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## Graduate student fellowship ends after 11 years

Fellowship funded African-American graduate students writing dissertations; Conference to mark its end

By AMANDA GRAY  
News Writer

The Erskine Peters Fellowship, which helped African-American graduate students finish their dissertations for the past 11 years, will come to an end at the conclusion of this academic year, the Fellowship's coordinator said.

The Office of the Provost, which funds the Fellowship, decided to terminate the program. The Office did not give a specific reason for its decision, however, the program was not endowed and was funded strictly on a year-to-year basis, Erskine

Peters coordinator Maria McKenna said.

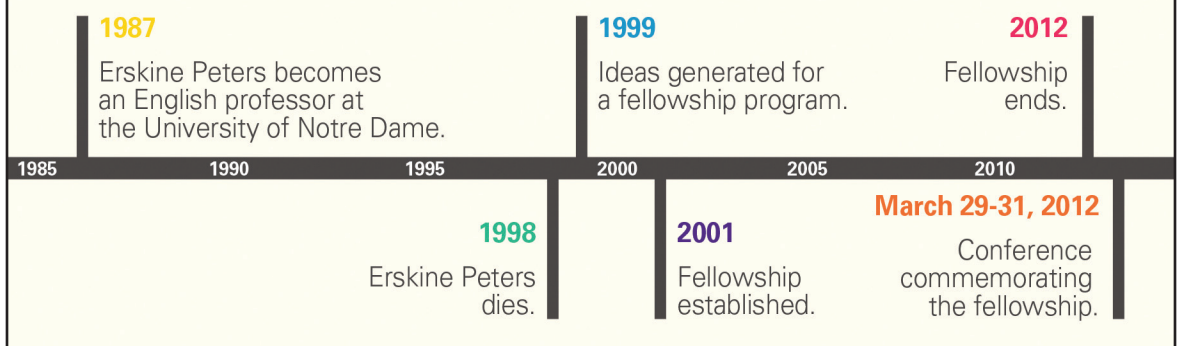
McKenna said the Fellowship aimed to give students the opportunity to experience academic life.

"We wanted to give African-American graduate students an opportunity in [higher education]," she said. "The second goal was for them to experience academic life at a major Catholic university."

The Fellowship, which funded two to four African-American graduate students for a year to finish their dissertations

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### FELLOWSHIP TIMELINE



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## Students to thank alumni donors for contributions to ND

### Thanksgiving in February

**What:** Signing thank-you cards

**Where:** Sorin Room, LaFortune

**When:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Who:** All students

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By SHANNON O'BRIEN  
News Writer

Students are trading in the turkey and stuffing of Thanksgiving for thank-you cards and envelopes this week for Notre Dame's Student Development Committee's signature event, "Thanksgiving in February."

Today through Wednesday, students can give thanks to the alumni donors who help make their education possible by filling out thank-you cards.

"Many students don't realize how important these alumni are, but without their generosity, we couldn't enjoy many of the opportunities and experiences we take for granted each day at ND," junior and event organizer Mia Genereaux said.

Although Thanksgiving seems out of place in February, Genereaux said this time of year is perfect for the event.

"We run the event in February, because it is in the middle of this month that alumni donations take

over our expenses as students," she said. "Our tuition only covers our expenses from August through mid-February. So, from now through the end of the year, we rely on alumni donations."

Though yearly tuition seems like it would be more than sufficient to cover costs, Genereaux said it only covers about 50 percent of the yearly expense of educating a student at Notre Dame. This makes alumni donations extremely significant,

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## 'Legion' expands to unify Irish fans at sporting events

By DREW PANGRAZE  
News Writer

The Leprechaun Legion is formulating plans to expand beyond Purcell Pavilion.

Currently, the Leprechaun Legion holds the label of fan section at Notre Dame basketball games. Sophomore Matthew Cunningham and the rest of the Legion Board hope to shed this label and extend to sports such as soccer and baseball.

"We're taking the brand name, 'Leprechaun Legion,' and using it to address the entire student body as a collective fan group," Cunningham said.

In addition, the administration of the Legion Board will be expanding to include an Executive Council — a group of

individual sport leaders — and a Board of Student Representatives.

Cunningham said the goal of the additional boards is to generate as much input from as many different student perspectives as possible.

"Essentially, we want the Legion Board to be the student athletic department," Cunningham said. "It's a channel for students to be able to voice their opinions about Notre Dame sports. The Legion Board provides a more formal way to do that."

Junior Kristen Stoutenburgh, Legion Board representative, said small steps are helping the Leprechaun Legion expand.

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## JPW introduces parents to campus life

By CAROLINA WILSON  
News Writer

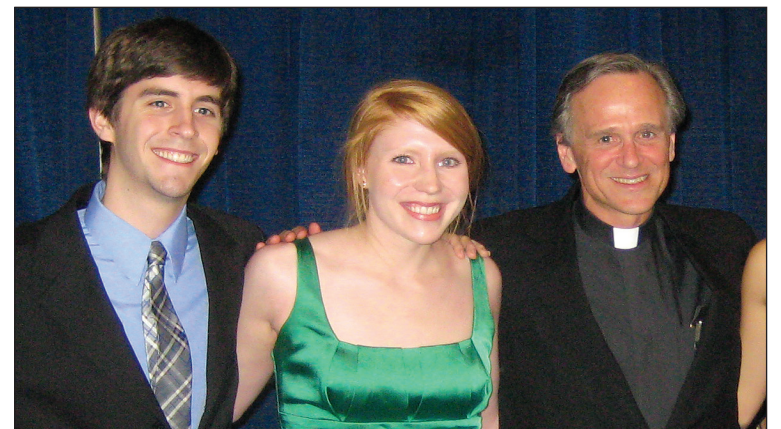
Junior Parent's Weekend (JPW) gave Notre Dame mothers and fathers a small glimpse into the college lives of their undergraduates.

"After being here this weekend, we saw firsthand that Notre Dame is really like a big family," Alberto Elizondo, the father of Alberto Elizondo, said.

Family, both new and old, joined together for a weekend of events featuring an opening gala, collegiate workshops, hall luncheons and a president's dinner that left parents reminiscing.

Cris Bowman, father of Alex Bowman, said he experienced a special warmth at Notre Dame.

"Having a son that is here gives you a different perspec-



KRISTEN DURBIN/The Observer

Juniors Garrett Ward and Emily Degan pose with University President Fr. John Jenkins at the JPW President's Dinner on Saturday.

Alumnus Martin Prellwitz, said. "This weekend has given us that different perspective, and it really helps you see how warm, welcoming and wonderful the institution is."

Alumnus Martin Prellwitz,

father of Sophie Prellwitz, said it was interesting to note the changes around campus.

"It was kind of ironic visiting [Riley Hall] because I'm a

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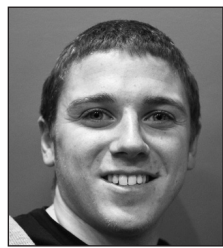
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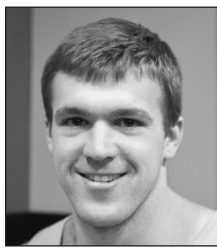
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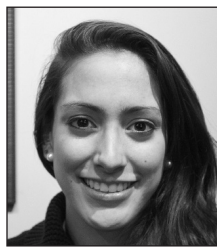
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**Kristin Murphy**

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"Super Lintendo."

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**Junior midfielder Ryan Foley, left, protects the ball from a Duke defenseman during Saturday's lacrosse game at Arlotta Stadium. The game was the first of the season for the Irish and marked the first time Duke has traveled to South Bend. The Irish won 7-3.**

**OFFBEAT**

**Emu escaped residence, has been on loose for weeks**

**SOUTH HERO, Vt.** — An elusive emu on the lam in Vermont has been amusing residents in communities on Lake Champlain.

The 150-pound flightless bird looks like a small ostrich. It has been spotted wandering here and there in Grand Isle and South Hero since it escaped from a local farm five weeks ago.

It was spotted again Friday outside the South Hero elementary school, where it walked by a window of the principal's office. School worker Steve Berard tried to lasso it with an extension cord, but it broke free. The emu's owner said he bought three emus for his grandchildren but they

don't make great pets.

He's taken out an ad in a local newspaper saying, "Free emu if you can capture it."

**A stray dog prevented a prison break in Paraguay**

**ASUNCION, Paraguay** — A stray dog is getting credit for thwarting a prison break in Paraguay.

Officials say three dangerous inmates dug a tunnel about 26 feet (eight meters) from their cell to the street, and were about to break free just before dawn when the dog began to bark and alerted a guard.

Authorities at the Tacumbu prison on the southern edge of the capital dragged the unlucky prisoners before the media on

Friday to tell the tale.

"Because of a stray dog we couldn't escape," complained Hilario Villalba. "When I reached the street, sticking my head out, the stupid dog barked and alerted a guard."

Villalba, who is serving a 30-year double-murder sentence, vowed in his native Guarani language that he'll keep trying to escape because he said his sentence isn't fair.

Meanwhile in neighboring Argentina, a yellow labrador named Tiza alerted border guards to a motorist trying to smuggle \$110,000 in \$100 bills into Uruguay.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**IN BRIEF**

Students will have an opportunity to thank those who donate to the University at the "Thanksgiving in February" event held in the Sorin Room of LaFortune from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today. Free food will be provided. The event will be held again Tuesday at the same time and place.

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive in the LaFortune Ballroom from noon to 6 p.m. today. Appointments are available through online registration. The blood drive will continue Tuesday at the same time and place.

The Institute for Educational Initiatives will hold the lecture, "Teacher Preparation in an Era of Reform," in the Eck Visitor Center from 4 to 5:30 p.m. today. The event is free and open to the public.

The run-off election for sophomore class council will take place via an online link from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday. The two tickets proceeding to the run-off election are that of Kevin McManis, Cristin Pacifico, Ryan Newell and Kai Gayoso, as well as Tim Scanlan, Nathan Foje, Andrea Palm and Emily Voorde.

Student Affairs is now accepting nominations for the Denny Moore Award for Excellence in Journalism, named after the University's late Associate Vice President for Public Affairs. Candidates may be nominated by faculty, staff or fellow students. The deadline is Friday, March 2.

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)

**LOCAL WEATHER**

**TODAY**



HIGH 41  
LOW 37

**TONIGHT**



HIGH 36  
LOW 32

**TUESDAY**



HIGH 45  
LOW 34

**WEDNESDAY**



HIGH 50  
LOW 34

**THURSDAY**



HIGH 45  
LOW 32

**FRIDAY**



HIGH 37  
LOW 25



# Fifth-year seniors search for campus community after classmates graduate

By TARA HUNT  
News Writer

For fifth-year accountant student Mike Quinn, the phrase “home under the dome” has lost a bit of its meaning.

“The campus of Notre Dame was home as an undergraduate,” he said. “Now, our home base is Mendoza. If you want to go somewhere else on campus it feels very disconnected.”

Quinn is one of many students who decide to attend the University an extra year to complete degrees in specialized fields. But Quinn said he encountered disconnect in his fifth year.

“I felt jealous that [my friends] got to go be on their own feet and I was stuck with the same college routine,” he said. “They have their responsibility at work whereas someone like me who’s staying in graduate school, we still have to go to class, do homework and group proj-

ects and have exams to worry about. It’s like a whole new step of life.”

Quinn said he rarely moves beyond DeBartolo Quad for classes and feels removed from the days of dorm life and spending time in LaFortune or the dining hall, not to mention the shift in his social life, he said.

“The people I knew who were staying the fifth year were the people who you’d give the head nod to or chit-chatted with after class, but not necessarily great, true friends,” he said.

John Vilecco, a fifth-year senior completing a double major in anthropology and PLS, agreed.

“Most people at the end of last year had regrets about having to leave,” he said. “But it’s been really interesting to see them go off and have them live their lives, and I still have this safety net while I can observe them from afar. I’ve been able to spend more time reflecting on what I

want my life to look like.

“[They’ve] been a buffer so that I feel ready to leave now.”

Vilecco said the number of people he recognizes on campus has decreased, but it has allowed him to foster more in-depth friendships.

“[The fifth year] allowed me to focus more on a smaller group of friends,” he said.

With a more intimate group of friends, Vilecco said his classmates compare schedules more often and have settled into a more consistent routine than he did in his previous years.

It also allows them to veer away from social norms, he said.

“It’s easier to have a good sense of self,” he said. “You almost feel like you’re not required to abide by as many social rules. I’m separate in a positive way. I’m separate from [social] expectations.”

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# SMC Cinema festival brings global perspective

## SMC World Cinema Festival

<b>Monday</b>	“Monsoon Wedding” Country: India
<b>Tuesday</b>	“In the Mood for Love” ( <i>Fa yeung nin wa</i> ) Country: Hong Kong
<b>Wednesday</b>	“Biutiful” Country: Spain
<b>Thursday</b>	“Certified Copy” ( <i>Copie Conforme</i> ) Country: Italy
<b>Friday</b>	“Of Gods and Men” ( <i>Des hommes et des dieux</i> ) Country: Algeria

DAN AZIC | Observer Graphic

By TAYLOR COUILLARD-RODAK  
News Writer

The World Cinema Festival at Saint Mary’s College will morph culture and cinema into five nights of intercultural communication this week.

Mana Derakhshani, associate director of the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), said there is a focus on internationalization on campus.

Cinema is one of the ways that we get to learn about other cultures and the world,” she said.

The festival consists of five nights of award-winning films shown at 7 p.m. in Vander Vennet Theater.

The week kicks off today with a showing of “Monsoon Wedding.” According to a College press release, the movie, directed by Mira Nair, is a story highlighting modern Indian culture with an emphasis on female rights. It focuses on the events surrounding an arranged marriage.

Derakhshani said the main character must make a tough choice between following tradition and following her heart.

“It is very much about the changing society and different generations,” she said. “It weighs tradition against the expectations of the young people of India.”

“In the Mood for Love,” will be shown Tuesday.

Set in Hong Kong and directed by Kar Wai Wong, “In the Mood for Love” is the story of a married man and married woman who move into neighboring apartments and bond over suspicion of their respective spouses’ affairs, according to the press release.

Derakhshani said she recommends this film to anyone interested in East Asian culture.

On Wednesday night, the festival will feature “Biutiful.” Directed by Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, it tells the

story of a man who can see his own death and makes choices accordingly.

Derakhshani said “Biutiful” is the most graphic film of the festival.

“It is a dose of reality and one of the darkest films,” she said. “It will be one of the hardest films to watch.”

“Copie Conforme” will show on Thursday. Directed by Abbas Kiarostami, an Iranian director, this film is set in Italy and tells the story of a British writer who encounters a French woman and the adventures they have together.

Derakhshani said it is the most diverse film of the festival.

“It brings together several different cultures,” she said. “There is variety with the director and within the cast that brings the film to life.”

“Of Gods and Men” will close the week on Friday. The film, directed by Xavier Beauvois, follows a brotherhood of Trappist monks during the Algerian Civil War. It chronicles the months leading up to their martyrdom.

Derakhshani said it is a good film to show people the reality of a region that is not commonly known.

“This is a part of the world where the relationship between the Middle East and Europe is very tense, and [it is] an area that we tend not to be aware of,” Derakhshani said.

Derakhshani said students, especially those unfamiliar with foreign films, should be aware that these films differ from the films of Hollywood.

“In general, American cinema likes very neat, tied-up endings,” she said. “All the threads of the stories are tied beautifully. Foreign films are sometimes just a slice of life. There is no plot or, if there is, it does not get resolved. It is about that particular perspective — that window into life. They have a lesson or a message.”

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especially in tough economic times.

“We believe that it is our duty to show our gratitude to ND alumni who donate, especially during these tough economic times,” Genereaux said. “Alumni love hearing from current students, and opening a handwritten note means so much

more than receiving an automated, mass email.”

Freshman Emily Pollard said this event provides an opportunity for her to personally thank the alumni who have given her so much.

“The alumni are just as integral to the Notre Dame community as all of the current students,” she said. “Writing a personal thank-you is my way to acknowledge their continued support.”

This year, the Student Development Committee has set an all-time

high goal of 2,000 cards, Genereaux said. To achieve this goal, the event has been extended from the previous year’s two-day time frame to a three-day event.

Students who wish to participate can stop by LaFortune’s Sorin Room from 11 to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday to sign cards and receive free T-shirts and Jimmy John’s sandwiches.

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## Legion

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"At the hockey game this Friday, there will be a Leprechaun Legion giveaway to raise awareness and get people excited," she said. "We're also planning to get banners printed that say 'Leprechaun Legion'. They will be placed in every student section at every sporting event so students will know where to sit."

In addition, Stoutenburgh said students can help spread the word through the clothing they wear.

"There's also a Leprechaun Legion t-shirt that was just designed," she said. "We

will distribute free Legion t-shirts at men and women's sporting events, so students can wear them at every home sporting event except football."

Throughout the expansion process, the Legion Board has been working closely with 'The Shirt' committee, Cunningham said.

"We admire the unity that 'The Shirt' committee has been able to create at the football stadium," he said. "We want to work with them to continue to grow the overall student experience with the Leprechaun Legion."

The Legion also utilizes social media to help spread the word. Students can follow them on Twitter (@leplegion) and on their Facebook page.

"We use the social media

to frequently remind students of the various sporting events on campus," Vice President of the Legion Board Tyler Moorehead said. "We also use the social media to post articles regarding Irish teams, give score updates, post fun Irish facts and insights and notify students of gameday promotions and giveaways."

Ultimately, Moorehead said he hopes the expansion will entice students to turn to the Legion for all their sporting needs.

"I think our ultimate goal is for [the Legion] to be Notre Dame students' first stop when they want to learn anything about Irish athletics."

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JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Students cheer on the Irish men's basketball team during the Feb. 4 game against Marquette. The Irish won at the Purcell Pavilion 76 - 59.

## Fellows

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through the Office of the Provost and other funds, has seen 47 fellows in its 11-year run, she said.

"It is viewed as one of the premiere pre-doctoral fellowships," McKenna said. "It put Notre Dame on the map as one of the universities putting African-Americans into higher education."

Richard Pierce, chair of the Africana Studies department and one of the founders of the fellowship program, said the Fellowship brought remarkable individuals to campus.

"We've had some great people come through the program," he

said. "[Writing a dissertation] is a lonely process in the academic world — it's just you and your work. To have this program and to be part of that process with these fellows is good. I get to see the best parts of the students."

When the idea of a fellowship program for minorities came up in a conversation with First Year of Studies Dean Hugh Page in 1999, Pierce said both agreed they wanted to find a way to increase the number of diverse faculty teaching in higher education. Therefore, they established a fellowship to help students finish their dissertations and enter the teaching realm.

At the same meeting, Erskine Peters — a former Notre Dame English professor who empowered his students and fellow fac-

ulty members — was declared the namesake of the Fellowship due to his diverse mindset.

"Peters came here and was committed to students," he said. "[Notre Dame] is a large experiment. Some say you can't have reason and faith in one body. Peters challenged that — he showed that you can have this in one mind, one body and one heart."

McKenna said she believes Peters would have been honored by the fellowship.

"This fellowship program meant a great deal to his family because he was such a pioneer in many ways to the academy," she said. "Notre Dame did justice to the impact Erskine Peters had on students and the academy by honoring him with

this program."

To commemorate the Fellowship, McKenna said the Africana Studies department, in conjunction with the Institute for Scholarships in the Liberal Arts, the College of Arts and Letters and the Kenneth and Frances Reid Fund, will host a conference from March 29 to March 31.

"We're having it as a finale," she said. "The conference is 'Africana Studies' Impact on the Academy,' looking at the study of African people and the diasporas around the world."

The keynote address, "Minorities in the Academy: Then and Now," will be given by Earl Lewis, the provost of Emory University. McKenna said Lewis knew Peters when he taught

at the University of California, Berkeley, before coming to Notre Dame.

There are no plans to continue a pre-doctoral fellowship program like the Peters Fellowship on campus, McKenna said.

Pierce said he is grateful for the Fellowship and what it taught the faculty of the University.

"We fulfilled the goals we had," he said. "However, I wish we had more people hired here that came through the program ... It's difficult to think that we didn't keep them here. Looking at their accomplishments, though, I'm pleased with the little part we played."

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# UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

## Q&A Session

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# Public schools provide dinner

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Too often it is after the fact that teachers discover their students are worrying less about math and reading and more about where the next meal comes from.

So Doug White, principal of Garfield Elementary School in inner-city Kansas City, was relieved when his school, like many across the country, began offering dinner to students enrolled in after-school child-care or tutoring programs.

With breakfast and lunch already provided for poor students, many children now are getting all their meals at school.

"When you know about those situations those kids are bringing into the school and we are asking them to sit down and concentrate and do their work, and they might be hungry and we haven't been made aware of it yet — we definitely want to do everything we can to help the kids," White said.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, signed into law by President Barack Obama in December 2010, provides federal funds for the after-school dinner program in areas where at least half the students qualify for free or reduced price lunches. Before the change, the program was limited to 13 states and the District of Columbia. Most states had provided money for only after-school snacks.

Since the change, districts have started rolling out dinner programs both in states newly able to offer them and states like Missouri where funding



Students at Garfield Elementary eat dinner after class on Jan. 23 as a part of a new program in Kansas City.

was available previously but districts didn't always know about it. The Congressional Budget Office estimates there will be almost 21 million additional suppers served by 2015 and that number will rise to 29 million by 2020. The added spending would total about \$641 million from 2011 to 2020.

Advocates for the poor praise the program, but there have been complaints from conservatives who question whether the schools should be feeding kids three meals a day. Radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh asked on-air in November, "Why even send the kids home?"

Dinners are funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Child and Adult Care Food Program, which also helps feed people enrolled in

child and adult day care programs and emergency shelters. The number of dinners served through the program has grown over the past decade, although the USDA doesn't currently break out how many meals are served through after-school programs specifically.

"The USDA has done a lot to streamline the requirements and made it easier for people to apply and participate," said Crystal FitzSimons, who researches and advocates for after-school meals for the anti-hunger nonprofit Food Research and Action Center. "Before, we did outreach in the states that allowed it. There were programs participating. But I think it has gained a lot of momentum and a lot of visibility because it has been expanded nationwide."

## Weekend

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chemical engineer, so that was my building when I was here, and now it's the art building," he said. "It's an interesting blend of the old and of the new."

Carol Prellwitz, Sophie Prellwitz's mother, said she enjoyed JPW because it allowed her to meet her daughter's family away from home.

"We got to [know] her 'Domer' friends a little better and her friends' parents — her Notre Dame family," Carol Prellwitz said.

Sophie Prellwitz said she was excited to show her parents how independent she had become over the past three years.

"I'm proud to show them the life that I have here that they don't know about," she said.

Other parents said they enjoyed JPW because it taught them more about the amazing opportunities the University has provided their children.

Senior Rebekah Wierson, an architecture major, participated in this year's JPW. She said the collegiate workshops helped her parents understand how life-changing her time in the Rome Program was.

"The Dean gave a really good speech while quoting one of my professors saying that Notre Dame students have the amazing opportunity 'to live

ordinary lives in extraordinary places.' And that's what [study abroad] is," she said. "We live there, we just really understood and learned and educated ourselves just as the Romans did."

Mark Buczek, the father of Kate Buczek, said his experience at the Environmental Science workshop made him excited for his daughter's future.

"Knowing now about all the opportunities that are and will be available to [Kate is hopeful]," he said. "We also saw a physics presentation and we realized how difficult physics is."

Mauro Gregorio, father of Flavio Gregorio, said the event left him nostalgic.

"I think that [JPW] forces you to think that it's probably the last time you come to an event [here] before graduation," he said.

Gregorio said the weekend inspired him to reflect on where his son has been and where he is going.

"Graduation is about how everything is behind you, and even more about what's ahead of you outside of Notre Dame," he said. "[This weekend] gives us an opportunity to be thankful for everything that's happened. It has been a great opportunity for our son, and also to start looking forward to how his life will be like after Notre Dame."

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## Growing number of kids identify as transgender

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A small but growing number of teens and even younger children who think they were born the wrong sex are getting support from parents and from doctors who give them sex-changing treatments, according to reports in the medical journal *Pediatrics*.

It's an issue that raises ethical questions, and some experts urge caution in treating children with puberty-blocking drugs and hormones.

An 8-year-old second-grader in Los Angeles is a typical patient. Born a girl, the child announced at 18 months, "I a boy" and has stuck with that belief. The family was shocked but now refers to the child as a boy and is watching for the first signs of puberty to begin treatment, his mother told *The Associated Press*.

Pediatricians need to know these kids exist and deserve treatment, said Dr. Norman Spack, author of one of three reports published Monday and director of one of the nation's first gender identity medical clinics, at Children's Hospital Boston.

"If you open the doors, these are the kids who come. They're out there. They're in your practices," Spack said in an interview.

Switching gender roles and occasionally pretending to be the opposite sex is common in young children. But these kids are different. They feel certain they were born with the wrong bodies.

Some are labeled with "gender identity disorder,"

a psychiatric diagnosis. But Spack is among doctors who think that's a misnomer. Emerging research suggests they may have brain differences more similar to the opposite sex.

Spack said by some estimates, 1 in 10,000 children have the condition.

Offering sex-changing treatment to kids younger than 18 raises ethical concerns, and their parents' motives need to be closely examined, said Dr. Margaret Moon, a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics' bioethics committee. She was not involved in any of the reports.

Some kids may get a psychiatric diagnosis when they are just hugely uncomfortable with narrowly defined gender roles; or some may be gay and are coerced into treatment by parents more comfortable with a sex change than having a homosexual child, said Moon, who teaches at the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics.

It's harmful "to have an irreversible treatment too early," Moon said.

Doctors who provide the treatment say withholding it would be more harmful.

These children sometimes resort to self-mutilation to try to change their anatomy; the other two journal reports note that some face verbal and physical abuse and are prone to stress, depression and suicide attempts. Spack said those problems typically disappear in kids who've had treatment and are allowed to live as the opposite sex.

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## Riot in high-security Mexican prison kills 44



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Police hold back the relatives of inmates agitated by the deaths in the prisoners' riot outside the Apodaca correctional facility Sunday.

Associated Press

MONTERREY, Mexico — A fight among inmates led to a prison riot in northern Mexico that killed 44 people Sunday, a security official said.

Nuevo Leon state public security spokesman Jorge Domene Zambrano said the riot broke out at about 2 a.m. in a high-security section of a prison in the city of Apodaca outside the northern industrial city of Monterrey.

Several inmates attacked others, and the fighting then spread and blew up into a riot, Domene said. Forty-four people died before authorities regained control of the prison a couple of hours later, he said.

Families of the prisoners gathered outside the prison pushing at the fences and shouting at police to demand word of the victims.

Deadly fights happen periodically in Mexico's prisons as

gangs and drug cartels stage jail breaks and battle for control of penitentiaries, often with the involvement of officials.

Some 31 prisoners died in January during a prison riot in the Gulf coast city of Altamira in Tamaulipas state, which borders Texas. Another fight in a prison in the Tamaulipas border city of Matamoros in October killed 20 inmates and injured 12.

In July, a riot at a prison in the border city of Juarez killed 17 inmates. Mexican authorities detained the director and four guards over that clash. Surveillance video showed two inmates opening doors to let armed prisoners into a room where the slain victims were reportedly holding a party.

Twenty-three people were killed in a prison riot in Durango city in 2010, and a 2009 riot in Gomez Palacio, another city in the northern Mexican state of Durango, killed 19 people.

## Court reviews 'Stolen Valor Act'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Xavier Alvarez was in good company when he stood up at a public meeting and called himself a wounded war veteran who had received the top military award, the Medal of Honor.

Alvarez was lying about his medal, his wounds and his military service, but he wasn't the first man to invent war exploits.

He was, however, one of the first people prosecuted under a 2006 federal law aimed at curbing false claims of military valor.

Concerns that the law improperly limits speech and turns people into criminals for things they say, rather than do, are at the heart of the Supreme Court's review of his case and the Stolen Valor Act.

Veterans groups have come to the aid of the Obama administration, which calls the law a narrowly crafted effort to protect the system of military awards that was established during the Revolutionary war by Gen. George Washington. The high court will hear the case Wednesday, which is Washington's 280th birthday.

"They're committing fraud. They're impersonating somebody else. They take on attributes of somebody else, attributes of a hero who served honorably," said Pam Sterner, whose college term paper calling for the law wound up in the hands of members of Congress. "When you do that, impersonating someone else, that's fraud, not freedom of speech."

Civil liberties groups, writers, publishers and news media outlets, including The As-

sociated Press, have told the justices they worry the law, and especially the administration's defense of it, could lead to more attempts by government to regulate speech.

When he established military decorations in 1782, seven years before he was elected as the nation's first president, Washington himself also prescribed severe military punishment for soldiers who purported to be medal winners but weren't. Since then, many men have embellished their war records, and some have won special recognition.

It long has been a federal crime to wear unearned medals, but mere claims of being decorated were beyond the reach of law enforcement.

The House of Representatives has more than once voted to name a post office after men who claimed awards they never received. The Air Force named an award after a man who falsely claimed to have survived the Bataan Death March and been awarded the Silver Star in World War II. The Boxing Writers of America named its perseverance award after the late Pat Putnam of Sports Illustrated because of his made-up tale of surviving a Chinese prisoner of war camp in the Korean War and receiving a Navy Cross.

The Stolen Valor Act aimed to solve that problem, and garnered significant support in Congress during a time of war.

"The admiration and respect for the military increased dramatically after 9/11 and the false claims, as well," said Thomas A. Cottone Jr., a retired FBI agent who investigated phony award cases.

Alvarez made his claims by way of introducing himself as an elected member of the Three Valleys Municipal Water District in Pomona, Calif. There is nothing to suggest that he received anything in exchange or that listeners especially believed him.

Even Alvarez' lawyers acknowledged their client sometimes has trouble telling the truth. "Xavier Alvarez lied," they declare in the first sentence of their Supreme Court brief and go on to recount six separate lies in the next few lines.

He lied when he claimed he played hockey for the Detroit Red Wings, married a Mexican starlet who made paparazzi swoon, was an engineer, rescued the American ambassador during the Iranian hostage crisis and was shot when he went back for the U.S. flag. Alvarez also lied, they said, when he talked about his military service.

But the lies Alvarez told harmed no one, they said, so what he did couldn't be considered fraud.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco struck down the law as an unconstitutional restraint on free speech and said the government might instead invest in an awards database that would make it harder for people to lay claim to medals they never won. Last month, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver upheld the law in a separate case, saying the First Amendment does not always protect false statements.

The issue might never have reached this stage if not for the efforts of Sterner, and her husband, Doug.

## FDA will investigate "AeroShot," a new inhalable caffeine product

Associated Press

BOSTON — U.S. Food and Drug Administration officials plan to investigate whether inhalable caffeine sold in lipstick-sized canisters is safe for consumers and if its manufacturer was right to brand it as a dietary supplement.

AeroShot went on the market late last month in Massachusetts and New York, and it's also available in France. Consumers put one end of the canister in their mouths and breathe in, releasing a fine powder that dissolves almost instantly.

Each grey-and-yellow plastic canister contains B vitamins, plus 100 milligrams of caffeine powder, about the equivalent of the caffeine in a large cup of coffee.

AeroShot inventor, Harvard biomedical engineering professor David Edwards, says the product is safe and doesn't contain taurine and other common additives used to enhance the caffeine effect in energy drinks.

AeroShot didn't require FDA review before hitting the U.S. market because it's sold as a dietary supplement. But New York's U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer said he met with FDA Commissioner Dr. Margaret Hamburg and she agreed to review the safety and legality of AeroShot.

"I am worried about how a product like this impacts kids and teens, who are particularly vulnerable to overusing a product that allows one to take hit after hit after hit, in rapid succession," Schumer said.

He planned to announce the AeroShot review Sunday.

Tom Hadfield, chief executive of Breathable Foods, which makes AeroShot in France, said in a statement that the company will cooperate fully with the FDA's review to address the issues raised by Schumer and are confident it will conclude that AeroShot is a safe, effective product that complies with FDA regulations.

The company said that when used according to its label, AeroShot provides a safe amount of caffeine and B vitamins and does not contain common additives used to enhance the effect of caffeine in energy drinks.

It said each AeroShot contains B vitamins and 100 milligrams of caffeine, about the equivalent of caffeine in a large cup of coffee, and that AeroShot is not recommended for those under 18 and is not marketed to children.

Meanwhile, an FDA official who was at the meeting confirmed the decision, telling The Associated Press that the review will include a study of the law to determine whether



AP

Students try free samples of AeroShot, an inhalable caffeine packed in a lipstick-sized container, on the Northeastern University campus in Boston. The FDA will soon investigate the safety of the drug.

AeroShot qualifies as a dietary supplement. The product will also be tested to figure out whether it's safe for consumption, the official said.

The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because that official was not authorized to discuss the matter.

Schumer pressed the FDA in December to review AeroShot, saying he fears that it will be used as a club drug so that young people can keep going until they drop. He cited incidents that occurred last year

when students looking for a quick and cheap buzz began consuming caffeine-packed alcoholic drinks they dubbed "blackout in a can" because of their potency.

Pressure from the senator and others helped persuade the FDA to stop the marketing, distribution and sale of these beverages, including Four Loko.

"We need to make sure that AeroShot does not become the next Four Loko by facilitating dangerous levels of drinking among teenagers and college

students," Schumer said in a statement.

Breathable Foods says the product is different from the potent beverages. The company says that it's not targeting anyone under 18 and that AeroShot safely delivers caffeine into the mouth, just like coffee does.

A single unit costs \$2.99 at convenience stores, mom-and-pops, and liquor and online stores. The product packaging warns people not to consume more than three AeroShots a day.



# Santorum criticizes Obama's worldview

Associated Press

CUMMING, Ga. — Rick Santorum on Sunday condemned what he called President Barack Obama's worldview that "elevates the Earth above man," discouraging increased use of natural resources.

The GOP presidential candidate also slammed Obama's health care overhaul for requiring insurers to pay for prenatal tests that, Santorum said, will encourage more abortions.

A day after telling an Ohio audience that Obama's agenda is based on "some phony theology, not a theology based on the Bible," Santorum said he wasn't criticizing the president's Christianity.

"I've repeatedly said I don't question the president's faith. I've repeatedly said that I believe the president's Christian," Santorum told CBS' "Face the Nation."

"I am talking about his world view, and the way he approaches problems in this country. I think they're different than how most people do in America," he said in the broadcast interview.

The former Pennsylvania senator said Obama's environmental policies promote ideas of "radical environmentalists," who, Santorum argues, oppose greater use of the country's natural resources because they believe "man is here to serve the Earth." He said that was the reference he was making Saturday in his Ohio campaign appearance when he denounced a "phony theology."

When pressed by reporters after he made the initial remark, however, Santorum made no mention of the president's environmental policies. Instead, he suggested that Obama practices one of the "different stripes of Christianity."

Santorum walked back those comments on CBS Sunday morning.

But later in the day, he again criticized Obama's "theology" — with no reference to his environmental policies — while speaking to more than 2,000 supporters gathered at a suburban Atlanta megachurch.

The president is "trampling on a constitutional right," Santorum said of the Obama administration's recent decision to allow employees of religious schools and hospitals to have birth control covered by their insurance policies.

"It is imposing his ideology on a group of people expressing their theology, their moral code," Santorum told those gathered in the First Redeemer Church, a megachurch that hosted former presidential candidate Mike Huckabee four years ago.

Obama's campaign said Santorum's initial remarks were another attack on the president's faith by Republican rivals in a nominating contest that has grown increasingly bitter and negative.

"It's just time to get rid of this mindset in our politics that, if we disagree, we have to question character and faith," said Robert Gibbs, Obama's former press secretary, on ABC's "This Week."

"Those days have long passed in our politics. Our problems and our challenges are far too great," Gibbs said.

Santorum said his claim that Obama's health care overhaul encourages abortions stems from the requirement for insurance companies to pay for prenatal testing, which he said will result in more pregnant women having more procedures. He specified amniocentesis, a procedure that can identify physical problems in the unborn.

"The bottom line is a lot of prenatal tests are done to identify deformities in utero and the customary procedure is to encourage abortion," he said.

# Strategists question Romney's ability to inspire conservatives



Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney speaks to a group of former Salt Lake City Olympic committee members Saturday, marking the 10th anniversary of the winter games held there.

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — If Mitt Romney wins the Republican nomination for president, he'll face the urgent task of inspiring the party's conservative core and rallying them to beat President Barack Obama.

Judging by his performances in the primaries and caucuses so far, and the challenge he faces next week, he's got his work cut out for him.

Even Republicans who think he'll be the nominee worry about whether he can generate the intensity required to beat the Democratic incumbent.

These party leaders and activists, from the states voting Feb. 28 and the most contested ones ahead in the fall, say Romney has made strides toward addressing this problem. But, they say, he needs to do more to convince the Republican base that he's running to fundamentally reverse the nation's course, not simply manage what they see as the federal government's mess.

"I think Romney will be the nominee, but there is still tremendous work to be done," said Sally Bradshaw, a Florida Republican and adviser to former Gov. Jeb Bush. "He has got to find a way to unify the party and increase the intensity of support for him among voters who have supported Newt Gingrich, or Rick Santorum or Ron Paul or someone else. And that is going to be the key to how he does in the fall."

Romney leads in the delegate count for the nomination, and by a wide margin in private polling ahead of the Arizona primary Feb. 28. But the rising challenge from former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum in the contest also that day in Michigan, where Romney was born and raised, underscores doubts about Romney's ability to ignite fervor in the GOP base.

He nearly tied Santorum in Iowa, although entrance polls showed that more of Santorum's backers than Romney's said they were strongly behind their chosen candidate.

Romney lost the primary in South Carolina last month to former House Speaker Newt Gingrich. More of Romney's supporters in that state said they would support him with

reservations in the general election than would support him enthusiastically.

Santorum swept caucuses Feb. 7 in Colorado and Minnesota, and the nonbinding Missouri primary.

Romney's challengers have risen by sounding more conservative and displaying sharper differences with Obama, while nipping Romney's appeal as the most electable against Obama.

Romney, a former Massachusetts governor with a moderate past, has campaigned more as the likely GOP nominee, portraying himself as acceptable to swing voters in a race where polls show voters prizing most a candidate's perceived ability to beat Obama.

Romney has pivoted toward the GOP's conservative base in light of Santorum's surge.

He dove into the debate over whether birth control ought to be covered by health insurance provided by church-backed employers by faulting the Obama administration's original push to do so as an "assault on religion." But Romney was accused of overreaching after recently telling influential conservative activists, "I was a severely conservative Republican governor."

"In Romney's case it's like the difference between someone who grew up speaking Spanish and someone who went to school to speak Spanish," said Constantin Querard, an Arizona Republican operative. "The moment Romney starts speaking, people know the difference."

A Pew Research poll taken last week shows the Republican voters nationally who think Romney is a strong conservative has dipped to 42 percent from 53 percent in November.

Romney's campaign aides say it's unrealistic to think conservatives starting at the possibility of a second Obama term will not unify behind Romney. "President Obama is the best unifier the Republican Party could ever hope for," Romney's political director, Rich Beeson, told The Associated Press.

The campaign points to recent conservative opinion leaders who have signed on to his campaign, and his support from popular rising conservative figures such as South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley as evi-

dence of Romney's newfound buzz.

Michigan Republican Holly Hughes, who supported Arizona Sen. John McCain in the 2008 primary, said Romney is more passionate than during his failed bid that year.

"He's a different candidate than he was four years ago," said Hughes, a Republican national committeewoman from Muskegon County. "There wasn't the excitement there."

Hughes and others also point to Romney's winning the straw poll at the recent Conservative Political Action Convention in Washington, which attracted thousands of the nation's most ardent conservative activists.

Yet Michigan GOP consultant Tom Shields said Santorum, now ahead of Romney in polls Romney's native state and where his father served as governor, is exciting people where Romney isn't.

Establishment Republican figures are lining up behind Romney in Michigan, including Gov. Rick Snyder. But in 2000, Gov. John Engler promised to deliver the state as George W. Bush's firewall; McCain won the primary that year.

"For whatever reason, Romney's not objectionable. But people just haven't fully warmed up to him," said Shields, who conducts public opinion polling in Michigan. "They've just refused to take the next step and marry the guy."

It foretells problems assuring the die-hard GOP activists will be lining up in November, when their phone-banking and door-knocking could make the difference in a close election against an Obama re-election campaign projected to have \$1 billion to spend.

"I voted for him. I don't want to screw around because he's who we're going to end up with," said former Arizona GOP Chairman Mike Hellon, referring to his absentee primary vote for Romney. "But I talk to people who are generally reluctant to pull the trigger for him. More than anything else, that's a problem of intensity which could be a problem in the fall."

Romney could spice things up with his running-mate choice, although some say an August announcement might be too late to lock in the GOP foot-soldiers.

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## INSIDE COLUMN

### Say cheese!

My favorite food is not pizza. It's not ice cream either. Even South Dining Hall's broccoli doesn't hold the key to my food-loving heart.

My favorite food is that most delicious of animal byproducts: cheese.

Words cannot begin to describe how much I love cheese, but I'll try to express my lactose-laden emotions about it as best as I can.

For me, a day without cheese is like Notre Dame without squirrels.

I feel empty inside (literally and figuratively) when I go without it, and I wouldn't dare dream of going vegan for fear of losing one of my life's greatest sources of pleasure.

Not only do I enjoy eating all types of cheese on their own, but I also relish any dish containing cheese, especially Noodles and Company's macaroni and cheese and Lou Malnati's deep-dish pizza.

I love cheese so much that nearly all of my passwords are cheese-related (don't get any ideas). If that doesn't fully express to you the magnitude of my feelings for cheese, you probably don't love anything as much as I cherish the tangy flavor of a nice sharp Cheddar or a grilled cheese sandwich made with rich Brie.

Since I'm the most indecisive person in the world, cheese is the perfect food because it comes in so many shapes, sizes, colors, flavors and textures that I am perpetually sampling new varieties wherever I go.

From Florence to France, Madrid to Munich and Barcelona to Bilbao, I spent a large part of my semester abroad tasting the local specialty cheeses of Europe. My lunch in Paris's Luxembourg Gardens consisted of Babybels and a baguette, and when I came upon a giant wall of cheese in the Mercat St. Josep in Barcelona, I almost had a coronary on the spot. Apparently my failure to go into cardiac arrest means all that cheese miraculously hasn't increased my cholesterol to a life-threatening level just yet.

Living in Toledo, Spain, for three-and-a-half months was the experience of a lifetime, due in no small part to the amount of Manchego cheese I ate with my host mom and my friends. I loved that typical cheese of the Castilla-La Mancha province so much that I smuggled a chunk home in my suitcase at the end of the semester.

And as if studying abroad in Spain wasn't cheesy enough for me, I also take great pride in my Greek heritage and will vouch for feta cheese's status as the true food of the gods. Like any good Greek, I refuse to eat anything but the real-deal imported feta (SDH's doesn't cut it).

Though my world travels have come to a temporary halt, my love of cheese will endure forever, no matter where I find myself. As a good friend once said, "Cheese brings people together," so if anyone reading this shares a mutual love of gouda or gorgonzola, consider yourself a kindred spirit.

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Kristen Durbin

News Writer

Every time I hear the Barenaked Ladies song "If I Had a Million Dollars," I can't help but start to make a list of what I would buy or do with it. In the Energy and Climate class I am in this semester, we explored the different "green cars" that are currently available, and I must say that one in particular captured my heart. The Tesla Roadster, an electric car that uses a lithium ion cell battery to store up to 56 kWh of energy, is the sports car of green cars. With the ability to go 245 miles per charge, from 0-60 mph in 3.7 seconds, and best of all, get passengers from point A to point B with 0 emissions, its performance is outstanding. There's just one problem for me: I would need to win the lottery to pay the \$110,000 base sticker price.

But do not let this one price deter you from all alternative-power vehicles. Automakers, seeking to make an industry-changing breakthrough, are working on hybrid, electric and alternative fuel vehicles, like biofuel, natural gas and ethanol, to decrease our current dependency on fossil fuels. What's the difference? A hybrid vehicle, like the Toyota Prius, uses a combination of an internal combustion engine with an electric engine. This combo engine is lighter than traditional internal combustion engines, which gives the hybrid car greater fuel efficiency.

Shelly Fuhrman

Ask the GreenMan

## Start your engines

Electric cars, like the Chevrolet Volt, operate off of a completely electric motor and receive power from a rechargeable battery. Totally sold on these sleek new technologies, right? The Prius starting price ranges from \$26,400 to \$29,990, depending on the model, and the Chevy Volt has a base price at \$31,700. Hopefully by the time we graduate (or are in the market for new cars) these prices will have dropped even further, making it more affordable to hop on the bandwagon.

But cars are not the only form of transportation that can go green. Electric buses and trains can be found in many parts of the world including Quebec, Canada, Madrid, Spain and San Francisco, California, while many cities including our own South Bend are making progress in becoming more bike-friendly. Car-sharing is rapidly gaining popularity as well and is available on our campus through the Zipcar program. If you're 18 or older, you're eligible for the program, which includes gas, insurance, reserved parking spots, roadside assistance and a mileage limit of 180 miles per day for a modest fee. There are three cars available 24 hours every day of the week.

So why is transportation a central issue for sustainability? The transportation sector accounts for 15 percent of global CO2 emissions, and road transportation alone consumes 28 percent of total US energy use. But reducing this impact is going to

require a joint effort between both industry leaders and consumers. Consumers will rely on the industry to provide affordable sustainable options and the industry will rely on consumers to purchase sustainable goods and alter behavior for the better. And here's the good news: You have an opportunity to see where the industry is headed by attending Green Summit V: The Future of Transportation on Wednesday, Feb. 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Stepan Center.

A variety of alternative-fuel and electric vehicles, including the Nissan Leaf, Mitsubishi iMiev and perhaps even my dream car, the Tesla Roadster, will be on display. A compressed natural gas vehicle, a propane vehicle and a Smart Car will also be revving up the Stepan Center. There will be experts on hand to answer questions about battery technology, charging stations, electric bikes, public transportation and more. Lunch will be served, so no excuses about needing to eat! See you at the Summit! (Don't forget to register at [green.nd.edu](http://green.nd.edu))

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"Forgive many things in others; nothing in yourself."

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## Dare to be called

I once heard a story comparing Jonah and Noah. These two prophets responded very differently to God's calling. While Jonah originally flees from God and rejects His commands, Noah immediately obeys God's orders. Jonah pushed away and resisted God, until God showed that His will was absolute and Jonah begrudgingly obeyed. Noah, on the other hand, trusted God's wisdom and followed God's will from the beginning.

Dee Tian

*Confessions of a Christian Party Girl*

I'm extremely grateful and proud to have a job lined up for after graduation. However, I often question if entering the business world and climbing the corporate ladder is really what I want out of this life — if it's my calling. Growing up, I didn't dream of being a business woman. In fact, I think few of us dreamed of being where we are headed. It's hard to remember exactly when we lost our childhood aspirations, but at some point, we were forced to consider the realities of life and make more practical choices.

Although I'm impressed with many

of my friends' future occupations — aerospace engineers, doctors and film directors — those who I admire most are the ones who are taking time to engage in service, something I wish I had the guts to do.

I watch documentaries about orphan children in North Korea and feel a gut instinct to do something to help. I attend plays about sexual assault and feel a passion to speak for those who have been hurt. I feel called by God to alleviate those who are suffering. Yet, a few days pass and I'm back into the routine of my life. I can push these atrocities out of my mind. We often think, after all, what can I do? I'm just one person. There has to be someone else out there who is smarter, wealthier, more passionate and better equipped for this task than I.

Why do we so often want to act but fail to do so? Because it's not polite or comfortable. Because we don't think or know if it is our place. Because we aren't the one directly hurting someone else; aren't we just innocent bystanders? Because we think someone else will intercede.

All of these are valid concerns and emotions we struggle with. However,

our failure to act can lead to dire consequences. There's a whole world out there that needs our creativity, brains, generosity and love. Why be caught up in our own little world?

I often think to myself, there's no way you could work for a non-profit or commit a life of mission trips to developing countries. You want too many material things in life. And then I fault myself and feel guilty for having so much when so many others don't. I'm afraid of missing out on the bigger picture, the grander purpose of life but I must constantly remind myself that entering the corporate world doesn't necessarily mean that I'm selling out. It's not going to rob me of my soul. I can still reach out to different communities and contribute to different causes that I believe in. In business it's called the Triple Bottom Line: where profitability, sustainability and social responsibility meet.

Aristotle had a fascinating view on beatitude, or happiness. He believed performing virtuous deeds (aka random acts of kindness) was vital to a person attaining true happiness. However, he also believed that when a person has wealth, power, status

and influence, he can accomplish even more! This slightly eases my mind. Regardless of my profession, with my resources, I can still obey God's calling of helping those in need.

We are all called to do what's right, to reach outside our immediate circle of influence and to try to alleviate suffering and lend a hand in a world that's broken.

I think we have all, at one point or another, struggled with finding our callings. Unfortunately, most of us don't hear God's voice telling us exactly what to do with our lives. However, even if you did, would you accept? Are you a Jonah or a Noah? Will you obey God's calling for you? Will you kick and scream until you're forced to accept it, or will you freely accept your calling and, as Ghandi once said, "be the change you wish to see in this world?"

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 'Dialogue' the message of the Church?

Mr. Hagwood,

I was enjoying your article ("Church should be open to change," Feb. 16) until I happened upon this amazing sentence: "If anything, Jesus would promote a collaborative dialogue."

Christ's response to disagreement with the truths he came to reveal was not a call for "dialogue." While revealing himself as the Way, Truth and Life, Christ didn't waste time dialoguing with his opponents because he understood when "dialogue" was no longer fruitful. He didn't "dialogue" with the throngs who abandoned him after his Eucharistic discourse; he didn't "dialogue" with the pharisees as they accused him of blasphemy and sacrilege — in fact he said nothing at all for most of the evening.

Christ did engage the marginalized, misaligned and misunderstood members of his society in a manner considered scandalous, true. But Christ always understood that his mission, to achieve for mankind atonement and salvation through his life, Passion and Resurrection, ought not to be compromised by "collaborative dialogue" if the pursuit of the latter would interfere with the achievement of the former.

I was similarly baffled when you asserted that "discussion with all people ... remains the true message of Christian action and love." The true mission of the Church, in action and in charity, remains precisely what Christ commissioned his disciples to do two millennia ago — to promulgate, teach, affirm, uphold and witness to, with joy and charity, the truths which he revealed through his own life and teachings.

"Dialogue" can be a good and fruitful means of arriving at truth, and ought to be pursued and utilized. But it must not be pursued beyond the context in which it is fruitful and conducive toward fulfilling Christ's mission and the Church's: the promulgation and affirmation of the Good News. Christian members of our relativized and secularized culture, and our own beloved university, would do well to reevaluate their own cherished enshrinement of "collaborative dialogue" and instead endeavor to more authentically witness to the truths of the faith which Christ commissioned his Church to uphold and affirm, because this will be more fruitful than any "dialogue."

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## Bishops and mandates

My wife Jane and I, along with a considerable number of the Notre Dame teaching faculty and emeriti, are deeply concerned about the official stance that the University may take regarding the dust-up over mandates, contraception and freedom of religion. A vast majority of Notre Dame faculty and staff were in admiration of Father Jenkins' deft and sensible handling of the controversy over the invitation to President Obama to speak at a Notre Dame commencement ceremony, and they are ready to support him again in a truly religious and rational handling of this developing controversy.

A large number of bishops complain that the Obama mandates will force them to pay for various forms of contraception in violation of their freedom of conscience because, by permitting lay Catholics to use contraceptives in violation of the "official" teaching of the Church, they become enablers of sin and evil. But whose consciences are involved in judgments on birth control? The Church has always taught the primacy of the individual conscience, and re-affirmed it in *Dignitatis Humanae* of the Second Vatican Council. What about the primacy of the individual consciences of all members of the Notre Dame faculty and staff, especially those of women? In the thorny thicket of moral actions with double or multiple effects, many judgments have to be taken into account: the judgments of the bishops, those of the moral theologians and ethicists and those of the lay members of the Body of Christ, the often ignored *Sensus Fidelium*, that is, the almost universal agreement of the Faithful.

The teachings of the encyclical *Humanae Vitae*

are a matter of discipline, not of doctrine. Teachings promulgated in encyclicals are not infallible unless the Pope expressly declares them to be so. In 1990 at a press conference introducing an instruction of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who is our present Pope Benedict XVI, listed several examples of teachings that had been reversed, such as statements promulgated by the Holy See in regard to ecumenical activities, relations between church and state, personal freedom and the rights of conscience in choosing a religion and declarations of the Pontifical Bible Commission made at the beginning of the 20th century. To this list can be added teachings, long considered official and irrefutable: the trial of Galileo, the burning of Joan of Arc, the acceptability of human evolution, the possibility of salvation without baptism, the existence of Limbo and many others. The teachings of *Humanae Vitae* can and should be revisited.

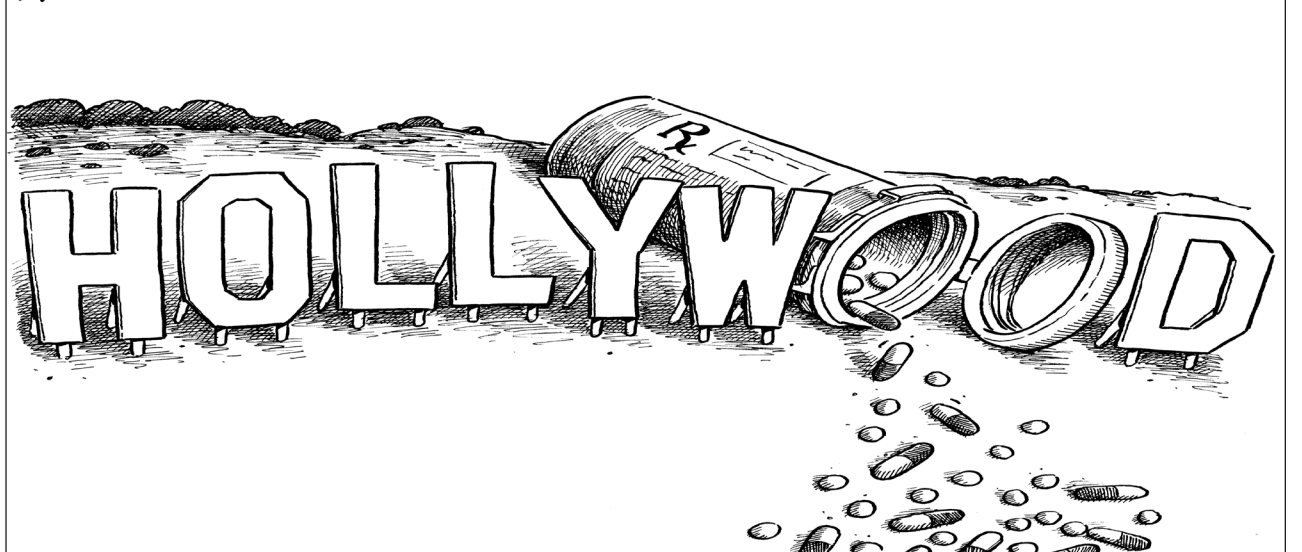
Many of us see in the bishops' present position an attempt to legislate general rules of moral conduct that they cannot get their own subjects to obey. The potential of their position to divide the faithful even further than did the invitation extended to President Obama is very real. It will only increase the well-documented drift of Catholics away from the Church, especially among the younger generations.

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### EDITORIAL CARTOON

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There are very few occasions where artists like Adele, Dierks Bentley, Dave Matthews Band, Miley Cyrus, Ziggy Marley and My Chemical Romance are all on the same album.

But these artists come together to tribute Bob Dylan in “Chimes of Freedom: The Songs of Bob Dylan Honoring 50 Years of Amnesty International.” The album is an homage to Dylan as well as a benefit for the peace and equality organization.

Dylan’s original version of “Chimes of Freedom” is the only song actually sung by him in an album made up entirely of his music.

As with any compilation of 73 songs (spanning four discs), they can’t all be winners. Stay away from “Bob Dylan’s 115th Dream” by Taj Mahal and The Phantom Blues Band. The gravelly swamp voice and harmonica mix just doesn’t work for some reason. It sounds less like Dylan, and more like a “Waterboy” Soundtrack reject. No idea how Evan Rachel Wood wormed her way in, but her swanky jazz club version of “I’d Have You Anytime” is tolerable at best.

The lady of the hour, Adele, unsurprisingly does a beautiful cover of “Make You Feel My Love,” whose side

effects include introspection and an inclination to drown one’s sorrows in her voice. “One of Us Must Know (Sooner or Later)” by Mick Hucknall, sounds eerily like if Bob Dylan and Rod Stewart had a vocal baby. A solid cover as well as a genuinely interesting vocal combination to check out.

“John Brown” by State Radio immediately jolts with a Deep Purple homage electric guitar intro, and doesn’t let up the rest of the song. Dave Matthews Band gets the honor of a live cover of “All Along the Watchtower,” which is sadly underwhelming. It starts out slow and melodramatic, and never picks up the power Dylan and a previous cover by Jimi Hendrix gave it, essential to the song’s greatness. An extended saxophone solo was also a poor choice on the band’s part.

Michael Franti hits “Subterranean Homesick Blues” out of the park. So good it could very easily grace a Honda commercial one day — the ultimate in happy song verification. “Forever Young” by Pete Seeger with The River-town Kids is adorable. So happy and fun, a genuinely great listen with a “grandpa giving advice” attitude.

“You Ain’t Goin’ Nowhere” by Brett Dennen adds a little bit of Cajun blues flavor in the mix. In stark contrast (in a good way), it immediately goes into the

tango-fied “Love Sick” with the angsty, tight and high violin. Ziggy Marley does not disappoint with the iconic “Blowin’ In The Wind,” and Gaslight Anthem surprises with “Changing of the Guards” which starts off slow, but kicks in at just the right moment.

Miley Cyrus’ “You’re Gonna Make Me Lonesome When You Go” is astonishingly good, but also sounds almost nothing like her. So do with that what you will. On that note, Kesha’s “Don’t Think Twice It’s Alright” is as big of a disaster as it sounds — like a frog whose been gargling with Jack Daniels.

Queens of the Stone Age do a kick bass version of “Outlaw Blues” that would do Jesse James proud. K’Naan deviates from his usual fast paced style and does a soothing and mind opening version of “With God On Our Side.” Flogging Molly’s unique Celtic style is a romping good time on the originally contemplative “The Times They Are A-Changin’.”

Other standouts include: “Señor (Tales of Yankee Power)” by Dierks Bentley, “Leopard-Skin Pill-Box Hat” by Raphael Saadiq, “Quinn the Eskimo (The Mighty Quinn)” by Kris Kristofferson, “Drifter’s Escape” by Patti Smith, “Ballad of Hollis Brown” by Rise Against, “Lay Down Your Weary Tune” by Billy Bragg, “Abandoned Love” by

Paul Rodgers & Nils Lofgren and “I Want You” by Ximena Sariñana.

You can’t deny the awesome factor with so many great artists covering songs from one of the great Dylan — and it’s for a good cause. Even if some of the tracks are less than worthy, for \$18.99 to download the MP3s on Amazon, it’s a great deal for the majority of songs that are genuinely fantastic covers.

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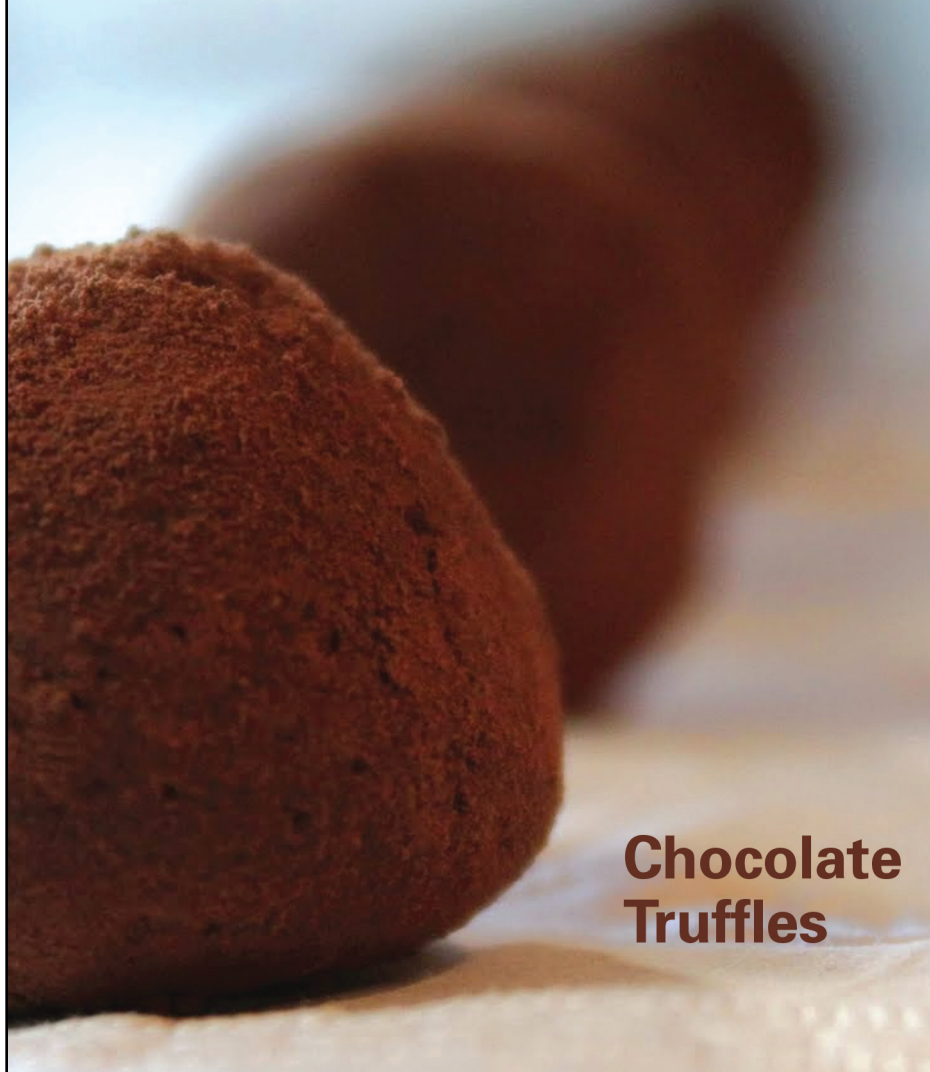
### “Chimes of Freedom: The Songs of Bob Dylan”

**Label:** Amnesty International

**Best Tracks:** “The Times They Are A-Changin’,” “John Brown,” “Knockin’ on Heaven’s Door” and “Make You Feel My Love”



## Baking with Brenna



Chocolate Truffles

By BRENNA WILLIAMS  
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I admit: I cheated this week. The column is called “Baking with Brenna,” but an oven does not make an appearance in this recipe. However, this week’s delicious treat — homemade chocolate truffles — is well worth forsaking the oven for the stove and the fridge. Frankly, some people don’t like baking, but everyone loves chocolate, so I felt it my duty to deliver a treat even the oven-wary among us could enjoy.

Chocolate truffles, essentially chocolate ganache covered with various toppings, are the kind of confections you see in fancy candy stores, not what you usually make at home. However, they are surprisingly easy and fun to make and even more fun to share.

Even though they’re simple, they’re still special. So, make a homemade batch as a delicious birthday surprise for a friend or for the Oscar party you’ll attend to this weekend.

#### Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 8 oz chocolate chopped

*Tip: The recipe I used called for dark chocolate, but you can use your favorite kind or even mix it up and make a batch with two kinds!*

- pinch of salt
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Various coatings

*Tip: Get creative here. I used cocoa powder, powdered sugar, chopped walnuts, and chopped Reese’s candies. You can also use shredded coconut, other chopped candies or your favorite kind of nut.*

#### Instructions:

1. On the stove, heat heavy cream and butter over medium heat until they mix

and come to a boil.

2. Put chocolate in a heatproof bowl and pour of the cream/butter mixture over it.
3. Let the mixture sit for about two minutes to allow the chocolate to melt. Stir slowly to incorporate, making sure to avoid mixing in too much air.
4. Cover with plastic wrap and place in refrigerator for at least three hours.

*Tip: As a time saver, since you have three hours to kill, prepare your toppings while the chocolate is chilling. Place your truffle toppings on separate sections of a large plate or in separate small bowls if you’re concerned about mixing them.*

5. Remove the mixture from the refrigerator. Using a small spoon or your hands, form small balls out of the mixture and roll each ball in a topping.
6. Eat immediately or place the truffles in a container or on a tray lined with parchment paper or foil and return to the fridge.

#### Serving tips:

- Don’t let the truffles sit out too long at room temperature when you’re serving them. They’ll get soft and become hard to pick up without falling apart.
- The truffles are very good right out of the fridge or slightly below room temp.

Truffles look and taste delicious. They are far too easy to make to justify the prices you’ll pay for them elsewhere. So the next time you’re having a girls’ night in or want something fun to do for a date, try making these. The downtime leaves plenty of time to pop in a movie or to play a board game before adding your toppings, and the pay off at the end will leave you feeling like a master confectioner (with quite the happy stomach to go along with it).

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## NOTRE DAME *style spotter*



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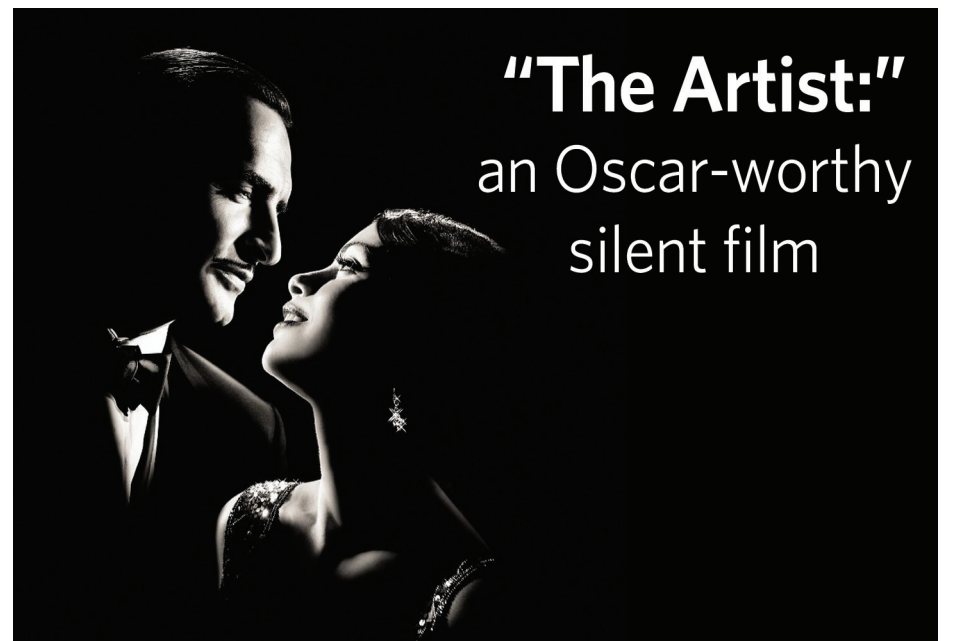
By MARIA FERNANDEZ  
Scene Writer

Name: Rachel Boggs and Peter Perez

Spotted: JACC

Rachel and Peter wore very sophisticated and stylish ensembles for the JPW Presidential Dinner on Saturday. They both sported classic pieces with fashionable twists. Rachel rocked a simple long-sleeved LBD (Little Black Dress) with gold and white details. She completed her look with gold flats — comfortable and perfect for the occasion. Peter styled a beige suit, a light blue shirt and a striped yellow and blue tie. The choice of colors in his outfit also looked very elegant for the activity.

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## "The Artist:" an Oscar-worthy silent film

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When films packed with robot wars, gang violence and stereoscopic overstimulation are in theaters, why would anyone want to rewind almost 100 years to the era of silent black and white films?

For those who liked "Midnight in Paris," then "The Artist" will be equally delightful. Set in 1920s Hollywood, this homage to the old-style of film studies how an actor's personality becomes a work of art through public adoration and recreation.

Released during the 2011 Cannes Film Festival, "The Artist" was nominated for six Golden Globes, the most out of all the 2011 films. It won Best Motion Picture for Musical or Comedy and Best Original Score. Dashing Jean Dujardin deservedly won Best Actor for Motion Picture Musical or Comedy. The Academy Awards also seem promising for "The Artist" as it has been nominated for 10 awards, including Best Picture, Best Director and Best Original Screenplay.

This French romantic drama, directed by Michel Hazanavicius, spins a tale of star-crossed lovers, separated by the chasm created by the talkies craze that hit Hollywood in full force at the turn of the decade. Dujardin and Bérénice Bejo, Hazanavicius's wife, are a brilliant pair.

It's 1927. Silent films are burning bright and fast — too fast. While George Valentin, played by Dujardin, rides the crest of his fame, he deigns to recognize aspiring actress Peppy Miller, played by Bejo. After a chance encounter, George jumpstarts Peppy's "Pretty Woman" rise to stardom.

Peppy is an utter delight, charming to the core with her mischievous, nose-wrinkling grin and true love for George. As much as "The Artist" tells a story about Dujardin's wounded pride as his time in the spotlight comes to an end, it is equally about Peppy's undying devotion to a man she at first idolized and then adored, despite his descent from fame. At first, she might have just been star struck, but when George's career suffers a devastating downfall, she remains loyal to the end.

Peppy might have been too perfect of a heroine if George hadn't kept her at arm's length for the majority of the film. Despite George's inability to accept Peppy, she acts as an anonymous benefactor to George. When George hits rock bottom, Peppy truly has the opportunity to shine. With every downward spiral,

Peppy matches it with more actions of selflessness. Like a well-studied artist, she maintains a backwards glance to her predecessors, solely George, while still taking America by storm. It's a wonderful combination of "Singing in the Rain" and "All About Eve." The Hollywood scene bursting with new life and sound barely brightens the travesty of being outmoded.

Without spoiling any surprises, the film takes an unexpected turn after unexpected turn. The musical score, composed by Ludovic Bource, the same man who worked on "OSS 117: Cairo, Nest of Spies" with Hazanavicius and Bejo, is brilliant. And Hazanavicius takes the audience down a psychological road unprecedented by the initially light mood of the film. Hazanavicius uses sound and silence and light and dark to make George's despair as dynamic as possible. The result is an oscillation between pity for and frustration with George.

The film updates its 1920s premise through thoughtful use of sound and Dujardin and Bejo's incredible ability to reflect every conflicting emotion on their faces. The simplicity of black and white allows for the actors to master striking facial expressions. Some of the best parts of the film are the moments in which Dujardin's and Bejo's eyes connect and exchange wordless messages. This sort of lost, unrecognized aspect of falling in love is enchanting. The audience becomes extremely attuned and attached to the way the actors smile, frown, cry and shout. Their appearances became the first source of information the audience receives about each character's inner landscape.

So the question becomes, then, when choosing between shoot-em-up intergalactic robot movies and Hazanavicius' work, why wouldn't anyone see "The Artist"?

"The Artist" is still playing at AMC Showplace on West Chippewa Avenue in South Bend.

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### "The Artist"

Directed by: Michel Hazanavicius

Starring: Jean Dujardin and Bérénice Bejo





## SPORTS AUTHORITY

## Lebron's disconnect from Cleveland's reality

I thought long and hard about the best analogy to use for this column.

I first considered a spurned-lover analogy, where the object of desire shattered your dreams after years of placing it on a pedestal. But no, the public-humiliation aspect just wasn't the same, even if she left you to star on "The Bachelorette."



Allan Joseph

Sports Editor

Then I thought about a business partnership gone bad, much like Steve Jobs' departure from Apple in the mid-1980s. That didn't work either, because the emotion involved just wasn't the same.

I kept searching and searching, but there's really nothing that even comes close to describing how Ohioans feel about LeBron James.

James was a hometown kid. He grew up in northeast Ohio. He understood the difficulty of being a sports fan in that area. The Indians had a few years in the 1990s, but nothing ever came of it.

The Browns were, well, the Browns. (Let's not even mention Art Modell and his heart-wrenching midnight move to Baltimore.) The Cavaliers, though, were the most inept of the bunch. They were never — and I mean never — any good. But James changed all that, and the city of Cleveland welcomed him with open arms precisely because he was home-grown. He got it, and while he was there, he embraced it.

Then his contract came up.

Most Ohioans would have understood if James had just respectfully decided to leave.

"Cleveland, it's been great. But I could become immor-

tal in the Garden," he could have said in an introductory press conference in New York. People would have understood. (In fact, I don't really understand why he didn't take that opportunity, but that's a topic for another column.)

"Cavalier fans, this wasn't easy. But I couldn't pass up the opportunity to play basketball with two of my best friends and hang out in South Beach," he could have said in a statement. No one would have blamed him for that — how could you?

But instead, he called a one-hour primetime special. Every Ohioan figured James understood the region's sports pain and that he knew better than to twist the knife. If he was making such a big deal of this, the thinking went, he must be announcing his return to Cleveland — he gets us, right?

We all know how that story went.

Now, apparently LeBron says he's open to returning to Cleveland.

"I think it would be great," James said when asked if he would want to don a Cavaliers jersey in the future.

He really doesn't get it. After growing up in that culture, being hailed as the savior of Cleveland sports,

then very publicly leaving the area in humiliating fashion ... he wants to come back? The depth of his hubris is staggering.

I'm not going to pretend I know

what's going on in James' head. But I really do find it difficult to believe he didn't know better than to publicly torture an already-tortured city. He grew up there. How could he not have known?

I find it even more difficult to believe he doesn't realize that it's now too late to mend that relationship. Is he that really blind?

Forget analogies. There are no words.

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## NBA

## Lin leads Knicks past Mavericks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Linsanity lives. Forget the off night that had NBA fans worldwide wondering if the Jeremy Lin story was too good to be true. It's still plenty good, all right.

The Harvard sensation was back at his whirling ways Sunday, and the stage couldn't have been better — against the defending champions on national TV.

Lin was Lin, and that was good enough for the New York Knicks to win.

Hours after the opening of "Saturday Night Live" spoofed the Lin phenomenon, the point guard had 28 points and a career-high 14 assists to carry the Knicks to a 104-97 victory that ended the Dallas Mavericks' six-game winning streak.

"Looking back, it's like I was watching them win the championship last year, and that's obviously where this team wants to go," Lin said.

"This is helpful to us, not just to me but to us, just to be able to see where our team can go and what we can become, and I think that's the biggest take-away from tonight," he said.

Lin already owns the highlights and headlines, and now he has some new admirers after bouncing back from a nine-turnover performance against lowly New Orleans by dominating a Dallas defense that made even LeBron James look ordinary in the NBA finals.

After the final buzzer, Lin got a hug from a fellow Bay Area product, and someone who knows a thing or two about playing the point — Mavs star Jason Kidd

"He looks a little bit like Steve Nash out there," Kidd said, referring to the two-time MVP of the Phoenix Suns.

In a game of wild momentum swings, the Knicks reeled off 17 straight points in the first quarter, fell behind by 12 in the third, then pulled it out to beat the Mavericks for only the third time in the last 20 meetings.

"I think they found something in Lin, and they're starting to piece together a team that can beat anyone," Mavs guard Jason Terry said.

Steve Novak also delivered for the Knicks. He scored all 14 of his points in the fourth quarter, including four 3s. J.R. Smith scored 15 points in his Knicks debut as New York won for the eighth time in nine games.

Dirk Nowitzki scored a season-high 34 points for the Mavericks, who had been playing championship-level defense but became the latest team who couldn't stop Lin.

"I was talking to them before the game and they were saying



AP

Knicks point guard Jeremy Lin attempts to make a pass by Mavericks forward Shawn Marion in the Knicks' 104-97 victory Sunday.

they had an answer for Lin," said Knicks center Tyson Chandler, who played for the Mavs last season, "I guess they were dead wrong on their scouting report."

Playing for the seventh straight game without the injured Carmelo Anthony, the Knicks got a huge lift from Smith, signed just Friday after returning from China.

Coach Mike D'Antoni had previously said Smith wouldn't play Sunday since he hadn't practiced yet. But when swingman Bill Walker also had to sit out with an injury, D'Antoni needed someone at that position, and Smith hit three of the Knicks' 12 3-pointers.

"First five minutes was really mind blowing," Smith said. "First thing I was thinking was don't airball your first shot. You never live that down in New York City. So once I made my first one, that really got me going."

Lin's turnovers Friday night matched the most in the NBA this season Friday in an 89-85 loss to New Orleans that stopped a seven-game winning streak. He had seven more Sunday and has committed six or more in six straight games, but D'Antoni said Saturday he wanted Lin to keep taking risks.

That paid off Sunday, when Lin got the Knicks back into a game that had seemed to be getting away in the third quarter, before shooters all around him got going in the fourth.

"I thought we had the game under control," Nowitzki said. "And then the fourth quarter, that really got the crowd back into it."

Novak made four 3-point-

ers in about 4½ minutes of the fourth quarter, then Lin buried one to give the Knicks a 90-81 lead with 6:51 remaining. The Mavs got it back down to two on Terry's 3-pointer with 3:26 left, but Lin answered with a 3, and the Mavs couldn't get closer than three again. Lin shot 11 of 20 overall.

Chandler capped it off with a dunk and finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The Mavs came in holding opponents to an NBA-low 41.4 percent shooting. They were limiting teams to 39.2 percent during the winning streak, but the Knicks carved them up for 54 percent in the first quarter as Lin ran the offense flawlessly.

Lin actually started his NBA career with the Mavs' summer league team in 2010. But owner Mark Cuban said Lin preferred to play closer to home, and he signed with the Warriors, who cut him, as did Houston in December. The Knicks claimed him off waivers.

"It wasn't luck because there were how many other teams that could have signed Jeremy and the Knicks were the ones who went out and got him," Cuban said. "So they saw something and they were smart enough to go out and get him."

Friday's loss may have ended the Knicks' winning streak, but certainly not the buzz around Lin. Sunday's crowd included Kevin Costner, Eva Longoria, Spike Lee — wearing Lin's No. 4 Harvard jersey — and another famous Harvard product, Facebook head Mark Zuckerberg. Lin's high school coach from Palo Alto (Calif.) High School also made the trip.

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Take me back Josephine

To that cold and dark December

I am missing someone but I don't know who

Now I'm standing alone and I'm trying to remember

Sometimes I wonder how I ever started loving you.

Noontime wind can you blow

For me one more time

And take me on back to the start

Where the midnight moon shines so bright

Nearly pulled us up to

Heaven by the strings of our heart

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"Josephine"

- Brandi Carlile



MLB

# Yankees trade Burnett for two minor leaguers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A.J. Burnett's rocky tenure in pinstripes is over.

The Yankees and Pirates completed a trade Sunday that sends the much-maligned pitcher to Pittsburgh for a pair of minor leaguers. New York is also giving the Pirates nearly \$20 million to cover most of Burnett's hefty salary in a deal that clears the way for the Yankees to sign Raul Ibanez.

The teams agreed to the trade Friday but it was subject to Burnett passing a physical, which he did Sunday at Pirates camp as pitchers and catchers held their first workout of spring training in Bradenton, Fla.

Commissioner Bud Selig also had to approve the deal because of the money involved.

Burnett goes from a perennial World Series favorite to a club coming off its 19th consecutive losing season, a record for the four major pro sports in North America.

"Having played in New York, I can say that playing in Pittsburgh is ... I wouldn't say easier, but just the pressure and everything that comes along with it is less," said Pirates right-hander Jeff Karstens, who also pitched for the Yankees. "That should make his transition here a little bit easier. Anytime you can add a quality arm like that to the staff, it's going to make us better."

The Yankees get 25-year-old

right-hander Diego Moreno and 20-year-old outfielder Exicardo Cayones, both low-level prospects.

Pittsburgh will pay \$13 million of the \$33 million salary due Burnett for 2012 and 2013, a person familiar with the negotiations said Friday, speaking on condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made at that time.

Both teams announced the deal Sunday night, though neither disclosed the amount of cash involved.

"A.J. Burnett is a solid, veteran starting pitcher with an above-average pitch repertoire and potential to provide us with significant quality innings from our starting rotation," Pirates general manager Neal Huntington said.

New York plans to use the money saved to sign a designated hitter following Jorge Posada's retirement. The Yankees already have been negotiating a major league deal with Ibanez, who spent the past three seasons in Philadelphia.

A left-handed hitter, Ibanez has been waiting for New York to agree to the deal, a person familiar with those negotiations said, also on condition of anonymity. The contract for the 39-year-old outfielder would have a base salary of about \$1 million.

Ibanez batted .245 with 20 homers and 84 RBIs last season. His on-base percentage was only .289 but he had 31 doubles.

NHL

# Rangers top Blue Jackets in OT

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Derek Stepan scored 22 seconds into overtime, and the New York Rangers overcame a late tying goal by Columbus and one disallowed on their side in a 3-2 victory over the Blue Jackets on Sunday night.

Stepan took a pass from Michael Del Zotto, who faked a shot and scored into a wide-open left side of the net.

Columbus captain Rick Nash, the subject of trade rumors — including those involving the Rangers — got the Blue Jackets even at 2 with 1:33 left in regulation. That prompted chants of "We don't want you" from the disappointed Madison Square Garden crowd.

Artem Anisimov snapped a 1-1 tie in the second period for the Eastern Conference-leading Rangers, who got back to their winning ways following a 4-2 loss at home to Chicago on Thursday. New York (38-14-5) has won five of six and nine of 12 (9-2-1), and leads second-place Boston by nine points.

The Blue Jackets, who lost 6-1 at home to Chicago on Saturday, are last in the NHL with 41 points. Columbus had alternated wins and losses the previous six games.

Brad Richards gave the Rangers a first-period lead, and Derrick Brassard tied it in the second. Henrik Lundqvist stopped 21 shots to earn the victory after taking a day off against Chicago.

Steve Mason made 32 saves for Columbus (17-35-7).

Nash could be on the move before next week's NHL trade deadline, and the Rangers are a potential destination for the high-scoring forward. He declined to



Rangers center Artem Anisimov scores during New York's 3-2 win over Columbus on Sunday night at Madison Square Garden.

say before the game whether he would like to be dealt or if New York is a team he wants to join.

Anisimov used a fortuitous bounce to give the Rangers a 2-1 lead with 6:47 left in the second. Dan Girardi fired a shot from the right point that sailed high and wide of the net and slammed off the end boards. While Mason scrambled to locate the puck, it kicked back out front to Anisimov, who scored his 11th of the season from just in front of the left post.

Mason was down on his stomach in the crease as the Rangers celebrated.

For the second straight period, the Blue Jackets spent most of the final two minutes on a failed power play. Columbus escaped danger in the final second of the second when the Rangers appeared to stretch the lead to 3-1.

New York got control of a loose

puck in the Blue Jackets' end, and Del Zotto fired in a shot as the buzzer sounded. The officials huddled around the scorer's table as a video review ensued in Toronto. Unofficial television replays, that superimposed the dwindling clock against the replay of the goal, showed that the puck entered the net with 0:00.1 seconds left.

However, it was determined in Toronto that time had run out before the puck crossed the line. Referee Don Van Massenhoven was showered with boos when he made the announcement that the official video showed time expired, and those grew much louder when the television replay was displayed on the arena video board. Van Massenhoven explained the ruling to exasperated Rangers coach John Tortorella before he left the ice for the dressing room.

NBA

# Durant, Westbrook fuel Thunder

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant scored a career-best 51 points for the top performance in the NBA this season, Russell Westbrook added 40 and Serge Ibaka had his first career triple-double as the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Denver Nuggets 124-118 in overtime Sunday night.

Durant hit a 3-pointer and drove for a dunk to tie the game with 4.4 seconds left in regulation, then used the extra period to chalk up the first 50-point game of the two-time scoring champion's career.

He walked slowly over to his mother, seated courtside, and gave her a kiss and a hug when the final horn sounded.

Ibaka added 14 points, 15 rebounds and 11 blocks to become the 14th player in franchise history with a triple-double.

Arron Afflalo scored 27 points and Andre Miller had 21 points and 10 assists for Denver, which had a shot to win at the end of regulation.

Ty Lawson, who missed a 3-pointer with 7 seconds left, also couldn't connect on an off-balance jumper from the foul line at the buzzer after pump-faking Westbrook into the air.

Westbrook hit a 3 on Oklahoma City's opening possession of overtime, and the Nuggets committed five turnovers to squan-

der their chances in the extra period.

Fans in the sellout crowd chanted "MVP!" as Durant hit two free throws in the final seconds to surpass 50 points for the first time in his career and put the finishing touches on Oklahoma City's ninth straight win at home.

Reserve Rudy Fernandez (lower back strain) joined starters Danilo Gallinari (ankle) and Nene (calf) on the Nuggets' injury list, and coach George Karl went with his 13th different lineup of the season in 32 games. Denver lost for the eighth time in its last 10 games. The last two have been particularly wrenching, by one point at Memphis and then an overtime thriller at Oklahoma City.

It was a wildly back-and-forth game from the start, with big swings in either direction.

The Nuggets took an early lead before allowing a 16-2 Oklahoma City run that featured a pair of 3-pointers from Durant and Westbrook's driving dunk. Afflalo then had two jumpers and a finger roll in transition as Denver scored the final 10 points to lead 27-25.

That was only the start of the Nuggets' big run, though.

Reserve Kosta Koufos, forced into action after Al Harrington picked up three fouls, had a three-point play and two layups set up by Andre Miller while

Denver outscored the Thunder 29-7 in a span of about 7½ minutes. Chris Andersen's fast-break layup made it 46-32 with 6:29 left before halftime — Oklahoma City's largest deficit at Chesapeake Energy Arena this season.

It still didn't take the Thunder long to wipe it away.

Durant and Westbrook scored the next six points, and Oklahoma City went on a 20-0 run spanning halftime to get back ahead. James Harden's 3-pointer got the lead down to 58-53 by halftime, and Westbrook scored the first three baskets of the second half to put the Thunder ahead.

Durant added a two-handed slam off Westbrook's alley-oop and a right-handed fast-break jam in a span of three possessions, and Oklahoma City led 65-58 with 6:04 left in the third.

Then it was Denver's turn again, rallying back to take a brief lead on Miller's layup with under 2 minutes left in the third. The Nuggets kept it going into the fourth, getting back-to-back 3-pointers from Harrington just after Durant and Westbrook re-entered for a 93-84 advantage with 8:50 to play.

Oklahoma City whittled away at the deficit, finally pulling even at 102 when Westbrook connected on a jumper from the foul line with 2:52 to play. Ibaka swatted Lawson's shot 20 seconds later for his 10th block in regulation.

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## SMC SWIMMING

## Saint Mary's ends year with sixth-place finish

By MIKE MONACO  
Sports Writer

The Belles finished their season over the weekend when they placed sixth overall at the MIAA championships in Holland, Mich.

Senior Audrey Dalrymple led the Belles on Friday with her third-place performance. The captain took third in the preliminary round of the 100-yard freestyle and matched that finish in the finals of the event with a time of 1:07.52.

The 200-yard medley relay team, featuring Dalrymple, senior Megan Price, junior Kristyn Gerbeth and freshman Anna Nolan, finished second in the preliminaries with a time of 1:55.31. That time was good enough for a top-five all-time Saint Mary's performance in the event. Later in the final round, the relay team posted a nearly identical time and finished in seventh.

Nolan had other strong efforts on the day in the 100-yard backstroke. She finished eighth in the preliminaries and sixth in the finals with times of 1:02.17 and 1:02.06, respectively. Both times now stand as top-five marks in Saint Mary's history.

Price had another top individual finish for the Belles with a seventh-place effort in the 200-yard freestyle.

Gerbeth, junior Genevieve Spittler, junior Liz Litke, se-

nior Katie Donovan and freshman Julianne Divine all earned points for the team by reaching the consolation finals of their respective events.

Saturday was the final day of action for the championships and although the Belles couldn't muster together a final surge up the standings, they showed some strong individual performances.

Dalrymple continued to lead the pack as she won the preliminaries of the 200-yard breaststroke and finished second in the finals. In both races, she had NCAA B-cut times.

Nolan also continued her impressive performances. The freshman set a new school record in 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.74. Nolan also finished ninth in the 100-yard freestyle finals and her time of 55.15 is in the top-five all-time in Saint Mary's history.

Spittler earned points for the Belles in the 200-yard backstroke and 200-yard fly with finishes in 16th and 10th, respectively.

Saint Mary's closed out the competition with a strong performance in the final event of the championships. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Dalrymple, Nolan, Price and Donovan turned in another top-five all-time finish with its fifth-place showing.

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## ND SOFTBALL

## Irish lose four of five games

By KATIE HEIT  
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Notre Dame struggled in the season-opening Campbell/Cartier Classic, snatching only one victory in five games in San Diego.

After tough losses to San Diego State, San Diego and Oregon State, the Irish (1-4) finally managed to catch a break against UC Santa Barbara, winning 6-4 in their second game of the day Saturday. Senior outfielder Alexa Maldonado said failure to get into a rhythm hurt the team in the tournament.

"What held us back this weekend was that we weren't able to connect all the parts of our game," Maldonado said. "We didn't have great offense, defense and pitching come together for us."

Junior catcher Amy Buntin was the star of the game, driving in three of the six Irish runs with two hits.

Buntin drove in Maldonado in the first inning with a double to right-center field. In her next at-bat in the bottom of the third, Buntin hit a single up the middle that sent Maldonado and sophomore outfielder Lauren Stuhr home.

Senior infielder and All-American Dani Miller also had a strong performance over the weekend, hitting two solo home runs Friday, first against San Diego State (7-4), who went on to crush the Irish 8-3, then again later in the day against San Diego (2-



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Sophomore pitcher Laura Winter winds up during Notre Dame's 10-3 win over St. John's on April 30, 2011 at Melissa Cook Stadium.

3), who won 4-2.

Maldonado also performed well this weekend. The senior hit a solo home run Sunday against Boise State, which ended up being the only score Notre Dame put on the board all day. Boise State (7-3) claimed the 3-1 victory.

"It was exciting to hit my first home run of the year, but I was not happy that it was the only score of the game," Maldonado said. "I'm never happy with a loss. With a loss, the home run means nothing."

Maldonado also led her team in stolen bases for the weekend, grabbing a total of three. Maldonado said she is

putting the losses this weekend behind her to prepare for the North Carolina Invite on Saturday.

"It gets frustrating because we hold ourselves to a much higher standard than what we've been displaying," she said. "We will be working hard this week to prepare for our tournament this upcoming weekend."

The Irish are back in action this weekend at the North Carolina Invite, where they will head to Chapel Hill for four games. Play will begin against Penn State at 10 a.m. Saturday.

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## NBA

## Wade, James propel Miami to blowout win over Orlando

Associated Press

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade scored 27 points, LeBron James had 25 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists, and the NBA-leading Miami Heat beat the Orlando Magic 90-78 on Sunday for their sixth consecutive victory.

With former President Bill Clinton sitting courtside next to Heat managing general partner Micky Arison, Udonis Haslem scored 10 for the Heat, who improved to 25-7, a half-game better than Chicago for the best record in the NBA and the Eastern Conference. The 12-point final margin Sunday was Miami's smallest during its current winning streak.

Wade made 13 of 23 shots from the floor, shooting 50 percent or better for the 10th straight game.

J.J. Redick, who was a late addition to the Orlando starting lineup after Jason Richardson was scratched with chest pain, scored 17 points. Dwight Howard finished with 12 points and 15 rebounds and Glen Davis — back in the Magic lineup after a one-game absence to attend his father's funeral — scored 12.

Quentin Richardson added 10 for Orlando, which made 11 shots from 3-point range. The Magic had been 12-1 when connecting on at least that many this season.

Clinton stayed until the end, even posing for a quick photo with game officials Bill Kennedy, Mark Lindsay and Rodney Mott

shortly after the final buzzer.

The six-game winning streak is a season best for Miami. Orlando lost for just the third time in its last 11 games.

Fueled by Wade scoring 12 points in the first seven minutes, Miami ran out to a 22-11 lead,

the second straight game where the Magic faced a double-digit deficit in the opening quarter.

Just as they did two days earlier against Milwaukee, Orlando rallied. The Magic scored the next 13 points, 3-pointers from Redick and Quentin Richardson

getting things started. A 3-pointer from Ryan Anderson with 8:57 left in the half gave Orlando what was then its biggest lead at 27-24.

Good thing the Magic had that run. The rest of the half was downright abysmal.

Orlando went more than seven

minutes without a point, and wound up missing 11 straight shots and 14 of 15 in one stretch. Howard only had six shots in the first half, the Magic finished with just 12 points in the second quarter, and Miami took a 43-31 lead into intermission.

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## MEN'S TENNIS

## Irish edge out Wolverines, 4-3



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Senior Niall Fitzgerald returns a ball during Notre Dame's 7-0 win over Wisconsin at the Eck Tennis Pavilion on Feb. 10.

By PETER STEINER  
Sports Writer

The No. 30 Irish utilized strong singles play to earn their fourth away game victory Saturday by defeating No. 28 Michigan 4-3.

The Irish (9-4) knew Saturday's match against the Wolverines (4-4) would be tightly contested and the match certainly met the their expectations as three matches went to three sets.

The day started out poorly for the Irish as all three doubles teams fell to the Wolverines. Notre Dame turned it around quickly though, taking four of the six singles matches in front of a large crowd at Varsity Ten-

nis Courts in Ann Arbor, Mich.

"I thought we played really well in singles," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "I was disappointed in our lack of toughness in the doubles. They had a pretty big and raucous crowd that I think some of the guys let get to them in the doubles. I think we really played with a lot of resolve and toughness in singles."

In the top singles match, senior Casey Watt started out hot against No. 8 Evan King, winning the first set 6-1. But King fought back to win both the second and closely contested third sets. Even though Watt lost, Bayliss said he played some of his best tennis in the match.

"Casey Watt, at No. 1 singles, played the No. 8 player in the

country," Bayliss said. "At one point near the end of the match, it was 5-5 and it was anybody's match. I think that's one of the better matches he's played even though he lost."

Following early victories from sophomore Greg Andrews and junior Blas Moros at No. 2 and 5 singles respectively, the Irish were tied with the Wolverines 2-2 with three singles matches remaining. While junior Michael Moore at No. 6 singles fell to sophomore Alex Buzzi 7-5, 7-5, both senior Sam Keeton at No. 3 singles and senior Niall Fitzgerald at No. 4 singles came up big for the Irish with three-set victories.

"At No. 4, [Niall] Fitzgerald played a very intelligent match in which he was outgunned in terms of firepower by his opponent. He mixed up different spins, heights of the ball and pace to take advantage of his opponent," Bayliss said. "At No. 3 singles, Sam Keeton really held his poise . . . He had a 5-3 lead and several match points that he dropped, but he was able to muster the moxie to come back and win the tie-breaker, which clinched the whole match."

The win gives the Irish their third victory over a top-50 opponent this year. The Irish will prepare this week for home matches against Michigan State and Marquette.

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## FENCING

## Two fencers compete in national tournament

By MIKE MONACO  
Sports Writer

Two Irish fencers hit their mark this weekend at the United States Fencing Association's National Junior Olympics with a pair of strong performances.

The event is a chance for fencers under the age of 20 to improve their individual standing and potentially qualify for the national team.

Leading the way for the Irish was freshman epeeist Ashley Severson, who finished in a tie for the bronze medal out of a field of 151 participants. Severson won her first five matches by scores of 15-6, 15-3, 15-11, 15-7 and 15-6, respectively, before squaring off in the semifinals against Anna Van Brummen. Van Brummen advanced with a close 15-14 win and eventually won the finals to secure her gold medal.

Severson's third-place finish was right in line with the pre-tournament expectations of Irish coach Janusz Bednarski, who predicted a medal for Severson.

"We expected [Severson] to get a medal position," Bednarski said. "She simply had a very strong tournament, especially since there were a lot of fencers that competed in this event."

Bednarski was satisfied with the result and believes it puts Severson in prime position to attain the goal — making the U.S. national team.

"It really puts her in a solid position to make the national team," he said. "Overall it was a good event

[for her]."

The bronze medal adds to a solid rookie campaign for Severson, who finished the regular season with a 37-7 mark.

Freshman epeeist Nicole Ameli finished in 11th place in the same event. Ameli won her first three bouts by scores of 15-1, 15-13 and 15-13, respectively. She then lost 15-9 to Audrey Abend, who went on to claim the silver medal.

Bednarski was also pleased with Ameli's performance, especially given the amount of fencers in the field.

"[Ameli] was very close to reaching the final eight and she also fenced pretty strongly," he said. "It's a good sign for the rest of the season."

Ameli led the Irish epeeists with 39 wins on the season, including a 15-1 showing at the Notre Dame Duals on Jan. 28.

Bednarski hopes both fencers can build off their strong showings moving forward.

"Now [Severson and Ameli] have to return to collegiate fencing and in the next few weeks we'll have some very important competitions for them to qualify for the NCAA Championships," he said. "I think it's a good sign that they are strong enough to perform this well and it will give us strength as a team."

The Junior Olympics conclude today with the men's foil competition.

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## ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

## Team takes second at conference meet

By BRIAN HARTNETT  
Sports Writer

Despite success in several individual and relay events over the final two days of the Big East championships at Trees Pool in Pittsburgh, Notre Dame was unable to take home the conference crown, falling to Louisville for the second consecutive year by a score of 758.5 points to 593.5.

The Irish took three individual titles over the final two days of competition, giving them four individual titles overall. Freshman Emma Reaney, who had claimed a victory in Thursday's 200-yard individual medley, added a win in the 100-yard breaststroke on Friday to her impressive first-year resume. Reaney finished the 100-yard breaststroke event in 59.85 seconds, becoming only the second Irish swimmer to break the one-minute mark in the event.

Sophomore Kelly Ryan put on an impressive show Saturday night, taking the title in the 200-yard backstroke and 100-yard freestyle events. Ryan finished the 200-yard backstroke in a time of 1:55.56, which broke the Trees Pool record, before quickly transitioning to the 100-yard freestyle, which she won for the second consecutive year with a time of 49.38 seconds. With these two victories, Ryan now holds four individual Big East titles, which is tied for seventh in school history.

Ryan said she attributes her success in the Big East championships mainly to the encouragement of her teammates.

"I think this year we've all really connected as a team, and it's really good to know that the team

will support me through the ups and downs of a race," she said.

The Irish relay teams were a major factor in the team's second-place finish, as the 400-yard medley relay picked up a title Friday and the 400-yard freestyle relay followed up with a victory Saturday. The 400-yard medley relay squad of Ryan, Reaney, junior Kim Holden and senior Amy Prestinario took the fourth consecutive title in the event for the Irish, breaking the Trees Pool record with a time of 3:36.28. The 400-yard freestyle team of Ryan, Prestinario, freshman swimmer Suzanne Bessire and Reaney put forth a record-breaking performance of their own, shattering the school record in the event with a time of 3:18.93.

"I think our relay teams were so successful because of the confidence we have in each other," Ryan said. "I think it was really important for us to trust the people on the relay with us fully and know that they could do well under any circumstance."

Although the Irish claimed six titles, they were unable to catch Louisville, which led by three points going into the swimming portion of the championships. They never relinquished their lead, pulling away in the final two days of competition to win by 165 points.

With conference competition now completed, Notre Dame will focus its efforts on the NCAA Swimming and Diving championships, held in Auburn, Ala. in mid-March.

The Irish will return to competition Feb. 25, when they travel to West Lafayette, Ind. to compete in the Boiler-Make-It Last Chance meet.

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## TRACK AND FIELD

# Irish men claim fifth Big East championship



ALEX PARTAK/The Observer

Irish freshman jumper Carson Barnes competes during the Meyo Invitational on Feb. 3 at Loftus Sports Center.

By BRIAN HARTNETT  
Sports Writer

The men's team won its fifth indoor Big East championship in New York over the weekend, while the women's team finished in fourth place — the team's highest since 2007.

"Everybody really came together as a team and competed well, from the sprinters to the long distance runners to the field events," Irish coach Joe Piane said. "This championship really means a great deal to our team and bodes well for our future."

The men's team spent much of Saturday, a day filled with mostly preliminary races, laying the groundwork for Sunday's finals, as 13 team members qualified for the final round. Senior pole-vaulter Kevin Schipper provided an early spark for the Irish on Saturday, winning his third consecutive pole vault crown with a vault of 5.25 meters.

Sitting in fourth place on Sunday morning, the Irish pulled away from the field in the finals, earning two individual titles and several top-three finishes. Sophomore sprinter Patrick Feeney took his second consecutive title in the 400-meter event, while junior middle distance runner Jeremy Rae claimed his second straight title in the mile event.

Boosting Notre Dame's point totals were top finishes in the sprints and middle distance events, as four other Irish runners earned all-Big East accolades. Freshmen sprinters George Atkinson III and Chris Geisting placed third in the 200-meter event and 500-meter event, respectively. Senior middle distance runner Johnathan Shawel took second in the 1,000-meter event, while senior middle distance runner Randall Babb finished third in the 800-meter event.

Notre Dame's relay teams also posted strong showings. The 4x400-meter relay squad of Geisting, Feeney, junior sprinter Brendan Dougherty and senior middle distance runner Mitch Lorenz and the 4x800-meter re-

lay team of Shawel, Rae, Babb, senior middle distance runner Zac Suriano finished second in their respective events.

With the strong final round performances, the men's team concluded the championships with 131 points, 28 more than second-place finisher Connecticut.

On the women's side, the Irish tallied up 79 points, good enough to earn the team a fourth place finish.

Senior multi-event athlete Maddie Buttinger bolstered the team's point total on the first day of the championships, finishing in second place in the pentathlon with a total of 4,008 points and earning her second all-Big East citation. The team also qualified 10 athletes for the final round events.

Sitting in second place before the final round, the women's team turned in one individual title and one top-three finish on Sunday. Continuing her strong indoor season, junior sprinter Nevada Sorenson took home an individual title in the 60-meter hurdle event. The 4x800-meter relay team of sophomore Kelly Curran, sophomore Alexis Aragon, sophomore McKinzie Schulz and junior Rebecca Tracy placed second, earning all Big-East accolades.

Piane said he was very happy with the women's team performance, taking into account the progress the team has made over the course of the last year.

"Last year, we placed eighth in the indoor championships, so the women's team really improved," Piane said. "We had a lot of kids perform exceptionally well, and we're definitely coming along."

With the conference portion of the season now over, Piane said the team's focus is now shifted to NCAA Indoor championships, which will take place in mid-March in Nampa, Idaho.

The Irish will return to competition March 2, when they host the Alex Wilson Invitational.

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## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

# Halfpenny earns first victory

By JACK HEFFERON  
Sports Writer

No. 20 Notre Dame and its new coach, Christine Halfpenny, did not assemble this year's schedule without early-season challenges. In opening their season with No. 6 Stanford, the Irish blazed out of the gates, earning a 17-14 victory on a record-setting day at Arlott Stadium.

From the opening draw, Notre Dame (1-0) appeared poised and played an extremely efficient game, especially on the offensive side of the field. The squad scored seven goals on its first seven shots, and opened up a 7-2 lead on Stanford (0-3) early in the first half.

The Irish continued to pour it on before the break, and senior attacker Maggie Tamasitis set up three goals as the clock dwindled to send her team to the locker room with a 12-7 lead. The late burst gave Tamasitis five first-half assists, breaking her own single-half record of four from last season.

For Halfpenny, it was satisfying to see her newly-implemented motion offense work so effectively early on.

"We knew we were going to see a different look in Stanford, who runs a different style than we're used to," Halfpenny said. "I was very proud of our girls because they just stayed very composed, and took advantage of their opportunities, and they worked for them. Of those [first seven goals], so many of them had helpers, and I think that's a sign of a team

playing as a team, and we practice that. That's what you want to see on gameday."

The Cardinal made some key adjustments in their gameplan, and the seemingly unstoppable Irish offense was held in check in the second half. Stanford was able to cut off Tamasitis and control the motion offense, which allowed them to take control of possession. Stanford was able to work for shots and chip away at the Irish lead, and soon the Notre Dame lead stood at just three.

"Stanford is an awesome opponent," Halfpenny said. "They make you work for your opportunities, and as we all saw in the second half they make great adjustments, as well."

As the offense began to slow down, the Irish defense, led by junior goaltender Ellie Hilling, picked up the slack. Showing the aggressive style that Halfpenny has attempted to instill, the defense forced the Cardinal to use more time than they had to work for every goal.

"Our ride was outstanding today, and when the goals weren't falling we were able to get the ball back, which is huge," Halfpenny said. "When Stanford was pushing down the stretch to put this game into overtime, our defense held them for a three-minute stand. Maybe it resulted in a goal, maybe off an eight-meter [shot], but we held them for three minutes, and I think we'll be able to learn off that."

Down the stretch, it was fitting that the ride would put the game away for Notre Dame. As Stan-

ford tried to clear with less than three minutes to play, Tamasitis forced a turnover and fed sophomore attacker Lindsay Powell for a breakaway goal. Powell, who had never scored prior to Sunday's game, finished with a game-high five goals. That type of development is something Halfpenny said she hopes to see often.

"We're playing a lot of youth on the field and we're going to be developing during every game," she said. "Some of it's going to be on-field development. In the middle of the game we had a freshman learning about the slide package, and that's just going to be a growing pain that we have this year. But their effort and their hunger out there is something that I'm really excited about."

Now, the Irish will set about conquering the rest of their grueling schedule, which they hope will lead to the NCAA tournament after they were left out of the 16-team field last year. The next challenge on that path will be Duquesne, who will visit the Irish on Saturday.

While preparing for the Dukes, Halfpenny will be able to sit down and enjoy her first win at the helm of the Irish program.

"It always feels good when [what] your team has practiced translates to gameday," she said. "It certainly feels good to be 1-0 at Notre Dame. And heading into another week of preparation, it's nice to learn lessons off of a win. Yeah, it definitely feels good."

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## MEN'S SWIMMING

# Bass leads ND to conference title

By MEGAN FINNERAN  
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For the fifth time in program history, the Irish return from the Big East championships as champions. In addition to the overall title, they also left the weekend with top individual honors.

Tim Welsh was named Coach of the Year and junior Bill Bass was recognized as the Most Outstanding Swimmer of the meet. Earlier in the week, freshman diver Nick Nemetz was named Diver of the Year while coach Caiming Xie was awarded Diving Coach of the Year.

The Irish took the title for the first time since 2009, finishing each day at the top of the standings. Their 887 points at the end of the four-day contest beat out defending champion Louisville's 859.5, leaving Pittsburgh's Trees Pool after a very successful weekend.

"We had a great last swim in the pool after the trophy ceremony with all the coaches, trainers and managers," junior Chris Johnson said. "Everyone is quite happy."

The team carried the momentum of strong finishes Wednesday and Thursday from the relay teams, Bass and sophomore Frank Dyer into the weekend.

On Friday afternoon Bass won the 100-yard butterfly, nudging in front of West Virginia's Taylor Camp in the finals by .02 seconds to finish in 47.03. Bass bounced back to take the gold after finishing third in the preliminary race earlier that day.

The next afternoon, freshman



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Senior Ryan Belecanech races in the 500-yard freestyle during the Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 27.

John Williamson took the 200-yard butterfly, finishing in 1:44.74 and also coming back from a third-place preliminary time. He set both a school and pool record, shedding more than one second between the preliminary and final rounds. Freshman Brennan Jacobsen also grabbed a first-place victory, winning the 1,650-yard freestyle in 15:16.77.

The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Dyer, Bass, junior Kevin Overholt and freshman John McGinley took the silver in 2:55.42 and contributed valuable team points.

The team's underclassmen had a strong showing, filling in key positions to gain points. Freshman Kevin Hughes finished second behind Jacobsen in the 1,650-yard freestyle, clocking in

at 15:17.53. Dyer took third in the 100-yard freestyle in 43.22, freshman Zachary Stephens took third in the 200-yard breaststroke in 1:57.44 and Bass took third in the 200-yard butterfly at 1:45.60.

"I think there were some spots here and there that could have been better, but it's hard to argue with a championship," Johnson said. "We're already thinking about next year."

The team has a break for a few weeks before returning to competition for the NCAA championships. The three-day diving portion will begin March 9 in Bloomington, Ind., followed by the swimming championships March 22 in Federal Way, Wash.

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Sophomore center Anders Lee, right, goes for the puck during Notre Dame's 3-2 home loss to Bowling Green on Feb. 4.

## Jackson

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the first shot on goal goes in," he said. "I thought we competed hard for the first part of the game. Then it got away from us, from just not being able to finish and then giving up chances against and all of a sudden now we're down."

Saturday's contest again saw Miami get ahead early in a must-win game for the Irish, as the RedHawks recorded two goals on junior goaltender Mike Johnson in the first period. Johnson received both starts on the weekend, in a move Jackson said was intended to build confidence between the pipes.

"I thought Mike settled down and played well after that first goal on Friday," Jackson said. "I've been going with two different guys, and I thought maybe he didn't have a ton of work on Friday night, so I thought coming back with him maybe he could start building up some confidence. I don't think he had much chance on goals on Saturday."

"So it was a little matter of just trying to see if, just like I ran with Steven for several straight games in the first part, I thought giving Mike a chance to play back-to-back again might help

him build some confidence."

Despite the decisions in goal, Notre Dame's problems on the offensive end continued against Miami, and Jackson said the team must turn around its inability to finish and find confidence headed into the conference tournament.

"I can't control their confidence. You can try to do things to instill confidence but confidence comes from within and right now it's just a matter of taking care of the things we can control," Jackson said. "We can control our effort level, we can control our discipline, we can control our execution and if we take care of those things, if we just focus on the details, then everything else will take care of itself."

Notre Dame will attempt to turn around its colossal struggles in the regular season's final weekend against Michigan State at Compton Family Ice Arena, needing a strong performance to secure home-ice for a first-round CCHA series to be held the following weekend. The puck will drop at 8:35 p.m. on Friday night and Saturday's contest will begin at 7:35 p.m.

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## ND Women's Tennis

# Tar Heels slip by Irish in close match



GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

Sophomore Britney Sanders returns the ball during Notre Dame's 7-0 home win over IPFW on Jan. 22. Sanders won two singles matches and a doubles match against North Carolina and Illinois this weekend.

By VICKY JACOBSEN  
Sports Writer

It felt like a case of déjà vu.

On Saturday afternoon, Irish players and fans circled around court six as sophomore Julie Sabacinski lost a three-set thriller against North Carolina sophomore Tessa Lyons, giving the No. 13 Tar Heels (7-4, 1-0 ACC) the 4-3 victory.

The next day, the outcome of the duals match against No. 57 Illinois (5-2) again came down to the last pairing as sophomore Britney Sanders and Illini freshman Caroline Price battled for the deciding point on the No. 4 court. This time, though, Sanders held on for the 6-4, 7-5 win and the No. 23 Irish (6-3, 1-0 Big East) finished on the right side of a 4-3 decision.

Seniors Shannon Mathews and Kristy Frilling, the nation's No. 3 doubles pair, jumped to a 3-0 lead against North Carolina senior Shinann Featherston and junior Lauren McHale, but lost the next five games. Although Mathews and Frilling lost to Featherston and McHale last February, they were not intimidated by the sudden momentum swing and chipped away at the lead until they regained it, 8-7. The Irish claimed match point at 9-7 when Frilling caught McHale off-balance and the Tar Heel swatted helplessly as the ball glided in front of her.

"We just stayed really focused and we didn't give up, and I think that was really important," Frilling said. "It's hard, sometimes, to be up and then lose the lead so fast, but I think we just didn't let it affect us."

North Carolina claimed the next doubles match as Lyons

and senior Haley Hemm defeated Irish junior Chrissie McGaffigan and sophomore Jennifer Kellner, 8-6, but Notre Dame earned the doubles point when Sanders and Sabacinski closed out Tar Heels senior Jennifer Stone and junior Zoe De Bruycker, 8-5.

"It's always really helpful to win the doubles point, because it kind of gives people confidence going into singles," Frilling said.

That confidence was apparent in the two quickest matches — Sanders dispatched Price (6-3, 6-4) and Frilling shook off McHale (6-4, 6-1) with little difficulty.

"I was really happy with how I played today," Frilling said. "I've been struggling a little bit so this is the first match where I've felt the flow of things and felt good, so hopefully I can keep that up for the rest of the year."

But with the score at 3-0 Notre Dame, the tide turned in North Carolina's favor. Kellner dropped at 6-4, 6-4 decision to Featherston. Within seconds of each other, Mathews fell to De Bruycker (7-5, 7-5) and McGaffigan lost to junior Gina Suarez-Malaguti (6-4, 6-3).

With the duals match tied 3-3, attention turned to court six, where Sabacinski had forced a third set against Lyons. While trailing 5-1 in the last set, Sabacinski tried to return the ball with a floater that dribbled its way into the net, giving Lyons and North Carolina the win.

"It's a heartbreaker, especially when you know you're so close and especially with a good team," Frilling said. "We're almost there, so I think a couple more matches like this and

we'll be fine."

Although the Irish arrived at the Eck Tennis Pavilion on Sunday looking to rebound, the match was oddly reminiscent of the previous day's contest. Illinois senior Marisa Lambropoulos and freshman Melissa Kopinski wasted no time as they defeated Sabacinski and Sanders, 8-2. Mathews and Frilling trailed Illini junior Rachael White and sophomore Allison Falkin at 5-2 and rallied to 7-5, but eventually lost, 8-5.

Kellner and McGaffigan took down Illini senior Chelcie Abajian and junior Breanne Smutko in a tie-break, 8-7 (7-3), but the doubles point had already gone to Illinois.

Both Mathews and Frilling dominated their singles opponents; Mathews beat Lambropoulos 6-1, 6-2 and the rejuvenated Frilling won 6-0, 6-1 over Falkin.

With the score tied at 3-3 and one match left to finish, all attention turned to Sanders and Illini senior Amy Allin.

"I just thought of my team. We were down, and I just wanted to come back and win it for my team," Sanders said. "If I was going to lose I was going to stay as long as I could, and if I was going to come back and win I was going to do it for my team."

With the score at 6-5 in the second set, Allin hit the match point into the net, giving the Irish the win and a happy ending to what started as a trying weekend.

The Irish will try to keep the good times rolling against Indiana at the Eck Tennis Pavilion at 3 p.m. Friday.

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## Cardinals

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McGraw said. "She has good passes and good shooting. She's got the whole package. That's something we really have to key on, that's something that is going to be important for us."

The Cardinals (19-7, 8-5) sport a two-game win streak, most recently a 71-66 win at Pittsburgh.

After playing Louisville, the Irish only have two more regular season games — both against Big East opponents — before the conference tournament.

"We need to take it one game at a time," McGraw said. "Every

game is important from here on out for seeding in the tournament."

The game will be featured on ESPN's "Big Monday" coverage as one of the three games of ranked opponents the network will show. Tip-off is scheduled for 2 p.m.

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## Duke

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kept it on [Wigrizer]. He was making some good saves. We were hitting him early on. We just kept it on and kept the pressure on, didn't change anything and they just ended up going in. No goalie can keep up that good-paced tempo that he was doing in the first half throughout the whole game."

Pfeifer, who had two assists in the first half, added two goals of his own in the second, including the final tally to ice the game.

The Irish offense could afford a lack of finishing early thanks to the play of their defense and Irish junior goaltender John Kemp, who held a Duke offense that notched 16 goals in its season opener to just three Saturday. Kemp finished with an impressive 14 saves and after the Blue Devils (1-1) went up 2-0 with 10:42 left in the second quarter, Notre Dame did not allow another goal until just 18 seconds remained in the contest.

"I thought we just came out and played well," Kemp said. "We didn't really make that many mistakes. Defensively, we didn't really give up that many good shots. And thankfully, the good shots that they did get I was able to stop a couple of them, so I think we're pretty happy. We gave up three goals against the No. 2 team in the country. I think

that's a pretty good day."

The victory marked the 10th straight season-opening win for Notre Dame, an accomplishment Irish coach Kevin Corrigan credited to his team's offseason dedication.

"Our guys work very hard in the preseason and I think they do a good job of doing what you need to do in the preseason, which is kind of preparing yourself fundamentally so that you're ready to take what comes at you in the first game, because it's always a little bit of a crapshoot," Corrigan said. "You're going to see some things you know, but a lot that you haven't, so I think fundamentals are real important early on."

The result is a little bit of déjà vu for the Irish, who also defeated Duke to open last season after falling to the Blue Devils in the NCAA championship in 2010. Because of that, while Pfeifer know Saturday's win was big, there's still a lot of season left to be played, he said.

"It's big. It feels good right now, but it's just the first game," Pfeifer said. "[What] really matters [is] the last game at the end of May. So that's what we're working for but it feels good right now. Good win, good team effort. [We will] enjoy it now and then get back to work next week."

The Irish are back in action Sunday when they host No. 18 Penn State.

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SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Irish coach Mik Aoki instructs his team during a Jan. 27 practice in Loftus Sports Center. The Irish went 2-1 during their opening weekend.

## Aoki

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he throws a lot of pitches that force the hitters to make bad contact early in the count."

Iowa pitcher Matt Dermody could not find the plate, throwing 113 pitches in 4.2 innings. Despite Norton's strong performance and Dermody's struggles, the Irish still found themselves down 2-1 for most of the game.

In the fifth inning, Dermody walked the bases loaded and found himself in a jam. Iowa pitcher Ricky Sandquist replaced Dermody, though, and shut the Irish down to escape the inning. In the eighth inning, the Irish finally made

a rally and scored four runs to take a 5-2 lead. Hudson continued to make contact at the plate for the Irish, going 2-for-2 with two doubles and a RBI.

In the final game of the weekend, Notre Dame fell to rival Purdue 15-8. The Irish held the lead until the Boilermakers (3-0) scored nine runs in the sixth inning.

"We need to give credit where credit is due as Purdue played a great game, but in large part the sixth inning was also our own creation," Aoki said. "If we had given up only two or three runs in that inning, it would have been a different ball game. We threw some balls away and could not find the strike zone well, and Purdue capitalized."

While the Irish could not accomplish the Big Ten sweep,

the team learned a lot about its strengths and weaknesses by facing challenges early in the season.

"We need to address our sixth, seventh and eighth innings so that we can get the ball to Danny Slania to close it out," Aoki said. "For the first weekend, we played infinitely better offensively than we did at any point last year."

"We will just continue to get better game by game and hopefully improve throughout the season."

The Irish will look to improve against every opponent, starting Saturday when they have a double-header against Hofstra in Cary, N.C.

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Sophomore guard Eric Atkins, center, attempts a lay up during Notre Dame's 71-53 home victory over Rutgers on Wednesday.

## Comeback

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three-point play, gave the Irish their first lead since the game's opening minutes.

Sophomore guard Jerian Grant added a critical 3-pointer to extend the lead to four, but the Wildcats (11-15, 4-10) came back with some late heroics of their own to send the game to overtime. Following two clutch free throws from guard Dom Cheek, center Maurice Sutton's putback with 0.9 seconds left tied the game at 60.

"Because we did it before in Morgantown, we talked at the 12-minute mark about getting [the lead] to 11 and at the eight-minute mark into single-digits," Brey said. "We just had to keep game pressure on them because at some point [Villanova] is going to have to win it. We had nothing to lose because we were probably supposed to get blown out anyways after everybody watched the first half. So you become loose in the game."

"And that is where we have been on the road a couple of times. Grant, Atkins and Connaughton are fearless guys. They really make some big plays."

Grant's 10 points and nine assists and Atkins' 17 points and

five assists played a huge factor in getting the Irish to overtime, but once overtime began, Connaughton stole the spotlight. The freshman sharpshooter knocked down two decisive 3-pointers: one to take the lead and one to seal the victory with 45 seconds left and a six-point lead.

Junior forward Jack Cooley also added his fourth-straight double-double with 18 points and 13 rebounds.

Notre Dame fought off a strong shooting night from Villanova freshman forward JayVaughn Pinkston (24 points), who had to fill the scoring void of the Wildcats' injured leading scorer, junior guard Maalik Wayns. But the Irish as a group, Brey said, pulled through against the odds, drawing comparisons to another basketball star.

"[After the Gonzaga loss] I was thinking if we somehow pull off [making it to] the NIT I'm having a parade," he said. "And that's what's great about sport. You never know."

"But collectively we are kind of like a Jeremy Lin. I told our staff the other day, Jeremy Lin and the Irish. Believe it."

Notre Dame will return home to face West Virginia on Wednesday, looking to extend its season-high winning streak.

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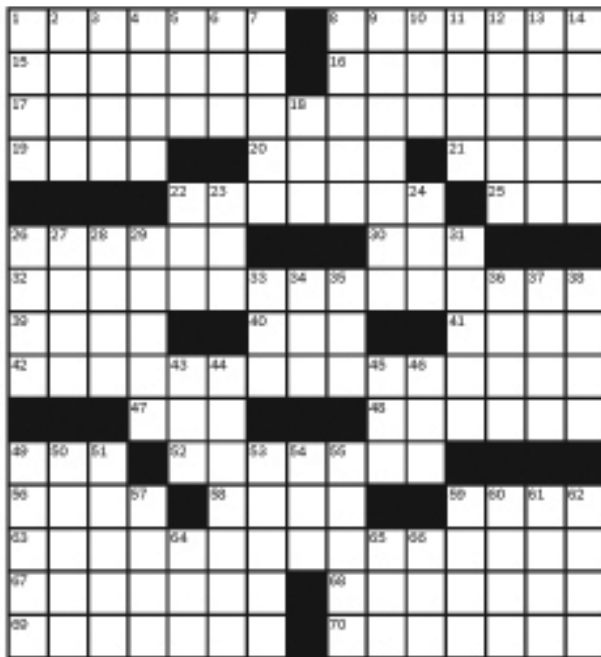
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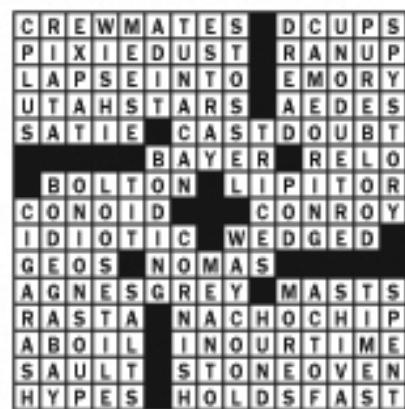
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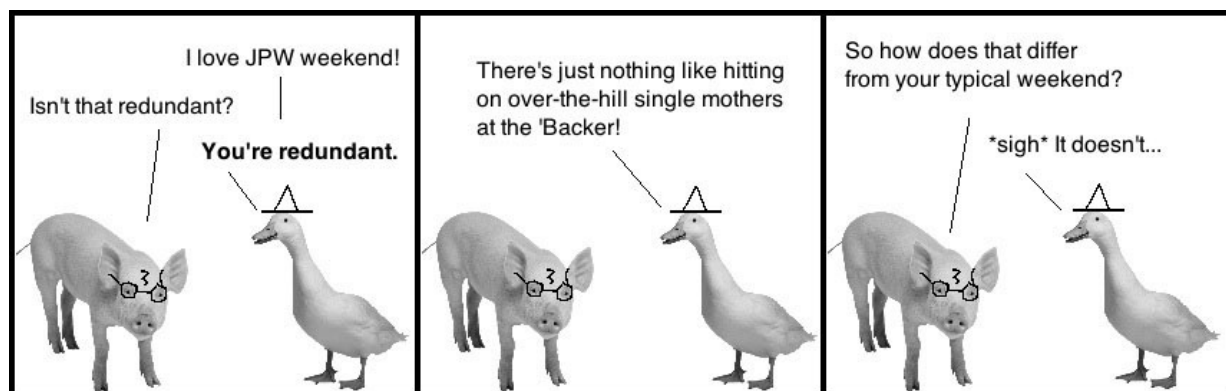
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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Crazy eighth

*Overtime win ups win streak to eight*

By ANDREW GASTELUM  
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Add an improbable comeback victory to the improbable eight-game winning streak.

No. 23 Notre Dame rallied from a 20-point deficit to cap a 74-70 come-from-behind overtime win at Villanova, led by four players in double-digit scoring.

"What a night," Irish coach Mike Brey said to und.com in a postgame interview. "We had a little bit of that look that we had at Louisville and West Virginia and I used that as a reference point at halftime. [I told them to play in] four minute segments and play those last five minutes like we did in Morgantown, just fearlessly with nothing to lose."

Down 20 late in the first half, the Irish (19-8, 11-3 Big East) spent most of the second half chipping away at the Villanova defense with a barrage of 3-pointers and a ruthless zone defense that only gave up five Wildcat field goals in the entire second half. Freshman guard



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**Junior forward Jack Cooley, right, takes a shot during Notre Dame's 71-53 home win over Rutgers on Wednesday.**

Pat Connaughton's 21 points — all from a career-high seven 3-pointers — led the way for the Irish.

"We made big shots. Going zone helped us in the second half because it kept our big guys closer to the bucket and we could rebound a little better," Brey said. "I just think we are special. I really do ... It's a great

win for a group that really believes in itself."

The Irish made their biggest run with just over four minutes left in the second half, scoring 13 unanswered points in a three-minute span. Sophomore guard Eric Atkins' acrobatic layup, which led to a

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# McGraw not worried about week-long layoff

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The No. 4 Irish will take on No. 19/16 Louisville tonight at the Cardinals' KFC Yum! Center, marking the 10th time Notre Dame has faced a ranked opponent this season.

"Louisville has a great team," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "They're 10-1 at home. It's tough to be here."

Both teams had the last week off from play, as both the Irish and Cardinals won their last games against Big East opponents nearly one week prior to tonight's contest.

"We had a good break," McGraw said. "I think it was a good mental break as well as a physical break. We're feeling really good."

Notre Dame has a 7-4 advantage over Louisville and 3-1 record on the road against the Cardinals.

The last time the Irish (25-2, 12-1 Big East) took to the court, they beat Providence 66-47 at home on Feb. 14. Junior guard Skylar Diggins put up 19 points, and fifth-year

senior forward Devereaux Peters matched Diggins' 19 points for the Irish and added 11 rebounds against the Friars.

"I think Skylar [Diggins] has been playing extremely well, as well as Devereaux [Peters], and [sophomore forward] Natalie Achonwa," McGraw said. "Especially for [senior guard] Natalie Novosel, this is a good game for her being from Kentucky. But we're all really ready to play."

Novosel will face two familiar players. Both Louisville junior guard Tia Gibbs and senior forward Monique Reid joined Novosel as the top three Kentucky high school women's basketball players. Novosel took second place to Gibbs in Kentucky's Miss Basketball prize in 2008, and Reid followed Novosel in third place.

Cardinal sophomore point guard Shoni Schimmel leads the team in scoring, steals and assists on a squad that returns four of the five starters they had on last year's Sweet 16 team.

"Schimmel is really good,"

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## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Defense, goaltending shut down Blue Devils



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**Sophomore attack Westy Hopkins, left, looks for the goal during Notre Dame's 7-3 win over Duke on Saturday at Arlotta Stadium.**

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Notre Dame's 2011 season came to a close at the hands of Duke in a 7-5 loss in the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament. This year, the No. 9 Irish opened their season with a bit of revenge thanks to a 7-3 win over the No. 2 Blue Devils at Arlotta Stadium on Saturday.

After falling behind 2-0 early in the second quarter, Notre Dame (1-0) took control of the game, scoring four goals in the second stanza to take a 4-2 lead into halftime and sending the sold-out crowd of 2,053 into a frenzy.

Duke goaltender Dan Wigrizer frustrated Irish shooters early, making 11 saves before Irish senior captain and attackman

Nicholas Beattie fired a hard shot from 10 yards out past the netminder with 9:28 left in the half to get Notre Dame on the board. Beattie, who was cross-checked just after releasing the shot, was injured on the play and did not return to the game.

Wigrizer had only one more save in the half after Beattie's goal, as a trio of sophomores each found the back of the net to give the Irish a two-goal cushion. Attackmen Westy Hopkins and Ryan Mix and midfielder Jim Marlatt all scored within two minutes of each other near the end of the half.

"We didn't really change anything with our shooting," Irish senior captain and midfielder Max Pfeifer said. "We

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## BASEBALL

# Irish win two on opening weekend

By BRENDAN BELL  
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Notre Dame got the better of the Big Ten Conference over the weekend in the Big Ten/Big East Challenge, defeating Illinois and Iowa before falling to Purdue.

Junior catcher Joe Hudson set the tone for the weekend in Friday's 13-12 win against Illinois (1-2) by hitting a go-ahead solo shot in the top of the ninth inning. Hudson went 3-for-4 with two home runs and four RBIs for the game.

"In Joe Hudson's case the numbers speak for themselves," Irish coach Mik Aoki

said. "He swung the bat really well, but also looked comfortable up there and had big hits in timely moments."

Sophomore first baseman and 2011 Big East Rookie of the Year Trey Mancini went 4-for-5 with a home run and three RBIs. Senior left-handed pitcher Steve Sabatino made a return to the mound for the first time since 2010 after coming off Tommy John surgery, tossing four innings of relief. Sophomore right-handed pitcher Dan Slania earned the victory for the Irish, pitching 2.2 innings while allowing only one run in relief.

Saturday's game against Iowa (1-2) was played at a different

pace, as Notre Dame (2-1) orchestrated a late rally to win 5-2. Junior right-handed pitcher Adam Norton threw a complete game and did not surrender a run to the Hawkeyes in the final 7.1 innings. Norton tallied four strikeouts and only gave up one walk to the Hawkeyes.

"After a slugfest Friday, it was great to have Adam go out there and be able to give the bullpen a rest," Aoki said. "We had Dan Slania available, but there is a reason that we have Adam Norton in that second spot in the pitching rotation. He has the ability to go deep in games and

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## HOCKEY

# Losing streak stretched to five

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No. 13 Notre Dame came into this past weekend's series with Miami needing to post a strong performance and turn around a season that is quickly getting away from them. Instead, the No. 19 RedHawks handed the Irish 3-0 and 4-1 defeats and sent them into the last weekend of the regular season on a five-game losing streak.

In strong contention for a first-round bye in the CCHA tournament just two weeks

ago, Notre Dame (16-15-3, 11-12-3-0 CCHA) was outscored 15-2 in its last four games and now sits tied for eighth in the conference with 36 points — 17 points behind conference-leading Ferris State.

"It's just been a consistent frustration as far as the inability to score goals, and especially if we get power play situations, being able to play patient enough not to give up chances against it that lead to goals," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "Right now, it's unacceptable how we're playing."

The Irish controlled the flow of play in Friday's contest, outshooting the RedHawks 31-16 on the game. Miami senior goalkeeper Connor Knapp stopped all 31 of Notre Dame's shots, however, and the RedHawks went up for good on their first shot on goal, as freshman forward Blake Coleman scored just 2:08 into the first period.

Jackson said Coleman's goal was a game-changer.

"It looked like we were ready to play on Friday night and again

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