

Finance expert addresses students

Ackermann gives practical advice on how to maximize undergraduate experience and impact

By **SELENA PONIO**
News Writer

Curiosity, research and service are the main pillars of success, according to popular finance professional specialist Carl Ackermann.

Ackermann, who holds the Nolan Professorship for Excellence in Undergraduate Instruction, shared his experiences and advice Wednesday night in a speech titled "How to Have an Impactful Undergraduate Experience" for the second annual installment of the Sorin Scholars lecture series. The main purpose of Ackermann's speech was to advise students on how to lead a fulfilling life in their academic

field and how to be socially impactful.

According to his biography on the Mendoza College of Business's website, Ackermann "crusades against excessive fees in the investment industry, redirecting them to fight poverty and despair." In 2012, Ackermann was named one of the top 10 business professors nationwide by Businessweek, the website said.

The event was sponsored by the Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement (CUSE). Jeffrey Thibert, interim director and assistant director of national fellowships for CUSE, introduced Ackermann and talked

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Professional specialist Carl Ackermann speaks to students on "How to Have an Impactful Undergraduate Experience" as part of the second annual installment of the Sorin Scholars lecture series.

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Trump boosted by Nevada

By **RACHEL O'GRADY**
News Writer

Editor's Note: Throughout the 2016 presidential campaign, The Observer will sit down with Notre Dame experts to break down the election and its importance to students. In this sixth installment, News writer Rachel O'Grady asks professor of political science and director of graduate studies Matthew Hall about the consequences of the results of the Nevada caucus and the upcoming Super Tuesday

primaries.

Rachel O'Grady: Trump just pretty handily won Nevada, and this is his third win in a row. What does this mean for the Republican Party? Can Trump secure the nomination?

Matthew Hall: I'd say it means two things for the Republican Party. First, the anger and frustration the party's base feels toward the party elites has [been] reaching an unprecedented

boiling point, and the voters are rejecting their leadership's direction. Second, if Trump succeeds, it may mean a fundamental redefinition of the party's stance on issues such as trade, taxes and foreign policy. Can Trump win? Of course he CAN win. Technically you or I CAN win — the votes haven't been cast yet, and anything could happen if this election goes to a brokered convention. Will

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SMC candidates present platforms

By **MARTHA REILLY**
News Writer

Saint Mary's students assembled in Noble Family Dining Hall on Wednesday to listen to the platforms of the two student body president and vice president tickets.

Presidential candidate McKenzie Johnson said she and her running mate Barbi Prokup, both juniors, hope to generate more enthusiasm

for the services the Student Government Association (SGA) provides for the College.

"We really want to bring back the hype that student government is," Johnson said. "We want people to be excited, and we want people to understand what we do and why we do it. I want to bring back a celebration of student involvement."

Johnson said she and

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ESPN lawsuit appeal finishes oral arguments

Observer Staff Report

Attorneys from Notre Dame and ESPN delivered oral arguments before a three-judge panel in the Indiana Court of Appeals on Wednesday, the latest development in a lawsuit hinging on Notre Dame Security Police's (NDSP) status as either a public or private agency, the South Bend Tribune reported Tuesday afternoon.

ESPN argued in its appeal that Indiana's Access to Public

Records Act (APRA), in its current state, applies to private campus police departments, despite the decision issued in Notre Dame's favor by St. Joseph Superior Court Judge Steven Hostetler last April.

"What we know from Notre Dame's own crime logs is they arrest, search, interrogate for crimes such as rape, burglary, larceny, aggravated battery, counterfeit, drug possession,

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ESPN reporter Paula Lavigne requests records from NDSP. Her request is denied.	ESPN files suit in St. Joseph Superior Court claiming ND violated public access law.	Judge rules in favor of Notre Dame.	ESPN files notice in Indiana Court of Appeals, announcing its intention to appeal district court ruling.	Parties present oral arguments to appellate court.

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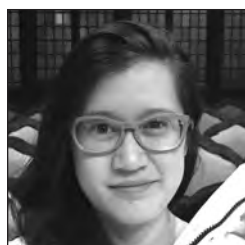
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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

If you could have any superpower, what would you pick?

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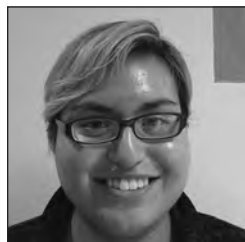
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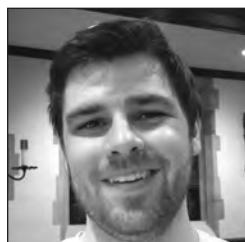
"Steal others' powers."



Roxanna Mendoza

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"Teleport."



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"Teleportation."



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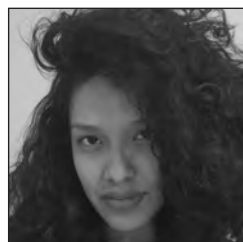
"To remember everything and speak every language."



Luis Prieb

sophomore
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"Temporarily multiply myself."



Kristhel Torre

sophomore
Holy Cross Hall

"Force field to keep people five feet away at all times."



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Documentary photographer Adam Reynolds' exhibit, "Architecture of an Existential Threat," is currently on display in Riley Hall, the home of the department of Art, Art History and Design. The hall features a variety of student and professional work.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Want your event included here?

Email news@ndsmcobserver.com

Thursday

ND Women's Basketball vs. Clemson

Purcell Pavilion
7 p.m.-9 p.m.

The Irish take on the Tigers.

Fr. Ted Talk

Recker's Restaurant
South Dining Hall
8:30 pm-9:30 p.m.
Professor Daniel Lapsley will present.

Friday

"Flint: Water, Race and Accountability"

Law School
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
Lecture presented by Julie Hurwitz.

Hockey vs. BU

Compton Family Ice Arena
7:35 p.m.-9:35 p.m.
The Irish take on the Terriers.

Saturday

Axiom Brass

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.-9 p.m.
Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra.

Fr. Hesburgh Memorial Concert

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
8 p.m.-9 p.m.
In honor of Fr. Hesburgh.

Sunday

ND Women's Lacrosse vs. California

Arlotta Stadium
12 p.m.-2 p.m.
The Irish take on the Golden Bears.

Solemn Vespers

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
Evening prayer in the Lady Chapel.

Monday

"The Right to Vote"

Law School
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
Discussion on voter ID laws, voter fraud and federal oversight.

International Scholars Program

Hesburgh Center
6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Informational meeting for freshmen.

STUDENT SENATE

Group examines food choices, offers feedback

By JUSTINE WANG
News Writer

Student Senate met Wednesday evening for a question-and-answer session with Scott Kachmarik, director of student dining and residences, as well as to approve both the Sophomore and Junior Class Council elections and declare winning tickets.

Appointed to his position in January, Kachmarik introduced upcoming initiatives on staff recruitment and cited catering to student needs about food sourcing, meal plan structures, and popular menu items as his main priorities.

Kachmarik also highlighted the importance of student feedback to his role.

"I've been spending a lot of time in the dining halls working with the staff ... I want to make sure I'm spending a lot of time there, figuring out ways to have you approach me, stop me, give me suggestions," Kachmarik said. "There's three questions I've been asking: What are the things that we currently do that we need to keep doing? ... What things we do that we need to improve on? ... What do we have to stop

doing? Clearly as we look at the data, it tells us strawberries are popular. There are some things that we are trying to work on and bring into the menus more consistently."

Walsh Hall sophomore Senator Sarah Kim addressed the idea of restructuring meal plans and adjusting the balance between Flex Points and meal swipes.

"I just wanted more options ... a lot of people can't grab lunch in between classes," Kim said.

Kachmarik emphasized his commitment to working with students to implement initiatives that benefitted them.

"We want to make sure we find that balance between hectic lifestyles and the ability to slow down and connect with each other," Kachmarik said.

Howard sophomore Senator Amy Smikle addressed the popularity of burger and fajita nights, and the possibility of including meat in the dining halls for non-religious students on Fridays during the observance of Lent.

Welsh Family sophomore Senator Kathleen Flavin expressed hope for better grab-and-go options. However,

Kachmarik encouraged students to eat in the dining halls.

"The ... intention of Flex Points and grab-and-go is to serve as a complement to the meal plan, not to replace the meal plan," Kachmarik said. "... Our main goal and our main intentions are for students to eat in the dining hall. Grab-and-go and Flex Points are a way to acknowledge busy lifestyles."

Due to both the Sophomore and Junior Class Council elections having only one ticket, the Student Senate approved a motion to suspend both elections and declare winners.

The incoming Sophomore Class Council will have Michael Conlon as president, Mary Ninneman as vice president, Christopher Lembo as treasurer and Jane Driano as secretary.

Sara Dugan will serve as president of the incoming Junior Class Council with Janet Stengle serving as vice-president, Paul Stevenson as treasurer and Matthew Peters as secretary.

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Gender relations club aims to build discourse

By NICOLE CARATAS
News Writer

Junior Caylin McCallick saw a lack of conversation between different genders at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame and decided to found the Justice Education Gender Relations Group (JEGRG) in order to spark and facilitate that conversation.

"I realized that I had no outlets of engaging in academic conversation with different genders," McCallick said. "I just want to talk to people. I want to engage in higher-level discussion about the issues we face — and I want to do it in an environment that's void of solo cups and Tinder."

According to McCallick, the group, which she is doing as an independent academic study project, will meet once per week for four weeks. She said it will have a loose structure in hopes of creating open conversations about subjects varying from how different genders interact to sex positivity to DomerFest.

"This group is my way of finding people with similar feelings who want to have a serious, safe dialogue about gender," McCallick said. "What am I blind to? What do you know that I should know too?"

McCallick said the main focus of the group is creating a space in which dialogue of this type can occur.

"I realized that I didn't really know how to communicate with opposite genders because on this campus mostly I just speak with females," McCallick said. "I realized that was a common problem because I saw people ... in different social situations. We're all educated people, and yet when we meet each other, it becomes this dumb game. ... I wanted to figure out why that is and delve deeper in the discrepancies between genders."

McCallick said she wants to create a continuous conversation in which women can speak with men on a

professional level in addition to romantic or social context in order to find the deeper meaning behind certain ideas about other genders.

"I feel like I judge very quickly, especially men," McCallick said. "I don't know where that comes from in my soul. I just want to talk to someone face-to-face and figure out why I am having this defensive against you and figure out what we can do about it, so that we both can rise because there's this strange social stigma and I don't know where it comes from."

According to McCallick, the group will give members the opportunity to engage with and learn the perspectives of people different from them. The group's dynamic will strengthen communication skills, a tool that will be beneficial later in life, she said.

"I think it's important because [Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are] both institutions of higher learning," McCallick said. "We can benefit from representing our schools in the business world by knowing how to speak with someone appropriately and knowing what the other side of the issue is."

McCallick estimates the group will have 10 female-identifying members and 10-male identifying members, but it is open to people who identify as any gender.

"I want it to be balanced among genders," McCallick said. "I'm not just saying male and female — I want all genders. I want the balance because I don't want any one to take control more than the other. ... We can get really defensive, and the biggest thing is it has to be a safe environment to say things. You don't want to get people on the defensive."

The group will begin meeting after spring break. For more information on how to join, email McCallick at cmc-cal01@saintmarys.edu

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SMC closes due to blizzard warning

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary's closed at 4 p.m. Wednesday due to a blizzard warning for Saint Joseph County, the College announced in an email to the

community sent earlier in the day.

"Angela Athletic Center will be open and meals will be served as scheduled," the email stated. "Please stay safe and warm."

Keough School names dean

Observer Staff Report

The University of Notre Dame announced Wednesday the appointment of Sara Sievers as associate dean for policy and practice in the new Keough School of Global Affairs, according to a University press release.

Sievers, an expert in international policy and governance issues related to development, will also serve as an associate professor of the practice in the

School, the release said.

Sievers has previously served as the founding executive director of the Center on Globalization and Sustainable Development at Columbia University and Harvard University's Center for International Development, the release stated. In the past, Sievers had worked for the United States Embassy in Kiev, Ukraine as the vice consul for political and economic affairs and as a special

assistant to the assistant secretary for legislative affairs in Washington, D.C., the release said. She earned a BA in government from Harvard and an MBA from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and has taught international development at both Harvard and Columbia, according to the press release.

The Keough School of Global Affairs will welcome its first class of students in fall 2017, according to the School's website.

Crossroads worker injured

Observer Staff Report

A contractor working on the Campus Crossroads construction project suffered non life-threatening injuries after a construction accident around 10 a.m. Wednesday, University spokesperson Dennis Brown said in an email.

The contractor, a

31-year-old male, was hit in the head by a hose pouring concrete and taken to Memorial Hospital. Brown said the University had no further information to release at the time of the email.

The Campus Crossroads project began construction in November 2014, and this is the first related accident reported to the public.

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he win? There's no way to tell for sure, and if this election has taught us anything, it's that experts can't predict what is going to happen.

ROG: Super Tuesday is this coming Tuesday. What should we be looking for? How much does it matter?

MH: Ordinarily, Super Tuesday favors candidates who can compete on a large scale. Unlike the early states, in which retail politics can propel an unknown candidate into the spotlight, on the

Super Tuesday the advantage goes to candidates with name recognition, media attention and money. That means it should be even easier for Trump to win big. The real question: Can Rubio or Cruz win any state at all — other than Cruz winning Texas? If not, Trump appears to be unstoppable.

ROG: Looking more at the Democrats, Sanders beat Clinton significantly on young women 18 - 24 years old. What does this mean for either one of their campaigns? Will this hurt Clinton long term?

MH: I doubt Clinton's lack

of support among young voters — or specifically, young women — will hurt her if she secures the nomination. I'd wager that most of these young voters will support Clinton in a general election. The critical questions moving forward are: 1. whether young people turn out to vote in large numbers and 2. whether younger Hispanic and African American voters continue to move toward Sanders. If either or both of those things happen, Clinton may have a difficult time securing the nomination.

ROG: In your research and opinion, what do you think

will be the most important issue in the general election?

MH: I think it largely depends on world events, which I cannot predict. What happens in Syria. What happens on the stock market. Usually, events drive the discussion more than anything else, so I can't predict what the discussion of issues will look like. If it's Trump vs. Clinton, I would expect little focus on issues at all. Instead, I'd expect a campaign of insults, posturing and scandals.

ROG: Taking it back to college campuses, particularly here at ND, primaries in many of our home states are coming

up. What is something we, as college students, should be paying particular attention to?

MH: Everyone should be figuring out right now where and how they can vote. Can you register here in Indiana? Can you vote absentee back home? Our current politics look the way they do because young people don't participate. If every college student who talked about the election on social media actually voted, we would get wildly different outcomes.

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Appeal

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DUIs — these are not the actions of your library security guard who is there to make sure that kids don't take books," ESPN attorney Maggie Smith said, according to an audio recording of the oral arguments available on the Indiana Judicial Branch's website.

ESPN filed a lawsuit against the University in January 2015 after NDSP refused to release incident reports related to student-athletes on two separate occasions.

Since October 2014, two state officials — Public Access Counselor Luke Britt and Attorney General Greg Zoeller — have said they believe Notre Dame to be subject to APRA. Although Hostetler ruled in Notre Dame's favor, he said there were "persuasive reasons" for the Indiana legislature to amend public record laws.

During the appeal, the judges referenced Indiana House Bill 1022, which would change state law to require private university police departments to disclose certain records. The bill passed unanimously in the Senate in January and will soon be voted on in the Senate.

Throughout the trial process, Notre Dame has maintained its stance that Indiana lawmakers did not intend for APRA to apply to private colleges and universities.

"Certainly, the question before the court here is whether or not the Notre Dame police department is a public agency subject to the law," Notre Dame attorney Damon Leichty said. "... We think the statute is plainly clear. We think the specific provision that defines 'law enforcement agency' clearly does not capture this department."

Leichty said NDSP derives its power to arrest from the Notre Dame Board of Trustees, not the state. However, Judge Rudolph Pyle questioned how this power to arrest was "magically" given to the Board of Trustees, when the state of Indiana is listed as the authority behind any charges.

NDSP currently releases a limited amount of information about campus crimes, in compliance with the Cleary Act, which applies to all schools that receive federal funding.

Smith argued there are already mechanisms in place that allow public colleges and universities to fulfill with their Cleary Act obligations and their obligations to comply with public record laws.

"The functions performed by the Notre Dame police department, in its context of being an educational police force, are exactly the same as the functions performed from IU, Purdue, Ball State," she said. "[They] are subject to both, and they do it just fine."

If the court finds private universities to be subject to

public record laws, Leichty said other private entities with police departments — including hospitals,

investigation agencies and railroad companies — would be impacted.

Chief Judge Nancy Vaidik

said the court would issue a ruling "as soon as possible," though she did not provide a timeline.

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Campaign

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Prokup would foster a comfortable environment with open communication.

"We really want to open ourselves up as two individuals leading," Johnson said. "We want you guys to be able to approach us and tell us what problems and concerns you're having with anything."

Johnson said students seeking advice should feel free to consult Johnson and Prokup, who plan to hold open office hours.

"You can come and talk to us and confide in us if you have issues," Johnson said. "A lot of the time people don't know who they're supposed to go to."

Prokup said the ticket would initiate an anti-bullying program to promote awareness

and to ensure students feel safe and happy on campus.

"We really want Saint Mary's to be a comfortable zone for each and every one of our students," Prokup said. "What we want to do is create support groups, where if you are experiencing a bully in your life, and you want to have someone to talk to, we want to be there."

Prokup said she hopes to increase support for student athletes by incorporating them more into SGA. According to Prokup, increasing attendance at games relates to the campaign's goal of promoting inclusivity on campus, which they would also accomplish through designing a support program with the Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO).

"We want to team with BAVO to create a safe space program that serves as a

support group for students facing difficulties," Prokup said. "People can learn how to help people in their time of need. Whatever you're going through — whether it's a death in the family or stress at school — that's what this program is designed to do."

Junior SGA presidential candidate Emma McCarthy said her and fellow junior running mate Mary Joy Dingler's love for Saint Mary's inspired them to run in the election.

"If you would have asked me three years ago when I came to campus if I ever saw myself in this role, I would have said absolutely not," McCarthy said. "However, over the past three years, Saint Mary's has become more than just a school to me. It has become my home. I am inspired everyday by the incredible women who surround me."

McCarthy said she feels

prepared to embrace any challenges that would arise if she were elected.

"I understand the level of commitment that this position calls for, and I am more than willing to answer that call," McCarthy said. "Being student body president is a huge responsibility and one that I will not take lightly."

Dingler said she and McCarthy want to inform the Saint Mary's community of upcoming events by sending out weekly newsletters.

"So many emails get lost in the black holes of our inboxes," Dingler said. "I think it's important that we all have an itemized list of what's happening on campus."

Dingler and McCarthy also plan to host a week-long celebration for faculty and staff of the College, Dingler said.

"They strive every day to make this campus a better

place, and Emma and I believe that often their work goes unnoticed and without recognition," Dingler said. "In response to that, we really want to plan a thank-you week to show our appreciation."

The pair also hopes to implement a fall formal to promote bonding between upperclassmen and newer students, according to Dingler. Such an emphasis on community events will encourage a welcoming and non-judgmental campus, Dingler said.

"A home away from home implies that we all have an inherent respect and acceptance for our sisters," Dingler said. "Emma and I wholeheartedly believe in a community that fosters a vibrant sisterhood that is unbreakable by prejudice or disdain."

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about CUSE's mission.

"The mission of CUSE is to enable Notre Dame graduates to build on what they do in the classroom with activities outside the classroom," Thibert said. "We want you ideally to see your undergraduate years as the beginning of a life's work. You don't have to wait until graduation to see positive change around you."

Ackermann began his lecture by talking about the importance of research through the lens of his own experience with research in a graduate program at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

"Being able to investigate a program from so many angles is unbelievably intellectually satisfying," Ackermann said. "If you are interested in it, an exciting career at the forefront of discovery awaits you."

Ackermann said one of the most important tools to have, even in his field of finance, are developed, articulate writing skills.

"Excellent writing is the key distinguisher in almost every field," Ackermann said. "Turns out, almost everyone in the field can do the math, so it's the people that can communicate the best that excel."

Ackermann went on to talk about how he thought one of the most admirable qualities Notre Dame students possessed was their commitment to service. He himself takes part in service by helping employees of local service organizations plan for their financial future, he said.

"If you volunteer in the field of your professional expertise, you can magnify your potential in that field," Ackermann said. "If you work in a field that traditionally does less service, like mine, you can actually have a lot of impact. ... There's a lot of

low-hanging fruit where you can immediately improve the fortunes."

Ackermann encouraged students to utilize the resources available to them around campus such as the Career Center, the Writing Center and the

"If you volunteer in the field of your professional expertise, you can magnify your potential in that field."

Carl Ackermann
professional specialist
finance

Center for Social Concerns. He also said while in college, students should not neglect nutrition and personal finance.

"Contrary to popular belief, beer, Kraft mac-and-cheese,

Ramen noodles and Pop-Tarts are not the major food groups," Ackermann said. "Learning how to eat right is important because it's correlated to other behaviors. If you master personal finance in your early 20s, you can accumulate so much more than if you started in your 30s. By gaining command of your personal finances you'll be able to accelerate and magnify your personal contribution."

Ackermann also stressed the importance of fun and well-being. Sometimes these areas can be overshadowed by the importance placed on academics, he said. In order to combat this, he said he maintains a daily goal to try and make one person's day.

He then told the audience to look under their seats. Under one person's seat, Ackermann had taped a \$20 bill for a student to keep.

"Remember it's easier to be fun and nice — it's probably easier than being mean," he said.

Students should take more risks, Ackermann said, such as joining start-up companies with the knowledge that there is a high likelihood of failure or studying abroad in a country where they are do not know the language. Ackermann said the experience he felt he learned the most from was the time he worked as a soccer referee in an ethnically diverse neighborhood in Boston, where many of the players' first language was not English.

"There's almost no risk to these experiences if you take them on now," Ackermann said. "The times I've grown the most in life are when I've deliberately placed myself in uncomfortable situations. By being too closed, I've missed out on so many missed opportunities. Believe it or not, you'll have more free time in college than you will at any other time in your life."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Try, don't cry

Rachel O'Grady

News Writer

I have a problem with feminism. It's not necessarily with the word, or even the movement itself, but rather the stigma attached to it. I don't like the idea that, for some reason, women need more help than men to achieve equality, or whatever word you want to use.

The idea for this column has been floating around in my head for a while, and a few minutes prior to writing it, I casually threw out the idea to a group of white males. Contrary to what you'd expect, I was vehemently shot down by four of the guys there. They criticized my argument for all the right reasons. They poked holes in my logic, called me out for my ignorance and frustrated me to the point where I basically told them to help me think of something better to write for tonight's column.

"I thought you didn't need help, you were doing this on your own. You're letting the men win," one of them said, partially jokingly. I rolled my eyes, but it made me realize everything wrong with how I approach feminism. Fundamentally, I don't disagree. I look at my own life and have realized, in retrospect, that there have been a few instances in which things could have gone better for me if I were a male. I realized that, particularly in areas of leadership and negotiation, I have been treated differently because I am a woman. I realized that even one of those guys had, at one point, probably unintentionally treated me differently because I was a girl.

But I hadn't realized any of this at the time, because I was too concerned with boosting myself up, not making excuses and not allowing my gender to characterize me. Fundamentally, that's what I don't like about feminism. I don't like being told I'm at a disadvantage simply because of my chromosome pair. I would like to think I am capable, regardless of that.

When I was pretty young, my dad had a saying something to the effect of "O'Grady's try, don't cry." For better or for worse, this has guided the bulk of my life. When faced with adversity, I generally try and face it with this approach, and it's worked out decently well for me. I view feminism in the same way. As much as someone — or studies upon studies — can say that I will forever be at a significant disadvantage because I'm a woman, it doesn't really matter. It's another challenge, one that I get to face with about 50 percent of the population. We all, unfortunately, have our challenges to overcome. Do I think there is an undue burden on women to 'prove' somehow that they are worthy of a position typically held by a man? Sure. Do I think that pressure hasn't shaped women into being even better and more terrific leaders than the men that came before them? Absolutely. Challenges are there to help us to become better people, and the challenge I face as a female is just another one of them.

When you're done reading this, turn back to the news section (please!). All the articles on the front page (and subsequent four pages) were written by girls. That isn't unusual; the News department has been called a matriarchy, almost nightly. Look around campus, to the leaders of our clubs and societies. There is a prominent female presence nearly everywhere. This doesn't mean that women don't need to be better represented across the board, but it's a step. It's the first step in a series that we need to keep taking in this general effort. I'm glad, because this conversation changed the way I think about feminism. However, fundamentally, I think we collectively, as women, need to try, not cry.

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Depoliticizing abortion

Eddie Damstra

Dinner Table Talks

We have a political polarization problem in America today. People's party affiliations often leave little wiggle room for issue stances. There are certain expectations for party affiliates. These expectations essentially act as restrictions on the ideas party members can have. Certainly there are Republicans and Democrats who fail to meet the expectations of their party on some issues. However, the point remains that for the vast majority of party members, political expectations are a main driving force in forming their positions on an issue. Perhaps this isn't the worst thing. After all, a political party is a group organized of people with similar beliefs. Isn't it only natural that such political expectations will present themselves? I believe so. However, I also believe certain issues should transcend the restrictions imposed by political expectations. The most significant of such issues is abortion.

Abortion is one of the most politically polarizing issues in the United States. Generally speaking, Republicans are more pro-life and Democrats are more pro-choice. There is relatively little variance from that pattern. The political polarization of abortion is a significant problem. It is a problem not only because it fuels political gridlock and hopeless bickering, but also because it pressures people into complying with party positions in substitution for contemplative idea formation.

Abortion should not be a politically polarizing issue. I am not asserting that abortion isn't a polarizing issue, but simply that the polarization of the issue should not be party-based. I don't know of any inherent characteristic of either party that causes it to take either a pro-life or pro-choice position. Abortion should not be decided along party lines because the true issue is not political. The controversy when talking about abortion is the question of whether or not the procedure terminates the life of a human being.

Nearly every sane person would agree that if it abortion resulted in the termination of a human then the act should be prohibited by law and categorized as morally abhorrent. The answer to the question of whether abortion terminates a human should be the reason for one's stance on abortion. Political ideology should be separate from the issue of abortion because the issue has nothing to do with politics; the issue is solely about humanity.

The question of whether abortion ends a human life is the main question when speaking of abortion. However,

answering the question requires one to answer another question first. Before one can answer whether abortion is murder, one must answer the question of when human personhood begins. The reason I use the word "human personhood" in place of "human life" is because the starting point of human life is generally agreed upon within the scientific community. In the college text book "Psychology and Life", Dr. Floyd L. Ruch writes "At the time of conception, two living germ cells — the sperm from the father and the egg, or ovum, from the mother — unite to produce a new individual." Similarly, Dr. Herbert Ratner, a renowned physician, teacher and lecturer, once wrote, "It is now of unquestionable certainty that a human being comes into existence precisely at the moment when the sperm combines with the egg." While there are certainly some who deny that life begins at conception, the general consensus among biologists and doctors is that life begins at fertilization.

Many pro-choice advocates would point out that human life does not equate to human personhood. However, I would argue that such a statement begins one on a slippery slope. Creating qualifications for personhood is discriminatory and dangerous. When is the magical moment when a baby becomes a person? Does a baby transform from some sort of living non-person into a full person at birth? Logic leads us to believe this is not the case. Science tells us that life begins at conception, and reason tells us that personhood begins when life begins.

Abortion is a complex issue. However, it should not be plagued by hopeless political gridlock. One should attempt to view abortion not through the lens of a political party, but rather through the lens of science and reason. The late Christopher Hitchens once said, "I feel the responsibility to consider the occupant of the womb as a candidate member of society in the future, and thus to say that it cannot be only the responsibility of the woman to decide upon it, that it's a social question and an ethical and a moral one. And I say this as someone who has no supernatural belief." Abortion is not a political issue, or even for that matter a religious issue; it is a human issue. We should start treating it as such.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Join the labor conversation

In the all-staff Town Hall meeting conducted yesterday, the leaders of our University gave a 15-minute summary of changes to benefit plans for campus workers, then focused for the remainder of the hour on the student-centered enhancements, such as the Burger King replacement and the new rock climbing wall. Workers whispered "When can I get a raise?," struggling to connect the content's relevance to their work and families. Fr. Jenkins proceeded to doze off during the discussion, epitomizing the stark disconnect between administrative policymakers and those who clean our halls. What if it was an audience of donors or students?

Since campus workers now clock-in at their respective buildings, rather than a centralized location, they do not have the opportunity to join together to talk about issues and strengthen friendships. This town hall meeting presented a unique opportunity for all workers to gather together. However, they were summoned to be lectured; they were not called as participants in the conversation about decisions that affect their livelihoods and families.

Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves communicated the results from the ImproveND survey and highlighted "being open to suggestions" as one of the areas that the campus identified as needing improvement. Based on personal conversations we've had with campus workers, we know workers are afraid to provide suggestions at these meetings about critical issues that affect their personal and

family well-being. The fact that workers fear raising issues that affect them at the workplace demonstrates that Notre Dame is not living up to its mission statement which espouses a commitment "to constructive and critical engagement with the whole of human culture." Engagement with the whole of human culture starts at home, and the all-staff meeting blatantly lacked the voice and engagement of workers. Questions were not accepted until the allotted meeting time had elapsed, by which time workers had to get back to their buildings before their lunch break ended.

As a community, it is our obligation to ensure that all members of our community are valued and respected. What changes are necessary to achieve this? If we care, we actively listen to the needs of others, and do not doze. If we care, we form relationships with every member of our community, and work to meet their needs.

We hope that the conversation continues and, as John Affleck-Graves said, "We will do better." If you would like to further discuss labor issues on this campus, consider joining the conversation on Tuesdays at 7:15 in Geddes B036.

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The Observer endorses Johnson-Prokup

THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

The Observer Editorial Board interviewed the candidates for Saint Mary's student body president and vice president, juniors McKenzie Johnson and Barbi Prokup and juniors Emma McCarthy and Mary Joy Dinger, on Tuesday evening. The candidates summarized their goals for the upcoming year and explained their experiences with the College's Student Government Association (SGA). After reviewing the candidates' plans, goals and qualifications, we endorse Johnson and Prokup for student body president and vice president.

Johnson-Prokup proposed revamping the new Big Belle, Little Belle Program and providing the first-year and junior duos with more structured events that promote mentorship and sisterhood. They also introduced the idea of a transfer program in which current Saint Mary's students could sign up to be a "Sister Belle" to a transfer student and help her feel welcome as she adjusts to life at Saint Mary's.

To boost attendance at sporting events and foster a supportive community, Johnson-Prokup suggested creating a position for a student-athlete liaison. This liaison would help to promote sporting events through email newsletters and raise awareness about the athletic programs. In light of the renovation of the athletic fields and Angela Athletic Facility, Johnson-Prokup said they want all students to use these new facilities and support their fellow Belles.

Both candidates recognized the amount of emails students receive and suggested consolidating campus events into one email. Johnson-Prokup suggested a monthly newsletter, while McCarthy-Dinger suggested a weekly email. The idea is a good one, but we also feel that a weekly email will be a difficult logistical undertaking, while monthly emails would be too infrequent.

The tickets both also said they want to strengthen the relationship between students and Security through better communication and forums. Johnson-Prokup, if elected, said they plan to implement a forum on the mySaintMarys portal that would allow students to send suggestions to Security and receive responses. McCarthy-Dinger introduced the idea of a student liaison who would work with the security department to voice concerns.

Each ticket expressed a need for safe spaces on campus, but Johnson-Prokup had more concrete plans for implementing this idea. They said they plan to work with the Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO) to create a support group led by Connie Adams, director of BAVO, for students who have experienced violence and added they want it to be open to anyone who needs a place to talk to peers or professionals about any problems. This idea falters, though, at the ticket's plan to allow dorm rooms to serve as student-led safe places for other students to seek support about various problems. We feel this could become problematic if students overlook professional help and rely solely on peers for issues regarding their health and personal well-being.

We also believe Johnson and Prokup should reconsider their anti-bullying campaign. They said they plan to address current issues through awareness and prevention programming. While this is well-intentioned, their plans do not address the severity of the hate speech that has taken place on campus and instead diminish these occurrences to mere bullying. We agree with them that campus leaders should take a stand, but we don't believe an anti-bullying campaign alone is the most effective route for addressing instances of harassment.

McCarthy-Dinger suggested one "paperless" day per semester to promote sustainability and cut down on printing costs and waste. While ideas of creating a more sustainable campus are important, we feel this idea is not realistic. We agree the College should explore recycling options and campus sustainability, but one "paperless" day does not seem practical because professors would need to alter due dates and allow computers in all classes.

Both tickets have good ideas, potential to lead the student body and an interest in collaborating heavily with College President-Elect Jan Cervelli, but Johnson and Prokup have best expressed tangible goals and the confidence to introduce new positions and programs in SGA that will impact the campus community.

We believe Johnson's experience as president of the Residence Hall Association and Prokup's role as an outsider to student government will benefit the student body with fresh, realistic ideas to improve all students' Saint Mary's experience.

Filling an empty seat

Erich Jegier
Guest Columnist

The death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia makes a dynamic presidential campaign even more turbulent as President Obama considers his course of action to fill the Court's new void. Yet with all the uncertainty, this situation has the potential to be heralded as a quintessential example of how the United States' system of checks and balances can bring moderation to an increasingly polarized political sphere. In a campaign season laden with rhetoric of a broken system of government and candidates who are self-proclaimed anti-establishment, President Obama's decision on how to maneuver through this unique appointment process could not only affirm the efficacy of American government and legislators, but also restore faith in the system.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Senate Judiciary Chair Chuck Grassley, both Republicans, have followed up on their initial statements regarding Obama's right to appoint Scalia's successor. Grassley, after backtracking slightly and saying he would "wait and see," dug his heels in for the obstructionist cause Monday by quoting a 1992 speech made by then-Senator Joe Biden, in which Biden rejected the hypothetical possibility of President George H.W. Bush making a nomination to the high court should a seat have opened up during his last year in office. On Tuesday, McConnell firmly stated on the Republican-controlled Senate floor that, "in this case, the Senate will withhold [consent]," if presented with a SCOTUS nomination by President Obama. Shortly afterwards on the same day, Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee published a letter to McConnell stating their intention to withhold consent on any nominee President Obama submits, a further indication of the GOP's unwavering position.

With the Court scheduled to rule on several landmark cases in the upcoming year, the GOP's motivation for initiating this gridlock is obvious. As the jurisprudence of the Court hangs in a delicate balance following the loss of the conservative Scalia, Republicans fear a liberal appointment would strip them of the ideological advantage that they had previously enjoyed on the Court. Democrats, on the other hand, see this as a timely opportunity to finally pull the Court over to the left — an opportunity liberals

say was rightfully earned by President Obama's election in 2008 and reelection in 2012. Despite GOP protests claiming that waiting for the newly elected president to make the appointment would yield a Justice who is more in line with current public interest, Democratic leadership insists that the nation already spoke in the last presidential election cycle, and the presidential responsibility to make Court appointments does not diminish towards the end of a term — an opinion President Obama personally echoes. The president stands firm in his decision to make a nomination, and has already begun reading through files on potential candidates.

The catch for Senate Republicans is the unpredictability of the upcoming election, especially when party nominations are still very much unknown. If they use their majority to vote down a Supreme Court appointment made by Obama in the upcoming months, they risk facing nominations from another Democratic President, possibly even the hyper-liberal, democratic-socialist Bernie Sanders. This defeat for Republicans could even be magnified by the loss of their Senate majority in the 2016 election cycle, a result that would all but guarantee confirmation of a liberal nominee. Furthermore, in an election season with strong emphasis on voter turnout, Republican denial of a good liberal candidate could make the GOP look overly obstructionist and rile up enough distaste among the Democratic base to get a strong liberal showing at the polls come November.

Given the dogged resolve shown so far by both the Senate Judiciary Committee and President Obama, it may be in the GOP's best interest to hedge its bets and give legitimate consideration to President Obama's nominee (a course of action that has already found public favor from some divergent Senate Republicans). Likewise, it may be in the best interest of President Obama to nominate a moderate or even slightly left-of-center candidate, knowing Senate Republicans would be hard pressed not to confirm the nomination in an attempt to minimize their potential losses.

With this in mind, Judge Srikanth "Sri" Srinivasan of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals seems to be an appealing candidate for Obama's nomination. He has already been vetted by the Senate and was unanimously confirmed for his current position by a 97-0 vote in 2013. A Srinivasan nomination would be tough for the GOP to pass up — he is a highly qualified, bipartisan candidate, and he has a

professional history sympathetic to Republican interests in large corporations and big oil, including representing both ExxonMobil and Enron during his time as corporate litigator for O'Melveny & Myers. He would be the first Asian-American to serve on the Supreme Court, and presidential hopeful Ted Cruz, along with several other Republican Senators, openly praised Srinivasan's work at the judge's Court of Appeals confirmation hearing in 2013 (though Cruz, also a current member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, still rejects the idea that Srinivasan should be nominated in a lame-duck session).

For a branch of government intended to give impartial rulings that set precedents lasting indefinitely into the future, the Supreme Court has always been somewhat political. Yet in a country that is increasingly being defined by its partisan divide, it is more crucial now than ever to fill the Supreme Court with judges who are not only smart, capable and distinguished, but who are also rational, unbiased and open-minded. We need a court that is willing and able to deliberate on the bench instead of simply adhering to a politically predictable set of rulings. And we need a full court now, not a year from now, so the upcoming Court decisions set national precedent instead of defaulting to the lower court's decision, which carries much less weight.

Whether Srinivasan or another moderate to slightly liberal candidate will, in fact, end up being appointed and confirmed is anybody's guess. Yet if this course of action is indeed taken, it will be a major victory, not for Democrats or Republicans, but for American government and political process. At a time when bipartisan agreement is nearly impossible to find and political gridlock is greater than ever, this Supreme Court appointment presents an opportunity to move in the right direction — something short of cooperation, but at the very least effectively operating within the system of government established by America's founders, and in doing so, making a decision not for one ideological extreme or the other, but for America and its people as a whole.

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Ties, Family Ties

A JPW SARTORIAL REVIEW

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Following 2016 Junior Parents' Weekend, Scene Editor Erin McAuliffe and Scene Writer Nick Laureano reached out to their dads, Bob and Bert, for their thoughts on the state of the necktie. Below are some of the highlights of those conversations.

Bob McAuliffe on ties:

"Not a fan of the tie, actually the rash on my neck the next day prevents back-to-back tie days for me anymore."

Bert Laureano, on his thought process:

"Friday was just cool-casual because we weren't going to the gala — a rustic cotton shirt, grey cardigan, and cords. Saturday was formal so the only decision was between a purple or pink tie. Might have to get a bow tie or two. That would have looked good on Saturday."

Nick Laureano:

"I'm off bow-ties. Sinatra never wore them post-comeback, why should I?"

Bert:

"I like bow-ties as long as it doesn't look contrived. Most men who wear them look like they know they have one on and it affects their movement. It's funny, because the same guy with a long tie moves more naturally. [One of your friend's dad] looked stiff wearing his bow-tie, whereas your other friend, Jacob Dumford, looked at ease."

Jacob Dumford, member of the class of 2017:

"Yeah, I mean I like the way bow-ties look, and, for me, liking the way I look is a source of confidence."

Nick on the philosophy of ties and finding the right length:

"I don't do ties. I just don't. In no circumstance am I happier with a tie on than without. With that said, occasionally decorum necessitates that I don a tie. In these instances, it's a knit tie or die. The knit tie is a nice throwback to the '60s and '70s, and it also happens to be fashionable at this moment — how can you go wrong? And, since I rarely wear ties, I can get relatively high mileage out of a piece that some observers may consider a gimmick.

Another way to toss it back to the '60s is to keep your tie on the short side. Look at any given episode of "Mad Men;" Don Draper's ties regularly fall a couple of inches above his belt. Do as Don did — outside the realm of interpersonal relationships he could do no wrong. The length serves a practical purpose, too. I'm a shorter guy, and wearing your tie short creates the illusion of a lengthened torso."

Jacob on the topic of his dad's tie game:

"It's pretty weak. But he doesn't wear ties enough to really care."

Bert on the topic of other dads:

"A lot of men my age don't get it, certainly among this crowd. They think that reaching a certain level of success — you know, these guys are paying for their children to attend Notre Dame — means they don't have to worry about what they wear. In reality that's just not the case. If you want to stand out in a room of 2,000 other successful dads, you have to look sharp."

Bob on JPW:

"In general, JPW is not competition for fashion week. (Note: Bob is aware that London Fashion Week is going on right now because he is a #CoolFashionDad) Some strong stand-outs but mostly church-going gear."

Nick on showing off:

"In the immortal words of Jack Donaghy, 'Where I come from, if you have more than two colors on a tie it means you're looking for a certain kind of bar.' Donaghy's sentiment might be misplaced, but his message rings true — ultimately, your tie is not the proper place to show off. Nonetheless, too many guys seemingly build their outfit around their tie. The perils of the flashy tie stem from the attention it draws to itself: (1) it's easy to tell a cheap tie from an expensive one, so as a college student who doesn't have hundreds of dollars to spend on every tie it's best to wear something understated; (2) many guys can't tie a knot for beans, so you're best off wearing something that won't draw attention to your knot-tying skills.

Where you do want to show off is on your ankles."

Bert on choosing the right socks:

"If we're talking casual wear, I pick socks that pop a little, usually matching my shirt or sweater. For formal wear the socks complement the suit. I'm too old to wear purple socks with a purple tie.

I find that as I get older, a good way to stay fresh in the socks department whilst avoiding looking like a poser is to opt for textured socks. The pair I wore on Saturday had a pronounced topography — they were dimpled, like a golf ball."



By **JIMMY KEMPER**
Scene Writer

For the first time in a while, I'm actually excited to watch "The Walking Dead."

The episodes over the past two weeks have proven this show still has legs, unlike a few of the zombies Rick and his friends have faced. This most recent episode, "The Next World," escaped the exhausting melodrama that has bogged down the show for the past couple of seasons by settling in and focusing on a few characters in a peaceful, mostly zombie-free episode. It's a stark change of pace from the also excellent mid-season premiere, "No Way Out," which was one of the most thrilling and tense, action-oriented episodes we've had in quite some time.

Together, these two episodes are the highest point the show has reached in years. But of particular interest is "The Next World" because it subverts viewer expectations and is all the better for it. "No Way Out" left Rick and Co. in a particularly dreadful place: Alexandria had just barely managed to survive another onslaught of zombies, a number of the cast fell to the walkers and Carl's life is still on the line.

Instead of dealing with the immediate consequences of this mess, "The Next World" skips those ramifications entirely, jumping ahead two full months. Alexandria is

back up and running, completely devoid of walkers. The characters seem to be over their grieving and are diligently working to keep Alexandria this way. Even Carl is back in the action, albeit with one less eye. Life seems normal, or at least as normal as life can get several years after the apocalypse.

This sense of normality that pervades throughout the episode allows for a unique exploration of the characters and life around Alexandria. Carl and Enid hang out in the woods like typical teenagers until Enid gets sick of it in typical angst-y teenager fashion. Michonne also tracks Spenser, Deanna's son, into the woods as he tries to get closure over his mother's death. Carl ends up leading the zombified Deanna toward Spenser so he can finally put her to rest.

While the run-up to this sequence was a bit less than perfect, the payoff is definitely rewarding when Michonne and Carl's storylines finally converge. Michonne confronts Carl at night about the incident, and we get a strangely touching moment when Carl reveals that he would want to be the one to kill off Michonne if she became a walker.

The big draw of this episode, though, is Rick and Daryl's storyline as they go on a buddy road-trip on the quest for supplies. Here, we see a kind of Rick that hasn't really existed much throughout the melodrama of the apocalypse

— a Rick who goofs off, cracks jokes with Daryl and sings along with his oldies tunes. It's the kind of Rick that would make the apocalypse a little more enjoyable.

In this sequence, we also get our first look at a character who calls himself Jesus. Paul "Jesus" Monroe manages to escape and trick up Rick and Daryl several times throughout the episode and adds to the humor that's been sorely lacking recently. He also brings with him the promise of "the next world," both for Rick and Co. and for the show at large. If you've read the comics, you know that Jesus' hints toward the next world are inevitably going to lead us Jeffrey Dean Morgan's Negan character and the horrors associated with his arrival.

The next world also involves increased diversity and complexity for the cast. Jesus is the first openly gay male in "The Walking Dead," which is great both because it allows for a greater variety of storytelling and because of general representation concerns.

In the final moments of this episode, Michonne and Rick finally end up together after a few seasons worth of sexual tension and chemistry. It's a very fulfilling scene and a very different kind of twist for "The Walking Dead" that shows that this next world may not be so bad after all, at least until next week's episode.

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By **ADRIAN LORE**
Scene Writer

In a sense, the output of Matmos is the opposite of electronic music. The Baltimore duo is notorious for isolating mundane sounds — from bread ovens to cigarette butts — and acknowledging their hidden beauty, using their electronics merely as tools to draw them out of the field recordings that form the basis of many of their albums. Their oblique creative process has certainly pushed the envelope of experimental production since the start of their career in the late '90s, but clear in the attitudes of the two producers is that their approach to music is not so technical as it is deferential, a way of paying due attention to the ongoing sound that envelops the organic world.

"Ultimate Care II" follows 2001's pleasantly perplexing "A Chance to Cut is a Chance to Cure," an album composed primarily out of the sounds of plastic surgeries and other medical procedures, and 2006's unexpectedly moving "The Rose Has Teeth in the Mouth of a Beast," many of whose songs evolve like a postmodernist radio drama. The concept behind "Ultimate Care II," the duo's latest release, is in its apparent ludicrousness simply another variation upon a theme, one rather at home in their discography.

And Matmos's latest is truly a "release" rather than "album" or even "song." What else to call the continuous 38-minute journey through the musical dominion of home appliances? Perhaps we are classical purists in not calling it a fully realized concerto. The central

instrument of this piece is, after all, no grand piano, no cello or violin, but the Whirlpool Corporation's Ultimate Care II washing machine.

The concerto begins with the familiar knob turn of a laundry cycle's start, followed by the sound of water sloshing inside of the machine, thick and absorbing as if heard from inside its bowels. It is not long, however, before we are swallowed by the industrial polyrhythms of the washer's metal exoskeleton; backing drums here are provided by the eponymous organ of the appliance. The piece evolves from there. The atmosphere ebbs and flows between high-intensity tides of apocalyptic arrangements to steady bouts of almost-danceable IDM and even occasional dips into drone-like, aquatic diminuendos. The duo is able to explore this wide range of textures, settings, and moods by manipulating the Ultimate Care II in a variety of ways, yet never using anything other than its own devices. What sounds like a squeaky horn-like instrument, for example, is in fact a wet finger skidding against the machine's frame. In addition, Matmos collects no shortage of unearthly sounds through ingenious variations to their recording techniques. Microphones were placed in several unorthodox locations on the Ultimate Care II; sound was then fed back into the echoes of the washing machine's tumbling core, a technique that recalls the methods prodigy saxophonist Colin Stetson employed in his extended studies of the bass saxophone.

Indeed, it is the craftsmanship and depth of exploration in this piece that makes it most impressive. Over the course of 38 minutes — about the length of a typical

wash cycle — Matmos sounds desperate to get the most literal percussive bang for their buck. And they achieve it by and large.

But something about Ultimate Care II also speaks, appropriately, of mutual caring. Toward the end of the unlikely concerto, we are actually subjected to minutes of pure, unadulterated washing action. Boring? Brash? Benevolent, I would argue. After Whirlpool's inadvertently musical contraption is all but disassembled for an album's worth of music, the segment functions as their show of reciprocity toward the machine to which they singly owe their product. It is a reverent affirmation of the washer's inherent aesthetic value, and by extension of the value of all the other artifacts in our daily existence whose musical potentials similarly go unnoticed. To them, Matmos seems to say: "we truly do care."

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"Ultimate Care II"

Matmos

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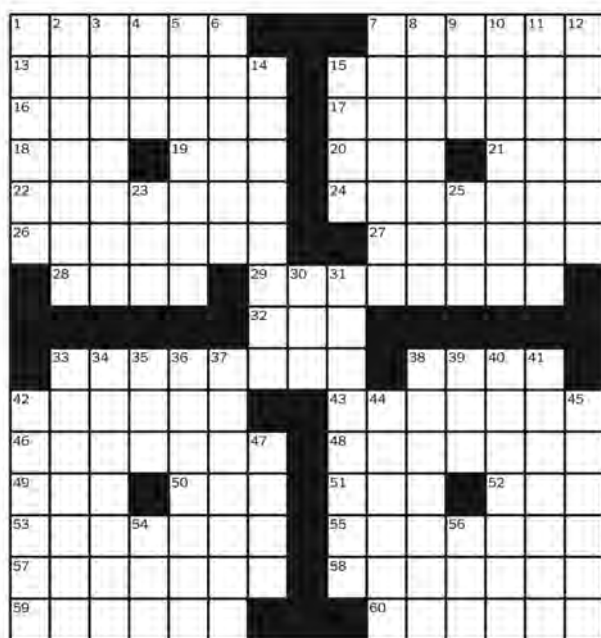
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 - 16 Unwakeable, say
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 - 18 It took 70 years to complete, in brief
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 - 28 Be a tippler
 - 29 Bookish
 - 32 Single, slangily
 - 33 Dreams up
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 - 42 Hit hard, as the brakes
 - 43 Was on tour, in a way
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 - 48 Earthen casserole dish
 - 49 Susan of "L.A. Law"
 - 50 Not just threaten, say
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- 55 Old guitarlike instrument
- 57 Tight situations
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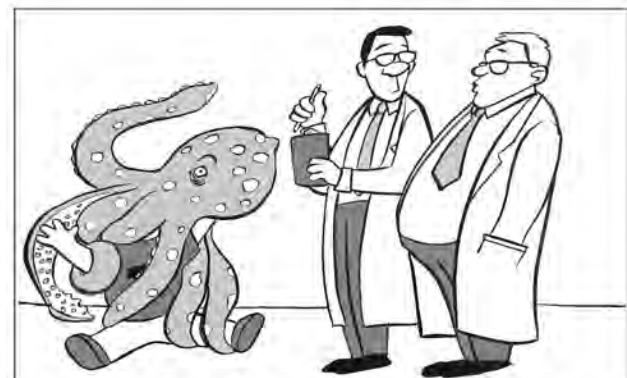
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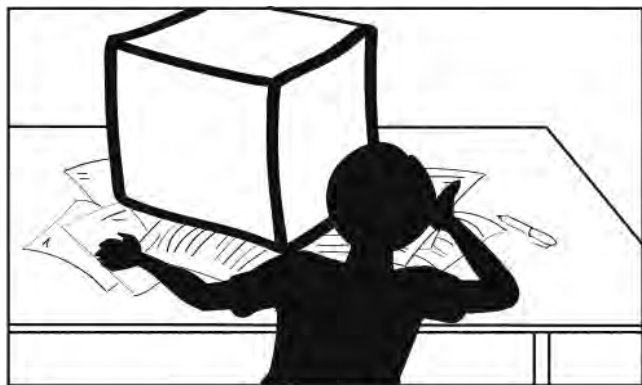


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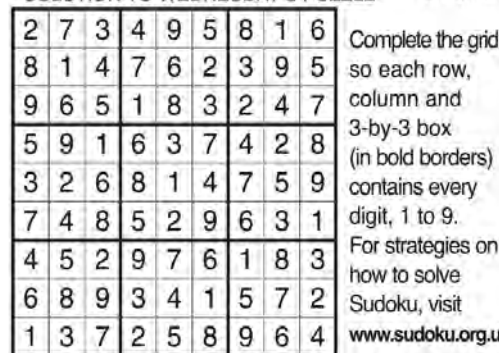
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Happy Birthday: Prioritize, line up your goals and put together a workable plan that will enable you to achieve what's important to you. Eliminate stress by putting an end to the personal situations that are holding you back. A clear passage is your ticket to a better life. Rid yourself of anything that is no longer good for your emotional, financial or physical well-being. Your numbers are 2, 14, 20, 26, 31, 45, 48.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Set your sights on your goal and approach what you want with discipline and an unexpected twist. Be progressive and you will attract interest from a most unusual and accommodating source. Celebrate with someone you love. Romance is featured. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take note of what everyone around you is doing and pick the best of everything in order to help formulate your own strategy. Don't let negativity or doubt hold you back. Don't let a partnership cost you. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep your private affairs to yourself. Stick close to home and make significant changes that will help cut your overhead and ease your financial stress. The changes you make will alleviate a personal problem you have with someone close to you. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The more unique and eccentric you are, the more interest you will receive from outside sources. Make observations about the way others live, and incorporate what works into your own living arrangement. Be true to what you want. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't make assumptions or take action without thinking. Emotions will escalate if you aren't honest about the way you feel or what you want. Operate fairly and you can please everyone, including yourself. Self-improvement should be a priority. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Search and you will find something you can use to your benefit. Whether it has to do with money, health or an organization you want to do business with, you can come out on top if you use your resources wisely. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take your time and observe what everyone around you is doing. You don't have to commit to anything until you are ready to follow through with your plans. Put more time and effort into how you look and feel. Put yourself first. ★★★★★

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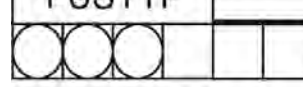


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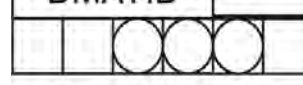
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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Reinsdorf hurting more than helping



Michael Ivey
Sports Writer

The Chicago White Sox signed free agent shortstop Jimmy Rollins to a minor-league contract yesterday. This move made White Sox fans like me ask a question we have been asking this franchise for a while now: Why?

With Rollins' signing, the Sox are most likely not going to attempt to sign free agent shortstop Ian Desmond, considered to be one of the best free agents still available.

Later in the day, free-agent outfielder Dexter Fowler signed with the Baltimore Orioles. There was talk that Fowler might sign with the Sox to become a part of their outfield, a position where they desperately need depth.

But no. The Sox signed a 37-year-old shortstop who is way past his prime to be a potential answer at shortstop while their outfield remains fragile.

This comes after the White Sox failed to sign free agent outfielders Yoenis Cespedes or Justin Upton. The Sox were expected to land at least one, and either player could have bolstered the Sox's roster substantially from both an offensive and defensive standpoint. They didn't sign either. Instead, they let Upton go to the division rival Tigers and Cespedes stay in New York, where he wasn't expected to re-sign.

They also managed to somehow not fire manager Robin Ventura after last year's disaster of a season, the third straight year the Sox have suffered a losing record under Ventura. The White Sox hired Ventura, a former Sox player with no previous managerial experience, back in 2011 and have limped to a 297-351 total record the past four years under him.

After this disastrous offseason, all White Sox fans can only ask why. Why is this franchise so content with mediocrity while the other baseball team in the city continues to make major strides to compete for a championship?

These questions should be directed to Jerry Reinsdorf.

After all, he is the owner of the team and holds the power to make all baseball decisions. He holds the same capacity with the Chicago Bulls, a team which recently drew criticism for being inactive at last week's NBA trade deadline. Last summer, the Bulls fired head coach Tom Thibodeau and replaced him with former Bulls player Fred Hoiberg after a "lengthy" coaching search that lasted five days. The Bulls have struggled under Hoiberg, and the team is currently three games over .500 and clinging to a playoff spot. They have been criticized for their lack of discipline, urgency,

and heart.

The direction these franchises have taken in the past couple of years have led fans of both teams to ask the questions, "Should Reinsdorf still be in charge? Does there need to be a change at the top for both organizations?"

It would be hard to argue against those ideas.

Don't get me wrong, Reinsdorf is a legendary sports owner. He bought the White Sox in 1981 and the Bulls in 1985 and the two franchises have gone on to win a total of seven total league championships (six for the Bulls, one for the White Sox) under his control. Reinsdorf is credited with acquiring key figures in the Bulls' legendary 90's dynasty, like Horace Grant, Scottie Pippen, Dennis Rodman, Bill Cartwright, and hiring Phil Jackson to coach Michael Jordan and the rest of the team to six championships in an eight year span. He also helped build the 2005 Chicago White Sox team that won the World Series, the franchise's first championship in 88 years.

But Reinsdorf has also been criticized for being a "cheapskate" and preventing his teams from winning more championships. He is considered the person who broke up the '90s Bulls dynasty. Reinsdorf was close friends with Bulls general manager Jerry Krause, who feuded with Bulls head coach Phil Jackson. Krause influenced Reinsdorf to fire Jackson in 1998, even though the Bulls looked poised to win another championship. The firing has been seen as the reason why Jordan retired a second time and why many important players left the team in the offseason. Reinsdorf is also considered to be one of the main reasons why the 1994 MLB season ended in a labor stoppage, due to his unwillingness to negotiate a new labor-agreement. The White Sox were in first-place in the division standings when the season was discontinued.

Reinsdorf is a legend in the Chicago sports world, but his best days are behind him. His recent actions (or non-actions) and his unwillingness to change can be seen as reasons why he might not have what it takes to be a professional sports owner anymore. Who knows, one of these days someone close to him might try to convince him to retire, hand the franchises over to one of his kids, or sell the teams altogether. Until then, Bulls and White Sox fans might be stuck watching a mediocre product year in and year out.

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NHL | CANADIENS 4, CAPITALS 3

Galchenyuk, Condon power Canadiens past hot Capitals

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Washington Capitals have been dominant for most of the season. Lately, though, the Eastern Conference leaders have been playing from behind. And, against the Montreal Canadiens, they couldn't pull off another comeback.

Alex Galchenyuk scored two goals, Mike Condon made 33 saves and the Canadiens topped the Eastern Conference-leading Capitals 4-3 on Wednesday night.

The Canadiens built a 3-0 lead and chased Capitals goalie Braden Holtby in the second period before holding on as Washington tallied two late goals.

"We played the best team in the league in their building," Canadiens coach Michel Therrien said. "They're really tough to play against, and the way that we came out gave us the confidence."

Brendan Gallagher and Tomas Fleischmann added goals for the Canadiens, who had lost four of five, and two previous meetings with Washington this season.

Trailing 4-1, the Capitals scored twice inside the final minutes, including Andre Burakovsky's goal with 2:53 remaining. Jason Chimera and Dmitri Orlov also scored for the

President's Trophy front-runners, who entered 17-1-1 over their previous 19 home games.

Alex Ovechkin, the NHL leader with 39 goals, had one assist, but did not score for the first time in four games for Washington.

The Capitals were 9-1-0 in their previous 10 games, while the Canadiens were 3-14-1 in their last 18 on the road.

Galchenyuk's first score meant the slow-starting Capitals trailed for the sixth straight game. Washington won four of the previous five.

"We can't come back every night," Capitals center Nicklas Backstrom said. "That's not going to happen. We have to play a better 60-minute game."

Holtby, who finished with 15 saves on 18 shots, couldn't add to his league-leading 38 wins. Washington's defense didn't help the cause.

Montreal turned a poor clear from Orlov into a 1-0 lead. Galchenyuk intercepted the pass and then rammed home a rebound off Dale Weise's shot.

The deficit doubled with 2:13 left in the opening period on Gallagher's power-play goal in the third and final meeting against Washington this season.

Another rebound off Holtby led to Montreal's third goal less than two minutes into the second period and Fleischmann's

first since Jan. 23.

"We wanted to make it as tough as we could on him," Gallagher said of Holtby. "Pretty much all our goals we had people around him."

Seeking a spark, Capitals coach Barry Trotz sat Holtby for Philipp Grubauer following the third goal. Grubauer finished with 15 saves, including turning away Gallagher's penalty shot, but surrendered Galchenyuk's goal in the second period.

Washington mustered scant quality opportunities against Condon until Chimera scooped a loose puck past the sprawled goalie, making it 3-1 at 5:32 in the second.

"We didn't play sound enough hockey tonight," Trotz said. "That was a really junky game for us."

Washington leads second-place Florida by 17 points in the conference standings.

"I don't think we're going to allow that to happen," defenseman Brooks Orpik said of possibly slowing down without an eminent threat behind them. "Maybe I'm naive, maybe it's creeping in a little bit. It's one of those things where you have to stay focused. You have to make sure, especially down the stretch, that's your best hockey. Take your foot off the gas, it's tough to all of a sudden turn the switch back on for the playoff."

NBA | WARRIORS 118, HEAT 112

Warriors pull out late road win against Heat

Associated Press

MIAMI — The league's leading shot blocker was coming at him, and even that wasn't enough to bother Stephen Curry.

It was the biggest moment of the night, and the MVP delivered.

Curry connected on the go-ahead 3-pointer over the outstretched arm of Miami center Hassan Whiteside with 38 seconds left, and the Golden State Warriors beat the Miami Heat 118-112 on Wednesday night in a game that featured 13 lead changes in the fourth quarter alone.

"It was a huge test," Curry said. "On the road, any time you play against a playoff basketball team, it's going to be a tough task."

Curry finished with 42 points, and Klay Thompson scored 15 consecutive points for Golden State in the fourth on his way to a 33-point night.

Curry made a pair of free throws with 18.5 seconds left to

get to the 40-point mark for the ninth time this season, and soon the Warriors walked off a winner for the 51st time in 56 games this season.

But Miami more than made them earn it.

"We had our opportunities," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "Our guys played their butts off. ... This is for competitors only. This is competition at its finest."

Dwyane Wade had a season-high 32 points and seven assists for the Heat, who led by 12 early and went up 108-107 when Wade made a pair of free throws with 56.5 seconds left.

On the next possession, Whiteside blocked a 3-point try from Draymond Green — his Twitter nemesis, after they exchanged words on the social media platform last year — but the ball found its way to Curry, who connected.

"A great player made some great plays at the end," Wade said. "We did enough to win the

ballgame, we just didn't come out with it. If we can play the way we did tonight the rest of the season we will win most of those games."

Whiteside had 21 points and 13 rebounds for Miami, which got 16 points from Luol Deng and 15 from rookie Josh Richardson. Harrison Barnes scored 11 and Green finished with 10 points and 11 rebounds for the Warriors.

For a team that has had its resilience tested mightily lately — first the loss of All-Star forward Chris Bosh to a blood clot in his leg, presumably for the rest of the season, and now backup point guard Beno Udrih to season-ending foot surgery — the Heat came out flying. They held Golden State to 35 percent shooting in the first quarter, leading by as many as 12 in the early going.

Curry kept the Warriors in it: He was 6 for 11 in the opening quarter, including a 40-footer to end the period. His teammates were just 2 for 12 in the opening 12 minutes.

BASEBALL

Irish still looking to get in gear

By **ZACH KLONSINSKI**
Sports Editor

Notre Dame travels south still looking to shake off its early season rust when it hosts the ninth-annual Alamo Irish Classic in San Antonio.

The Irish (1-2) dropped the final two games of a three-game series to open their season against Santa Clara last weekend, and they return to San Antonio and Nelson Wolff Stadium this weekend looking to build early season momentum in friendly confines away from the snow-bound Frank Eck Stadium.

"We did have some success [at the Alamo Irish Classic] last year, and hopefully we're looking forward to a similar kind of success there this year," Irish head coach Mik Aoki said. "It should be good, we're looking forward to it."

Notre Dame is 18-12-1 in its previous eight Alamo Irish Classics, and since the event's inaugural weekend in 2008, the Irish have won at least two contests in seven of the eight years. Notre Dame went a perfect 4-0 at the tournament last season, putting together wins over Incarnate Word, Bradley, Texas Southern and Gonzaga.

All four teams return to San Antonio this weekend for the 2016 edition.

Last Friday, Irish juniors, right-hander Ryan Smoyer and left-hander Scott Tully, combined with senior right-hander David Hearne to blank the Broncos, 5-0, on opening day while junior second baseman Cavan Biggio recorded the program's first inside-the-park home run since David Mills in 2008.

As a team, however, Notre Dame combined for just five hits during Friday's contest, and was able to take advantage of four Santa Clara errors to plate three unearned runs in the contest.

The lackluster offensive output came back to bite the Irish on Saturday and Sunday. Although in both games Notre Dame put up more hits than it did Friday — with seven hits each game — the Irish scored just two

runs combined, which Aoki said was due to his team's inability to string hits together with runners in scoring position.

Moving forward, Aoki said the Irish need to put last weekend behind them and continue moving forward this weekend and throughout the rest of the early season schedule.

Aoki also highlighted the need for better defensive play. Notre Dame fielded one of the top defenses in the country last season and led the NCAA in double plays turned with 75. However, costly errors by sophomore left-hander starter Sean Guenther and Biggio in the bottom of the first inning led to a pair of unearned runs. The runs proved to be important as the Irish fell 4-2.

Aoki said while he was disappointed in the errors, he knows it's early in the season.

"I think the big thing for us is just going out there and playing the way that we're capable of playing, playing at as high of a level as we can and worrying about things that we can control, that we can do," Aoki said.

Asked what his team's approach will be this weekend as it prepares for the Alamo Irish Classic, Aoki said he is not worried about the teams Notre Dame is set to face and wants to concentrate on what his team can control.

"Each individual day, obviously, you get different scouting reports and you do some different things, but in general I think we're just trying to prepare, from a practice standpoint, of trying to get a little better every day and be ready to go on [Friday]," Aoki said.

Notre Dame kicks off the Alamo Irish Classic against Bradley and Texas Southern on Friday at 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., respectively, and then takes the field against Incarnate Word on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. The Irish finish out their tournament against Gonzaga at noon Sunday afternoon. The games will be played at Nelson Wolff Stadium in San Antonio.

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ND SOFTBALL

Notre Dame seeks more consistency on Florida trip



MICHAEL YU | The Observer

Irish senior left-hander Allie Rhodes delivers a pitch during Notre Dame's 10-1 victory over Syracuse on April 18 at Melissa Cook Stadium. Rhodes is 3-2 with a 3.84 ERA and 37 strikeouts in seven appearances.

By **BEN PADANILAM**
Sports Writer

For the third straight weekend, No. 23 Notre Dame will be on the road, this time heading to Florida to compete in the Diamond 9 Citrus Classic.

After traveling to California and Arizona the last two weekends, the Irish (7-3) will now travel in the other direction when they begin the first of two consecutive weekends in Florida. Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf said her team has dealt well with the large amount of traveling it has done.

"There's lots of pros and cons to travel," Gumpf said. "It is tiring on the girls, but, conversely, they've never had it any other way. This is what we do. They've never had a spring without this kind of schedule, and they know how to handle it. I think they do a great job of keeping things in perspective and really focusing on just the process."

After going 4-1 last weekend, the Irish will play another five games this weekend. On Friday, the Irish will play East Carolina and No. 22 Central Florida. Then, on Saturday, the team will battle North Florida and Bryant before finishing the weekend with a game against Penn State on Sunday.

However, this weekend

is less about outcomes and more about developing more consistency for the Irish, Gumpf said.

"This whole weekend is just about keeping our softball super consistent and really focusing on the things we're doing well and making sure we're getting better at the areas we need to improve upon," Gumpf said. "I'm not focusing so much on the outcomes right now. I'm focusing on how we're playing and really making sure we're staying in the right direction."

Particularly, Gumpf said she wants to see improvement from the team's pitching staff. She said both it and the offense have been impressive thus far, but the staff needs to develop the aggressive approach and consistency that the offense has, she added.

"It starts in the circle," Gumpf said. "Our pitchers at times have done an amazing job keeping us in all of the ball games. I'm really proud of the fact that they've figured things out. I think we can continue to get better in the circle and really attack the hitters all seven innings and [with] all five of our pitchers. I'm looking for really consistent pitching and attacking the zone there."

To start the season, the Irish offense is batting .347 and averaging more than seven runs per game. The pitching staff, however, does

not have the numbers to match, as only junior Rachel Nasland has an earned-run average below 3.80. Despite what the numbers may suggest, Gumpf said she has been happy with the progress the staff has made. In particular, she has been extremely impressed with the performance of senior Allie Rhodes.

"Quite frankly, Allie has been amazing," Gumpf said. "If you look at her numbers, you don't see how she has really been our mainstay. Allie's probably the one that I'm the most proud of, and quite frankly, she's our go-to [pitcher]. She's the girl that we've been really going to to keep us in ball games."

In general, Gumpf said she expects the staff to develop the consistency and strength that the offense has shown as the season goes on.

"The more outings they get, the better they get," Gumpf said. "They just need to keep getting outings, and [it's] our goal to continue to get them innings. And they need to keep attacking the zone."

Notre Dame will play its first game of the Diamond 9 Citrus Classic against East Carolina on Friday at 1:15 p.m. at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Kissimmee, Florida.

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FENCING | ACC CHAMPIONSHIPS

ND readies to host ACC championships at Castelan



CAITLYN JORDAN | The Observer

Irish sophomore foil Virgile Collineau searches for an opening during the first day of the DeCicco Duals on Jan. 16 at Castelan Family Fencing Center. Collineau was named ACC Male Fencer of the Week last week.

By BEN PADANILAM
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will compete in the ACC championships this weekend, where they look to continue its regular season success.

The Irish last took the strip three weeks ago, when the second-ranked men's and women's squad finished their regular season at the Duke Duals. The women capped-off an undefeated regular season, while the men suffered just their second loss of the season.

This weekend, however, the Irish will begin postseason play when they host the ACC championships. The tournament will be the first conference championship Notre Dame has hosted since joining the ACC.

Irish head coach Gia Kvaratskhelia said hosting the event is an honor and an opportunity for the program.

"It's a huge thing for us as a program, for the athletic department and the University," Kvaratskhelia said. "This will be the first time an ACC championship will be hosted by Notre Dame, and we've been planning this for two years. We want to put on an event worthy of the conference, the competitors, and Notre Dame. We're hoping that we have a great crowd this

weekend, so we can show our friends and fans what we can do.

"Our guests would love nothing better than to beat us on our home floor; we'd like nothing better than to win right here."

The Irish will play host to Boston College, Duke and North Carolina this weekend. This season, both the men and women have squared off against the Blue Devils and Tar Heels. At the Duke Duals, the men defeated the ninth-ranked Blue Devils 16-11, while cruising to a 25-2 win over the Tar Heels. Similarly, the women topped Duke and North Carolina by scores of 17-10 and 24-3, respectively. Neither the men nor the women have competed against the Eagles.

Kvaratskhelia said a successful showing at the conference championship has been a goal for the Irish all season, especially as a part of the journey towards a national championship.

"It's the first step toward the ultimate goal — the NCAA championship," Kvaratskhelia said. "That said, winning an ACC championship is very important to us."

The ACC championships will be similar to the dual meets the Irish competed in this season in some ways, and it will also serve as good

preparation for the NCAA championships for each individual fencer, Kvaratskhelia said.

"The individual championships are similar to the NCAAs, [as they are] a lot of bouts in a short time," Kvaratskhelia said. "That will be useful experience."

"The team event is similar to the dual meets we've fenced all year, so I expect us to bring everything to bear."

This past week, both the male and female ACC Fencer of the Week honors were awarded to members of the Irish squad. Sophomore foilist Virgile Collineau and freshman sabreuse Tara Hassett were the second and third fencers to win the award this season for the Irish. While the each fencer is starting to peak at the right time, they will need to maintain that level of performance if they want to succeed in the postseason, Kvaratskhelia said.

"We will need everyone to perform well," Kvaratskhelia said. "It's the only way we'll win this weekend, and at the NCAA [championships]."

The Irish will take the strip in the ACC championships starting Saturday at the Castelan Family Fencing Center.

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ALARISSE LAM | The Observer

Irish senior attack Eddy Lubowicki looks for a teammate during an exhibition match against Air Force on Jan. 30 at Loftus Sports Center.

M Lacrosse

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more goals from Lubowicki and then one each from freshman attack Ryder Garnsey and sophomore midfielder Brendan Collins.

"That can be a real strength for us — that we have a lot of people who can make plays for us," Corrigan said.

Notre Dame came out much slower in the second half. After a Garnsey goal to extend the lead to 9-3 just over three minutes into the third quarter, the Irish would not score again until six minutes left in the game. Much of that stretch was without last year's second leading goal-scorer in sophomore attackman Mikey Wynne, who Corrigan pulled after Wynne took an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

"[The second half] was a factor of us losing our focus and just not doing the things we needed to do," Corrigan said. "... We thought it was going to be easy, and as a result we made it harder [for us]."

After a mini-Bellarmino

run of two goals in the third quarter to cut the lead to 9-5, Collins broke the drought at 6:00. Each team would add one more tally before all was said and done, Notre Dame's being Lubowicki's fourth.

Notre Dame now turns its attention to 0-2 Detroit, a team that saw its Wednesday night tilt against Michigan postponed due to weather.

After he only scored three goals last season, the Titans are led by senior midfielder Andy Hebden, who has scored five goals this year. They also return their top attack in sophomore Mark Anstead, who was second on the team with 21 goals last season while adding 17 assists.

The last time the two teams played was the 2013 NCAA Championship first-round, where the Irish outlasted the Titans 9-7. Corrigan said he has not dug deep into what Detroit brings to the table, but he remembers their style from a few years ago.

Notre Dame will face Detroit on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Arlotta Stadium.

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... We're trying to win the team title."

To win the ACC indoor title in the women's competition, Turner said the team needs strong performances all the way down the roster.

"Obviously our superstar All-American athletes, [senior Margaret] Bamgbose and Molly Seidel, they're going to be asked to carry a big load in two individual events," Turner said. "[Senior Danielle] Aragon needs to have a good meet. ... She's peaking at the right time, and we think she's definitely someone who should be in the top three in the mile for us. ... We think [graduate student Carly Loeffel] can compete and contend for that pentathlon title. ...

"It's going to take a total team effort: We're going to need every single point we can get."

With All-Americans like Bamgbose and Seidel, Turner said he does not plan to make any last-minute adjustments to their winning formulas. For younger runners, like freshman Anna Rohrer however, Turner said he just has to remind them they're ready to be on the big stage.

"Molly and Margaret have been there before, they know what to do, so I really don't have to tell them much," Turner said. "Freshman like Anna Rohrer, even though she had an outstanding cross country year ... she hasn't been on a championship track team. I talked to her yesterday and I said, 'You have the 3,000[-meter run], you have the 5,000[-meter run], just do what you've been doing all season long. Run as hard as you can and try to go for the win.' It hasn't been so much me telling them extra things, just 'Hey, continue to do what you're doing.'"

The men's team finished 12th out of 15 teams at last year's indoor conference meet, and Turner said though the men's squad lacks the depth to compete for a conference championship, he feels the team is ready to make a statement.

"For the men, we're also coming along at the right time. We know we don't have the depth on the men's side to be anywhere in the top three team-wise, but for the men, our goal is if we can just break into the top half of the conference."

Turner singled out a couple strong individual performances the team will need to rely on to begin climbing up the standings.

"I'm looking for [junior pole-vaulter] Nate Richartz to have a good performance," Turner said. "He's really going to have his hands full in that pole-vault. ... It will be very tough for him to pull off that title, but he definitely can do it. ... [Junior thrower] Anthony Shivers for us in the weight [throw]. He broke our school record for us



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Irish sophomore Jessica Harris, right, leads the pack during the 800-meter run at the Alex Wilson Invitational on Saturday at Loftus Sports Center. Harris is a member of the women's distance medley relay team that qualified for the NCAA championships during the meet.

last week so we can just ride that high and we think he can get into the top three."

In order for the women to take home the title, Turner said the Irish will face strong competition from a number of teams.

"Clemson is definitely the [favorite] on the women's side," Turner said. "On paper, they should win probably by about 15 points. We'll see what happens. I think ourselves, Clemson and Miami, we're going to split up some of those sprint points. Virginia has a strong team, so does North Carolina."

As the team prepares to begin competition on Thursday, Turner said the key for the team is mental toughness and believes his squad is in the right

place mentally.

"In this sport, there's not a lot that separates that person who's a champion from that person who's fifth or sixth," Turner said. "But if you're mentally strong, that can carry you over the top, and my team is exactly where we need to be as a whole. We're going to take roughly about 55 athletes to the meet and I know all 55 are not going to make the finals and score and be champions. But all those 55 are mentally ready to go, and that's going to help us so much [this] week at the ACC meet."

The ACC championships start Thursday and run through Saturday in Boston.

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Irish senior Molly Seidel participates in the 3,000-meter run at the Meyo Invitational. Seidel broke the school and meet record in the race.

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Irish sophomore forward Brianna Turner sizes up a defender in Notre Dame's 90-69 win over Miami on Feb. 14 at Purcell Pavilion.

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guaranteed at least a share of the ACC regular season title with Louisville, and because of their victory at Louisville earlier this month, they would also clinch the number one seed for the conference tournament. The Cardinals face Miami (Fla.) tonight, and the Irish have the opportunity to claim the regular season title outright if they win and the Louisville loses. Notre Dame has won both the regular season title and the conference tournament as the number one seed in each of its two previous years in the ACC.

"I think that it was our goal at the beginning of the year, so we're very focused on it. It's an important goal," McGraw said.

McGraw added that, considering the schedule her team has had to face, she is impressed the Irish now have a chance to take the regular season title with a game to spare.

"When I looked at the ACC schedule, and when I looked at the ACC preseason rankings, and I saw Louisville, Florida State and Duke at two, three

and four, knowing that we would have to go on the road to play all those teams, I knew we had a tough schedule," McGraw said. "I thought it was the toughest schedule of anyone, and I was really concerned about February. I thought February was going to be really difficult for us. Then when you throw in Tennessee in January, and the schedule just looked really really hard, and it's number one RPI, so it definitely was the toughest, that's not just me.

"But I don't think I could have looked and thought we'd be where we are right now. I think we're ahead of schedule. We've overachieved to get here, and I think we've really, really played well and kept finding ways to overachieve on days where things weren't really going our way. So this is a team that's handled adversity really really well."

Sophomore forward Kathryn Westbeld, who injured her ankle against Florida State, will not be available for the Irish against the Tigers.

The game will begin at 7 p.m. at Purcell Pavilion.

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Irish junior guard Demetrius Jackson drives around Louisville sophomore forward Chinanu Onuaku during Notre Dame's 71-66 upset against the Cardinals on Feb. 13 at Purcell Pavilion.

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Auguste scored a team-high 18 points and pulled in 12 rebounds. Auguste recorded his 15th double-double of the season, second in the ACC.

"It definitely was a tough win on the road today," Auguste said. "But we executed down the stretch when it counted. Demetrius had great leadership and stepped up in the second half. We had a great second half. We had to rely on the defense, and that's what we did and it helped us get a big-time win on the road. Now we're just looking forward to going down to Tallahassee and picking up another one."

Irish head coach Mike Brey praised Auguste's performance. He said he believes the senior captain is picking up momentum late in the season, similar to his performance late last year during Notre Dame's run to the Elite Eight.

"I think [Auguste is] playing as good as or better than any big guy in the league," Brey said. "We were talking

as a staff that this was about the time last year where he started to kick it to a new level. Fabulous tonight stepping up. Eight for eight from the foul line. Getting every big rebound. I think he's one of the best big guys in the country, and he's playing his way into the NBA as well."

Despite Auguste's strong play in the second half, Wake Forest kept it close late in the fourth quarter, cutting a 10-point Irish lead down to four after a layup by Collins. However, Notre Dame's smothering defense forced the Demon Deacons to miss seven of their final nine shots. Wake Forest went 11-of-35 from the field in both halves.

Collins, who made his first career start, scored a team-high 16 points and pulled down four of Wake Forest's 18 offensive rebounds. The team also received 13 more points from its bench than Notre Dame, but the Demon Deacons only converted just 10 of their 17 free throw attempts in the second half, while the Irish, after not attempting a single free throw in the first half, hit 17 in

the second.

"I'm really proud of our group," Brey said. "We had to defend to win tonight. Their field goal percentage was 31, and we weren't in the best of offensive rhythm, but of course we made big shots and, man, did we hit big free throws when we had to."

Brey said he was particularly impressed with an Irish defensive effort that held Wake Forest to under 60 points. Notre Dame is ranked 135th in scoring defense, but Brey said he was pleased with the way the defense held its own Wednesday night.

"I'm just so pleased with our defense," Brey said. "To have them to hold [Wake Forest] to 58 points and 31 percent, that was the story. It's great to have 10 league wins, and it's great to know you're going to the NCAA tournament."

Notre Dame finishes its road trip on Saturday as the team travels to Tallahassee, Florida, to take on Florida State at 4 p.m.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 69, WAKE FOREST 58

Irish survive cold first half to overrun Demon Deacons

By **MANNY DE JESUS**
Sports Writer

In the second contest of its three-game road trip, Notre Dame defeated Wake Forest, 69-58, on Wednesday night, to avoid losing two straight games for the first time in nearly two years.

Similar to many of their recent games, the Irish (18-9, 10-5 ACC) played strikingly different halves. In the first 20 minutes of the game, Notre Dame converted just 38.2 percent of their field goal attempts. The Demon Deacons (11-17, 2-14) held junior guard Demetrius Jackson completely off the scoreboard in the first half, but junior guard Steve Vasturia carried the load for the Irish, scoring eight points on strong drives to the basket.

In the second half, Jackson and senior forward Zach Auguste led the charge, combining for 27 of the 41 points scored in the second half for the Irish. Despite tough interior defense from freshman forwards Doral Moore and John Collins,

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Irish senior forward Zach Auguste shoots a free throw during Notre Dame's 71-66 win over Louisville on Feb. 13 at Purcell Pavilion.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Opposing paths lead ND, Clemson

By **DANIEL O'BOYLE**
Sports Writer

No. 2 Notre Dame has a chance to clinch the top seed in the ACC tournament for the third consecutive year when the Irish host Clemson tonight.

The game pits the conference-leading Irish (26-1, 14-0), currently undefeated in the ACC, against the Tigers (4-23, 0-14), who are winless in conference play. In fact, since early January 2015, when Notre Dame lost to Miami and Clemson defeated Virginia Tech in overtime, the Irish have not lost to any ACC opponents, while the Tigers have not beaten any. Including the postseason, Notre Dame's ACC winning streak stands at 31 games and Clemson's ACC losing streak at 30.

After facing three ranked teams — No. 10 Louisville, No. 17 Miami and No. 12 Florida State — in their last four games, the Irish will certainly have an easier matchup against a team dwelling at the bottom of the conference. Irish head coach Muffet McGraw, however, said she is confident her team will remain focused against a weaker opponent.

"We've got our eye on the title, and that's really important to us," McGraw said. "So we know we can't let up, we've got to be ready, and we've got pretty high goals. This is a really important game for us."

With the Irish entering the game as heavy favorites, McGraw said it will be important to dictate the tempo and not allow the Tigers to slow the game down.

"Two years ago, they really slowed us down," McGraw said. "And they're probably going to run their stuff on offense a little more, so we've got to be ready for that and we've got to set the tempo. That's going to be a goal."

McGraw also said the athleticism of the Tigers could make things difficult for her team.

"They're really athletic, and they really go to the basket well," McGraw said. "We've had trouble containing the ball this year, and that's going to be a challenge for us because they're really fast and we need to be able to do a better job in our man-to-man with containing the ball."

With a win, the Irish would be

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MEN'S LACROSSE | ND 11, BELLARMINÉ 6

Shorthanded ND coasts to victory

By **BRIAN PLAMONDON**
Sports Writer

No Matt Kavanagh, no problem.

No. 1 Notre Dame was without arguably its best player Wednesday night but still took care of business against Bellarmine, besting the Knights 11-6 at Loftus Sports Center.

Irish head coach Kevin Corrigan said the senior attack's absence was injury related and that he will be re-evaluated before a decision is made regarding his availability for Saturday's home game.

"It's not something that's going to be all season long but we don't want it to be something that drags on," Corrigan said. "If he's not ready 100 percent we won't put him in there."

Without Kavanagh, Notre Dame (2-0) turned to senior attack Eddy Lubowicki. Making just his second career start, Lubowicki led the Irish with four goals, including one that opened the scoring 3:20 into the first quarter.

Despite not having the spotlight on him and with only nine collegiate goals to his name, Lubowicki said it did not feel out of the ordinary to have a breakthrough game.

"It's funny, on our team we're all playing as hard as we can every day," Lubowicki said. "It feels like I'm part of the team all year long, all four years, because you're competing every day with your best friends, your friends that are All-Americans. You're practicing against them. So [today felt normal]."

Lubowicki's opening tally was followed by goals from two midfielders — junior Ben Pridemore and senior Bobby Gray — which put Notre Dame up 3-0 less than seven minutes in.

Bellarmino (1-2) finally got on the board with a Brian Wall goal with 2:23 to play in the first quarter.

Notre Dame did not look back from there, jumping out to an 8-3 lead by halftime with two

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TRACK & FIELD

Squad hitting stride heading into ACC championships

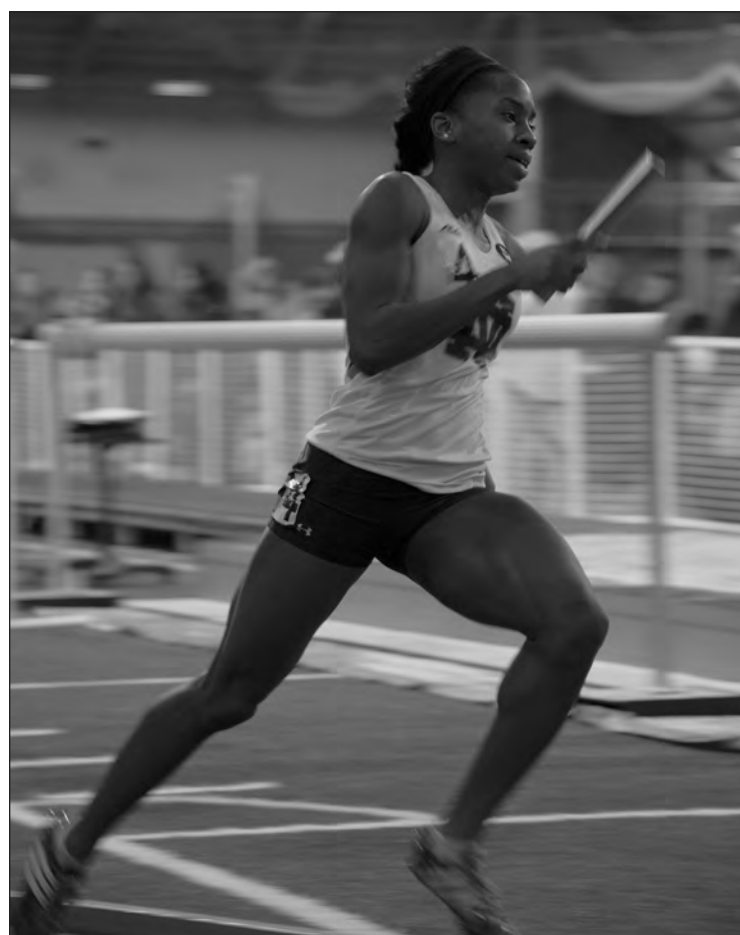
By **MAREK MAZUREK**
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Notre Dame will compete in the indoor ACC championships this week in Boston as the Irish seek to establish themselves at the top of the ACC, especially on the women's side.

Last year, the women's team placed third in the conference behind senior defending 10,000-meter national champion Molly Seidel's meet MVP performance. Irish head coach Alan Turner said he feels the women's team is ready for the championship meet after a solid showing at the Alex Wilson Invitational last week.

"The mood [of the team] has been probably the best it's been all season long," Turner said. "We're where we need to be right now. ... Basically everyone is healthy and rested and running well. We're pretty confident we should have a pretty good showing at the ACC championships on the women's side."

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Irish senior Margaret Bamgbose sprints around the curve during the 1,600-meter relay at the Mayo Invitational on Feb. 6.