

## Police arrest SMC employee

*Saint Mary's fires maintenance worker for voyeurism, supports students*

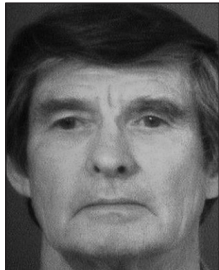
By **KELLY KONYA and  
HALEIGH EHMTSEN**  
Saint Mary's Editor and  
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

"Home feels a little less like home today," junior Tess Siver said Tuesday after the report of voyeuristic privacy violation on the Saint Mary's campus.

A maintenance employee of the College was terminated from his position Tuesday after a co-worker reported suspicious behavior in a bathroom on the fourth floor of Le Mans Hall Monday afternoon, according to an email from College President Carol Ann Mooney.

A report from WNDU identified 73-year-old David Summerfield as the employee.

**David Summerfield**  
former Saint Mary's employee



Director of media relations Gwen O'Brien said the initial report noted that the employee may have observed students in the bathroom. After the report, he was immediately confronted by

superiors and admitted to the allegation, she said.

Within two hours of the initial report, he was suspended without pay and escorted off campus. Since then, his employment has been terminated, O'Brien said.

On Monday evening, College officials notified the St. Joseph County Special Victims Unit, who began an immediate police investigation, O'Brien said. The investigation led to Summerfield's arrest Tuesday morning for voyeurism.

Mooney notified students, parents, faculty and staff of the situation in an email sent Tuesday afternoon. In the email, Mooney

apologized for the incident and praised the employee who came forward with the initial report.

"The safety, privacy and security of our students are our primary concerns," Mooney said. "This type of behavior is repugnant, and Saint Mary's College will not tolerate it.

"As soon as this was reported to us, we acted swiftly to remove the person from campus. We have taken measures that prevent anyone else from being able to spy into restrooms. In addition, we are evaluating all space on campus to

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## Sexual battery reported

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Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) is investigating a report of sexual battery committed against a female student outside the south end of LaFortune Student Center just before 5 a.m. Tuesday morning, according to an email sent to students the same morning.

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## Panel discussion reviews HHS mandate

By **CATHERINE OWERS**  
News Writer

On Tuesday evening, panelists discussed the ramifications of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate in a discussion titled "After the Mandate: The Consequences of Compliance."

Panelists included Notre Dame professor of law Gerard V. Bradley, program director of Notre Dame's University Life Initiatives Jessica Keating, program director at St. Joseph County Right to

Life Jeanette Burdell and Notre Dame Right to Life president Erin Stoyell-Mulholland. Carter Snead, professor of law and director of the Center for Ethics and Culture, moderated the discussion.

The University is currently petitioning the entire United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit for a rehearing of its lawsuit against the mandate, Bradley said.

"That's certainly a plausible, understandable tactical move at this point," he said. "What it

means is that the status quo is that a three-judge panel of the Seventh Circuit denied our appeal of a lower court's denial of a preliminary injunction, so that the mandate would apply to Notre Dame, and in fact Notre Dame is complying with the requirements of the mandate.

"I should say its compliance is surely with an asterisk. The document Notre Dame is required to file in order to comply with the mandate, indicates in a notation

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Panelists educate the audience on Notre Dame's current petition to the entire United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

## Dean's Fellows host sports panel

By **JACK ROONEY**  
Associate News Editor

In the midst of a growing debate over the labor rights of college athletes, the Dean's Fellows of the College of Arts and Letters will present the panel discussion "For the Love of the Game? Big Time Sports at Big Time Universities" on Wednesday evening in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The panel, which begins at 7 p.m., will focus on the relationship between academics and athletics in a university setting,

according to the College of Arts and Letters website.

The panelists are Scott Bearby, General Counsel for the NCAA (Notre Dame class of 1988), Patrick Eilers, a member of the 1988 national championship Notre Dame football team, Melinda Henneberger, a journalist for the National Catholic Reporter and the Washington Post (Notre Dame class of 1980) and Murray Sperber, author of "Shake Down the Thunder: The Creation of Notre Dame Football."

Senior, student body

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## Campus-wide Stations provide Lenten reflection

By **CAROLYN HUTYRA**  
News Writer

In a public display of devotion, students and faculty traversed campus last night to participate in the annual campus-wide Stations of the Cross.

Assistant director of undergraduate ministry Kate Barrett said if students have not previously participated in Stations as part of their Lenten experience, the event provides the opportunity to see "one of the oldest and most treasured ways that we as a Church throughout the world enter into Jesus' passion."

"Even if they have grown up

participating in the Stations of the Cross in their home parishes, this is a unique way to celebrate the holiest week of the Church year," she said.

According to Barrett, the event began 20 years ago through the efforts of Notre Dame Folk Choir director Steve Warner and Fr. Tom McDermott.

In recent years, Barrett said most of the planning starts in the winter and involves getting as many people as possible involved as readers, cross-bearers and musicians.

"The Glee Club, the Chorale and groups of trumpet players from the Notre Dame Band

all help provide music along with the Folk Choir," she said. "Typically groups of students from many halls, led by the hall liturgical or spiritual commissioners, take on the responsibility of 'sponsoring' the various stops along the way — so they find the readers and cross-bearers for each station."

Reflections for the event are written by Holy Cross priests Kevin Grove and Drew Gawrych, Barrett said.

"[The reflections] are beautiful and give us a great connection to the spirituality of our founding

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Should snow in April be a thing? Yes or no?

*Have a question you want answered?**Email [photo@ndsmcobserver.com](mailto:photo@ndsmcobserver.com)***Alex Stern**

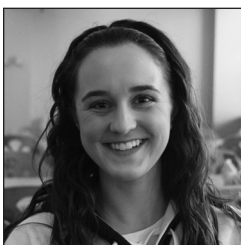
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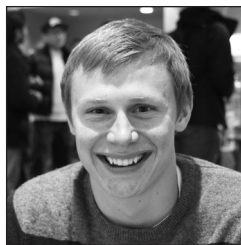
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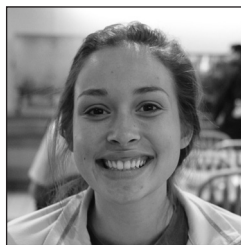
junior  
Howard Hall

“Yes.”

**Reed Fujan**

freshman  
St. Edward's Hall

“No.”

**Sarah Burbank**

junior  
Farley Hall

“Yes, if you're watching ‘Frozen.’”

**Victor Benavides**

sophomore  
Sorin College

“Yes, but only if it means we get a snow day.”



EMMET FARNAN | The Observer

*Mid-April snow covered the front of LaFortune Student Center Tuesday morning. Temperatures dropped down to the mid 20s Tuesday after a warm and sunny weekend. A high of 52 is expected for Wednesday.*

## THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

*Want your event included here?**Email [news@ndsmcobserver.com](mailto:news@ndsmcobserver.com)***Wednesday****Pill Drop**

Stepan Center  
3 p.m.-4 p.m.  
Bring any unused pills to be disposed of.

**Panel Debate**

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center  
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
Debate on sports at big-time universities.

**Thursday****Morning Prayer**

Basilica of the Sacred Heart  
9 a.m.  
Service to celebrate Holy Thursday.

**Zen Meditation**

Coleman-Morse Center  
5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.  
Open to all.

**Friday****Morning Prayer**

Basilica of the Sacred Heart  
9 a.m.  
Service to celebrate Good Friday.

**Stations of the Cross**

Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes  
7:15 p.m.  
In celebration of Good Friday.

**Saturday****Morning Prayer**

Basilica of the Sacred Heart  
9 a.m.  
Service to celebrate Holy Saturday.

**Paschal Vigil Mass**

Basilica of the Sacred Heart  
9 p.m.  
The Easter Vigil.

**Sunday****Solemn Mass**

Basilica of the Sacred Heart  
8 a.m.  
Mass celebrating Easter Sunday.

**Easter Buffet**

South Dining Hall  
11:30a.m.-4p.m.  
Brunch featuring roast top sirloin, grilled salmon, and ham.

# Third annual research day on campus

By **KATIE McCARTY**  
News Writer

On Monday, the Harper Cancer Research Institute (HCRI) hosted their third annual Research Day, which promoted interdisciplinary communication and featured cancer research from laboratories across campus.

Undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral students presented 80 research posters at the event, which also included addresses from several speakers, program coordinator Angela Cavalieri said.

“This year, we had posters representing cancer research from 28 HCRI labs,” she said. “The presenters are ND undergraduates, IUSM-SB [Indiana School of Medicine-South Bend] medical students, technicians and

post-doctoral fellows. We’ve also had local oncologist participation as well as affiliated institutions such as RiverBend Cancer Services.”

Cavalieri said presentations at the event involved both keynote speakers and local oncologists.

“There will be presentations from ENSCII Fellows and then from faculty recipients of the Walther Cancer Foundation’s ABC Grant funding,” she said. “This year we were pleased to be host Dr. Christoph Reinhard, Sr. Director, Lilly Oncology, Pre-clinical Oncology Tailoring [as keynote speaker].”

The three-year-old Harper Cancer Research Institute is the result of collaborative efforts between Notre Dame and IUSM-SB, Cavalieri said. The event, which

was open to the public, was important to increasing awareness of the research being done on campus, she said.

“This event was a logical answer to presenting research in the areas of chemistry and biochemistry, biological sciences, engineering, applied mathematics and psychology,” Cavalieri said. “Each year the event grows in scope and attendance.”

Junior Matthew Metzinger placed second in the undergraduate category for his poster investigating the link between obesity and ovarian cancer. He said he was honored the judges viewed his research as worthy of an award.

“My poster presentation focused on how CT scans can be used to quantify and visualize

body fat in mice,” Metzinger said. “This work is important because we use CT scans in many of our projects that study the correlation between obesity and ovarian cancer.”

“While we know this correlation between obesity and ovarian cancer exists, very little is known in terms of how having a higher body mass index increases a woman’s risk of developing ovarian cancer.”

Sophomore Katrina Burgos, an intern at the Institute, said the day was a great success and important to the greater Notre Dame community.

“We had a great turnout,” she said. “I believe that Research Day is a great event for the campus and the community to see what researchers are working on at Harper, especially

undergraduates who can be found in every lab.”

Cavalieri said she attributes the success of the event to the teamwork of everyone involved.

“We have a large number of very active Harper Cancer Research Institute members who assist with everything from judging the poster contests to emceeding the research presentations and a cast of behind-the-scenes people who make the event successful each year,” she said.

“Collaboration is vital in scientific research, especially when it comes to cancer,” Burgos said. “Events like Research Day give scientists the opportunity to learn more from each other.”

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## Incident

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ensure privacy.”

Mooney invited students, faculty and staff to an assembly in O’Laughlin Auditorium on Tuesday afternoon to address concerns. The assembly was not open to the public.

O’Brien said students who need services or support in dealing with this incident can

access counseling through Women’s Health and Campus Ministry. In addition, the Residence Life staff is on hand to provide assistance, she said.

Siver, a resident of the fourth floor of Le Mans Hall, said she felt simultaneously shocked and violated.

“It breaks my heart that mine and my neighbors’ memories of our time in Le Mans will be tainted, but as always,

the SMC community will pull together and move past this,” she said.

Siver said she feels that Saint Mary’s has been as forthcoming and open with students about the incident as possible.

“I hope they continue to be open with students throughout the investigation, particularly those students who live in areas of Le Mans that have been most affected,” she said.

Junior Kelley Wright, another fourth floor resident, agreed with Siver, extending her personal thanks to Mooney for her open and honest response to the situation during the college-wide forum.

“I think the immediate forum that was held today was very important for everyone, not just the residents of 4th floor Le Mans,” Wright said.

Wright said she hopes the

College responds to the situation in a way that makes students feel safer and restores a sense of privacy.

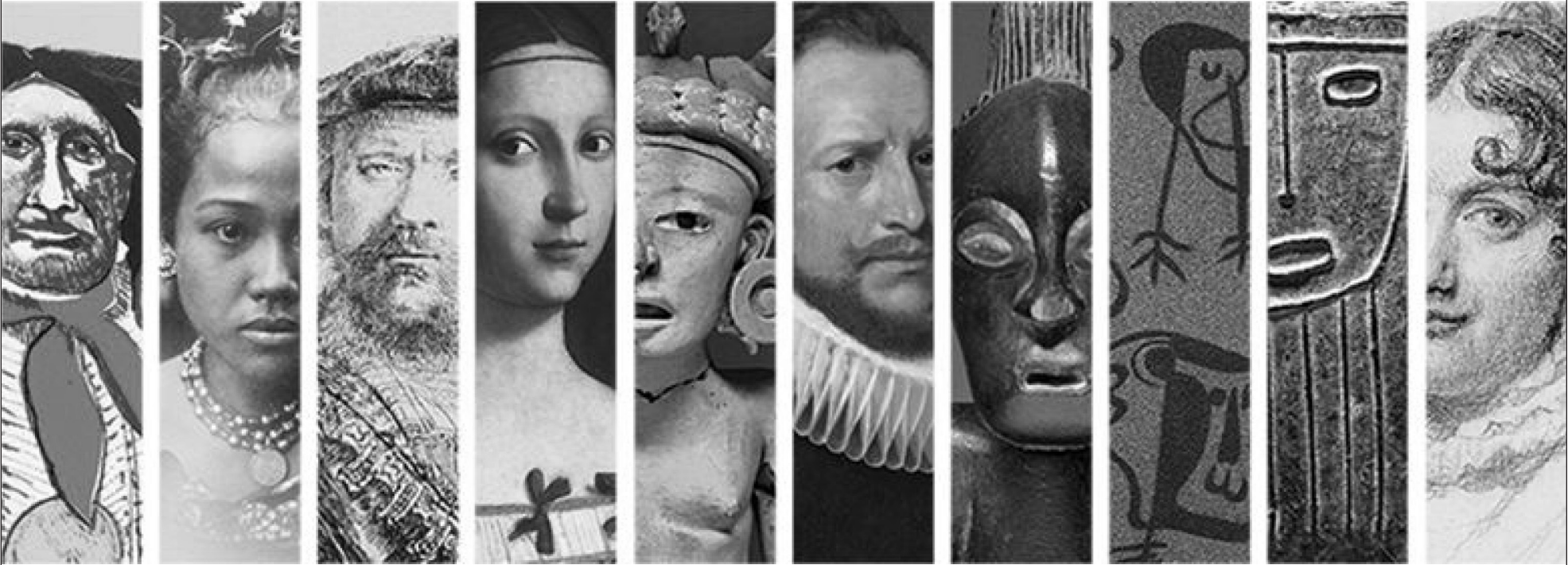
“I am anxiously awaiting what the College is going to do to ensure that this doesn’t happen again,” she said.

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## Mandate

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typed by Notre Dame at the bottom of the second page, that Notre Dame does so under protest, that Notre Dame considers compliance to be a violation of its religious beliefs and that should Notre Dame receive or obtain relief from the mandate in a court action, that Notre Dame would then withdraw its compliance with the mandate."

Bradley said the University's main focus involves getting the petition for the rehearing granted.

"It's at least fifty-fifty that they will succeed," he said. "The outcome, if it's favorable, would be a preliminary injunction, that Notre Dame would not be required to comply with the dictates of the mandate."

Stoyell-Mulholland said the mandate from the Obama administration sends a message to women about success and health that is at odds with the Catholic perspective of women's health and success.

"Obama's perspective implies that for a woman to be successful, she must suppress a significant aspect of who she is, her fertility," she said. "Whereas the other, the Catholic perspective, fully embraces and integrates all aspects of a woman's personhood."

"Additionally, Obama's perspective tends to level the playing field with men, and sameness is key, whereas

the Catholic perspective sees women and men as equal in dignity but intrinsically different."

According to Obama and other supporters of the mandate, Stoyell-Mulholland said, contraception leads to women's success.

"So if a woman wants the opportunity to be successful or equal in the workforce, she must suppress her fertility," she said. "Her fertility is viewed as a hindrance to her goals and to her ultimate fulfillment."

Stoyell-Mulholland said a woman's true success is not achieved until her fertility is embraced.

"We can't just take the easy way out by providing free contraception and ignoring the underlying causes of how this mentality came about," she said. "Women deserve better than that."

Burdell said birth control also does not support women due to the many side effects and long-term risks of birth control.

"Breast cancer, due to an excess of estrogen ... and cervical cancer," she said. "Liver cancer, which I didn't necessarily believe until I met someone, one of my clients in crisis pregnancy work, who had 40 tumors on her liver, and her doctor admitted that was from her years of contraceptive use."

The rampant accessibility to birth control drugs is increasingly problematic, Burdell said.

"There is less regulation of these, and in a very quick

time they went from needing a prescription, to needing to be 18 or over to have them," she said. "But then that age has gotten gradually reduced, lower and lower. Now it's down to no parental consent needed at all for some of these."

Keating said birth control is frequently marketed in a way that displays serious issues in culture, commodifying relationships and children. She showed a commercial for the birth control Beyaz, sold

by Bayer, as an example.

"There's sort of visual crassness here in the ad's representation of persons as standing in equal value alongside things and reminds us of the timeliness of Blessed John Paul II's exhortation to reorient our scale of values, such that the primacy of being over having and person over things is once again lifted up."

The practice of contraception affects the form and focus of relationships, Keating

said.

"Relationships where fragility and vulnerability are the greatest, where self-giving love is intimately known and received and where life is generated and nourished now become more merely momentary experiences rather than encounters unfolded into the discipline and joy of Eucharistic self-giving," she said.

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## Report

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"[The suspect] grabbed the student and said something to her," the email stated. "The student broke away from the suspect and ran to safety."

"The suspect is described as a Hispanic male possibly between 30 and 40 years of age. He was 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet tall with what was described as a pot belly stomach, dark complexion and black loose curly hair just below the ear line."

"He had a beard but no mustache and a tattoo on his right upper arm that showed below his T-shirt sleeve. He spoke with a heavy Hispanic accent. The suspect was wearing a red T-shirt and dark pants."

Anyone with information about the reported sexual battery should call NDSP at 574-631-5555 or contact Crime Stoppers at 574-288-7867, the email stated. The email advised students to call 911 from campus phones or NDSP from a cell phone to report a crime in progress or other emergency.

Safewalk and NDSP officers can provide safety escorts on campus 24 hours a day. The email advised students, faculty, staff and guests to use the service by calling NDSP.

Information about sexual assault prevention and resources for survivors of sexual assault are available online from NDSP and from the Committee for Sexual Assault Prevention (CSAP), the email stated.

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## Stations

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religious community," she said.

Over the years, Barrett said students have visited residence halls including Sorin and Lyons, academic buildings such as Bond Hall and campus landmarks such as the reflecting pool at the Hesburgh Library.

"Even when it's really cold out, like this year, the experience is well worth it," she said. "They may never have the opportunity again to participate with such a large group of people."

Senior Maria Corsaro said

she attended the Stations of the Cross event the past two years.

"I go to this event year after

***"Stations of the Cross is a powerful way to honor the passion of Jesus."***

Katelyn Virga  
junior

year because I think it's a good way to connect with my faith and to remind myself of Jesus's

journey on Easter," she said. "I think that sometimes we forget just how much Jesus went through on Easter for all of us."

"The campus-wide Stations of the Cross helps me to remember everything that Jesus suffered through. I really like the feeling of being a part of the large community of people on this journey around campus."

Corsaro said her favorite part of the experience is the sense of community that accompanies the journey around campus with a large group of people.

"I love the sense of community that comes from so many people being together like this,"

she said. "With students and families from South Bend, I really feel that everyone comes together for this event."

Even after the Easter season, Corsaro said she continues to associate different areas on campus with the Station of the Cross she saw there.

"I think that this is something special and unique to this event," she said.

Junior Katelyn Virga said she decided to partake in the campus-wide event for the first time this year.

"Stations of the Cross is a powerful way to honor the passion of Jesus," she said. "It

reminds us of Jesus's sacrifice in a very tangible way, and it provides us with an excellent opportunity to reflect on the season."

Virga said she would absolutely recommend the event to other students.

"Stations of the Cross is a moving way to celebrate your faith with others, and to 'walk with Jesus' in an almost literal sense," she said. "Notre Dame is a great place to grow in faith, and Stations of the Cross is a unique way to do that."

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## Panel

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president emeritus and former member of the varsity men's fencing team Alex Coccia will moderate the discussion. Coccia said the discussion is an important one to have, especially at Notre Dame.

"At Notre Dame, we pride ourselves in our mission and ability to educate the mind, body and spirit," he said. "Athletics is an integral component of this mission. However, we also have a responsibility to the well-being of our students in their

pursuit of a holistic education, the primary purpose of the institution."

Coccia said the discussion will cover a wide range of topics, including recent developments in the debate over whether or not college athletes should receive compensation other than scholarships.

"The panelists will discuss a wide range of issues including but not limited to the recent Northwestern-[National Labor Relations Board] decision, a University's responsibility to its student-athletes, the ideal relationship between academics and athletics and

the state of amateurism in college sports," he said.

Coccia said he was chosen to moderate the discussion because of his unique range of experiences in college athletics, student leadership and academic research.

"I have experience from the perspective of a student-athlete, who has been involved in extracurricular activities beyond the athletic arena and has worked on a variety of outside-the-classroom academic endeavors including thesis research," he said. "I believe that I have a unique view on both the undeniable power and potential pitfalls

of big time athletics at a big time University."

Coccia said he believes the

***"At Notre Dame, we pride ourselves in our mission and ability to educate the mind, body and spirit."***

Alex Coccia  
student body president  
emeritus

relationship between academics and athletics at Notre Dame should constantly

serve the overall mission of the University.

"I believe that academics and athletics reinforce each other at Notre Dame," he said. "Athletics must serve as a platform to promote our vision of learning as service to justice."

The event is free and open to the public, but requires a ticket for admission. Tickets can be reserved at [performingarts.nd.edu](http://performingarts.nd.edu). Unclaimed will call tickets will be distributed to people waiting on standby 15 minutes prior to the event.

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## INSIDE COLUMN

## Aim for the board



**Kevin Noonan**  
Senior Scene Writer

Fr. Jenkins famously said in his 2005 inaugural address, “Let no one ever again say that we dreamed too small.” With due respect to the University’s president, and without taking anything away from his message, I’d like to add an addendum of my own here, in what will almost definitely be my last ever column in The Observer, after four years of mostly meaningless ramblings on arts and entertainment let no one ever say we dreamed too specifically, either. Or, in my own voice of mediocrity don’t aim for the bullseye, aim for the board.

On one of my first days at Notre Dame, my older, wiser sister gave me a call to remind me of the one purpose she’d given me for my college career “Kevin, you’re there to meet girls. That’s it.”

This was a much-repeated refrain in my conversations with her throughout my time here. If that was all I dreamed of out of my college career, I’ve probably fallen short of her expectations (although I don’t think she really minds). I got caught up in some other things.

I enrolled at Notre Dame as an aerospace engineering major. Four years ago, I had no doubt in my mind that I would be headed to graduate school and/or NASA right about now and doing some awesome stuff with planes and space and stuff. I lasted three days. If my dreams were limited to NASA, I’ve probably failed. But you never know.

From there, I picked up business and eventually marketing, because I thought public relations and communications sounded like an awesome career based on Toby Ziegler and Josh Lyman in “The West Wing.” And also, I figured marketing had the least amount of math in the business school. I poured my soul into working in PR, following politics, hoping to find my way into a speechwriting position somehow some day. A few months later, I received not one but three separate rejection letters from Fleishman Hillard from my one application. I figured maybe this whole thing wasn’t for me.

At that point, halfway through my first semester of my junior year, not having any idea what I wanted to do with my life other than that it was definitely not what I’d done up to that point, I reevaluated my dreams. What did I really want to do? What did I want from my life?

I came to the liberating realization that I had no idea, so I might as well try anything that sounded interesting. And so in the last year, I’ve done just that, and I still have no idea what I’m doing, but I’m having a ton of fun doing it. My dream is to just keep doing, and see where that takes me.

As a senior in college with no direction or expertise other than four years experience of what not to do, that’s my advice to anyone else who cares. Don’t aim for the bullseye, aim for the board. It’s a lot more fun.

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## Learning to listen

**Robert Alvarez**

Man on a Nag

When I was a kid, after school a man with a shopping cart would set up shop outside of my school’s gates. The man was rather short, with blue jeans, a blue working shirt, bronze skin and a thick bushy black mustache. Each time I saw him, I eagerly checked my pockets to see if I had the requisite change. The man had two items on his menu: corn-on-the-cob-on-a-stick and chicharrones. The corn you would lather with butter and douse with chili-lime powder, making for a tasty, if messy snack. My favorite, however, were the chicharrones. Shaped like pinwheels and made of fried flour, the chicharrones were sold in big plastic bags that were perfect receptacles for copious amounts of hot sauce and lime juice. The man would have squeeze-bottles of lime juice and Tapatio hot sauce in his cart for that exact purpose. Spray the goods into the bag and shake it up. The more hot sauce you could handle on your chicharrones, the cooler you were. Fact.

The above is an example of a story, a story that happens to be from my childhood. From my story, you could probably infer that I’m from the American Southwest (L. A. represent) and that I lived in a predominately Latino neighborhood (81 percent). If I told you more stories about myself, you would begin to compose a portrait of who I am based on what I have experienced. Our stories make up who we are; sharing our stories is giving a part of ourselves. This act of giving involves both risk and trust: risk because there is no telling how our stories will be received and trust because no one shares any story without hope of being understood. I chose the above

story because it was an innocuous story of a cute kid enjoying an incredibly unhealthy snack.

Not all stories are innocuous, however: many — and I think the best ones — are jarring. They disturb us. They make us think. They make us change. Such are the kinds of stories that have been shared on the Tumblr blog, I, Too, Am Notre Dame. Judging by the Viewpoints of late, I think it is safe to say that it has jarred us. I don’t think it has changed us yet, though.

The stories of I, Too, Am Notre Dame, are jarring because they expose the reality of racial prejudice (prejudice meaning any judgments that we carry about a person independent of our engagement with that person) in our idyllic Notre Dame world. For many of us, these experiences do not fit with our view of Notre Dame because we have never experienced or seen incidents of the type the persons of I, Too, Am Notre Dame share with us. This has caused many to dismiss these stories and the people behind them as exaggerated or flat-out lies.

The problem is, however, that they are not lies. They are stories that our peers have risked their own likenesses to share with us. Our own experience is untrustworthy here precisely because it is the nature of a majority to miss the experience of a minority. If one person in a group of 100 witnesses something incredible, does it mean that it didn’t happen because the majority didn’t see it? Of course not. The only reason why the 99 would not believe the one percent is because the 99 do not trust that one. And here is the crux of the problem.

Let us trust our peers. If a person tells us something we would rather disbelieve, let us trust them. Storytelling is not an idle exercise. We share stories, especially

painful ones, to find understanding, to find empathy. This empathy forms the cathartic effect experienced by anyone who has vented to friends about a problem. Through this, understanding relationships are built and communities are formed on a deeper level. By corollary, when the story remains unlistened to, alienation occurs.

Is it any wonder, then, that Notre Dame observes the salad bowl effect where students tend to coalesce along racial and cultural lines? When we seek to be understood, we go to those who can understand. That is why organizations like the Black Student Association, La Alianza and the Asian American Association exist: they create a space for students to share their stories with whomever is willing to listen (emphasis on whomever). I, Too, Am Notre Dame is born out of this fundamental mission of sharing stories, especially the painful ones.

Until we accept our minority students for their whole selves — including the parts that challenge us — our community will continue to suffer from prejudices that affect the few but harm the whole. Go to the I, Too, Am Notre Dame website. Listen to the stories there. Let us allow the stories to change our awareness and allow our awareness to change our behavior. Hopefully by doing so, we can build a culture of storytelling that learns from and values all of its diverse persons — Asian, black, Latino and even white.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## What if . . .

What if I told you there’s a multi-billion dollar industry that pays its laborers pennies on the dollar?  
What if I told you these laborers work 50-60 hours a week?  
What if I told you these laborers don’t receive workers compensation for being injured on the job?  
What if I told you these laborers are overwhelmingly from minority backgrounds?  
What if I told you many of these laborers come from the lowest-rung of the socioeconomic ladder?  
What if I told you the supervisors of these laborers have salaries that average \$2 million a year?  
What if I told you the executives of this multi-billion dollar industry make over \$1.5 million a year?  
What if I told you these laborers have a maximum wage, instead of a minimum wage?  
What if I told you these laborers sometimes don’t have enough money for food?  
What if I told you these laborers can be punished for receiving “improper benefits” such as too much pasta?

What if I told you these laborers have a higher than average chance of suffering brain damage from their job?

What if I told you these laborers have no say on their working conditions?

What if I told you these laborers can’t leave their job and get a new one within one year because it is against the industry’s rules, not the law?

What if I told you these laborers are in higher demand than people with Harvard degrees?

What if I told you these laborers must wear promotional uniforms to make their supervisor money, but they see none of that money?

What if I told you these laborers are used in marketing campaigns, but receive \$0 in compensation?

What if I told you these laborers meet the definition of indentured servants?

What if I told you economists from Stanford consider this industry a cartel?

What if I told you this multi-billion dollar industry received tax-exempt status from the government?

What if I told you this multi-billion dollar industry was the NCAA?

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senior  
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April 11

# Poor structures lead to poor race relations

**Bianca Almada**

This is Real Life

In light of recent events on campus that have led to discussions on race relations, at Notre Dame, as well as insights I have gained this semester in my anthropology class, I would like to visit this topic again from a slightly different vantage point.

Although the University has made numerous efforts in recent years to increase its percentage of minority students as well as to create a sense of cultural community for them on campus, these efforts reap a series of adverse effects. Students are so often quick to blame other students and their perceived cultural ignorance for the poor race relations at this University. Though this may be true in some respects, I argue that programs and institutions in place by the University itself inadvertently promote these negative race relations, if not incite them. Programs such as minority retreats for incoming freshmen often set the stage for minority students experiencing exclusion and marginalization.

At the beginning of each school year, the University sponsors retreats for freshman students of various minority groups, specifically the African-American Freshman Retreat (The Plunge), Latino Freshman Retreat and Asian/Asian-American Freshman Retreat. The retreats present various positive opportunities — to make new friends with people that share a common characteristic, to bond over shared culture and experiences and to

keep in touch with one's roots. Minority students often praise the freshman retreats as wonderful reflective and social opportunities that connect them with their closest friends and help define their Notre Dame experience.

However, the fact that these retreats are firmly set apart from the “regular” Freshman Retreat “others” freshmen minority students from the beginning of their college experience. The students are defined primarily as students of color before they are defined as simply students. On the retreats, freshmen are also often introduced to the black, Latino and Asian social circles on campus. As the retreats take place in early September, only a few weeks into the school year, this occurs before most freshmen have firmly established other friendships and social circles.

By separating students by race so early on, the retreats encourage minority students to create their own social communities separate from that of the University at large. The trend and the social culture at Notre Dame, therefore, has become an unhealthy one in which a large percentage of minority students associate primarily with other students of their minority group. Each minority group has its own academic organizations and clubs as well as its own party houses and social events in which mostly only members of their group participate.

Cultural solidarity and organizations that support these principles are absolutely necessary at any university. However, institutions at Notre Dame seem to take a negative

direction, promoting cultural exclusion in the social sphere.

Social separation of students by race creates a culture of symbolic violence, in which the norm and common understanding becomes that minority students, to a certain extent, are not and should not be as socially integrated into the University culture at large as Caucasian students are. This thought process normalizes the exclusion of minority students and makes any sort of alienation or discrimination against them almost invisible, since it is so ingrained in the culture. Freshmen minority retreats are only one example of a social structure that, while having various positive aspects and good intentions, contributes to a culture that is negative overall.

Common at Notre Dame is the isolation of minority communities and their creating of a counter-culture to the “mainstream” that characterizes the rest of the University. Though minority students often describe these communities as extremely supportive and enjoyable, it is troublesome that the University creates a culture in which minority students must find refuge from the rest of campus. Minority students are encouraged to exclude themselves socially and the rest of the campus, in turn, excludes them. This route is too often taken over the route of social integration among all races, in which people are treated as multi-faceted individuals and encouraged to share their experiences with everyone in a meaningful way.

The exclusion of minority

communities from mainstream campus social life contributes to the sense of ignorance that many minority students believe Caucasian students possess towards minorities and the issues that are important to them. Since many minority students do not socially interact on a significant level with Caucasian students, an “us vs. them” mentality arises in which minority students feel misunderstood, ignored and politically targeted. Caucasian students have no incentive or desire to attend minority events because they may not be familiar with the students involved or have knowledge of the issues at hand, and do not wish to learn more.

The social structures at work at Notre Dame, one of which is the set-up of freshman minority retreats, result in the treatment of minority students as social outsiders. Notre Dame programs encourage them to exclude themselves from a full campus social life, casting them off and defining them by their race alone. This kind of enclave culture, unfortunately, only leads to racial tension and lack of communication about it on campus, while the potential of minority students to flourish at the University is stifled.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# A dialogue on respect

This letter responds to Raymond Michuda's April 14 column “A discourse on dishonesty.”

There's a reason why Americans hate politicians. Politics can be nasty, filled with mud-slinging and generally vicious all-around. Too often, debates on substantial issues devolve into name-calling and back-biting. But political debate does not have to be like that. It can be based on civility, understanding and above all, respect. Call me optimistic, but I believe that political debate can be conducted respectfully, especially in an institution dedicated to thoughtful and reasoned argument such as this University. That is why Michuda's argument was so upsetting. It calls for lack of respect at a time when more is needed. Not only that, Michuda accuses the President of lies while himself engaging in certain ... assertions of dubious truth. I would like to address four particularly mistaken statements.

He writes that Obama “wants to take away the guns of law-abiding American citizens.” The President has never asserted such a statement, nor has he ever demonstrated support for repealing the Second Amendment. Putting restrictions on gun ownership to prevent horrible massacres is far different from taking them away wholesale.

He writes that, due to being the first Black president, people view him as beyond reproach. Seeing as the most recent Gallup poll puts Obama's approval rating at 43 percent, I think it is difficult to assert that he is so

universally well-loved. Obama has attracted critics among all parties, regions and ethnicities.

He recognizes the impending offensive comment when he pleads not to be taken out of context for using Hitler in his argument against Obama. While I understand he was trying to say that political leaders should not be given our trust automatically, he did so in a way that unnecessarily invoked a tyrannical dictator in a piece that was otherwise directed entirely at Obama.

Perhaps most disappointingly, he calls for Americans to disrespect the President by labeling him a liar: “We should do so loudly, and without fear, because it is precisely this attitude that will ensure our country remains the gleaming beacon of freedom that our founders envisioned.” Would George Washington or James Madison really have echoed that sentiment? I think not. What American political debate needs is more cordiality, willingness to compromise and mutual understanding. More discussions; fewer diatribes. More dialogues; fewer discourses.

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April 14



## EMA Decidedly Digital with 'THE FUTURE'S VOID'

By **MATT MUNHALL**  
Scene Writer

Erika M. Anderson grew up in Sioux Falls, S. D., playing in Riot Grrrl and noise bands before moving to the West Coast. Her 2011 debut album under the moniker EMA, "Past Life Martyred Saints," was a great lo-fi collection of heart-on-sleeve confessionals. Particularly affecting was album standout "California," a stream of consciousness in which she laments, "I'm just 22 / I don't mind dying." Now Anderson has returned with the ambitious follow-up, "The Future's Void," which she has described as a "West Coast noise and sci-fi record."

Like Arcade Fire's "Reflektor" and St. Vincent's "Digital Witness," these songs seek to tackle big questions about the proliferation of screens and social media in our lives. "Basically my dystopian nightmare, which I'm just realizing right now," she explained in an interview on Grantland, "is that by getting all this stuff for 'free,' everything now that's important to us or that takes up our daily lives, advertisers have access to that and are tying it into a product of some sort." On the album's cover, Anderson wears an Oculus Rift headset, the virtual reality technology which Facebook ironically purchased for \$2 billion just two weeks before the album's release. Maybe her paranoia about corporations co-opting technology isn't so far fetched.

Sonically, the record is decidedly digital on many tracks as well, with Anderson adopting a more expansive sound. Lead single "Satellites" is an industrial pop barrage of electronic distortion. The haunting ballad "3Jane" finds

her singing over shimmering synths. Some of these songs are also Anderson's most pop-oriented work to date, with gorgeous melodies brushing up against the noise. The aesthetic reveals Anderson's complex relationship with technology; for all of its potentially troubling effects, there are aspects to embrace as well.

For all the discussion of surveillance and device obsession, technology mostly serves as a backdrop for decidedly personal songwriting. Standout "3Jane" addresses the vulnerability of social media, which she sneers is "all just a big advertising campaign." Anderson agonizes over the need to separate the real self from one's online persona, concluding, "Disassociation / I guess it's just a modern disease." The best songs on the album deftly ponder one's changing sense of self in the digital landscape.

The fantastic "So Blonde" is a slice of 90s grunge-pop with shades of Kurt and Courtney. She bemoans the lack of female representation in the music industry, singing, "You wanna love her, hate her, you don't know / but I think she's all we're gonna get." She explained in a New York Times interview, "What do you do when the world only gives you one successful rocker-poet woman in your life, and that woman happens to be Courtney Love?" One of Anderson's biggest fears is that technology is simply reinforcing the status quo of those already in power, and these fears contribute to the album's sense of urgency.

A few of the critiques of technology come off as overly patronizing, such as when she asks, "Makin' a living off of takin' selfies / Is that the way that you want it to be?" on "Neuromancer." On "3Jane," she makes a rather

cringe-worthy reference to the "interwebs." On the whole, however, the album shines by focusing on the intimate confessions that characterize Anderson's best work.

"Dead Celebrity," the album's final track, is a dirge-like song on reading about celebrity deaths online, complete with funeral organs and the sound of fireworks. Anderson sings, "Who can judge us? / Who can love us? / Who can blame the world and me / 'Cause we wanted something timeless / In this world so full of speed." It's a resigned acceptance of the way the world is in 2014 — recognizing the superficiality of celebrity culture while also finding solace in it. "The Future's Void" succeeds by working through the complicated emotions that technology elicits — both the negative and the positive. Through its ambitious concept, Anderson has managed to create a brilliant sophomore album that strives for something timeless by embracing the present.

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### "The Future's Void"

EMA

**Label:** Matador

**Tracks:** "So Blonde," "3Jane," "100 Years"

**If you like:** "Girls," "Dum Dum Girls"



By **JOHN DARR**  
Scene Writer

Most of the time, conversations about music are great. You chat up some dude or dudette about some recent record, sharing some thoughts on this or that track, ripping through an air guitar solos and saying "Yes!" emphatically. But sometimes, something really awkward happens. Your friend asks you excitedly, "Have you listened to The Both?"

You have. You try to smile while you say, "Yeah!"

Then you try to think of something to say back to your friend. Surely there's something you can say nice about the self-titled record, a collaboration between veteran musicians Aimee Man and Ted Leo. You remember there was a song called "Hummingbird." You remember that the cover looks like Ken and Barbie meets "Pan's Labyrinth." And of course, you remember turning the record off during the middle of the third song because there was just no reason to stick around.

"I'll have to listen to them again, I was in a bad mood when I listened to them the first time," you say to your half-frowning friend.

You lied about the bad mood. You remember the record being kind of bad and turning it off. But your friend

is usually spot-on about music, so you run on home, load up Spotify and pray for a change of heart.

The song "The Gambler" greets your ears with a rather unspectacular guitar riff. Then come some generic rock drums and a bluesy bass with super-flat production. Surely, the song's about to get better, you think. Surely, something's going to happen. I mean, this song's called "The Gambler," right? The Both have to take some sort of risk here — present something sort of exciting, right?

No dice. The male/female vocals, which essentially sound like the guy from Barenaked Ladies taking himself too seriously and a generic southern-belle American Idol contestant who is portrayed as some strong independent woman but really isn't, carve out a vague narrative about some dude who doesn't want his partner unlocking the door to his room after knocking.

This unexciting story is made even less engaging by the vocal delivery; there's less feeling in these singers' voices than Davy Jones' peg leg. The lyrics themselves aren't good either — the song uninterestingly climaxes with "I don't want you to have my key anymore." There's something about "a cold Eastern morning" — who knows what that's supposed to mean.

"Milwaukee" is slightly better, but not by much. It has some nicer harmonies and its generic song structure is

hidden by more-layered production. But nothing can save a song with a geeky, humorless, non-evocative chorus like "It's a nucleus burning inside of a cell."

At least The Both are consistent. The rest of the album boasts signature generic rock instrumentation, generic vocals and embarrassing lyrics. If anything, The Both's debut is a cohesive slice of pop-rock music with the remarkable property of not warranting further description. If this album was designed to punish musical hipsters by tricking them into listening to this pile of blah, then perhaps it deserves a star.

But I doubt it.

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### "The Both"

The Both

**Label:** SuperEgo

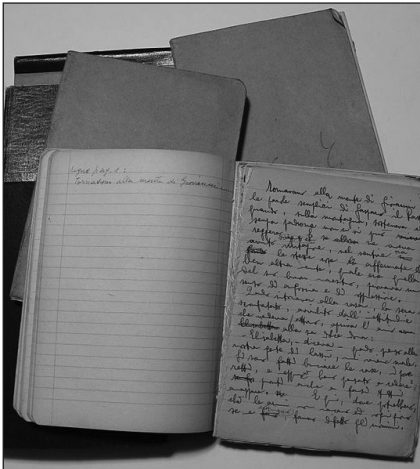
**Tracks:** Anything else

**If you like:** Nickelback, Blood on the Dance Floor



WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY



**What:** MFA Student Reading  
**Where:** Crossroads Gallery for Contemporary Art  
**When:** 7:30 p.m.  
**How Much:** Free

The final installment of the three-part Masters of Fine Arts Student Reading Series, this reading will feature poetry by Paul Cunningham and Rachel Zavec and fiction by Jessie Newman and Dev Varma. The Crossroads Gallery for Contemporary Art is located at 1045 W Washington St. in South Bend.

THURSDAY



**What:** “Before the Devil Knows You’re Dead”  
**Where:** DPAC  
**When:** 7 p.m.  
**How Much:** Free

Starring the late Phillip Seymour Hoffman and directed by Sidney Lumet, this suspense-thriller is one of Hoffman’s best and most underrated performances. Hoffman plays Andy, a broker who plans to rob his parents’ jewelry store with his brother Hank (Ethan Hawke) until plans go awry and disaster ensues.

FRIDAY



**What:** Good Friday

School is closed.  
There are no events.  
None.

SATURDAY



**What:** “420 Jam Fest”  
**Where:** The State Theater  
**When:** 12 p.m.  
**How Much:** \$17

Located at the State Theater in downtown South Bend, this all-day event will feature local music including The B.E.A.T., Anival Fausto Band, Dena Dena Dena and Notre Dame’s own Jon Schommer & the Cute Townies. Tickets are available online at [www.southbend420.com](http://www.southbend420.com)



**Allie Tollaksen**  
Scene Editor

Just around the corner marks another weekend closer to finals, a few more days off of school, the end of Lent (you can finally indulge in that soda or chocolate) and, of course, Easter. And with this holiday comes one of the strangest holiday figures on our calendar: a rabbit who delivers eggs.

The Easter bunny isn’t the only puzzling rabbit in our culture, however. These critters, cute or not, have made some sufficiently strange appearances on the silver screen throughout the years. Here’s a look at a few of the most memorable rabbits in film history.

“Donnie Darko”

The 2001 film was plenty strange without a character in a frightening rabbit costume, but Frank the rabbit helped burn “Donnie Darko” into the minds of

a generation and certainly had a hand in bringing the science-fiction film to cult-hit status. Frank is what drives the film’s plot, helps establish its sinister feel early on (though a possessed Jake Gyllenhaal gives the rabbit a run for its money) and was definitely the stuff of countless young-millennial nightmares.

“Harvey”

If you haven’t seen this classic Jimmy Stewart film — one of my favorite movies ever — it’s a must see. Stewart plays Elwood P. Dowd, a pleasant man whose best friend happens to be an invisible, six-foot, three-and-one-half-inch tall rabbit named Harvey. Much to the concern and embarrassment of his family, Elwood doesn’t hide Harvey from the world, and instead saves an extra seat at the bar and talks to the empty chair. This eventually leads his sister to coordinate an intervention for the seemingly-insane Elwood. Of course, chaos ensues, and Stewart gives undeniably charming performance in this eccentric but enjoyable film.

“Monty Python and the Holy Grail”

It may be just one part of one of the most quoted and beloved films of all time, but the Rabbit of Caerbannog in “Monty Python and the Holy Grail” was a high point in cinematic rabbit history. An unsuspecting-looking bunny, the Rabbit of Caerbannog is responsible for guarding the caves that hold the key to finding the Holy Grail. When the knights come upon this enemy, its ferocity is unleashed in an absurd, gory and hilarious scene, prompting the oft-quoted response to the killer rabbit: “Run away!”

“Who Framed Roger Rabbit”

Though rated PG, half-animated and centered around a cartoon, almost every memory I have of “Who Framed Roger Rabbit” makes it seem like one of the most inappropriate movie of my childhood: there was murder, plenty of old-school cartoon violence and the notorious, over-sexualized Jessica Rabbit. But the 1988 film also brought us some incredible animation, a resurgence in animated films

from Disney and its eponymous character to add to our list of famous rabbits of film.

“Alice in Wonderland”

It was Lewis Carroll that created the White Rabbit in “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland,” while the 1951 animated film brought the anxious creature on screen. Finally, the 2010 Tim Burton take on “Alice” made the pink-eyed, personified rabbit thoroughly terrifying in the way only Tim Burton could. And with director James Bobin (“The Muppets”) in talks to make a sequel, it looks like The White Rabbit will be back on screen in 2016.

Honorable mention: “8 Mile”

How could I make a list of rabbits without Jimmy “B-Rabbit” Smith?

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## SPORTS AUTHORITY

# Sports bring calm in times of tragedy



**Jack Hefferon**  
Sports Writer

Yesterday, April 15 came and went. For most Americans, that date means taxes, accompanying death, the old saying goes, as the two unavoidable truths in this world.

However, for some, the date meant far more.

In Major League Baseball, for instance, this April 15 marked the 67th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Every player in the league wore No. 42 on the back of their jerseys Tuesday, and with Mariano Rivera's retirement last year, it's the only day of the year that any player will wear the number. Robinson is the only athlete in baseball to be honored with such a league-wide retirement, and one of only two (along with Wayne Gretzky) in any of the Big Four American sports leagues.

Tuesday also marked the 25th anniversary of the Hillsborough disaster in England. On April 15, 1989, Liverpool and Nottingham Forest were set to play in the semifinals of the FA Cup, England's all-league domestic tournament, on neutral ground at Hillsborough Stadium. Fans of the two teams were segregated into separate halves of the stadium to prevent violence, but a lack of police presence in the Liverpool stands resulted in severe overcrowding. As fans flooded in around game time, exit gates were converted to entrances, and the crowd swelled to the point where those up front were crushed against barricades and each other. Some made it through or over the fence, some did not. Ninety-six people died, and more than 700 were injured. Liverpool, coming off a dramatic win Sunday that kept them atop the league table, gathered the club and its fans at their home ground yesterday for a memorial service.

And April 15, 2014 also marked the one-year anniversary of the terrorist bombings at the Boston Marathon, resulting in three deaths and hundreds of injuries. This year, 36,000 strong will take to the course on Marathon Monday, many of whom will return after being stopped or affected by last year's attack. The size of the race will mark the second largest event in the marathon's 118-year history and authorities are securing the event to insure it goes off without a hitch. (Police were investigating a potential threat near the finish line at press time Tuesday night, but the situation appeared to be under control.)

Anniversaries serve as

poignant reminders in our lives, but they do only come once a year. Much more common are those everyday things that are routine for us, and for many of us — that “us” being applied universally here — that routine includes sports.

These anniversaries serve as the big ticket reminders, but it is in the grind of a season, where fans and players can lose themselves in a day at the park, that sports can truly mark the return to normalcy that we — universally — need after these life-shaking tragedies.

A nine-year old version of myself comes to mind. Living half an hour outside of New York City meant that the events of 9/11 were the first real experience I had had with death and evil, and my worldview was truly shocked. Our house, my family and my dad who worked in the city, in my young mind no longer seemed safe. However, my aunt — who was staying with us at the time — told me once how I had woken up in the middle of the night, in the days after the attacks, sweating and panicked. I had another concern:

“What if they blow up Yankee Stadium?” I lisped. “Will they play at Shea?”

A yes put my mind at ease that night, and one week later, I can remember watching Mike Piazza crush a late-game home run to give the Mets a come from behind victory against the Braves in the first game in New York after the attacks. My pride swelled again one month later, as the Yankees hosted the Arizona Diamondbacks for Game 3 of the World Series. Regardless of your feelings on the man as a president, George W. Bush strapping on a bulletproof vest, walking to home plate in front of a packed house and millions worldwide, and firing a down-the-heart, no-doubt strike was easily the most important and reassuring first pitch in the history of baseball. It was a message of national fortitude. The show would go on. We'd play ball.

So, April 15 was a special day in Liverpool, in Boston and in ballparks nationwide. But the real celebration comes from the everyday — a black ballplayer slipping on a uniform before the game, or Liverpool's singing of “You'll Never Walk Alone” before every match.

It's through sports that we move forward, one step — or 36,000 — at a time.

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## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Irish swing for Orange Easter

By ZACH KLONSINSKI  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame travels to New York this weekend to play its final regular season game and finish off its first year in the ACC, visiting Syracuse on Saturday for a 1 p.m. contest.

The Irish (14-8, 7-6 ACC) are closing the season out on a hot streak, having won six matches in a row by a combined score of 41-1, including five straight in the ACC. Notre Dame has also won nine of its last 11 matches, with the only losses over that stretch coming at Virginia and North Carolina, both of which are ranked in the top eight. With such a streak coming just before the post-season begins, Irish coach Jay Louderback said he feels his team is playing well at the right time of year.

“Any time you're winning it helps your confidence. I think our kids feel good,” Louderback said. “We've been down in a few matches and come back. We've done a great job, and that's ... something that's good this time of year.”

While this is the final match of the regular season, Louderback felt he would have no troubles keeping the team focused on Syracuse (4-13, 4-8 ACC) instead of looking ahead to the post season.

“We know Syracuse at home is very good,” Louderback said. “They play indoors. They don't even have outdoor courts, you have to play indoors. And their courts are



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**Notre Dame sophomore Quinn Gleason drives a ball down the line Feb. 14 against Georgia Tech. The Irish travel to Syracuse this weekend.**

really fast. They'll be by far the fastest courts we play all year.”

While the Orange's record may look a little down, the numbers support Louderback's claim. The Orange is 3-2 at home, with wins over No. 48 Virginia Tech, No. 34 Boston College and No. 25 Florida State. While Syracuse failed to win a non-conference match, it was because it played very stiff competition, with a road trip to No. 71 Ohio State being the lowest-ranking non-conference team it played of their five non-conference opponents.

In comparison, the Irish played nine non-conference teams, four of whom were unranked, while the other five were ranked between No. 17 to No. 43. Notre Dame went

7-2 in those nine matches.

The speed of Syracuse's courts has presented an issue for opponents for many years, which was why Louderback had the team working on returning serves from much closer than usual as they prepared during practice.

“They hit hard, they hit big serves,” Louderback said. “They come in to the net and balls get on you fast. They are a whole different team at home.”

The Irish will look to finish off the regular season strong, and clinch a winning record in their inaugural ACC season, when they travel to face the Orange on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Drumlins Tennis Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

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## MEN'S TENNIS

# Court rivalry to be renewed

## Observer Staff Report

The No. 13 Irish will take on Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Mass., on Saturday in their final match before the ACC championship later this month.

Notre Dame (17-8, 6-4 ACC) is coming off of a three-win weekend after beating ACC opponents Miami and Florida State as well as Valparaiso at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The scores of each match were 7-0, 6-1 and 6-1, respectively.

Boston College also faced Miami and Florida State last

weekend, but the Eagles were swept 7-0 in both matches, leaving them with a 0-10 record in ACC play and an overall record of 4-14.

The match against the Irish will be Boston College's last chance to get an ACC win this season before the ACC tournament. Notre Dame will try to improve on the 6-4 ACC record it currently holds.

Irish senior Greg Andrews enters the final regular season match of his college career ranked No. 22 nationally in singles. Sophomore Quentin Monaghan is the only other

Notre Dame player is the top 125, coming in at No. 123. In doubles, however, Andrews and sophomore Alex Lawson rank No. 14 in the country. Boston College has no ranked individuals or pairs.

After this weekend, the Irish will travel to Cary, N.C., for the ACC championship on April 24. They currently hold the No. 4 spot in the ACC, behind Virginia, North Carolina and Duke, who are ranked No. 4, No. 8 and No. 14 nationally.

Notre Dame will face the Eagles at 1 p.m. Saturday in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

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## ND WOMEN'S GOLF

# Irish to compete in first ACC championships

## Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame will head to the Sedgfield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C., this weekend to embark on its first appearance in the ACC championships.

The Irish — coming off of two-straight finishes outside the top 10 (11th at the LSU Golf Classic and T-13th at the Ole Miss-hosted

Rebel Collegiate) — will look to ready the ship as they head into this weekend's tournament.

No. 3 Duke is the favorite heading into the conference championship tournament with No. 14 Clemson also landing a spot in the last top-25 poll. In addition, three other ACC schools — North Carolina, Miami and Florida State — received votes in

the poll.

During the spring campaign, two golfers have made the leaderboard for Notre Dame. Sophomore Talia Campbell led the Irish at the Central District Invitational in February with a 219 (+3) before leading the team for the second time of the spring two weeks ago by carding a 221 (+5) in Oxford, Miss.

On consecutive weekends in March — at the Clover Cup in Mesa, Ariz., and at the LSU Golf Classic — senior Kristina Nhim grabbed the low score by an Irish golfer, including assuming medalist honors as the individual champion at the Clover Cup after shooting a 213 (-3).

Last time out at the Rebel Intercollegiate, the Irish were

able to get all four scored golfers at or below a 230 score over the three days as freshman Jordan Ferreira and junior Ashley Armstrong joined Campbell and Nhim in the scoring spots for the Irish.

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## BASEBALL

# Weather forces ND to postpone

## Observer Staff Report

Due to the lingering winter weather in East Lansing, Mich., Notre Dame's game against Michigan State has been postponed. The date has not yet been set for the rescheduled matchup.

Notre Dame (14-21, 3-15 ACC) will return to action tonight, as the Irish prepare to face off against Toledo (13-20, 5-7 MAC) in Toledo, Ohio, at the Scott Park Baseball Complex at 7 p.m. Currently, the Irish lead the all-time series with the Rockets by a substantial margin, winning 43 of the 56 games played between the two teams. Last season, Notre Dame fell to Toledo 15-3, as Toledo collected 14 hits off of four Irish pitchers.

The Rockets are led offensively by sophomore infielder Deion Tansel. This season, Tansel is hitting .336. Though the infielder has only five extra base hits, sophomore infielder/catcher Tyler Baar and junior

infielder Dan Zuchowski lead the team with three home runs and slugging percentages of .415 and .418, respectively. Zuchowski has a total of 11 extra base hits this season.

Though Notre Dame has only won three of its 18 conference games, the Irish are 11-6 in non-ACC games. Currently, Notre Dame has won eight consecutive non-conference games, a streak that began March 1 against Youngstown State.

Over the past weekend, Notre Dame won its first conference series against Boston College (11-24, 3-15 ACC). Though the Irish fell to the Eagles 4-1 on Friday night in 11 innings, Notre Dame swept the series double header Saturday. The Irish won the first game 4-2 and shut out the Eagles 7-0 in the second game. All in all, Notre Dame won four of its five games last week, as the Eagles handed the team its only loss on the week.

Currently, junior outfielder Blaise Lezynski leads the team in batting average, hitting .338 on the season. Lezynski is the only Irish batter hitting above .300 on the season, and the team has a cumulative batting average of .249. The outfielder has also collected 10 doubles and 22 RBI on the season.

Notre Dame will return to action with a non-conference matchup against Toledo tonight at 7 p.m. at Scott Park Baseball Complex in Toledo, Ohio.

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## ROWING

# Irish enter ACC-Big 10 Challenge

By JOSH DULANY  
Sports Writer

After finishing fifth at last weekend's Lake Natoma Invitational, No. 9 Notre Dame heads to Belleville, Mich., to take on No. 2 Ohio State and No. 10 Michigan as part of the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

Notre Dame's fifth-place finish saw them come in behind the only four teams with higher rankings in the competition, and the team will be looking to build on that success. Freshman Moira Hamilton said the team is happy with how they are competing.

"There were a lot of really close races this past weekend, as well as a lot of remarkable teams that we had to face," Hamilton said. "Even though we're behind them in the rankings, no one let the name on our opponents' shirts intimidate us. Everyone went out and raced their races, and fought to the finish no matter the competition."

This weekend's competition will come against two confident squads, as both the Buckeyes and the Wolverines got convincing wins in their last events. Ohio State swept a field including No. 19 Louisville, and Michigan spent last weekend earning wins over Minnesota and No. 15 Wisconsin. Hamilton said the Irish recognize the challenge ahead but feel prepared to face anyone.

"We haven't raced either team since the fall and both teams are formidable forces," Hamilton said. "It will come down to who's there to get up and race on Saturday. I think our team is hungry for some first-place finishes, so hopefully it will be us."

Indeed, the Irish finished runner up in nine of their races in Folsom, Calif., so Hamilton said the team will be looking to show improvement.

"There are always improvements to make in our sport, even if you're a world class rower," Hamilton said. "Across the board we're looking to make up those extra seconds that these other teams have on us right now. We all just have to make the most of each practice, and keep working together to create more unified and connected strokes."

The Irish had nearly a month-long break before competing in Folsom but now are in the middle of a stretch where they will be competing on three-straight weekends. Hamilton said this has raised the pressure on the team, but that the team is confident in themselves, their coaching and all the work they have put in.

"It's of course stressful because we're constantly racing,

and this helps determine our bid for NCAAs," Hamilton said. "But we've been putting in the hours all winter, getting a solid base. We're all ready to race, and having consecutive races just keeps you in that competitive mindset. As [Irish coach Martin Stone] always says, 'Trust in the process.' I think that all the work we've put in is setting us up for a successful spring."

Notre Dame will look to build on their success Saturday in Belleville, Mich., where the competition will feature a morning and afternoon session.

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## TRACK AND FIELD

# Notre Dame travels to ACC outdoor championships

## Observer Staff Report

After a successful weekend in Kentucky at the Border Battle, the Irish will be looking to bring their momentum to the national stage when they travel to Chapel Hill, N.C., for the ACC outdoor championships, taking place Thursday through Saturday.

The Notre Dame women took home four wins last weekend in Kentucky. Junior Kaila Barber won the 100-meter hurdles (13.47), while junior Jade Barber secured the victory in the 100-meter dash (11.51).

Senior Megan Yanik won the 400-meter hurdles (1:00.47) and junior Mary Esther Gourdin took first in the triple jump (12.70 meters). With 10 top-five finishes, the Irish enter the ACC outdoor championships on a roll.

History is on the side of the Irish this weekend as well. Last year, the women brought home the second Big East outdoor title in the history of the program, while the men took second overall.

Events will kick on off Thursday at 10 a.m. EST, featuring four heptathlon events, five decathlon events

and the men's and women's 10,000-meter finals. Friday will see the finish of the heptathlon and decathlon, along with the men's and women's 3,000-meter steeplechase finals, with action starting 10:30 a.m. Saturday hosts all race finals, with the men's javelin starting the day off at 11:00 a.m.

The events will be streaming live on ESPN3 during selected times. On Thursday, events taking place from 5 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. will be shown. Friday events after 4:30 p.m. and Saturday events after 5 p.m. will also be available online.

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our place in the NCAA tournament," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We still have that to do so this is a huge game because it can put us in a great situation for NCAA or show us that we are still needing more."

Even though Notre Dame and Maryland will face each other in the semifinals no matter Saturday's outcome, the seeding for the ACC tournament depends on who leaves the field victorious. If the Irish win, then Duke will clinch the No. 1 seed, followed by Notre Dame at No. 2, Maryland at No. 3 and then Syracuse. However, if the Terrapins win, then Maryland will take the No. 1 seed, followed by Duke at No. 2 and Syracuse and Notre Dame at No. 3 and No. 4, respectively.

"This is a big game for us in terms of [the ACC], but it is also a chance for us to show that we have continued to develop and that we are peaking at the right time of the season," sophomore defender Matthew Landis said.

Maryland's only loss in the ACC so far was an 8-11 loss to No. 6 North Carolina (9-3, 2-3) on March 22. The Irish

rallied to beat the Tar Heels 11-10 on March 1. Though the Irish have this win on the Terrapins, Maryland garnered victories over No. 2 Duke (10-2, 3-1) and No. 4 Syracuse (8-3, 2-3), both of whom the Irish fell to 15-7 and 11-10, respectively.

"Maryland is a disciplined and physical team which will require us to play at a high level physically and intellectually," Landis said. "If we can play the game we want and force them to our style of play instead of them imposing their will on us, then we will be in a position to succeed."

The Irish have redeemed their 15-7 loss to Duke on April 5 in their past two games against Marquette and Robert Morris. Just three days after falling to Duke, Notre Dame led a strong second half to defeat the Golden Eagles 12-7. Notre Dame's streak continued last Saturday with a 15-5 victory over Robert Morris, in which the Irish defense, despite its ups-and-downs on the season, allowed a season-low number of goals.

"These past two games have given the defense a chance to get back to the level of communication and coordination that is essential

to our style of play," Landis said. "If we can maintain this against Maryland, then we will be fine."

The Irish defense will look to shut down the Maryland attack, which is currently averaging 12.18 goals per game under the leadership of senior midfielder Mike Chanenchuk and freshman attackman Matt Rambo.

For the Irish offense, sophomore attackman Matt Kavanagh has led the offense for the majority of the season, tallying 21 goals and 40 points. However, the Irish have expanded their offensive depth by getting more players involved in the attack effort. Against Robert Morris, the Irish used 11 different goal scorers.

"The depth will definitely help us [against Maryland] because we will have fresher legs towards the end of the game," Landis said. "It's always a good thing to have a lot of guys get involved and contribute."

The Irish fight for a higher ACC tournament seeding in their final ACC regular-season game against Maryland on Saturday at Arlotta Stadium at 12 p.m.

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*Irish senior midfielder Jim Marlatt looks for an open teammate during Notre Dame's 15-7 loss to Duke on April 5. Marlatt tallied one goal.*

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"They've done a great job of scoring a lot of runs against their opponents," Gumpf said. "They have a pretty darn good pitcher who has done a great job keeping them in ball games this year."

Against Anderson, the Irish look to junior outfielder Emilee Koerner and sophomore infielder Micaela Arizmendi to continue their

work at the plate. Koerner and Arizmendi are tied for home runs this season with eight apiece. Koerner boasts a team-high 35 runs and Arizmendi has scored a leading 32 RBI.

"Offensively, Micaela Arizmendi has been hot," Gumpf said.

Senior pitcher Laura Winter leads the Irish from the circle with a 2.29 ERA. She has won 16 of 20 games on the season and was recently picked seventh in the

2014 National Pro Fastpitch Draft.

Winter faces off against Toledo's senior utility player Erinn Wright. Wright leads her team with 26 RBI. She is also tied with sophomore outfielder Jessica Lemieux for home runs leader with three each.

Despite the Rockets' efforts at the plate, Toledo's opponents have outscored them 199-161 on the season. In 34 games, the Irish have combined to outscore

opponents 211-102.

After Wednesday's game, the Irish have 13 games left in the regular season. Ten of these 13 will be played at home. Gumpf said she feels comfortable with where her team stands in this last stretch of the season.

"I think we're right where we need to be," Gumpf said. "We just need to take care of business from this point forward."

After their matchup against Toledo, the Irish will

travel to Charlottesville to take on the Cavaliers (6-35, 1-19 ACC). Virginia enters the contest having dropped a three-game series against Virginia Tech last season.

The Irish and the Rockets face off Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Melissa Cook Stadium, then head to Charlottesville, Va., for a three-game series against the Cavaliers on Friday and Saturday.

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## W Lacrosse

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On offense, junior attack Caitlin Gargan led the Irish with three goals, while freshman midfielder Casey Pearsall added two of her own. Senior attack Kaitlyn Brosco also pitched in with three assists. Their efforts, however, could not overcome Fracchina and DeScenza however, and the Buckeyes gained their tenth win in their past eleven games.

Next for the Irish is a return to Arlotta Stadium, where the Irish are 5-3 on the season. They'll play host to the

top-rated Orange (14-1, 5-1 ACC), whose only loss on the season was to No. 2 Maryland. Syracuse gained its No.1 ranking behind their equally strong offense and defense, scoring 15.13 goals per game, while allowing just 8.13 goals per game by opponents. Sophomore attack Kayla Treanor is the clear leader for the Orange on offense, with 54 goals on the season, including three Tuesday night in Syracuse's 7-5 win over Cornell.

The Irish will try to build momentum for the postseason against Syracuse at 3 p.m. Saturday in Arlotta Stadium.



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Irish senior midfielder Julia Giorgio looks to intercept Stanford defender Adrienne Anderson during Notre Dame's 11-10 loss on March 29.

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36 "Hurry up!"

39 Liqueur served with coffee beans

41 Pewter component
- 44 Essen expletives

46 Son of Seth

49 Leaves a 0% tip

53 Ninth-inning excitement, maybe

54 OH- or Cl-, chemically

56 Truck rental company
- 57 Climber's goal

58 Zoo sound

59 H.S. supporters

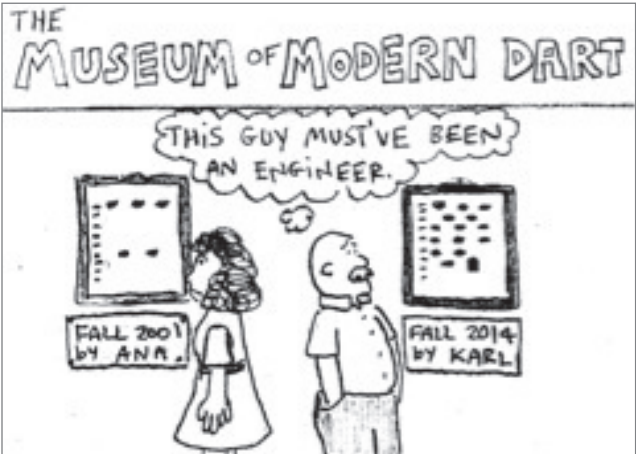
60 Rope material

61 Verb with "vous"

64 Reactor-overseeing org.

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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

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6	9	4	3	7	8	2	5	1
7	1	3	2	5	4	8	9	6

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

HOROSCOPE | EUGENIA LAST

**Happy Birthday:** You will have to pick and choose wisely this year. There will be too many options and not enough time to take on everything and do it well. It's OK to be selfish and to put your needs first for a change. Don't let guilt stand between you and the success you deserve. It's time to take what's yours. Your numbers are 6, 14, 21, 28, 32, 35, 47.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You may have to stretch your time in order to take care of business and not neglect important relationships. Spreading yourself successfully between personal and professional demands will encourage confidence as well as emotional and monetary gains. ★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Secrets must be kept if you want to avoid backlash. A lack of trust will ensue if you are suggestive or misleading. Stick to the facts and do the best job possible. Call in a favor and do extra research. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Get physical and see how much you accomplish. Take the initiative to make things happen and offer help unconditionally. Concentrate on what you can do, not on the obstacles that stand in your way. Love without motive or possessiveness. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You can expect to face opposition. Don't waste your time arguing or fighting a losing battle. Use your intuition to guide you in a direction that will bring you greater stability and encourage solid partnerships. Put love first. ★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Making a move or a change to the way you live will have its benefits. Opportunities will arise, but so will obstacles. Stick close to home or to those you love, trust and want to do business with. Follow your dreams. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Your desire to help others is admirable, but make sure that your recipients are worthy of your hard work, dedication and sacrifice. Partnerships appear to be abundant but questionable. Do your research and check for hidden motives. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Discipline will be required. A tendency to overdo it mentally, physically, emotionally and financially will lead to setbacks. Change can and should be initiated that will separate you from any poor influences you have. A force play will develop if you procrastinate. ★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** A tug-of-war will take place if you go up against authority figures or oppose someone in charge. Let body language and intuition guide you to make the right choice. Avoid trouble and you will be able to explore interesting possibilities. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Use your head, your knowledge and know-how to reap the benefits you deserve. An emotional situation will be based on false information. Don't get trapped in a melodrama that leads to regret. Put self-improvement ahead of trying to improve others. ★★★★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Listen attentively, but don't take action. Hold your thoughts and refrain from trying to control an unpredictable situation. Let things unfold naturally and when the dust settles, you can make your move. Use past experience to guide you. ★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Look into investments and set up meetings that can lead to a higher income or better money management. A settlement or package deal may be tempting, but should be considered carefully. You are in the driver's seat, so take your time. ★★★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Be open and receptive to new people, places and opportunities. Don't let anyone sway you or push you in a direction that isn't in your best interest. Be smart and work to get the best deal and ensure your future success. ★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are outgoing and competitive. You are free-spirited and a leader.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

JUMBLE

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

TREUT

PEWTS

YAEVLV

TEKLET

Print your answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: BISON STAND IMPACT HYPHEN  
Answer: When the poker player got a royal flush, all his opponents could do was — HAND IT TO HIM

WORK AREA

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE | OHIO STATE 12, NOTRE DAME 9

# Irish fall to Buckeyes on the road

## Observer Staff Report

No. 9 Notre Dame fell 12-9 in its penultimate regular season game Tuesday night against No. 16 Ohio State in Columbus, Ohio, and will face an even tougher challenge on Saturday when No. 1 Syracuse visits Arlotta Stadium.

The Buckeyes (12-4, 4-1 ALC) pulled out the victory behind strong performances from junior midfielder Mary Kate Fracchina and junior goaltender Tori DeScenza. Fracchina led the way on offense with three goals and two assists. DeScenza, meanwhile, enabled Ohio State to sustain its slim lead over the Irish (9-6, 2-5 ACC) by saving 11 of the 20 shots she faced. Notre Dame played two goaltenders opposite DeScenza, but junior Allie Murphy and freshman Liz O'Sullivan each let up six goals while combining for just three saves.



EMILY McCONVILLE | The Observer

*Irish freshman attack/midfield Cortney Fortunato looks for an opening downfield during Notre Dame's 11-10 loss to Stanford on March 29. Fortunato scored three times and added one assist.*

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## ND SOFTBALL

# Notre Dame hosts Toledo

By CHRISTINA KOCHANSKI  
Sports Writer

The No. 23/25 Irish host Toledo on Wednesday before heading to Virginia for a three-game series Friday and Saturday.

The Irish (25-9, 6-4 ACC) enter the contest having won six of their last eight games. In their most recent series, the team split two games with No. 7/8 Florida State. A third game was scheduled for Monday and would have acted as a series tiebreaker, but it was cancelled due to inclement weather.

If Notre Dame claims a victory over Toledo, Irish coach Deanna Gumpf will move to second in all-time wins in both Irish baseball and softball, passing former baseball coach Paul Mainieri with this 533rd win.

The Rockets (14-27, 5-1

Mid-American) are looking to bounce back from a loss to Akron on Sunday. The defeat was the most recent in a five-game losing streak.

Gumpf said the Rockets' recent skid and Notre Dame's reputation mean that Toledo will come out hard in Wednesday's game.

"We're going to see the very best Toledo there is," Gumpf said. "I don't think anyone wants to lose five in a row and any time you come to Notre Dame and beat Notre Dame, it's one of the best wins of the year."

Toledo's leading pitcher, freshman Emily Anderson, holds a 2.91 ERA and 13-15 record in 28 games.

Gumpf said she emphasizes the strength of the Rockets' batting and pitching when preparing for the matchup.

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## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Irish battle Terrapins

By KIT LOUGHRAN  
Sports Writer

With the ACC Tournament field set, ACC rivals Notre Dame and Maryland both have a lot on the line in Saturday's contest.

The No. 8 Irish (6-4, 2-2 ACC) host the No. 5 Terrapins (9-2, 3-1) in their last ACC regular-season game Saturday at Arlotta Stadium. The two teams may have only met twice in the past nine seasons, but regardless of Saturday's outcome, the two teams will meet again next Friday in the semifinals of the ACC championship. This game's decision has significant implications for the Irish heading into the post season.

"For us, this game is very important because we are in a situation of needing to win in order to secure

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MICHAEL YU | The Observer

*Irish sophomore defenseman Matthew Landis blocks a Duke attacker from getting through to the Irish goal April 5.*

## YESTERDAY'S EVENTS



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Track and Field, ACC championships  
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ND Women's Golf, ACC championships  
Softball at Virginia

Thurs., All day  
Fri., All day  
Fri., All day  
Fri., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse vs. Maryland  
ND W Lacrosse vs. Syracuse  
Baseball vs. Miami  
Rowing

Sat., noon  
Sat., 3 p.m.  
Sat.-Mon., All day  
Sat., All day