

## Town hall invites discussion on ‘China policy’

*Student Worker Participation Committee considers effectiveness of ‘Freedom of Association’ policy*

By **MEGAN VALLEY**  
News Writer

The student worker participation committee (SWPC) hosted a town hall discussion on the “China Policy” Wednesday night in Geddes Hall.

Since 2001, the “Freedom of Association” policy has identified 11 countries, including China, as being ineligible for the production of University merchandise. The Worker Participation Committee (WPC) wrote a “Review of the Freedom of Association Policy,” in May 2015, which provided recommendations for assessing factories in China and other countries regarding worker participation. One of the recommendations was to form a student

subcommittee to the WPC, the SWPC.

“There was a call to bring students more intentionally to the table and so we followed up that recommendation by submitting a letter to Dr. Affleck-Graves in December 2015,” Matt Caponigro, secretary of the SWPC, said. “There were eight students who were particularly passionate about the issue, all kind of knew each other and we got together and offered to Dr. Affleck-Graves that we would volunteer ourselves to be on the committee, at least long enough to get a committee formed.”

Caponigro said that in order to best represent the student body, students from a variety of fields

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*The student worker participation committee (SWPC) hosted a town hall Wednesday night in Geddes Hall to discuss the ‘China policy’ and the ‘Freedom of Association’ policy.*

## Ceremony honors ROTC students



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*Reserve Office Training Corps (ROTC) students gathered Wednesday afternoon for the Pass-in-Review ceremony on South Quad.*

By **SELENA PONIO**  
Associate News Editor

Army, Navy and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) units gathered on South Quad Wednesday afternoon to participate in the annual Pass in Review, a symbolic display of skill, precision and patriotism. The ceremony included a benediction by director of Campus Ministry Fr. Peter Rocca, the presentation

of student awards and a speech from University President Fr. John Jenkins.

Rocca gave an opening prayer of thanksgiving for the “cadets and midshipmen who wish to serve our country and make the world a better place.”

“We are grateful as well for the blessings of scholarship and of learning, of faith and of service,”

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## Panelists promote healthy romantic relationships

By **ANDREA VALE**  
News Writer

The Gender Relations Center hosted a panel Wednesday night in DeBartolo Hall entitled, “What would YOU do?: When a relationship may not be healthy.” The panel, which featured four main speakers and interactive dialogue with audience members, closely analyzed several concerning situations within relationships and how to handle

them appropriately.

The panel was comprised of Heather Ryan, an on-campus Deputy Title IX Coordinator; Maggie Skoch, a senior resident assistant (RA) and former president of National Alliance of Mental Illness at Notre Dame (NAMI-ND); Maureen Lafferty, a psychologist at the University Counseling Center; and Ben Brockman, a senior RA.

Throughout the panel, audience members were presented

with specific scenarios involving various types of concerning behavior. They were then asked to text in opinions on how they would handle the situation based on options presented in a follow-up poll. Both panel members and audience members examined the poll results together and went on to engage in open discussions on the situations, behaviors and solutions presented. Audience

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## Dancers prepare to compete

By **MARTHA REILLY**  
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

Through its involvement of both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, the Ballroom Dance Club proves it takes two to tango. Members will compete this Saturday at the Irish Dancesport Gala at Century Center starting at 7:30 a.m. and running to 9 p.m.

Renee Reyes, Saint Mary's sophomore and ballroom dance club member, said learning

various dance styles, such as jive, foxtrot and swing, has helped her step outside her comfort zone.

“Dancing is a way to let loose and be myself,” Reyes said. “It’s a way to escape from the world and really appreciate the art form that it is.”

Reyes said she enjoys the performance aspect of ballroom dance and the way it allows people to show off their personalities.

“When you’re on the competition floor, no one cares, and the

more authentic you are, the better scores you’re going to get,” Reyes said. “You’ll be able to show your true colors.”

The relationships she has formed with fellow dancers has been invaluable, Reyes said, and it has created a support system for her on and off the dance floor.

“I love every single person in that club, and we have become such a family,” Reyes said. “We hang out outside of the ballroom,

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If your life was a movie, who would play you?

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**Saint Mary's students make signs for Take Back the Night, an international movement to raise awareness about sexual assault and relationship violence. The event will take place April 21 and is hosted by the Belles Against Violence Office.**

# THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Want your event included here?

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### Mindful Meditation

Coleman-Morse Center  
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.  
Open to students, faculty and staff.

### Pride and Prejudice

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center  
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Adapted from the novel by Jane Austen.

## Friday

### Unveiling of “The Shirt” 2016

Hammes Bookstore  
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Brady Quinn will assist in the unveiling.

### ND Relay for Life

Compton Family Ice Arena  
5 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
Walk for the American Cancer Association.

## Saturday

### Football Scrimmage: Blue-Gold Game

Notre Dame Stadium  
12:30 p.m.  
Student admission is free with ID.

### ND Handbell Concert

Basilica of the Sacred Heart  
8 p.m.  
Celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

## Sunday

### Women's Soccer vs. Northwestern

Women's Soccer Practice Field  
1 p.m.  
Exhibition match.

### Culinary Academy: Make Your Own Sushi

Morris Inn  
3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Tickets are \$35 per person.

## Monday

### Women's Lacrosse vs. USC

Arlotta Stadium  
4 p.m.  
The Irish take on the visiting Trojans.

### Lecture: Dr. David Gaus

Morris Inn  
4 p.m.-6 p.m.  
Talk on Andean Health and Development.



STUDENT SENATE

# Group grants students emeritus status

By JUSTINE WANG  
News Writer

On Wednesday night, senate passed resolutions bestowing emeritus status on Bryan Ricketts, former student body president, Nidia Ruelas, former student body vice president, and Dan Sehlhorst and Sibonay Shewit, former chiefs of staff.

The titles of emeritus status are “in recognition and appreciation of [their] dedication and contribution to the University of Notre Dame,” according to the resolutions.

“Bryan has fostered awareness to issues surrounding sexual assault by building a network of committed students through the ‘It’s On Us’ campaign and GreeNDot violence prevention program in addition to advocating for stronger support in the Title IX process ... it is clear Bryan has fostered strong, personal relationships with all on campus, serving as a champion for underrepresented students,” director of internal affairs, sophomore Stephanie

Mastorakos, said.

“Nidia’s lasting impact on and service to the University will be defined not only by the many important resolutions that have been passed during her chairmanship, but also by the legacy of her good character, professionalism, accountability, and commit-

**“Bryan has fostered awareness to issues surrounding sexual assault by building a network of committed students.”**

Stephanie Mastorakos  
director of internal affairs

ment to the service of students and the mission of the University,” Mastorakos said.

Proceeding the approvals, Ricketts presented to Senate on the formerly pending joint liberal arts college venture between Zhejiang University and the University, and

informed the Senators about the former Senate’s resolution to the administration asking for more student involvement in this discussion. Ricketts’ presentation gave an overview of the original proposals for the joint college. He updated Senate on the discontinuation of the original proposal, news which was released to faculty this past Monday.

According to the original white paper proposal, authored by J. Nicholas Entrikin, vice president and associate provost for internationalization, and Dr. Jonathan Noble, assistant provost for Asia, the Notre Dame-ZJU joint liberal arts college would have opened the 2017-2018 academic year. The joint college would have offered about ten majors in the fields of science, social science, the humanities, and the arts. In addition, this college would be headed by an appointed dean, who would have to be a Chinese national, by law.

The white paper “raise[d]

a number of issues for the Notre Dame community to consider carefully,” including: Western thought and Christianity in China, academic freedom, academic integrity, and curriculum.

In the letter released to faculty confirming the end of this venture, Entrikin

**“Nidia’s lasting impact and service to the University will be defined by ... the legacy of her good character, professionalism, accountability,”**

Stephanie Mastorakos  
director of internal affairs

wrote, “After many hopeful and positive conversations on both curricular and administrative matters related to the joint college, we were more easily able to discriminate and to delineate some of the key challenges as well as advantages in bringing

together two very different approaches to higher education...In the end, however, some areas remained challenging for both universities, and we decided that broader cooperation would be a more effective means for achieving our common interests.”

The relationship is going to continue with Zhejiang University, Ricketts said, but he is unsure of whether or not Zhejiang will pursue a joint liberal college with another partner university.

Following Rickett’s presentation, Senate elected three Senators to serve on Campus Life Committee representatives, in addition to the off-campus Senator, Kevin Coleman, who automatically serves in the role. The electees were Senior Class Council president Katelyn Wray, Welsh Family Senator sophomore Rebecca Georgiades, and Keough Hall Senator sophomore Patrick McGavick.

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# Notre Dame honors students for service

Observer Staff Report

The division of Student Affairs recognized seven students for “exceptional service to the Notre Dame community” at the 30th Student Leadership Awards Banquet on April 7, the University announced in an April 12 press release.

Senior Maggie Skoch received the Rev. A. Leonard Collins, C.S.C., Award, which

honors “a graduating senior who has made substantial personal efforts to advance the interests of students at Notre Dame,” the release stated.

Senior Colleen McLinden received the John W. Gardner Student Leadership Award, which honors “a graduating senior who exemplifies the ideals of the University through outstanding community service beyond the

University community,” the release stated.

Senior Preston Igwe received the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., Award, which honors “a graduating senior whose contributions have significantly advanced the climate of welcome and inclusion within or beyond the University community,” the release stated.

Senior William Harris received the Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C., Leadership Award, which honors “a graduating senior who embodies Blessed Father Moreau’s vision of educating heart and mind as well as someone

who has demonstrated significant effort to advancing the Catholic character of the University,” the release stated.

Senior Alison O’Connor was awarded the Ray Siegfried Award for Leadership Excellence, which honors “a graduating senior who exemplifies the qualities for which former Notre Dame Trustee Ray Siegfried was known, including leadership, generosity, devotion to the Catholic faith and affinity for athletics,” the release stated.

Senior Meredith Fraser received the Mike Russo Spirit Award, which honors “an

outstanding undergraduate student who exemplifies the qualities for which Mike Russo was known, including service, personal character and striving to bring the best out of themselves and others,” the release stated.

Senior Maggie Bowers received the Denny Moore Award for Excellence in Journalism, which honors “a graduating senior who exemplify the qualities of Moore, a former Notre Dame associate vice president, who was known for his integrity, character, commitment to Notre Dame and writing ability,” the release stated.

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# Event raises cash to find cure for cancer

By CATHERINE OWERS

Senior News Writer

Across Notre Dame's campus, students are contributing more than money this week to find a cure for cancer.

According to co-chair Lindsey Paris, the Bald and the Beautiful raises funds and awareness for pediatric cancer research.

"Now in our eighth year as an event, The Bald and The Beautiful has raised nearly \$265,000 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation and Memorial Children's Hospital of South Bend," she said in an email. "We offer head shaving, hair donations, and colored hair extensions. Our hair extensions come in the colors of different cancer ribbons, so students and community members can honor family and friends who have fought a specific kind of cancer. The extensions are 1 for \$10, 2 for \$20, or 3 for \$25.

"All funds raised to shave heads supports the St. Baldrick's Foundation, all hair extension purchases support Memorial Children's Hospital of South Bend, and all hair is donated to Pantene Beautiful Lengths. This year, we are hoping to bring our total of funds donated to \$300,000."

Paris said the organization is hosting several fundraising events this year.

"Last Wednesday, we had our graduate student event at

Legends. Students from the Law School and chemistry program, among others, participated by shaving their heads and donating their hair. We raised \$900.86 at that event," she said. "April 12, we hosted a baseball event at the Notre Dame versus Chicago State game. We haven't totaled donations from that event yet, but we are looking forward to working with them in the future.

"Our main event takes place April 13 through 15 from 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. — [until] 8 p.m. on Friday — in LaFortune Student Center in the Dooley and Sorin Rooms. Students can register online at bald.nd.edu to shave their heads or donate their hair, and walk-ins are welcome for hair extensions."

Paris said nearly six percent of the Notre Dame student body participated in the fundraiser last year.

"Our advisor, Dr. David Veselik, shaves his head every year in a large science lecture class. This year, he shaved his head in Jennifer Robichaud's Parasitology class," she said. "Each year, families from the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Program at Memorial Children's Hospital visit our event. This year, Dr. Michael Ferguson, a pediatric hematologist-oncologist at Memorial, shaved his head to raise funds for the St. Baldrick's Foundation."

Paris said the event is

sponsored by University Edge, the Notre Dame College of Science, McGraw-Hill Education, the Notre Dame Club of the Tri-State, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Duncan Hall and Badin Hall.

"The stylists volunteering their time are from Great Clips, University Hair Stylists, Tru

***"This is an important cause to support because everyone who has gone through or is currently facing such a difficult disease like cancer deserves to be recognized and shown support from as many people as possible."***

Dani L'Heureux  
sophomore

Salon-Spa, Cilantro Hair Spa and Bangs," she said.

Sophomore Dani L'Heureux plans to part with several inches of hair Thursday.

"This is an important cause to support because everyone who has through or is currently facing such a difficult disease like cancer deserves to be recognized and shown support from as many people as

possible," she said.

"This event means the world to me because in a few weeks will be the one-year anniversary of my mom being told she's cancer-free. She's the strongest influence in my life and her strength during her battle inspires me every day. I'm cutting my hair and raising money in honor of her and cancer fighters and survivors everywhere, as well as those who have lost their battles."

Senior Morgan Faley, who cut off eight inches of her hair Wednesday, said The Bald and the Beautiful is "a wonderful event that benefits great causes."

"They welcome monetary donations, but also allow people to cut their hair without having to donate. Since many of us are college students on a budget, this is a great way for students to support the cause and make an impact," she said. "It's always fun to see everyone's reactions to seeing their ponytail after its cut off."

Sophomore Paul Stevenson said this was his first time participating in the fundraiser.

"I've never had a buzzcut and the thought of getting one last year was terrifying, but this year it was something I was considering doing all semester," he said. "I cut off as much as I had. Not sure the exact length. It wasn't enough to donate — minimum eight inches — but it was 10 solid months of

work without haircuts."

Stevenson said he has a personal interest in the fundraiser.

"Being from Memphis, Tennessee, home of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, I've seen firsthand the impact that positive cancer research can have," he said. "Additionally, my cousin was diagnosed with leukemia several years ago, but with the help of St. Jude, he survived and is perfectly healthy now. If doing something as simple as cutting your hair can make a difference like that, the choice is easy for me. It's the least I could do."

Sophomore Sara Dugan said she is attempting to cut off nine inches of her hair for the fundraiser.

"The Bald and the Beautiful is fantastic because it unites the student body behind a cause that means something to everyone here. The event means a lot to me because of the people in my life who have been affected by cancer and other diseases related to hair loss. It takes incredible strength to survive through a life-threatening illness," she said. "It's the least I can do to chop off some of my hair to support them. It will grow back."

*Associate News Editor Rachel O'Grady contributed to this story.*

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## Dance

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too."

Reyes said her involvement with the club has enhanced her college experience and shaped her as a person.

"It's made me a lot happier and more outgoing," Reyes said. "It's made me be more open. I've been able to expand my friend group."

Ballroom Dance Club has made her a more confident and skilled performer, Reyes said.

"In the beginning, I was very scared to compete," Reyes said. "I didn't really know what I was doing. Now that I'm more experienced, I have more of a competitive edge."

Reyes said her passion for dancing motivates her to give her best effort during rehearsals, which take place three times a week.

"Working on technique can be very drilling, but it's also fun to get better," Reyes said. "I love learning new moves and styles."

Reyes looks forward to home competitions, especially this weekend's, because they make it possible for her loved ones to see her perform.

"I like my family and friends to see what I've done," Reyes said. "I think that's really special. It's such a bonding experience."

Jonathan Unger, Notre Dame

sophomore and club member, said in an email dancers must act with precision and adaptability to compete successfully.

"A common misconception is that you're performing a rehearsed routine by yourselves under a spotlight," Unger said. "Actually, you're on the floor with as many as 40 other couples trying to get the judges, who are walking around the floor, to look at you while trying not to run into anyone else."

According to Unger, competitors have to multitask, as they try to recall steps, execute movements and keep smiles on their faces all at once.

"You're challenging yourself to actually remember the dances you learn," Unger said. "At competitions, the social and performance aspects of ballroom dance come together."

Unger said he has refined his dancing ability and improved his coordination since he first joined the club.

"I had no previous dance experience and, though musically inclined, was using a part of my brain that I had never used before," Unger said. "Although it was frustrating, and still can be after almost two years, I was dancing with my friends and I knew they were having fun no matter how many times I stepped on their feet."

Unger said he enjoys opportunities to apply skills he learned

from the club in his everyday life.

"I really enjoy dancing now, and whenever I hear music, I think about dancing," Unger said. "You can impress your friends at formals and SYRs, and go to Salsa Nights at Legends and actually know what you're doing."

Darya Bondarenko, Saint Mary's sophomore and incoming club president, said she enjoys ballroom dance because it allows her to exercise while learning something new.

"Dance incorporates everything from art and studies," Bondarenko said. "You have to think about how and where you're moving. It's also a good distractor from classes and stress, but at the same time we incorporate physics into how we move. We study how our body is supposed to move, why it works that way and why it's natural."

Bondarenko said she encourages dancers to focus on doing their best and supporting one another, rather than on earning a certain place.

"Competition is more about learning how others dance, seeing those who are better than you and seeing how far you've progressed over time," Bondarenko said. "It builds a healthy competition. It's a way to motivate yourself to do better."

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# Taking up the Challenge of Poverty: Why Accompaniment Matters



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# Priest emphasizes pope's messages of mercy

By LUCAS MASIN-MOYER  
News Writer

With Pope Francis' declaration of 2016 as the Jubilee Year of Mercy, one of Pope Francis' Missionaries of Mercy spoke at Coleman-Morse Center on Wednesday night. This Missionary of Mercy, Fr. Joe Corpora, a Holy Cross Priest, director of university-school partnerships in ACE, and priest in residence at Dillon Hall, spoke on the power of mercy and his personal experiences as a Missionary of Mercy.

"I believe that God gave Pope Francis an extraordinary grace to look at the signs of the times and to read them, and looking at the signs of the times the Holy Father sensed this dire need for mercy, that it might have been the one thing the world needed more than anything else," Corpora said.

Corpora said Francis has

made great strides in the understanding of mercy.

"Pope Francis goes as far as to say mercy is God's name," Corpora said, "He's moved the understanding of [mercy] from something that God does ... to something that He is. He is mercy."

With this declaration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Francis set about spreading this message of mercy by calling out for missionaries of mercy. Corpora was nominated and chosen to be one of these missionaries, an act which he said was incredibly emotional for him.

"Well, I just wept," Corpora said, "I was overcome with joy and gratitude."

This position as a Missionary of Mercy allowed Corpora the opportunity to travel to the Vatican where he met with other missionaries and Pope Francis himself. Corpora said the Pope was "entirely the

person you see on TV."

"There is nothing I wouldn't tell him about my life. He just exudes grace and mercy," Corpora said.

After leaving the Vatican, Corpora said he set about spreading this message of mercy.

"I received a lifetime of mercy, so what else could I do but give it away?" Corpora said.

One of the most important aspects of this mercy, Corpora said, was the act of confession. Corpora talked on his own approach to confession through mercy.

"I try in each instance to help the person see that the mercy of God is bigger than any possible sin than any person could possibly commit. That our sins are like little blips on the screen of God's mercy, that God's mercy trumps and overcomes any sin that anyone could have committed," Corpora said.

Corpora also spoke on how anyone could go about fulfilling this message of mercy. Corpora said that all must go about, "practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy."

"Whatever work of mercy we practice must bring us into contact with people, whether

Fr. Joe Corpora  
Missionary of Mercy



it's a corporal work of mercy, giving food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, visiting the prisoners. It brings us into contact with people," he said.

One must undertake this mission of mercy in a way that focuses on human to human interaction, Corpora said.

"Imagine how much our lives

would be different if we engaged with each other from that perspective, which is basically human to human. Instead of, as we often do, we engage with others as Mexican to Anglo, African American to Asian, gay to straight, documented to undocumented, rich to poor, but rather as human to human ... which is basically I have something good to give, and something good to receive from another person," Corpora said.

Corpora said he has faith this message of mercy will endure.

"We've had a lot of these thematic years in the last ten years — the year of family, the year of faith, the year of consecrated life, but they began with a big flourish and you didn't hear about them until they were over, but the Year of Mercy just keeps growing," Corpora said.

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## ROTC

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Rocca said.

University president Fr. John Jenkins gave a speech at the ceremony praising the ROTC men and women for their dedication, both to Notre Dame and their country.

"I want to congratulate warmly all the award winners," Jenkins said. "But I want to congratulate each and every member of Notre Dame ROTC. In addition to the demanding course of studies that each of you undertake, you also have too the responsibilities of Notre Dame ROTC."

Jenkins said this year was momentous for Notre Dame ROTC because it was the Navy's 75th anniversary on campus. He said the Navy's presence began in 1941, when Notre Dame was a training center for the Navy during World War II. Jenkins also said it was the 65th anniversary of Army ROTC and mentioned also that Air Force began in 1947.

"These are proud milestones, but as was said earlier, the officer training goes back even further to the days of Father Sorin," Jenkins said.

Jenkins talked about the variety of military training on campus. He said with the outbreak of World War I many members of the Notre Dame community displayed their loyalty by serving in the military.

"The names of those who died in that conflict ... are immortalized in the East Door of the Basilica. And over that east door is the motto 'God, Country, Notre Dame.'"

"But as we all know, it has almost become a motto for Notre Dame for what we

espouse, for what we consider important, for a sense of service, a sense of sacrifice," Jenkins said.

Jenkins said the spirit of Notre Dame ROTC embodies the Notre Dame spirit in general.

"I just ask you to always remember the values you learn at Notre Dame. As you go forth into military service and even beyond that; a sense of leadership, a sense of community, a sense of looking out for one another and a sense of self-sacrifice for something greater in your lives."

Jenkins said General Martin Dempsey, 18th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will be speaking at Commencement and noted that he is an exemplary figure of leadership and service.

He said he commends members of the ROTC for being trained as sailors and soldiers of not only great skill, but also enlightened consciences.

"You have contemplated the morality of warfare and embraced the virtues of peace," Jenkins said. "Highest among these virtues stand courage, justice, faith, hope and love. These values will serve you in your future."

Jenkins finished his speech by thanking the military men and women for representing Notre Dame in the best way possible.

"Wherever you go, we ask you to bring Notre Dame with you, bring that spirit with you," he said. "We hope that this spirit, which has infused so many generations of Notre Dame graduates, will be part of your lives as well."

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## GRC Panel

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members were able to freely ask questions, offer insight and disagree with panel members.

The first scenario presented described a college-aged boy, "Robert," who has recently started dating a new girlfriend and finds himself being contacted continually and aggressively by an ex-girlfriend over text, Facebook and email. The ex-girlfriend's reactions range from angry to nostalgic to desperate. Audience members were presented with three options for how to handle the situation: confront the ex-girlfriend forcefully, give her a chance to explain herself or ignore her.

Led by the panelists, audience members picked apart the scenario, considering, for instance, if they knew definitely that Robert did not want to get back together with his ex-girlfriend, and if confronting her would take the form of a fight or a conversation. Rather than choose a 'right' answer, the short-term and long-term benefits and disadvantages of each method of reaction were weighed by both the audience and panel members.

"I would say the most important thing is to understand the breadth of the situation," Brockman said, "So that's asking more questions. You may feel like you're prying, you may feel like you're being blunt with so many questions, but that's what you have to do in order to get answers. So most important is to understand what's going through their

head, how they're feeling and going from there to make decisions."

After discussing the situation thoroughly, audience members were asked how their reactions would differ if certain aspects were different. When presented with the question of how the situation would differ if the genders of Robert and his ex-girlfriend were reversed, panel members stressed the behavior described is equally concerning regardless of gender and regardless of if the couple had been homosexual instead of heterosexual.

Panelists and audience members then shared opinions on when the situation could begin to be considered stalking, noting that there isn't always a clear set of guidelines to defining such behavior.

The second scenario presented described a hypothetical friend, "Laura," approaching audience members and confiding that she was recently sexually assaulted but is now seeking counseling. Audience members answered a poll which offered three different ways of handling the situation: to keep an eye on Laura but not mention the issue with her; to continually press her to talk more about the assault; and to tell an RA that Laura may need help without describing her specific situation.

Panel members discussed the importance of respecting someone's privacy and comfort levels, while walking the line between intrusion and providing necessary help.

"I understand that it's [important] to respect their privacy, but maybe more important, before



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you walk away from the situation, is to express both love and also let her know that this is absolutely not her fault by any means," Brockman said.

"I think when we're working with someone who has experienced this, we are hoping to give back their agency," Lafferty said, "And so I think it's really important to consider how the decisions that you're making could impact that agency."

RAs were noted as a useful resource to go to when one is confronted with a friend facing sexual assault. The importance of assessing a friend's wishes in such a situation was also emphasized.

"I think affirming their decision to seek help at a counseling center was really important," Skoch said, "Asking permission to ask questions is OK, too. 'Do you mind if

I ask a couple questions about this?' If they say no, that's OK. It's OK to be present to what the person is experiencing without being fully able to fix or address what they're going through."

Various methods of appropriately approaching a friend with concern were discussed as well.

"You might start with, 'I'm worried about your mental health,'" Skoch said, "I say that with a slight chuckle, but very sincerely, it's OK to say the words that you're trying to get across. You don't have to necessarily beat around the bush, you don't have to be blunt in an insensitive way, but it's OK to ask that question itself, because I think it names what's going on, perhaps in a way that 'Laura' hasn't thought about it yet."

The third scenario presented described a roommate, "Ashley," whose new boyfriend has caused her to become cut off from friends. Additionally, Ashley's self-esteem has visibly suffered due to her boyfriend's constantly belittling comments. Audience members were once again presented with three options: confronting Ashley with a group of friends; trusting Ashley's insistence that her relationship is a healthy one; and suggesting that Ashley makes an appointment with the counseling center to get a second opinion.

Confronting Ashley as a group was generally disavowed by audience members, who came to the consensus that such a method would come off as too adversarial and 'ganging up' on her. Audience members were advised to 'be careful, not confrontational,' and to approach friends in similar situations from a place of concern and care.

"They may very well say, 'Yeah, I've noticed these things too, but it's just who they are, that's how our relationship works,'" Brockman said, "At that point, there's cause for concern simply in the fact that a lot of times our gut opinions aren't wrong. It may be that you need to go talk to another friend about this, or that you can have not a confrontation, but a conversation."

The "Ashley" situation was particularly interesting because it bordered on the line between simple devotion to a significant other and a significant other acting controlling. Audience and

panel members discussed how to notice signs for concern amidst typically normal behavior within a relationship.

The fourth and final scenario described an argument between two platonic best friends and roommates, "Carlos" and "Mark," escalating into physical violence. After Carlos receives a black eye from Mark, Carlos has reservations about continuing to live with him, but brushes the punch off as a "kind of thing" that "happens between the guys all the time."

Panel members pointed out that physical violence should never be justified as simply typical, 'boys will be boys' behavior among males, and that physical escalation in an argument is never acceptable.

While audience members were informed on the difference between domestic violence and Carlos and Mark's situation — which would not qualify as domestic violence due to their platonic relationship — they also discussed how the situation would be different if the two were boyfriends instead of best friends, noting the intensification of emotional impact that situation would bring.

Throughout the panel, Gender Relations Center (GRC) members stood at the back of the room to offer support for audience members who might become emotionally upset at the scenarios being discussed. Above all, bystander interaction was stressed in all situations.

"Often an early intervention is not going to get a whole lot of play," Lafferty said while describing "Ashley's" hypothetical boyfriend. "She's not letting (herself) hear this. I think as a friend, if you're sensing that, you back off and say, 'OK, just checking, concerned, but love you,' and then you stay in her life. You make sure that you're there if and when she starts to get scared or worried that this is a problem. Because sometimes we get frustrated with friends like this, when we see them doing something self-destructive, and then we just back down."

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# China

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and organizations — both undergraduate and graduate — sit on the committee.

“We wanted to represent all of the student issues or all of the student groups we thought would be interested in this topic,” he said. “So we found people from the business school, we found people who were interested in coming at it from more of a human rights perspective. We were looking for people who were really going to be looking at this from a labor perspective. We also recognized that, despite identifying all of these student clubs around campus, we might still be missing some people, so we created a couple of seats we’re calling ‘open academic positions.’”

Three representatives from the SWPC also sit on the WPC, which is otherwise comprised of faculty and staff.

“Ideally what we’re going to do at the end of the day is, as students, pool our resources, pool our experiences from all of these different perspectives into an informed perspective that our three reps will bring to inform the Worker Participation Committee in their meetings as equal partners at the table,” Caponigro said. “The other sort of mission is to bring so much more diversity and experience and background and thought to the process. It’s one thing to have fifteen well-experienced administrators and faculty at the table, but you double in size when you bring in these students.”

While the town hall discussion was focused on addressing factories in China and other countries the University works with,

Caponigro said he and the other representatives from the WPC and SWPC in attendance would not be naming any of these countries.

“One of the things we’re going to be careful about tonight is that to honor our working relationship with the licensees, we will not list any of the licensees by name,” he said. “We will not mention any brand names; we will not mention the names of any of the factories that we’re talking about tonight. That’s

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Matt Caponigro  
SWPC secretary

something we’ve agreed to do, sort of in good faith with our licensee partners.”

“The question is whether or not to allow manufacturing in China,” Caponigro said. “That’s a simple way of saying it; really, it’s many questions: how important are our international labor laws and statutes to inform the way that countries approach the rights and freedoms of their workers? How important is

Catholic Social Teaching to informing the way we think about workers? How important is human development and the ability to do good by some people who haven’t had a lot of good done by them, even if it’s at the cost of some of the more principled ways of approaching the effort?”

Hannah O’Brien, one of the SWPC’s representatives for the WPC, was part of a group that went to Guatemala and El Salvador to assess factories the University was already utilizing.

“This pilot program focuses on China, but we did assessments in other countries as well: Guatemala, El Salvador, India and Bangladesh, where we’d already been manufacturing,” she said. “We were making these standards for China but we wanted to make sure these other places were also meeting these standards we’re trying to enforce. In some cases, they weren’t. In fact, in some of these factories, the conditions were worse than they were in the factories in China.”

According to O’Brien, the factories were being assessed on freedom of association and worker participation.

“Freedom of association and worker participation are not the same thing,” she said. “Freedom of association, in the broad sense, is ‘is it legal in this country for unions to be formed in any sector.’ Worker participation is not very different, but different in that unionization doesn’t have to be legal, but the goal is to see to what extent can we get the workers involved with the management and have a say in how things are run without necessarily forming a union.”

The difference between the two, O’Brien said, was clear in some of the factories they assessed in Guatemala and El

Salvador.

“Unionization is legal in these countries, but it’s frowned upon,” she said. “Whereas worker participation, on the other hand, was in a lot of factories that we saw; they already had a strong system or they were making strides toward that.”

Dan Graff, director of the Higgins Labor Program said that while China technically has one union, it doesn’t function the way American unions do.

“The Chinese unions are attached to the communist party,” he said. “They’re attached to the state and

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Hannah O’Brien

SWPC representative

there’s no ability to make any independent, legal entities outside of that framework.”

Caponigro said that while the Chinese unions exist, they don’t have high worker participation.

“Unions in the United States are voted to be in existence by the voters in a particular factory or from a particular employer, whereas unions in China, which are institutionalized with the business,” he said. “It’s mandatory for there to be a chapter but the question is whether or not workers are

participating in the union.”

Several of the participants asked the WPC and SWPC members in attendance why China, in particular, was garnering so much attention and effort from the University.

“There seems to be a push for better relations with China, and this is a part of that,” O’Brien said. “We already buy so many products from China, but we refuse to manufacture there. Why don’t we reevaluate that policy and see if we can get workers involved and manufacture and improve the lives of workers and do that in a way that’s actually impactful rather than just saying ‘oh, well on moral grounds, we’re not going to do this at all.’ But, effectively, we’re still not doing anything because we buy all those other products from them. It’s kind of a double standard in my opinion.”

Mike Lowe, director of licensing, said the University was, above all, trying to make a difference and the “Freedom of Association” policy, in regards to China, was not accomplishing that.

“Ideally, when Notre Dame initiated the policy in 2001, I think the inherent hope was that other universities would see this as a policy that they would adopt and, over the years, not a single other university has adopted the policy,” he said. “We have this policy that’s very strong and very moral but it didn’t make a difference. So the question is, if we engage with our licensees in production in factories they’re currently working in, are we better able, by being engaged in China to develop different levels of workers’ rights than if we just walk away from them.”

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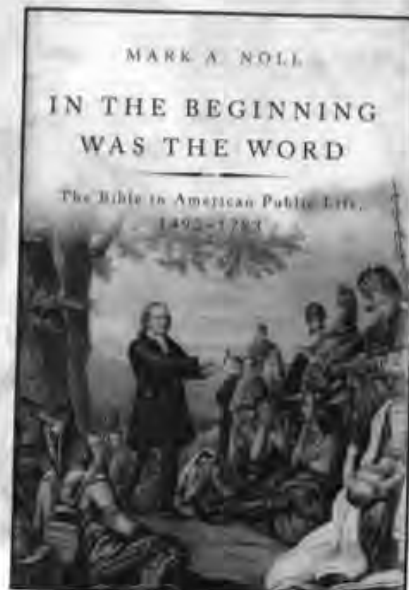
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## INSIDE COLUMN

# Working past our perfectionism

**Jimmy Kemper**

Online Editor

Let's talk about perfectionism.

Perfectionism is an attitude that many of us at this university are familiar with. Sometimes, it can be good for our work. It can help motivate us to put every ounce of effort into a paper to make it the best paper possible. Other times, it can be bad. It has the potential to paralyze us, stopping us from even getting that paper started because we've set such high expectations for ourselves. And then when that paper doesn't go well, we take that attitude and put even more pressure and higher expectations on ourselves for the next one, because we have to recover and prove that we're great students, creating a downward spiral of fear and anxiety that consumes our lives.

When we take up the mantle of perfectionism, we're not being fair to ourselves. It's not respectful to the person we are, because we're so much more than our grades. None of us are perfect, and by placing such expectations on ourselves, we're isolating ourselves from our peers who experience the same struggles as us in our classwork. We, as students, need to let go of this perfectionism that can have such a toxic and devastating effect on our academic lives.

So how do we break this habit of perfectionism?

Sometimes, it's just as simple as breaking the rules we've set for ourselves. By letting go of the habits of perfectionism, we can come to realize both the pettiness of this mentality and our ability to make meaningful changes to toxic lifestyles.

Other times, it's about recognizing the opportunities and gifts that we've been given and being thankful for them, rather than being consumed by anxiety about them. Gratitude is pivotal in shifting away from an attitude of perfectionism toward one of acceptance.

The best thing we can do, though, is reach out. As perfectionists, sometimes we feel that we shouldn't be asking for help and that we can handle it on our own. But whether it's a friend, a parent or a counselor at St. Liam's, letting someone know about our struggles gives us the opportunity to rely upon a network of people who care about us and truly wish to help us make things better.

Talking to others is also important for developing shame resilience. Letting the moments of shame that our perfectionism creates dominate our lives isn't fair, and by exposing our fears, weaknesses and anxieties to our loved ones we take the first step in letting go of that shame.

Perfectionism can have an incredibly negative impact on our lives. But it doesn't have to. By breaking our habits, reframing our attitude and seeking out help, we can become more present in our lives and take full advantage of and find greater joy in the opportunities we have at this University.

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# The evolution of the bathroom predator

**Elizabeth Hascher**

Dignified Response

In 1972, the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was passed by Congress. After being introduced in every session since 1923, it finally saw progress, due in large part to the second wave of the women's movement. As the campaign to ratify the ERA in the states waged on, however, opposing groups began to coalesce in a countermovement characterized by the religious right.

Led by Phyllis Schlafly, conservative groups raised their concerns about the legislation, including fears of women being sent into combat, privacy rights being overturned and women losing their right to be supported by their husbands. Perhaps the most powerful weapon to emerge from this countermovement that remains a feature of contemporary social and political discourse is the narrative of the bathroom predator.

Schlafly and the Stop ERA campaign saw potential to mobilize women by uniting them in fear of losing privacy and security in places they felt safe — not just in the home, but also in sex-segregated bathrooms. Pamphlets were produced that rebranded the ERA as the "Common Toilet" law, proposing that passage of the ERA would mean all restrooms would immediately become unisex.

Equal rights suddenly became an issue not of rights and freedom but of safety. Leaders of the ERA countermovement suggested that it would allow sexual predators to lurk in bathrooms until an opportune moment presented itself in which they could leap out and assault an unsuspecting woman. Thus, the bathroom predator was born. This narrative continues to be used as a tool to either slow progress for other marginalized groups or prop up discriminatory measures in various states and localities today.

In November 2015, voters in Houston voted overwhelmingly in favor of repealing the city's Houston Equal Rights Ordinance, or HERO. The ordinance was aimed at prohibiting discrimination against 15 different classes of people, but opponents chose to focus attention on its application to transgender residents' use of public restrooms. It was rebranded as the "bathroom bill", and ads and signs that advocated for prohibiting dangerous men from entering women's restrooms were widespread. The narrative of the lurking bathroom predator served once again as a mechanism for mobilizing voters to get to the polls and

repeal an anti-discrimination measure.

Until recently, the pervasive threat of restroom sexual assailants was used to justify opposition to more general equal rights legislation. However, on March 23, state legislators in North Carolina passed the Public Facilities Privacy and Security Act, which allows for discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation and also restricts municipal governments from passing measures that would offer protection to these groups. Additionally, all public institutions are now required to post signs stating that bathrooms are to be segregated only based on biological sex.

At least three people have filed federal lawsuits against the act thus far. Companies such as Paypal have cancelled plans to expand in North Carolina, and Bruce Springsteen even cancelled a scheduled performance, saying, "Some things are more important than a rock show." Whether the act will be implemented in its current form remains questionable, but for now, the mysterious bathroom predator has struck again, enabling lawmakers to limit freedoms and prop up discrimination against marginalized groups in society.

We must stop allowing the narrative of the bathroom assailant to scare us away from ensuring the rights, freedoms and the protection of dignity of those in our society who are most frequently discriminated against. There are legitimate conversations to be had on the details of controversial legislation such as the law in North Carolina and similar measures recently passed by South Dakota and Mississippi.

However, if we focus on the idea that a simple sign posted outside a bathroom door is the only thing stopping a person intent on carrying out a sexual assault from doing so, we have lost sight of reality. This false reassurance that lawmakers feel they are providing is not a valid reason by itself to roll back rights and limit freedoms. Existing laws against assault and their enforcement in every public space should serve as reassurances of our safety, not a plastic sign with a stick figure wearing a skirt.

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# The end of an era

Christopher Damian

Ideas of a University

With a smile on her face, I recently saw a bright young woman go straight to Professor David Solomon and hug him. I've seen this happen with many of Professor Solomon's former students. They return to campus and light up when they see him, almost as if they are seeing their father after a long absence.

When I entered Notre Dame in the fall of 2009, not much time passed before I sat in his office with a couple of other freshmen and had a conversation about how we wanted to write tracts about what it means to be a Catholic university. I think starry-eyed students like us helped Professor Solomon to be ever-creative in his efforts to promote Notre Dame's Catholic identity, from founding the Center for Ethics and Culture to beginning the Fund to Protect Human Life. I wonder if students have been doing this since he joined Notre Dame's philosophy faculty in 1968.

There's an instant affinity when I discover a Notre Dame graduate who took Professor Solomon's Morality and Modernity class. The narrative survey course, which focuses on Alasdair MacIntyre's "After Virtue," has created a common connection — a common core, if you will — among generations of Notre Dame grads interested in responding to the modern world from within the Catholic intellectual tradition. It pursues an answer to the interminable moral arguments that abound on and off campus and what can be done about them. The class is precisely the kind of course worthy of a fixed place in a core curriculum. It's a class I turn back to,

either explicitly or implicitly, in nearly every intellectual and practical endeavor. It provides a framework for thinking about countless problems.

In addition to teaching, Professor Solomon occasionally found himself involved in campus controversies. He played an important role in Notre Dame's 2009 "alternative commencement." He has pushed for a University with a stronger commitment to the protection of human life in its most vulnerable stages. Though not Catholic himself, for decades he has worked for a Notre Dame that robustly lives out its evangelical and apostolic mission.

I know a lot of men like Professor Solomon: Christians who have spent their careers in what seems like a losing battle for the soul of great Christian institutions. But Professor Solomon, as I have known him, is unique among these fighters in important ways: though he has perhaps lost allies and made some enemies in his work, and though he may have been sad and tired at times, I have never known him as a man who works with bitterness.

A few years ago, when faced with the possibility of losing one of his great projects, he spoke in McKenna Hall to a crowd of philosophers, theologians, professors, students and friends about how flowers are made to bloom for a time. It was a beautiful moment. With admirable detachment towards earthly endeavors, he reminded many of us that the end of an era doesn't mean the demise of the good that has been done. And as he stood before a crowd of people who had worked beside him, he reminded me that in the end, our greatest comforts and our greatest accomplishments are the friendships we have forged in our

embattled years. Though many things can be taken from us by the powers that be, not even death can destroy the mutual affection and good will shared between friends.

Perhaps this is why I think of Dr. Solomon as a man who smiles and laughs amid his teaching. He's a man who bought my friends and me drinks after class so we could continue conversations about the ethics of Aristotle and Aquinas. He's a man who welcomed countless students into his office and offered a listening ear, fatherly counsel and, occasionally, money from the Center for Ethics and Culture for intellectual projects. He welcomed students into his home for class dinners and chided us if we hadn't read Jane Austen.

Professor Solomon's retirement at the end of the semester will certainly leave an empty space in the Notre Dame that many of us have known and loved. But the space left is not a scorched Earth. It's a fertile ground, with deep roots and flowers spread across the country, in various graduate programs, in the hundreds of students who travel to Washington every January, in professionals committed to integrated ethical practice, and in viewpoint columns that arise from late afternoon conversations at Legends.

Thanks for everything, Professor. I'll be reading "Pride and Prejudice" this summer.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Clarifying our objections

Along with 88 other students, I signed a letter published in the Observer on March 18 entitled "Objections to the Laetare Medal decision." In that letter, we expressed our disappointment with this year's Laetare Medal honorees, especially Vice President Biden. I write to continue the discussion sparked by our letter, with two main points of emphasis.

First, in light of criticisms directed at our letter since its publication, it is important to note that we were not motivated by partisan bias or political ideology. Our criticism of the University's decision corresponded with that of Bishop Rhoades, who had released a statement on this topic prior to our letter.

Some critics have asserted that, if one is displeased with this year's Laetare Medal honorees, one must oppose, in equal measure, the honoring of both Biden and Boehner. Such criticisms stem from misrepresentations or misunderstandings of the Church's moral teaching and of the meaning of Catholic Social Teaching.

To equate Boehner's positions on immigration and the environment, for example, with Biden's positions on abortion and same-sex marriage is simply incorrect — doing so neglects the distinction between positive moral obligations and negative moral absolutes. The sanctity of innocent human life and the nature of marriage as an indissoluble bond between one man and one woman are fundamental teachings of the Church

— abortion and marriage are non-negotiable issues. There are other issues, like immigration policy, environmental regulations and care for the poor, on which the Church permits prudential decision-making in light of broader principles, meaning that many policies or programs can be in line with Church teaching.

Second, despite the fact that 346 Notre Dame students have signed our letter as of April 12, Father Jenkins and the other Holy Cross Fellows of the University denied our requests for a meeting. On April 1, we sent our letter to the Fellows, requesting a meeting so that students could raise their concerns and hear the Fellows' rationale for the decision. We wrote to the Fellows in light of the fact that their duties include ensuring "that the University maintains its essential character as a Catholic institution of higher learning."

The University states that it has awarded the Laetare Medal to Biden and Boehner, in part, to recognize their willingness to work with opponents in pursuit of the common good. Despite disagreeing with the University's decision, we wish to enter into the spirit of the award and converse productively with those responsible for the Catholic character of our University. Sadly, this seems impossible.

In a letter addressed to all co-signers of our letter, Father Jenkins stated that the Fellows of the University were not responsible for the

Laetare Medal decision; in the end it was his own decision. While the Fellows would not meet with us, Father Jenkins promised he would clarify his decision for the entire campus community and wider public.

We responded to Father Jenkins, reissuing our request for a meeting, this time not to the Holy Cross Fellows as a unit but to each Fellow individually, including Father Jenkins in his capacity as President and as the person responsible for this decision. We were denied once again.

I am glad Father Jenkins will take steps to clarify his decision for the broader community and will consider the arguments put forward in our letter. But I am tremendously disappointed that our meeting requests — on behalf of so many Notre Dame students — were denied. Personal encounter is the best way to understand those who disagree with us and to work toward a greater understanding of the truth. I wish Father Jenkins and the Holy Cross Fellows had chosen to enter into the spirit of this year's Laetare Medal and allow such a personal encounter with my fellow students and me. We are, after all, among those harmed by the scandal of Father Jenkins' decision to honor Joe Biden with the most prestigious award for American Catholics.

**Tim Bradley**  
senior  
April 12



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## No enjoyment like 'Pride and Prejudice'

By **ALEXANDRA LOWREY**  
Scene Writer

It's a truth universally acknowledged that Jane Austen will always be relevant. Two whole centuries after its initial publication in 1813, "Pride and Prejudice" endures as one of the greatest love stories ever written. In recent years, the classic novel can claim itself as the basis on which many love/hate rom-coms are built, the inspiration for a multitude of fanfictions (even of the zombie apocalypse persuasion) and the foundation on which an array of modern-day adaptations have mounted their successes. It seems that the "janeites" of our generation aren't prepared to give up on the ideals that early 19th century romance has to offer, and neither is Notre Dame's Department of Film, Television and Theatre.

The department's latest main stage production of "Pride and Prejudice" adapted by Jon Jory and directed by Anton Juan transports the audience to the world of Elizabeth Bennet in which a woman's only ambitions in life were marriage and finding the perfect empire dress.

As to be expected when witnessing a Juan production, the stylistic choices of the staging of the play are some of the more memorable aspects for audience members. Upon entering the theatre, the riverrun country dance band, dressed in traditional 19th century garb and composed of fiddle and mandolin players, performs

what will be the soundtrack for Austen's love story. This, combined with the stunningly well-designed set by Marcus Stephens, establishes the tone for a night spent in Longbourn, England, during the 1800s. The costumes, beautifully created by Richard E. Donnelly, only add to this level of immersion, appearing not only historically accurate and functional but colorfully pleasing as well.

Juan's highly choreographed stylishness is evident throughout the show, specifically the large ballroom scenes in the first act, each a complex orchestration of dialogue, blocking and dance. While these are very well-executed by the director and his cast, they are the only times during the show where the audience may feel a bit uninterested after having witnessed several very similar dance sequences in a row. However, for the most part Juan keeps the energy of the play up, his creative use of the multi-level stage suited to Jory's adaptation, which utilizes quite a bit of narration and exposition in the form of letters.

As for the play's performances, Emily Dauer as Elizabeth Bennet stands out as an embodiment of one of the most famous, complex female characters ever written. Exhibiting a multi-layered display of Lizzie's charms, as well as faults, Dauer will not disappoint even the strictest of Austen loyalists and has the audience rooting for her happily ever after.

Miss Bennet's antagonist turned lover, Mr. Darcy, is

played by Clayton Conroy, who offers an austere interpretation of this definitive romantic hero. Smiling in perhaps only one scene during his entire performance, Conroy is the exact Darcy that Austen created: proud, prejudiced but ultimately too generous and dreamy to resist.

Stephanie Konrady and Keenan Kelley are "aww"-worthy departures from the drama of Darcy and Elizabeth as Jane and Mr. Bingley, respectively, two parts of the sweet secondary couple of the show.

Róisín Goebelbecker plays a perfect Lydia Bennet, energetic and attention-seeking but reluctantly lovable in all her silliness. Cameron Hart deserves accolades for tripling as Sir William Lucas, Mr. Collins and Mr. Gardiner, effectively annoying his on-stage acquaintances and transforming for the audience time and time again.

The production all in all is extremely well-executed and offers a classically entertaining interpretation of the famous novel that audience members of all familiarities will adore. "Pride and Prejudice" closes the 2015-2016 theatre season with zeal, romance and a whole lot of mutton chops that you don't want to miss.

"Pride and Prejudice" runs April 13 through 17 at Debartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are on sale online at [ftt.nd.edu](http://ftt.nd.edu).

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## Tim Hecker revitalizes drone music on 'Love Streams'

By **ADRIAN MARK LORE**  
Scene Writer

Love streams. Loud and decaying, the alluvial phosphorescence of neon. On the riverbank, the souls of gleaming children voice their piping organs, breaking down in tenor tones.

This is the atmosphere of Tim Hecker's latest solo work, "Love Streams." For the uninformed, Hecker is one of the foremost ambient drone producers working today. The genre's sound is characterized by dusky and dense electronic arrangements that pop, swell, and deteriorate throughout each track — think William Basinski on a goth stint.

At least, this was the tone of Hecker's previous works, "Ravedeath, 1972" and "Virgins," albums that reimaged liturgical instrumentals by sublimating them via drone. The aesthetic was divine, and divinely dark. Hecker's follow-up is not altogether different. His creative approach has not drastically changed, but the tone of "Love Streams" is indisputably in contrast with its predecessor.

"Love Streams" was, like "Virgins," recorded in a studio in Reykjavik, Iceland, with the help of fellow electronic luminary Ben Frost. But this time, the central subject of the work is not the haunted piano of "Virgins," but the brightness of the human voice. For this purpose, Hecker recruited the Icelandic Choir Ensemble, whose pseudo-angelic voices he manipulates on this LP. The result sounds as oblique as

any of his albums, but the semblance of a human presence on this work creates a dynamic that moves away from the abstraction that has characterized his previous works.

Standout tracks "Music of the Air" and "Voice Crack" best capitalize on the disorienting qualities of vocal intercalation and are as a result the strongest and most evocative on the album. The pieces are infused with an aura of chaos that is simultaneously chaotic and uplifting, yet paradoxically, chiming neon synth-pads instill them with a sublime peace.

Warmth is such an essential player in the mood shift of Hecker's latest work the tracks that don't incorporate a semblance of human presence are — while still skillful and compelling — much less distinct from the sounds of his previous records. "Live Leak Instrumental," for example, could easily have been a sequel to "Stab Variation" from "Virgins," with electronic plucks substituted for orchestral sounds. Nonetheless, Hecker's mastery of his craft prevents any of the tracks on "Love Streams" from sounding repetitive or drab. For an artist working in a genre whose output is consistently marred by redundancy and even some measure of creative bankruptcy, Hecker's accomplishment is particularly impressive.

Ambient music — and ambient drone all the more — tends to polarize its audience. To some it is the electronic equivalent of classical, to others it is nothing but elevator music. But on "Love Streams," Tim Hecker is able to recreate himself sufficiently to widen his appeal to people who may

have found his previous work "too creepy." On the contrary, the fluorescent heat that radiates from his latest work makes for a listen as calming as it is dynamic and engaging. As it is less "classical" than "Virgins," there is no risk of it being confused with Muzak.

Of course, stylistic changes notwithstanding, Hecker could have done more to recreate himself musically. Yet while it could have been interesting to see an entirely different side of Hecker, it would be unfair to say that such a metamorphosis were necessary. Even while exploring more or less the same territory for the length of his career, Hecker has proven his ability to consistently wow. Why say no to more?

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### "Love Streams"

Tim Hecker

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**Tracks:** "Music of the Air"

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## WEEKEND AT A GLANCE

### FRIDAY



**What:** Wes Walker  
**When:** 10 p.m.  
**Where:** Legends  
**How Much:** Free Admission with a ND/SMC/HCC ID

Wes Walker recently exploded onto the hip-hop scene with viral single "Jordan Belfort." Show up at Legends this Friday and he'll be wielding your attention and the mic like two swords. Stay until midnight to live the life of luxury yourself during Legends' "Jordan Belfort Night."

### SATURDAY



**What:** Lakeside Music Festival  
**When:** 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Carroll Lawn  
**How Much:** \$3

Music. Friends. Sunlight sparkling on the water, thick farquard grass between your toes. This may sound like heaven, but in fact, it's the Lakeside Music Festival. Take the trek to Carroll Hall this Saturday for five hours of blissful live music. You'll be having a good time while giving to a good cause: all money will go to the Boys and Girls club.

### SUNDAY



**What:** Pride and Prejudice  
**When:** 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Patricia George Decio Theatre, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center  
**How Much:** \$7 for students and children, \$15 for regular tickets

In case you couldn't get enough Austen from Alexandra Lowrey's excellent article, Scene is here to remind you that the last day to see this excellent production is Sunday, April 17th. Like an opportunity to marry a wealthy, emotionally ambiguous man, this is something you won't want to miss.

### SCENECAST



Scenecast is a weekly podcast featuring the best and brightest minds here in The Observer's Scene section.

Scenecast just won the Indiana Collegiate Press Association's Best Podcast award, so we're going to celebrate by chatting about a record number of new records this week. Scenecast is like that cool friend who recommends you music minus the judgmental look she gives you when you don't know who Courtney Barnett is. Tune in to WVFI tomorrow at 6 to catch the show.



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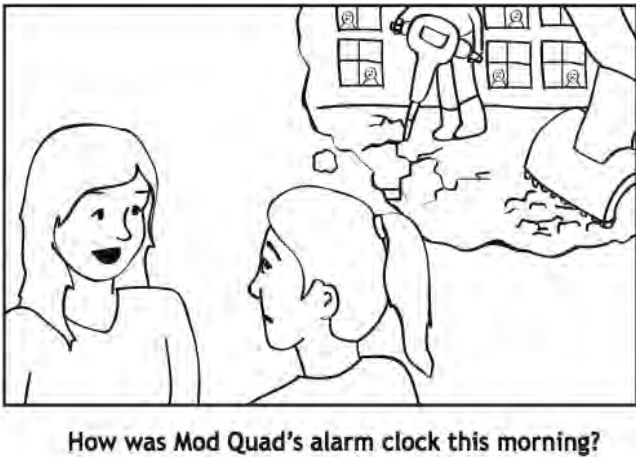
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**Happy Birthday:** If something isn't working for you, change it. It's up to you to address issues head-on and come up with solutions that will fit your budget and stabilize your emotional well-being. Change is good, and if you go through the proper channels, it can benefit everyone around you as well. Take the initiative and strive for personal satisfaction and happiness. Your numbers are 4, 12, 20, 31, 39, 43, 48.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Look before you leap. Don't infringe on others' rights in order to get what you want. Find a way to do your own thing without ruffling feathers, and you'll avoid an emotional situation. Understanding and patience will be required. ★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Focus on your personal and domestic goals. Include those you love in your plans. Love and compassion will be reciprocated and result in priceless rewards. Opportunities will develop as a result of hard work and flawless presentation. ★★★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Be outgoing, but don't offer to do something you don't have time for or will tire of quickly. Your desire for change and diversity will be met with opposition if balance and compromise aren't applied. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Keep your plans simple and be moderate in your expenditures. Emotions will flare up if you let someone's unpredictability get to you. Make learning, exploring and trying new things your focus instead of worrying about what others do or say. ★★★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Jump into action and show everyone what you are capable of accomplishing. Be prepared to deal with an unexpected expense. Take a short trip if it will help you disclose information about something that interests you personally. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Plan to have fun and you will brighten someone's day. Doing things that will bring you closer to someone you love or more in tune with someone you are working with will bring stellar results and lead to new beginnings. ★★★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Share your feelings and have no regrets. As long as you feel good about who you are and what you have done, nothing else matters. Be true to yourself and keep moving forward, even if recent results have not been encouraging. ★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Lay out your plans and what you have to offer. Don't downplay your talent. Toot your own horn and let everyone know what you are capable of. Opportunity is within reach if you are willing to step into the spotlight. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Honesty will be a deciding factor when dealing with friends, your lover and those in a position of authority. Concentrate on having fun and spending time with the people you love. Be yourself and stop trying to outdo others. ★★★★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Proceed with caution. Keep anyone who can't make up his or her mind at arms' length. If you are going to achieve your objective, you will need solid answers from people who know what they want. Don't let your emotions take over. ★★★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Avoid trouble, and if someone is argumentative, back away. Look for ways to improve your appearance and your talents. Take on a physical challenge or put your energy into pleasing someone you feel passionately about. ★★★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Take advantage of an emotional situation to bring you closer to someone who inspires you to be yourself. Expand your interests. Encouragement is a two-way street, so reward those who share things with you. ★★★★★

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JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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

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Answer: In a leap year, which months have 29 days? — ALL OF THEM

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

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

# Make baseball fun again



Michael Ivey  
Sports Writer

Washington Nationals outfielder Bryce Harper went up to the plate to bat on Monday night in a game against the Atlanta Braves. No big deal, right?

Well during the at-bat, TV cameras caught something unusual on Harper's bat. An emoji.

Yes, that kind of emoji. Harper used a bat with a picture of a "100" emoji attached to the bottom of the bat knob. Harper also posted a picture on Instagram with the decal attached to two of his bats. This is because Harper is just one home run away from hitting career home run number 100 in his still young and promising career. But that might not be the only reason why Harper added the decal to his bat.

The MLB discourages players from putting decals on their bats and have even fined players in the past for doing just that. This is just one of a number of rules that are frowned upon by a number of MLB players, including Harper.

But it's not just the written rules that are starting to discourage Harper. It's the "unwritten" rules of the game of baseball, or how a player is supposed to act on a baseball diamond during a game, that Harper has had enough with. After the first game of the season, Harper wore a "Make Baseball Fun Again" hat, a knock off of Donald Trump's "Make America Great Again" hat.

In an interview with ESPN The Magazine at the beginning of spring training last month, Harper expressed his dislike of the unwritten rules of baseball and said they're hurting the game more than helping it.

"Baseball's tired," Harper said. "It's a tired sport, because you can't express yourself. You can't do what people in other sports do. I'm not saying baseball is, you know, boring or anything like that, but it's the excitement of the young guys who are coming into the game now who have flair.

"If a guy pumps his fist at me on the mound, I'm going to go, 'Yeah, you got me. Good for you. Hopefully I get you next time. That's what makes the game fun. You want kids to play the game, right?'"

A lot of baseball people didn't like these comments, including Hall-of-Fame pitcher Goose Gossage, who sounded off on Harper and the current state of baseball in an interview last month with ESPN Radio 1000 in Chicago.

"You were supposed to act like a professional and conduct

yourself in every manner, in every way as a professional," Gossage said. "You know, now it's all about self-promoting and hitting home runs and bombs and showing up the pitcher and trotting around, doing your little act, your tired little act around the bases and at home plate and in the dugout and all that stuff. ... It's just the way that I was brought up. You know, it seems like money has really changed this game. And not for the best."

Although I agree with what Gossage said about being professional, I disagree with him and other baseball purists about how the unwritten rules are good for the game. In fact, I believe they're the exact opposite: They hurt more than they help the game.

Pitchers don't like when batters show them up by flipping their bat after a big hit? Ok, then strike them out. Batters don't like when pitchers show them up after a strike out? Then hit the ball into the bleachers. That's just the nature of sports.

I hate it when a pitcher intentionally hits a batter because the batter did a bat flip or walked around the bases too long the previous at-bat. Those kinds of incidents make the game look stupid, not just to me, but to younger kids and potential future baseball players. Those actions discourages them from wanting baseball because they don't want to play a game they think is stupid.

Look at the MVP's of other sports: Cam Newton (NFL), Stephen Curry (NBA) and most likely Patrick Kane (NHL). What do they all have in common? Not only are they great players, they're also great showmen. They make their sport look fun to play. That's why their respective sports are slowly becoming more and more popular.

This is just the world we live in nowadays. Fans, especially kids, don't want to just watch the game itself anymore, they want to be entertained while they're watching it, and they want to have fun while they're playing it. They want to mimic Newton's touchdown dances or Kane's goal celebrations.

Bryce Harper is the future face of baseball, and baseball needs an attitude change. I think it's good he's ruffling feathers with baseball purists and trying to bring the game he loves into the 21st century and to "Make Baseball Fun Again."

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MLB | METS 2, MARLINS 1

# Familia earns third straight save against Marlins

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ahead by two runs, Mets manager Terry Collins brought in Jeurys Familia for the third straight day.

For a five-out save.

On the 11th day of the season.

After a 2-5 start, the defending NL champions were feeling pressure.

"This is a game we had to have. We couldn't sacrifice another game," Collins said after Wednesday's 2-1 win over the Miami Marlins, which stopped a four-game losing streak.

Kevin Plawecki grounded a tie-breaking, two-run single through a drawn-in infield in the seventh inning, and after throwing 36 pitches the previous two nights, Familia tossed 23 more.

"I'm not worried about the confidence. I'm worried about the perception is that there's no energy here, which is completely not true, that we're not prepared, we're overconfident or we're not taking thing seriously," Collins said. "I heard that last night and it made me sick to my stomach, that people actually think that this team, that accomplished what they did last year, would have any semblance of that type of makeup."

After reaching the World Series for the first time since 2000, Mets players found some offbeat activities during spring training. Yoenis Cespedes arrived in a half-dozen customized, luxury vehicles, and he spent \$7,000 at the St. Lucie County Fair on a 270-pound grand-champion hog. Cespedes and Noah Syndergaard rode horseback across the

complex one day.

Collins worried about how fans would view the team through the prism of New York's tabloid and talk-radio sports culture.

"I'm not deaf, and I'm not blind. I listen. I see how people are reacting. I hear what's going on," Collins said. "I read the stuff, and I read between the lines of what's being said."

Mets captain David Wright, who is being careful with his bad back, volunteered to play third base in the day game following a night game.

"This isn't the start that we thought about and planned to have," he said.

New York began the day with the worst batting average in the major leagues at .187 and was 29th in runs with 18. Collins didn't start Lucas Duda against left-hander Adam Conley, and Wilmer Flores made his first big league start at first base.

Logan Verrett started in place of injured Jacob deGrom and was superb, allowing three hits in six shutout innings. Hansel Robles and Jerry Blevins (1-0) then combined to escape a bases-loaded, no-outs jam in the seventh created by Jim Henderson.

Robles threw a called third strike past Miguel Rojas and got pinch hitter Derek Dietrich to swing at a third strike. The left-handed Blevins fell behind NL batting champion Dee Gordon 3-0 before retiring him on a fly to short left.

Conley struck out a career-high nine in six scoreless innings, but Dustin McGowan (0-1) faltered. Flores singled, took second on a wild pitch and third

on Asdrubal Cabrera's single. McGowan retired Juan Lagares on a comebacker, but Plawecki hit a two-hopper just past the outstretched glove of Rojas at shortstop for his first hit this season.

"If you start saying games are must wins, I think there's some pressure that really is not needed," Plawecki said, "but definitely there was a sense of urgency to get a win today."

Bothered by flu-like symptoms, Familia entered with one on in the eighth, got Giancarlo Stanton to fly out, then gave up a hit to Martin Prado and an RBI single to Justin Bour. He retired J.T. Realmuto on a comebacker and pitched a perfect ninth for his second save, striking out Gordon on a 95 mph sinker for the final out.

"My body is a little tired maybe because I'm sick, but my arm is good," he said.

New York went 2-4 on its first homestand, then headed to Cleveland for a day off before a weekend series.

"We've gotten off to a slow start. It happens. It happens. It's part of the game," Collins said. "There's a lot of teams that get off to great starts and falter. There's teams that get off to slow starts that have huge second halves and run away with stuff. I just thought it was important today for our fan base to stay excited."

Then he spoke again about image.

"We're talking about something now that's going to be written up tomorrow like we're on the cutting edge here, we're walking that razor blade," he said. "We're not. We just wanted to win today."

MLB | MARINERS 4, RANGERS 2

# Lee blasts walk-off home run in Mariners' win

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Dae-Ho Lee hit a two-run, pinch-homer with two outs in the 10th inning on Wednesday, lifting the Seattle Mariners over the Texas Rangers 4-2 for their first win of the year at Safeco Field.

After starting out 0-5 at home, the Mariners won on Lee's second home run of the season. Robinson Cano hit his fifth homer for Seattle.

The right-handed hitting Lee, who spent the last four years in Japan after 11 seasons in his native South Korea, came on to bat for Adam Lind against left-hander Jake Diekman (0-1). Lee launched an 0-2 pitch deep over the left-field wall for his second homer.

Nelson Cruz reached on a one-out error by second baseman Rougned Odor, but was forced out by Kyle Seager, setting up Lee.

Steve Cishek (1-1) pitched two innings.

Delino DeShields brought the Rangers even at 2 in the eighth with a solo homer, his first.

Cano put Texas in front 2-1 in the fifth with a solo shot, his first home run since April 5. He had been in a 2-for-21 slump before connecting.

The Rangers manufactured a run in the third with the aid of two contested calls. DeShields beat out a deep throw from Seager at third for an infield single. The Mariners challenged, but the on-field call was upheld after a review of nearly 4

minutes.

Nomar Mazara bounced into an apparent 4-6-3 double play, but DeShields was called safe at second because shortstop Ketel Marte missed the bag on the relay. DeShields then came around on Adrian Beltre's two-out single.

Texas gave the run back in the bottom half when Norichika Aoki's leadoff drive went off the glove of left fielder Ian Desmond for a two-base error and Seth Smith followed with a single to make it 1-all.

Prior to the game, manager Scott Servais was unsure of the availability of LHP Joaquin Benoit who had been day to day with shoulder stiffness since his last outing April 8. With an off day Thursday, Benoit was not used.



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finished the game with 33 total goals.

The win over the Thunder was a key one for the Belles, as they are over the .500 mark for the first time, not only for the season, but for the first time in the young program's history. The Belles had previously not had a winning record at any point over their first two-plus seasons. Long said she is very pleased but not at all surprised by her team's success so far this season.

"It is great to be over the .500 mark on the year this far into our season," Long said. "Being undefeated in conference after three games is an even better feeling, but we set both having a winning season and qualifying for our conference tournament as team goals this year. We are excited to see our hard work translating into wins on the field, but we are not surprised by what we have accomplished so far in conference play."

The Belles' next game will be played at home against Albion. This should be an especially important game for Saint Mary's as it is currently tied with Hope (4-3, 3-0 MIAA) and the Britons (4-6, 3-0 MIAA) for first place in the MIAA standings. The Belles are one of only two MIAA teams with a winning record overall and could potentially take over first place outright



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*Saint Mary's sophomore Emilie Vanneste advances the ball up the field during Saint Mary's 10-4 victory over Trine on Tuesday.*

with a win on Saturday. Long expects the Belles' momentum to carry forward into the Albion game, but she also expects Albion to pose a definite obstacle, although she is confident her team can overcome it.

"We are focused on using the momentum from our past three wins as we prepare to take on the MIAA defending champions on Saturday," Long said. "I expect Albion to be one of the best teams we've seen all year and I can't wait to see our team rise to the challenge. This week at

practice, we have been focusing on tightening up our defense, both in the critical scoring area and midfield as well as taking better shots. Albion has a solid goalie so it will be important that we take better shots than we did in our Trine game."

Saint Mary's and the Britons will face off Saturday at 1 p.m. The game will be played at the lacrosse field at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend.

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NBA | PISTONS 112, CAVALIERS 110

# Pistons squeak past Cavaliers, James sits out

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Kyrie Irving slid a chair in front of the large flat screen TV in Cleveland's locker room so he could get a closer look at Kobe Bryant's farewell.

When Bryant knocked down a couple jumpers, Irving jumped from his seat and screamed.

He was a cheerleader all night.

LeBron James wore a black blazer and watched from the bench with Irving and every starter for Cleveland and Detroit rested for their first-round playoff matchup as Jodie Meeks scored 20 points to lead the Pistons to a 112-110 overtime win against the Cavaliers on Wednesday night.

James rushed onto the court to celebrate when Jordan McRae's 3-pointer tied it 103-all and forced OT. But Meeks, who played just 17 minutes all season because of a foot injury, scored four in the extra session. McRae scored 36 and had a chance to tie it in the final second, but battling leg cramps, he missed two

free throws after being fouled on a 3-pointer.

The only starter to take the floor was Cleveland center Tristan Thompson, but he committed a foul after the jump ball and was replaced after four seconds to extend his consecutive games played streak to 370 — a franchise record and the league's longest current run.

The Pistons and Cavaliers will play Game 1 this weekend.

This was anything but a playoff preview.

The top-seeded Cavs weren't going to risk any injuries and coach Tyronn Lue made the decision to sit James, Kyrie Irving, Kevin Love and J.R. Smith for the home finale. Irving, though, wanted to play and there was uncertainty — and drama — about his status up until an hour before tip-off.

Irving said he met with Lue and general manager David Griffin before the trio agreed that the star guard should dress but not play.

"He's trying to get this rhythm, I just thought this wasn't a good

game to try," Lue said. "He had a great game last game. It's just too risky, if you're feeling good, your body is great, why risk it? Why chance it? It wasn't a smart move to me. You always want to give the player the benefit of the doubt for wanting to play because you get paid to play, but in this situation, I didn't think it was smart."

Pistons coach Stan Van Gundy reluctantly sat his starters after learning Lue's plan.

Detroit finished 44-38, improving 12 wins over last season.

"It's a big improvement," Van Gundy said. "We broke the longest streak in the Eastern Conference in missing the playoffs. We had seven straight losing seasons and then to get to 44. So there were a lot of good things and a lot of progress."

Van Gundy had hoped to give his starting five another night to together to develop more rhythm before the eighth-seeded Pistons take on the Cavs, who are favored to return to the Finals for the second year in a row.

NHL | PENGUINS 5, RANGERS 2

## Penguins blitz Rangers 5-2

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Banished to the third string in January, Jeff Zatkoff could have checked out. Instead, the Pittsburgh goalie kept showing up at the rink every day, cracking jokes to keep things loose and helping rookie Matt Murray — who took Zatkoff's job as primary backup to Marc-Andre Fleury — get used to life in the NHL.

Then a concussion sidelined Fleury. Ditto, Murray. And suddenly Pittsburgh's forgotten man was thrust into the role of unlikely starter heading into the playoffs. Zatkoff hardly looked overcome by the stage. Steady at the start and sharp throughout, Zatkoff made 35 saves in the Penguins' 5-2 victory over the New York Rangers in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinals Wednesday night.

"He was our best player," said Pittsburgh forward Patric Hornqvist after his first career playoff hat trick.

And every bit the equal of New York star Henrik Lundqvist, who played just 20 minutes before exiting after taking a stick to the eye from teammate Marc Staal late in the first period. Staal was tied up in front of the New York net when his stick found its way in between the bars on Lundqvist's facemask. Lundqvist writhed in pain on the ice for several moments and stayed through the end of the period, the last shot he faced a rebound from Hornqvist that gave the Penguins a lead they would never relinquish.

Lundqvist will be re-evaluated Thursday and will have a little extra time to recover with Game 3 not scheduled until Saturday.

"I felt the stick in his helmet; I didn't know where I got him," Staal said. "Any time he goes down like that, and legs are kicking, it's not a good sign."

Antti Raanta stepped in and was shaky, giving up three

goals on 19 shots as Pittsburgh took advantage once Lundqvist — who had won seven of his last eight playoff starts against the Penguins — left. Derek Stepan scored twice but the Rangers saw their four-game road winning streak in Pittsburgh come to an abrupt halt.

"There were a few things I think we can build on, but I do know that we've got quite a few guys that need to play better than they did tonight," New York coach Alain Vigneault said. "We're going to have to play better as a team."

Sidney Crosby had a goal and two assists for Pittsburgh and rookie Tom Kuhnhackl also scored for the Penguins, but the star was the understated 28-year-old goalie who took his demotion in stride. He spent plenty of time with Pittsburgh goaltending coach Mike Bales to stay sharp. Tasked with keeping the 14-2 surge the Penguins put together to end the regular season intact, Zatkoff went about his business with the crispness surprising for a player making just his sixth appearance since Jan. 1.

"You just have to make sure you're staying ready in case the team needs you and finding you times to get on the ice to get those shots and get that work," Zatkoff said. "Obviously not the circumstances you want to come in."

Not that it seemed to bother Zatkoff with Lundqvist — making his 111th career playoff start — on the other end of the ice. Good thing because his teammates gave him little help early. New York dominated the opening minutes, throwing shots at Zatkoff from all angles rather than trying to set anything up. Zatkoff lacks Fleury's athleticism but managed to scramble when required, keeping the Penguins afloat early while his teammates took time to find their legs.

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NBA | WARRIORS 125, GRIZZLIES 104

# Curry leads Warriors to 73 wins and history

Associated Press

OAKLAND, California — Stephen Curry and the Golden State Warriors took their last shot at Michael Jordan and history and they swished it — for 73.

Down to their final chance at the record, the Warriors became the first 73-win team Wednesday night by beating the Memphis Grizzlies 125-104, breaking what many considered an unmatchable mark set 20 years ago by Jordan's Chicago Bulls — oh, and Golden State coach Steve Kerr, too.

Curry achieved yet one more shooting milestone, becoming the first player to make 400 3-pointers in a season by knocking down 10

from long range on the way to 46 points and 402 total 3s. Golden State saved one last record for the closing day of the regular season, and did it for a roaring, sellout home crowd at Oracle Arena. Yet these Warriors want nothing more than to build off their remarkable run so far and ride it to another title.

Draymond Green had 11 points, nine rebounds and seven assists as defending champion Golden State (73-9) topped the Jordan-led 1995-96 Bulls who went 72-10.

When the final buzzer sounded, Green bounded onto the floor and grabbed the game ball as confetti streamed down and "73 WINS" appeared on the scoreboard.

President Barack Obama sent a tweet that said: "Congrats to the @warriors, a great group of guys on and off the court. If somebody had to break the Bulls' record, I'm glad it's them."

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver released a statement, saying: "Congratulations to the Golden State Warriors on their 73rd win and the best regular-season record in NBA history. The team held itself to a high standard throughout the season, playing with purpose every night and captivating fans around the world with its free-flowing style, spectacular shooting and flair for the dramatic. Kudos to the entire Warriors organization."

The Warriors went for it, all

right. They absolutely wanted this record, even when they could have been resting up for the next challenge: to repeat. And Curry? No doubt about it. He came out and did what he has all along during this sensational season: Let it fly from anywhere on the floor.

Curry had seven 3-pointers by halftime, then hit No. 400 just 43 seconds into the third.

Already the first player to make 300 3-pointers in a season, he knocked down six in the first quarter and three straight during one jaw-dropping stretch that included a 31-footer well behind the top of the arc. And Curry immediately began trending on Twitter.

Curry shattered his own single-season record of 286

from a year ago. When he hit his 400th, the reigning MVP raised his arms and patted his chest in celebration.

He made 10 of 19 3-pointers and shot 15 for 24 overall to go with six assists as fans chanted "M-V-P! M-V-P!" all evening. Klay Thompson added 16 points with four 3s of his own before Curry rested the fourth quarter and Thompson most of it.

For all of those so-called experts who doubted the Warriors' first championship in 40 years last June that didn't go through San Antonio, this season might have changed their tune.

Golden State not only won nearly every night with a cool swagger and new focus on the offensive end but with a determination to be far better than during that special season.

From Day 1, Kerr challenged the Warriors to make big strides.

Already the Western Conference's No. 1 seed heading into this weekend's play-offs, Golden State had to get past the very Memphis team the Warriors squeaked by 100-99 four days earlier on the Grizzlies' home floor to keep themselves in position to make history.

The Warriors whipped the Grizzlies 119-69 at home back on Nov. 2, with the 50-point win the third-largest margin of victory in franchise history.

No champagne celebrations were planned for this focused bunch.

"Absolutely not. You've got to save that 'til June. I mean you might have a glass of wine after the game but that's about it," Thompson said. "This record doesn't mean a thing if we don't take care of business in the postseason."

Kerr missed his team's 24-0 start and the first 43 games overall — Luke Walton led the Warriors to a 39-4 record in Kerr's absence — while dealing with complications following two back surgeries.

The Warriors had their NBA-record 54-game home winning streak in the regular season snapped in an April 1 loss to Boston at Oracle. Golden State finished 39-2 at home for the second straight year.

Zach Randolph scored 24 points to lead Memphis, which lost its fourth in a row to end the season.

**Tip-Ins**

Grizzlies: The Grizzlies were swept 4-0 by the Warriors for the first time since losing all four meetings in 2007-08. ... Memphis lost 10 of its final 11. The Grizzlies finished 16-25 on the road, losing their last six.

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SMC LACROSSE | SMC 10, TRINE 4

# SMC above .500 for first time in program history

By ELIZABETH GREASON  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's extended its winning streak and remained undefeated in MIAA action Tuesday evening when the Belles defeated Trine, 10-4.

Saint Mary's (6-5, 3-0 MIAA) had strong momentum going into the game after dominating Olivet on Saturday, 20-0, in a record-setting performance for the program in terms of points scored and goals allowed. The Belles carried this momentum over, getting off to a good start against Trine, making the first offensive move when sophomore midfielder Clare Theisen, who has been one of the Belles' main offensive weapons so far this season, scored the first goal of the game. According to Belles head coach Amy Long, Theisen had a very solid game and continues to be one of the Belles' biggest assets.

"Clare Theisen had an outstanding game for us," Long said. "She set a new team record for ground balls in a game with 10."

The Thunder (0-7, 0-3 MIAA) were quickly able to even the score, but the Belles soon took charge. Junior captain and attack/midfielder Emilie Vanneste scored to regain the lead for the Belles. Her goal was quickly followed by freshman midfielder Kate Kelly's 30th and 31st goals for the season.

After controlling the ball for much of the first period, the Belles closed out the first half with a 4-2 lead over the Thunder and the Belles' control of the game only increased in the second period.

Junior captain and goalkeeper Shannon Weyer, who played the entirety of the sixty minutes for the third consecutive game, held the Thunder to only two additional goals in the second period. The La Grange Park, Illinois, native picked up seven saves over the course of the game. The Belles, by contrast, scored six points in the closing period.

Vanneste helped to round out the Belles' scoring for the day to finish the game with two goals and Theisen scored four of the Belles' six goals in the second period. She tallied up a total of five goals for the day and surpassed Kelly as the Belles' leading scorer on the season. Kelly scored once more in the second period, giving her a total of 32 goals so far this year, while Theisen






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*Saint Mary's sophomore midfielder Clare Theisen charges to the goal during Saint Mary's 10-4 victory over Trine on Tuesday. Theisen netted five goals in the game and leads the Belles with 33 goals on the season. Theisen also has five assists in her 11 starts.*

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# Irish face serious competition at Natoma

By ALEX BENDER  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will head west to Gold River, California, this weekend where the 18th-ranked Irish will participate in the Lake Natoma Invitational.

The regatta boasts significant talent as there are a total of seven ranked teams that will be competing: No. 1 Brown, No. 2 California, No. 7 Stanford, No. 12 Wisconsin, No. 15 Gonzaga, No. 16 Iowa and the Irish.

“We’ll be racing [California], Stanford, Wisconsin, Iowa and Gonzaga, all being ranked within the top 18,” Stone said. “We know it will be very competitive, but

we’ve always believed in racing a hard schedule so this is nothing new for us. We’ll see once we get out there how we perform.”

Notre Dame is coming off a long stretch of training as their last regatta, the Big 10-ACC Double Dual hosted by Indiana at Lake Lemon, was cancelled due to inclement weather. The last time the Irish were in action was the last weekend of March at the Longhorn Invitational.

“I feel that we’ve practiced well over the last couple weeks and we have done a heavy load of work,” Stone said. “The team has reacted well to it, so we’ll see. It’s one of those things where we’ll find out Saturday and Sunday

where we are.”

Specifically regarding the performance of his team, Stone said he is more concerned with whether his team improves as the races progress throughout the weekend than worrying about the how the other schools perform, especially when going up against opponents of this strength.

“I just expect that we race well and that with each successive race we can perform better than the last,” Stone said. “We’re learning how to race better and perform better as the season progresses. As far as any specific results, we can’t worry about that right now as we’ll be taking on a really fast group, so we’re

just hoping to race better and learn, and then we can move on from there.”

With a couple of races notched under their belt, the team will be busy heading the rest of the way, and expectations are lofty going down this final stretch of the year, Stone said.

“We’ve got races both this weekend and next weekend followed up by the ACCs, so our ultimate goal will be to make the NCAA’s and beat our performance from last year, and that’s we strive for every day when we come out here,” Stone said. “As this season has gone on, our improvement is tough to measure. We’ve had a couple races so far against some very fast competition,

much like this weekend. As of late, our training load has increased, and I think we’ve adapted well to it. We’re liking what we are seeing, so I would say we feel pretty good heading the rest of the way.”

After the Lake Natoma Invitational, the Irish will travel to Sacramento, California for the Dale England Cup and then, on May 13, the ACC championships commence.

Racing will kick off Saturday and continue into Sunday as the Irish will take another step along the way to the ultimate goal of getting back to NCAAAs.

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SMC TENNIS

# Belles look to establish winning streak at Bethel

By VICTORIA LLORENS  
Sports Writer

After its 9-0 win over Trine on Tuesday, Saint Mary’s has a chance to enter its second three-game winning streak on Thursday with a victory over Bethel.

Against the Thunder (3-9, 0-3 MIAA), the Belles (10-4, 2-1 MIAA) swept both singles and doubles play, starting off with sophomore Maddie Minaduo and senior Margaret Faller, who took an 8-2 victory at two doubles. Freshman Monica Davy and junior Sam Setterblad next succeeded with an 8-3 win at one doubles, and junior Kaity Venters and senior Andrea Fetters finished doubles off with an 8-5 victory

in the third flight. Belles head coach Dale Campbell said that the team prepared well for the competition.

“I have to say that Trine was not quite as strong as usual, but we definitely prepare well, the team gets focused, they are warming up better and are business-like in their approach,” Campbell said. “They recognize the importance of coming out ready. There is some feeding off of each other’s success definitely, and I think they want to do well for each other.”

The Belles then triumphed in six singles matches and Campbell said that the team took care of business after its first conference loss on Saturday.

“They have pride in themselves and their team and seem to enjoy the battle quite a bit,” Campbell said. “They were really mature in coming back after a loss and taking care of business against North Central.”

Fetters defeated Thunder senior Lexi Mack 6-3, 6-1 on court No. 1 to start the singles action. Davy followed with a 6-3, 6-0 victory over her opponent, sophomore Madison Hatkevich on court No. 2 and Faller added a 6-2, 6-0 win of her own on court No. 3. Minuado swept sophomore Kinnsey Pass, 6-0, 6-0 on Court No. 4. To round out the action for the Irish, Venters and freshman Elizabeth Priester won their matches 6-0, 6-2 and 6-1, 6-2

respectively.

On Thursday St. Mary’s plays against Bethel (9-9, 1-7 Crossroads), a game rescheduled from March 31. Campbell said that although it is not a conference game, the team will be ready to perform come game time and continue practicing their play.

“I think they are all important, not just as wins, but mainly that you have to practice preparing for matches, practice getting off to a good start and practice taking care of each situation individually,” Campbell said. “Tennis is a series of individual situations, and you have to come ready to play one at a time. It may have been a slight advantage

to play it earlier, but the team is off Wednesday to rest. They will be ready on Thursday.”

Campbell also said that there are areas where he continues to look for improvement among his team.

“We still can be much more assertive in doubles, and we are still tweaking that, Campbell said. “In singles, we have to be quicker in preparation, quicker in recovery after shots, and fight to keep making one more shot. We are getting there.”

The Belles will face off against Bethel on Thursday at 4 p.m at Saint Mary’s Tennis Courts.

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## TRACK

# Irish athletes bound for ACC/Big 10 Challenge

By **TOBIAS HOONHOUT**  
Sports Writer

After several strong performances over the past few weekends, the Irish head into the ACC/Big Ten this Saturday looking to continue their recent success.

This past weekend, the team competed in the Sun Angel Classic in Arizona, and had a number of strong performances. Although the team only sent sixteen athletes, the Irish notched 13 top-5 finishes over the two days of competition. On Friday, junior Anthony Shivers finished second in the hammer throw, and sophomore Nick Hauser came in fifth in the premiere hammer throw. On Saturday, the Irish were led by senior Margaret Bamgbose, who made her outdoor debut this season with two first place finishes — one in the 400-meter dash and the other in the 4x400-meter relay. Graduate student Carly Loeffel also came in first in the women's heptathlon, accumulating 5,329 points.

Freshman high jumper Matt Birzer finished sixth in

the men's high jump competition last weekend and the Leadwood, Kansas native said he relishes the opportunity being around star athletes.

"It definitely helps seeing my teammates perform well," Birzer said. "At indoor conferences for example, [senior] Brent Swanberg and Carly Loeffel started off the meet with awesome days of their events. That energized [sophomore high jumper] Hunter Holton and I to both [personal records] in the high jump, and then [junior] Nate Richartz carried it over into the pole vault where he won the meet."

Birzer said the Irish have been training hard this week, and are looking to use this weekend as a stepping-stone for ACCs and the NCAA meet at the season's end.

"We are more worried about peaking at ACCs and beyond," Birzer said. "We have still been training hard. ... It's another week of trying to get ready for ACCs and to hit marks to qualify for regionals."

Unlike the Sun Angel Classic, the Irish are sending a large number of athletes to



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**Irish junior pole vaulter Nathan Richartz runs down the strip during the Alex Wilson Invitational at Loftus Sports Center on Feb. 20. Richartz placed first in the event with a personal best of 5.32 meters.**

the ACC/Big 10 Challenge, and the team will be going up against some top competition like Louisville, Michigan State and Purdue. With such stiff competition, athletes like Birzer are relishing the chance to continue to develop.

"I think besides me there will be five or six jumpers who had gone seven feet," Birzer said. "It should be a really competitive meet with a fairly

small pool of jumpers. I think that's really going to benefit the competition because it will move fast and there should be some impressive performances. ... The weather should be nice and the relatively small size of the meet should be ideal for quality performances."

And regardless of the outcome, Birzer said the team, like always, is prepared to give

its all.

"[The game plan is] go out and give 100 percent," Birzer said. "Every time we put on the ND monogram, that's our goal. We always go out and compete our hardest."

The ACC/Big 10 challenge is scheduled to begin Saturday at noon in Louisville, Kentucky.

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# Hearne comes up big in win over Valparaiso

By HUNTER MCDANIEL  
Sports Writer

One week after the first attempt at the game between Notre Dame and Valparaiso was delayed after a full day of rain, the two teams finally met Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium on a beautiful day for baseball.

The Irish (18-12, 6-7 ACC) rode senior starting pitcher Michael Hearne's complete game to an easy 3-1 win over the visiting Crusaders (11-16, 5-3 Horizon).

The Irish got on the board first with three consecutive hits in the bottom of the third inning. Junior third baseman Kyle Fiala and senior center fielder Kyle Richardson cracked back-to-back singles before junior second baseman Cavan Biggio drove a ball to the right-field fence for a triple and two RBIs. The next batter, freshman designated hitter Nick Podkul, followed that up with a sacrifice fly to center field to score Biggio and give Notre Dame a 3-0 lead.

That burst of offense in the third inning plated the only runs of the night for Notre Dame, but they were more than enough for Hearne.

The lefty retired 13 consecutive Crusader batters from the second inning into the seventh. Valparaiso senior left fielder Nolan Lodden spoiled Hearne's shutout, however, with a leadoff double in the top of the ninth before coming around to score on an infield sacrifice.

Hearne finished the day with just the one earned run on four hits and zero walks with five strikeouts.

"Incredible," Irish head coach Mik Aoki said about Hearne's night. "Really remarkable. Considering, I don't know what it was, 86 pitches or something. Ninety-one. He was really, really good. He commanded it, commanded the fast ball. ... On a night where we weren't as good offensively as we've been, he came up huge."

Notre Dame has won all seven games started by Hearne (4-0) this season so far. Tonight he dropped his season ERA from 3.18 to 2.72, which leads Irish starters.

"My fastball command was there, and that's usually what sets me up pretty well, hitting both sides of the corner," Hearne said. "And then before I fell into that groove, in the first and second inning the defense was really picking me up. [Cavan Biggio] made a nice play, [sophomore left fielder Jake Shepski] in the outfield. The defense really picked me up, and then the changeup started working and so did the fastball on both sides of the plate."

In a scary moment for Notre Dame, Fiala was struck by a pitch on his right hand, forcing him to the ground in pain. Wednesday's game was just his third game back after he was forced to miss a month with an injury to the same hand. Fiala came back out to field his position the next inning and was able to finish out the game.

"He's alright. It kind of got his pinky," Aoki said. "It caught him on that same hand, though, which gives you a little pause for a second there. But he's fine. He made



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**Irish junior infielder Cavan Biggio waits for the pitch during Notre Dame's 6-3 win over Chicago State. Biggio is hitting .306 on the year with 27 runs, three home runs and 21 RBIs.**

a couple plays after that, so I think he was fine."

The Irish now lead the all-time series against Valparaiso 77-21, a series which dates back to 1918.

Next up for the Irish will be a three game set against Boston College this weekend. First pitch between Notre Dame and the Eagles (18-11, 5-8 ACC) will be at 6:05 p.m.

on Friday. All three games will be played at Frank Eck Stadium.

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I think [senior defensive back] Cole Luke's taken a good step in the leadership area.

"... A lot of players have a hard time leading when they're developing and getting consistency in their game and confidence in their game. I think we got guys that are capable but again are caught in a development stage where they're trying to establish themselves."

One position group, in particular, looking to establish itself is the defensive line.

"It's all kind of mixed up right now," Irish defensive line coach Keith Gilmore said. "We got a great competition, a great rotation at the nose tackle with [graduate student] Jarron Jones and [junior] Daniel Cage. My hope is that the first and second guys don't see too much difference there. If we can go two-deep across the board and be solid, I think that's what we're aiming for."

Rochell is the only starter returning up front for the Irish and figures to be the key to the whole line. With relative uncertainties at the defensive tackle slot, there has been talk of moving Rochell to the inside or potentially to the right defensive end position.

"I think at this point, I want to try and keep him [at defensive end]," Gilmore said. "If things change, and we need a person somewhere else, an inside guy, maybe in a pass rush situation, that might be a possibility. Right

now, I think he's solid at the big end and just becoming an effective pass rusher out there and keep developing."

Gilmore, like VanGorder, also said he sees Rochell as a strong candidate to take over the leadership mantle left vacant by Sheldon Day and said he's encouraging the McDonough, Georgia, native to be more active in that role.

"I'm trying to give him more opportunities to be a leader," Gilmore said. "He's played enough football around here that he's a leader by example by what he does on the field. But I want to get him a little bit more vocal and step up."

Beyond Rochell, sophomore Jerry Tillery, junior Daniel Cage and graduate student Jarron Jones are competing for the two roles inside while junior Andrew Trumbetti has the inside line on the opposite end. Gilmore said that Tillery, especially, has improved and seems ready to play come the fall.

"I'm happy, the last two days I've been really happy," Gilmore said of Tillery's recent performance in practice. "Most of the spring, I've been battling. And it's not just the learning part. We all forget sometimes that Jerry is a freshman and the expectation becomes really high. ... I have to remember he's a freshman and keep coaching him. He'll be where we need him to be when the time comes."

### Satellite camps

A big topic in the college football world is the NCAA's newly

enacted rule that teams are no longer allowed to practice on satellite, or any other, campuses. While opinion is divided on the ruling, Irish recruiting coordinator and linebacker coach Mike Elston said the rule will not change how Notre Dame operates.

"We haven't gotten into the satellites because we like to bring the kids to our campus," Elston said. "We're always striving to get more of our prospects here on campus so they know and understand what Notre Dame is about. As long as we can continue to that, we never really had an issue, a want or desire to do a satellite camp. We just try to get guys here to our campus to be coached by us in our camps but also to see Notre Dame. You have to experience Notre Dame to understand it. If we go out to California somewhere to camp, kids still don't know what we're about."

### Defensive development player

Elston also touched on some players he felt showed strong improvement over the course of spring practices and mentioned sophomore linebacker Asmar Bilal as a player who has a lot to offer down the road.

"He's having a very good spring. He's got great potential," Elston said. "He works very hard. He's a very aggressive physical football player. He learns really well. Is he Jaylon Smith? No. But Jaylon had to start somewhere, and that's where Asmar is. He's at the starting point of what we



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**Irish senior defensive lineman Isaac Rochell takes a three-point stance during Notre Dame's 19-16 victory over Boston College.**

see as a very promising career."

Bilal is currently getting reps at the weakside linebacker position, but Elston said the Indianapolis native could see some time playing behind junior Nyles Morgan at the middle linebacker slot.

"Asmar's got all those traits that you're looking for," Elston said. "To run and hit and be strong. ... I think Asmar has some really good things that he's doing this spring that makes us very excited."

Another player who has impressed coaches thus far is sophomore defensive back Shaun Crawford. Even if Crawford doesn't get a starting cornerback role, Irish defensive backs coach Todd Lyght said the Lakewood, Illinois, native will see time at the nickelback position.

"I think when you're looking

at the nickel position, you're looking for a guy with football intelligence and short-haired quickness," Lyght said. "Understand two-three exchanges, understand where their help is and be able to make those quick movements in and out. Shaun has position versatility that we're looking for at that position because of his short-haired quickness and burst."

VanGorder echoed Lyght's compliments and said Crawford gives the defense a boost in versatility.

"That's a big position, it's not easy to find those in-and-out corners like he is," VanGorder said. "He opens the inventory up some, and he's really intelligent."

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held without one for the first time all season in Saturday's win against Duke. He opened the scoring for the Irish 1:47 into the game to tie it at one apiece after the Golden Eagles scored in the first minute.

"Obviously if you score early, it gets our confidence up," Kavanagh said. "Still, they were pretty confrontational playing us."

Both teams played physically, making the other team work on every possession

for each shot. Going into the game, the two teams were ranked first and second in the nation in goals allowed per game.

By halftime the Irish had opened up a 5-2 lead on Marquette with tallies from freshman attack Ryder Garnsey, senior midfielder Cole Riccardi, junior midfielder Sergio Perkovic and another goal from Kavanagh.

The Golden Eagles came out energized for the second half, however, with three quick goals by sophomore midfielder Tanner Thomson, junior midfielder Griffin Connor and

senior attack Henry Nelson, tying things up just six and a half minutes in.

The game would remain close the rest of the way, something that has become all too common for the Irish, with four of their previous five games decided by two goals or less — including two that went into overtime.

"We know that we're a defensive team first, so that affects maybe some of our style and risk taking where we could score more goals doing some other things," Corrigan said. "But at the same time, I think we've just got to become

a more disciplined team offensively."

Notre Dame would score the next two goals of the game, however, the first one courtesy of a Kavanagh rip from the right-hand side. That tally was followed up by one from sophomore midfielder John Sexton, who picked up a ground ball in the defensive end and sprinted all the way down the field to put one past Marquette's sophomore goalie Cole Blazer with three seconds left in the quarter.

A scoreless Notre Dame fourth quarter and two additional Golden Eagle tallies set the stage for Kavanagh when play started in overtime.

Still, Irish players and

coaches alike weren't pleased the game came down to the wire.

"I just feel like our execution is not where it needs to be," Corrigan said. "I don't think a lot of guys are happy with how we played, but obviously we're happy with the result. [We have to] come back ready to go next week for North Carolina."

The Irish now have their longest break of the season before going on the road to take on the No. 11 Tar Heels to close out their ACC slate April 23 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

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**Irish senior attack Matt Kavanagh passes the ball during Notre Dame's 8-7 overtime win over Marquette at Arlotta Stadium on Wednesday. Kavanagh scored five points and shot the winning goal of the game.**

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Syracuse. Since then, the Irish have righted the ship, winning four out their last five in the midst of a six-game homestand.

The victory over the Seminoles was important because it showed the Irish are for real. The Irish have only lost six games all year — three of them to teams that are currently ranked — but until the Florida State thriller, their “best” win was back on February 20 against No. 14 UCLA.

With the win against Florida State under its belt, however, Notre Dame appears to be gearing up at the right time. And there are a couple big reasons why the Irish can make a post-season push.

The first is pitching.

Notre Dame features two strong pitchers in senior left-hander Allie Rhodes and junior right-hander Rachel Nasland. Rhodes and Nasland have 12 and 11 wins respectively, in addition to sporting ERAs of 2.88 and 1.89.

The two upperclassmen have been stalwarts for the Irish all season, pitching out of Notre Dame's 222 total innings played, and the two have logged six complete games between them.

One of those complete games was Rhodes' victory over the Seminoles, when she allowed only three earned runs against one of the nation's top offenses. If Rhodes can pitch like that for the rest of the season, the Irish



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**Irish senior pitcher Allie Rhodes winds up for a pitch during Notre Dame's 5-4 win over Florida State at Notre Dame Stadium.**

will be in good shape.

The second reason the Irish can make a push is their team hitting. While the Wester sisters (freshman second baseman Ali and junior center fielder Karley) have set the pace for the team all year, Notre Dame has a strong lineup top to bottom.

Nine Irish batters have an average at .300 or higher, five players have more than 20 RBIs and seven have scored more than 20 runs. The fact that no one player provides a significant portion of the offense puts less pressure on the team and makes it difficult for opposing pitchers as they have to work against more batters.

Finally, Notre Dame has been lights out at home this season. The Irish have a 6-1 home record entering Thursday evening's matchup with Butler and with

the team's final six ACC contests in the friendly confines of Melissa Cook Stadium, the Irish should be poised to enter the postseason with momentum.

Of course, the postseason is more than a month away and a lot can happen — last week-end's game against Pittsburgh, which included an hour and 40 minutes of rain delays, showed that. But the fact remains: Notre Dame is trending upward at the right time. And with solid starting pitching and a multi-threat lineup, there's nothing to stop the Irish from making noise in the postseason.

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## Softball

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moving her and scoring her, and that's just our focus — every inning, working together to string together runs.”

“We hit a lot,” Wester said. “[Associate coach Lizzie Ristano] is a great coach, and she works with us all the time, so we don't really have a ton times where a lot of players are in a rut. There's usually somebody coming up big for us.”

That's not to say the effort on the mound hasn't been strong either. In its last 13 games, Notre Dame's pitching staff has held opponents to three runs or fewer nine times. Although Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf has not named a starter for the game against the Bulldogs (22-15, 5-3 Big East), it will likely be either junior right-hander Rachel Nasland or senior left-hander Allie Rhodes, as the duo has started 29 of the 34 games for the Irish. Both pitchers have an earned-run average under 3.00 and double-digit wins for Notre Dame this season.

Butler has some talent of its own, however. In their lineup, the Bulldogs have five players reaching base at a clip above .400, and four of them are hitting over .300 from the dish. Additionally, the Irish will likely face Bulldogs senior pitcher Kristin Gutierrez. The left-hander has a team-best 1.73 earned-run average and has gone the distance in 12 of the 18 games she has started for the Bulldogs.

While Gutierrez could pose a challenge for the red-hot offense of the Irish, Piccinich said she is confident Notre Dame will be able to continue its success.

“Our coaches are really good at preparing us for what other pitchers are throwing and what we can do to be successful, so there's no doubt in my mind that we'll be able to [find success],” Piccinich said.

And although they have won 18 nonconference games in a row by an average margin of victory of nearly six runs, the Irish have not overlooked any of their opponents, regardless of their record. Instead, they see each game as an opportunity to maintain their rhythm, regardless of their opponent, Wester said.

“We've had a big mentality this year of just ‘pitch by pitch,’ ‘game by game’ so we don't really look too far in advance to the weekend,” Wester said. “It's ‘We're playing the game that day, and we're winning the game that day.’”

“I think [midweek games] definitely get us ready for the weekend,” Piccinich said. “... It's great to get games in midweek just to keep us going and keep us kind of in the groove of playing games. They definitely help us for ACC [play] going into it having to play during the week.”

The Irish and Bulldogs will square off at Melissa Cook Stadium on Thursday. First pitch is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

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**Irish senior infielder Carly Piccinich rounds second base during Notre Dame's 10-2 victory over Eastern Michigan on March 22.**



## FOOTBALL

# As spring winds down, defensive starters not set



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By **MAREK MAZUREK**  
Sports Editor

Wednesday morning marked Notre Dame's penultimate spring practice before the Blue-Gold game this Saturday.

And while across-the-board open competition has shed light on some areas of the team, others — notably defensive leadership — remain up in the air.

After practice Wednesday, Irish defensive coordinator Brian VanGorder discussed the impact of losing leaders from last year like Joe Schmidt and Jaylon Smith, and he said the evolution of this year's defensive leadership is ongoing.

"I think [senior linebacker] James Onwualu is as solid of a guy we have relative to how he goes about his business daily, preparation, on-field effort," VanGorder said. "He's consistent, very knowledgeable. Not a real vocal guy though. [Senior defensive lineman] Isaac [Rochell] has gotta grow in that role up front."

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*Irish senior linebacker James Onwualu celebrates after a play during Notre Dame's 24-20 win over Temple in Philadelphia on Oct. 31.*

## MEN'S LACROSSE | ND 8, MARQUETTE 7

# Kavanagh shines in overtime win

By **BRIAN PLAMONDON**  
Sports Writer

No. 1 Notre Dame has had a penchant for close games this season, and Wednesday night was no different.

The Irish (9-1, 3-0 ACC) blew a three-goal lead but prevailed over No. 17 Marquette 8-7 in overtime on the back of senior attack Matt Kavanagh's four goals. Ninety seconds into the extra period, the senior captain and preseason All-American decided to take it himself and give the Irish the win over the Golden Eagles (8-2, 3-0 Big East).

"We all have great confidence and faith in Kav," Irish head coach Kevin Corrigan said. "There's nobody that's made more big plays in their college career than Matt Kavanagh. So there's nobody in our huddle that doesn't expect that he's gonna make plays and do some of the things that

he's been doing. I'm not surprised by that. I'm thrilled for him, but I'm more just grateful that we've had him for four years and I get to watch him make one more play like that at the end of a game."

While pleased with the win, Corrigan said his team struggled with execution down the stretch.

"It was not a very good performance by us today, but it was a very good performance by them — a very gritty performance," Corrigan said. "They took us right to the last play of the game, I have to give them credit for that. But it was disappointing for us. I know our team is disappointed, but I think at this point we'll take the win and guys will understand the standard we want to play to."

Kavanagh set the standard for Notre Dame, tallying five points after being

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## ND SOFTBALL

# Time is ripe for young Irish squad

*ND hopes to maintain offensive efficiency vs. Butler*

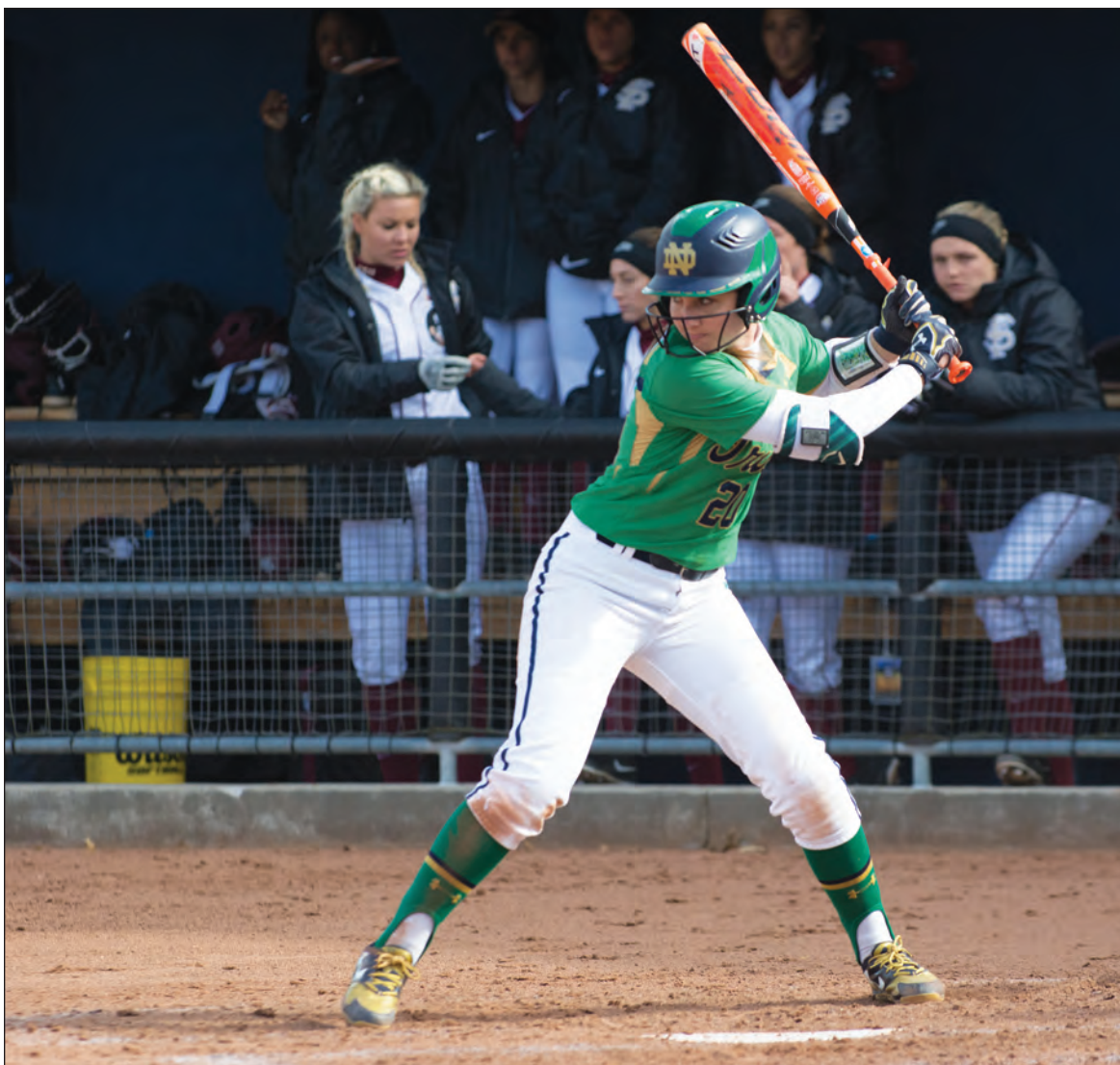
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No. 20 Notre Dame will look to win its 19th-straight non-conference game when it hosts Butler on Thursday at Melissa Cook Stadium.

The Irish (28-6, 6-3 ACC) have largely been led by their offense over the course of the last few weeks, scoring at least 10 runs in five of their last eight wins. In fact, the Irish rank sixth and 10th nationally in batting average and runs per game, respectively. Co-captains junior center fielder Karley Wester and senior infielder Carly Piccinich credit the team's approach and coaching for the success they have found thus far.

"I think it's the pitch by pitch [approach]," Piccinich said. "That's just something we've really been focusing on this year. And kind of just working together — I mean, we're really big into sequencing, so like getting the leadoff [hitter on],

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*Irish sophomore infielder Morgan Reed waits for the pitch during Notre Dame's 5-4 victory over Florida State on April 3. Reed bunted a single during the fifth inning when the Irish first took the lead.*

*Notre Dame looks poised for postseason run*



**Marek Mazurek**  
Sports Editor

Times are good at Melissa Cook Stadium.

The Irish are winners of three straight games and currently sit in third place in the ACC with a 28-6 overall record.

And most importantly, the first of those three consecutive wins came against No. 8 Florida State on a walk-off single by sophomore left fielder Bailey Bigler.

The victory snapped ACC-leading Florida State's 22-game winning streak, but more important than gaining a game on the Seminoles in the ACC, the April 3 victory proved the Irish are a threat come the postseason.

Notre Dame started its season rather well, winning 19 games in a row from the end of February to the end of March, but stumbled three weekends ago, losing two of three at

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