

## HER LOYAL DAUGHTERS

# 'The place needed us'

## Women establish their place on campus

By MEGAN DOYLE  
Managing Editor



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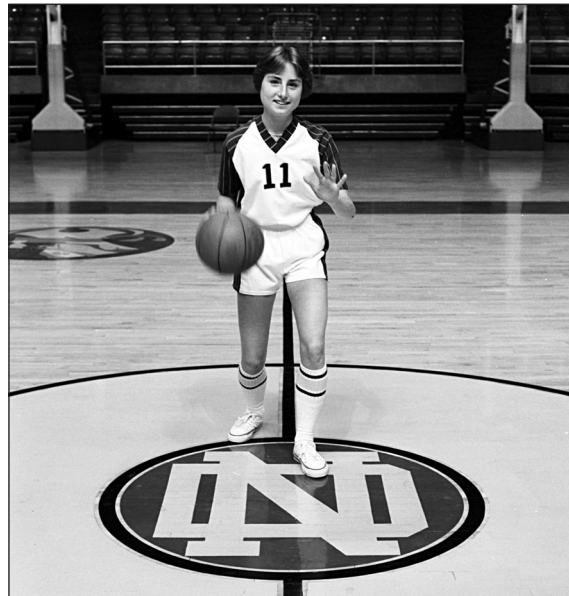
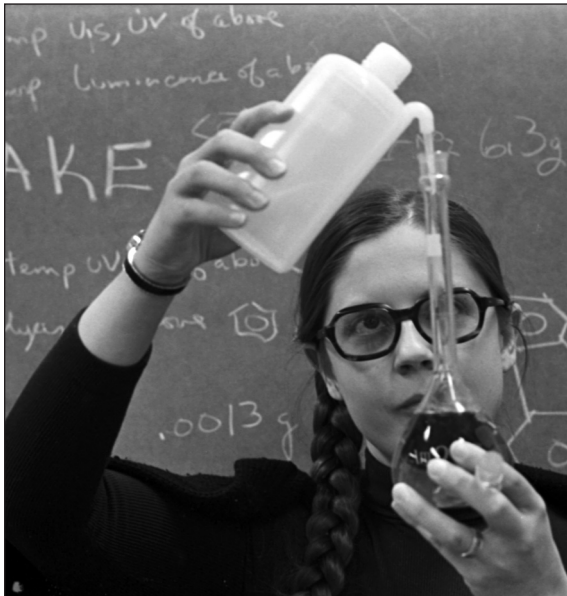
In 2013, there are more than 4,000.

When the University first included women in its undergraduate student body in 1972, female students were an extreme minority, a small contingent among more than 5,000 male peers. As Notre Dame marks the 40th anniversary of coeducation this academic year, women represent 48 percent of the student body.

In 1972, women's dorms still had urinals from converted men's dorms, and female students didn't feel comfortable eating in the dining hall alone. But as the population of women has grown and bucked early stereotypes, the conversations surrounding gender relations here not ended. If anything, they have become more relevant to the campus climate at Notre Dame.

### Sisterhood and brotherhood

It's the first weekend on campus, and freshmen jump into school traditions and dorm



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*On the 40th anniversary of coeducation at Notre Dame, female students comprise 48 percent of the student body. Originally, they represented only an extreme minority of the student population.*

## Saint Mary's president speaks on coeducation

By JILLIAN BARWICK  
and KAITLYN RABACH  
Saint Mary's Editor and  
News Writer



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As an educated woman with a degree in English Literature from Saint Mary's College and a law degree from the University of Notre Dame, Carol Ann Mooney is a woman who has seen both sides of the street — the street known as State Route 933.

Mooney, the current Saint Mary's president, graduated from the College in the spring of 1972 in the midst of the Vietnam War and during the time Notre Dame and Saint Mary's considered and rejected a merger of the two schools.

"The non-merger was not a big deal to me. I did not come to Saint Mary's under the assumption I would be receiving a Notre Dame degree," Mooney said. "We finished in the spring of '72 and none of my classmates were affected by the merger and none of my friends transferred over. To be honest, I was more

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# Conference discusses justice

By MEL FLANAGAN  
News Writer

This weekend's 30th anniversary of the Africa Faith and Justice Network conference will highlight the plight of people in Africa, Rev. Bob Dowd, director of the Ford

Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity, said.

"It's a great way to learn about important issues that affect the quality of life of people in Africa," he said. "It's

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# SUB presents jazz festival

By CATHERINE OWERS  
News Writer

The 55th Annual Collegiate Jazz Festival kicks off tonight at 7 p.m. and continues tomorrow evening in Washington Hall. The event, presented by Student Union Board, is designed to connect musicians nationwide.

Event programmer Tim

Moots said the event consistently draws talented collegiate groups from across the nation, as well as an impressive set of judges. This year, jazz professors from Michigan State University will serve as judges and will also perform both nights at the end of the program in the 'Judges Jam.'

"The judges this year are

coming from a long list of renowned judges that include Cannonball Adderly and Wynton Marsalis," Moots said.

The festival also emphasizes jazz education, Moots said, and the judges will lead a clinic on Saturday afternoon for all the performers.

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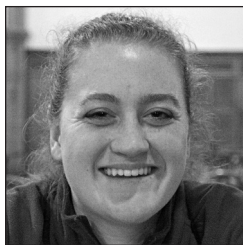
In the February 27th issue, The Observer said the Notre Dame women's basketball team would host two NCAA tournament games. Becuase Notre Dame hosted the first two rounds of the tournmant last season, it will not host any games this year. The Observer apologizes for the error.

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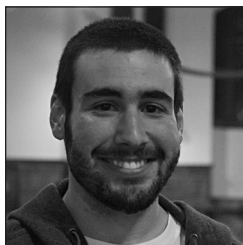


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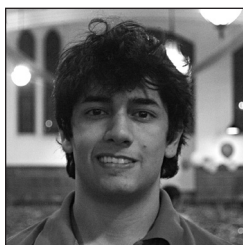


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"Cookies 'n' Cream."



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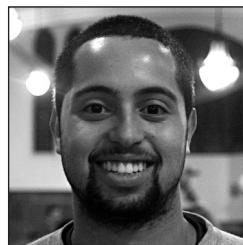


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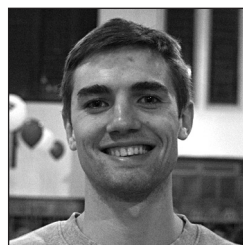


## Quentin Vawters

junior

Dillon Hall

"Vanilla Bean."



## Kevin Dunne

senior

off-campus

"Cherry Garcia."



MICHAEL KRAMM | The Observer

*Sean Hipskind fights Pete "The Wild Irish Rose" McGinley in the semifinal round of Bengal Bouts on Tuesday. Hipskind eventually won the match, earning him a spot in the finals of the 148-pound weight class. Bengals Bouts is an annual boxing tournament that raises money for Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.*

# THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

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## Friday

### 83rd Annual Bengal Bouts Finals

Joyce Center

6 p.m.- 7 p.m.

Boxing.

### 55th Annual Collegiate Jazz Festival

Washington Hall

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.

Free for students.

## Saturday

### Race for the Heroes

Fieldhouse Mall

9:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.

\$20 for 5k or 10k run on the day of the race.

### Men's Hockey

Compton Family Ice

Arena

7:05 p.m.- 9:05 p.m.

Notre Dame vs.

Bowling Green.

## Sunday

### Women's Tennis

Eck Pavilion

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Notre Dame vs. Duke.

### Vespers Concert

Basilica of the Sacred

Heart

7:15 p.m.- 8:15 p.m.

Featuring the Notre

Dame Folk Choir.

## Monday

### Graduate Student Dialogue

O'Shaughnessy Hall

5 p.m.- 9p.m.

On women and media.

### Women's Basketball

Joyce Center

7 p.m.- 9 p.m.

Notre Dame vs.

Connecticut.

## Tuesday

### Men's Basketball

Joyce Center

7 p.m.- 9 p.m.

Notre Dame vs. St.

John's.

### Four: 7 Catholic Fellowship

Joyce Center

8:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.

Student-led fellowship.

# AT&T donates to South Bend learning center

By **PETER DURBIN**  
News Writer

AT&T Indiana recently made a \$10,000 donation to the Robinson Community Learning Center to cultivate a sense of entrepreneurial spirit in South Bend area youth.

The contribution comes from the AT&T Aspire Program, which donates money to various organizations that help students prepare for college and future careers. According to an AT&T press release, the Aspire Program has committed \$350 million to programs around the country.

The Center works with local middle and high school students,

providing them with opportunities for exposure to various business facets.

Jennifer Knapp Beudert, manager of the Robinson Learning Center, said part of the Center's mission is to work to develop the professional ability of community children.

"We've been working with youth in the community to teach entrepreneurial concepts such as idea generation, problem solving, how to write a business plan and public speaking," Beudert said.

These students work with mentors from the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies at the Mendoza College of Business, who help turn ideas into business

plans.

Some of these plans become a reality, and Beudert said the Robinson Center hopes this monetary donation will further benefit students who recognize the importance of creative thinking.

"Providing opportunities for tomorrow's leaders to acquire skills that will contribute to their future success is one of the best investments any company can make," said Beudert in an AT&T press release.

George S. Fleetwood, president of AT&T Indiana, said his company is invested in the area.

"We're dedicated to the communities we serve, and I'm very proud to be part of a company

that gives back like we do," Fleetwood said.

AT&T started the Aspire program in 2008 to cultivate growth today's youth.

"Since 2008 the major thrust of our foundation's giving has been on high school retention, graduation rates and preparedness for the workforce," Fleetwood said.

This is the second donation AT&T has made to the Robinson Center.

"AT&T has long been a supporter of the Robinson Center and the University of Notre Dame and we appreciate their partnership in our efforts to develop the next generation of young entrepreneurs," Beudert said in the

release.

Fleetwood said he prioritizes a sense of purpose in young people and the prospect of their future.

"The youth of our community are our most precious resource," Fleetwood said in the release. "The young entrepreneurs of today will develop into the business leaders that companies like AT&T will look to for leadership in the future."

The partnership between the two organizations culminates in the "Summer Biz Camp" and an Entrepreneurship class, according to the AT&T press release.

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## Center for Spirituality to hold lecture series

### Lecture Series at Saint Mary's *"Mind, Body, Spirit: Connected"*

1. "Perspectives on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition" with Margaret O'Brien

2. "Exploring the Body/Spiritualities Interface" with Suzette Bremault-Phillips

3. "The Evolutionary Adventure of Catholic Spirituality" with Mary Jo Weaver

SARA SHOEMAKE | The Observer

By **BRIDGET FEENEY**  
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

Beginning next month, the Saint Mary's Center for Spirituality (CFS) will bring three speakers to campus as part of the 2013 Spring Lecture Series, "Mind, Body, Spirit: Connected."

CVS director Sr. Kathleen Dolphin, PBVM, Ph. D, said these

lectures will illustrate the overall goal of the Center, reminding people how the body, mind and spirit of a person are connected and dependent on one another.

"The mind and spirit are intimately connected and mutually enriching to each other in an academic setting," she said. "We're in a unique position to engage the Saint Mary's community in

discussion of the critical issues related to spirituality that are facing students."

The lecture series, sponsored by the College's Annual Endowed Lecture Series Fund, kicks off March 5 when Margaret O'Brien Steinfelds will deliver a talk called "Perspectives on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition." Steinfelds is the former co-director of the Center for on Religion and Culture at Fordham University.

"What we are trying to talk about in this first lecture is the Catholic intellectual tradition, which is very strong throughout history," Sr. Dolphin, PBVM, Ph. D said. "It's an acknowledgment of the power of human intellect."

Sr. Dolphin said the human mind is a crucial part of a developing spirituality.

"It's an emphasis on the mind in that we must think about the issues of the world, and it's concerns and the issues in the church," she said. "We are

constantly thinking about what role the church plays in these issues."

Sr. Dolphin said she admires Steinfelds as both an author and a speaker. The two have a history together that came about long before their mutual interests in spirituality and the Catholic tradition.

"I went to grade school with Margaret in Chicago, so I'm very excited to hear see her speak and talk," she said. "I highly respect her."

However, Sr. Dolphin said she is also looking forward to the other two lectures in the series. The second speaker visiting campus is Suzette Bremault-Phillips, from the Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of Alberta in Canada.

Bremault-Phillips will speak March 26 in a talk called, "Exploring the Body/Spirituality Interface." The talk, according to Sr. Dolphin will focus on the use of spiritual experiences in

medicine.

"She is exploring how the body and spirit get along with each other," Sr. Dolphin, PBVM, Ph. D said. "She is studying the impact spirituality can have on someone who is ill. She's done research on how people get better and recover if they've had some sort of spiritual or religious experience."

Sr. Dolphin also said she is extremely interested in this lecture because the topic of connecting science and religion in this way is still in its early stages.

"I've met [Bremault-Phillips] before and she's very energetic and very convinced there is something about spirituality and physical/mental health that we need to take a look at," she said. "It's a new field and study so I'm excited."

The third and final speaker in the series, Mary Jo Weaver, is a Professor Emerita of Religious Studies at Indiana University speaking on April 2. Her talk, titled "The Evolutionary Adventure of Catholic Spirituality," focuses more on the development of Catholic spirituality throughout history, according to Sr. Dolphin, PBVM, Ph. D.

"Catholic spirituality has evolved over the years and seen major changes," she said. "We've seen old ways that didn't work for people falling by the way side."

Sr. Dolphin 5 said the audience might be hesitant of the talk or unsure of how to react because of the world "evolution" in the lecture's title.

"Some people don't like the world 'evolved' when it comes to Catholic spirituality," she said. "But it has certainly and Weaver is a high-energy speaker who has a lot to say on this subject."

Each lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the CFS at (574) 284-4636 or visit [www.saintmarys.edu/spirituality-current-lecture-series](http://www.saintmarys.edu/spirituality-current-lecture-series).

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**Two students pose on the job at Notre Dame. Once female students were admitted, they quickly acclimated to life at the University.**

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life. Girls' dorms serenade boys' dorms. Boys escort girls to brother-sister dorm events. But for senior Lauren Palomino, orientation at Notre Dame had "a weird dynamic."

"We're doing these serenades ... [and] in the time a boy takes a knee and you sing back to him, you're not going to build a solid friendship that lasts from that," Palomino said.

Senior Pat Rice participated in Frosh-O four years ago as a new member of Alumni Hall. This year, he helped lead orientation as an RA. For Rice, freshman orientation is a change to introduce incoming students to the University.

Dorm events and traditions aren't gender-biased institutions — they are ways to help young men and women begin to interact with each other on a college campus.

"For me personally, Frosh-O was just a 'Welcome to Notre Dame' experience," Rice said. "I never felt awkward, I never felt intimidated. ... If nothing else, serenading and walking girls over to dances gives you something to talk about at the end of the night. You talk about Domerfest, you talk about what song you sang to the ladies."

"I don't think there's anything [awkward] inherently. Frosh-O isn't supposed to be your entire college experience. It's supposed to be 'Welcome to Notre Dame.' Let's get out there."

Orientation introduces students to the residence life structure at Notre Dame — 29 single-sex residence halls, divided into 15 male dorms and 14 female dorms.

"I think same-sex dorms are a strong foundational principal," Rice said. "It's what Notre Dame is founded on, creating sisterhood and brotherhood. A lot of bonding goes on after parietals. It's always good to interact with the opposite sex, but you would never have the frank, open dialogue you might have [after parietals] if girls were around."

For Palomino, parietals can sometimes stunt friendships between male and female students. A date might be worth the risk of

evading hall staff post-parietals for students, she said, but just hanging out with a friend might not be enough incentive for breaking the rules.

"Parietals aren't going to stop you from doing any shenanigans you're going to. ... Parietals are going to stop you from watching a movie because spending a night in your [opposite sex] best friend's dorm, it's not worth the last 20 minutes of 'Forgetting Sarah Marshall,'" she said.

"For me, it just limits friendships with the opposite sex."

Senior Shannon Warchol, also an RA in Welsh Family Hall, said the Frosh-O experience and single-sex dorms don't necessarily stunt friendships — they just make the process of meeting the opposite sex more "formal" than at other schools.

"I was raised like you don't invite yourself to somebody else's house, you wait until they invite you or whatever," Warchol said. "So I would never go into a boys' dorm and just walk around and see who was there. But if I lived in a co-gender dorm where they lived down the hall or on the next floor, I would just walk past and see whose door was open and I wouldn't feel like I was inviting myself over to their house."

"So I think that makes it more difficult freshman year because it makes it so formal, you have to always be inviting someone over. You can't just build a friendship because you're there [in the same dorms.] Now I don't see it as much of a problem."

### A classroom dynamic

Warchol decided to pursue civil engineering when she was a high school student living in Minneapolis. When a major bridge collapsed in the city, she witnessed the massive problem-solving effort to revamp transportation in the large metropolis and then build a safer bridge.

She'll head to graduate school in May and then enter a male-dominated engineering field. At her summer internship, only nine of the 40 people in her office were women. But at Notre Dame, she hasn't felt that same male monopoly, even though her department has enrolled more men than women.

"I almost felt like I was going to have to come in and work harder,

work 10 times as hard as the male students, to prove that when I received special recognition, it wasn't just because I was a female student," Warchol said. "You don't want to be recognized because you're different. You want to be recognized because you do superior work."

"But there's never been a problem with thinking I was receiving special treatment or different treatment because I was a female at Notre Dame. So maybe it's prepared me to expect the best out of people."

While her parents' generation has populated the engineering field with more men, Warchol said she didn't expect that trend to continue as her own generation graduates from school.

"You always hear this talk of people, especially in our parents' generation or older, how they talk about industry in engineering being so segregated still and there's such a high proportion of men," she said. "Which doesn't really mesh with what you see at the university level."

### 'A transitional moment'

Even in the 15 years since Dr. Susan Ohmer, professor in the Department of Film, Television and Theatre, arrived at Notre Dame in 1998, she has noticed a change in the percentage of women faculty at the University.

"I can see a difference. ... In the time I've been here, there seems to be more openness about children, about talking about children, about thinking about work-family balance," Ohmer said. "These are issues that

people feel comfortable bringing up now."

As the female population of professors and students continues to grow, Ohmer chairs the University Committee on Women's Faculty and Students. The committee began in the early 1990s and reports to University President Fr. John Jenkins through the provost of the University.

The purpose of the committee is to "consider policies, practices and the general environment of the University as they relate to women faculty and students," according to Notre Dame's Academic Articles. The committee has 22 elected members from across the University, including 20 women and two men.

"I think that it's a very important committee for bringing women faculty together to talk about issues that affect us as a group. ... I think the committee feels empowered," she said.

Currently, the full-time teaching faculty at Notre Dame breaks down to about 70 percent men and 30 percent women, Ohmer said, but she expects that demographic to shift as long-standing male professors retire.

"Over the past two years, we've had a number of key people involved in diversity initiatives, and Fr. John has defined diversity to include people of color as well as gender," Ohmer said.

Some of these people, however, have moved on from Notre Dame to other institutions, Ohmer said, citing vice president and associate provost Don Pope-Davis' recent decision to move to DePaul

University.

"I hope there continues to be an effort to address issues of gender and diversity [in key positions,]" Ohmer said. "We are really in a transitional moment and I hope we don't lose the momentum we have."

As a high-ranking administrator, University chief of staff Ann Firth has also served in a number of positions involved with women at Notre Dame, and she was instrumental in beginning the Gender Relations Center (GRC). But when she first arrived on campus as an undergraduate in 1977, only 25 percent of the student body was female.

"There were occasions when I was the only woman or perhaps one of very few in a class, and we were certainly outnumbered in the dining halls," she said. "But this didn't really detract from my sense of belonging and connection. ... I guess I felt on some level like the place needed us, that having women here was part of an important and necessary evolution for Notre Dame."

As the presence of women has grown at Notre Dame and Firth has climbed in the administration, she said. "A mentor gave me some very simple but profound advice when I was first embarking on my professional career — to always remember who I am," she said. "In some ways, that's harder than it sounds, and while hardly unique to one gender, I think it can be a particular struggle for women."

"One of the things I have most

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appreciated about my career at Notre Dame is that I have found it possible to be myself here, which among other things means that I can bring my perspective as a woman to bear on the work I do.”

“What is the stereotype?”

Before there were Notre Dame women, there were Saint Mary’s women. Holy Cross sisters established the College as an all-female institution just two years after Holy Cross brothers established Notre Dame in 1842.

Now, Saint Mary’s is one of the premier women’s colleges in the nation. But at one point, Saint Mary’s almost stopped existing. In the late 1960s and the early 1970s, Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s discussed merging their two universities. Talks fell through for financial and institutional reasons, and Saint Mary’s remains its own university today.

Saint Mary’s senior Ciara O’Halloran has participated in science classes at Notre Dame,

taking advantage of the co-exchange program that still exists between the two schools.

“Well, my classes at Notre Dame were a lot bigger, so I didn’t know my professors as well as I knew my professors at Saint Mary’s,” O’Halloran said. “I didn’t get to know as many classmates as I did at Saint Mary’s.”

“I guess the nice thing [at Saint Mary’s] was that I knew everybody in the class and I also probably took for granted in some respect that I had the professor for several classes.”

O’Halloran said Notre Dame students were sometimes surprised to find her among their classmates.

“For me, I would find people turn around and [say,] ‘You go to Saint Mary’s? You’re not like I imagined you.’”

“I’m like, ‘What is the stereotype? What is the normal Saint Mary’s student?’”

Notre Dame sophomore Erin Klosterman began her college career at Saint Mary’s, but she transferred to Notre Dame to

pursue her dream — playing volleyball for Notre Dame. Even as she has changed schools, however, she said she sees the difference between Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s as a positive one.

“I definitely think an all-girls education is unique,” Klosterman said. “I think it provides an excellent environment for learning as well as making friendships, and I think it really just allows the girls to go and really feed off each other in an academic environment without having to worry about a lot of other things.”

As she moved from Saint Mary’s to Notre Dame, Klosterman said she really appreciated the environment of a same-sex dorm, so similar to her experience at an all-girls high school and at the College. And when she tells Notre Dame students she has transferred from Saint Mary’s, she said she hasn’t experienced any kind of discrimination.

“I think a lot of people hear about the stereotypes but their actions are based solely on the fact that they’ve heard about a

stereotype but not necessarily that they’ve had a negative experience with a Saint Mary’s girl.”

### Loyal daughters

This weekend, Palomino will direct this year’s “Loyal Daughters and Sons,” a student-run production that focuses on true stories of sexual violence and gender. The production is meant to open dialogue about sexuality, sex and its complexities on a campus like Notre Dame’s — one she said does not do the best job of opening itself to those conversations.

“If you can’t talk about sexuality, how do you talk about bad sexuality, about [good sexuality]?” she said. “How do you determine the difference is there? If all sexuality is bad, if all sex is bad, then what’s the difference between sexual assault and consensual sex?”

“It needs to be a safer place to talk [about] things.”

But Notre Dame has also helped her consider aspects of her own gender and sexuality,

that Palomino had not encountered before.

“I’ve dealt with a lot of gender issues that my friends haven’t at other schools,” she said. “Because I’m not Catholic, I’m at a Catholic school, I’m from the West Coast. It’s a different place. So I’ve thought about things a different way. No one anywhere else has to be curious about whether they can get their birth control pills filled. No one anywhere else wonders if it’s okay to buy condoms. And so I’ve thought about things. And that has helped me to really understand why I believe what I believe, where other people haven’t had to think about that.”

As productions like “Loyal Daughters and Sons” continue, as men and women at Notre Dame continue to learn together, Palomino said she hopes the student body continues to learn to talk together as well.

“I hope it continues to be a conversation,” she said.

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Courtesy of Saint Mary's College

*President Mooney of Saint Mary's graduated first in her class at Notre Dame Law School in 1977.*

## Mooney

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worried about international politics at the time.”

Even though she was not concerned about the potential merger, Mooney made sure to take full advantage of the resources offered on both campuses.

“Even during my undergrad I felt as though I was a part of both schools. My study abroad program in France was a Notre Dame program. At that time I was even issued a Notre Dame ID,” Mooney said. “During my time at Saint Mary’s I used the Notre Dame library quite a bit and I went to the Huddle in La Fortune. At that time the co-exchange was also available so I could take class over there and I did.”

While the non-merger may have not affected Mooney, some of her fellow Belles did find conflict in the matter.

“We finished the year the merger was supposed to happen,” she said. “There were divisions of females that were pleased it was called off and others that were furious.”

When her undergraduate

years were finished, Mooney took the trip across the street to Notre Dame Law School, where she graduated first in her class in 1977. During her time there, she found it more difficult to travel back to Saint Mary’s.

“I had no time in law school,” she said. “I only had time for work.”

After working in Washington, D.C., as an associate attorney for a the law firm Jones, Day, Reavis and Pogue, Mooney returned to South Bend to serve as the Notre Dame vice president and associate provost from 1994 till 2004.

“When I was a faculty member at Notre Dame I used to come over [to Saint Mary’s] and use the library because it is so quiet,” she said. “[At Notre Dame], I was

often one of the few women in the room and here there are few men in the room.”

In June 2004, Mooney became the College’s first lay alumna president. Throughout her term, she has continued to stress the importance of single-sex and faith-based education.

“I still think there is an important role from all-women’s education. For me, I am dedicated to faith based education,” Mooney said. “I am really not interested in higher education where faith is not an element. I really like being in a place where faith and morals are spoken about openly.”

Mooney’s deep roots at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s have allowed her to acquire knowledge from both sides of the street. She said she has gained great friendships and excellent professional relationships with “people from both sides of the road.”

“I am rarely on the Notre Dame campus these days, but the relationships continue,” Mooney said. “At this point, we are much more like friendly neighbors. Obviously when the merger was being talked about there was constant communication. Now, we have good relationships and talk when we need to.”

Mooney, who has co-authored two books, is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and serves on a number of boards, said she will always continue to cherish both educations she received from Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame.

“We are like neighbors that share a driveway,” she said.

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## Africa

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an an important way to learn about how we can make a difference through our advocacy.”

The conference, titled “Justice for Africa — Justice for the World,” will take place at Notre Dame today through Sunday for the second time in the conference’s history.

Dowd said the Africa Faith and Justice Network considered many

factors when it decided to hold the conference at Notre Dame, particularly its position as a leading university.

“To hold a conference at our University is something the AFJN leadership thought would be important because they really wanted the conference to engage young people in the work of AFJN and involve young people to be a part of it,” he said.

Additionally, Dowd said the Congregation of the Holy Cross

is an organizational member of AFJN. Notre Dame also has a student chapter of AFJN.

“Universities are places where people devote themselves to learning and understanding,” Dowd said. “Part of AFJN’s mission is to promote awareness and a greater understanding of the challenges that face the people of Africa.”

The conference will feature several speakers and workshops outlining quality of life issues in

Africa, Dowd said. Emira Woods, co-director of Foreign Policy Institute, will deliver the keynote address this evening.

“It’s a great way to grow in understanding and also begin to explore how we might act in order to promote greater justice in our world,” Dowd said. “I think growing in understanding is the first step.”

The Kellogg Institute, the Center

for Social Concerns, the Holy Cross Mission Center, the Institute for Church Life, the College of Arts and Letters and the Department of Africana Studies are sponsoring the conference.

“I would invite everyone to the conference, especially people who have the slightest interest in Africa and how the U.S. relates to Africa and African countries,” Dowd said.

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## Jazz

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Performance groups from Notre Dame include the University Jazz Band, the Notre Dame New Orleans Brass Band and the Bill Gowans Trio. Bungum said all the groups will bring different interpretations of jazz to their performances, but the event extends beyond the University.

The Alma College Percussion Ensemble, from Alma, Mich. will

open Friday evening’s show, a performance event coordinator Sammy Bungum described as a sure success.

“They’re one of the coolest groups around,” Bungum said. “They’re usually a fan favorite.”

Additionally, Bungum said the Fusion Ensemble from Columbia College in Chicago, Ill., will perform, bringing a unique sound to the festival.

“They play music that’s a little bit different, a little bit more avant-garde,” said Bungum, “but

we’re excited to have them. It’s a different kind of sound, but I think a lot of people will enjoy it.”

Moots said the festival is being promoted as a tradition as well as an opportunity to experience a unique art form. The dorm with the largest student attendance will win free Chipotle.

“It’s one of the oldest traditions here at Notre Dame, a school that’s all about tradition,” Moots said. “This used to be, and still is, a premier festival and an exposition of jazz itself.”

“[Students can] see a side of things you typically don’t see; there’s going to be something for everyone.”

Bungum said students can realize the legacy of jazz and the effects it has on contemporary music, especially hip-hop.

“The music isn’t necessarily going to all reflect old-time jazz, some of it will, some of it won’t,” he said. “[The festival] shows the progression of the art form and that it still is alive.”

Bungum said the festival

should be enjoyed by a large audience, not just the jazz enthusiast.

“For me, I love watching the Olympics because you get to see people who are the best at what they do,” he said. “The groups coming, they have some of the best players; I think whether you enjoy jazz or not, you can enjoy people who are good at what they do.”

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## VATICAN CITY

# Benedict XVI finishes final day of papacy



**Pope Benedict XVI delivers his final papal address Thursday. He will become the Church’s first pope emeritus.**

### Associated Press

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy — As bells tolled and the clock struck eight, the brass-studded wooden doors swung shut Thursday at this palace in the Italian hills, marking an end to Benedict XVI’s papacy and the start of his final journey as a “simple pilgrim.”

Capping a day of tearful farewells that included an extraordinary pledge of obedience to his successor, Benedict entered history as the first pope in 600 years to resign — leaving the Catholic Church in unprecedented limbo and ending a pontificate shaped by struggles to move beyond clerical sex abuse scandals and reawaken Christianity in an indifferent world.

On Benedict’s last day, the mood was vastly different inside the Vatican than at Castel Gandolfo, the 17th-century papal retreat set in the hills south of Rome, where he will spend

the first two months of his retirement.

At the seat of the popes, Benedict’s staff bade the pontiff goodbye in scenes of dignified solemnity, with Swiss Guards in full regalia and prelates kneeling to kiss his papal ring one last time.

A livelier atmosphere reigned in the countryside, with well-wishers jamming the hilltop town’s main square, shouting “Viva il Papa!” and waving the yellow and white flags of the Holy See.

Cheers went up as the 85-year-old Benedict stepped out onto the palace balcony and, arms outstretched, declared his papacy was nearing the end.

“I am simply a pilgrim beginning the last leg of his pilgrimage on this Earth,” he said. Then giving a final blessing, he declared: “Grazie e buona notte” — “Thank you and good night” in Italian.

It was a remarkable bookend

to a papacy that began on April 19, 2005, with a similarly meek speech delivered from the loggia overlooking St. Peter’s Square, where the newly elected Benedict said he was but a “simple humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord.”

Over his eight-year papacy, Benedict tried to set the church on a more traditional course, convinced that all the ills afflicting it — sexual abuse, dwindling numbers of priests and empty pews — were a result of a misreading of the reforms of the Second Vatican Council.

His successor is likely to follow in his footsteps, given that the vast majority of the 115 cardinals who will elect the next pope were appointed by Benedict himself and share his conservative bent.

For the time being, the governance of the church shifts to Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the camerlengo, or chamberlain, who along with the College of Cardinals will guide the church and make plans starting Monday for the conclave to elect the 266th leader of the world’s 1.2 billion Catholics.

One of Bertone’s first acts was to lock the papal apartment inside the Vatican. In another task steeped in symbolism, he will ensure that Benedict’s papal ring and seal are destroyed.

Benedict’s journey into retirement began with a final audience with his cardinals, where he sought to defuse concerns about his future role and the possible conflicts arising from having both a reigning and a retired pope living side-by-side inside the Vatican.

“Among you is also the future pope, whom I today promise

my unconditional reverence and obedience,” Benedict told the cardinals.

Benedict’s decision to live at the Vatican in retirement, wear the white cassock associated with the papacy and be called “emeritus pope” and “Your Holiness,” rather than revert back to his birth name, Joseph Ratzinger, has deepened concerns about the shadow he might cast over the next pope.

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# Military officials pursue WikiLeaks case in court

Army private pleads guilty to distributing classified material online, military seeks life sentence

Associated Press

FORT MEADE, Md. — Bradley Manning, the Army private arrested in the biggest leak of classified material in U.S. history, pleaded guilty Thursday to charges that could send him to prison for 20 years, saying he was trying to expose the American military’s “bloodlust” and disregard for human life in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Military prosecutors said they plan to move forward with a court-martial on 12 remaining charges against him, including aiding the enemy, which carries a potential life sentence.

“I began to become depressed at the situation we found ourselves mired in year after year. In attempting counterinsurgency operations, we became obsessed with capturing and killing human targets on lists,” the 25-year-old former intelligence analyst in Baghdad told a military judge.

He added: “I wanted the public to know that not everyone living in Iraq were targets to be neutralized.”

It was the first time Manning directly admitted leaking the material to the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks and detailed the frustrations that led him to do it.

The slightly built soldier from Crescent, Okla., read from a 35-page statement through his wire-rimmed glasses for more than an hour. He spoke quickly and evenly, showing little emotion even when he described how troubled he was by what he had seen.

The judge, Col. Denise Lind, accepted his plea to 10 charges involving illegal possession or distribution of classified material. Manning was allowed to plead guilty under military regulations instead of federal espionage law, which knocked the potential sentence down from 92 years.

He will not be sentenced until his court-martial on the other charges is over.

Manning admitted sending hundreds of thousands of Iraq and Afghanistan battlefield reports, State Department diplomatic cables, other classified records and two battlefield video clips to WikiLeaks in 2009

and 2010. WikiLeaks posted some of the material, embarrassing the U.S. and its allies.

He said he was disturbed by the conduct of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and the way American troops treated the populace. He said he did not believe the release of the information he downloaded onto a thumb drive would harm the U.S.

“I believed that if the general public, especially the American public, had access to the information ... this could spark a domestic debate on the role of the military and our foreign policy in general,” Manning said.

Manning said he was appalled by 2007 combat video of an assault by a U.S. helicopter that killed 11 men, including a Reuters news photographer. The Pentagon concluded the troops mistook the camera equipment for weapons.

“The most alarming aspect of the video to me was the seemingly delightful bloodlust the aerial weapons team happened to have,” Manning said, adding that the soldiers’ actions “seemed similar to a child torturing ants with a magnifying

glass.”

As for the State Department cables, he said they “documented backdoor deals and criminality that didn’t reflect the so-called leader of the free world.”

“I thought these cables were a prime example of the need for a more open diplomacy,” Manning said. “I believed that these cables would not damage the United States. However, I believed these cables would be embarrassing.”

The battlefield reports were the first documents Manning decided to leak. He said he sent them to WikiLeaks after contacting The Washington Post and The New York Times. He said he felt a reporter at the Post didn’t take him seriously, and a message he left for news tips at the Times was not returned.

Times spokeswoman Eileen Murphy said Thursday of the purported phone call: “This is news to us.”

The Obama administration has said the release of the documents threatened valuable military and diplomatic sources and strained America’s

relations with other governments. The administration has aggressively pursued people accused of leaking classified material, and Manning’s is the highest-profile case.

Manning has been embraced by some left-leaning activists as a whistle-blowing hero whose actions exposed war crimes and helped trigger the Middle Eastern pro-democracy uprisings known as the Arab Spring in 2010. He has spent more than 1,000 days in custody.

The soldier told the court that he corresponded online with someone he believed to be WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange but never confirmed the person’s identity.

WikiLeaks has been careful never to confirm or deny Manning was the source of the documents.

Reached by telephone in Britain on Thursday, Assange would not say whether he had any dealings with Manning but called him a political prisoner and said his prosecution was part of an effort by the U.S. to clamp down on criticism of its military and foreign policy.

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## INSIDE COLUMN

An editor's  
farewell

**Allan Joseph**  
Editor-in-Chief

I've been lucky enough to have had an eventful term as Editor-in-Chief, a term which ends with this edition of the paper. There's been a fruitful debate over LGBTQ rights on campus and a football season unlike any other in a long and proud tradition. There's been a presidential election, and we've marked the 40th year of coeducation at Notre Dame. When I reflect on these stories and so many more, I'm struck by one thought: Stories matter.

Over the last year, our best stories have put faces on events. They've added voices to debates. They've brought forth the impact an administrative policy can have on real people.

That's what journalism is supposed to do — tell stories. Stories will never go away, and that's why journalism will never go away. It might look different years from now, but it'll still be telling stories. That's our job.

The countless stories of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities have been my driving force for the last year. They've been both complex and simple, national and local, uplifting and saddening. Through it all, they've been the best part of my job, and they're what I'll miss the most when I hand my office over.

On Monday, you'll hear from our incoming Editor-in-Chief. He's got big plans for his term, and he's got an immensely talented group of leaders behind him. As for our crop of editors, I'm proud to say we accomplished many of our own lofty goals — this new design, for one — but left more for the next group of leaders. Yet while each spring new editors begin to change, tweak and improve The Observer, one thing will never change: We'll keep telling stories.

There are so many untold stories behind the stories you read, and many of them took place in our newsroom. Countless people have made our storytelling possible. To Deb, Megan, Andrew, Sam and the rest of the staff, thank you. It's been an absolute thrill working with you.

Thanks to the people who helped me write my own story. From my family to the editors who came before me, from Emily to the roommates who kept me sane, thank you too. I'll have a lot more free time to spend with you next week. I promise.

And most of all, thanks to you, the reader. Thanks for looking to us for coverage of an eventful year on campus and around the world. Thanks for picking us up every day, whether in the dining hall or online from somewhere around the world. And thanks for reading our stories.

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## THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

State Road 933 is just a stretch of concrete, just two lanes of local traffic in each direction, just a road.

But State Road 933 also acts as a physical divide between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, and the divide is much wider than four lanes of asphalt.

This week, The Observer has published a series titled "Her Loyal Daughters," a five-day stretch of stories to mark the 40th anniversary of coeducation at Notre Dame. We have written about a possible merger between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's in the early 1970s, when both were single-sex universities. We have written about the memories of the first women on this campus and their male classmates. We have written about the men and women who walk down Notre Dame Avenue and the Avenue at Saint Mary's today.

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have been neighbors since the mid-1840s. Holy Cross sisters founded the College in 1844, just two years after Holy Cross priests began Notre Dame in 1842. A co-exchange program developed between the two schools in the mid-20th century so students at each college could capitalize on the resources of the other. A merger made sense. But we've heard it again and again this week: "I'm glad the merger fell through." Graduates of both schools have expressed thanks for their unique degrees.

University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh wanted Notre Dame to become a top Catholic research university, a distinctive voice in higher education. It made sense to search for the brightest minds in the country to achieve that goal, and that search needed to include women. So Notre Dame went coed and today is a top-25 university.

When Notre Dame and Saint Mary's discussed a possible merger, there were more than 300 women's colleges around the nation. It has been 40 years since those talks failed, and there are now fewer than 100 women's colleges in the United States. Fewer than 40 of those schools have a Catholic identity. Saint Mary's has built itself on the goal of providing strong liberal arts and a Catholic education for women, and it is both one of the top 100 liberal arts colleges and one of the premier women's colleges in America.

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have different missions, but both excel. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have different strengths, but both graduate top-tier students. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are on different sides of State Road 933, but are neighbors.

So why does that narrow strip of concrete often feel like a gulf between us?

We all know the stereotypes. Notre Dame women aren't as pretty as Saint Mary's women, but they're smarter under the Dome. Saint Mary's women are easy. We throw the word "slut" around without a second thought. Notre Dame men who strike out with their female peers on this campus can easily find a "Smick Chick." We ride the "Sluttle."

These stereotypes are disgraceful, inaccurate and

uninformed. And we — men and women, Saint Mary's and Notre Dame — are responsible for allowing them to continue. We perpetrate them without considering their consequences. We laugh at jokes on the annual Zahm House ticket for student body president and vice president about a monorail between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, so women could more easily find their way to men's dorms. Debate about Saint Mary's students' chances in the BCS National Championship Game ticket lottery became really nasty, really quickly.

It starts with freshman orientation. Frosh-O welcomes new students to school traditions, but it also sets the tone for dorm and gender relationships on campus. Women's dorms serenade men's dorms, and men escort female students on "dates" to various brother-sister dorm events. But freshmen generally don't collaborate with other dorms of their same gender, and the first time Saint Mary's women enter the mix is on the sweaty dance floor at Domerfest, taken aback by the misperceptions they often face. Freshman orientation does not foster positive relationships between Notre Dame students and their own gender outside the immediate dorm community, and it definitely doesn't introduce Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students in a setting that encourages them to form friendships. There is awkwardness to this structure, a sense of competition among one gender for members of the other.

It starts with freshman orientation, but it continues beyond that first weekend. How many Notre Dame students have walked up the Avenue? How many Notre Dame students avail themselves of the classes we can take at Saint Mary's? How many Saint Mary's students eat after club meetings or band practice in the dining hall at Notre Dame, where obtaining a co-exchange meal is unnecessarily difficult?

How many students have thought about the jokes we pass to younger students, the flippant comments we make and their consequences?

Administrators and students at both schools should remember this era of coeducation and return to its original principles — Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are two schools, on two different sides of the road, striving to accomplish two different missions. We are different, not better.

Let us drive the administration to reform the freshman orientation experience and set a more positive tone for gender relations.

Let us build a sense of sisterhood not just in our individual dorms, but also between all female students.

Let us demand more convenient options to share meals together and to travel from Notre Dame to Saint Mary's.

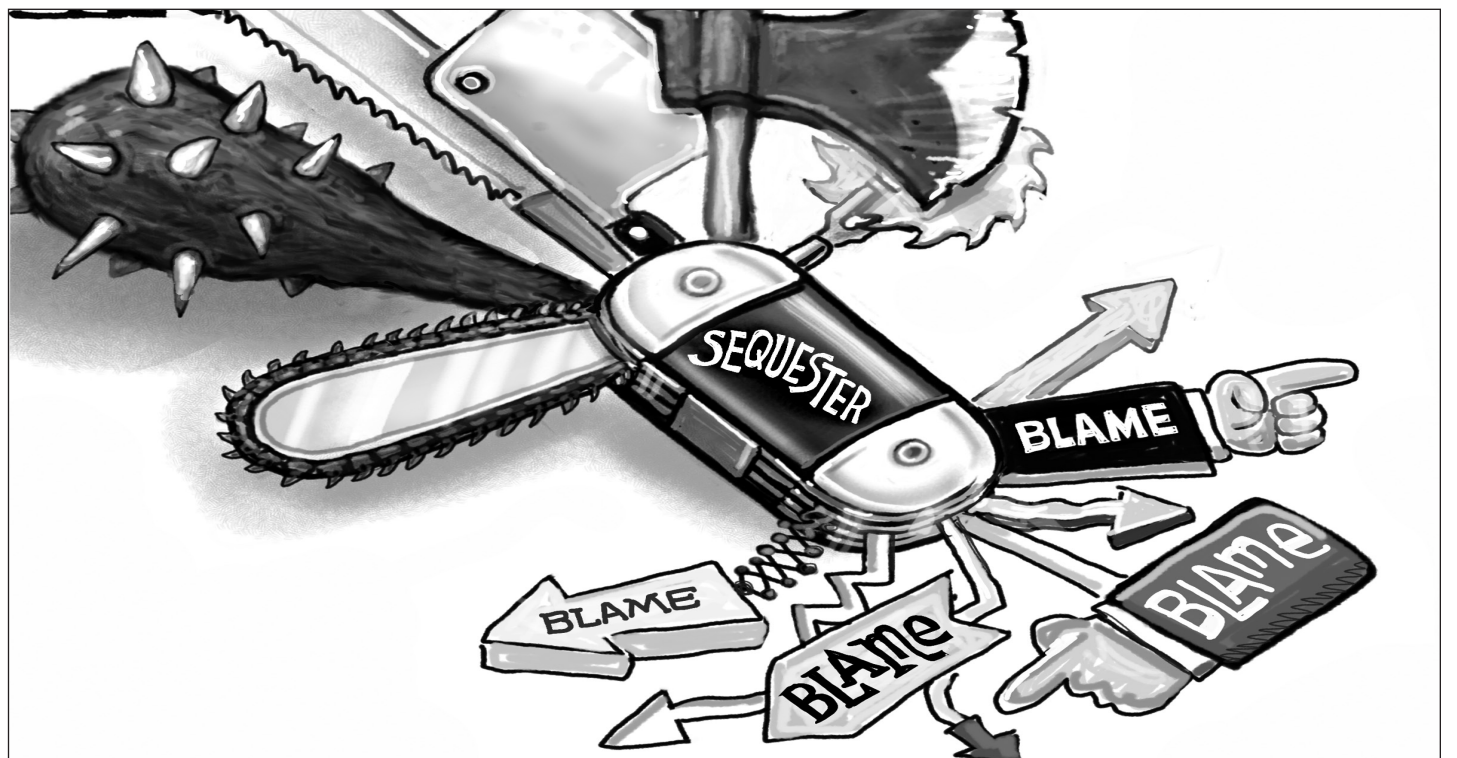
Let us foster collaboration between clubs, between those studying abroad in the same cities from different schools and between individuals studying similar subjects.

Let us rid our language of terms like "slut."

Let us embrace coeducation in the best sense of the word — a community of men and women, studying together, learning with and from each other.

Let us make this road we travel down together into a two-way street.

## EDITORIAL CARTOON



# Please sequester our penchant for stupidity

**Gary Caruso**

Capitol Comments

The \$85 billion of automatic, massive and indiscriminate budgetary cuts across the federal government, our so-called “sequestration” of funding, triggered at midnight and is scheduled to continue through September. Designed as a draconian meat cleaver way to force congressional Democrats and Republicans to agree on solutions reducing the deficit, the measure was sadly not too extreme to fail. The congressional lawmakers’ impasse leaves many to wonder why.

Warnings have abounded since sequestration’s inception in 2011. Republicans, ever eager to oppose Obama ideas, blame the president for devising the sequestration scheme. Yet House GOP members — still living in their fantasy world that collapsed on Mitt Romney last November — wrongly believe that although they personally passed sequestration, the consequences fall on the president for thinking of the idea. GOP intransigence relies on a denial of complicity: “Don’t blame me. I did not rob the bank. I only drove the getaway car.”

Months ago, the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimated that sequestration would cost the overall economy 750,000 jobs within a year. Testifying on Tuesday before a congressional committee, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke (an appointee of former president, George W. Bush) urged lawmakers to avoid sharp spending cuts, which he warned

could create a “significant headwind” against our economic recovery. The Pentagon notified 800,000 workers last week to expect furloughs — both contractors and government staff — effectively reducing their salaries for six months by 20 percent starting today. So why does such seemingly tone deafness echo on Capitol Hill?

Simply put, in their fictional GOP world, most representatives from safely gerrymandered Republican districts oppose President Obama as sport. Their political games are void of fiscal or historical fact, oftentimes riddled with simple slogans and well-worn lies. They rely on such popular untruths as Newt Gingrich’s “economic fact” coined in the 1990s alleging taxing the rich reduces job growth. They support their mindless chatter through their American idol, Ronald Reagan, using mere legend rather than a study in historical governance.

Their fantasyville tales become absurdly opposite and devoid of the facts. Historically, Reagan raised taxes nearly a dozen times — two collectively were the largest in history at the time — on Social Security and gasoline while closing tax shelters and other loopholes to reduce the deficit, at the time averaging 18.2 percent of gross domestic product (GDP). Reagan’s public debt tripled from \$712 billion in 1980 to \$2.052 trillion in 1988, jumping from 26 to 41 percent of GDP. Ironically, Obama haters hate to acknowledge Obama outperforming Reagan on public debt. The CBO reports this year’s deficit will be \$641 billion, down \$500 billion from last year’s nearly \$1.2 trillion level. The CBO further shows federal spending in 2009 when

Obama entered office was 25.2 percent of GDP. It shrunk to 22.8 percent last year and is projected to fall to 21.5 percent at the end of Obama’s term in 2017.

Notwithstanding experts, non-partisan forecasts or current, concrete examples of the double-dip recessions suffered by European nations that have adopted extreme austerity measures, the GOP considers deficit reduction only through the prism of spending cuts. House Speaker John Boehner and House Republicans are fixated solely on reducing the debt through governmental cuts rather than fixing the economy based on proven historical principles. Keynesian economics, for example, recognizes active government intervention in the marketplace and monetary policy as the best method to support employment, ensure economic growth and create stability, especially during recessionary downturns. When the House GOP disregards established principles for their slogans, they are like the ship, Californian, watching the distress flares of the Titanic without understanding or initiating any timely actions.

The GOP salivates at any opportunity to initiate their long-time obsession of decimating governmental functions. They refuse to acknowledge that under President Obama’s watch, federal taxes sunk to their lowest levels since the 1950s. The federal deficit also steadily decreased to currently four percent of GDP, about the level when Reagan left office after Reagan’s peak of six percent in 1983.

So it begs the question, “At what point do we label our elected officials stupid for ignoring basic historical economic

principles stripped of rhetorical spin?” Obviously mere historical facts will not convince them. They do not study how our Civil War or either World War national debts were paid down. They could care less that Republicans cut some World War II taxes yet reduced the debt by a third through other taxes or that we survived our all-time World War II high of 113 percent of GDP debt through economic expansion, not with increased taxes. In fact, by 1962, just 17 years after the war, WWII debt had been reduced back to the pre-war 1934 level.

The only way to educate the GOP is through cruel, calculated and cold-hearted cuts in their own backyards — the opposite of Keynesian economics can offer another shocking punch like last November’s election eve. The president should surgically exact massive federal cuts in gerrymandered Republican districts to force GOP members out of their current stupor.

Speaker Boehner last Monday announced, “Well, Mr. President, you got your tax increase. It’s time to cut spending here in Washington.”

The president should answer, “Fine, we’ll begin in your district.”

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## (Political) science and faith

**Jack Rooney**

The Liberal Medium

Aside from the whole no meat on Fridays thing, I really love Lent. Lent always coincides with some of the busiest days of my year, but it also provides a constant reminder to keep my life centered on God and to place my trust and faith in him. Lent, in my opinion, is also the best time for reflection. This Lent, my reflective thoughts repeatedly return to the one issue I struggle with most: reconciling my faith with my political beliefs.

As a liberal I am frequently led to believe, through the media and occasionally in person, that some of my specific political beliefs are not only wrong, but also immoral. As a Catholic, I constantly struggle with these implications and search for some source of reconciliation between these two sets of beliefs I hold so close to my heart. I struggle with going to mass and hearing a homily in which the priest tells me that if my political views don’t line up with Catholic social teaching, then my conscience wasn’t formed correctly. I struggle with seeing prominent Catholics who should be my role models denying adoption rights to loving and capable gay couples and pontificating on the immorality of a healthcare law that would help millions of people who desperately need it. More than anything though, I struggle with the notion that a Republican vote is a vote for

Jesus and a Democratic vote is a vote against him.

Despite it all, I still believe and still argue, in order to be good, conscious Christians, we must be liberal. Welfare, for example, falls under frequent attack from conservatives, who claim people abuse the system. It was Jesus, though, who said in the Gospel of Matthew, “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Some may argue this is a call for charity and not government-run welfare, but charity alone cannot help the poorest among us receive the equal opportunity all Americans should claim as their birthright.

As Catholics, we must also advocate for workers and defend their right to organize and receive fair pay. As the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church states, workers have “the right to a just wage ... [and] the right to assemble and form associations.” The Compendium also states that workers have “the right to appropriate subsidies that are necessary for the subsistence of unemployed workers and their families,” which sounds remarkably similar to the unemployment insurance Republicans tried to drastically reduce in 2011.

Furthermore, we as Catholics must defend the basic human rights of immigrants, especially those who come from the most abject of circumstances. Pope John Paul II, on World Migration Day in 1996, said we should look beyond the law when it comes

to illegal immigration and recognize and respect the humanity and dignity of all immigrants.

All of these examples show that in order to be good Catholics acting with Christ as our guide, we must, at least to some extent, be liberal. And while I’m on my liberal soapbox, I might as well drift out into far left field. Brace yourselves. For those on the Christian right who believe capitalism is unfailing and entirely just, I should remind you that the early Christian Church was a communal society (Acts 2 and 4, people. Read up). And for those who argue homosexuality is a sin, I should remind you Jesus never once addressed homosexuality one way or the other. And for the love of God, will the right-wing hacks who claim this country was founded on Judeo-Christian values please pick up a high school history book. Perhaps more than anything, though, I must argue that conservatives in this country cannot monopolize morality because there are millions of faithful, compassionate liberals who work just as hard to bring the justice of God into the world.

All of these issues, however, are drastically overshadowed and forgotten because most liberals, including me, believe when it comes to abortion, the decision rests with women. Don’t get me wrong, I believe life begins at conception and I believe each abortion in this country is a tragedy and, to some extent, a sin. We must recognize, however, that the choice for a woman to abort a pregnancy or

not is one of the most excruciatingly difficult decisions anyone will ever have to make. I pray each and every day for women who must face this decision and I pray they make the decision that is best for them and the life inside of them. I cannot, however, bring myself to impose my views on these women because I will never find myself in their position, and therefore cannot even begin to understand it. I find Vice President Joe Biden, one of the nation’s most prominent Catholics, sums up my position perfectly by saying, “My religion defines who I am ... but ... I do not believe that we have a right to tell other people that women can’t control their body.”

The Viewpoint page of The Observer can’t even begin to allow me to describe my internal struggle with faith and politics, though. This issue is something I will contemplate and question for the rest of my life. In the meantime, I along with anyone in a similar position should find comfort in the words of Thomas Merton, who wrote, “My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end ... But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.”

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# Midterm Madness:

## *Stress Relievers*

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As I sit at my three-by-three cubicle in the library trying to crank out that eight page paper worth almost half of my grade, getting ideas from the love proclamations and scribbled out curse words engraved on the four-decade-old desk, I refuse to look around me because of how depressing the sight will be. There will be an engineer to my left, pulling out his or her hair over a programming assignment, a political science major slaving over a 50-page reading assignment and the guaranteed table of business majors arguing over a group project and cramming for a 6 p.m. exam. Basically, the two weeks before spring break are completely occupied with endless tests and papers, leaving everyone stressed and miserable.

In case you are not yet of age to relieve your stress with an oversized glass of wine, you are probably looking for an alternative way to clear your mind. Lucky for you, I have compiled a list of some of the best stress relievers out there, perfect for anyone looking to

take their mind off the daunting to-do list during midterms week.

**The catnap:** What better way to rid your stress that to catch up on some much-needed sleep for 30 minutes in between classes. As long as you aren't one of those people who need 17 alarms, a screaming roommate and a bucket of cold water poured on your face to wake you up on time, you will be able to nap and wake up rejuvenated and ready to study without needing gallons of coffee.

**Old-fashioned Nintendo 64:** Trade in the Xbox 360 for your five-pound game console from 1996, untangle the chords to your multi-colored rumble-pack-equipped controllers and take your pick from the array of Mario-themed games with horrible graphics and obnoxious music. A quick lap around Moo Moo Farm in Mario Kart is the perfect five-minute study break, so start your engines, on your mark, get set, go.

**Yoga:** Even if you have never done a single downward dog in your life, there is no better way to get rid of that hunched-over back ache than to do some physical activity. Yoga also involves a lot of lying down and closing

your eyes, which is very similar to No. 1 on this list, but can still be categorized as exercise. In case you don't happened to live in McGlinn Hall like I do and have a yoga teacher coming to instruct a group lesson this Saturday, you will have to look elsewhere for some guidelines. Roll out your mat and YouTube a 20-minute yoga video to straighten out your slouched posture. You will feel relaxed and stress-free, at least until you dive back into your studying.

**Netflix:** Warning: to participate in this stress reliever you must have an enormous amount of self-control, because starting a new series on Netflix can be fatal during midterms week due to its addictive nature. However, picking one of the instant watch movies from the somewhat-slim collection provides the perfect hour-and-a-half break during an intense study session. Save the series for your free time over spring break when it's completely acceptable to devote an entire day to the watching the complete second season of "Friday Night Lights" for the fourth time.

**Spa treatment:** Ok ladies, this one might be skewed toward us, but hey,

guys can get massages too. If you missed the free manicures, pedicures and massages in LaFortune on Thursday, that doesn't mean you can't still take advantage of these excellent stress relievers. Even though it requires some cash, Eddy Street Commons has a nail salon that will take away your stress, at least during the 30y-minute mani/pedi.

**Food:** Nothing says "I have been hopelessly studying for hours" like some greasy Domino's pizza or a heap of Golden Dragon fried rice with an egg roll on the side. Don't feel guilty about spending the extra money on a meal out or eating that extra slice of pepperoni, you deserve it. Top it off with a trip to Let's Spoon – if you're lucky enough you will have the name of the day and get free fro-yo.

Instead of wasting your study breaks on Facebook and Twitter, reading complaint after complaint in statuses and tweets about how stressed everyone is, try some of these fun and relaxing stress relievers to take your mind away from your work, even if just for a few minutes. Go Irish, Beat Midterms!

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# Why Does Everyone Hate Anne Hathaway?



By **SAM STRYKER**  
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She's an Oscar-winning actress. She's naturally beautiful. She grew up in the spotlight and is now happily married. Arguably, her most famous role to date was playing a Disney princess.

Yet somehow, Anne Hathaway is the most hated woman in America.

Alright, so that statement is a bit of an exaggeration. But if you were on Twitter while watching the Oscars ceremonies, the vitriolic statements being made about Hathaway as soon as she stepped on the red carpet would make her seem more like a puppy killer and less like an award-winning actress.

Confession: I'm not an Anne Hathaway fan. I honestly think all the venomous insults thrown her way are comical. But at the same time, the spiteful behavior directed her way has to have some basis in reason.

Naturally as the investigative reporter I am, I took it upon myself to unearth what makes Anne Hathaway such an easy target for America's ire.

The simple answer: She's too perfect.

It sounds like a cop-out answer, but it isn't. I'm not saying people are jealous of Hathaway because she is so perfect. Yes,

she does have it all — husband, healthy career, good looks. But she doesn't do anything in an "awesome" way. She's basic.

Hathaway is sort of like the annoying girl in class who always does the reading, always come prepared and always talks during the class. Even the teacher gets tired of her sometimes. She has no clue how crazy she drives everyone else in the class.

Meanwhile, you woke up 10 minutes before class — in the outfit you wore to Fever last night. That's how America feels about Anne Hathaway.

It's sad in a way, because Hathaway's career in a way has gotten worse just as it has gotten better. She captured our hearts in her role as Mia Thermopolis in "The Princess Diaries." In that movie, she was quirky, funny and relatable. She had her imperfections, but she was also a princess.

But as Hathaway chose more challenging roles and became more devoted to her craft, she started to drive us insane. Her role as a recovering addict in "Rachel Getting Married" won her critical acclaim. It also was perhaps the most uncomfortable performance in easily the most miserable movie I have ever seen. She got dominated by Meryl

Streep in "The Devil Wears Prada" (but then again, who could ever match up to Meryl?) and she showed up in "The Dark Knight Rises" this past summer in a slightly miscast role as Catwoman.

But the final straw was her turn as the dying prostitute Fantine in "Les Misérables." Disclosure: I thought "Les Mis" was an awful contender in the Best Picture category. It was loud, it was long and clunky. I felt like I was being hit over the head with a brick for nearly three hours while watching it. There wasn't anything new or compelling about "Les Mis."

Hathaway wasn't onscreen very long in the movie — spoiler alert: disease-ridden prostitutes don't have very long lifespans — yet the role earned her Best Supporting Actress at Sunday's Academy Awards. Hathaway was widely praised for her supposedly tear-inducing rendition of "I Dreamed a Dream" in the film. In all honesty, Susan Boyle sang a better version when she first appeared on "Britain's Got Talent." Hathaway sang it because she is a perfectionist and wanted to win an Oscar. Boyle sang it because she was a frumpy 50-year old cat lady who had never been kissed. Who would you rather root for.

When Hathaway stepped on stage to

accept her award, the first thing she said was "It came true," as if she were shocked to be winning an award she had been the front-runner in for months. Um, sorry to burst your bubble Anne, but if you truly were surprised about winning, you were the only person in the room who felt that way. Sally Field, who was also nominated for the award, made an appearance in a skit with host Seth McFarlane earlier in the evening where the two went on a tryst because even Field admitted she knew Hathaway would win.

It's that false modesty that really bothered me. Apparently Hathaway practiced the speech beforehand to stave off the Hatha-haters that make her life so miserable. And she still failed; delivering a speech that came across as fake.

It's sort of funny that we live in a world where the actress who stumbles onto stage and admits to taking a shot before walking into the pressroom (Hey, Jennifer Lawrence!) is revered while Hathaway, who is glossy and seemingly without imperfections aside being an insufferable know-it-all is lambasted.

But Anne, I'll take you back if you say "Sorry" with M&M's spelled out over a pizza.

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# Real Housewives of New York

By **COURTNEY COX**  
Scene Editor

I never quite got into "The Real Housewives of Orange County", but once Bethenny Frankel entered my world as the snarky and witty singleton on "The Real Housewives of New York" I was hooked on the entire franchise.

I couldn't help myself. This series filled with menopausal dramatics and vino galore brought me both so much thrilling anxiety that I couldn't look away.

From the seemingly classy "Real Housewives of New York" like Countess Luann de Lesseps to the incredibly ethnic Manzo clan on the "Real Housewives of New Jersey," I loved to watch and judge them all.

The series seemed so glamorous but Ina staged the way. We knew that these stars were not the truly wealthiest members of their social circles, but we still fixated on them nonetheless.

That is until the introduction of the most lavish series of the entire franchise — "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills."

These women have real money, and I was floored from the beginning that

they could live so ornately. Perhaps the most fascinating of all the Beverly Hills Billionaires is Lisa Vanderpump.

The saucy Brit was so popular in the first two seasons for her tongue-in-cheek commentary and wry wit.

She also lived like a princess. Her house is filled with roses and rosé at all times. Her husband Ken is always at her beck and call, and even Giggy, her tiny Pomeranian with alopecia, is dripping in diamonds.

She runs two of Beverly Hills' hippest restaurants, Villa Blanca and Sur.

Villa Blanca is the classy white washed upscale restaurant popular with the "ladies who lunch" set and Sur is the trendy West Hollywood restaurant that Lisa describes as being the place you "take your mistress."

I marveled at the spectacle Lisa produced in organizing her only daughter Pandora's wedding to former South Bend townie Jason, and I continue to love Lisa on this year's season of the "Real Housewives," despite her unlikely alliance with the slightly trashy Brandi Glanville.

Much like the newest addition to the "Beverly Hills" cast, Yolanda Foster, Lisa cuts through the pettiness of the

bickering cast with her European bluntness and refusal to scream like a child at another grown woman.

This adoration of Lisa led me to embrace her newest venture on Bravo — "Vanderpump Rules."

The television show followed the staff of Sur as they navigate their incestuous romantic relationships and pursuit of fame in a town where everyone is trying to get their big break.

While Lisa initially drew me in, I stayed for the salacious storylines and unceasing dramatics.

The season started off introducing audiences to the most vile of all casts. No one in sight seemed to be good-natured and both the men and women were compulsively obsessed with their physical appearance.

Arguably the stars of the show, Jax and Stassi are seemingly the power couple of Sur. Jax is a model and Stassi is a fashion blogger — but neither profession pays the bills enough for them to quit their jobs as a bartender and a waitress.

They get in fights constantly because of Jax's wandering eye and Stassi's mistrust. They fight in the restaurant, in Vegas and even on a parade float in the middle of a gay pride parade. They

are dysfunctional even in their best moments.

At their worst they decide to part ways after allegations of infidelity and spend the rest of the season attempting to hurt each other by beginning relationships with different staff members at Sur.

Stassi's friend Laura Leigh becomes enamored with Jax's smooth talking antics and betrays her friend by starting a very public flirtation with him in front of Stassi.

Laura Leigh's ultra-high voice and neurotic demeanor is beyond entertaining in its own right and made for one heck of a season's end.

Stassi ping-pongs back and forth between Jax and his fellow bartender Frank. When Frank is fired at Sur for disrespecting a customer, Stassi realizes she might have only been into him out of convenience's sake and they fizzle out.

The cast will no doubt attempt to capitalize on their Bravolebrity status to skyrocket them to fame, but after a such a juicy season my only wish is that they never become famous enough to quit their day jobs.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

# Phelps made his sport matter



Mary Green  
Sports Writer

*Editor's note: This is the fifth in a 12-part series discussing the defining sportsman (or woman) of this century. Here, Mary Green argues for Michael Phelps. Join the discussion on Twitter by using #DefiningSportsman*

On the evening of August 11, 2008, millions of Americans were tuned into the same channel, watching the same sporting event and, above all, yelling at their TV screens.

No, they weren't watching a late-season push for the playoffs in the MLB. It wasn't a preseason NFL game, with fans eager to see promising draft picks and new offseason acquisitions. Instead, it was a swimming race.

But now that I say that, you know exactly what I'm talking about: the men's 400-meter freestyle relay at the Beijing Olympics. For the first three legs of the race, it seemed as though Michael Phelps's quest for a record eight Olympic gold medals would inevitably end at the hands of Alain Bernard and his haughty French squad.

Enter Jason Lezak, who swims the fastest split in history in that relay and barely out-touches the Frenchman next to him, playing hero that night by preserving history in the making for Phelps.

His teammates in the Water Cube hooted and hollered as they saw the number one flash on the board next to the name "USA," and Americans across the country celebrated with them.

So now I ask you: before Phelps had burst onto the international sports scene, would you have cared that much about a swim race?

For most people, the answer would probably be no. But Phelps changed all of that. With his riveting attempt to capture eight gold medals in Beijing and outpace Mark Spitz's seven-gold medal heroics of the 1972 Munich Games, Phelps captivated a countless number of people around the world.

You didn't have to be an American to follow his spellbinding storyline. You didn't even have to be a sports fan. With appearances on the covers of popular magazines such as Time and GQ and feature segments on every national news show, it would have been difficult to not know who Phelps was that summer.

Phelps was the talk of the Beijing Games. While Misty May and Kerri Walsh dominated on the sand and Nastia Liukin tumbled her way to an all-around gold, viewers still wanted to know, 'When is Michael's next race?'

Even the pettiest Phelps-related headlines grabbed our attention. His unbelievably calorie-laden breakfast. His trademark

headphones that he donned before every race. His mother's new sponsorship with women's outfitter Chico's.

But Phelps's star still shined brightly after Beijing. Of course, there was that particular set of pictures that drew national scrutiny, but he admitted to making a mistake and apologized, showing that he still was the endearing Baltimore boy that Americans grew to love.

He took some time off from the pool the next year, and we said 'good for him, he deserves it.' It's difficult to imagine a similar reaction if James or Tom Brady decided to do the same, but then again, Phelps is in a league of his own.

A few years passed with Phelps continuing his success in international meets while a possible rival emerged for the 2012 London Games in Ryan Lochte, preparing Americans for what was sure to be a fantastic string of showdowns at the next Olympics.

Then the most shocking turn of events occurred when Phelps announced he would retire from swimming after London. This set the stage for a thrilling goodbye tour that saw Phelps claim six more medals, four of them gold, to become the most decorated Olympian of all time and arguably the greatest athlete the world has ever seen.

Scoff if you want at that last statement and say that Jim Thorpe or Muhammad Ali or Michael Jordan is really the best. But think about it. Phelps competed in one of the most grueling sports in the world, a sport in which participants use nearly every muscle in their bodies while simultaneously holding their breath for extended periods. He completed exhausting workouts day after day, and he perfected his stroke and his timing through an infinite number of kicks, turns, starts and finishes. And he dominated in the pool like no other swimmer ever had or ever will.

Michael Phelps became the face of an entire sport and dramatically increased that sport's popularity around the country.

Prior to Phelps, would you have expected a swimmer to make the "SportsCenter" Top 10 ever? Would you have considered a swimmer worthy of the title of "Sports Illustrated" Sportsman of the Year or Associated Press Athlete of the Year, twice?

Would you have even read this article, one entirely about a swimmer, before Michael Phelps?

Then who better to be named the most defining sportsman of the 21st century?

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MLB

# Marlins, Astros struggle to find spring hope

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Spring training is supposed to be a time of hope.

Unless you're the Houston Astros. Or the Miami Marlins.

With no-name rosters and in the midst of massive rebuilding jobs, Houston and Miami are more likely to be remembered as among the worst teams in recent history than for making an improbable run at the playoffs.

The Astros lost 107 games last year, after 106 defeats in 2011. Houston's main goal will be trying to avoid becoming the first team since the expansion New York Mets in the 1960s to lose at least 106 games in three straight seasons.

"No one expects us to do well," Lucas Harrell said Thursday, after pitching in a spring training game against the New York Yankees. "So, when we do well, it's going to be kind of like, 'Oh, wow.' I definitely think we have a chance to shock a lot of people this year."

Brave words, especially when the Astros face the additional burden of moving from the NL into what looks like the toughest division in baseball, the AL West. They'll be matched regularly against two 2012 playoff teams — Oakland and Texas — plus the high-priced Los Angeles Angels, who have three of the game's most dynamic players: Albert Pujols, Josh Hamilton and Mike Trout.

Down in Miami, owner Jeffrey Loria totally dismantled the Marlins after a disappointing debut season in a new stadium paid for largely with public tax dollars. He's now a pariah in south Florida and a laughing-stock through the rest of the baseball, settling for a roster that might do pretty well in Triple-A — but not in the big leagues.

"I'm still trying to learn their names," said Davey Johnson, manager of the NL



AP

**The Astros' Jason Altuve reacts to being hit by a pitch from Yankees pitcher Dellin Betances during a spring training game Thursday.**

East champion Washington Nationals. "I'm not even sure what position the names are going in."

He's not the only one.

After trading away nearly all their high-priced players in one stunning offseason, the Marlins are prepared to send out a lineup that includes five players with less two full seasons in the big leagues, plus a rotation that has only one starter with as many as 10 wins in a season.

"I feel like we have a plan," first-year manager Mike Redmond said. "Will it take a few years? Maybe. But we feel like we have a plan that's going to work with a lot of young players and a lot of young talent. I'm looking forward to the challenge and the opportunity."

Redmond keeps reminding his players he was one of 19 rookies on the 1998 Marlins, the remnants of a World Series title team that was torn apart by a previous owner. Five years later, many of those young players were the centerpiece of another championship squad.

Of course, Redmond probably doesn't tell his team how the Marlins finished in '98 — 54-108.

"It's a fresh start," he said. "At the end of the day, man, nobody gives us a chance to do anything. We have the ability to go out and surprise some teams. I think we're a better team than people give us credit for. But at the end of the day, we're got to go out there and prove that."

According to STATS, only 21 teams have finished with a winning percentage of .300 or less since 1900 — just two of those (the 1962 New York Mets, in their first season, and the 2003 Detroit Tigers) in the 162-game era. To avoid joining that infamous list, Miami and Houston will have to win 49 games this season, which might be a challenge.

Certainly, both teams can expect to play before lots of empty seats.

Last season, the Marlins drew 2.2 million to their retractable roof stadium, which was the third-highest total in franchise history but ranked only 12th in the NL and was far below expectations. Not surprisingly after the offseason purge, season-ticket sales have slumped badly and Miami won't come anywhere close to drawing that many fans in 2013.

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## FENCING

# Irish host conference meet

By AJ GODEAUX  
Sports Writer

After a dominating performance at the Notre Dame Duals on Feb. 23, Notre Dame will look to ride its momentum into the Midwest Conference Championships this weekend.

The championships will take place over two days, with individual events slated for Saturday and team bouts scheduled for Sunday.

Along with the chance to capture a third team conference title in four seasons, the meet serves as an opportunity to see how the squad stacks up against the best competition the region has to offer, particularly defending conference champion Ohio State. The conference championships also serve as a way to gauge the team's readiness for the NCAA championships, according to senior epeeist James Kaull.

"It's the first tournament of the year that really counts for something tangible," Kaull said. "Something's blatantly on the line, and the pressure is the same, or at least similar, to the NCAA championships."

The Buckeyes enter the meet ranked fourth in both the men's and women's polls, and the Irish, who are No. 1 in the women's rankings and No. 2 in the men's, will attempt to knock off the team that robbed them of a third



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**Irish junior foilist Rachel Beck competes during Notre Dame's 13-0 combined victory Feb. 23 at the Notre Dame Duals.**

consecutive conference championship at last year's meet.

Last weekend at the Notre Dame Duals, neither Notre Dame side dropped a match, with the men going 7-0 and the women finishing the meet 6-0. After a 15-12 nailbiter against Cleveland State, the men sailed through the rest of the meet, their next closest match a 20-7 dispatching of Air Force. The women were equally dominant, and they looked the part of the nation's top team in a 21-6 blow-out of No. 7 Northwestern.

For the men, senior foilist Grant Hodges racked up an impressive 17 victories on the day, only dropping three bouts, while sophomore epeeist Ashley Severson went a perfect 12-0 for the Lady Irish, one of 12 total

Irish fencers who went undefeated with at least five decisions.

Kaull said the team is more mindful of the tournament this year, adding that having three returning Olympians who couldn't compete last year—seniors foilist Gerek Meinhardt and epeeist Courtney Hurley and freshman foilist Lee Kiefer—certainly helps.

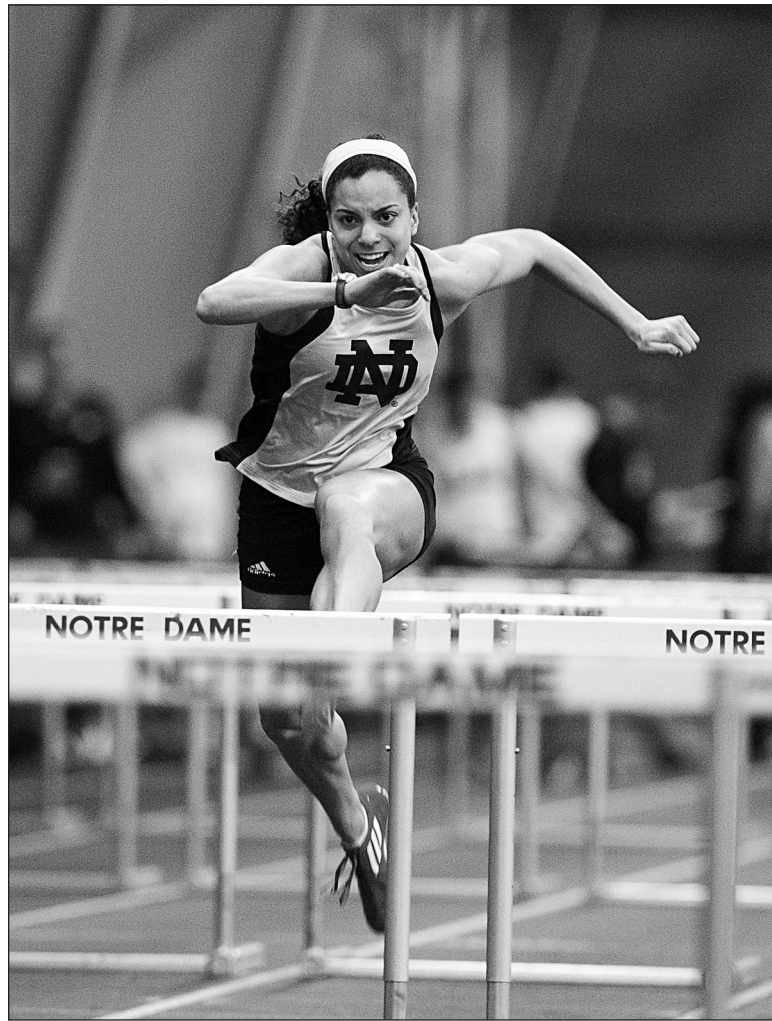
"That makes me very confident," Kaull concluded. "I think we can win. Actually, I think we will win."

The Irish begin their championship pursuit at the Castellan Family Fencing Center in the Joyce Center Saturday with individual events, continuing Sunday with team bouts.

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## TRACK AND FIELD

# Squad welcomes top competition



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**Irish sophomore Jade Barber competes in the 60-meter hurdles during the Mayo Invitational on Feb. 1 at Loftus Sports Center.**

By GREG HADLEY  
Sports Writer

With the NCAA indoor championships just a week away, a select group of top athletes from around the country will make one last attempt to qualify for the championship at this weekend's Alex Wilson Invitational.

While the invitational is not as large as other Irish home meets, it will still feature top competition. Athletes from teams like Oregon, Penn State, Texas and Princeton will compete, either tuning up for the national championships or are trying to hit the qualifying mark needed to attend.

Many Irish athletes that have already qualified will still be competing this weekend.

"At this point in the season, everyone is peaking and can recover quickly and compete again the next week," senior captain and pole vaulter Chrissy Finkel said. "Only the top 16 go [to NCAAAs] so you always want a faster time or a farther throw, to get a better seeding and if you've just barely made it, to make sure no one passes you on the last weekend."

The Irish women are coming off a Big East title, which has significantly improved the team's focus and confidence, Finkel said. Sophomore Jade Barber, who was named most outstanding performer at the Big East championship, is ranked in the top 25 nationally in both the 60-meter hurdles and the 4x400 meter relay and will compete in both this

weekend.

"We could not have been more excited to win [Big East]," Finkel said. "It has helped our enthusiasm and motivation so much."

On the men's side, the Irish boast three of the fastest 400-meter runners in the country, all of whom are on the 4x400 meter relay squad that has already broken the school record this year. Junior Patrick Fenney, who is also competing in the 400-meter at the national championship, will lead senior Brendan Dougherty, junior Jarrod Buchanon and sophomore Chris Giesting as they try to qualify this weekend.

But for many of the Irish athletes, the indoor season is over. Most of the squad has already begun preparing for the outdoor season, which starts in late March, and this weekend's meet is important for them as well. Some will use it as an opportunity to set a new personal record, while others will be there to encourage their teammates, Finkel said.

"People that have been running well in practice will compete so they can set a big [personal record] and maybe qualify for the Big East outdoor [championship]," Finkel said. "Absolutely we'll all be there to cheer our teammates on."

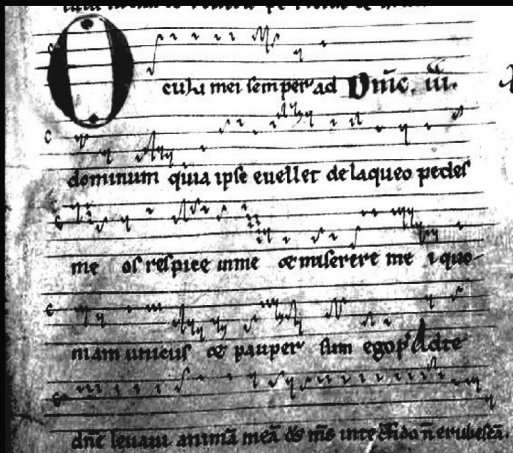
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## MEN'S SWIMMING

# Irish maintain healthy lead



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*Irish senior Chris Johnson prepares for the 400-yard medley during the Shamrock Invitational against Harvard and Towson on Jan. 25 at Rolfs Aquatic Center. Notre Dame earned a dual split.*

By **MEGAN FINNERAN**  
Sports Writer

The Irish closed the second day of the Big East championships in first place, more than 100 points ahead of the next contender.

Notre Dame enters the weekend with 367 points, far ahead of second place Louisville (224) and Pittsburgh with 191.5.

Junior Frank Dyer continued his winning performances, taking first place in both the 50-yard freestyle and the 500-yard freestyle. He is the first athlete to ever win both events at the competition. Sophomore Zachary Stephens joined Dyer in the spotlight, winning the 200-yard individual medley. The Irish took first, second and third in the 500-yard freestyle and the 200-yard individual medley.

"This is a little surprising, but guys are just swimming out-of-their-minds fast," senior Chris Johnson said. "With all that, it's hard not to be positive."

The morning began with preliminaries in the 500-yard freestyle, 200-yard individual medley and the 50-yard freestyle, with the finals taking place Thursday evening. Junior Frank Dyer took the spotlight in the

preliminaries, resetting his own team record in the 50-yard freestyle. He broke his time of 19.84 from last year's Big East championships with a new time of 19.78.

In the finals, he took the competition to the next level, breaking the record yet again in his 19.62 second win.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Notre Dame sent five swimmers into the championship race. Two-time defending champion Dyer took first in the finals, coming back from a sixth place finish in the preliminaries. He dropped his prelim time of 4:26.36 to in the finals 4:20.53. Sophomore Kevin Hughes closed in behind him in 4:23.67 to take second place and Sophomore Brennan Jacobsen came in almost immediately after with a time of 4:23.71 to take third.

Joining Dyer, Hughes and Jacobsen were sophomores John Nappi, who took fifth in the finals at 4:25.09, and Matthew DeBlasio, who took seventh in 4:28.55.

The Irish again sent five swimmers to the finals for the 200-yard individual medley and swept the medal places. Stephens won the event, cutting his preliminary time of 1:46.56

to 1:45.41. Senior Bill Bass came in less than a half second later, taking second in 1:45.78. Junior Colin Babcock rounded out the top spots in 1:46.40 to take third. Sophomore Cameron Miller took sixth in 1:49.11 and sophomore Patrick Olson came in seventh in 1:50.98.

Notre Dame closed the night by taking second place in the finals for the 200-yard freestyle relay. Dyer, Stephens, senior John McGinley and Bass teamed up for the 1:18.91 finish.

"We are very confident going into the next two days," Johnson said. "We actually only get stronger from here."

The 3-meter diving preliminaries will begin today at 10 a.m. The day will also include preliminaries for the 400-yard individual medley, the 100-yard butterfly, the 200-yard freestyle, the 100-yard breaststroke and the 400-yard medley relay. The championships will close Saturday with the 1650-yard freestyle, 200-yard backstroke, 100-yard freestyle, 200-yard breaststroke and 200-yard butterfly.

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## ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

# Notre Dame falls to second, 332-302

By **ALEX WILCOX**  
Sports Writer

Coming off a huge day Wednesday, perhaps it was only natural for a letdown to occur on Thursday for the women's swimming and diving team. While the Irish won two individual events and finished second in the 200-yard free relay. They also fell out of first place, and now trail Louisville 332-302.

"I think we did pretty well, but not as well as we had hoped," sophomore swimmer Emma Reaney said. "[There were a] few bumps in the morning swim, we were really trying to get as many people in to finals as possible, and we did the best we could with what we had. Honestly, it was probably our worst day specialty wise, but tomorrow should be a really good day for us."

Perhaps more than anything else, Reaney feels the team's problems are not in the pool, but in its head.

"Just being from Notre Dame, and the type of people Notre Dame attracts, the type-A personalities, the perfectionist I know I am, we get in our heads a lot," Reaney said. "We need to remember we do this everyday and not panic; I know we can be better."

Even though it was a tough day for the team, Reaney still saw a lot of positives.

"[Sophomore Bridget] Casey's 500-free was really awesome," Reaney said. "She started in 15th and moved up to 12th and was fighting the whole way. We're all really proud of her."

Perhaps Reaney is simply hard to please. Even after she won the 200-yard individual medley IM,

Reaney still wasn't satisfied.

"I won and dropped a second [off my time] from this morning, but I'm still a second and a half off my best time," Reaney said. "It's disappointing, but I try not to dwell on it because I know I can get better at NCAAs."

Reaney has already qualified for the NCAAs in three events, the 100-yard and 200-yard breast and the 200-individual medley, but her proudest moment of the tournament occurred last night when she helped a senior earn her first Big East title.

"Last night I was really happy," Reaney said. "I dropped five seconds off my best time in the 200-freestyle, which really isn't my event so I was proud to help lead them to victory, especially for Jaime Malandra, who's a senior who has never won at Big East. So I'm really happy for that."

Despite the rough day in the pool Thursday, Reaney is still pleased with the team's overall performance.

"Personally I'm really proud of my team, I know we can really dominate in tomorrow's events," Reaney said. "Our confidence level is still pretty high even though we were losing by a little, and then the last day is just give it all you got."

Reaney said she knows how to fix her squads' slump.

"We just have to make sure we roll with the punches," Reaney said. "Whether it's bad or good, don't dwell on it too long. That's something our coaches have been talking to us about, don't get caught up in anything."

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# Notre Dame rolls from start to finish



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*Irish junior Jennifer Kellner prepares to return a shot during Notre Dame's 4-3 loss to Purdue on Feb. 15 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Kellner won 6-2, 6-1 at No. 2 singles. The Irish defeated Western Michigan, 7-0, on Thursday and will host a pair of weekend matchups against DePaul and Duke.*

By KATIE HEIT

Sports Writer

After several close matches, the Irish had a chance to catch their breath, dominating Western Michigan, 7-0, at home Thursday.

Senior Chrissie McGaffigan said the close matches have helped the team to focus from start to finish.

"I think that all of our close matches have helped us to

improve playing in pressure situations," McGaffigan said. "This win gives us some confidence going into our two match weekend."

Notre Dame took an early lead, grabbing the doubles point with an 8-2 win from junior Jennifer Kellner and McGaffigan at No. 1 doubles and an 8-6 victory from juniors Julie Sabacinski and Britney Sanders.

McGaffigan said she

was proud of all the Irish performances.

"We all played well in the match," McGaffigan said. "They are a scrappy team, so we had to stay focused the whole time."

In singles, the Irish continued their line of dominance. Each member of the Notre Dame team won in two sets. No. 42 Sanders defeated Broncos junior Nini Sujashvili 6-1, 7-5 in the closest match

of the series. McGaffigan won at No. 4 singles, allowing only two points in two sets and winning 6-1, 6-1. Sophomore Molly O'Koniewski also only allowed two points in her 6-2, 6-0 victory over freshman Kelsey King.

McGaffigan said the win gives Notre Dame confidence going into its signature series against Duke on Sunday.

"We are so excited for our Duke match," McGaffigan said. "We hope to get a lot of people

to come out to support us. There will be free bagels and the leprechaun will be there to lead cheers."

The Irish will be back in action Saturday when they take on DePaul on Saturday at 3:30 p.m., followed by their Sunday match against Duke at 11 a.m. Both matches will be held at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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## MEN'S TENNIS

# Irish aim for Big Ten revenge against Wisconsin

By MEGAN FINNERAN

Sports Writer

The Irish will have the chance to take a break at the beginning of this weekend — their first match won't be until Sunday afternoon, when they travel to Madison to play Wisconsin.

No. 29 Notre Dame (6-5) will hit the road for the second consecutive weekend, facing another Big Ten team after falling 7-0 to No. 7 Ohio State last weekend in Columbus, Ohio.

The Buckeyes took an early lead by claiming the doubles point, then continued racking up points as they won every singles match. Freshman Quentin Monaghan stepped up for the Irish on the No. 2 court, fighting for three long sets, but ultimately lost.

"OSU is one of the toughest teams in college tennis right now and one of the toughest teams we will play all season," sophomore Mike Fredericka said. "We saw by

playing them that we have the talent to compete and hang with the best out there."

This weekend Notre Dame looks for a fresh start against the Badgers.

Wisconsin climbed in the rankings over the past week, jumping from the No. 75 spot to their current No. 59 after a 4-3 comeback win over Big Ten rival Minnesota. At the time of the upset victory, Minnesota stood ranked at No. 40.

The Badgers have only lost the doubles point twice, including once against Minnesota. This season, the Irish have often struggled to win the doubles point, but have placed more emphasis on the opening point of the match over the past few weeks.

Underclassmen have supported the Badgers' lineup throughout the season, particularly freshmen Jakhongir Jalalov and Alexander Kokorev, who often play in the No. 5 and No. 6

spots, respectively. Both Badgers won their singles match 6-4, 6-4 against Minnesota.

Prior to Minnesota, Wisconsin had only faced one ranked opponent, falling 5-2 to No. 18 Clemson (No. 51 at the date of the contest).

Notre Dame hopes to add another loss to a ranked opponent to Wisconsin's standings.

The Irish will continue to seek leadership from No. 97 junior Greg Andrews, No. 102 senior Blas Moros, and Monaghan.

"This week we have concentrated on playing sets in order to prepare for the match physically and mentally as well as maintaining focus in order to give us the best chance for success on the road," Fredericka said.

Doubles play will begin against the Badgers at 3 p.m. at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium in Madison, Wis. on Sunday.

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*Irish junior Ryan Bandy unleashes a backhand return during Notre Dame's 4-0 loss to Duke on Feb. 3 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.*

## BASEBALL

# Irish head south for inaugural Baseball Classic

By **JOHN SANDBERG**  
Sports Writer

Fresh off a three-game sweep of Tulane in New Orleans last weekend, Notre Dame gets back on the field today in the inaugural USA Baseball-Irish Classic in Cary, N.C.

The No. 22 Irish (5-1) take on Massachusetts (0-0) at 3 p.m. and will face off against Tennessee (3-5) in the nightcap of a doubleheader at 6:30 p.m.

This weekend's tournament gives Notre Dame an early season opportunity to defend its top-25 ranking. The Irish haven't been ranked among the nation's top-25 teams since 2006.

Junior first baseman Trey Mancini is well aware of what the ranking means for the team.

"It's been seven years since we've been ranked, so it's a big deal for the program," Mancini said. "We've kind of been stuck in neutral for a while so it's finally good to get a higher ranking now."

That's not to say the Irish have reached their peak, he said.

"We were in a meeting [Tuesday] and our coach just told us not to get too hung up on the ranking because we are only six games into a 56-game season," Mancini said. "So we're excited, but we're still really focused on trying to not make this the high point of the season. We still have a lot of

work to do."

Mancini will be key for Notre Dame's offensive success this weekend. Through six games he has provided the type of consistency the Irish expect in the middle of their order. Mancini is batting .346 with one home run and five RBIs and had a three-hit game last Sunday against Tulane.

"I hit best when I don't try to do too much," Mancini said. "Sometimes I can get over aggressive and swing too hard and that's when I start going downwards. So far I've been trying to focus on one pitch at a time and picking good pitches to hit."

Notre Dame will have two more games over the weekend, squaring off against No. 25 Virginia Tech (8-1) at 6 p.m. on Saturday and will finish out the tournament against Rhode Island (0-8) at 11 a.m. on Sunday. All games will take place at the USA Baseball National Training Complex.

The Irish Classic was announced by USA Baseball in early November of last year. It features five teams in addition to Notre Dame, with the Irish taking on all of them except for Ohio.

While this is the inaugural year for the Irish Classic, Notre Dame is no stranger to USA Baseball. Eight Notre Dame baseball alumni have been members of college, under-18, or under-16 national teams.



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**Irish junior first baseman Trey Mancini jogs during Notre Dame's 6-5 victory over Butler on May 1, 2012 at Frank Eck Stadium. Mancini is hitting .346 with 16 total bases through six games this season.**

The Irish also had the chance to play a three-game series against Hofstra at the National Training Complex last season.

Several Irish players and coaches recognize the unique relationship between Notre Dame and USA Baseball.

"For USA Baseball to have a partnership with us is really an honor," Mancini said.

The pristine National Training Complex was built in 2007 and features three training fields and a stadium.

"It was awesome," Mancini said about playing at USA

Baseball's complex last year. "The fields were in tip top shape. ... It was just a really cool place and they did a great job with it. It's just a state of the art facility all the way around."

Today, the Irish will look to place top-25 rankings and all other distractions aside as they try to win both ends of the doubleheader and improve their season win total to seven. Mancini cited the team's core of veteran leaders and high level of confidence as determining factors in doing just that.

"We know that none of the

teams we play this weekend care what our ranking is, they're just going to play hard against us," Mancini said. "Our goal for this weekend is to win our own tournament which would be awesome. I think if we do that it will really make a statement and verify that [top-25] ranking."

Massachusetts will throw out the first pitch of the USA Baseball-Irish Classic in Cary, N.C. at 3 p.m. today.

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## ND SOFTBALL

# Notre Dame hopes to build off weekend sweep



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**Irish sophomore outfielder Emilee Koerner swings during Notre Dame's 3-2 loss to Syracuse on April 15, 2012 at Melissa Cook Stadium.**

By **LAURA COLETTI**  
Sports Writer

The Irish will look to keep their winning record intact this weekend as they travel to Kissimmee, Fla., to participate in the Diamond 9 Citrus Classic.

Notre Dame (8-5) will square off with Boston College, Georgia Tech, LIU Brooklyn and Maryland. Irish senior catcher and captain Amy Buntin said she expects the Yellow Jackets to be the toughest competition.

Buntin added that this weekend will give Notre Dame a chance to build upon the rhythm it found last weekend, when the Irish went 4-0.

"Last weekend our team finally found our momentum and put all parts of our game together," Buntin said. "Offensively and defensively, we were solid. Last weekend gave us the confidence we needed to propel us through the rest of the season."

The Irish have already

faced a number of tough opponents this season, including then-No. 1 Oklahoma. Notre Dame fell 7-5 to the Sooners in nine innings, but Buntin said taking the Sooners to extra frames helped to boost the team's confidence as it moves forward.

"The Oklahoma game showed us that if we are willing to fight for seven innings, we can beat any team at any point this season," she said.

Notre Dame can also be confident in the fact that sophomore outfielder Emilee Koerner was named Big East Player of the Week for her performance last weekend. Koerner has started all 13 games for the Irish and leads the team with a .523 batting average and 12 RBI.

"Every time Emilee was in the batter's box this past weekend, both dugouts knew she was going to get a hit," Buntin said. "Each and every game she continues to get better and better."

In preparation for their

opponents in Florida, the Irish have been working on improving where they struggled last weekend. Buntin said the team has been solid defensively with few errors on the field, and it was just a matter of time before the bats started to heat up. Buntin also said Notre Dame has continued to focus on its offensive output.

"This week at practice we have focused mainly on our offense and trying to get in as many swings as possible," Buntin said. "We continued to work on timely hitting, and defensive practices have been short and concise this week."

Notre Dame will open the weekend against Boston College on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in Kissimmee, Fla., before taking on Georgia Tech at 4:45 p.m. The Irish return to the field Sunday to face LIU Brooklyn at 11:15 a.m. and Maryland at 1:30 p.m.

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## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Irish face UNC in home opener

By **MATTHEW ROBISON**  
Sports Writer

After a 10-9 overtime victory at No. 8 Penn State on Sunday, No. 2 Notre Dame will hold its home opener Saturday in Arlotta Stadium against No. 9 North Carolina at 12 p.m.

Despite the recent cold and wet winter conditions, the Irish (2-0) will brave the outdoors. But Irish coach Kevin Corrigan does not see weather or venue as factors.

"I think it'll be the same temperature on our side of the field as it is on theirs," Corrigan said. "Those kinds of things, to be honest with you, you tend to worry about them and obsess about them. And then when the whistle blows you tend to forget about them."

Because he was so focused on the game itself, Corrigan said he did not realize it snowed the entire duration of Notre Dame's season-opening 13-6 victory over Duke on Feb. 16 in Durham, N.C.

"Until I watched the film I didn't realize that it had snowed throughout the whole game," Corrigan said. "It's just not something you're focused on when the game starts. So we won't spend much time worrying about it between now and then. What we're going to do is just worry about our execution."

Part of that execution will entail slowing down the Tar Heels' offensive attack, which attempts to break out in transition and score in unsettled situations.

"The challenge is first to stay out of [unsettled situations] and second to survive them when you can and, third, to try to match up

with them and keep the game in kind of a group dynamic where we can defend them better and attach them better," Corrigan said.

Irish freshman Matt Kavanagh and sophomore Conor Doyle have powered the Notre Dame attack through two games. Kavanagh scored four goals in his collegiate debut against Duke, and the rookie scored the game-winner Sunday at Penn State. Against the Nittany Lions, Doyle scored three goals and added an assist.

In its third game of the young season, Notre Dame faces its third ranked opponent — all three from outside the Big East. Notre Dame does not start the regular season with any tuneup games, according to Corrigan, who along with the rest of the Irish staff, intentionally crafts a tough schedule.

"I want to play the best schedule that we can play every year because I think that gives you the best chance to become the best team you can become," Corrigan said. "Ultimately, that's the goal. We're not pointing to a certain number of wins or anything else. If we become the best team we can become, then we have a chance to win a national championship at the end of the year."

North Carolina (2-1) has started the season with wins over Fairfield and Air Force at home. In its only road game thus far, Feb. 16 against Massachusetts, the Tar Heels fell 12-11.

Notre Dame squares off against the Tar Heels on Saturday at noon in Arlotta Stadium.

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## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

# Team squares off with Dukes



GRANT TOBIN | The Observer

*Irish junior attack Lindsay Powell attempts to move past a Vanderbilt defender during Notre Dame's 12-11 victory over the Commodores on April 18, 2012 at Arlotta Stadium.*

By **CORY BERNARD**  
Sports Writer

After defeating No. 13 Ohio State 13-8 in its home opener Wednesday, No. 9 Notre Dame hits the road again. The Irish (2-0) will look to win their third straight tilt to open the season when they face Duquesne on Saturday in Pittsburgh.

During Notre Dame's victory over the Buckeyes, the Irish registered 14 draw controls to Ohio State's nine. Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said possession will again be a key factor against the Dukes (2-1).

"I think possession [is a key], the draw is going to be very important," Halfpenny said. "All season, you are going to hear me talk about possession and, again, capitalizing on second-chance opportunities because our defense is definitely a force to reckon with, holding the No. 13 team in the country to eight goals."

"It's definitely a goal for us and we're going to get right back to adjustments on the draw because obviously you can see that the momentum shifts coincided with when we were gaining possession on the draw."

Junior midfielder and

co-captain Margaret Smith led the Irish on Wednesday with four goals while also securing three draw controls and scooping up four ground balls. Smith said her teammates have increased her confidence.

"I'm definitely a much more quiet person who leads by example, but having to step up vocally and realizing that I haven't played a lot of offense in the past, but being able to step up and be confident," Smith said. "My teammates give me a lot of confidence to go out there and play hard."

Duquesne enters Saturday's contest having lost its last game, 16-9, to No. 10 Penn State on Wednesday. Duquesne junior midfielder Caitlin Prince, however, scored six goals against the Nittany Lions and leads the Dukes with 10 goals on the year.

"We were really focused on looking at one opponent at a time — my assistants started looking at Duquesne yesterday," Halfpenny said. "What do we know about them? They're a strong opponent, very well-coached. They're pretty methodical in their offenses and their defenses."

The Irish hold an 8-0 record

in the all-time series against Duquesne and defeated the Dukes 17-7 last year. However, Notre Dame needed a strong second-half rally after finding itself trailing 5-4 in the first half. According to Halfpenny, the Irish relish the opportunity to play a tough opponent on the road and will need to prepare seriously for Saturday's matchup.

"They definitely will have a great game plan against us, they always do. I go back to last year where it was a really close game — as a matter of fact, they were leading us for the better part of the first half and we had to again stay resilient and know that it was going to be a long game and we weren't going to win the game on one goal."

"Heading out to Pittsburgh, we're excited to get outside. It will be a cold game and it will be a tough matchup. They were a top team in the Atlantic 10 last year and they'll be a top team in the Atlantic 10 this year as well."

The Irish will face Duquesne on Saturday at noon at Rooney Field in Pittsburgh.

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*Irish senior right wing Kevin Nugent fires a shot during Notre Dame's 7-4 victory Michigan on Feb. 8 at the Compton Family Ice Arena. This weekend's series with Bowling Green will be the final regular season home games for Nugent and the three other seniors.*

## Hockey

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matchups this season, and the Falcons head into Compton with momentum.

"They grind, they have big bodies, they aren't afraid to lay body," junior defenseman Shayne Taker said. "They have some skill up front. It's going to be tough physically just like last weekend."

Coming off two straight weekends on the road against top-10 teams, and with the

playoffs just around the corner, the Bowling Green series seems to be a classic trap- game scenario. The Irish, however, still have a chance to gain ground in the conference standings and the NCAA tournament picture, so they will not be taking the weekend lightly.

"We don't want to go into the playoffs on a losing streak, or not confident. We're going to go into these games like they're the most important of the year, because they are," Johnson said. "We definitely know we're

in for a battle because Bowling Green is a tough team to play against. They're really gritty, and they don't make it easy ever. We'll need our 'A' game both nights."

After a stellar performance last weekend, Saturday's 1-1 shootout win in particular, junior Steven Summerhays will get the start in goal Friday night. Jackson has left the possible of Johnson getting the start on Senior Night however. Regardless of which goalie is in net, the Irish know that they

must stay focused as they arrive at the climax of their season.

"It's all mental. We have to have a great week of practice," Taker said. "Going into this week, I think we have to keep the confidence level up, but also not be too confident. We have to stick to the basics, what's going to get us there, get us to the NCAAs."

With the Irish locked into at least third place in the CCHA and the Falcons still battling for position, Jackson said urgency will be a key factor this

weekend.

"We've had a lot of emotion and physical games in the last few weeks, and this is no different," Jackson said. "We have to match Bowling Green's desperation, because they're going to play with desperation."

The Irish begin their final regular season home series against Bowling Green at 7:35 p.m. on Friday at the Compton Family Ice Arena.

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Orange, two games back of the Hoyas and one game behind the Golden Eagles.

Brey said Sunday it's amazing to consider Notre Dame is now fighting for a double-bye in the Big East tournament and a league title after uncertainty engulfed the Irish when Martin was ruled out indefinitely.

The transformation has been highlighted by a new identity of defense and rebounding. Cincinnati's 41 points on Sunday were the fewest ever scored by an Irish opponent in Big East play. The previous low of 42 points came against Pittsburgh on Feb. 18.

Senior forward Tom Knight has replaced the perimeter-oriented Martin in the starting lineup and, as a result, the Irish have played more 'three-around-two' — two true post players surrounded by three men on the perimeter.

Senior center Garrick Sherman has worked his way back into the rotation off the bench and freshman forward Zach Auguste has emerged as a high-energy force rebounding and defending. Between Knight, Sherman, Auguste and senior forward and Naismith Player of the Year candidate Jack Cooley, Notre



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*Irish junior guard Jerian Grant drives past a Cincinnati defender during Notre Dame's 62-41 victory over the Bearcats on Sunday.*

Dame has a four-pronged stable of big men that prides itself on toughness.

"It is interesting," Brey said Sunday of the new identity. "It is easy to say that when we are playing four big guys. When your four-man is more of a step out guy and not the physical banger, you're going to be a little limited with how physical you can be. But we've got four big guys that can really lay the wood to people on screens and block outs. If one fouls out? No problem. ... All four of them we're really good [Sunday]."

The results of the new approach have been palpable. In their past two games, Notre Dame has out-rebounded the opposition 83-52 and held those two squads to 33-for-100 shooting from the field. The 6-foot-8, 290-pound Gardner, meanwhile, was 7-for-7 from the field against the Orange and drilled 12 of his 13 free throws.

The Irish tip off against the Golden Eagles on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

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## Rematch

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well," McGraw said. "But it's a tough conference, it's a tough league and they had a great win over Villanova, who was a ranked team at the time, so their certainly capable."

With a nationally-broadcast match-up against No. 3 UConn on Monday and a 45-point win over Providence already in the bag, it would be easy for the Irish to overlook the Friars. But McGraw said she's not worried about that happening.

"I don't really have

to say anything," McGraw said. "This team has great leadership with our upper-classmen and veteran players. They understand how important this game is, and it'll be their job to make sure they don't look past [Providence]."

The game will be the second to last conference match-up of the season for the Irish, who currently have a perfect 14-0 Big East record.

Tipoff against Providence will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Mullaney Gymnasium in Providence, R.I.

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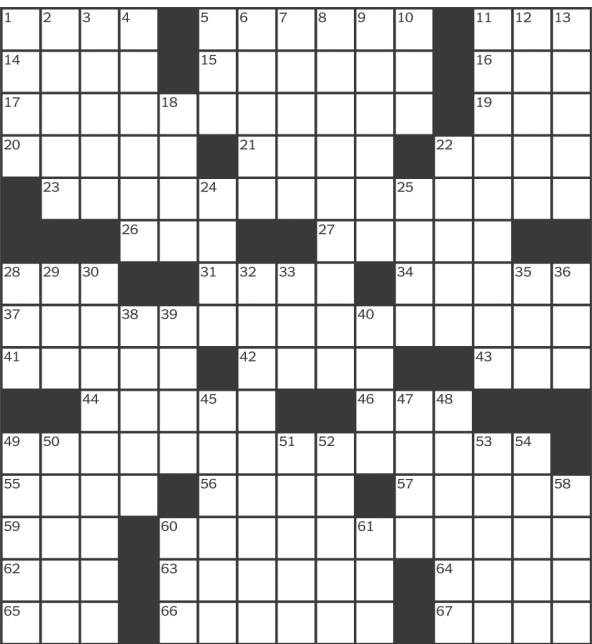


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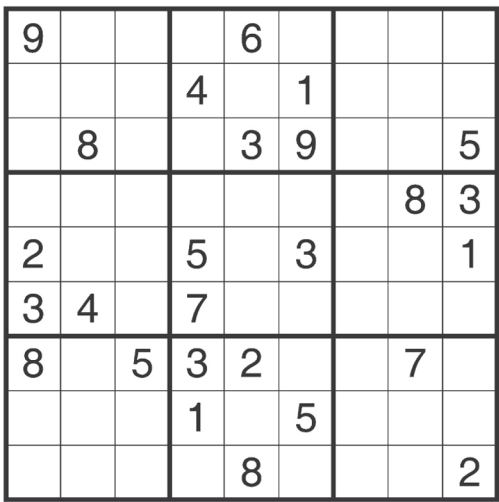
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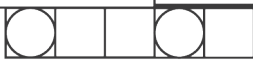
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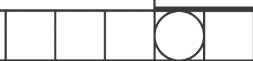
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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Identity theft

*Eyeing a double-bye, new-look Notre Dame squares off with No. 22 Marquette in Milwaukee***By MIKE MONACO**  
Sports Writer

After stumbling to their third loss in four games — a 63-47 demolition by Georgetown on Jan. 21 — No. 21 Notre Dame was a team without an identity.

Nearly six weeks later, new-look Notre Dame (22-6, 10-5 Big East) has reeled off seven wins in its last nine games heading into Saturday's pivotal conference matchup with No. 22 Marquette at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

Irish coach Mike Brey announced Thursday on his radio show that graduate student forward Scott Martin, who has missed the last nine games with knee soreness, will be shut down for the remainder of the season.

Martin, who hasn't played since that Jan. 21 thrashing by the Hoyas, a game that seemingly thrust Notre Dame into the middle of a congested conference. Yet after a pair of physically dominant victories — a 51-42 win over Pittsburgh on Feb. 18 and Sunday's 62-41 beat down of Cincinnati — the Irish have transformed into a bruising, defensive squad.

"Maybe we're finding our identity here on that defensive end of the floor and rebounding the

basketball," Irish coach Mike Brey said after Sunday's win.

The redefined Irish will need to continue that defensive dominance, especially on the interior, when they square off with the Golden Eagles (20-7, 11-4). Marquette downed No. 12 Syracuse 74-71 on Monday, as junior forward Davante Gardner powered the Golden Eagles with a career-high 26 points to go along with eight rebounds off the bench. With the victory, Marquette extended its home winning streak to 24 games.

"We know we have the ultimate challenge playing Marquette in their building with a 24-game home win streak, and Senior Day and all the above," Brey said during a teleconference Thursday. "This nucleus has loved big challenges like this, especially on the road, and they've played well in a number of them so we're excited about that challenge Saturday."

Marquette, after besting the Orange, catapulted into sole possession of second place in the Big East, one game behind league-leading Georgetown. With three games remaining in the regular season, Notre Dame is currently tied for fourth place with the

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JODY LO | The Observer

*Irish senior center Garrick Sherman backs down a Cincinnati defender during Notre Dame's 62-41 victory over the Bearcats on Sunday at Purcell Pavilion.*

## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Squad readies for rematch



KEVIN SONG | The Observer

*Irish senior guard Skylar Diggins drives into the lane during Notre Dame's 79-68 victory over Syracuse on Tuesday at Purcell Pavilion.*

**By VICKY JACOBSEN**  
Sports Writer

When Providence visited the Irish on Jan. 26, things didn't go so well for the Friars. They lost, 89-44, on the day Irish senior guard Skylar Diggins scored her 2,000th point while Notre Dame held the Friars' star senior guard Symone Roberts to just 1-of-8

shooting.

But Irish coach Muffet McGraw doesn't expect the Friars (7-20, 2-12 Big East) to be so easy to handle this time around, when the No. 2 Irish (26-1, 14-0) travel to Providence for a late-season rematch.

"I think it's difficult when you beat a team once to have to play them again," McGraw

said.

Roberts leads the team with an average of 14.3 points per game, but she scored just two points in 27 minutes during her visit to South Bend.

"She's a really good player. I think she's an all-conference type player, and she's having a really good year," McGraw said. "And I think she'll be ready to make things turn out differently for her team this year."

Providence might've struggled in its first game against the Irish, but its games since then have been just as disappointing. The Friars have lost seven of eight games since their trip to South Bend, with their lone win coming in a double-overtime match at Pittsburgh.

But their 65-60 overtime win over Villanova at home Jan. 23 is enough to make an opposing coach worry.

"They're a team that relies on their guards, and their guards have been playing

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## HOCKEY

## Irish face Falcons on Senior Night

**By CASEY KARNES**  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's seniors will look to end their home careers on a winning note when they face off against Bowling Green this weekend.

This weekend marks the final regular season series at Compton Family Ice Arena for the No. 12 Irish (19-12-3, 15-8-3-2 CCHA), and the final time four seniors will play in front of the home crowd. Goaltender Mike Johnson, defenseman Sam Calabrese, forward Nick Larson, and forward Kevin Nugent will be honored Saturday night, and the team will wear green jerseys to commemorate Senior Night.

"It will be bittersweet for all of us, because it was a great ride," Johnson said. "It will be interesting to see where we go from here."

Irish coach Jeff Jackson sees players come and go every year,

but it never gets any easier.

"Senior week is always a little bit sentimental for me," Jackson said. "I really care about all four of these kids, they're great kids, and have always been good team guys."

To properly send off the seniors, the Irish will have to best the Falcons (13-16-5, 10-13-3-1), who have been on a tear recently after a slow start to the season.

"They've been one of the best teams in the conference in the second half," Jackson said. "They will present a lot of challenges. I expect them to be a team that will be tough to reckon with over the next few years."

The Falcons bring an aggressive, physical style of play to the ice. With a successful weekend, they will be able to clinch home ice in the CCHA tournament. The teams split their first two

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