better," Whidden said. "I just can't wait to see what this team will do this season."

Maldonado said most of the team's preseason work has taken place on indoor practice facilities, which adds a challenge to tournament.

"The most difficult part of this weekend will be getting used to playing outside on the dirt and grass," Maldonado said. "It's going to be different, but we are so excited to just get out there and play in beautiful weather."

Maldonado said the team has one goal in mind.

"We are a great group of girls all working toward the same goal — to be the 2012 College World Series champions," she said.

The Irish will begin play in the Campbell Cartier Classic with a game against San Diego State today at 5 p.m.

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who leads the team in rebounding, is third in scoring and has recorded five double-doubles during the seven-game streak, has spurred the Irish charge. Cooley said he hopes opponent's attention turns to him, because that will allow his teammates to take over.

"The more focus that's on me is the less that's on the rest of my teammates," Cooley said.

"Everyone forgets that [sophomore guards Jerian Grant] and [Eric Atkins], they're knockdown shooters. The reason I've been scoring so much

is probably that they've been focusing on them so much. So if they put the focus on me, that's fine, those guys will go for 20 each. It's going to work out well for our team."

The two young guards have led the Irish with their ball-handling. Notre Dame ranks second in the Big East in assist-to-turnover ratio, which Brey attributes to his backcourt.

"I think it's fun playing with these guards," he said. "These guys, as you've seen

in the last month, they really have become one of the better backcourts in this league. And they believe it, and their teammates know to kind of play off of them and get out of their way."

Villanova (11-14, 4-9) comes into the contest in a tie for 11th in the Big East and has struggled defensively. The Wildcats are ahead of only DePaul in scoring defense.

"Our team ball-handling is excellent," Brey said. "That group has a lot of fun playing together. They all can pass, they know where each other is supposed to be. It's certainly not any predictable movement — it's a group kind of moving and reading the defense."

Mike Brey  
Irish coach

Brey said despite the progress it has made, his team is still hungry for more.

"We've been very greedy winners, and that's been good to see," he said. "I think you see that more with a team that has more older guys. But this group, even though there's still some youth, has that and that's been very impressive to me."

Notre Dame and Villanova tip off Saturday at 9 p.m. in Philadelphia.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish to face familiar foe in Wolverines

By WALKER CAREY  
Sports Writer

No. 30 Notre Dame returns to the court Saturday when they travel to Ann Arbor, Mich., to take on No. 28 Michigan. The Wolverines present a challenge that is quite familiar to the Irish.

"We know Michigan pretty well," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "They beat us in a real close 4-3 match last season on our home court, so we know we can definitely play with them. They return a lot of the same guys, so personnel-wise, we have a pretty good idea of what we are dealing with." The two teams feature a similar national ranking, and Bayliss believes the two squads are evenly matched. "I think both teams are fairly similar in their strengths," Bayliss said. "There is definitely some differences, but I think their balance is a lot like ours. Like us, they have a strong lineup with good

players at each position." Bayliss was quick to point out one Wolverine in particular that could give the Irish some trouble. "[Junior] Evan King is their guy at No. 1 singles and he is a very good player," Bayliss said. "He is probably going to be one of the better guys that we will see all season, so he is going to be a real tough test for us. Playing good competition will make a team better and [King] definitely counts as good competition." Bayliss said the trip to face Michigan (4-3) will put the Irish in a hostile road environment. "[Michigan] has one of the nicest facilities in the country," Bayliss said. "The court is a little faster and the lights are not as bright as ours, so some adjustments will have to be made in those areas. They have a great seating area for their matches and I know they do an excellent job of promoting them, so we will probably be playing in front of a

lot of Michigan fans. Dealing with the opposition's fans is always one of the challenges of playing on the road." Outside of notching the victory, Bayliss would like to see Notre Dame (8-4) continue to improve in its doubles play. "We have been much better in our doubles play over the last few weekends," he said. "I think it is important for us to continue to improve in that area. Ever since we switched up the combinations to have [seniors] Casey Watt and Niall Fitzgerald playing together and [junior] Spencer Talmadge and [sophomore] Greg Andrews playing together, I have seen all four of those guys respond and play some really good tennis. Strong doubles play is always going to be one of our goals." The Irish take the court against the Wolverines on Saturday at 3 p.m.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Irish travel to NY for Big East Indoors

By JOSEPH MONARDO  
Sports Writer

As the indoor portion of the 2012 schedule nears its conclusion, the Irish will head to New York for the Big East Indoor Championships.

One of the most anticipated meets on Notre Dame's schedule, competing in the conference indoor championships has been the goal for Irish athletes during the season's first two months. The importance of qualifying for and performing well at the meet cannot be overstated, Irish coach Joe Piane said.

"How important is breathing? Does that sum it up quickly? Everybody goes into the Big East wanting to win and we are no different, no different at all," Piane said. "The two biggest meets on our schedule, both indoor and out, are the Big East meet and the NAAs."

The field, which will include the top athletes in the Big East, promises to provide strong competition across the board.

"The Big East historically has been outstanding in the middle distance to distance area, but that's not to say that the sprints are bad and the jumps and field events are bad," Piane said. "It's a very, very, very competitive

conference."

The men's side enters the meet having placed in the top two in four consecutive Big East Indoor championships, including a first-place finish in 2010. This year, the Notre Dame men and women both hope to revisit the top spot on the podium.

"[To win] is great, it really is," Piane said. "That's why you have a team, to go out and win. We have a very good, solid team ... it doesn't matter if it's the men or the women, we are pretty solid."

On the men's side, several athletes will attempt to defend Big East titles in their respective events. Senior pole-vaulter Kevin Schipper hopes to earn the gold for the third straight year, and junior middle-distance runner Jeremy Rae looks to defend his title in the mile and lead the 4x800-meter relay to victory for the second straight year. Sophomore sprinter Patrick Feeney, who won the 400-meter race last year in his first conference meet, will have to defend the title from Irish freshman sprinter Chris Giesting, among others.

For the women, junior middle-distance runner Rebecca Tracy enters the meet having won last year's

mile run. The Irish expect contributions from a variety of other sources as well, Piane said.

"We have [senior pentathlete] Maddie Buttinger, who is one of the best multi-eventers not only in the conference but in the country, she is very good," Piane said. "We have some terrific sprinters — [freshman sprinter] Kaila Barber has done a great job, [sophomore sprinter] Michelle Brown is a terrific 400-meter lady and we have some very good distance ladies."

Although Notre Dame's primary focus is winning the conference meet, athletes are also competing for the opportunity to compete in the NCAA Indoor Championships in March. With only one meet between the Big East and NCAA Indoor Championships, the end of the indoor season is right around the corner.

"There is a lot to come for the track season in total, but for the indoor season, we really just have two meets [left]," Piane said. "The indoor season goes very quickly."

The Irish begin their final indoor Big East competition Saturday, with action concluding Sunday.

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SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Sophomore pitcher Donnie Hissa throws a pitch in practice on Jan. 27. This weekend the Irish head to Florida.

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tation] to contribute and help out the team," Aoki said. "They have some big shoes to fill, but now they will have the opportunity to start and potentially have some success. Hopefully, these guys can jump right in and do a good job for us."

Meanwhile, the Irish return their young offensive core in junior second baseman Frank DeSico, sophomore center fielder Eric Jagielo and sophomore first baseman Trey Mancini. As a freshman, Mancini carried the Irish offense with nine home runs and 34 RBIs while hitting .323 — the only Irish player to bat above .300 last season.

"We are really looking to build upon what we started last year," Aoki said. "We really can't get too much worse when looking at our offensive output, but we are looking to get go-

ing with the guys we have. We need to build some more depth around Mancini and Jagielo in the lineup, but I am optimistic we will have a better offense this year."

The Big East/Big Ten Challenge provides Notre Dame with an early-season opportunity to compete against NCAA Regional contenders in Illinois, Iowa and Purdue, which Aoki said would considerably test his young team.

"Illinois almost went to the Super Regionals last year, while Iowa beat us twice," he said. "Purdue has a lot of hype around them as well because they have basically returned all their starters. So we are in for a test but the guys are excited to get out there and see what we can do."

Notre Dame will start its season against Illinois today at 1 p.m. in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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Senior Kevin Randall, right, defends against Robert Morris in an exhibition match Feb. 5 in Loftus Sports Arena. This weekend the Irish play host to Duke.

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Tewaaraton Award, given to the top player in collegiate lacrosse. According to Corrigan, keeping these midfielders in check and slowing them down is a top priority.

"The biggest challenge for us is the athleticism they have in the middle of the field and the way they use that to try to play an aggressive full-field style of game," Corrigan said. "The challenge for us is to control tempo and make sure the game is being played at our pace. We can't let them get out and get easy goals in transition."

To control the Blue Devils, the Irish will need to use a different strategy than in prior years. In 2011, the Irish featured a host

of upperclassmen, including five since-graduated all-Americans. The beginning of this year will be a different story, as a total team effort will be called upon to battle top teams like Duke, Corrigan said.

"We did lose five all-Americans from last year but at the same time I'm confident in the guys we have," Corrigan said. "We're not looking at any one guy [to carry us]. As a group these guys have worked really hard and I'm really confident in our guys."

Midfielder Max Pfeifer, defenseman Kevin Randall and attack Nicholas Beattie will lead the 2012 team as senior co-captains after all seeing double-digit starts last season. Others who will be counted on heavily include sophomore attack Westy Hopkins, senior attack Sean Rogers and junior goalie John Kemp. Hopkins and Rogers tied

for the team lead in goals last season with 18 apiece, while Kemp started all 14 games and was also recently named to the Tewaaraton watch list.

Just as Corrigan is not worried about the loss of last year's all-Americans, so too is he not worried about expectations for the Irish, both for the season and in the season opener.

"We don't burden ourselves with expectations," Corrigan said. "We've been working hard and we're excited to get started. I know our guys will play as hard and well as they can ... If we play smart and hard I know we'll make enough plays and we should be fine."

Notre Dame looks to gain the edge in its growing rivalry with Duke at 1 p.m. Saturday at Arlotta Stadium.

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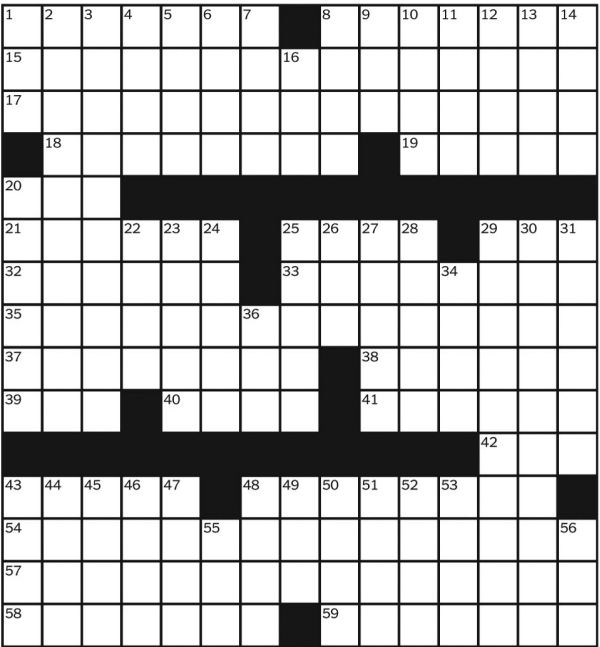
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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Amber Riley, 26; Matt Groening, 58; Melissa Manchester, 61; Jane Seymour, 61.

**Happy Birthday:** Make sure all of the facts are clear before you make a decision. You won't be given all the information you require. Don't rely on others or expect them to look out for you. Love and romance are on the rise, and alterations conducive to a better relationship should be put into play. Your numbers are 4, 12, 21, 27, 30, 36, 48.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Take a serious look at your personal and financial situation and you will come up with a great way to improve both. Love is highlighted, and making a commitment that will help you adjust your expenditures will lead to less stress and a brighter future. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Size down, take care of pending problems and get your priorities straight. It's how you proceed and the people you allow into your circle that will make the difference. Think creatively and you will find a better way to move forward. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You'll be torn between what you want to do and what you should do. Don't let your emotions take over or you will fall short, regardless of choice. Organization and pulling in favors will allow you to satisfy your responsibilities and your desires. ★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Concentrate on your responsibilities and you will be successful. You'll attract someone you are trying to impress. A change in an important relationship will enable you to get further ahead and build a solid base for future collaboration. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Gather people with similar goals together and you will be able to get twice as much done. The impact you have on others will result in more responsibility. Make sure you are up for the challenge before you accept. Love is highlighted. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Don't count on anyone for anything. Do your own thing and refuse to let anyone interfere in your business. Problems at home will escalate, and arguments are likely to paralyze your plans. Misrepresentation is apparent. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't rely on others when you are better equipped to take care of business. A change in a relationship will leave you in a battle for power that isn't likely to end well. Keep your distance from anyone trying to bully you. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Make alterations to your home that will ease stress or help reduce your overhead. Creative input will result in a better understanding between you and someone you want to spend more time with. Collaborate and you will advance. ★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Your emotions will escalate. Avoiding the inevitable will lead to problems. Speak honestly and get on with your life. A change at home or within your personal life will make a huge difference to your disposition and success. ★★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Avoid anyone making impractical or unpredictable changes. You need to keep your life and direction as stable as possible if you want to bypass someone taking you for granted. Don't let love cost you. Offer suggestions, not cash. ★★★

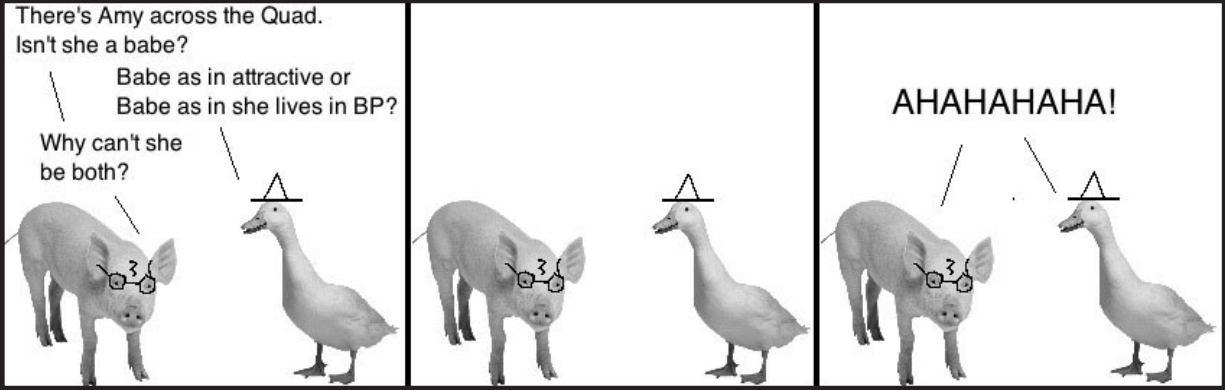
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Look at your past work record and you will quickly realize what direction to take now. Gather information regarding courses or people sharing your interests and collaborate in order to get the most for the least. ★★★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Be reasonable. Not everyone you talk to will give you an honest opinion. Secret encounters or information will not benefit you in the long run. Someone from your past will be your barometer regarding how you should proceed. ★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are spontaneous, entertaining and perceptive. You are sensitive and emotional.

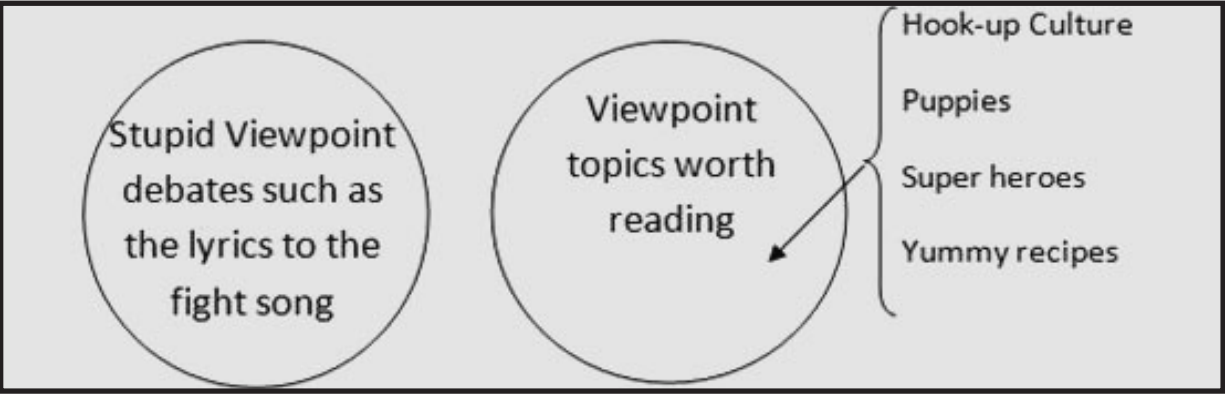
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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Second-place stride

*Brey proud of team's double-digit wins*

By ERIC PRISTER  
Senior Sports Writer

No. 23 Notre Dame returns to the road riding a seven-game win streak to face Villanova on Saturday.

The Irish (18-3, 10-3 Big East) have vaulted themselves into a tie for second place in the Big East and have the tie-breaker advantage over four of the five teams immediately behind them. Irish coach Mike Brey said his team's double-digit conference win total is quite an accomplishment.

"Anytime we get to double-digit wins, that's great consistency in this league," he said. "That's maybe one of the things I'm most proud of with the program, is that we get into double-digit league wins, because once we get into that, the other stuff kind of takes care of itself, with double-byes and Selection Sunday."

Junior forward Jack Cooley,

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Irish sophomore guard Alex Dragicevich, right, shields the ball from Rutgers guard Myles Mack on Wednesday. The Irish won their seventh straight victory when they beat Rutgers 71-53.

## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

## New coach brings new Irish style

By BRIAN HARTNETT  
Sports Writer

The new-look Irish will put their transformed style of play to the test when they open the season at home against No. 6 Stanford on Sunday.

Coming off a 10-9 season that ended with a loss in the Big East championship game, the No. 20 Irish will look significantly different than last year's team. First-year coach Christine Halfpenny, who comes to Notre Dame after leading William & Mary to four consecutive 10-win seasons, will make her debut on the sidelines for the Irish. In her brief time at Notre Dame, Halfpenny has worked to implement a new style of play,

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## MEN'S LACROSSE

## Notre Dame seeks revenge against rival Blue Devils

By MIKE MONACO  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame and Duke will write the next chapter of their rivalry Saturday, when the No. 9 Irish kick off their 2012 campaign against second-ranked Blue Devils.

The two teams are familiar foes, having met four times

in the past two seasons. One of those meetings came in the 2010 NCAA national championship, which the Blue Devils won 6-5 in overtime.

"The thing is all four games in the last two years have been great games," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "They've won two and we've won two. That being said, we would gladly

trade it all for that championship in 2010, but the thing is all the games have been really well contested between two pretty evenly matched teams."

Once again, Corrigan expects his team to stack up evenly against Duke.

"I think we match up fine with them," Corrigan said. "It's not a matter of our athleticism.

It's our decision-making. We have plenty of athleticism and will be able to handle them. It comes down to being smart and being selective in the opportunities we want to take in the full field game. We need to make sure we get back [on defense] and do not give them easy transition goals."

While the Irish are not con-

cerned with their own athleticism, they are fully aware of the skilled athletes the Blue Devils put on the field, Corrigan said. Among those athletes are senior midfielder Justin Turri and senior midfielder C.J. Costabile, both recently named to the watch list for the 2012

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## BASEBALL

## Season kicks off early with trip down south

By ANDREW GASTELUM  
Sports Writer

Spring will start early for the Irish as they make their annual trip to the Sunshine State for the Big East/Big Ten Challenge to kick off the season.

Last year at the Big East/Big Ten Challenge, the Irish took two of their three games, outscoring their opponents by 20 runs. But following the tournament, Notre Dame went on to lose five of its next seven, keying a season-long slide the Irish struggled to turn around. Irish coach Mik Aoki, now in his second year with Notre Dame, said he expects the team to have a different approach entering the new season.

"You don't want to overstate anything and make it more seem more important than it really is," Aoki said. "I want to see them

play well. I'm anxious to see how some of these guys who are turned from role players into full-time players react to the opportunity they have."

According to Aoki, the biggest challenge for the Irish this season will be replacing last year's senior-laden starting rotation. Departed right-handers Cole Johnson, Brian Dupra and Todd Miller each logged over 80 innings in 2011 and provided a consistent force to aid a struggling Irish offense. Aoki said he is confident in his new rotation of senior Will Hudgins, sophomore Sean Fitzgerald and junior Adam Norton — all of whom built ERAs under four from the bullpen and occasional spot starts last season.

"I fully expect [the starting ro-

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## HOCKEY

## Irish hope to break losing streak

By SAM GANS  
Sports Writer

One week ago, the No. 13 Irish faced a two-game series against now-No. 1 Ferris State with the opportunity to make a run at a CCHA championship. After being swept by the Bulldogs, Notre Dame will travel to No. 19 Miami this weekend, with both a bye in the CCHA tournament and an NCAA tournament berth in serious jeopardy.

The Irish (16-13-3, 11-10-3-0 CCHA) limp into this weekend's showdown against the Redhawks (17-13-2, 11-11-2-1) with a three-game losing streak and just a 3-7 record in their last 10 games. After a season that started promising, Notre Dame now sits tied for seventh in the conference and 18th in the crucial PairWise rankings. Only

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Senior center Patrick Gaul, left, attacks the puck in an Irish 3-2 loss to Bowling Green on Feb. 4 in the Compton Family Ice Arena.