

Cardinal to speak at commencement

Archbishop of New York will receive honorary degree, address graduates at May 19 ceremony

Observer Staff Report

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, will be the 2013 Commencement speaker, according to a University press release.

Dolan will speak and receive an honorary degree at the University's 168th Commencement on May 19 at

Notre Dame Stadium.

"Over the past several years, I have had the honor and pleasure of getting to know Cardinal Dolan," University President Fr. John Jenkins said in the press release. "He is a man of great intelligence and personal warmth, and a dedicated shepherd of the Church. We were pleased to have him here in 2011 to give the inaugural lecture for the Notre Dame Project

on Human Dignity, and we are grateful that he has accepted

Timothy Dolan
Archbishop of New York



our invitation to join us in celebrating the achievements of our

students and to provide them with words of wisdom as they set out into the world."

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI named Dolan Archbishop of New York in February 2009 after Dolan served seven years as Archbishop of Milwaukee. Dolan was elected president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in November 2010. The pope elevated him to cardinal in January 2012.

Dolan was ordained to the priesthood in June 1976. He completed a doctorate in American Church history at The Catholic University of America.

From 1994 to 2001, Dolan served as rector of the Pontifical North American College in Rome. While there, he was also a visiting professor of

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Administrators support Call to Action movement

By NICOLE MICHELS
News Writer

Editor's note: This is the second of a three-part series about the Call to Action movement and the experiences of minority students within the Notre Dame campus community.

The town hall meeting held March 5, 2012 to discuss racial discrimination was the first step to mobilizing the Notre Dame community in the Call to Action Movement.

In the year that has followed that meeting, assistant vice president of student affairs Dr. David Moss has been

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Keri Kei Shibata, assistant chief for safety services, met with Call to Action leaders to develop NDSP's role in better community relations.

Muslim student group reorganizes

By GRACE McCORMACK
News Writer

Despite being a small minority on a predominantly Catholic campus, Muslim students at Notre Dame maintain a strong faith community through the Muslim Students Association (MSA).

The club now sponsors seminars, daily prayer, weekly Quran studies and trips to a local mosque, though it offered little only a year ago, according to president Aamir Ahmed Khan.

"[The MSA] was in a dead zone ... as good as inactive," Khan said.

Recognizing the MSA's

need for revitalization, Priscilla Wong, associate director for administration at Campus Ministry, reached out to Khan when he was a first-year graduate student, Khan said.

Khan said he and a number of other students established a committee to reorganize the group.

"Since we reorganized the committee, we've been getting a lot of positive responses from the students," said S. Moudud Islam, the MSA treasurer.

About 20 of the University's estimated 90 Muslim

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'Spread the word to end the word'

By NICOLE McALEE
News Writer

Notre Dame students are pledging to "Spread the Word to End the Word" today to fight insensitivity toward those with disabilities as part of "End the R-Word Day."

"Spread the Word to End the Word [is] a campaign started by Soeren Palumbo, a 2011 graduate, and Timothy Shriver," said Maureen Connelly, co-president of Special Olympics Notre Dame. "The ultimate focus of the campaign is to spread

awareness and help people realize the hurtfulness of the derogatory use of the word 'retarded' and to encourage them not only to pledge to not use it, but to encourage other people to not use it as well."

This year marks the fifth "End the R-Word Day." While Palumbo instituted the day at Notre Dame, the University is just one of hundreds of colleges and elementary, middle and high schools across the country participating in the campaign.

Palumbo, a 2011 graduate of Notre Dame, founded Special

Olympics Notre Dame his senior year with a group of students in an effort to increase engagement between students and disabled members of the community through athletics. Palumbo, who is pursuing a JD/MBA at the University of Pennsylvania, will be speaking at tomorrow's "Spread the Word" rally at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library's Carey Auditorium.

"I'll be there to talk about where 'Spread the Word' came from, how did it start, how did it

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MAGGIE O'BRIEN | The Observer

A student pledges to combat insensitive treatment of the disabled by signing a banner in LaFortune Student Center in March 2012.

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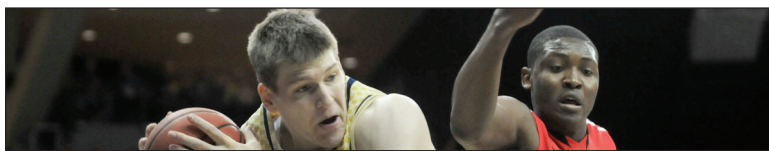
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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

If you could go anywhere in the universe for spring break, where would you go?

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Anna Reyes

freshman
McGlinn Hall

"I want to walk into Mordor."



Eric Jesse

sophomore
Duncan Hall

"Italy, to eat Italian food."



Desiree San Martin

freshman
McGlinn Hall

"I would go to Narnia to meet Aslan."



Kristen Parkinson

sophomore
McGlinn Hall

"I want to go to Hogwarts. No explanation needed."



Annie McEnery

junior
Badin Hall

"Hang gliding in Australia."



Taylor Byrnes

junior
Badin Hall

"Space."



SUZANNA PRATT | The Observer

Irish freshman forward Cameron Biedscheid, center, is held back by teammates after engaging in a fight with a St. John's player during Tuesday night's basketball game. Notre Dame went on to win the game, 66-40.

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Geddes Hall

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Proceeds benefit

the Catholic Peace

Fellowship.

Friday

Writing Workshop

Coleman-Morse

Center

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Strategies for long-

term writing projects.

Saturday

Men's Lacrosse

Arlotta Stadium

12 p.m.-2 p.m.

Game vs. Hofstra.

Sunday

Catholic Mass

Basilica of the Sacred

Heart

10 a.m.-11 p.m.

Film: "Even the Rain"

DeBartolo Performing

Arts Center

7:30 p.m.-9:15 p.m.

Film in Spanish with

English subtitles.

Zen Meditation

Coleman-Morse

Center

5:15-6:15 p.m.

Sitting and walking

meditation.

Film: "The Master"

DeBartolo Performing

Arts Center

6:30 p.m.-8:50 p.m.

A Navy veteran returns

from war.

Women's Lacrosse

Arlotta Stadium

3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Game vs. Boston

University.

Chamber Concert

DeBartolo Performing

Arts Center

3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Featuring cellist Lara

Turner.

Student accepted to ranks of Churchill Scholars

By CAROLYN HUTYRA
News Writer

Senior MurphyKate Montee won't need to shy away from the classic senior spring question: "Do you know what you're doing next year?" Montee, along with 13 other students, will head to Churchill College at Cambridge University as a Winston Churchill Scholar. "The scholarship offers pretty much all of my school costs, travel and visa. It's an incredibly generous gift from the Winston Churchill

"The feeling of proving something in math is very like the feeling after a successful performance. It's a high."
MurphyKate Montee senior

Foundation," said Montee, the second Notre Dame student to receive the award. "I'll be doing Part III, which is a taught program in math," she said. "I'll be

concentrating in theoretical math, probably with a geometry and topology focus." Although Montee will continue to pursue mathematics, the subject has not been her sole focus at Notre Dame. In fact, she is a math and music double major.

"I love them both. They are both beautiful and creative in their own way, and very fun," Montee said. "The feeling of proving something in math is very like the feeling after a successful performance. It's a high."

Montee first heard about the Churchill math program over a year ago from the Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement (CUSE) and later from a friend from the University of Michigan, Nicholas Triantafillou, who also won the award for 2013. She said her interest was immediately piqued, and she felt driven to apply for the Churchill scholarship.

"It's a really great taught math program at Cambridge, very rigorous and with lots of interesting possible topics," she said.

The application process included the submission of

a personal statement and a collection of short essays focused on Montee's interest in England and Cambridge University. Montee was also interviewed by Peter Patrikis, executive director for the foundation in the United States, over the phone, during which she was informed of her acceptance.

"Mr. Patrikis was pretty sneaky about how he told me actually," Montee said. "We had been talking for about fifteen minutes, and he asked,

'So, what are you most looking forward to when you're in England next year?' It was a really exhilarating moment when I realized that I had actually done it."

The Churchill Scholarship is the latest in a number of distinguished awards for Montee. She recently won the Alice T. Schafer Prize in Mathematics from the Association for Women in Mathematics and the Norman and Beatrice Haaser Mathematics Scholarships

from the Notre Dame Math Department.

While Montee is passionate about her work in mathematics, she said she is going to make some time to enjoy her new surroundings next year.

"This is going to be my first long term visit abroad," she said. "I'm looking forward to meeting people, and traveling to see the geography and some great musical sights."

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Churchill Scholar

Eligibility:
Must be U.S. citizen
Senior or recent graduate of participating university
Between 19 and 26 years old at beginning of program

Criteria:
Minimum 3.7 GPA, usually 3.9+
Capacity to contribute to the advancement of knowledge
Outstanding personal qualities

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Saint Mary's choir prepares for five-state tour

By TABITHA RICKETTS
News Writer

While many students are packing up their bags for trips home or to tropical locations, the Saint Mary's College Women's Choir is gearing up for a five-state performance tour.

Sophomore Claire Stewart,

a member of the choir, said she's looking forward to sharing some of the group's latest pieces with audiences.

"I'm really excited for the tour, I think it's going to be one of the highlights of the semester for me," Stewart said. "We're singing a lot of interesting music, and in a lot of interesting cities that I've never

been to." The choir's director, Dr. Nancy Menk, said the tour is an opportunity to improve the quality of the group's performance.

"It's great for the choir," Menk said. "We always sound a million times better when we come back. Mainly it's the refinement of the music that takes place from constantly performing it. That's why our homecoming concert is always a really good one."

The choir will leave Friday and will stop in cities in Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida.

"We are singing with another choir in every city," Menk said. "It's goodwill, it's exchange — they get to sing with us. They're all high school choirs, so they get to hear the more mature voices. The teachers usually like to bring us in to sing for the kids because they think we're a good model; something they can aspire to." Sophomore Nia Parillo said pairing with high school choirs is an opportunity to put the group's performance skills to the test.

"I think it's going to be really cool to work with each other," Parillo said. "It's kind of a test to see how professional we are. If they're doing the same things we are, or if they are like, 'Oh my gosh, they're so good, I can't wait to go to a

collegiate level choir,' that's going to make us feel good and [let's us] know that our hard work is paying off."

Menk said she is looking forward to hearing the choir perform in the various venues.

"I'm looking forward to singing some of our a cappella pieces in some of the spaces we are going to be singing," Menk said. "I've heard they have very good acoustics, especially in Atlanta, Florida and Louisville."

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Claire Stewart sophomore

I know some of our music will sound really great there."

Menk said the frequent performances won't consume all of the choir's time.

"We get to do some fun sight-seeing stuff too; it's not just work," Menk said. "In every city we try to get to the main attraction in that city. There's plenty of fun built in. And we are going to end up in Florida, so they are going to have a beach day."

Stewart said the enjoyable performances and recreational aspects of the trip make the

hard work worthwhile.

"We're definitely giving up a lot of time for it, and it's going to be really intense in terms of the amount of work we have to put into singing, but I think I'm going to have way more fun on this trip than I would at home, because none of my friends have the same break," she said.

First-year Carrie Dubeau said she is excited to both represent Saint Mary's to unfamiliar audiences and to experience some locations for the first time.

"We get to go places that I would never actually go," said Dubeau. "I would never get to visit these cities otherwise, in one week."

Stewart said she is also excited to visit a few of the destinations for the first time.

"The only place I've been is Indianapolis, out of all the places we're going, so I'm really excited to get to see different places," said Stewart. "It's kind of a cool dynamic. We get to sing a lot, but on the other hand we get to have some fun."

Soon after they return to campus, the choir will perform a homecoming concert on March 22 at 7:30 p.m.

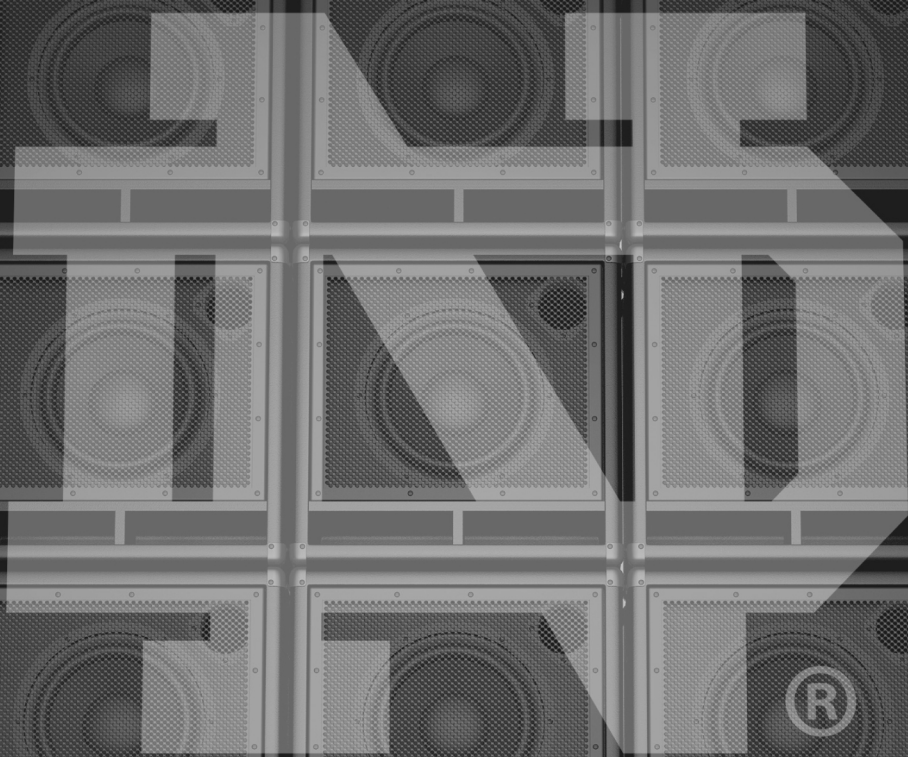
"It's the result of the tour and [students will] hear a really polished performance," Dr. Menk said.

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Lecture explores Catholic intellectual tradition

By KAITLYN RABACH
News Writer

Despite major Church setbacks in recent years, Catholic intellectual tradition is still alive and well in the contemporary world, Margaret O'Brien Steinfels, former co-director of the Center on Religion and Culture at Fordham University said.

She discussed this tradition, which she defined as the interplay of human intellect and spirituality through history, in a lecture titled "Perspectives on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition" Saint Mary's College's spring lecture series, "Mind, Body, Spirit: Connected," Tuesday night.

Steinfels said the fallout of the major sex abuse allegations in the early 2000s was a significant problem for the Church.

"The scandal reported in January of 2002 about the Boston

Catholic Church covering up sexual abuse by Church leaders was a pivotal moment for our Church," Steinfels said. "This crisis affected every part of the Catholic community. The robust confidence in our Church as a whole has fallen several notches because of this."

Steinfels said this crisis and other issues created ambiguity about the strength of Church authority, the intellectual tradition and its interplay with social justice.

"This tradition is both decisive and expansive," Steinfels said. "Catholics have gone from [the tradition] being a structured phenomenon to something that can no longer be pinned down decisively. However, Catholics do have a rich selection of people to cite when we think about Catholic intellectual tradition and social justice. This selection spans decades and continents."

In order to engage the Catholic

intellectual tradition, Steinfels said Catholics must look to future progress.

"Catholics needs to scan the horizon and argue the world," Steinfels said. "We need to place emphasis on the notion that Catholic intellectual tradition looks not only to the past, but to the present and the future."

In order to actively participate in this tradition, Steinfels said Church members must seize the label "intellectual" as a badge of honor.

"Intellectuals are often found in public forums. They are agonistic," Steinfels said. "Intellectuals argue on different sides of large and important subjects."

She said intellectuals are the ones who pass down and reinvent tradition, and that this intellectual tradition will play into how future generations relate to the Catholic faith.

"Tradition defined as something that is passed down implies that we always thought or acted in such a way," Steinfels said. "If we really do what tradition asks we must acknowledge that each generation asks different questions and faces different challenges. Tradition may be a given that we hold near, but it is also invented."

Steinfels said Catholic intellectual tradition is especially important in today's world, with its strong emphasis on empirical evidence.

"There is more to the world we see through microscopes and telescopes," Steinfels said. "Our Church's tradition allows us to contest ideas and worldviews. This tradition allows us to create conversation that works to criticize and understand what we see around us."

"Empirical findings enrich the understanding of a human

person, but they are not the end-all, be-all. Aspects of the human person cannot be explained scientifically," she said. "If the scientific context of truth is not questioned then we will forever be living in a society where human life and human action are reduced."

Steinfels stressed the importance of the Church sharing this tradition with the public.

"Some people wish for religion to be confined to private life. I believe it is a loss to the whole society when any religion is confined to the private life," Steinfels said. "Catholics have a tradition that takes philosophy and philosophical thought seriously. These thoughts should be open for public discussion and do have an influence on policies and other matters of public life."

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MSA

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students actively participate in the club. Kahn said the resource is especially helpful for international students.

"We are far from our own country and we miss our family and religion and practices," he said. "We're trying to make an environment [that] lets students know that we can do the same thing here."

While Muslim students

may feel isolated because of their separation from the familiarities of their home lives, Khan said he has not heard of negative experiences.

"We have not faced any challenge[s] so far, only appreciation and encouragement," he said.

Khan said the group is an asset to the entire campus, not just its Muslim members.

He said he has seen an increase in non-Muslim interests in the Muslim faith and

culture, which has manifested itself at MSA events and through a student-made documentary on Muslims at Notre Dame titled "Scarves and Crosses," which premiered at the Student Film Festival.

"[Non-Muslim students] are asking questions positively," Khan said. "And that is really an encouraging thing."

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Photo Courtesy of Aamir Ahmed Khan

Members of the University community attend the Islam prayer session of the Prayers Around the World series on Wednesday.

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grow, what role did Notre Dame play in those two things, why is it important, where is it going [and] what is Notre Dame's role in the future of the campaign," Palumbo said.

Students can commit to the cause by signing banners from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in both dining halls and LaFortune Student Center. Connelly said students are encouraged to not only pledge themselves to the campaign, but to solicit participation from friends.

"Encourage others — truly spread the word to end the word. If you hear someone using it, it's uncomfortable, but at the same time it's so powerful to have someone tell you, 'Hey, you really shouldn't use that in that sense,'" Connelly said. "If you never really realized how offensive it was before, it kind of opens up your eyes. People are scared sometimes to speak out against it, but they don't realize that some people truly don't know that it's offensive."

Palumbo said the campaign is about more than ending use of the r-word.

"I think that it's important to end the use of the r-word because language not only informs us, language transforms us," he said. "When we use

divisive words or exclusionary words or dehumanizing words, like retard or retarded, we not only build up barriers between people and isolate people and exclude people, but we ourselves become the barriers. We

"When we use the words retard or retarded, we embrace the attitude that it engenders and we prevent all of that."

Soeren Palumbo
class of 2011

force others out when we define our world through exclusionary language."

Using these insensitive terms is not just hurtful to people with disabilities, Palumbo said.

"At the same time, I think that it robs us without disabilities of that perspective, that dimension of the human experience that I think is very enriching and contributes to a more complete and more beautiful understanding of what it means to be human," he said. "When we use the words retard or retarded, we embrace the attitude that it engenders and we prevent all of that."

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an administrator walking at the forefront of the University officials trying to follow that lead.

"The students have a very powerful voice on our campus, and when they decide that this type of activity, this type of harassment, is no longer acceptable in our community then it will be eradicated," Moss said.

To ensure that the students' voices dominated the Call to Action discourse, Moss said he intentionally structured his work with the movement so that he would facilitate student-led initiatives.

"I'm there for support and to get things done on my level of the administration, but this really needs to be a student-led movement because I think that gets us longevity," Moss said. "My advice has been for them to find their own voice, because in the past I would say that these efforts were primarily generated and moved forward by the administration, and though that solves the issue for the time being, if the students aren't behind it and if they don't buy into it then those gains sometimes are not long-lasting."

'A grassroots movement'

From the very beginning, leaders focused on enlisting the support of many different groups — student and administrative — to increase the movement's capacity to act, Moss said.

"The idea of having all these different entities involved with this process ensures that we will have long-term conversations, and I think that's where the most effective change happens," Moss said. Moss said most critical to the facilitation of productive conversations is maintaining each conversation's focus on the movement's driving force: the needs of students.

"We're really trying to be a grassroots [movement]," Moss said. "We're not talking at 30,000 feet. We're right down on the ground, [talking] about how this is the experience of our students and that this is how your department might interface with that experience — so let's have a conversation about making that Notre Dame experience the best that it can be."

Iris Outlaw, director of multicultural student programs and services, said the call for cultural change at Notre Dame found support from the Student Senate, which requested institutional reform related to racial harassment last spring.

Following the March 5, 2012 town hall meeting, the Senate passed a resolution asking for a reevaluation of residence hall staff training and clearer reporting procedures for

incidents of harassment.

Outlaw said this resolution complimented internal discussion within Student Affairs at the time regarding discrimination.

"When the resolution came from the Senate it went up to the [then-vice president of student affairs Fr. Tom Doyle], who had at the time already put some things together to investigate and make some changes," Outlaw said. "As a division we were already talking about how some things need to be changed ... this helped to add credit to what the students were saying ... and to push forward our own review."

As the current vice president of student affairs, Erin Hoffmann Harding has maintained her predecessor's focus on fostering diversity, Outlaw said.

'A welcoming environment'

In keeping with that Student Senate resolution, Moss said administrators within the Call to Action movement have worked closely with the Student Activities Office to ensure administrators consider the needs of individual students as they go through freshman orientation.

"We've been doing a lot of work with Student Activities to make sure we are aware of the kinds of things that can alienate incoming students," Moss said. "I don't believe that Notre Dame is a malicious place, by any stretch of the imagination, [but] I just think that we get so comfortable with it being a nice place that we sometimes don't pay attention to the things that we should."

"Our goal is to heighten the awareness of what could be welcoming and what could be alienating to our students."

Student Affairs plans to work with the Resident Assistants as they are selected for the 2013-14 school year to ensure they can maintain a welcoming environment in their halls, Moss said.

His department also conducted a review of over 70 Notre Dame websites to ensure they presented a welcoming message, he said. Moss said the review focused on honestly portraying the degree of diversity on campus so that Notre Dame's websites represent all of Notre Dame.

"[Based on the results of] that survey, I actually made telephone calls to those individuals and to those halls, to those departments our students indicated [needed to review their website]," Moss said. "Everyone was more than willing to ... see what changes could be made to make sure that students felt included on welcome on our campus."

'A reporting culture'

Moss said the community needed a clearer mechanism



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Dr. David Moss, assistant vice president of student affairs, has worked with the Call to Action movement to support student leaders' efforts and to ensure initiatives remain student-driven.

for reporting racial harassment and discrimination. "If we don't have a reporting culture, then these issues continue to fester," Moss said. "If a student believes that if they report an incident that it's going to take a lot of time, and it's going to take a lot of effort and then they're going to be frustrated with the result then they just won't report."

Outlaw said mechanisms to support a more defined reporting culture have been created in partnership with the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP), building what he called a "one-stop shop" for reporting discriminatory incidents. Keri Kei Shibata, assistant chief for safety services, said NDSP staff met with student leaders following the March 5, 2012 town hall meeting to discuss safety concerns that had been presented during that discussion.

"We talked through some of those things and they said that some of the police procedure they weren't aware of, and that it might be helpful to all students if it were available to them," Shibata said. "We also talked about specific situations [mentioned at the meeting], and many of them we had never been aware of as an administration ... we stressed to the students that it's really important that if there is a concern that something was handled wrongly, we want to know about it right away because then we can address it and correct it."

To increase student awareness of police procedure, Shibata said her department created a webpage called "Know your rights and responsibilities." The website specifically explains the rights of both students and officers in many common situations, she said.

Shibata said the department also implemented a policy that requires officers to offer their business cards to students after any interaction so they then can express positive or negative feedback about the officer's behavior. The department has maintained other ongoing racial sensitivity training to continue to improve officer communication,

even in high-risk situations, she said.

"We're here to help, we're here to serve. ... we want to interact and to have honest conversations about things that happened, and also just to help people learn to be safe in the way that they go about their lives," Shibata said. "We welcome any feedback that people have and any suggestions that they have about how we can improve our service to the community."

Cultural competency

Outlaw said the Call to Action leaders have also worked with academic programs, looking to develop a curriculum on cultural consciousness.

"That's one of the things we wanted, to get a cultural competency course that ... all students would have to go through regardless of their major," Outlaw said.

Elizabeth LaFortune, academic advisor for First Year of Studies, is currently the primary instructor for the first iteration of the voluntary, one-credit "Intro to Cultural Competence" course. LaFortune said the course is part of a broader initiative within the First Year of studies to increase students' ability to engage with cultures different from their own.

"Students learn why cultural competence skills have become essential to functioning successfully in the present environment, what those skills are, and how to acquire and demonstrate them," LaFortune said.

Even in the initial class meetings, LaFortune said her students' experiences in her class appear already to have begun to change their perspectives.

"We began the course with a discussion of the unearned privileges of being part of a dominant culture, based on nationality, sexuality, religion, socioeconomic group, race, ability and gender," LaFortune said. "Our discussions have been honest and lively. The greatest effect on the students as a whole has been a greater awareness of their own cultures and how their cultures affect how they

interact with the world."

Outlaw said the First Year of Studies program provides many opportunities for students to explore the diverse array of cultures represented at Notre Dame, that have been complimented by MSPS initiatives and other programs across the University. The goal of these efforts is to encourage students to think outside of the box, she said.

"Thinking beyond the comfort zone of your own race or ethnicity — that's all we're really asking," Outlaw said. "We want to shift people's paradigms so they will think in a broader context while interacting with people and not rely on stereotypes—but learn about people one-on-one."

'A long way to go'

Change at Notre Dame on these issues will take time. For Moss, these various administrative steps with Call to Action only reflect a beginning.

"Honestly, I think there is a long way to go," Moss said. "It's not as bad as it used to be but [I think it's important] for us not to have any illusions about how far we need to go, because there are still people here who have experiences here that are not what we would call [experiences] of the Notre Dame family."

Moss said he hopes the movement motivates people to actively work to make the Notre Dame environment more inclusive.

"One of the things I've always said about Notre Dame is that this is not an intentionally hostile or discriminatory environment, but it is not an assertive environment either," Moss said. "For me, the result of this movement — I hope — is going to be that when individuals hear about racism, or sexism, or heterosexism, or whatever the case may be, that when they hear about it that they don't just heart [it] and do nothing, but that they actually become involved ... and somehow let people know that these types of activities are not acceptable."

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Venezuelan-Americans react to Chavez's death

Associated Press

DORAL, Fla. — Cheering Venezuelans in the U.S. waved their country's flag and expressed hope Tuesday that change would come to their homeland after the death of long-ruling populist President Hugo Chavez.

"He's gone!" dozens in a largely anti-Chavez community chanted after word spread of the death of the 58-year-old leftist. Many said they were rejoicing after nearly a decade and a half of socialist rule heavily concentrated in the hands of Chavez.

"We are not celebrating death," Ana San Jorge, 37, said amid a jubilant crowd in the Miami suburb of Doral. "We are celebrating the opening of a new door, of hope and change."

Wearing caps and T-shirts in Venezuela's colors of yellow, blue and red, many expressed cautious optimism and concern after the announcement of the death.

"Although we might all be united here celebrating today, we don't know what the future holds," said Francisco Gamez, 18, at El Arepazo, a popular Venezuelan restaurant in Doral.

Chavez, though cancer-stricken in recent years, had led the oil-rich Latin American nation for years while espousing a fiery brand of socialism and bickering with a succession of U.S. governments over what he called Washington's hegemony in the region.

Many in Florida's large Venezuelan community and other such pockets around the U.S. are stridently anti-Chavez and had fled their home



A crowd gathers at a restaurant in Doral, Fla., on Tuesday after hearing the news of Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez's death.

country in response to the policies his government instituted.

Doral has the largest concentration of Venezuelans living in the U.S. They transformed what was a quiet suburb near Miami's airport into a bustling city affectionately known as "Doralzuela."

El Arepazo is at the heart of the community and sells arepas, corn flour patties stuffed with fresh cheese and other fillings. Hundreds of Venezuelans gathered at the restaurant with family and friends to watch news broadcasts covering the death.

Doral Mayor Luigi Boria said 30 police officers were assigned to monitor reaction, but said all was under control late Tuesday.

An estimated 189,219 Venezuelan immigrants live in the United States, according to U.S. Census figures. In addition to Florida, there are sizable Venezuelan communities in Los Angeles and New York.

A large number of professionals and others left their country beginning after Chavez became president in 1999. Many did not agree with his socialist government, became frightened of soaring crime or simply sought better fortunes abroad.

At Mil Jugos restaurant in downtown Santa Ana, in Southern California's Orange County, the Briceno family rejoiced. Daughter Norah Briceno left her country 14 years ago after struggling economically under Chavez despite a master's degree in finance and a popular restaurant. She sold her business to a friend and opened an identical restaurant in California.

"When Chavez won, if you weren't with the Chavez revolution, you were out and you barely had enough money to eat," she said. "Finally, he's died. He's the reason we had to leave home and we're all here."

U.N. eyes sanctions for North Korea

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — A U.S.-China draft resolution aimed at reining in North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile program would impose some of the strongest sanctions ever ordered by the United Nations, in a move certain to infuriate the regime and inflame tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

The proposed resolution put forward by the United States and China — North Korea's closest ally — followed Pyongyang's third nuclear test on Feb. 12. It reflected the U.N. Security Council's growing anger over the country's defiance of three previous rounds of sanctions aimed at halting all nuclear and missile tests.

Pyongyang threatened to cancel the 1953 cease-fire that ended the Korean War in response to the looming fourth round of sanctions. North Korea insists its nuclear program is a response to American hostility that dates back to the Korean War, which ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty, leaving the Korean Peninsula still technically in a state of war.

"North Korea will be subject to some of the toughest sanctions imposed by the United Nations," Susan Rice, the U.S. ambassador to the U.N. said. "The breadth and scope of these sanctions is exceptional and demonstrates the strength of the international community's commitment to denuclearization and the demand that North Korea comply with its international obligations."

Rice and China's U.N. Ambassador Li Baodong, who negotiated the text behind

closed doors over the last three weeks, predicted speedy approval of the resolution.

"The vote will be Thursday — that's the target," Li said. Rice said the council hoped for "unanimous adoption."

The draft resolution would make it significantly harder for North Korea to move around the funds it needs to carry out its illicit programs.

It would also strengthen existing sanctions that bar North Korea from testing or using nuclear or ballistic missile technology and from importing or exporting material for these programs. It would strengthen the inspection of suspect cargo bound to and from the country.

Many analysts believe that the success of this new round of sanctions depends largely on how well China enforces them. Most of the companies and banks that North Korea is believed to work with are based in China.

The Korean People's Army Supreme Command, citing the U.S.-led push for sanctions, threatened Tuesday to cancel the armistice agreement on March 11 because of ongoing U.S.-South Korean military drills that began March 1. Without elaborating, the command also warned of "surgical strikes" meant to unify the divided Korean Peninsula and of an indigenous, "precision nuclear striking tool."

Such heated military rhetoric and threats have become increasingly common from North Korea as tensions have escalated following last December's rocket launch and Pyongyang's recent nuclear test.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Defining Home



Maddie Daly
News Writer

One of my least favorite questions, right below “How tall are you?” and “Do you play volleyball?” is the classic awkward-first-encounter question, “So where are you from?” And no, it’s not just because I say Chicago, Naperville and Benet Academy like a substantial majority of students here do. The longest I’ve lived in one place is eight years, and my loyalty to each town is based off of memories, not time.

The first five years of my life were spent in Tulsa, Okla., my technical hometown that I can hardly even conjure up a picture of in my head. Besides to see the few remaining family members that never left the cow-infested, tornado-wrecked Southern state, I have no desire to go back to Oklahoma. The closest I get to feeling like a true Oklahoman is wearing my cowboy boots and saying the occasional y’all.

Next, my dad’s job kicked us out of Tulsa and into Geneva, Ill. for the next three years of our unstable life. My memories of those years include sledding in six-inch deep snow, singing and dancing in the backyard dressed up like Sandy from “Grease.” As far as five-year-old kids go, I was pretty happy, even when my dad announced that we would be moving 750 miles south to a place called Alpharetta, Georgia.

That stucco brown house at the end of the cul-de-sac in Abbotts Pond, is the place I learned to call home. No, I wasn’t born there, I didn’t live there the longest and I have no family there, but Georgia is where I grew up. From winning my first tennis match to meeting my best friend to crying the night my mom told us she had cancer, Georgia holds the most memories, good and bad. The seven years I lived there, from first grade to the summer before eighth, were the happiest of my life. And then, one chilly 55-degree day in January while devouring queso and chips at our favorite Mexican restaurant, Cinco, my world fell apart. We were moving again, he said. In August. Back to the cold, expensive, flat and unfriendly state of Illinois.

To blame my reaction on 13-year-old angst would be unfair; this was getting ridiculous. I was about to finish my middle school career at Holy Redeemer, had plans to sing in the eighth grade musical and had already paid for the next year’s cheerleading uniform. High school was on the horizon, and the boy I had a crush on finally liked me back. I was finally starting to feel at home somewhere, and now I was going to have to start all over again.

The move was rough to say the least, but eventually I adjusted and at least stopped hating my new home. Even though I wish we could have stayed in Georgia, I’m glad for each move because it brought me where I am today, and I wouldn’t change that for the world.

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‘We are Incomplete’

Carter Boyd

God, Country, Notre Dame

I had the opportunity to go on the February Freshmen Retreat. At the onset of the first wave of tests for this semester, I was reluctant about taking 24 hours out of my weekend to attend a retreat with about fifty other fellow freshmen.

The theme of the retreat was “We are Incomplete.” The retreat came at just the right time for me and served as a great reminder that it is in God’s design for us that here on earth we are incomplete, desperately yearning for something greater than this world has to offer. Either consciously or subconsciously, we realize that we are incomplete in nature; we look to the world around us to fill ourselves, to complete us, to fill the void in our hearts, souls and minds. It would not be a problem if this desire for completeness was only transitory or fleeting, but our masterful creator in heaven designed us with a desire for Him. God designed us with a desire for Him, an eternal and magnificent being, where we remain restless, apprehensive and uneasy without His fulfillment.

Unfortunately, throughout the world and especially in America, we turn to the temptations of the world to satisfy our desire for our missing half. We turn to violence, to drugs, to alcohol, to sex, to food, to money, to excessiveness, to shopping, to coffee, to popularity, to fame, to gossip, to knowledge, to videogames, attempting to fill ourselves. The problem that we realize is that what we are using to complete our voids is insufficient, so we move on to the next thing in a never ending cycle. Some people, however, have grown

tired of the search for security and happiness in worldly things and they have put their trust, their faith and their unconditional love in the God who created them. I find it amazing, brilliant and intriguing that God has instilled a desire in us for Him at our deepest core. In our pursuits, while falling to the temptations of the world, we are simply looking for Him, for His peace and grace to fill our hearts and for the great refuge we can enjoy in His presence.

On any given day at Notre Dame, we can see God’s enduring love. The Grotto burns 24/7 and is open for anyone to say a prayer, the rosary or just stand in awe of the beauty. Christ is present in the Eucharist in classrooms and dorms. Many flock to the Grotto or a chapel to find that flicker of hope that they need to get through the day. Yes, the struggles we face seem overwhelming. We often start out thinking, “I have my day all planned” and then gradually our plans become just a memory. Everything is going great but then there is a pop quiz, a disagreement with a roommate, a phone that breaks, a stressful amount of work, a rejection from an internship, a rainy day, a break-up, a loved one who grows ill at home.

We go in to disarray over whatever it may be. Our spirits become deflated, our thoughts downtrodden. We are broken. We don’t have control. Yet in these moments of loneliness, depression, anger, hurt or pain, we get a call from a friend, a smile from a stranger, a moment of sunshine, a class gets canceled or we get a job offer. Here we see that someone does have control. God has a plan, a purpose, a love for us. Why is it that we want to be the ones in charge and dictate to God when we need Him? Why is it so

hard for us to remember that we cannot do it without God’s guidance, love and wisdom? We need to accept that we are incomplete and surrender our lives to God so one day we can be complete in His love.

There are so many opportunities for all of us in the Notre Dame family. In this time of lent, let us remember our charge for prayer, fasting and alms giving. As we pray during Lent, it is important to examine our consciences. Attending a penance service and going to confession is an important step in preparing ourselves as a steward in our faith. Being immersed in prayer leads us to fasting for our Lord. It is in fasting that we know that our mind is making a conscious decision of discipline to control our body. This is very important as we show our love, honor and respect for God. There are many opportunities for us to do good for others. We can help someone with their studies, talk with a discouraged roommate, encourage our friends in their everyday lives or volunteer. Giving back is vital in realizing that we are incomplete.

Filling our voids with positive acts will lead us to completeness with God. Isn’t that what we are all striving for? During Lent, we are given the great reminder that on our own we are insufficient and that we are dependent on God for true happiness and joy in this world. Let our hearts turn to God to quench our persistent hunger for wholeness.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



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Why I left Mendoza for Arts and Letters

Adam Newman
Scienta Potentia Est

Last year, I was a junior finance major doing extremely well in school. Once the year ended, I would be six business classes away from graduating with a degree from Mendoza. The only issue was that I was miserable in Mendoza. Halfway into the semester, I transferred out and into the College of Arts and Letters. While this may surprise many, (and make others question my sanity,) hopefully my story can provide insight into one of the most important decisions I ever made.

My greatest passion is American politics and policy. Nothing else even comes close. However, I decided in high school that I would be a business major in college. I made this decision because both of my parents were in the business world and I reasoned business was more practical than political science.

However, my first year in Mendoza taught me that I really did not like my business classes. They were okay, but I was neither passionate about nor interested in them. Even still, I worked hard in these classes out of a desire to do well.

During my semester in Washington D.C. fall of junior year, I took only political science classes and I loved it. For the first time, I really enjoyed going to class, liked what I was learning and really liked how the courses were structured. Even still, upon returning to Notre Dame in the spring I enrolled in six business classes.

As junior year progressed, I began to realize how much I did not like

business. I was not very interested in the material and was finding it much harder to listen in class and study for tests. I knew deep down that I would prefer political science, but knew that I had to live with being a business major.

This created an internal mix of frustration, sadness and anger every day. One night I was in my room in Fisher Hall working through a problem set and got really frustrated at how little I cared about the material. I do not know why, but at that moment I decided to pull up a YouTube video of Steve Job's 2005 commencement speech at Stanford. In this speech Steve Jobs, at the time a cancer survivor, talks about the most important lessons he learned in life. I had found the speech inspiring before, but as I listened to it again it had a new meaning, with one excerpt in particular standing out:

"When I was 17, I read a quote that went something like: 'If you live each day as if it was your last, someday you'll most certainly be right.' It made an impression on me, and since then, for the past 33 years, I have looked in the mirror every morning and asked myself: 'If today were the last day of my life, would I want to do what I am about to do today?' And whenever the answer has been 'No' for too many days in a row, I know I need to change something. Remembering that I'll be dead soon is the most important tool I've ever encountered to help me make the big choices in life. Because almost everything — all external expectations, all pride, all fear of embarrassment or failure — these things just fall away in the face of death,

leaving only what is truly important. Remembering that you are going to die is the best way I know to avoid the trap of thinking you have something to lose. You are already naked. There is no reason not to follow your heart."

That was the moment when I realized what a major mistake I had made. I knew that I was listening to none of Steve Jobs' advice because I had prioritized the plan of attaining a business degree higher than my personal happiness.

Steve Jobs gave me the courage to tell my parents at JPW that I hated my classes, hated what I was doing, did not want to be a business major any more and wanted to transfer to Arts and Letters. They were originally not crazy about the idea to say the least, but after a two-month-long process of talking with them, career counselors and other ND staff, I transferred to Arts and Letters as a political science major, meaning that I will not receive any degree from Mendoza. (Full disclosure: any switch would have forced me to take summer classes or an extra semester. I chose the latter, and will not deny how fortunate I am to have this opportunity).

What was extremely important in my decision to transfer was that I made it with all the information, had an idea of how I would use my degree after college and how I would market myself to employers. I also substantially increased the amount of career preparation and networking to ensure a smooth transition to the work world.

Right now, I really like my political science classes and my switch allowed me the opportunity to write a senior thesis on health care, by

far the most important and exciting learning I have ever experienced. We will see whether or not political science turns out to be a good decision. I am confident that it will be, but only time can tell. As Jobs said, "Again, you can't connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something — your gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever. This approach has never let me down, and it has made all the difference in my life."

This article is not meant to insult Mendoza or its students, because I have major respect for both. I also have to express my gratitude to the many patient business professors who spent hours helping me and heartened by those who encouraged me to switch to political science. But that does not take away that many students are passionate about another field, but sacrifice that passion to receive a degree through Mendoza.

So in conclusion, remember Steve Jobs: "Remembering that you are going to die is the best way I know to avoid the trap of thinking you have something to lose. You are already naked. There is no reason not to follow your heart."

I can affirm that any time of doubt serves as an opportunity. All it takes is the courage to embrace it.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

‘Spread the Word to End the Word’

A few years ago, I had a conversation with my brother that changed my life. I was sharing a story about an autistic boy, Liam, with whom I had spent time as a camp counselor for people with special needs. My brother commented that Liam was a boy with autism rather than an autistic boy. Liam was a person first; autism should be used to describe, not to define. Before this, altering labels seemed like trivial semantics.

That night, however, I realized that language matters. While words inform and share, they serve another function. Whether consciously or subconsciously, our words define and limit our outlook on the world, our opinion of others and our understanding of how others should be treated. By defining Liam as an autistic boy rather than a boy with autism, I was also confirming my view that

Liam was somehow different from me and somehow separate from me.

Wednesday, March 6, was the fifth annual Spread the Word to End the Word Day, a campaign devoted to raising awareness about the dehumanizing effects of words such as retard and retarded. As stated by Special Olympics, these derogatory slurs promote "painful stereotypes of people with intellectual disabilities being less valued members of humanity." I believe the elimination of hurtful words such as retard and retarded will help fade the differences that seem to set people with physical and intellectual disabilities apart and allow humanity to emerge as the defining characteristic of us all.

I am not asking for donations of time or Domer Dollars. Rather, I ask my classmates to recognize

that words dictate how we view and understand others in our community and consequently influence our actions. Whether you joined the myriad of people around the world by signing the pledge on March 6 to uphold the dignity of all people, I encourage you, as a member of Notre Dame community, to do even more. I urge you to practice what you preach by extending the spirit of inclusion and love that is intrinsic to the Notre Dame family to everyone, regardless of ability.

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Tweets



Sam Stryker @sbstryker 2 mins

Much like it did in the Soviet Union, privacy has become a thing of the past at the University of Notre Dame. You can run but you cannot hide from ND Makeouts, the Twitter account that shares photos of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students engaged in some serious public displays of affection, henceforth known as "PDA." Students now lock lips with the risk of their makeouts being shared with all of campus (or at least the 2,000-plus followers of ND Makeouts).



Sam Stryker @sbstryker 25 mins

As an avid social media user, I don't think ND Makeouts has gone far enough. Tonsil-hockey is a niche market, and therefore I propose Notre Dame students take it upon themselves to create the following Twitter accounts that would truly go a long way in enriching student life at the University.

Retweeted by Mr. Michael O'Neill



Sleep Like a Champion Today @NDcomatose 1 hr

Notre Dame students are known for excelling in nearly everything they do — athletics, academics and extracurricular activities. I would like to add sleeping to that list. In my time at Notre Dame, I've fallen asleep at off-campus parties, the library, The Observer office, classrooms and even the dining hall — all multiple times. I've seen people asleep in class, in academic buildings, out on the quad and even at bars.



Sleep Like a Champion Today @NDcomatose 2 hrs

Why not chronicle Notre Dame students in their comatose excellence? Heck, I'd even bet the Twitter account would push students to fall asleep in greater places — while doing pushups at a football game, at tailgates and while giving their thesis presentation. Go Irish, beat awakeness!

Retweeted by Missy Elliott



Library Outfits During Finals Week @NDgroufit 2 hrs

This would kind of be like the Sartorialist, except the exact opposite. Sweatpants, groufits, hair that hasn't seen a shower in a week — what's not to love? Yes, it's nice to people-watch on the quad or in the dining hall or get all dolled up for a formal, but what I'm really interested to see is how people look when that Dean's List status is on the line.



Library Outfits During Finals Week @NDgroufit 2 hrs

Finals week brings out the most innovative (some may say worst) fashion choices when it comes to Notre Dame students, and I say it's a disservice to the University community to not share all of these wonderful sartorial choices.



People of Vesuvio's Pizza @NDBlackOut 2 hrs

You haven't had a true night out on the town until you've had a nightcap at Vesuvio's Pizza in downtown South Bend, and by nightcap I mean a greasy slice of "pizza" that is guaranteed to satisfy any adult-drink-induced hunger. Conveniently located next to the fine social institution that is Finny's and right around the corner from beloved Club Fever is Vesuvio's Pizza.

Retweeted by Matt Fix



People of Vesuvio's Pizza @NDBlackOut 3 hrs

I'd like to think Vesuvio's is the upperclassman's answer to Reckers, but that would be giving the on-campus establishment too much credit. Reckers has the 2 a.m. rush of freshmen and sophomores coming from dorm parties, which yes, can lead to very long lines. But that basically makes it like any old Disneyworld ride. Vesuvio's is more like the Hunger Games, where you have to fight off fellow seniors in various states of inebriation to get that coveted slice of pizza. When you're coming out of Fever at 3 a.m., all you want is greasy food and that can lead to some crazy antics that are more than worthy of sharing via social media.



Ring by Spring @ChristianMingle 3 hrs

As much as I appreciate the fact ND Makeouts is cultivating an image of the University as one of promiscuity and classic college debauchery, Notre Dame is a Catholic institution. We need to uphold the values of Our Lady's University, and the next step in doing so is through social media.



Ring by Spring @ChristianMingle 3 hrs

The "Ring by Spring" is a time-honored Notre Dame tradition. For the freshmen out there, the rite of passage known as "ring by spring" involves getting engaged by the spring of your senior year (I first thought it meant eating a Ring Pop before the snow went away, in which case I was covered. Silly me.) I propose we designate a member of the student body who will capture all the moments of students getting engaged. Nothing says everlasting love like spreading news of your engagement through social media.



KEEP CALM AND STYLE ON

Too Fast Too Fabulous

By **JESSIE CHRISTIAN**
Scene Writer

On a quiet Sunday afternoon with the muted hue of an over-cast sky spilling in through my dorm room window, I sat with my roommate watching TV when I heard a knock on the door.

I opened it up to reveal an effortlessly radiant Jade Barber, who, with a subtle smile, stood patiently awaiting an invitation to come inside and a breakdown of the game plan for the day.

My plan was conceptually very simple. I wanted to channel the intensity present within the fiercest of athletes into a style concept that demonstrated that same level of elegance and power.

Barber, a sophomore on the Irish track and field team, was undoubtedly the perfect person to help fulfill this vision. A dominant force in the sprints and hurdles, she helped to propel the Irish to a Big East conference title with her first-place finish in the 60-meter hurdles, second-place finish in the 200-meter dash and leadoff leg on the winning 4x400-meter relay team. Though her accomplishments at the conference championship earned her Big East Female Athlete of the Meet, Barber didn't stop there. Just two weeks later in the Alex Wilson Track and Field Invitational this past weekend, she picked up yet another season best in the 60-meter hurdles. Her time of 8.13 seconds broke her own school record, the meet record and earned her a fourth-place spot in the coveted sweet sixteen of ladies competing for the national title in the event.

When asked about what factors contributed to her wild success on the track, Barber had this to say:

"Good coaching is necessary to improve form and technique. When I got to Notre Dame, both my running and hurdling forms were terrible. My coach got on my case because he believed that I had the ability to be good. He dedicated extra time to me because he cared and believed that I wanted success badly enough to put in the hard work.

My teammates were also extremely important for my track success. All of the ladies that I train with are very talented, and running with such experienced women every day prepares me for the high level of competition that [Division I] athletics have to offer. More importantly, my teammates motivate me to perform well. Before my races one of my teammates always comes up to me and holds me accountable for my performance. She reminds me that when I'm running, I'm not running for myself and that I'm running for my team. When I wear my uniform, I'm expected to bring pride and glory to the Notre Dame track family.

My family is the last essential factor for my current track



accomplishments. If it weren't for my family I never would have started running track. I ran track because of my brother. He ran and I wanted to be just like him. When my twin sister Kaila and I showed some potential, my family began to push for us to pursue track and she and I both ended up running at Notre Dame. She is my support line as well as my best friend. My grandma unexpectedly made the trip to the Big East Indoor Championship this year and I cried. I cried while in the starting blocks for the 60-meter hurdle finals because I was so happy that my family was there."

Barber's support system has helped to shape the powerhouse of an athlete that she has become in a number of ways. First and foremost, she emits an undeniable aura of confidence when she steps onto the track. She also possesses the impressive ability to remain consistently strong from meet to meet. Finally, on top of all of that, she remains admirably humble, never forgoing the opportunity to accept a congratula-

and natural metallic hues to add warmth and intensity to her gaze. For a pop of color and fun to match her bright personality, a dab of pink eye shadow was added at the corner of each eye. To finish off the look, she sports a strong cat-eye courtesy of a black liquid eyeliner, thick and flirty lashes courtesy of a true black mascara and a rich brown pencil eyeliner to line her water line. The result is a set of eyes as powerful as the woman to which they belong.

Fierce Competition

Animalistic pieces add a level of edginess to Jade's look and simultaneously channel the superstar's fierce competitive drive on the track.

Rough and Tough

To represent Jade's "no pain, no gain" attitude, she sports a pair of Timberland boots and a button-down jean shirt.

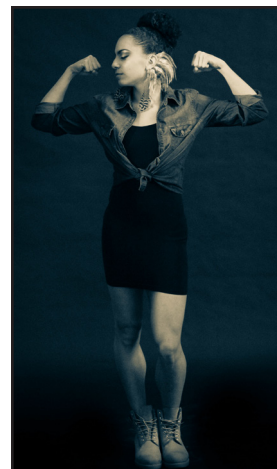
The kicks, which have traditionally been marketed as men's work boots, look powerful and feminine on their wearer. The jean top also supports that "tough girl" look that Jade pulls off so well.

Clean and Classy

Although Jade is both fierce and powerful on the track, she manages to stay strikingly poised as she floats over hurdles and around the track. A simple black dress and beige strap channel her seemingly effortless grace in competition.

Truly Traditional

To complete Jade's look, she sports the student-athlete monogram jacket, awarded to Notre Dame varsity athletes who have performed exceptionally well in their respective sports. The jacket is just one testament to the great athletic accomplishments that Jade has made at the University thus far, and is a reminder to all that her allegiance both on and off of the track lies with the Fighting Irish.



tory hug or offer words of wisdom to a frustrated friend.

To capture the fierceness that Jade possesses on the track in her style outside of the athletic arena, incorporating her story into her looks was key.

Brilliant Eyes

Jade's eyes are framed by a striking mixture of gold, silver

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SPORTSAUTHORITY

Bonds started era of scandal



Isaac Lorton
Sports Writer

Editor's note: This is the ninth in a 12-part series discussing the defining sportsman (or woman) of this century. In this installment, Isaac Lorton argues for Barry Bonds. Join the discussion on Twitter by using #DefiningSportsman.

He was never his father, nor his godfather the "Say Hey Kid," and he was never Ken Griffey Jr. Barry Bonds was more than all of them, and he was less.

If we take steroids out of the picture, Bonds is the greatest baseball player of all-time. If we leave steroids in the picture, well who knows if he is or not?

Bonds won a record seven MVP awards, including four consecutive MVP awards from 2001-2004. To put it in perspective, the next-most MVP awards won by an individual over a career is three. Bonds was a 14-time All-Star, eight-time Gold Glove recipient. Bonds holds the record for 762 career home runs, 73 home runs in one season, 2,558 career walks, 688 intentional walks and most consecutive seasons with 30-plus home runs in a season (13 from 1992-2004). Teams were so afraid to face Bonds they would rather walk him — even when the bases were loaded. It was a sad moment in Diamondbacks history on May 28, 1998, when Bonds came up to the plate and became the fifth player ever in MLB history to be intentional walked with the bases loaded.

Bonds is one of four members in the 300 (HRs)/300 (Steals) club. The other three were Willie Mays, Bobby Bonds and Andre Dawson. This club is one of the greatest measurements of an all-around offensive player and baseball athlete. It is the unique combination of power and speed and being able to get on base.

Barry Bonds is in the 400/400 club and Barry Bonds is in the 500/500 club. He was the first player (and probably the last) to enter the 400/400 club and he will definitely be the only player ever to reach 500/500. He has touched heights that one can only dream of. Bonds was at the top of his sport and at the top of the sporting world to begin the 21st century.

Yet the media never liked Bonds. Fans never liked Bonds. He was an incredibly talented, hubristic, arrogant and polarizing player. Bonds was never loved as Willie Mays, his godfather, was loved. People did not take to him as they took to Ken

Griffey Jr. And when the steroid scandals officially came to light via the BALCO (Bay Area Laboratory Co-operative) case in 2003, people sought to bring this demi-god, this monster, this giant, down. And down he fell.

It just goes to show that athletes on the side of the media and the fans will be protected (look at Ryan Braun). His achievements are tainted with asterisks and, as the vote on Jan. 9, 2013, showed, he will not be remembered as a Hall of Fame player.

It was reported that Bonds had tested positive for anabolic steroids, specifically stanozolol, in Nov. 2000. Seven years and four MVPs later, Bonds was indicted on Nov. 15, 2007 for perjury and obstruction of justice. 2007 marked the last year of Bond's 21-year career. On April 13, 2011, Bonds was convicted for obstruction of justice and giving an evasive answer under oath. Bonds and his team of lawyers appealed and the appeal is still going on today.

In the 13 years of the 21st century, Bonds has occupied all of them, as the central figure of the steroid scandal in baseball and steroids in sports. Bonds singlehandedly changed how media and fans view athletes. We, as a collective whole, began to seek to catch athletes, especially the best athletes, involved in controversy.

Since the Bonds' scandal, many of the best players in baseball were found to be tainted with steroids, college football programs began receiving sanctions right and left for a whole host of things — preferential treatment, we are missing a Heisman in 2005, Joe Paterno is no longer a legend, —Tiger Woods is a sex addict, Michael Phelps smokes marijuana, four of the seven Tour de France winners since 1998 were found to be positive for steroids, Lance Armstrong was disowned by the world, NFL players are taking "study pills" and people are even throwing badminton games in The Olympics.

All of this fallout began when Bonds, the greatest athlete in sports, was accused of using steroids in 2001. Since then, the 21st century of sports has been characterized and defined by the pursuit of catching premier athletes and sports programs doing something wrong.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Clowney ignores analysts, prepares for new season

Associated Press

Jadeveon Clowney is back on the football field, getting ready for another season — at South Carolina.

After an offseason of questions about whether the defensive end should play college ball this fall and risk being injured, he let his actions show how he felt Tuesday. He participated in drills, working on his technique in preparation for the Gamecocks' 2013 season.

Several NFL analysts say the 6-foot-6, 256-pound sophomore — who did not speak with reporters after his workout — would be the first pick in this year's draft if he were eligible to turn pro.

"He understands this is a big year for coming for him performance-wise, academically and athletically," Gamecocks defensive coordinator Lorenzo Ward said. "He's doing well the last two or three weeks handling the situation."

Clowney's been the face of college football since his hit on Michigan's Vincent Smith — ESPN's version on YouTube.com has gotten over 3.2 million viewings — sent the runner's helmet flying and laid the player out flat before Clowney reached out with one hand to retrieve the ball. That's led plenty of debate whether Clowney should gamble his high pro draft position with another season of college ball.

Clowney never thought about that scenario, Ward said.

The player and his parents met with Ward soon after South Carolina's 33-28 Outback Bowl victory simply to talk about what Clowney needed to do to improve.

"It wasn't an issue with them. It wasn't an issue with us," Ward said. "That's why he's out here practicing."

Clowney looked at home on the practice field. Ward and head coach Steve Spurrier stopped by to talk and wish him well during pre-workout stretches before



AP

Jadeveon Clowney talks with his teammates during South Carolina's victory over Wofford on Nov. 17, 2012.

Clowney broke out for position drills led by first-year defensive line coach Deke Adams. Adams made Clowney go through the tackling dummies a second time when the player didn't do it crisply enough. "Good, good. Much better," Adams told him.

Clowney hurried off the field across from Williams-Brice Stadium when the session was over.

"We've talked to him a little bit," Spurrier said. "He's an exuberant young man and he's handled it pretty well. We'll work with him."

Clowney's lived in a spotlight since high school as the country's No. 1 college prospect coming out of South Pointe High School. He delayed his college choice nearly two weeks after signing day in 2011, picking South Carolina over Alabama and Clemson. Clowney was the Southeastern Conference's freshman of the year that fall and took his game to another level this season, recording 4.5 sacks in the Gamecocks 27-17 win over rival Clemson last November.

Count on Clowney again being one of South Carolina's most talked-about players. He said last fall he hoped to contend for the Heisman Trophy,

college football's top prize, before finishing up his time with the Gamecocks. To do that, he'll need a sharp focus, something teammate Kaiwan Lewis says he's shown through all the talk about Clowney's future.

"We were with him nearly every single day," said Lewis, a linebacker. "It was a funny situation because it didn't really affect him."

Ward, the second-year defensive coordinator, said if Clowney had given up on this season, it would have made a bad impression with pro teams.

"There's not an NFL owner who would tell Clowney to sit out the season," Ward said. "One of the last guys to challenge the league was [Ohio State tailback] Maurice Clarett. Where is he?"

Clowney tied for third nationally in the Football Bowl Subdivision with 13 sacks and was second in the country with 23.5 tackles for loss. Ward said he'll work his All-American as hard as possible since Clowney needs to improve in giving consistent effort.

"If I get him to play 100 percent every time, he might be unstoppable," Ward said. "If he wants to be the number one player picked in the draft, he's got to play hard. He understands that."

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SPORTS TELEVISION

Fox prepares to launch new sports network

Associated Press

NEW YORK — For anyone who thinks TV is already saturated with sports of every stripe, stay tuned.

Here comes Fox with an in-your-face challenge to ESPN — a 24-hour sports cable network called Fox Sports 1, set to launch Aug. 17.

“ESPN, quite frankly, is a machine,” Fox Sports executive vice president Bill Wanger said Tuesday in announcing the venture. “They have very consistent ratings, obviously huge revenue. We’re coming in trying to take on the establishment. It’s no different than Fox News or Fox Broadcasting back in the ‘80s. We’re going to have to scratch and claw our way all the way to the top.”

To do that, Fox executives are confident they have enough live events, with rights to college basketball and football, NASCAR, soccer and UFC fights. In its first year, the new network will broadcast nearly 5,000 hours of competition and news.

Fox owns rights to many Big 12, Pac-12 and Conference USA basketball and football games. Its soccer deals include UEFA Champions League and the men’s and women’s World Cups from 2015-22.

Starting in 2014, FS1 will start

broadcasting Major League Baseball games, including part of the postseason. It will show some NASCAR Sprint Cup Series races as early as 2015, with other NASCAR events on the air from the startup.

“We believe we’ve amassed enough live events and can package and put programming around it where we can have scale,” Fox Sports co-President Randy Freer said. “We can have significance. We can be a major player in the market.”

However, unlike ESPN’s lineup, there’s no NBA, no SEC football, no ACC basketball and, the biggest attraction of all, no NFL games. On that last point, Wanger was quick to add: “Yet.”

Still to be determined is whether the NFL sells some Thursday night games separately from its NFL Network package. If it does, everyone will try to buy a piece of the action.

That will be the case for any rights deals that come along; there aren’t many, with long-term pacts now the norm. NBC and CBS already have their own cable sports networks, and Turner is also a factor. Fox Sports co-President Eric Shanks mentioned the NBA, Big Ten and U.S. Open tennis as appealing properties whose contracts expire in the next



Regis Philbin, right, jokes with Terry Bradshaw during a news conference about Fox's new sports network in New York on Tuesday. Philbin will host a weekday sports talk show for Fox Sports 1.

several years.

FS1 has two main challenges, he said. One is producing enough alluring live events to draw viewers, and he thinks the network is already in good shape to do that. The other is inertia: Fans accustomed to tuning to ESPN must be persuaded to switch to a different network.

“People need to over time feel like there’s a channel number in their head that they can

go to as an alternative to one of the more powerful sports channels out there,” he said.

Will they watch nightly highlights on something other than “SportsCenter”? FS1 will try to find out with its own news show, which will look more like Fox’s NFL pregame coverage than ESPN’s cornerstone program.

“We like our position,” ESPN spokesman Josh Krulewitz said. “We have always had vigorous competition so there is really nothing substantially new here. Others are, however, beginning to recognize what we have long known: The power of live sports, especially in light of technological advances, is substantial and brings tremendous value in today’s entertainment landscape.”

ESPN has eight cable networks that combine for almost 30,000 hours of live coverage.

FS1 will be converted from Speed TV, a motorsports network, and will be available in 90 million homes, compared with almost 99 million for ESPN and ESPN2.

And in what might seem odd for a company known for drawing a young audience, Regis Philbin will host a weekday sports talk show for the new network.

The 81-year-old Philbin jokingly pretended to be hard of hearing when questions came up about this at the press conference.

Wanger noted that “Live! With Regis and Kelly” did well in younger demographics before Philbin left that show in late 2011.

“Regis has appeal from young to old,” Wanger said. “That’s why we want him.”

Fox plans to use its “double box” format for showing commercials during live action for sports events. Kicking off the coverage on Aug. 17 will be NASCAR Camping World Truck

Series race from Michigan and a UFC event in prime time..

Fox executives had talked about potentially launching a sports network for years. As DVRs made live events even more valuable, the timing was right once the company was able to line up enough broadcast rights. And not having a cable sports partner could hurt the main Fox network in negotiations, Freer said. Fox has used cable channel FX in the past to show some sports.

The network wasn’t ready to announce its deal with the new basketball conference formed by breakaway Big East schools, but Fox’s executives were happy to talk up the ratings draw the league will provide. Freer called it an “iconic basketball brand” that will immediately be one of the top hoops conferences in the country.

“They’re very historic, high-profile teams. The Georgetown of the world and so on, St. John’s, Villanova etc.,” Wanger said. “It would be a coup if that deal did happen.”

Fox is airing the 2014 Super Bowl in the New York area, a valuable opportunity to promote the new network. Its 22 regional channels will also offer regular chances to direct viewers to FS1.

A report by RBC Capital Markets analyst David Banks says that while FS1 may not match ESPN right away, it can still thrive without doing so. Banks writes that a “modestly successful” venture would more than quadruple Fox’s monthly subscriber fees from what Speed received and increase ad revenue from \$90 million to \$460 million.

“It’s going to take us a while, and we’re aware of this fact,” Fox Sports Chairman David Hill said. “We’re not expecting to knock ESPN off in the first week or two. ... It’s going to be a solid slog.”

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SEC expects upsets in tournament

Associated Press

DULUTH, Ga. — The six Southeastern Conference teams ranked in the Top 25 should be wary of upsets in this week's women's tournament.

And with good reason — there's no reason the tournament should be any different than the regular season.

Most of the ranked teams, including No. 9 Tennessee, the SEC's regular-season champion and top seed in the tournament, lost at least once to an unranked team during the 16-game conference schedule. Unranked Missouri beat the Lady Vols.

No. 12 Georgia, the No. 3 seed, lost at Mississippi State. No. 19 Texas A&M, the fourth seed, lost its last three, including to Vanderbilt and then-unranked LSU.

Kentucky coach Matthew Mitchell says that is just life in the SEC.

No. 7 Kentucky earned the No. 2 seed by closing the regular season with a win over Tennessee. Mitchell said winning the SEC tournament "is

won the regular-season title.

The Lady Vols (23-6, 14-2 SEC) won the regular-season title in their first season with coach Holly Warlick. She spent the last 27 years as an assistant on Pat Summitt's staffs.

Summitt led the Lady Vols to eight national titles in 38 seasons. She stepped down last April after announcing in 2011 she had early-onset dementia.

The regular-season championship under Warlick was a strong statement of Tennessee's continued strength in the post-Summitt era.

"I'm never going to compare myself to Pat Summitt," Warlick said. "There's only one Pat Summitt."

"I just want this team to get better. I have an unbelievable staff. I think one thing that Pat did teach me is surround yourself with quality people."

The Lady Vols have injury concerns this week.

Point guard Ariel Massengale and center Isabelle Harrison have knee injuries. Warlick said se-

know if Harrison will be able to return for the tournament. She said Massengale is "a little sore" and is confident Williams "will bounce back."

LSU is the league's hottest team. The Lady Tigers (19-10, 10-6) closed the regular season with six straight wins, including the 67-52 win at No. 13 Texas A&M.

LSU will play Auburn on Thursday night and will have to play on four straight days to win the tournament. The top four seeds have byes until Friday's quarterfinals.

"Our chances are about as good as anyone else's," said second-year LSU coach Nikki Caldwell, the former Tennessee player and assistant.

"I know everybody in this conference knows how tough it is to win here. We beat up on each other all year long. We've been able to get hot at the right time."

Texas A&M coach Gary Blair said his message to his players after three straight losses is "There's nothing wrong with us."

This is Texas A&M's first year in the conference, but Blair previously coached in the league at Arkansas.

"We've got to play harder, play smarter, and sometimes give credit to your opponent," Blair said. "Usually the team that wins the conference champ doesn't always win the tournament championship. That's what we're going to try to sell here."

"We've got to get that feel-good feeling again and convince our kids we don't need to go into the shop for total repairs. We just need some Band-Aids and attitude



AP

Kentucky players congratulate coach Matthew Mitchell after the Wildcats' 78-65 victory over Tennessee on Sunday.

"I really think it's the best league in the country. I believe you could have lower seeds beating higher seeds. I absolutely believe that is possible."

Matthew Mitchell
Kentucky coach

one of the greatest accomplishments in basketball."

"I'm so impressed with the quality of depth in the Southeastern Conference," Mitchell said. "I really think it's the best league in the country. I believe you could have lower seeds beating higher seeds. I absolutely believe that is possible."

Mitchell named LSU, the sixth seed which moved into the Top 25 at No. 22 this week, and unranked Vanderbilt as possible surprise teams which could win the tournament.

"I don't know if there's a clear-cut favorite," Mitchell said.

The other ranked team in the tournament is No. 17 South Carolina.

The tournament begins Wednesday night when Alabama, which lost its last 10 regular-season games, plays Mississippi State.

Only 13 of the league's 14 teams are participating. Mississippi (9-20, 2-14) announced a self-imposed post-season ban on Nov. 9. Coach Adrian Wiggins and two assistants were fired after a school investigation found academic and recruiting misconduct.

Tennessee beat LSU in last year's tournament championship game after Kentucky

nior guard Kamiko Williams sprained both ankles in the loss to Kentucky.

"Both of them," Warlick said when asked about Williams' injuries. "That's hard to do but she found a way to do it."

Warlick said she did not

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NFL

Browns promote Lombardi to GM



Associated Press

CLEVELAND — A week from chasing NFL free agents, the Cleveland Browns changed their front office.

Ray Farmer, who spent the past seven seasons with Kansas City, was hired as the Browns' new assistant general manager Tuesday. The addition of Farmer led to Mike Lombardi's title being switched from vice president of player personnel to GM.

CEO Joe Banner said plans to bring Farmer aboard had been in the works "for a little while." But in order to get Farmer from the Chiefs he had to be promoted and that meant Lombardi's title had to change. Banner made it clear that Lombardi's responsibilities would remain the same, and that Farmer would assist the GM in overseeing the pro and college scouting departments.

"He adds a voice," Banner said of Farmer, "and as a top-tier player evaluator in the NFL."

Lombardi was hired on Jan. 18 after spending the past five years working as a TV commentator. He previously worked in Cleveland under former coach Bill Belichick.

"There's no change in Mike's position at all," Banner said during a conference call. "It's purely an add of Ray. The title change just facilitated our getting permission from Kansas City."

Banner worked with the 38-year-old Farmer in Philadelphia and said he always had the former linebacker in mind as someone he wanted to work with in another organization.

"He's a very bright, hard-working guy," Banner said. "He understands the elements of putting together a team versus just picking players."

Farmer impressed Banner and owner Jimmy Haslam when he interviewed with the Browns during their GM search this offseason.

Banner prefers a front-office structure without a GM, but was willing to alter

the makeup because of the chance to hire Farmer. Before the change, Banner felt not having a GM gave his staff some incentive.

"Frankly, it gave Mike and the department something to aspire to, and I thought that was a good thing to have," Banner said. "But I thought it was outweighed by the opportunity to add another top-tier person in his department."

Next week, the Browns' new regime will have its first foray into free agency. Cleveland is approximately \$46 million under the salary cap and the Browns are expected to be active on the market.

While Banner was with the Eagles, the team drafted Farmer in the fourth round of the 1996 draft. Farmer started 16 games and appeared in 32 games before a knee injury ended his playing career.

Farmer spent four years as a scout with Atlanta before joining the Chiefs. The Duke graduate was responsible for scouting and evaluating pro players with Kansas City.

Cleveland Browns general manager Mike Lombardi answers questions during a press conference in Berea, Ohio on Jan. 18.

MARATHONS

Gaza marathon bans female participation

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The United Nations on Tuesday canceled a planned marathon in Gaza after the Palestinian territory's Hamas rulers banned women from participating, in a new attempt by the Islamic militant group to impose its ideology inside the crowded coastal strip.

The dispute threatened to further strain the already delicate relationship between Hamas and the United Nations. Gaza sportswomen met the news with resignation, saying their conservative society had made it difficult to train even before the ban.

Since seizing power in Gaza in

2007, Hamas has issued a number of edicts meant to constrain the freedoms of women. But a number of these initiatives fizzled in the face of public opposition, making the ban on female runners somewhat surprising. Hamas had also recently relaxed some of its earlier orders imposing its conservative interpretation of Islamic law.

Gaza's Cabinet secretary, Abdul-Salam Siam, said women running in public violated Palestinian customs.

"We don't want women and men mixing in the same race," Siam said. "We don't want any

woman running uncovered."

Siam said girls could join the event, just not grown women. The race, scheduled for April 10, would have been the third annual marathon in Gaza. Siam would not say why Hamas did not ban women from the two previous races in 2012 and 2011.

The race was meant to run the entire length of the tiny territory — which is slightly shorter than the official length of a 26.2 mile (42-kilometer) marathon. Some 800 people registered, including 266 Palestinian women and 119 women from abroad, U.N. spokesman Sami Mshasha said.

Mshasha said the U.N. was surprised when Hamas officials informed them that women couldn't participate because organizers have always been careful to ask participants to dress modestly to avoid offending Gaza residents. Most donned full-length running pants and long-sleeved shirts in previous races.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency, known as UNRWA, assists Palestinian refugees and their descendants throughout the region. In Gaza, the agency runs dozens of schools and medical clinics and distributes food to many of the territory's 1.6 million residents.

But Hamas has frequently squabbled with UNRWA in a rivalry for the hearts and minds of Gaza's people. Hamas has pressed the U.N. not to organize mixed folkloric dancing for boys and girls; to keep Holocaust education out of its curriculum and it has used harsh rhetoric against previous senior U.N. officials.

Gaza rights groups urged the U.N. to defy Hamas and hold the marathon, arguing the militant group has no right to discriminate against women's participation.

The marathon was initially organized to draw attention to Gaza, at the time under an Israeli and Egyptian blockade that was imposed since the militant group Hamas seized power. The blockade has since loosened, although

restrictions remain on exports and imports of some raw materials. It also remains difficult for Palestinians to leave Gaza.

Islam has no specific ban on women running, even under the conservative interpretations that most Palestinians follow. But some Gaza residents, including Hamas members, follow even sterner tribal norms that frown on women moving in ways that allow their body shape to be discerned.

The vast majority of Gaza women don Muslim headscarves that cover their hair. Many also wear long, loose robes to conceal their figure. A growing number also cover their faces. The minority of Gaza women involved in sports tend to exercise indoors.

Gaza residents appeared conflicted over the ban.

Enas Mekky said women should be allowed to run as long as they dress modestly.

"As long as (women's) dress doesn't breach public morality, there shouldn't be any problem," she said.

But Gaza runner, Nader Masri, 33, who represented Palestine in the five-kilometer race in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, said the territory's conservative culture made the idea of women running in public impossible.

"Who would allow his daughter or sister to run in the street?" Masri asked. "When a girl of 16 or 17 is running in the street, that's not acceptable."

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Moros

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Illini senior Bruno Abdelnour and freshman Jared Hiltzik 8-4. Freshman Alex Lawson and junior Billy Pecor followed suit, sealing the first point of the match when they

“I think it will be great for us going forward into spring break [with] a lot of motivation and high spirits.”

Blas Moros
senior

took down the Illini duo of sophomore Farris Gosea and freshman Alex Jesse 8-5.

“The doubles point is always huge,” Moros said. “It may only be one point but it’s very important for momentum.”

Illinois answered by winning a point of its own in singles play when No. 38 Kiltzik took down Notre Dame’s No. 97 Greg Andrews 6-4, 6-4, but that was the only point the Illini earned.

From there, the Irish regained control. Senior Michael Moore came through on the No. 6 court, winning 6-4, 6-3 against Abdelnour. Sophomore Wyatt McCoy followed in his footsteps with a 6-4, 7-6 win over Gosea in the

No. 5 slot.

With the Irish up 3-1, the two-set sets ended. The remaining three courts went to three sets apiece, alternating the lead on each.

Pecor was the first to pull out with an individual win, securing the overall Notre Dame win by increasing the score to 4-1. He came from behind in a one-set deficit to overcome No. 118 sophomore Ross Guignon 2-6, 7-6, 6-1 on the No. 4 court.

Moros held a prolonged battle with No. 113 sophomore Tim Kopinski on the No. 3 court. Moros took the first set 6-4 before losing the second set 5-7 to carry the match to another round, but play was stopped when Pecor’s match ended.

Monaghan, like Pecor, started from behind on the No. 2 court. Illinois’ senior Stephen Hoh took the first set by one point before Monaghan took a powerful turn in the second. Pecor’s win also kept Monaghan from needing to conclude the final set.

“I think it will be great for us going forward into spring break [with] a lot of motivation and high spirits,” Moros said.

The Irish return to play March 15 in Montgomery, Ala., for the Blue Gray Tennis Classic.

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Irish freshman Alex Lawson returns the ball during Notre Dame’s 4-3 victory over Michigan on Feb. 13. No. 29 Notre Dame claimed a 4-1 victory over No. 17 Illinois on Tuesday.

SMC GOLF

Kolean excited about team’s prospects

By COLE SCHIETINGER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will enter spring play with some momentum and high expectations. After a strong fall and a second-place finish at the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association’s End of Season Weekend Jamboree, Belles coach Jason Kolean was optimistic about the Belles’ chances this spring.

“We have quality golfers on this squad, all competitive and driven, that will continue the success of the past years,” Kolean said. “We have high goals and expectations of ourselves and I am excited to see each and every one of them succeed on and off the course.”

The Belles returns a squad that may have the experience to reach those high goals. Saint Mary’s returns two players from last spring’s 2012 NCAA Division III championship squad. Even more recently, the Belles had four players—junior Justine Bresnahan, sophomore Janice Heffernan, freshman Claire Boyle and freshman Amanda Graham—named to

the all-MIAA second team for the fall. For a sport that only counts a team’s top four scores, these talented golfers will help the Belles compete at a high level this spring.

“Each one of these young ladies brings a different aspect to the game of golf and helps to make working with them fun and exciting,” Kolean said.

One of the key leaders on this year’s roster will be the lone senior, Jessica Kinnick, who will also be the team’s captain. After a rocky fall, Kinnick will look to drop nearly 10 strokes from her scoring average and return to her level of play last year.

Another Belle making an impact already is Graham. After shooting an outstanding 76 in the first round of her young collegiate career, the freshman proceeded to put up the second-lowest scoring average of the season on the squad.

The Belles will begin play over spring break on March 14 in Peoria, Ariz., at the George Fox Phoenix Invitational.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles face first challenge

By MEREDITH KELLY
Sports Writer

After losing six seniors and five starters from last year’s squad, Saint Mary’s will look toward its tournament in Florida next week as a developmental opportunity for the team.

“[We lost] two of the three pitchers, starting first baseman, second baseman, third baseman and two outfielders. It was a good percentage of the team,” Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. “But we brought in [10] freshmen who could definitely take their spots.”

Senior captain and catcher Morgan Bedan said the trip to Florida will be a great opportunity to test the team’s ability and cohesiveness.

“Florida will be a good chance to try out some lineups,” Bedan said. “And then [we will] see how everyone reacts in a game situation.”

Sullivan also said the games in Florida next week will be a learning curve for her young roster. Sullivan is optimistic the Belles can notch wins in the tournament and gave valuable experience.

“In general, they [the freshmen] lack knowledge experience,” Sullivan said. “But because of their attitudes, their willingness to play and their passion for the sport, I don’t think they are going to take long to get used to it.”

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Erin Sullivan
Belles coach

all step up in their own way and contribute the best they can for the team.”

Bedan said she is excited and confident not only about the tournament next week, but the season in general.

“Of the teams I have played on at Saint Mary’s, this team has the most talent and potential,” Bedan said. “We should be very competitive in our conference and I believe we have a strong chance of playing in the MIAA tournament.”

Last year the Belles

notched 27 victories and gained their sixth appearance in the MIAA conference tournament.

Five returning players — senior co-captains Morgan Bedan and Emily Sherwood, junior Callie Selner and sophomores Victoria

Connelly and Cecily Medina will attempt to replicate the road to success from last spring. Sullivan said the five returnees will serve as great mentors for the freshman throughout the entire season.

The Belles will kick off their season Sunday and will play 10 game, over the course of five days, beginning in Cape Coral, Fla.

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Irish junior attack Lindsay Powell shoots on goal during Notre Dame's 13-8 victory over Ohio State on Feb. 27. Notre Dame will take on Boston University on Saturday.

Granger

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finish on. We're just excited because we think she's building confidence every game, and like I said, when she has the ability to take the ball to the goal it only sparks confidence in our entire offensive unit, so I'm really proud of her leadership."

Granger credited her teammates for her strong performance.

"It always starts with the defense, they were the ones who were always getting the ball up to us," Granger said. "A lot of my goals were assisted by other players too, so they're the ones who did all the work, I just put the finishing touch on it."

In addition to a solid transition game, Notre Dame also dominated possession. The offense seemed to always have the ball in Detroit territory, making the game much easier on the Irish defense. When the defense was needed they came up big, allowing just four shots on goal the entire game and causing 26 Detroit turnovers.

"They were outstanding, our fundamental defense was wonderful," Halfpenny

said. "The pressure was exactly what we were looking for and you take a lot of pride in the footwork of our defense as well as their I.Q., and I thought today they came out together. Last Saturday against Duquesne, we were coming out there and had the right idea, but we seemed very reactive. Today, we were dictative, and I think we saw that in those turnovers and those takeaways."

The game was all but decided by halftime as Notre Dame led 13-0. Detroit finally got on the board with 8:19 left in the game on a goal by freshmen attack Ivy Marshall, cutting the lead to 21-1. Other major contributors for the Irish included sophomore attack Shauna Pugliese, who tallied five points including three second half goals and a four-point effort by junior attack Kristen Cousins, who also had three goals.

The Irish will look to build off this performance in their next contest, a home battle with Boston University on Saturday. The game will take place at 3 p.m. at Arlotta Stadium.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles head south over break

By D.H. KIM
Sports Writer

The Belles will head to Orlando, Fla., for their annual spring break trip from March 9-16. Saint Mary's is scheduled to play exhibitions against regional opponents St. Scholastica, Wisconsin Lutheran, Wheaton and Illinois Wesleyan in addition to Haverford. This will be a familiar schedule for the team as the Belles played three of those teams last year in Orlando and in past years as well. Last year, the Belles decisively defeated Illinois Wesleyan and Wisconsin Lutheran, but fell to St. Scholastica and Wheaton. Belles coach Dale Campbell said he believes this will be a great opportunity to find out what techniques need more working before the actual conference schedule resumes.

"Teams come from all over the place and they are all familiar with each other," Campbell said. "Overall it's a great place to train. These non-conference

games will be great practice."

The Belles (0-2) have been slowly rebuilding and improving over the season despite a young roster which currently includes two freshmen, five sophomores, two juniors and no seniors. Last year was a similar case, as the Belles played without a senior. Despite inexperience and a slow start in the season, the Belles built their own momentum fighting strong against dominant Ohio Northern and Case Western teams. Case Western won 9-0 over the Belles while Ohio Northern won 7-2. Leading the team is No. 1 singles and doubles junior co-captain Mary Catherine Faller and all-MIAA first-team selection and sophomore co-captain Audrey Kiefer.

"The co-captains are relatively young but are very respected by teammates so they take on the role of seniors," Campbell said. "That success and experience by a young group will be crucial for us battle for a top-four spot in the

MIAA."

After returning from the spring break tuneup in Florida, the Belles will have a couple days off and get back to work on March 20 when they face Indiana Wesleyan, one of the toughest teams on their schedule. Indiana Wesleyan earned the No. 12 ranking in the recent NAIA Women's Tennis Coaches' Top-25 Poll. Indiana Wesleyan (15-0) also went unbeaten during the winter season and won the Crossroads League championship for the 21st consecutive season and have won the league title every year since 1992. Despite these daunting statistics, the Belles will use the spring break trip to hone their game.

"It's going to be tough game for us but we will work our best and prepare during the break," coach Campbell said. The Belles spring schedule will officially begin March 20 at 3 p.m. against Indiana Wesleyan.

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Cooley

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second half after being held scoreless against Marquette on Saturday in just 15 minutes of action. The tri-captain finished with 12 points and 13 rebounds.

"Jack was such a force inside," Brey said. "[I'm] thrilled for him to play like that in his last home game."

The Red Storm led by four at halftime after 20 minutes of play marked by turnovers and cold shooting from both squads. St. John's managed to shoot 41 percent from the field, while the Irish connected on just 28 percent of their shots and the teams combined for 11 turnovers in the opening stanza.

"We were pissed off that we weren't playing as well as we should on the offensive side of the ball," Atkins said. "We just weren't hitting shots."

The Red Storm utilized their superior athleticism in the first half and opened up a 26-19 lead over the Irish in the waning minutes.

Atkins stopped an 8-0 St. John's run with a trey to trim the Red Storm lead to 26-22 at the intermission.

The game began slowly, as the teams shot a combined four-for-22 from the field and committed three turnovers each in the

opening eight minutes.

With 1:46 left in the game, Irish freshman forward Cam Biedscheid and St. John's sophomore guard/forward Sir'Dominic Pointer got in a fight at center court.

Both players received technical fouls and were ejected. Pending review, Biedscheid will be suspended for Saturday's regular season finale against No. 8 Louisville.

"I didn't really see it," Brey said of the altercation. "It's unfortunate that that happened. Guys have to defend themselves and I thought he did. It's unfortunate that now he'll have to sit out the Louisville game under that rule. I think everyone felt bad that happened, St. John's and Notre Dame."

Without Biedscheid, the Irish will square off with the Cardinals on Saturday. Notre Dame, still holding out hope for a double-bye in the Big East tournament, is tied for fourth in the league with Pittsburgh. Syracuse, who owns the tiebreaker over the Irish, trails by a half game but has two games remaining.

Notre Dame closes out the regular season against Louisville on Saturday at 4 p.m. at the KFC Yum! Center in Louisville, Ky.

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Irish junior guard Jerian Grant chases after a lost ball during Notre Dame's 66-40 victory over St. John's on Tuesday. The Irish take on Louisville on Saturday at 4 p.m.

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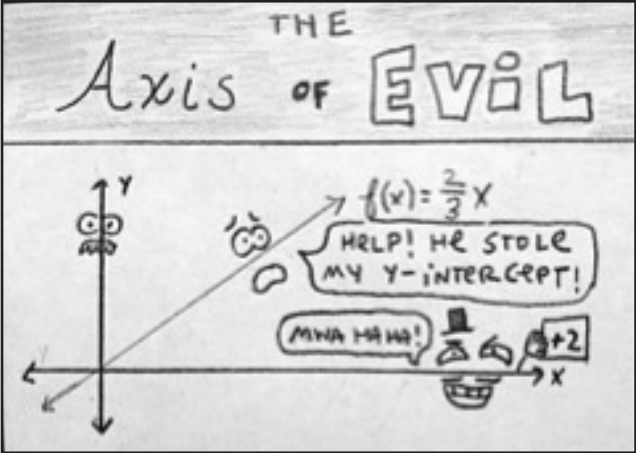
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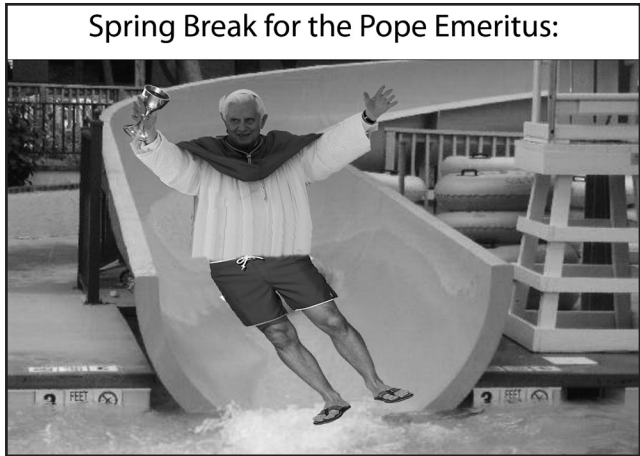
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MEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 66, ST. JOHN'S 40

Seniors seize the storm

Notre Dame crushes St. John's, celebrates senior night at home

By **MIKE MONACO**
Sports Writer

On a cold, wintry South Bend night, the No. 24 Irish used a red-hot second half and overcame icy first-half shooting to finally defeat St. John's 66-40 on Senior Night at Purcell Pavilion on Tuesday.

Propelled by a dominant second half, Notre Dame (23-7, 11-6 Big East) snapped a three-game losing skid to the Red Storm (16-13, 8-9). The Irish outscored St. John's 44-14 in the second frame after a lethargic first half.

"Thank God there was a second half," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I am thrilled how we defended in the second half and then we finally got into an offensive rhythm. We were able to get out in transition a little bit and not have to play against their set defense."

Trailing 26-22 at the intermission, Notre Dame stormed out of the gates on a 29-8 run, highlighted by three three-pointers from junior guards Jerian Grant and Eric Atkins, to kick off the second half and claim a 51-34 lead with 5:49 to play.

The Irish kept pouring it on and

extended their lead to 66-38 with 2:21 remaining. Grant and Atkins scored 11 and 10 second-half points, respectively. The back-court pair shot five-for-five from behind the arc in the half.

"Our guards ran the whole building tonight," Brey said. "They probably took tickets, sold popcorn. When our guards are playing like that I just sit down and shut up and let them do whatever they want. They were fabulous to watch."

The Red Storm had no answer for the sweet shooting of Grant and Atkins and struggled to find any offensive continuity in the second half. Notre Dame held St. John's to 19 percent shooting from the floor after the intermission.

"Just a dominating second half of basketball," St. John's coach Steve Lavin said. "This was probably the most dominant second half of basketball that we've faced from an opponent this year."

Irish senior forward Jack Cooley, who battled an illness last week, scored 12 points and hauled in eight rebounds in the

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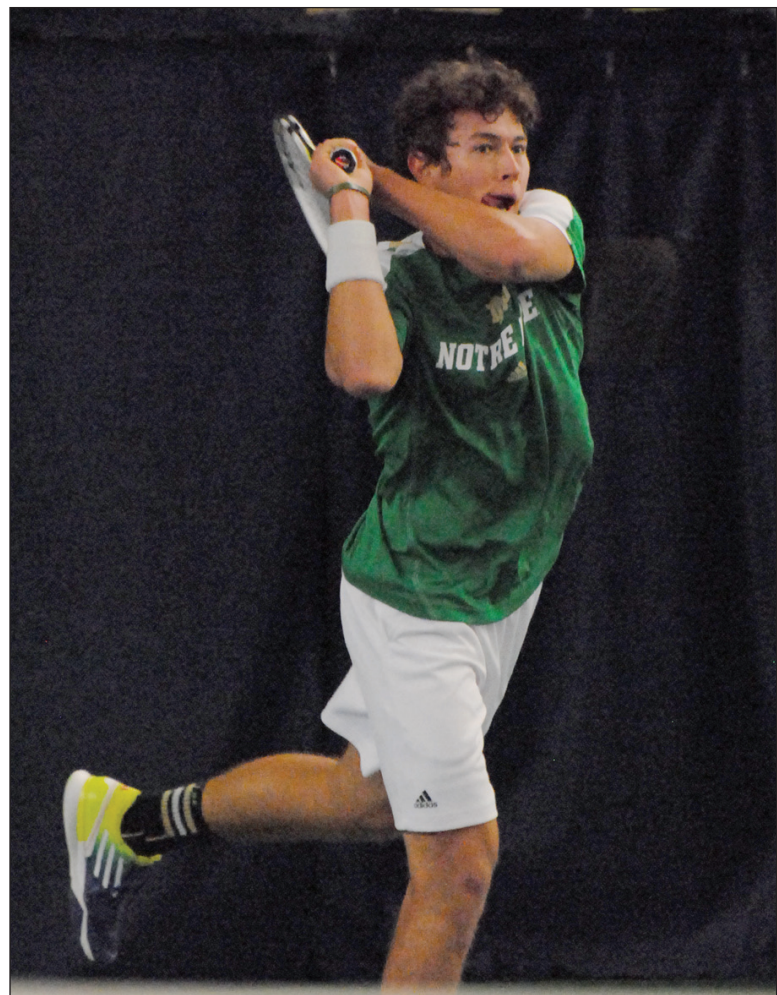


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Irish senior forward Jack Cooley rebounds the ball during Notre Dame's 66-40 victory over St. John's on Tuesday. Cooley was given a standing ovation as part of the Irish senior night celebrations.

MEN'S TENNIS | ND 4, IU 1

Early lead squashes rivals



JULIE HERDER | The Observer

Irish senior captain Blas Moros hits a return during Notre Dame's 4-3 victory over Michigan on Feb. 13.

By **MEGAN FINNERAN**
Sports Writer

The No. 29 Irish immediately secured momentum against No. 17 Illinois and maintained it throughout the evening to come out on top with a 4-1 win at home. Thanks to a strong start in doubles play and a string of triumphs in singles play, Notre Dame secured the match even before two singles courts had concluded play.

"Playing at home always helps," No. 102 senior Blas Moros said. "You're used to your own courts, the speed, the crowd, and those little things add up and make a big difference."

Notre Dame (8-5) entered the match looking to start with the strong step it has so often lacked this season, and it did just that. Junior Matt Dooley and freshman Quentin Monaghan showed no signs of hesitation on the No. 3 doubles court, taking down Illini senior Bruno Abdelnour and freshman Jared Hiltzik 8-4. Freshman Alex Lawson and junior Billy Pecor followed suit, sealing the first point of the

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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE | ND 22, DETROIT 1

Irish dominate from start to finish

By **ALEX WILCOX**
Sports Writer

There was no slow start this time around for Notre Dame, as the No. 6 Irish dominated Detroit 22-1 at home in a record-setting effort Tuesday night.

After Notre Dame (4-0) opened the season with three straight come-from-behind wins, Irish coach Chris Halfpenny said she was proud of her team's resilience and perseverance, but still wanted to see them get out of the gate and dominate a game. Against Detroit, she saw just that.

"I think we've been having such a wonderful process of growth," Halfpenny said. "While we've seen we can battle back from being down, our big focus for the month of March is coming out of the gates strong, then being able to play at that level for a full 60 minutes. Today our focus

was to win the draw, gain possession and make smart decisions with the ball on offense so we can start out strong and optimistic."

Senior attack Jenny Granger opened the scoring with two goals in the first five minutes of the game, and with less than nine minutes off the clock Notre Dame already led 7-0. After Granger's second goal, the Irish scored five goals in three minutes and never looked back. Granger finished the day with four goals, all in the first half.

"[Granger's] goals are a form of leadership for us, we've been working on her dynamic ability to score," Halfpenny said. "Sometimes you see it off the feed, sometimes you see she has the ability to feed, and she's also awesome in the 1-on-1 drives she has the ability to

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