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## 'This is a chance to celebrate'

*ND joins community to commemorate Robinson Community Learning Center's 10th year*

By ANNA BOARINI  
News Writer

The Robinson Community Learning Center (RCLC) celebrated its 10th Anniversary Friday.

The Center was established under the tenure of University President Fr. Emeritus Edward "Monk" Malloy.

"This is a chance to celebrate and recognize that great things happen when good people pull together their knowledge and resources to help the young, old and everyone in between," Malloy said at a celebration Friday.

The accomplishments and collaborations of the Center were on full display Friday night at an open house held for the community.

"It is always important to set ambitious goals, but also important to celebrate our successes," University President Fr. John Jenkins said.

Some of the programs based at the RCLC are a Lego Robotics team, an entrepreneurship program and a youth Shakespeare troupe.

Charell Lucky, a student that participates in the youth Shakespeare troupe, performed Sonnet 40 and a scene from Henry VI.

"The RCLC is a blessing for me and my family," Lucky said.

Take Ten, a violence prevention program in local public schools also celebrated. The RCLC is home to the program,



University President Emeritus Fr. Edward "Monk" Malloy speaks at the Robinson Community Learning Center Friday. The Center celebrated its 10th anniversary with a public open house.

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which serves 16 schools in the South Bend Mishawaka community, as well as the Center for the Homeless, all Boys and Girls clubs and community centers.

John Hess, a local principal, received the James A. Kapsa award for his work with Take Ten.

"Take Ten works best when the principal steps up and is strong and instrumental to making Take Ten a success," Ellen Kyes, director of the

Take Ten program, said while presenting the award.

Two members of the RCLC received an award for their participation. Isaiah Crudup won the James A. Roemer award presented to a youth participant that has excelled in the Center's programs and Alfreda Redding won the Dr. Dale O. Grayson award honoring an adult in the RCLC education programs.

The Renelda Robinson award, named after the com-

munity member whose name also sits over the RCLC, is given to a community volunteer that promotes learning and relationship building. Bridgett Mitchell received the award and was described as a volunteer who not only does the job, but does it with kindness.

Two members of the Notre Dame community were also honored. Junior Caitlin Kinser

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## Jenkins chosen for commission

Observer Staff Report

University president Fr. John Jenkins was recently appointed to a national commission that will examine the future of teaching and research in the humanities and social sciences.

The Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences, created by the American Academy of Arts and



Jenkins

Sciences (AAAS), is co-chaired by Richard Brodhead, president of Duke University, and John Rowe, chair and chief executive officer of Exelon Corp. The commission includes prominent Americans from the humanities, social sciences, physical and life sciences, business, law, philanthropy, the arts and the media.

The commission was spurred by a bipartisan request from U.S. Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) and Mark Warner (D-Va.) and Reps. Tom Petri (R-Wisc.) and David Price (D-N.C.). They presented the commission with the following charge:

"What are the top 10 actions that Congress, state govern-

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## Campus heightens assault awareness

By MARISA IATI  
News Writer

Students can learn about sexual assault prevention and campus resources as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Week, which began Sunday and will continue until next Sunday.

Elizabeth Moriarty, assistant director of the Gender Relations Center, said the week raises awareness of rape and sexual assault in the Notre Dame community, shows support for survivors and highlights education and prevention efforts on cam-

pus.

"We want to give [students] ideas about how we can prevent rape and sexual assault from happening and give hope to people that have been victimized," Moriarty said. "There is a community that wants to help them in their healing process."

Moriarty said the campus needs to acknowledge sexual assault and demonstrate care and concern.

The Gender Relations Center organizes Sexual Assault Awareness Week as

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### SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS WEEK FEBRUARY 20-27, 2011

#### A Time to Heal Dinner:

February 22 @ 6-8pm in Legends of Notre Dame, Club Side

#### Mass of Healing:

February 23 @ 10pm in Dillon Hall Chapel

#### You Are Not Alone Reception:

February 25 @ 1-5pm in Notre Dame Room of LaFortune

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**What do you think Victoria’s secret really is?**  
**Rosenfeld:** I think that it is that Victoria is really Victor.

**What do you think of the weather outside?**  
**Rosenfeld:** I think it’s very wet.

**What’s your favorite movie?**  
**Rosenfeld:** My favorite movie is “It’s a Wonderful Life,” because my family always watches it during Christmas time.

**What is your favorite pick up line?**  
**Rosenfeld:** None, because pick up lines aren’t good.

**What are you doing for Spring Break?**  
**Rosenfeld:** I plan on going to LA with Maureen Flaherty to go tanning and meet movie stars.



### Monday Meltdown



Hope Rosenfeld

*freshman  
Ryan*

Know someone chill for Monday’s Icebreaker? E-mail [obsphoto@gmail.com](mailto:obsphoto@gmail.com)



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**An orchestra accompanied this year’s Junior Parents Weekend Mass on Saturday evening. During this mass, students and parents listened to a homily given by Fr. Tom Doyle, vice president for Student Affairs.**

### OFFBEAT

#### Man arrested for skiing uphill

JACKSON, Wyo. — A 78-year-old retired doctor was handcuffed and hauled away on a toboggan for skiing uphill in Wyoming, but he won’t face charges.

Roland Fleck of Jackson was arrested the morning of Feb. 5 after refusing ski patrollers’ orders to stop. Jackson Hole Resort officials say avalanche danger and the presence of grooming machines made it unsafe.

Skiers can get uphill with snow-gripping “skins” on their skis, among other methods.

The Jackson Hole News & Guide says Fleck was jailed on charges of trespass, interference, unsafe skiing

and theft of services.

Resort officials say they won’t press charges because Fleck’s removal resolved their complaint. Sheriff Jim Whalen says he sees no need for prosecution.

#### Knife removed from man’s head four years after injury

BEIJING — Surgeons in southern China successfully removed a rusty, 4-inch (10-centimeter) knife from the skull of a man who said it had been stuck in there for four years, the hospital said Friday.

Li Fuyan, 30, had been suffering from severe headaches, bad breath and breathing difficulties but never knew the cause of his discomfort, said the senior

official at the Yuxi City People’s Hospital in Yunnan Province.

Li told doctors he had been stabbed in the lower right jaw by a robber four years ago and the blade broke off inside his head without anyone realizing it, said the director of the hospital’s Communist Party committee’s office who would only give his surname, He.

Surgeons worked cautiously to remove the badly-corroded blade without shattering it, He said. The hospital’s website also reported the successful surgery.

*Information compiled from the Associated Press.*

### IN BRIEF

**Student government and the committee on sexual assault prevention will distribute free T-shirts around campus today to raise awareness of sexual assault. T-shirts will be given out 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. at the North entrance of DeBartolo, 11 a.m. to noon at the Field House Mall and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the LaFortune elevator lobby.**

**An international career night will be held today at 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. It is free and open to the students.**

**Rosette Muzigo-Morrison will lecture Tuesday on “Achieving Peace through Justice: Reflections on International Criminal Tribunals” at 4 p.m. The lecture will be in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies and is free and open to the public.**

**The Gender Relations Center will host A Time to Heal dinner Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The dinner features students, faculty, and staff speaking about healing from sexual assault. RSVP required. Contact the Gender Relations Center.**

**Theatre: “Proof” will show Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Cost is \$10 for students, \$12 for seniors, and \$15 regular.**

**Fr. Jeffrey Grob will lecture Wednesday on Exorcism in the Catholic Church. The lecture is entitled “Evil and the Healing Ministry of Exorcism” and is scheduled at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.**

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	LOW 33	LOW 18	LOW 18	LOW 32	LOW 22	LOW 16



# Parents spend weekend with juniors on campus

By NICOLE TOCZAUER  
News Writer

For the past three days, Notre Dame juniors and parents roamed campus to experience events offered by this year's celebration of the annual Junior Parents Weekend (JPW).

"A lot of families come. It's like another football weekend," JPW 2011 chairperson Erin Connors said.

The weekend began Friday evening, Connors said, with an Opening Gala that featured a cash bar, DJ and photographer.

"I loved the Gala because we got dinner with our family first and you got to see everyone's parents," she said. "People would say, 'You look so much like your mom or your dad.'"

Parents and juniors attended college workshops Saturday morning, Connors said. In the workshops, parents learned about what their sons and daughters have studied the past three years.

Junior Stephanie Ruas went to the Mendoza presentation with her parents.

"I introduced them to once of my professors and then we went off to a breakout group for marketing," she said.

Later, juniors and parents emerged from dorms Saturday

evening clad in formal attire for the mass and President's Dinner with University President Fr. John Jenkins. More than 4,000 people attended, Connors said. Fr. Tom Doyle, vice president for Student Affairs, gave a homily accompanied by an opening and closing prayer by University President Emeritus Fr. Edward "Monk" Malloy and Ryan Hall rector Breyan Tornifolio.

Sunday, parents said goodbye at the Closing Brunch where University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh gave a closing benediction. Chuck Lennon, executive director of the Alumni Association, also gave a farewell speech.

While activities and academic presentations were major components of the weekend, Ruas said showing her parents how she lived on campus was the most important part.

"I really wanted to show them was how I spent my time," she said. "They met all of my friends."

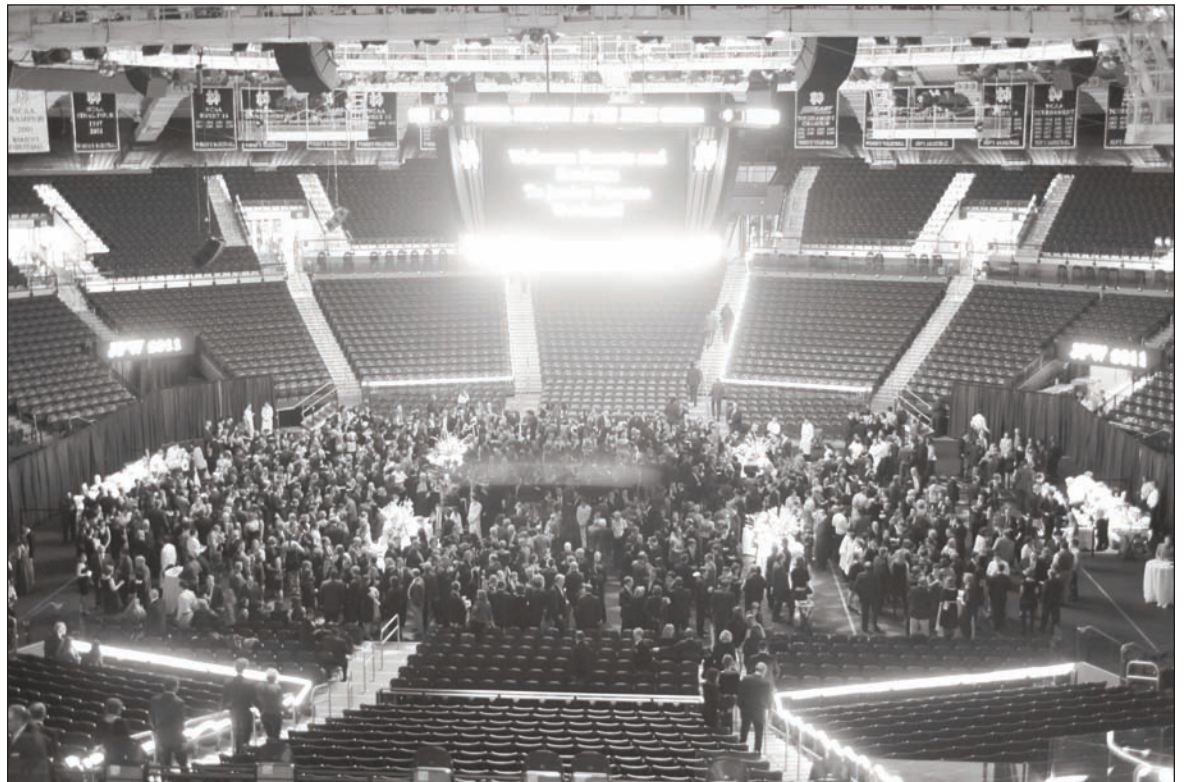
As parents returned home, campus activity settled down once again and juniors prepared for the week ahead.

"It's an exhausting process," junior Drew Davis said. "But it's a treat having my parents in town and it was a lot of fun."

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Drew Davis  
junior



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Juniors and their parents gather at the Opening Gala on Friday night. The Gala included a cash bar, DJ and photographer.



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Parents and students attend an Arts and Letters reception in McKenna Hall Saturday. Parents learned about what their children have studied in the past three years.

## February 24 / 7 pm Leighton Concert Hall / DeBartolo Performing Arts Center /

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# College urges students to love their bodies

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY  
News Writer

This week, members of Saint Mary's Student Government Association (SGA) are reminding others of the importance of loving their bodies.

Love Your Body Week was the idea of Saint Mary's junior Laura Glaub, SGA's student services commissioner. A communication major and women's studies minor, Glaub noticed how often body dissatisfaction appeared in her coursework.

Not long after, Glaub noticed that some of her friends were demonstrating the same body dissatisfactions, and she wanted to make a change. She decided to create Love Your Body week.

"I want to empower my peers," Glaub said, "and I want to show them that they are beautiful no matter what."

Glaub plans to empower her peers through a series of lectures, activities and student presentations.

Today at noon, Dr. Susan Alexander, Saint Mary's professor of sociology, will speak on "Disrupting Body Dysmorphia: Media Literacy as a Method of Addressing Women's Body Image Issues" in conference room A in the Student Center.

Judy Fean, the Director of Campus Ministry, and Regina Wilson, Assistant Director of Campus ministry will give a lecture entitled, "Women and the Church: Father, May I Love My Body?" at 5 p.m. in the same location.

A Saint Mary's student will discuss her own struggles with eating disorders at 7 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium. She will

speak alongside of a panel on eating disorders on "Biting Back."

Glaub said the discussion would be very powerful. This student has yet to reveal her eating disorder to the general public, but she wants to share her stories with others now.

The rest of the week is packed with events, including a presentation by Connie Adams of the Belles Against Violence Office at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday in conference room A.

Also on Tuesday, students are encouraged to relieve stress by laughing with clinical exercise psychologist, wellness coach, and certified laughter leader/laughter yoga instructor Mary Labuziowski at 6 p.m. in conference room a of the Student Center.

"Mary says we all need fifteen minutes of laughter each day to remain healthy, so I wanted people to get their laugh in for the day," Glaub said.

This event is especially fun and eye opening, Glaub said, because it teaches students "you don't need to be on a treadmill to love your body."

Later that night, Professor Bettina Spencer and Saint Mary's student Gina Storti will give a lecture, "Love Your Body? Body Image at SMC compared to ND," at 7 p.m. in Vander Vennet.

Dr. Terri Russ, a professor of communication studies at Saint Mary's will give two lectures on Wednesday, one at noon in conference room A in the Student Center, and the other at 7 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium. Her first lecture is entitled "Mother, May I Love My Body?" and the second is, "Beautiful Body Battles, Why Are We All Chasing Unicorns?"

LOVE YOUR BODY WEEK				
FEBRUARY 21-26				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>"Biting Back"</b> By Student and Panel on Eating Disorders 7pm Carroll Auditorium	<b>"Love Your Laugh!"</b> Mary Labuziowski, MS, CLL 6pm Conference Room A in Student Center  <b>"Love Your Body? Body Image at SMC compared to ND"</b> Prof. Bettina Spencer and Student Gina Stoti 7pm Vander Vennet	<b>"Mother, May I Love My Body?"</b> Dr. Terry Russ, Professor 12pm Conference Room A in Student Center  <b>"Beautiful Body Battles, Why Are We All Chasing Unicorns?"</b> Dr. Terry Russ, Professor 7pm Carroll Auditorium	<b>"Claim Your Fame"</b> <b>Flourish Fashion Show</b> 6pm, Noble Family Dining Room  <b>Eat Pray Love</b> Sponsored by SAO 8pm Vander Vennet	<b>"The Cult of Thinness in Fashion Industry"</b> Christina Grasso 12pm Conference Room A in Student Center

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Students can attend a Fashion Show sponsored by Flourish at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Noble Family Dining Hall.

At 8 p.m., the Student's Activity Board will show the film "Eat Pray Love" in Vander Vennet.

The week wraps up with a presentation by Saint Mary's senior Christina Grasso. Grasso will present her senior comprehensive project entitled, "The Cult of Thinness in Fashion Industry" at noon in conference room A in the Student Center.

The presentation will highlight interviews with models and fashion industry professionals Grasso has worked with in the past, and their views on the concept of thinness in the fashion world.

Grasso has interned with Elite Model Management during New York Fashion Week in 2010 and 2011. She also interned with Nanette Lepore at the most recent fashion week in

February.

These internships have altered her perception of the fashion world and its impact on the public.

"We only see the finished product — the glossy images of seemingly flawless women," Grasso said. "What most people do not see, though, is the heavy preparation that goes into a photo or runway show — the hours of hair and makeup and photo editing."

"Fashion, at its core, is a business and its purpose is to sell clothing. But somewhere along the line, it has become less about selling confectionary designs and more about selling a body-type as a utopian lifestyle. I am absolutely in love with the fashion industry, but I have to be mindful of my own innate values."

Grasso stresses the importance of Love Your Body Week on an all-women's campus.

"In today's society as a whole

there is an idea that there is only one kind of beauty, and that perfection is the vehicle to success and happiness," Grasso said. "It is in this relentless pursuit, though, that we find anything but. Quirks and so-called imperfections are what make a person interesting, unique [and] beautiful."

Grasso also said this week is especially important because it provides an open forum for women to talk about their concerns, achievements and aspirations.

SGA will also be distributing T-shirts and buttons in the Student Center today and during Grasso's presentation at no cost to the students.

"I don't want people to have to pay to love their body," Glaub said.

All events are free and open to the public.

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# Seventh Generation founder discusses responsible business

By CHRISTIAN MYERS  
News Writer

Jeffrey Hollender, co-founder and former CEO of Seventh Generation, brought his ideas about socially responsible business practices to the Mendoza College of Business Friday.

Hollender's lecture, "The Future of American Business," was part of Ten Years Hence Speaker Series, which explores ideas likely to affect society and business for the next decade.

Hollender, a career entrepreneur, started two businesses prior to co-founding Seventh Generation, a company that produces organic cleaning products. He started Seventh Generation with the vision of creating a new kind of company — one focused on being both ethical and sustainable.

According to Hollender, these ethical and sustainable practices included employee ownership, radical transparency, organic inputs and products and pay equality.

Hollender believes in the merits of employee ownership. He said there are many studies and statistics supporting the concept that employees are more productive and engaged when they have some level of ownership in the company they work for.

Radical transparency is another concept Hollender enacted at Seventh Generation. According to Hollender, radical transparency is a business sharing both its successes and its mistakes with investors and the public.

"[Radical transparency] is diffi-

cult to maintain," he said. "Most companies only talk about what they are doing well ... We in the business world usually don't like to dwell on our mistakes."

Organic inputs and products was the center of Seventh Generation's sustainability commitment. They produce toilet paper made from recycled materials, non-chlorine bleach, phosphate free cleaning products and more.

Hollender's concept of pay equality is that CEO's and other business executives are being paid too much. As CEO of Seventh Generation he limited his pay to 17 times the pay of the lowest wage employee in the company.

"Let me tell you, you pay a lot more attention to the lowest paid workers when their wage determines your own salary," Hollender said.

In 2008, Hollender stepped down after eight years as CEO of Seventh Generation but continued to work for the company. Then, about sixth months ago he was fired from Seventh Generation, which he attributes to disagreements about the direction of the company between himself and the board of directors.

"[Being fired] is an experience I plan to learn from ... At Seventh Generation I worked to make the company an exception to the rule," he said. "Now, I want to dedicate the rest of my life to changing the rules."

Hollender now works as an author, speaker, consultant and activist. He has consulted with corporations such as Microsoft and Wal-Mart. He is a board

member of Greenpeace U.S., the Environmental Health Fund and Verité, a workers' rights organization.

Hollender is also co-founder of the American Sustainable Business Council, a coalition of business leaders committed to sustainability and changing business practices.

In regards to the current economic situation, Hollender brought up the high unemployment rate and the growing income gap as major concerns.

"The income gap here in America is greater than in either Egypt or Tunisia," he said. "In fact, today one in seven Americans is using food stamps."

However, the "rules" were the main focus of Hollender's assessment of the current economic situation.

"We have a system that provides incentives for businesses to do the wrong thing," Hollender said.

Hollender pointed to the example of America's third largest producer of solar panels moving to China because the Chinese government invests very heavily in renewable energy technologies.

He also said that the American government subsidies are hurting producers of organic products. He explained that Seventh Generation toilet paper costs more than non-organic brands because the government subsidizes new timber to the point where it is cheaper than recycled materials.

This problem is mirrored in the retail industry, according to Hollender. Hollender said some retailers tend to mark-up organic

products to a greater extent than other products. Hollender said he believes that, until there is parity in pricing, organic products will not be able to compete. However, he believes there is a trend away from this practice.

"Target, for instance, has done a great job pricing green products in parity with other products," Hollender said.

Government subsidies of petroleum products are also a big problem, Hollender said. He said he thinks these subsidies should be gradually removed so that there is incentive for more environmentally friendly alternatives and for a change in consumer behavior.

"I think that gas should cost six or seven dollars," he said. "There are many benefits and the only negative is that low-income individuals are most affected; that would have to somehow be offset."

Another problem, according to Hollender, is that society pays for air and water pollution rather than the corporations causing the pollution.

One concept Hollender advanced is full-cost accounting. According to Hollender, full-cost accounting is the notion that product prices should reflect all costs of production, including environmental, energy and traditional cost factors.

"If we had full-cost accounting, bad products would cost more and good products would cost less," he said. "Right now it is the other way around."

He pointed to the Mondragon Corporation in Spain, which has had great success with worker-

owned cooperative businesses. According to Hollender, this successful business model is currently being used to revitalize business in Cleveland, Ohio, through the Evergreen Cooperative Development Project.

According to Hollender, the cooperative businesses in the Evergreen Project are guaranteed revenue from other member businesses. For example, a hospital pledged to use a local laundry service for all of their laundry needs and to get all of their food from a local greenhouse.

Hollender said the project has been successful so far because the biggest risk facing small business is the uncertainty of revenue. The guaranteed revenue within the Evergreen Project has allowed many new small businesses to start up.


As many as 50 other U.S. cities are looking at the Cleveland model, according to Hollender.

Most of Hollender's current work is focused on transitioning businesses as they exist now to sustainable business models. He said he sees this as a critical part of solving America's business problems.

Hollender finished by calling upon the business students in the audience to work on addressing the types of issues he discussed.

"The world needs you. It will be up to all of you to help these companies transition to the sustainable business models of the future," he said. "How much of your life are you willing to dedicate to solving these problems."

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# SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS WEEK FEBRUARY 20 TO 27

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**2/22**

*"A Time to Heal" Dinner*

6-8pm Legends; RSVP at [grc.nd.edu](http://grc.nd.edu)

*Resource Tables*

12-2pm LaFortune, Dining Halls

Joyce Center

**2/23**

*Mass of Healing*

10pm Dillon Hall Chapel

*Resource Tables*

12-2pm LaFortune, Dining Halls

**2/24**

*"Teal Out Thursday": Wear teal shirts and ribbons*

**2/25**

*"You Are Not Alone" Reception*

1-5pm ND Room of LaFortune

*SOS Rape Crisis Center Fundraiser*

5-8pm Legends

**2/26**

*Self Defense Class (women only)*

2-4pm LaFortune Ballroom

**2/27**

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received the Rev. Don McNeill C.S.C. award, which is presented to a Notre Dame student volunteer, for her dedication to the Shakespeare program at the center. The Arthur Quigly award is given to a distinguished Notre Dame faculty or staff member. This year's

recipient was Nicole MacLaughlin, a professor of English that partnered youth participants in the Shakespeare troupe and her students. She also received a grant that allowed her to take 25 Notre Dame and 16 RCLC students to Chicago to see Romeo and Juliet.

"[The RCLC is the] heart and home of the east side," Jasmine Brown, RCLC advisory board co-chair, said. "We

need to be the visionaries of the future and the philanthropists of tomorrow."

Jay Caponigro, the current Notre Dame director of community engagement and first director of the RCLC, said he is confident the RCLC will continue on strong due to the great people and community that make the center what it is.

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Student body president Catherine Soler speaks Friday at the Robinson Community Learning Center's 10th anniversary celebration. The Center opened in early 2001.

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# Jenkins

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ments, universities, foundations, educators, individual benefactors and others should take now to maintain national excellence in humanities and social scientific scholarship and education, and to achieve long-term national goals for our intellectual and economic well-being; for a stronger, more vibrant civil society; and for the success of cultural diplomacy in the 21st century?"

"The humanities and social sciences are often seen as having little application to the real world in which we live," Jenkins said. "I couldn't disagree more. The liberal arts give us important insight into our past, present and future — in politics, religion, the economy, education and other areas of our collective culture — and are integral to being an informed and contributing citizen of the world."

The commission expects to publish a report in 18 to 24

months, the press release said. Its members will focus on education, research and the institutions critical to advancing the humanities and social sciences in the nation. The commission will draw on past research efforts, the experience and expertise of its multidisciplinary members and data from its Humanities Indicators to analyze the nation's excellence in the humanities and social sciences.

Jenkins was elected to the AAAS in 2010. Other members of the commission are Amy Gutmann, John Hennessy, John Sexton, Donna Shalala and David Skorton, the presidents of

the University of Pennsylvania and Stanford, New York, Miami and Cornell Universities, respectively; Robert Berdahl, president of the Association of American Universities; documentarian Ken Burns; musician Emmy Lou Harris; retired Supreme Court Justice David Souter; actor John Lithgow; director George Lucas; and Charles Vest, president of the National Academy of Engineering and former president of MIT.

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# Week

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part of its violence prevention initiative, Moriarty said. The Center recruits student government, clubs and organizations, athletic teams and academic departments to co-sponsor events.

“A lot of times it’s a private and internal issue that people deal with,” Moriarty said. “Trying to increase understanding of that is one of the main issues of the week.”

The Gender Relations Center will host a Mass of Healing in Dillon Hall Wednesday. This is the first year that Sexual Assault Awareness Week has included a Mass at which the liturgy is devoted to healing from rape and sexual assault. Victims

may choose to receive the Anointing of the Sick at this Mass.

Take Back the Night will not be part of Sexual Assault Awareness Week this year, Moriarty said. This event includes a march as a public statement against sexual assault, a speak-out for people to tell their stories and a public gathering celebrating that people can join together in the fight against sexual assault. Take Back the Night will be April 28 this year.

Moriarty said another important difference this year is the Gender Relations Center’s effort to involve other campus groups in the events.

“We’re really trying to be more intentional about reaching out to other departments and student groups to get them involved [and] to try to make this a campus initiative instead of just a Gender

Relations Center initiative,” Moriarty said.

Sunday, the liturgies in campus Masses will focus on healing from sexual violence.

On Tuesday, the Gender Relations Center will host the annual A Time to Heal Dinner at which community members can discuss issues related to sexual assault.

“A Time to Heal [is] a unique opportunity for people to hear faculty, students and staff speak about healing from sexual assault from their own perspectives,” Moriarty said. “Talking about rape and sexual assault can be very challenging. [A Time to Heal is] people having a conversation sitting around the dinner table. In the Christian community, that’s a pretty important metaphor.”

Senior Mariah McGrogan is co-chair of the student government Gender Issues

Committee. She was heavily involved in planning Sexual Assault Awareness Week and will speak at the A Time to Heal Dinner.

“I’m going to be talking about how people can overcome what is sometimes awkward about talking about sexual assault in order to take an active role in preventing it,” McGrogan said. “I

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McGrogan helped plan the student government initiatives of Sexual Assault Awareness Week. These events include a self-defense class, T-shirt distributions and the You Are Not Alone Reception.

The You Are Not Alone Reception is an initiative in which student organizations, residence halls, departments and offices will create quilt squares to say Notre Dame

will not stand for sexual assault, McGrogan said. These squares will become part of a quilt that McGrogan hopes will be complete by the Gender Relations Center’s Festival on the Quad on the last day of classes.

McGrogan said she hopes Sexual Assault Awareness Week will enable survivors of sexual violence to gain a sense of community and take a step in their healing processes. She also hopes students that have not been directly affected by sexual assault will gain a better understanding of how sexual assault affects the Notre Dame community.

Moriarty said students and faculty are working to make Notre Dame a safer place.

“The good news is that we have the power to make a difference, to stop these things from happening and to better support those who have survived rape and sexual assault,” Moriarty said. “I hope that [survivors] know that there are people here that want to help them ... so they know they’re not alone.”

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## EGYPT

# Libyan leader warns of civil war



In this video image broadcast on Libyan state television early Monday, Seif al-Islam, son of longtime Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, warns protesters they risk starting a civil war.

Associated Press

CAIRO — After anti-government unrest spread to the Libyan capital and protesters seized military bases and weapons Sunday, Moammar Gadhafi’s son went on state television to proclaim that his father remained in charge with the army’s backing and would “fight until the last man, the last woman, the last bullet.”

Seif al-Islam Gadhafi, in the regime’s first comments on the six days of demonstrations, warned the protesters that they risked igniting a civil war in which Libya’s oil wealth “will be burned.”

The speech followed a fierce crackdown by security forces who fired on thousands of demonstrators and funeral marchers in the eastern city of Benghazi in a bloody cycle of violence that killed 60 people on Sunday alone, according to a doctor in one city hospital. Since the six days of unrest began, more than 200 people have been killed, according to medical officials, human rights groups and exiled dissidents.

Lybia’s response has been the harshest of any Arab country that has been wracked by the protests that toppled long-serving leaders in neighboring Tunisia and Egypt. But Gadhafi’s son said his father would prevail.

“We are not Tunisia and Egypt,” he said. “Moammar Gadhafi, our leader, is leading the battle in Tripoli, and we are with him.”

“The armed forces are with him. Tens of thousands are heading here to be with him. We will fight until the last man, the last woman, the last bullet,” he said in a rambling and sometimes confused speech of nearly 40 minutes.

Although the elder Gadhafi did not appear, his son has often been put forward as the regime’s face of reform.

Western countries have expressed concern at the rising violence against demonstrators in Libya. British Foreign Secretary William Hague said he spoke to Seif al-Islam by phone and told him that the country must embark on “dialogue and implementation reforms,” the Foreign Office

said.

In his speech, the younger Gadhafi conceded the army made some mistakes during the protests because the troops were not trained to deal with demonstrators, but he added that the number of dead had been exaggerated, giving a death toll of 84.

He offered to put forward reforms within days that he described as a “historic national initiative” and said the regime was willing to remove some restrictions and begin discussions for a constitution. He offered to change a number of laws, including those covering the media and the penal code.

Dressed in a dark business suit and tie, Seif al-Islam wagged his finger frequently as he delivered his warnings. He said that if protests continued, Libya would slide back to “colonial” rule. “You will get Americans and European fleets coming your way and they will occupy you.”

He threatened to “eradicate the pockets of sedition” and said the army will play a main role in restoring order.

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## INSIDE COLUMN

# Tackle hugs

Walking around campus, you see people huddled in groups, scurrying from building to building.

You see couples holding hands and friends sharing earbuds, jamming out to music. You hear shouts and screams and laughter between friends.

I'm always fascinated by how we can create bonds like this.

We show up freshman year with no relationship to anyone and by the time second semester rolls around, we each have a network of individuals we relate to.

From the best friend to the study buddy to that person you always run into in the dining hall, each relationship has its own set of rules, inside jokes and unsaid realizations.

Now, humor me with a blast from the not-so-distant past.

Rewind to August, press pause and observe:

I'm in Reckers watching a girl tackle a guy with a hug. I see friends hugging. They're back on their turf, ready for a new year. I think to myself, "Will I have something like that next year?"

Fast forward to meeting my roommates:

We've gone through general "Where are you from?" questions and such. Now what?

Fast forward a bit more to the first snowfall:

We're running through frozen Stonehenge, across North's tundra and into a completely manic state of happiness. We get back, pump up the music, and prep for whatever crazy adventure we'll have next.

Somehow from that first meeting, these three girls have become some of my closest friends ever.

Our walls are littered with posters we've snagged off walls, a bear from the Huddle (it holds crackers) named Carlos and orange streamers strung from the ceiling. We're an insane, wonderful little family.

Across campus, I've met people and then have found out that their roommate is a pretty cool person. Later I realize that actually, their entire dorm is amazing. It becomes a third home to me (after California and Farley of course!)

There are people I can't even remember originally talking to, but have somehow formed a link with. At North Dining Hall, I always say hi to one of the workers, Paul. We talk about our weeks; I ask about his walks and he says he'll pray for my studies.

How does this happen? When "hello" become "let's hang out?" When does hanging out forge a relationship so close that nothing needs to be said? Where you can silently communicate complex conversations in a single second?

I don't know. Maybe it begins with a smile, survival of a comedically horrific experience or a quiet moment of appreciation. It could be anything.

But it's comforting to know that we can revert to a little kid state, that simple perspective where everyone is a possible friend.

I'm just thankful that fate, God or pure chance has introduced me to so many wonderful people. I know that next year, I'll be one of those people in Reckers attacking their friends with hugs.

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# The Notre Dame need to belong

It begins from the very first moment of Freshman Orientation, shortly after you make that first step onto campus and immediately know this is the place for you, and it continues all the way through your four years at Notre Dame. That of which I write is the need to belong, the Notre Dame need to belong. Sure, every human wants to belong to something and be a part of something, but what measures are necessary to truly achieve it?

I have found throughout the years that at the core, students at Notre Dame are very diverse. We come from thousands of different places and have thousands of different experiences to talk about, but somehow we seem to tuck that away in the midst of our time here. Forming friend groups freshman year, becoming comfortable in our dorms and fitting in with our section, trying to find that significant other (earlier than we probably should anyways) — all times when we focus on adjusting our beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors to fit those we seek acceptance from. What's the point? Who are these people coming to know?

As cheesy and cliché as it may be,



Kevin Kimberly

*Bursting the  
Bubble*

is there really something wrong with being who you are? Is it really that different or difficult to be different? Because in altering who you are, you lose who you are; you lose the 'me' part of yourself, the meaning behind you. And eventually that person you were becomes lost and this new persona takes its place without you even realizing. Of course people change, but to do so for the wrong reasons is the issue.

Take for example the dorm stereotypes on campus. Let me guess how amazed you are that each dorm seems to have a certain type of guy or girl that fits the mold. Sorry to break it to you, but ResLife's random placement is not that genius. Dorm stereotypes are not formed by the residents put in but by the residents that come out. What I mean here is that far too often we see that we can become cool or popular and fit in if we act like everyone around us. We see it and we emulate it just like those before us and thus continue the trend. We form the stereotypes, not some random computer generator.

One way this issue has become amplified here is through the obsessive use of labels. Too many times we rush to label someone entirely based on their political views, religious beliefs, ethnicity or thoughts on particular issues (and so on). Now, these and many other things certainly contribute to one's personality and who they are, and it is because of this that we are not

required to be like everyone else who may share a characteristic with us. For example, and take it from me, I know every white person is not the same as every other white person. Nor is every liberal or Catholic the same either. Nor should they be! Our excessive need to use labels again forms the stereotypes on campus; we see people as a name under a certain header instead of that header under their name as a part of who they are.

Possibly this is not just an issue at Notre Dame; in fact, I would probably take a good guess and say it is not, but I can only speak for this campus. I know on some — well, most — occasions I tend to invoke sarcasm and humor to make my point, but I think this is a serious issue worth consideration by Notre Dame students. The obsessive need to fit in has become such a key component of campus life that we are not only veering off in the search for who we are but we are depriving others around us. Perhaps the ever so prevalent topics of the lack of diversity or the loss of identity at Notre Dame have to do with ... each one of us? Perhaps.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Story behind condemnation

In Chris Damien's article "Acting for love," (Feb. 16) he mentions the Church's stance on gay marriage while debating against homosexual love. Here, I will argue against this discrimination and against any modern practice of homosexual condemnation we find in the Bible.

It is clear that homosexuality is denounced in the Bible because of its affiliation with pagan activity. The Book of Leviticus contains the most explicit denunciations of homosexuality. In both chapters 18 and 20, it is stated that a man shall not lie with another man as with a woman.

To put this in context, we need to understand these chapters of Leviticus as a whole. Chapter 18 of Leviticus begins with, "You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, ... and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan. ... You shall not follow their statutes. My ordinances you shall observe and my statutes you shall keep ..." (Lev. 18:3-4). Chapter 20 begins similarly with God distinguishing His people from those of a pagan god and their worshipping activities.

In this larger context, the laws of these Leviticus chapters exist because they set the Hebrew people apart from non-Israelites by their behavior. As the pagan people included homosexual activity in their orgies and religious ceremonies, homosexuality became taboo for the Israelites. The Hebrew God would want his Israelite people to be different from those around them so that He too would become more distinguished. To help clarify, keep in mind that the Hebrew word for "holy" — "kadosh" — means "separate" or "different." Since many gods were worshipped at this time, a distinctive people would result in a distinctive — and possibly superior — God.

The New Testament also attacks homosexuality with similar reasoning to that of the Old Testament. In Romans 1:26-27, Paul denounces the lust and passion for members of the same sex that overwhelms pagan men and women in their orgies. Yet, a noted difference between this passage and the Leviticus passages is that Paul disapproves of not only male homosexual activity but also

lesbian activity. This distinction gives more credit to the theory that homosexuality is sinful because of its pagan affiliation. If unfruitfulness were the reason for its sinful nature, lesbian sexual activity would have been condemned in Leviticus as well as gay male activity. Hence, Paul, like the Book of Leviticus, denounces homosexuality because of its connection with pagan worship, not lack of fertility.

While the Church and Christianity place emphasis on many rules and ways of life that ameliorate society, it appears to me that forbidding homosexual love and activity is a trivial law amongst the countless laws in Leviticus that were made to separate the Israelites from pagans. As we don't follow many of these laws today, I see no reason to believe based on the Bible that homosexuality is an unnatural or detrimental sexual orientation.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"The man who tries to prove his belief superior to the faith of another does not know the meaning of religion."*

Hazrat Inayat Khan  
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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"The game of life is the game of boomerangs. Our thoughts, deeds and words return to us sooner or later, with astounding accuracy."*

Florence Shinn  
U.S. artist



## The ring of life

My heart pounded vehemently against the walls of my chest. I felt it would never stand still again. I tried to align my mind, my body, my heart, to face what I was about to. I had nowhere to stand and nowhere to hide. My heart told my head, this time no. My head told my heart, let it go. They applied some Vaseline on my face and treated my nose, to help with cuts and blood. They cloaked and hooded me. Yes sir, it was me. I went out back to get out my gun, and yes sir, you haven't met me. A priest from the missions thanked us and blessed us in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I took my brother by the glove, stood tall and remembered what we stood for. I wished him good luck and prayed that we walk away stronger men than those who were about to enter the ring of life. On this mind and on this heart, I aligned myself to do what I had to. On my feet I looked out, night has always pushed on day. You must know life to see decay, but I won't run. I'm scared of what's behind and what's before, but this we are — an everlasting vibe.

Every year the money raised by the Bengal Bouts serves humanitarian ends in country far away. The strong bodies that fight in this ring of life are not

**Sukesh Shekar**

*Guest Columnist*

much different than the weak bodies that we fight for in that ring of life. Whisk away those petty differences — country, language, color and creed. Strip me down and you shall find that I am no different than you. We both feel the need to eat, breathe, sleep, love, be loved and find meaning. Au contraire, we are the same. We generate hypothesis to quell the imagination, assuage our curiosity and relinquish an ill-suited ideal. I am a pacifist; I think it is our true nature. If we were meant to fight, we would have evolved with sharper teeth and talons. Instead, we have evolved with immaculate brains: a hundred billion neurons with a quadrillion synapses. We must have evolved to think and I think the only reason we fight in the ring of life is in search of truth. How could I ever validate fighting another man? It isn't me. Today was different though, I was not about to fight another man, but I was going to fight for another man, and that I can fight for.

It went so fast. I cannot delineate the details because it happened so fast. I did not give up, I faltered but was unafraid. Spare me your judgments; I stand alone in this winter as the clouds obscure my thought. I am on my feet and the water creeps to my chest. Raining down on me as I look over the hill, we shoot until we are still. Into obscurity we fight and bleed, but I will hold on, hold on 'til

judgment comes. I will hold on, I will hold on, I will hold 'til my head rolls or the bell tolls. I did not win, but how could I have lost? These bloodshot eyes saw no good. Watch what you say — wasted times, broken dreams and violent colors so obscene, my heart knows no reprieve. Fists do not betray, dismay or enslave you, they will set you free. The beauty of a fist is that it is made to be. They said serve God, love God and your friends. Lived and bruised, we are friends. You know me and I know you; oh, man is a funny thing!

I walked away from the ring having indelibly etched the constitution of my moral fiber. The fears and faults melted away as I know to live my life as it is meant to be. I felt infinite. It is remarkable that we can ever know what we are, but rarely is it possible to determine what we can be. Often, I have to deal with three people: the person I think I am, the person others think I am and then there is the person I really am. The only person I face in the ring is my true self and I find the truth about myself. I was afraid of what I would find in my heart, but I found a truth instead. I am a fighter, not a particularly good one, but I am a fighter. In the ring of life, there is the one who fights and one who does not. I fought today and I am happy I did. I did not fight any enemy either, rather a brother. I was proud to stand with him as we stood by our

namesake — The Fighting Irish.

What would you fight for? The Irish pugilists fight for education, health and subsistence of our less fortunate Bengal cousins. While our cousins may lack a few means, they are not short of spirit. I hope in lending them our sprit, they will lend us their spirit. What are you afraid of? Whatever it is, face it, and you will walk out the other side a better man. In the ring of life, there are no losers. Losers do not make it that far. We beat our bodies and make it our slave so that one day we may stand tall, our heads held high, not ashamed that we lost, but proud that we fought. The Bouts here are the purest form of competition there is, for the purest reasons there are. The man in the arena reigns supreme, but he is not alone in this. We will tell the night when you lose your sight and whisper to you in your corner — as brothers we stand to hold your hand, we are not alone in this. Go to the Bouts and stand by your man in his corner. He is not a timid soul who knows neither victory nor defeat. He stands tall and fights for us all.

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## Political bias in the academy

At last month's Society for Personality and Social Psychology's conference, University of Virginia social psychologist Jonathan Haidt began his lecture on bias in academia by polling the audience. He first asked the 1,000 some-odd members of the audience to indicate, by a show of hands, who would self-identify as a political liberal. According to him, about 80 percent of the audience responded in the affirmative. He then asked who would self-identify as a centrist or libertarian, to which he received a few dozen responses. When Haidt finally arrived at the question of who would self-identify as a political conservative, he saw a grand total of three hands, or 0.3 percent of those in attendance.

Reminding the audience that 40 percent of all Americans self-identify as conservative, he observed that this outcome of his audience poll represents "a statistically impossible lack of diversity." In his subsequent talk Haidt, himself a moderate liberal, proceeded to argue that scholars in the field of social psychology belong to a "tribal-moral community" that holds certain liberal political values as "sacred." By "sacred values," Haidt is referring to those values that "a moral community implicitly or explicitly treats as possessing infinite or transcendental significance." As such, these values "preclude tradeoffs," and consequently, when we inquire into issues surrounding these values, "we use our reasoning not to find the truth, but to find ways to defend what we hold sacred." This is a problem, says Haidt, because, "when conservatives are entirely absent (as opposed to simply underrepresented), then there is

nobody to speak up, nobody to challenge predominant ideas, and our science suffers."

Haidt reports that among those in attendance at his talk, the response was overwhelmingly positive. One should not find this surprising. From their own research social psychologists are well aware of the risks of group think and the power of perceptual screens. Nevertheless, it is a testament to their academic integrity.

In the last two weeks, Haidt's thesis has reverberated far beyond the walls of the San Antonio auditorium in which it was first presented. It has received coverage in many of the most prominent media outlets, including the New York Times, the Atlantic, NPR and the Wall Street Journal. Those in the media have been a good deal less sympathetic than the scholars in attendance. Many, such as Paul Krugman, seem to miss the point of Haidt's argument entirely, and attack Haidt for equating ideology with race and wanting diversity for diversity's sake.

Yet Haidt is not arguing that the social sciences should be more receptive to conservatives simply because conservatives are under-represented, nor because political differences are analogous to racial differences, but because the presence of more conservatives in social science circles would enhance the quality of research. Social scientists, unlike hard scientists, study people and society. In order to perform their science well, social scientists must actually understand the subjects of their research. But if one lives in a "tribal-moral community" that never questions its "sacred values" and ostracizes those who hold opinions that would threaten such values, then one rarely has the opportunity to dialogue with or understand those whom one

has deemed to be "outsiders." This becomes particularly problematic when one considers that social scientists spill much ink on the outgroup in question here: conservatives.

For instance, scan any syllabus for Introduction to Political Psychology and you will find weeks dedicated to questions such as: what kind of temperament leads one to become a conservative?; and what constitutes the "Authoritarian (read: Conservative) Personality." If the social scientists who conduct such research view conservatives as some sort of exotic hold-over from Neolithic times, or, worse yet, the enemy within that must be uprooted in order to make civilization safe for future generations, then one ought to have serious concerns about the objectivity of their research. A second type of response typical of liberal columnists such as Eric Alterman comes in the form of variations on the theme: But conservatives are less open to honest inquiry! This argument, however, contradicts itself. In order to be a valid sociological explanation for the absence of conservatives in Academia, it would have to be the case that those who enter academia with liberal opinions never change their opinions during the course of their careers, which would itself suggest the same aversion to inquiry that is being attributed to conservatives.

While statistically speaking many individuals do inherit their political opinions from their families and communities, this ought not to be the case for academics. Rather, academics ought constantly to be evaluating and re-evaluating their opinions in light of new information and differing perspectives. Of course, many do not do this. It is far easier simply to accept the received wisdom of one's peers,

whether that wisdom comes in the form of historical narratives, methodological assumptions or, yes, political opinions. After all, it takes a lot more work to challenge a received historical narrative or methodological assumption and offer an alternative than it does just to parrot what others say. For this reason, those who deviate from "orthodox" political opinions (whatever they may be) in the academy often hold more sophisticated political opinions than those who merely adopt the positions of their peers, and in this regard better represent the ideals of the academy.

Haidt has undoubtedly identified a problem in the academy. Because practically all fields in the Humanities and Social Sciences touch upon the political — even in my field of Medieval History there are a number of important monographs explicitly inspired by political convictions — the absence of some political perspectives leaves us all the poorer. To rectify this, we need first to dispel the notion that conservatives are close-minded. Further, when scholars of any political bent encounter prejudice (and I think it is much rarer than some would claim), we need to respond with the same shock and horror that we would respond to bigotry against other minority groups.

Finally, conservatives for their part need to be more vocal in the academy. As Haidt found in the response to his paper, prejudice against conservatives in the academy really isn't as bad as many make it out to be.

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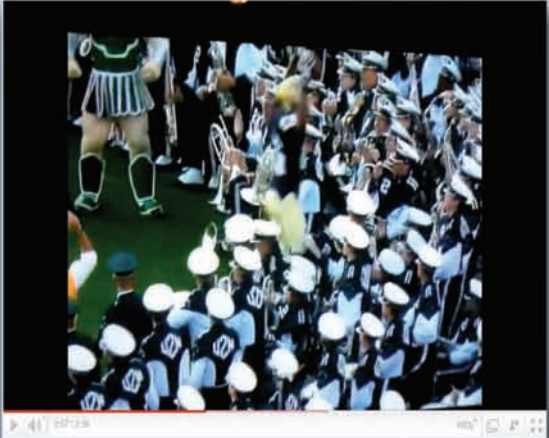
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# NOTRE DAME style spotter



MARIA FERNANDEZ/The Observer

By MARIA FERNANDEZ  
Scene Writer

Name: Catherine Flatley  
Spotted: LaFortune

After a fun weekend, Catherine is getting ready to start a new and busy school week with style. She layers many dark toned tops that go perfectly with her black winter jacket. She also made the great choice of wearing a cool printed scarf. To complete the look, her bright red rain boots add color and a little bit of fun to her outfit.

Catherine looks effortlessly chic!

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## FASHION

by  
Felicia



Billy Ocean once sang “When the goin’ gets tough, the tough get goin’.” Well, where I come from when the going gets tough, the tough get their stilettos.

Yes, I can just hear your mind, dear reader, screaming in collegiate fashionista fervor as it finds itself at this crossroads of the fashion jungle.

You can feel your feet throbbing in pleasure and pain even as you imagine that most amazing, jaw dropping high-heeled creation you coveted on your last weekend jaunt to the Mall. You say: But high heels are for crazy nights dancing away my latest exam cares, for interviews in which they must be a sleek counterpart to my boring, “take-me-seriously-even-though-I’m-a-secret-glitter-nail-polish-wearing-die-hard-fashion-worshipper-who-hopes-she-fails-this-interview-so-she-can-go-work-at-VOGUE” black suit.

Sashay into class in a high pair of heels that proclaim my embrace and presentation of my aesthetic appearance to be just as important as my mind which I spend evening upon evening cramming with historical, mathematical and scientific facts? Actually, why the heck not?

If there was ever one kernel of inspiration we could take from our European counterparts it would be their dedication to their entire selves: the dedication to put on that extra layer of red lipstick when running to the open-air market, to spritz on Chanel No. 5 while on their way to swiftly pick up a bottle of wine for dinner, to put on killer heels even though 17th century cobblestones threaten them on every street.

Now, mind you, I’m not saying these same counterparts are elegant all the time. I myself was

once part of a dastardly tumble involving high heels, a very eye-catching orange straw bag, a fruity drink and an Italian pop star — all in front of a beach full of people (feel free to pester me for more details). But they can, like the paintings of the Louvre, inspire us to do it our own high-heeled way, the American way: bigger and better!

When choosing a stiletto there are two things to consider: fit and height. Never buy a high heel too small or too big. No more than half an inch should be between the toes and the front of the shoe — this will be highly evident if the item in question is a peep-toe or a sandal. No more than a quarter of an inch between your heel and

the back of the shoe — this avoids uncomfortable blisters on the balls of your feet. Never buy a pair of heels that is too high for you. The smallest stiletto will usually be about 3.5 inches high, while for the sky-scraping desirous among us, 5 inches should do. Examine your calf muscle while trying it on — too much tension (i.e. looking as if you are about to sprint) is not good, but “relaxed tension” is the look we’re going for. A platform stiletto may give you a better sense of security.

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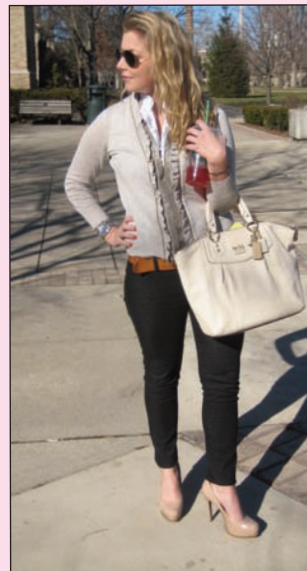
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Emily Newton models the stiletto.



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ND WOMEN’S SWIMMING

Irish women snap conference title streak at 14

By VICKY JACOBSEN  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame’s streak of Big East Championship dominance came to an end Saturday when the Irish finished the championship meet with 655.5 points, second to Louisville’s 820.5.

Though the Irish (5-7) were disappointed to see their run of 14 consecutive conference titles snapped at Louisville’s Wright Natatorium, strong individual performances and a second-place finish gave Notre Dame plenty to be proud of.

“It was hard to lose to Louisville, but honestly we came together as a team and we had a great time at the meet,” senior swimmer Katie Casey said. “We’ve had a really long last year, so I think the fact that we performed well at the meet is something to be really excited about.”

The strong swimming of sophomore Kim Holden and freshman Kelly Ryan buoyed the Irish throughout the meet.

Holden won both the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke, the second year in a row she swept the events. Her 200-yard time of 1:55.18 broke the school record that she set last season. She also became the first female Big East swimmer to swim the 100-yard backstroke in under 53 seconds after finishing with a time of 52.99, a feat made all the more impressive by the fact that she trailed her competition by over a second half way through the race.

Holden also took third place in the 100-yard butterfly, claiming an NCAA B-cut time along with Casey, who finished in fourth place.

Holden was joined in the spotlight by Ryan, who was outstanding in her first Big East Championship meet.

Ryan took the 200-yard freestyle in dominating fashion, winning her first Big East title after leading the field for the entire four-pool length race. Ryan also won the 100-yard freestyle with a NCAA B-

cut time of 49.73. She beat out second-place finisher Aileen Cole of Louisville and teammate Amy Prestinario, a junior who finished third with another NCAA B-cut performance.

Ryan also scored points in the 200-yard backstroke, coming in third place, and anchored both the victorious 400-yard freestyle and medley relays. The 400-yard freestyle relay, one of the last events of the meet, was a highlight of the week for Notre Dame.

“We already knew that we were going to get second overall in the meet, but they won the last relay and it was really exciting to watch and a great swim,” Casey said.

The relay squad, which featured Prestinario, senior Lauren Parisi and sophomore Lauren Scott in addition to Ryan, trailed Louisville for the first three legs of the race. But Ryan stole the lead from the home team on the on the last lap, allowing the Irish to finish the day with a victory.

The Irish were also encour-



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**Irish sophomore Lauren Scott competes in the Shamrock Invitational in January.**

aged by the return of head coach Brian Barnes, who has been away for much of the season for personal reasons.

“It was awesome to have him back. He came back about a week and a half before we left, and then he was there for the entire weekend,” Casey said. “It was really nice to have him back coaching us and telling us

to have our eyes on the pool. It made the team come together.”

Notre Dame will learn which swimmers have qualified for the NCAA Championships within two weeks. The championship meet will begin on March 17 in Austin, Texas.

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MEN’S SWIMMING

Notre Dame takes second at Big East tournament

By MATTHEW ROBISON  
Sports Writer

For the second consecutive season, Notre Dame finished as the runner-up in the Big East championships behind Louisville, who hosted this year’s tournament, as swimmers set six school records in the four-day event.

“The team performed quite well,” Irish coach Tim Welsh said. “I measure this by lifetime best times: in terms of the number of personal best times, lifetime best times. We had those all over the place.”

The previous weekend, Notre Dame captured first place in the diving portion

of the championships. So going into the swimming section, the Irish had a lead. However, a strong conference field and a swift Louisville team overcame that lead.

“It’s always a very intense meet,” Welsh said. “Louisville is very strong and they have been for a number of years.”

Louisville took the crown with 917 points. The Irish finished with 713.5, ahead of Pittsburgh at 503 and West Virginia at 470 in the 11-team field.

“There’s some improvement throughout the conference,” Welsh said. “I thought that the field did a very nice job as well.”

All five Notre Dame relay

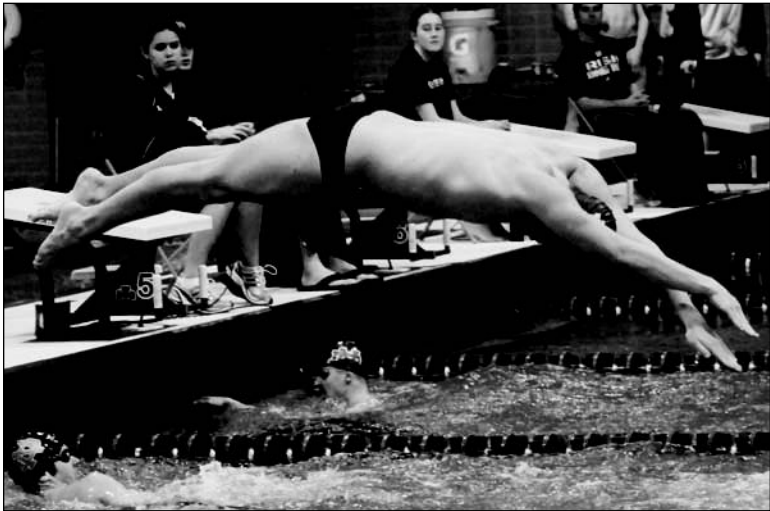
teams met the NCAA consideration standard, and several individuals met the requirements as well.

The most impressive overall performance of the event was turned in by freshman Frank Dyer. With a strong season already under his belt, Dyer came into the championships and claimed four Big East honors and a chance to compete in the NCAA tournament.

“That was just spectacular,” Welsh said. “His season has just been one wonderful achievement after another. He just had a marvelous, marvelous meet.”

Other than Dyer, several other Notre Dame swimmers made notable performances in individual events.

In the 200-yard backstroke, junior Petar Petrovic took fourth place and senior Michael Sullivan took fifth. Behind them were senior Christopher Wills in seventh and fresh-



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**Notre Dame sophomore Kevin Overholt dives at the Shamrock Invitational last month.**

man Bertie Nel in eighth.

In an event in which Dyer finished third, sophomore Kevin Overholt took sixth in the 100-yard freestyle. Sophomore Bill Bass took fifth in the 200-yard butterfly.

Up next for the Irish who have qualified are the

NCAA Zone Diving Championships March 11-13 in Columbus, Oh., and the NCAA Championships held March 24-26 in Minneapolis.

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## MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

## Team finishes second in attempt to defend title

By JOE WIRTH  
Sports Writer

The Irish failed to defend their 2010 Big East title this past weekend, placing second at the

Big East Championships held in Akron, Ohio.

Connecticut took the championship with 136.75 points. The Irish did not repeat their indoor championship run of the last year, but their second place fin-

ish with 132 points was still very impressive.

One of the bright spots in Notre Dame's performance was in the 4x800-meter relay. With a team comprised of seniors Kevin Labus and Jack Howard, junior Johnathan Shawel and sophomore Jeremy Rae, the Irish set Big East and track records with their 7:25.31 time — the fastest posted time in the nation this year in the event.

After the record-setting relay, the Irish pulled to within six points of the Huskies and were poised to take over the lead with only the 4x400-meter relay remaining on the race slate. The

Irish earned five points out of the race, but Connecticut registered 3.75 points — enough for them to clinch the championship.

Despite not winning the indoor championships, the Irish still won many Big East titles and earned multiple all-Big East honors throughout the season.

The Irish excelled in the 1,000-meter event, registering the top two finishers. Shawel crossed the finish line first with a time of 2:26.94 and junior Jordan Carlson, who also earned an all-Big East selection, came across less than one second later with a time of 2:27.47.

Freshman Patrick Feeney won the Big East title in the 400-meter dash, registering a time of 48.11. Feeney had to hold off Villanova sophomore Carlton Bowers down the stretch to take home the crown.

Senior Denes Veres was all-Big East in the shotput with a throw of 17.33 meters. This all-Big East selection is the sixth such honors Veres has earned in his four years in South Bend.

The Irish will be in action next at home for the Alex Wilson Invitational Friday and Saturday.

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## NFL

## Tense labor negotiations continue

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federally mediated negotiations toward a new NFL labor deal lasted about eight hours Sunday, the third consecutive day the league and its players' union met to try to find common ground before the current contract expires.

NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith didn't stop for questions as he left the Washington office of the Federal Mediation and

Conciliation Service, a U.S. government agency, shortly after 6 p.m. He and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell arrived within minutes of each other, shortly before 10 a.m.

After months of slow and sometimes contentious bargaining, the sides have met for a total of more than 20 hours since Friday in front of George Cohen, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

Because both sides agreed to Cohen's request that they not

comment publicly on these negotiations, it's not clear what, if any, progress is being made.

"You know we're not going to give you any information," NFL outside lawyer Bob Batterman said as he left with three league executives. "I can't say anything, other than the fact that we are meeting."

Batterman, who represented the NHL when it lost its entire 2004-05 season to a lockout, then referred to Cohen as a "first-class mediator."

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MEN’S TENNIS

Team splits with Michigan, UNC

By KATE GRABAREK  
Sports Writer

The No. 23 Irish split their matches this weekend at home, falling to No. 27 Michigan, and defeating No. 24 North Carolina.

The Irish started off both matches winning the doubles point in each for the 10th and 11th times this season having only lost the doubles point once — to No. 1 Virginia.

“We are playing better doubles this season because we return all of last year’s starters and the experience has been helpful, particularly in making match adjustments,” head coach Bobby Bayliss said. “Additionally, some of our guys are becoming much better around the net and have bought into solid principles.”

In the first match of the weekend the Irish lost to the Wolverines by a 4-3 final score.

Junior Niall Fitzgerald earned victories for the Irish at No. 2 doubles and No. 6 singles.

Freshman Greg Andrews and junior Casey Watt earned their first victory at No. 3 doubles defeating Shaun Bernstein and Chris Cha 8-6.

Fitzgerald teamed with sophomore Spencer Talmadge to claim the doubles point for the Irish.

No. 77 Watt fell in singles to No. 48 Evan King at No. 1 singles to knot the match at one by a score of 6-2, 6-1.

No. 54 Jason Jung defeated senior Stephen Havens at No. 2 singles 6-3, 6-1.

Senior Tyler Davis fell to Barrett Franks at No. 5 singles to give Michigan a 3-1 advantage.

Andrews picked up Notre Dame’s first singles win on the day at No. 4

singles defeating Justin Rossi 6-4, 7-5.

Dan Stahl lost the final singles match for the Irish to Bernstein 7-6 (10-8), 6-4 at No. 3.

In the second match on the weekend the Irish defeated North Carolina by a score of 5-1.

The Irish again claimed the doubles point winning at No. 2 and No. 3 doubles.

No. 20 Brennan Boyajian and Jose Hernandez of North Carolina defeated Davis and Havens 8-4.

No. 51 Niall Fitzgerald and Spencer Talmadge defeated Stefan Hardy and Zach Hunter 8-3 at No. 2 doubles.

Watt and Andrews also defeated William Parker and Cameron Ahari by the same score.

Andrews defeated Ahari 6-2, 6-4 at No. 4 singles to give the Irish a 2-0 advantage before North Carolina got on the board.

No. 30 Hernandez defeated No. 77 Watt to give the Tar Heels their only victory of the day.

Stahl was able to defeat No. 101 Boyajian in a three set match at No. 3 singles 4-6, 6-2, 6-1 to give the Irish a 3-1 advantage.

After dropping the first set 6-2, sophomore Blas Moros came back to claim the next two 6-2, 6-0, over Kyle Baker.

Havens defeated Hardy in another three setter 5-7, 7-5, 1-0 at No. 2, while Fitzgerald fell at No. 5 singles 6-7, 7-5, 1-0 to Parker.

The Irish will next head to the Blue-Gray National Classic in Birmingham, Ala. this coming weekend.

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NASCAR

20-year-old Bayne wins at Daytona

Associated Press  
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Trevor Bayne finally made a mistake. Fortunately for him, it didn’t happen until he missed the turn pulling into Victory Lane at the Daytona 500.

The youngest driver to win the Great American Race gave the historic Wood Brothers team its fifth Daytona 500 victory — its first since 1976 with David Pearson — and Bayne did it in a No. 21 Ford that was retrofitted to resemble Pearson’s famed ride.

In just his second Sprint Cup start, the 20-year-old Bayne stunned NASCAR’s biggest names with a thrilling overtime win Sunday at Daytona International Speedway, holding off Carl Edwards after fan favorite Dale Earnhardt Jr. crashed in NASCAR’s first attempt at a green-white-checkered flag finish.

“Our first 500, are you kidding me?” said Bayne, who needed directions to Victory Lane. “Wow. This is unbelievable.”

Unbelievable, indeed. Just one day after celebrating his 20th birthday and leaving his teenage years behind, the aw-shucks Tennessean who shaves once a week and considers “Rugrats” his favorite TV show captured the sport’s biggest race.

When he found himself at the front, and victory just two laps away, he never thought it would last. Bayne was content just to say he had been leading at the start of the green-white-checkered.

“I’m a little bit worried that one of them is going to come



Trevor Bayne celebrates in victory lane after winning the Daytona 500 Sunday. Bayne won one day after his 20th birthday.

after me tonight,” he said. “I’m going to have to sleep with one eye open. That’s why I said I felt a little undeserving. I’m leading, and I’m saying, ‘Who can I push?’”

Bayne thought for sure Tony Stewart or someone else would attempt to pass.

Nobody did. “We get to turn four, and we were still leading the band,” he said. “It seemed a little bit too easy there at the end.”

The rookie had been great throughout Speedweeks, even proving his mettle by pushing four-time champion Jeff Gordon for most of a qualifying race, a performance Bayne said convinced the veterans he could be trusted on the track.

“I figured they had a chance after seeing that boy race in the 150s,” said Pearson, who will be

inducted into the Hall of Fame in May. “I talked to him this morning. I told him to keep his head straight and not to do anything crazy. I told him to stay relaxed. I’m proud of him.”

With the win Bayne breaks Gordon’s mark as the youngest winner in Daytona 500 history. Gordon was 25 when he won the 500 in 1997.

“I think it’s very cool. Trevor’s a good kid, and I love the Wood Brothers,” Gordon said. “I’m really happy for him. And I think it’s great for the sport. To have a young talent like that — he’s got that spark, you know?”

The victory for NASCAR pioneers Leonard and Glen Wood ended a 10-year-losing streak and came the week of the 10th anniversary of Dale Earnhardt’s fatal accident on the last lap of the 2001 Daytona 500.

NBA

Bryant wins MVP as West takes All-Star game

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant always shines brightest among the stars, especially in his hometown.

Bryant brought Showtime back to the All-Star game, scoring 37 points and tying a record with his fourth MVP award, leading the Western Conference to a 148-143 victory over the East on Sunday night.

Returning to the game he dominates after a one-year absence, Bryant added 14 rebounds in a spectacular performance in front of the usual celebrity-filled crowd that turns out to see his Lakers at Staples Center.

“It feels great, being at home here and playing in front of the home crowd,” Bryant said after receiving the MVP trophy. “This will be my last All-Star game in front of these home fans, so it feels good to do it.”

Kevin Durant chipped in 34 points, scoring five straight after the East cut a 17-point deficit after three quarters to two points with 2:34 to play. The NBA scoring leader added the clinching free throws after the East got back within three in the final seconds.

LeBron James powered the East rally, finishing with 29 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists to join Michael Jordan as the only players with a triple-double in the All-Star game. Amare Stoudemire also scored 29, but Miami’s Dwyane Wade, the MVP of the East’s win last year, had to leave with an ankle injury after scoring 14.

Plenty of Hollywood giants were sitting courtside, but Bryant’s popularity here can rival most of them. This week, he became the first athlete to have his handprints and footprints put in concrete outside Hollywood’s famed Grauman’s Chinese Theater.

He told fans to “enjoy the show” before the tip, and as always he delivered a good one.

Always more about focus than fun, Bryant had 21 points by the time Rihanna came out for her halftime performance, putting him halfway to Wilt Chamberlain’s record from 1962, the year of his 100-point game.

“You could tell he started out from the start, he wanted to get the MVP,” Stoudemire said. “He was not passing the ball, at all. But that’s Kobe.”

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## ND SOFTBALL

# Team sweeps 5 games at UCF Invitational

By KELSEY MANNING  
Sports Writer

On the heels of a 5-0 sweep in the UCF Invitational in Florida over the weekend, the Irish return to South Bend with the 2011 season off to an auspicious start.

In the tournament opener the Irish faced Miami (Ohio), and three freshmen cracked the starting lineup: infielder Chloe Saganowich, outfielder Lauren

Stuhr and pitcher and infielder Laura Winter. The freshman pitcher stepped up by finishing out the fifth inning with a strikeout, leaving the path open for the team to take a 3-2 lead, which it held onto for the remainder of the matchup. Starting pitcher Jackie Bowe, a sophomore, contributed three strikeouts of her own in her 4.2 innings pitched.

Notre Dame brought confidence from the season-opening victory into its next matchup

against the hosting Central Florida Knights. The numerous Irish veterans took the lead this time, including senior pitcher Jody Valdivia who did not allow a single runner on base until the fourth. Notre Dame's nine hits on the day were a collective effort with hitters including junior Dani Miller, sophomore Amy Buntin and seniors Katie Fleury, Heather Johnson and Brianna Jorgensborg, whose sacrifice fly brought the team to its final margin of 5-3.

After a successful Day One of the Invitational for the Irish, they took on the University of Illinois-Chicago in what turned into a complete win for Notre Dame. Junior Alexa Maldonado took charge on offense, going 2-

for-2 at the plate with a pair of runs. Strong pitching from Winter and relief from Bowe allowed just one run for the Flames, resulting in a final score of 4-1.

Once again charging out of the gates, the Irish stunned Delaware with seven runs in the bottom half of the first inning in their fourth game. The Blue Hens were never able to recover from Notre Dame's balanced attack from Fleury, Maldonado, Jorgensborg, sophomore Kathryn Lux and junior Kasey O'Connor. Sophomore pitcher Brittany O'Donnell was nearly perfect in her three innings on the mound, giving up no hits and walking one. The Blue Hens were overpowered, as the Irish

won by an 11-0 margin in just five innings.

In the team's final matchup in Orlando, it faced Miami (Ohio) for a second time, this time led by the offensive efforts of Maldonado, who brought in a runner on a fourth-inning home run. This time the Irish scored in each of the first two innings to give themselves a comfortable leg up on the Redhawks. The team finished up the weekend with a dominant 4-1 victory.

Notre Dame's next series of games will be Feb. 26-27 at the College of Charleston Invitational.

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# Baddeley victorious at Riviera

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Finally a winner again, Aaron Baddeley raised his arms when his last putt dropped into the cup Sunday in the Northern Trust Open as his wife and two young daughters came over to share the moment.

They might have been among the few cheering him on at Riviera.

Baddeley could hear chants of "Freddie!" at every turn, and it got even louder when Fred Couples birdied the opening three holes to take the lead. Unfazed, Baddeley cared only about a victory that was just as

meaningful to him.

"I thought Freddie was going to be tough today because winning is a skill, and Freddie has been winning quite often recently," Baddeley said. "When he got off to a good start, I was like, 'Freddie looks like he's going to have one of those days where he's going to play great.' I was still just trying to focus on my game, and try to do what I needed to do."

He did just enough.

In a battle of generations, the 29-year-old Australian made his best putt after his only big mistake and closed with a 2-under 69 to hold off Vijay Singh and Couples, and win for the first time in four years.

Baddeley wound up with a two-shot win over Singh, who turns 48 on Tuesday. The big Fijian closed with a 69 for his best finish in more than two years. Couples, who still had hope on the 16th, bogeyed two of the last three holes and shot 73 to tie for seventh in his bid to become the PGA Tour's oldest winner in more than 35 years.

"I'm a golfer, so I'm disappointed," Couples said.

With his tender back, it only took one hole for the 51-year-old Couples to fall apart. Tied for the lead, he pushed his tee shot into the barranca to the right of the seventh fairway in grass so thick he had trouble finding his ball. Couples gave it a ferocious whack, and the ball came out to the left and into a bunker. He wound up making double bogey, a three-shot swing when Baddeley holed a 20-footer for birdie from the fringe.

"I just didn't feel the same after that," Couples said. "I didn't really hurt myself, but I never hit a shot, and I just got it around. I mean, I couldn't hit an iron. I hit a few good drives, but I was afraid to hit the ground, hitting it that hard out of that stuff. I did get off to a good start, and that was where it ended."

"It's nothing bad," he said. "I'm not having any excuse. It's just after that point, I never hit a shot."

It was the third career PGA Tour win for Baddeley, whose game had slipped so much that he had plunged to No. 224 in the world. This isn't enough to get back into the top 50, but at least he can book a trip to Augusta National in April for the Masters.

Singh, who only three weeks ago had fallen out of the top 100 in the world for the first time in more than 21 years, had his highest finish since he won the Deutsche Bank Championship in 2008 on his way to the FedEx Cup. Despite back-to-back bogeys on the back nine, he gave himself a chance to the very end.

Singh said it was the best week with the putter in his career, which would include his 2000 Masters victory. He took only 105 putts for the week, including just one three-putt in the second round.

"That's a great, great thing to have when you're putting well," Singh said. "I haven't done that for a long, long time. This is going to get me some places."

Baddeley, who finished at 12-under 272, won for the first time since the 2007 Phoenix Open. He had been one of the early proponents of the "Stack & Tilt" swing method until deciding to go back to his old teacher, Dale Lynch, two years ago. His goal was to be able to move the ball both ways without having to think about it, and the swing held up just fine on a sunny afternoon along Sunset Boulevard.

"To be honest, it felt like coming home," Baddeley said of his return to Lynch, his first coach as a teenager in Australia. "Dale and I have spent a lot of hours together, and at times it's been frustrating, but like I said, that end product ... we knew what we were working toward, and that was the key."

Kevin Na made good putts on the last two holes for a 71 that put him alone in third place.

Couples was showing his age on the practice range, where his back is so tender that he only warms up with a driver and fairway metals to stay more upright. With a driver in hand, he teed up two balls at a time to keep from stooping over.

On the course, he looked like the Couples of old.

Couples opened with three straight birdies to bring Riviera to life, just like the old days. He chipped in for birdie from just off the second green, pointing his club to the cup with his left hand in a pose that has become familiar over the years. Then came a 20-foot birdie on the third to give him the outright lead.

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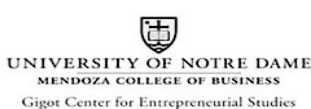
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ND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

# Irish finish eighth in Big East

By SAM GANS  
Sports Writer

Led by a first place finish from sophomore Rebecca Tracy in the mile, the Irish finished in eighth place at the Big East Championships this weekend.

The Irish earned 56 points in the 14-team meet, which took place in Akron, Ohio. Louisville finished first, with 110 points.

Irish coach Joe Piane said he was pleased with the team's effort and result.

"They competed very well," Piane said. "We have a long way to go, but it was a good, solid performance for them."

Tracy, who set the second-fastest mile time in the nation earlier in the season, won the event with a time of 4:46.61, narrowly edging Villanova freshman Emily Lipari, who finished at 4:46.80.

Piane mentioned that, while

winning is an impressive feat itself, Tracy's youth and participation in other events makes the win even more impressive.

"We're really proud of her. And she's young — she's only a sophomore, so she did a wonderful job," Piane said. "And not only was she in the mile, she was also the leadoff leg in the distance medley and ran a leg in the two-mile relay. She did a fantastic job."

The Irish had a number of other strong performances, which included two other milers who scored at the meet: freshman Alex Aragon (fifth; 4:54.66) and senior Marissa Treece (eighth, 5:01.39). In addition, senior Rudy Atang finished sixth in the shotput, with a distance of 14.73 meters.

Though the Big East Championships were a strong

performance for the Irish, there is not much time to dwell on them, as they return home for the Alex Wilson Invitational in two weeks.

"[The Wilson] is a good meet, it really is," Piane said. "There are always a lot of national qualifiers [that come] out of that meet."

While there are many quality runners competing in the meet, it's also an important meet for another reason, as it marks the last time runners can qualify for the NCAA Championships the following week.

"For the Wilson Invitational, we have to figure out where we want to put kids and if we want to try to get a distance medley qualified [for the NCAA Championships] or run individuals in individual events," Piane said. "And frankly that decision won't be made until later on this week."

The Alex Wilson Invitational will take place on March 4-5 at the Loftus Sports Complex.

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Joe Piane  
Irish coach

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

# Irish head to Florida for tourney

By VICKY JACOBSEN  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's golf team will escape the wet and blustery weather of South Bend as they compete in the Central District Invitational. The tournament, hosted by Michigan State, will be held at the River Wilderness Country Club in Parrish, Fla., Monday and Tuesday.

The event will be the first of the spring season for the Irish, who were 53-11 against Division I opponents this past fall. Notre Dame is currently ranked No. 15 in the country, the highest ranking in program history.

The Irish, who last competed in the Alamo Invitational last November, will attempt to continue their strong play from the fall after the long winter layoff.

"Our goals are the same as the tournaments in the fall, which is just to win and do our best," freshman golfer Nicole Zhang said. "It's going

to be a little tough, because today [Sunday] was the first day we played on grass, but I think we're pretty mentally strong and we've been preparing for a while so I think we'll do well."

The Irish will face stiff competition from 14 other squads, including the hosts, No. 18 Michigan State. Other ranked opponents include Kent State, Iowa State, Arkansas and

LSU. Notre Dame faced other members of the Central District Invitational field 18 times during the fall season, winning 14 times.

"I think all the teams are [competitive], because it's a pretty strong field, but in particular LSU, because they are ranked pretty high, and Arkansas is ranked ahead of us as well," said Zhang.

The tournament will stretch over two days. The teams will each play two rounds of 18

holes on Monday, and a third and final round on Tuesday.

The Irish squad will feature four golfers in addition to Zhang: seniors Katie Conway and So-Hyun Park, junior Becca Huffer and freshmen Kristina Nhim.

Notre Dame will hope for a strong performance from Zhang, who is currently the No. 20 ranked women's college golfer, the highest ranking of any freshman.

Zhang said that neither she nor her teammates are worried about the pressure that comes along with a larger profile and higher rankings.

"It's good to know your standing and it's nice to know how all of our hard work is paying off," Zhang said. "I think it's fine, and it also motivates us to get to the first position."

The Irish will tee off at 8 a.m. on Monday.

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Junior defender Megan Sullivan carries the ball upfield past a Northwestern defender during a 14-11 loss Saturday.

## Wildcats

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team's effort.

"We're not playing for moral victories," she said. "I'm proud of the way they played and competed. There were plenty of key plays that we wished we had made. We had chances."

Although the Irish did have chances, the long stretches spent defending the Northwestern attack may have contributed to Notre Dame squandering some of its early opportunities for goals.

"A couple of the early possessions we rushed," Coyne said. "Once we settled down and started finding the open player that gave us confidence."

Another source of confidence for the Irish was the home crowd, a group that numbered over 700 and whose cheers were enhanced by the indoor setting.

"I thought [the game] had a good atmosphere, the noise was great," Coyne said. "We had a good turnout for an early game."

The Wildcats now lead the all-time series between the two schools 11-2, including 11 straight dating back to 2004. However,

Coyne said the game was competitive and could have gone either way, and that her players were not thinking of the streak on Saturday.

"This is the best we've played them since 2004," she said. "They called a timeout late, you could tell they were still worried we could come back and win the game. Truthfully, we don't care about anything other than stepping on the field and competing with them."

Despite boasting a losing record, Coyne said she doesn't worry about her squad's direction.

"The girls are ready to put the losing streak behind them," she said. "They left the locker room (after the game) on Saturday motivated. They have the mentality, heart and attitude of a champion. Those are intangibles. I told them if they didn't have the right attitude this would be a much tougher hill to climb, but they want to win."

Notre Dame takes this confidence on the road for its next game, a matchup against Duquesne in Pittsburgh on Saturday.

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# Irish

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such a high level for the team this season, was essentially a non-factor because of the play of the Huskies and Notre Dame's early foul trouble.

"I think the foul trouble in the first half hurt," McGraw said. "I think they are a big presence on defense. Maya Moore is the leader down there."

Moore, the Big East's Preseason Player of the Year, scored 12 points and recorded seven rebounds in 34 minutes. The senior All-American anchored a strong Huskies defense that held the Irish to fewer than 60 points for only the second time this season. Senior forwards Devereaux Peters and Becca Bruszewski combined for only eight points in the contest.

The Irish backcourt was forced to step up and spark the Notre Dame offense.

Sophomore Skylar Diggins and junior guard Natalie Novosel led the way with 22 and 18 points, respectively. The rest of the team scored only 17 points in the loss.

With the defeat, Notre Dame falls one game behind DePaul for second place in the Big East. The two teams will conclude the regular season against each other in Chicago, Ill., in the conclusion of a brutal four-game stretch for the Irish. The second game of that stretch comes this Tuesday, when Notre Dame travels to West Virginia to battle the Mountaineers.

"We're looking forward to West Virginia now," McGraw said. "We need to put this game behind us and focus on finishing second in the conference. We really need to focus on these final three games."

The matchup between the Irish and Mountaineers will tip off at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Morgantown, W.Va.

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SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer  
Junior defenseman Sean Lorenz attempts to enter the offensive zone with the puck during a 2-1 win over Bowling Green Feb. 11.

# Jackson

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coach Jeff Jackson said. "We turned the puck over a bit too much, but I thought we settled down and played extremely well after that."

Though freshman goal-scorers Anders Lee and T.J. Tynan have powered the Irish offense in multiple games, the Irish sophomore class provided the offense in a 3-2 win Friday night — with goals from defender Sam Calabrese, wing Nick Larson and center Riley Sheahan. Without goals from Tynan and Lee — who lead the team with 19 apiece — the Irish relied on balanced scoring on the weekend.

"Those situations are going to happen. We need our other guys to step up. I thought that David Gerths' line, with Nick Larson and Mike Voran, played extremely well on the weekend," Jackson said. "I thought [senior center Ben Ryan]'s line and [sophomore center Riley Sheahan]'s line

both contributed as well. So, this weekend was a little more about our depth."

On the other end of the ice, another sophomore stood on his head and helped deliver Notre Dame the big win. Johnson faced 15 shots in a first period filled with puck miscues — and stopped them all. Jackson said Johnson's performance helped the Irish stay in the game.

"Mike was stellar on Friday. Early on, we were a little bit loose with the puck," Jackson said. "He played extremely well. I thought he did a great job of holding us in there until we got our feet underneath us."

With the CCHA home-ice already clinched, the Irish offense struck early and often Saturday as goals from Larson, Gerths and a trio of seniors — center Ben Ryan, defenseman Joe Lavin and wing Calle Ridderwall — scoring goals in a 5-2 win that kept the Irish in first place in the CCHA standings. Summerhays got the start in goal and made a career-high 29 saves, underlining the dynamic situation between

the pipes for Jackson's Irish.

"I thought Steven played a good game. He hasn't had as much work as much, but I thought he made some big saves at big moments," Jackson said. "I was pleased with both efforts [from Johnson and Summerhays]."

Jackson said the two goaltenders, who have split time the past three weekends, will continued to be evaluated based on their play.

"It's still a work in progress for me, because I've never really rotated goalies before. I think they're both playing well. I think it'll be a matter of seeing who's playing well. It'll just be a matter of making the decision when the time comes," he said. "We're getting closer to the playoffs; somebody's going to have to step forward. If they're both playing that well, maybe they both play. Right now I think Mike's still the guy. He has that opportunity to show that he can win in the playoffs."

"In the meantime, Steven's doing a good job of being prepared in case he does go in."

With the win, the Irish are assured of a top-four finish in the CCHA, and the home-ice in the second round of the CCHA playoffs that comes with that finish.

"That's one of our goals for the season, to finish in the top four of the conference and we're guaranteed to be in the top two right now," Jackson said. "I think that just gives us the week to prepare and maybe get some guys healed up a little bit. We can prepare for an opponent that we can somewhat predict."

Heading into the final weekend series of the season against Western Michigan, the Irish hold a one-point lead in the standings over Michigan for first place, and Jackson said the team will play the series with a couple goals in mind.

"Our priority right now is to make sure we go into the playoffs playing well. If we win first place, that's a real feather in the cap for this group of kids," he said. "Being so young, I don't think anybody would have given them that respect."



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Sophomore guard Kaila Turner drives against a defender during a 71-49 win over Rutgers Feb. 12.

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# Duke

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good possessions because whoever has the ball the most, that's a good thing for them," Brenneman said.

The Irish worked hard in practice last week to win faceoffs and to extend their offensive possessions. Corrigan praised the work of Irish assistant coach Brian Fisher who worked with the attack unit in practice.

Against the Blue Devils, Notre Dame had the advantage 13-9 in faceoffs,

"Coach Fisher worked really hard with two great kids, [senior midfielder] Jake Marmul and [freshman midfielder] Liam O'Connor," Corrigan said. "[Fisher] truly does a great job working with them."

The Irish return to action at Penn State next Sunday at 1 p.m.

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# Brey

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centrate as well, we didn't chase down loose balls as well and it made them believe and their crowd believe. It's a tough one to get a win in. It is a great atmosphere."

The Irish took control in the opening minutes, jumping out to a 9-4 lead just under six minutes into the contest. Senior guard Scott Martin scored seven of Notre Dame's first eleven points to help the Irish overcome a slow start. In the opening frame, Notre Dame held West Virginia to just 28.6 percent shooting from the field, which was the lowest shooting percentage of a Big East opponent in a half this season.

The Mountaineers' cold shooting would not carry over to the second half, however, as West Virginia shot 54 percent from the field in the closing period and used a 19-8 run to open the second half that put it ahead for good.

After scores from fourth-year forward Tim Abromaitis and senior forward Carleton Scott to open the second half, Mountaineers junior guard Darryl "Truck" Bryant hit a 3-pointer to tie the game at 31. On the ensuing possession, senior guard Joe Mazzulla made a layup to put the Mountaineers ahead for good. Following his layup, Mazzulla found Bryant for another three-pointer to



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Senior guard Ben Hansbrough drives for a layup in a win over Louisville Feb. 9.

extend the West Virginia lead to 36-31. Bryant finished with 24 points in the game while Mazzulla added 16.

Throughout the second half, the Irish continued to battle back, but the Mountaineers seemed to answer each time Notre Dame cut into the lead. With just under 13 minutes to play in the game, senior forward Tyrone Nash hit a layup to pull the Irish within five, the closest they would come to regaining the lead after Bryant put the Mountaineers ahead. West Virginia answered right back on the next possession, however, as junior forward Kevin Jones hit a 3-pointer to put West

Virginia up by eight.

"We tried to make a couple rounds, but they hit some big shots," Brey said. "Guys hit big threes at key times to make us never feel we could close the gap. They were really good today."

The Irish struggled with foul trouble in the game, as Abromaitis and senior guard Ben Hansbrough, who led the Irish with 19 points, both fouled out while Martin had four fouls.

Notre Dame returns to the court on Wednesday when it hits the road again to face Providence.

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Senior guard Ben Hansbrough protects the ball from a Louisville defender Feb. 9.



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Mountain blues

*Notre Dame experiences first defeat in eight games*

By MIKE GOTIMER  
Sports Writer

No. 8 Notre Dame's seven-game winning streak came to a halt Saturday after the Irish's 72-58 loss to West Virginia.

The Irish (21-5, 10-4 Big East), who led 27-26 at the half, had won their previous 17 games in which they led at the half. The Mountaineers (17-9, 8-6), however, needed a statement win over a ranked opponent to improve their NCAA Tournament résumé and used a 46-point second half to get it. Irish coach Mike Brey knew it would be tough to win in Morgantown.

"Second shots hurt us at key times, specifically in the first five minutes of the second half," Brey said. "We didn't defend as well, we didn't con-

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Senior guard Scott Martin attempts a shot during a 89-79 overtime win against Louisville Feb. 9.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

# Irish fall to powerful Wildcats

By CORY BERNARD  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame fell to 1-2 on the season with its second straight loss to a nationally ranked opponent on Saturday. No. 2 Northwestern defeated the No. 10 Irish 14-11 in the Loftus Center behind three goals from sophomore Erin Fitzgerald and nine saves from junior goalkeeper Brianne LoManto, as the Wildcats continued to torment the Irish after knocking them out of the NCAA tournament last season.

Junior attack Maggie Tamasitis paced the Irish offense with five points and four assists, matching career highs. Her day was not enough to overcome Northwestern's 22-5 advantage on draws, which allowed the Wildcats to dominate possession the entire game. Notre Dame head coach Tracy Coyne was frustrated with the loss but could not fault her team's effort.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

# Notre Dame takes down Duke in title game rematch

By MEGAN GOLDEN  
Sports Writer

In a rematch of last season's national championship game, the No. 6 Irish dominated No. 5 Duke for a 12-7 victory in their season opener at the inaugural Sunshine Classic in Jacksonville, Fla., as the Notre Dame offense came to life in a big way in the fourth quarter.

In the first quarter sophomore goalie John Kemp

made four saves, and Duke goalie Dan Wigrizer also recorded four saves. Both offenses, though, came on in the second quarter.

The Irish quickly trailed 2-0 in the second quarter, but thanks to two first half goals by junior attack Sean Rogers, Notre Dame carried a 4-2 lead into the second half.

Irish senior midfielder and co-captain Zach Brenneman led the team with three goals and two assists for a career-

high five points, but he was quick to credit his teammates for their performance.

"I really benefited from a long day of good things all day," Brenneman said. "There were a lot of other people doing good things."

Notre Dame led 7-4 heading into the final quarter, during which they netted five goals to finish the victory. The Irish totaled 38 shots, while the Blue Devils had 32 shots in the game. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan

was pleased with the team's overall performance.

"I thought we did a really great job in the first quarter of battling until it really opened up," he said. "I thought we did really well the whole day."

Stepping into the shoes of graduated goalkeeper Scott Rodgers, who now plays professional lacrosse, Irish goalie John Kemp stepped up for Notre Dame and gathered 10 saves in the victory. Brenneman pointed out the

spectacular performance by the Irish defense against a lively Duke offense.

"I am especially proud of the defense and goalie John Kemp," he said. "For them to stop a team like this that scored 20 goals a week before, that was huge. They stepped up."

The Irish defense took advantage of the Blue Devil's 15 turnovers in the game.

"We tried to manufacture

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HOCKEY

# Irish remain in CCHA lead

By CHRIS ALLEN  
Sports Writer

Going into their weekend series with Ferris State, the No. 10 Irish only needed one point between the two games to clinch home-ice in the second round of the CCHA playoffs. They got that point — and five more — with two strong goaltending performances from sophomore Mike Johnson and freshman Steven Summerhays and balanced goal scoring in a sweep of the Bulldogs in Big Rapids, Mich.

"I was really pleased with the way we played. I thought Ferris came out with a lot of jump on Friday night, gave us some real problems," Irish

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Senior right wing Ryan Guentzel pursues the puck during a win over Bowling Green Feb. 11.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Notre Dame loses to Huskies 78-57

By ANDREW OWENS  
Sports Writer

In January, Connecticut's NCAA record 90-game winning streak had just been snapped, and the Irish were trying to give the Huskies their second loss in three games. The strong effort of the Huskies in the final two minutes led to a 79-76 victory in a heartbreaking defeat for Notre Dame.

This time, Connecticut dominated throughout the contest and denied the Irish a chance for revenge.

Huskies guard Bria Hartley exploded for 29 points and five assists in the

contest. The freshman made 10 of her 16 attempts from the field, including a 5-9 effort from behind the arc. Her performance in the second half helped No. 2 Connecticut (26-1, 13-0 Big East) pull away from the No. 8 Irish (22-5, 11-2) for a 78-57 victory in Storrs, Conn.

"We obviously did a poor job guarding [Hartley]," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said. "She was open in transition and made some important buckets for them."

The Irish frontcourt, which has performed at

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