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## ND collects nearly \$2 billion

*Alumni donations to the University reach over \$116 million from 2009 to 2010*

By MEGAN DOYLE  
Associate News Editor

Despite the economic downturn in recent years, the Development Office will finish its current campaign above its goal for financial donations to the University, and the Student Development Committee thanked the University's generous graduates Monday.

The 2010 Stewardship Report from the Development Office reported \$227.5 million was donated to the University from 2009 to 2010.

Notre Dame alumni donated over \$116 million of those funds, the report said.

"We are fortunate that our

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### Alumni Donations

Donations to the University  
2009–2010  
**\$227.5 million**



Out of that amount,  
**\$116 million**  
came from alumni



Spirit of Notre Dame  
campaign goal  
**\$1.5 billion**  
July 2004–July 2011



Current amount raised  
**\$1,946,000,000**

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## University students face felony charges

Observer Staff Report

Police arrested three Notre Dame students on felony charges for providing alcohol to minors early Sunday morning, according to South Bend police logs.

One 19-year-old male was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge for the same offense. Of the three arrested on felony charges, one was

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## International career fair encourages networking

By CARLY LANDON  
News Writer

The International Career Night is about networking for careers abroad, Holly Rivers, assistant director of the Kellogg Institute, said.

The career fair, which focused on jobs in Africa, Asia and Latin America, occurred Monday night at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

This year's fair is the first the

Institute has held in several years.

"Shannon Coyne and Stephanie Mulhern are two seniors in the Kellogg Institute programs, and a few months ago they basically came to me and asked if we could do this fair again this year," Rivers said. "They sat down with me and decided the topics of speeches. If they hadn't asked me, we wouldn't be doing it."

This year the fair focused more on introducing students to types of jobs and introducing

them to people in international business rather than actually attempting to place them in job positions.

"We aren't giving students jobs," she said. "What we are doing is providing students with people and speakers who have experience and will talk about it to give students guidance in choosing international careers."

Rivers said the aim of the event is to provide networking opportunities.

"The goal is for students to

make contacts that they will then follow up with and continue the conversation. They shouldn't be done after this evening," Rivers said.

International careers can be in the United States or actually abroad. Many of the students and faculty at the event had their own ideas of what made a career international.

"Any career in which your decisions and your actions either directly or indirectly influence people in other countries is what I think is an inter-

national career," senior John Villecco said. "I guess you could say that when you're actively aware of the implications of your actions on other countries and change your thoughts based on it, that's an international career."

Students said the fair was a great experience and guiding tool for their endeavors.

"I've spent a significant amount of time abroad, and I'm just fascinated by other cul-

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## SMC senior discusses anorexia

By ALICIA SMITH  
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

Eating disorders can take on a life of their own, Saint Mary's senior Christina Grasso said of her experiences battling anorexia.

Grasso spoke during "Biting Back," a lecture and panel discussion about eating disorders held Monday in Carroll Auditorium in

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## Soler, Bell prepare for end of term

By JOHN CAMERON  
News Writer

As student body president Catherine Soler and vice president Andrew Bell's administration nears the end of its term, Soler said she plans to continue pursuing their objectives and initiatives.

Soler and Bell are set to leave office on April 1 and will concentrate on finalizing an agreement with local law enforcement, building on the Campus Life Council's (CLC) recent work with sexual assault prevention and continuing efforts with campus renovations.

Soler said a formal agreement with law enforcement — the prod-

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SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Student body president Catherine Soler leads Monday's Campus Life Council (CLC) meeting in LaFortune Student Center. Her term will end April 1.

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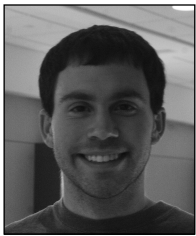
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AJ McGauley

senior  
off campus

“I don’t think the word popular is strong enough to describe me.”



Maguire Padley

junior  
Badin

“I am not very well-known.”



TJ Record

sophomore  
Morrissey

“I would say that I have a good group of friends.”



Will Salvi

sophomore  
Dillon

“I don’t think a word describes how popular I am.”

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Photo courtesy of Pat Coveney

Juniors in Notre Dame’s London Program celebrate successfully ascending Arthur’s Seat in Edinburgh, Scotland, on Feb. 12. Students were notified of summer study abroad program decisions on Monday.

## OFFBEAT

### Wyoming uphill skier arrested

JACKSON — 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.

### Doctors remove knife from man's head after 4 years

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

The lecture “Achieving Peace through Justice: Reflections on International Criminal Tribunals” will be given today at 4 p.m. It will be given by Rosette Muzigo-Morrison, class of 1993, who is currently a legal officer for the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. It will take place at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

The quarterfinals of the 81st Anniversary Bengal Bouts will take place today at 5 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Tickets are \$5 for students and children and \$7 for adults. Proceeds go to the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

A lecture on Evil and the Healing Ministry of Exorcism will be given by Fr. Jeffrey Grob, J.C.D., priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. The lecture is sponsored by Morrissey Hall and Campus Ministry.

A Mass of Healing will take place tomorrow as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Week. The mass will begin at 10 p.m. in the Dillon Hall Chapel. Both the sacraments of Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated.

The film “Last Train Home” (2009) will be shown in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Thursday at 7 p.m. The film documents the journey of a Chinese couple struggling to reunite with their estranged children.

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# ND club begins quesadilla sales

By EMILY SCHRANK  
News Writer

While many students looking for an inexpensive, late-night snack head to The Huddle for Midnight Dogs, they can now find another option in a rather unlikely place — the Knights of Columbus building on South Quad.

Sophomores Patrick Adams and Bobby Thompson, both officers in Notre Dame's Knights of Columbus Council 1477, originally had the idea to sell quesadillas out of the building last year. After a lengthy approval process through the Student Activities Office (SAO), "Dollar Dillaz" will officially open for business Thursday night.

"We submitted an SAO request and it took a while to get the food permit," Adams said. "But everything worked out."

Adams said they have done trial runs just within the Council during the last two weeks and have received an overall positive response.

"Once we expand it to everyone else, we want it to catch on," he said.

Thompson said he hopes the

quesadilla sales will increase the visibility of the Knights of Columbus on campus.

"We want to make more use of the building for the community and for charity," he said. "I think we come across as being relatively aloof or secluded, and we're trying to break that exclusive image."

While "Dollar Dillaz" currently features only cheese quesadillas, Thompson said he hopes to eventually expand to have a full Mexican menu.

"The only thing really lacking on campus is Mexican food," he said. "Most people don't want to drive to Taco Bell, so that was our motivation behind it."

Adams said SAO only gave the

Knights of Columbus approval to sell quesadillas one night during the week. After spring break, SAO will review the operation and consider expanding it, he said.

"Dollar Dillaz" will be open every Thursday night from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Proceeds from the Knights of Columbus quesadilla sales will be donated to charity.

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*"We want to make more use of the building for the community and for charity."*

**Bobby Thompson**  
officer  
**Knights of Columbus Council 1477**

# SMC honors influential women

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY  
News Writer

Saint Mary's Student Diversity Board (SDB) is hosting Women's Appreciation Week to honor history's influential women, chair of Women's Appreciation Week Brittani Hradski, a sophomore, said.

"This week is to appreciate not only women that have changed history, especially for our gender, but also to acknowledge our own capabilities. ... It is to recognize and celebrate our strengths and power as strong, independent young women," Hradski said.

History professor Jessica Weaver kicked off the week with a lecture Monday titled "Professionalization of Womanhood: Women as Doctors and Nurses in the 19th Century."

The lecture discussed the lives of Florence Nightingale and Elizabeth Blackwell, and their struggles for admittance into the health care field.

According to Weaver, both women understood the importance of independence, but also the importance of a woman's entry into the healing profession.

Nightingale and Blackwell lived in a time when there was an ideal description that fit all women, that varies from today's standards.

"A woman marries a man, becomes a mother ... partakes in feminine hobbies and is a good hostess," Weaver said.

However, Weaver said both Nightingale and Blackwell used this feminine ideal to reinforce their idea that women belonged in the field.

"Healing requires feminine virtues," Weaver said, "and women were already maintaining the health of their family. Women's modesty can [also] only be retained with female physicians."

Both women set precedents for the role of women in today's medical field.

Mona Rodriguez, a junior biology major, said the talk was enlightening but also pointed to larger issues facing women in the medical field.

"The lecture showed me that we haven't come full circle. The health field is still severely lacking women doctors and nurses. Work still needs to be done," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez also said the lecture was particularly important for students of a

women's college.

"Saint Mary's creates independent women," Rodriguez said. "Lectures like this are empowering in order to know where we've come from, as well as to instill in us a fundamental understanding of where we need to go."

In addition to Weaver's lecture, two more events will highlight this theme.

SDB will show "The Women" at 8 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium Wednesday.

The board will host an open house with the Belles Against Violence Office (B A V O) Thursday. This event will take place in the Women's Resource Room on the second floor of the Student Center.

Board members will also be in the Student Center during lunch and dinner handing out chocolates and inspirational quotes to "highlight the sweetness in all of us," Hradski said.

At the end of the week, SDB plans to make a donation to the YWCA of South Bend.

All events are free and open to the public.

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**Mona Rodriguez**  
junior

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# Alumni

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alumni giving rate has always been — in the past 20 and plus years — in the top three schools in the country,” Lou Nanni, vice president of University Relations, said. “Princeton, Dartmouth and Notre Dame are in the mix for the highest alumni giving rates.”

Sylvia Banda, Maria Sellers and Maggie Nettesheim, co-chairs of the Student Development Committee organized “Thanksgiving in February,” a chance for students to write thank-you notes to alumni donors.

“We run ‘Thanksgiving in February’ to thank alumni for their monetary gifts to the University,” Banda said. “Our goal for this year is to send over 1,000 thank-you notes.”

The committee set up thank-you notes on the first floor of LaFortune Student Center for students to fill out as they pass through the building. Banda said each student receives the name

of a donor and writes a personal letter for that person.

“The letters are signed by a student,” Sellers said. “Each letter tells their personal story, their year and their major. It lets donors know their dollars are being put to good use.”

The Spirit of Notre Dame campaign began quietly in July 2004, Nanni said. Key donors made significant lead gifts to the University during the campaign’s first three years, and the project was officially unveiled on a large scale in May 2007.

The seven-year campaign set a goal for \$1.5 billion, Nanni said.

“To date, we have raised about \$1,946,000,000,” he said. “We are about four and a half months from completing the campaign.”

Economic concerns helped the Development Office make better strategic decisions, Nanni said.

“We saw what most other schools saw,” he said. “We saw a drop in donations since 2008 that was about a 20 to 25 percent range across the board.”

If the Spirit of Notre Dame Campaign surpasses \$2 billion by its end, Notre Dame will be

the first school in higher education without a medical school to reach this mark, Nanni said.

The Development has two divisions.

“One division would be what we could call advancement services and communications. This would include many of the support operations,” Nanni said. “The other division would be all of our fundraisers that work on cultivating one-to-one relationships, that work with individuals, families, corporate entities and foundations. They would work on gifts that would be multi-year gifts of \$100,000 and above.”

The Annual Fund also falls under this first division, Nanni said. This fund includes all gifts collected on a smaller scale from outreach to over 250,000 alumni, parents and friends of the University. Donors to the Annual Fund contribute through the Internet, mailings, the Phone Center and the Alumni Association. The Annual Fund also includes giving societies that specifically direct member gifts to certain areas of campus life.

“We have done a very good job with our Internet approach,” he said. “In the last couple of years we have finished second in the nation after Stanford in terms of the total amounts of funds raised via the Internet.”

Donors can direct their gifts to a specific area of spending, such as a scholarship or a particular building project.

“An unrestricted gift is the most pliable,” he said. “It allows us to address what the most critical priorities, needs and opportunities are at the University.”

Financial aid is the first priority for the Development Office, Nanni said. The Admissions Department reviews applications from prospective students on a need-blind basis, and Nanni said the University promised to meet 100 percent of the demonstrated financial need for its students.

“Because of that policy, it has forced us to raise more money and generate more resources to help make a Notre Dame education more accessible,” he said.

Gifts may also be directed to programs for undergraduate research funding, academic pro-

grams, endowed professorships, library improvements, student life and athletic facilities.

“Every student, even as a full-paying student, is receiving financial aid,” Nanni said. “The annual operating budget for the University is \$1 billion, and even if every student paid full tuition, these funds would still not come close to the billion dollar cost. So we have to raise money.”

Nanni said the Development Office is inspired by the unique place Notre Dame occupies in higher education.

“The same cohort of schools has been ranked in the top 20 undergraduate universities, and Notre Dame has been and continues to be the only school on that list that has a religious affiliation,” he said. “What we are about is a unique experiment in higher education. We feel very committed to preserving and strengthening Notre Dame’s niche in the church and in the world of higher education.”

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# Soler

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uct of a year of community relations work through the beND campaign — is expected shortly.

“We definitely want to continue our push for the agreement with the local law enforcement, the University and student government to have regular conversations,” she said. “We have meetings coming up with the Indiana State Excise Police to get them on board, but basically making that a legitimate agreement is definitely something we want to finish.”

Soler said while the work with law enforcement has been slower than the administration had originally hoped, she is pleased with how relations have progressed this year.

“One of the things we were surprised with is the amount of time it takes to create something like our agreement with the police. To us, it seemed like it should be automatic, with everyone being so on board,” she said. “But we’ve seen the process of getting things completed, not for lack of interest, but just the difficulty of navigating through administration and community affairs that students don’t normally get involved in.”

Bell said he thought the beND campaign had made an impact on the larger problem of yearly fluctuations in student arrests.

“We think this is a really important step toward ending a problem that comes up [every few years],” he said. “In the time we’ve been here, there hasn’t been a spike in arrests until this year, but as we’ve done our research and gotten a more historical perspective, we see this is a recurring problem.”

Soler said she hopes, despite the short period left in her term, to make significant headway with CLC’s sexual assault prevention work.

“Our focus on sexual assault [with] CLC is sort of a new project, but definitely something we want to make a lot of progress on in the time we have left, considering CLC goes until the end of the year,” she said.

Also in collaboration with CLC, Soler said she anticipates changes in how the administration serves off-campus students.

“On CLC, we’re pushing for more administrative attention to off-campus students, and that will be coming through a resolution,” she said.

Bell said he also hopes to continue working toward ongoing cam-

pus improvements, such as the addition of lights to McGlinn Fields and further renovations to the DeBartolo Lounge.

“Those things obviously won’t be done before April 1, but we really just want to lay the groundwork so that even when we’re out of office those things will happen,” he said.

Soler said she thinks the administration’s efforts have accelerated both projects.

“I think that we were ambitious in our DeBartolo Lounge goals as far as the timeline,” she said. “But we’re pleased where things are in terms of getting that pushed up in the order of renovations at the University, and I’d say the same thing about the lights in McGlinn Fields.”

After turnover, Soler said she hopes the next administration will build off the progress made throughout the year, especially with regards to community outreach and dialogue with law enforcement.

“The beND campaign did a lot to

further those initiatives, and I just hope there’s a lot of emphasis and focus from the next administration in continuing and improving those relationships even more,” she said. “We hope that since it’s been such a help this year and we’ve received such a positive response, that it will be a priority.”

Soler said it was important for student government to stay true to the basic services students expect from it.

“We hope that a lot of the programs we started that really served student needs, but may not be as elaborate or grand as some other things, do continue,” she said. “I hope that our work with Transpo, the discount program, giving input on Rent-a-Text, and other things like Whine Week will continue, because they’re important and it’s what students expect of their student government.”

Soler said she sees the last month of her term as an opportunity to complete or advance some of her administration’s objectives

while also assisting the next administration’s transition.

“We want to finish our term strong, to continue to work until the last day, doing the best we can to prepare the next administration to continue the work we’ve done while being able to complete the newer goals we’ve set for our-

selves,” she said.

Junior Pat McCormick and sophomore Brett Rocheleau assume the roles of student body president and vice president, respectively, April 1.

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**Catherine Soler**  
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**SOUTH BEND MEDICAL FOUNDATION**

# Lecture

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Madeleva Hall. The event was part of the College's Love Your Body Week.

During the lecture, Grasso described her battle with anorexia.

"You will stand in front of the mirror for hours, not out of vanity, but of disgust," she said.

Grasso said she began battling with body image when she was 7 years old. With her three main interests of dance, gymnastics and fashion, Grasso said she felt pressure to have the right type of body to pursue those interests. At seven, Grasso went on her first diet.

At 13, she explained how she began struggling with anorexia. She continued to struggle throughout high

school and reached the peak of her disease in college.

"I based my entire worth on my appearance," she said.

Grasso said she had a skewed perception of herself, which caused her to continue to desire to lose more weight.

"I had no accurate concept of what my body actually looked like," she said. "Every mirror had a funhouse effect."

She said she desired food, but a voice inside her head hindered her. She described her experience studying abroad in Italy, and how she refrained from eating any pasta, pastries or pizza during her time there.

"I wanted to eat. I wanted to live, but I felt powerless over my illness," she said.

Struggling not only with failing to eat, Grasso said she also over-exerted herself with exhausting exercise. In

addition, she used laxatives to continue to lose weight.

Grasso said the eating disorder didn't just affect her body, but her mind and spirit as well.

"Your fear of eating is literally eating you," she said.

With her heart rate falling to a mere 35 beats per minute during her illness, she said she knew the disease was slowly killing her.

She explained that though she had many wake-up calls, she wasn't ready to commit for treatment.

"I never chose anorexia, and I never chose to get

well," she said.

Finally, Grasso's family became extremely concerned and forced her into rehabilitation. After a summer of treatment and support from her parents, Grasso began to eat again.

"With their unconditional love paired with round-the-clock care, I slowly began eating again," she said.

After spending the summer in rehabilitation, Grasso returned to the College and relapsed. She returned to treatment and has been better since. Grasso credits her recovery to her family, friends and doctors.

*"I believe it is more important to emphasize that there is so much more to be lost with an eating disorder than just weight"*

**Christina Grasso**  
senior

Grasso still struggles with her eating disorder and said the disease may affect her for the rest of her life.

"I may never recover completely, and I certainly will never forget," she said.

Grasso said eating disorders are about more than just body image.

"I believe it is more important to emphasize that there is so much more to be lost with an eating disorder than just weight," she said.

At the end of Grasso's talk, two experts in the field of eating disorders spoke briefly. Valerie Staples, coordinator of eating disorder service at Notre Dame, and Gwen DeHorn, of Sonego and Associates in Mishawaka, discussed eating disorders and their effects on individuals.

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# Fair

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tures," junior Hilary Kelly said. "I've gotten a lot of tips on how to network and find contacts, and lots of info on what to do and how to prepare."

Rivers said the fair gave students the opportunity to see

what skill sets are needed in international careers.

"The Kellogg Center created the event to give student the opportunity to see how international careers can help them use languages, academic skills and experience in a career setting," Rivers said.

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# Arrests

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21 years old and two were 22.

Police busted the party on the 900 Block of East Corby Street at about 1 a.m. The logs listed a 17-year-old male living in Dillon Hall as

the victim of the felony. Four other minors were cited for underage drinking.

Student arrests for underage drinking soared in August and September 2010 — reaching 70 arrests at the peak — but this weekend's bust is one of the only cases during this school year that resulted in a felony charge for serving minors.

Police arrested 11 and cited nine at a party bust at Irish Row apartments in January. Vice President for Student Affairs Fr. Tom Doyle told The Observer earlier this year that the University, student government and local law enforcement continue to work together on the issue of student arrests.

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## INSIDE COLUMN

### Everything I need to know in life

My long-awaited JPW has come and passed. The weekend was a blur of events and reflections on the impact my parents have had on my life. But in the wake of all this, I thought it would be rude to ignore another important (though not more important — don't worry Mom and Dad!) influence in my life: James Franco. Everything I need to know in life I learned as a James Franco fan.



**Mary Claire O'Donnell**

*Assistant Scene Editor*

1. Education is important. In 2006, Franco reenrolled at UCLA as an English major with a creative writing concentration. Two years later, he graduated with a GPA over 3.5. No one will ever forget Franco in "Freaks and Geeks" or "Spiderman," but he has undoubtedly improved since began his education again. In the years during and post his education overhaul, he has turned out blockbusters like "Pineapple Express," "Milk" and "127 Hours," earning award show notice along the way.

2. Majors are not.

As a Classics major, this lesson most excites me. Although he was already a fairly established actor when he went back to college, Franco chose a major somewhat unrelated to his career. He proved that no matter what you study, as long as you apply yourself and work hard, you can go many places with your life.

3. We will end up like our parents.

In the "Spiderman" series, Franco played Harry Osborn, Peter Parker's best friend and son of his nemesis, the Green Goblin. Despite his connection to Parker, Osborn followed in his father's footsteps and became the Second Green Goblin, another nemesis of Parker's. Hopefully none of our parents are secretly super villains, but regardless, we will still probably end up channeling traits and actions of our parents we would rather not.

4. "Well be careful, man. Be careful. Wear shoes in the house. Safety. Safety first, then teamwork."

Franco spoke these words of wisdom in 2008's "Pineapple Express" as pot-dealer Saul Silver. Although Saul delivered this gem while under the influence, the sentiments and lessons still ring true. In life, safety, loosely translated here as happiness, always comes first, specifically for yourself. Sometimes, we need to put our own happiness above the needs of others. And sometimes, we need to work with others to achieve our goals.

These are only snippets of the life lessons I have learned from Franco through the years. I have also learned to be tolerant and to persevere. Also, that Navy uniforms are the most attractive of all the service branches. So thank you, James Franco, I don't know how I could have made it to 21 without you.

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## Ending the R-word

"Spread the Word to End the Word." At Notre Dame and across the world people are uniting to end the hurtful use of the word "retard." Here is why I am joining them: In middle school it felt like I was given the keys to the word. "Swear words" were off limits at school or in front of my parents, but somehow retard toed the line as appropriate. Some pushed back, including my mom emphatically, but once the word became the cool way of calling someone or something stupid there was no stopping it. I never used the word hatefully at people with disabilities, so I cleared myself of responsibility that I could be hurting someone's feelings.

In high school I started volunteering with Special Olympics. The judgments and preconceptions I had about people with disabilities were quickly replaced by enormous respect for the athletes and gratefulness for the energy they brought to my life. Working with the Special Olympics is my first memory of enjoying volunteer work. I



**Chris Rhodenbaugh**

*In Pursuit of Social Justice*

left every practice or event inspired by being around so many people that seek friendships without reserve and that possess a full appreciation for all they receive. Despite making friends with people who have intellectual disabilities and becoming increasingly involved in Special Olympics, I still used the r-word occasionally in high school. Hearing the word so often, my brain's subconscious had disassociated it from the cruel word people use to slander or mock those with disabilities. It was a challenge to eradicate it from my vocabulary. That was until one day when I was on a bus full of Special Olympics athletes heading down to a basketball tournament. I laughed at a story told to me by another volunteer from a couple rows up and responded without thought, "That's so retarded!"

All that heard me immediately got quiet and then a couple athletes looked at me and said with utmost seriousness, "Chris, we don't use that word." Most people never have that moment. After apologizing profusely, I committed to myself to never say the word again. I made the commitment because it became simple to me; why should we use words that offend an entire community of people just by hearing them? None of my friends, athletes or volunteers on that bus thought I was using it hatefully. The athletes stopped me because they were well aware of their medical

classification as "mentally retarded" and that society found it acceptable to make retarded synonymous with stupid or ridiculous.

To all those concerned with censorship and the removal of a word out of regular discourse, no one is trying to police you from saying the word. Instead we ask you make a decision for yourself knowing that simply overhearing the word is offensive and often damaging to at least the 5 percent of people in the US with an intellectual disability and their friends and families. The number of people who disapprove of the word is growing, especially at Notre Dame where more than 2,500 students signed a pledge last year to end their use of the r-word. Special Olympians and people across the world who believe in the value of every member of our human family are asking you to be a fan of respect. On End the R Word Day, March 2, we hope you will enthusiastically pledge to end the hurtful use of the word retard.

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## A Tale of Two Illinois Democrats

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." The opening line of Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities" accurately describes the situation that two Democrats from Illinois, Sen. Richard Durbin and Rep. Jan Schakowsky, experienced as they participated in President Obama's debt commission in 2010.

It was the best of times: during 2010 both politicians were at the peak of their political careers. Durbin was the second highest Democrat in the Senate, while Schakowsky was a lieutenant to then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, allowing her more influence than other members with equal seniority. Both Durbin and Schakowsky possessed excellent job security: Durbin won re-election in 2008 with 68 percent of the vote and Schakowsky won re-election in 2010 with 66 percent of the vote.

It was the worst of times: During 2010, American unemployment was 10 percent, the economy was weak and long-term fiscal issues loomed: the national debt was an unprecedented \$13 trillion and the budget deficit exceeded \$1 trillion. In January 2010, Republican Sen. Judd Gregg and Democratic Sen. Kent Conrad proposed an 18-member Senate "debt commission" that would propose deficit reduction solutions. However, seven Republican co-sponsors withdrew their support for the commission days before the vote, and the commission failed to pass.

Consequently, President Obama created an 18-member Presidential debt commission by executive order. The President appointed former Republican Sen. Alan Simpson and former Clinton Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles to co-chair the commission. In addition to the co-chairs, the President appointed four non-politicians and allowed the Democrat and Republican leaders in both houses of Congress to each appoint three members to the commission. The commission was tasked with proposing solutions to decrease budget deficits to 3 percent of GDP (the 2010 budget deficit was around 10 percent of GDP). Both Sen. Durbin and Rep. Schakowsky were placed on the commission.

The President's commission worked together for six months. Their work culminated on Dec. 1, 2010, when the co-chairs released the proposal, titled "The Moment of Truth". The "Moment of Truth" contained many politically unpopular proposals including: cuts to entitlement spending, raising the retirement age, cuts to defense, closing tax loopholes, and reforming the government workforce. If fully implemented, the proposal would slash \$4 trillion from deficits and decrease the budget deficit to 2.3 percent of GDP by 2020. The proposal would have stabilized

the national debt by 2014 and decreased the debt to 60 percent of GDP by 2023. (Today, the national debt is nearly 100 percent of GDP and still growing.)

Ultimately, the proposal only received eleven votes, three short of the fourteen votes required for the measure to move forward towards the legislative process. Rep. Schakowsky was one of the members who voted against the proposal. In defense of her position, she stated in a release: "[The] proposal would have serious consequences for lower and middle class Americans, and that is why I cannot support it." Sen. Durbin, who shares a common progressive ideology with Rep. Schakowsky, voted for the proposal. He explained his decision in an op-ed in the Chicago Tribune: "The question my closest political friends are asking is this: Why is a progressive like Dick Durbin voting for this deficit commission report? [I believe] all politicians, left or right, Democrat or Republican, have to acknowledge the deficit crisis our nation faces ... It's time for all of us to come together to make hard choices. I am ready to do my part." America's federal government currently borrows 40 cents for every dollar spent. This level of borrowing is unsustainable and will eventually lead to the devaluation of American Treasury Bonds. Devaluation could spark a debt crisis large enough to drag a weak economy into a new recession. Former Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan articulated this well in light of the failed passage of "The Moment of Truth": "I think something equivalent to what Erskine Bowles and Alan Simpson put out is going to be passed by the Congress. The only question is, is it before or after a bond market crisis?"

If America is to succeed in solving its fiscal issues, an unprecedented level of political courage is necessary. Success will mean politicians voting for politically unpopular and imperfect pieces of legislation. Success will mean Republicans doing the unthinkable: raising taxes, and success will mean Democrats doing the unthinkable: cutting spending (especially entitlement spending). Durbin did the unthinkable. Schakowsky didn't.

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times" is perhaps the most famous opening line in a novel. Many people though, are unfamiliar with the second line in "A Tale of Two Cities" — "it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness." There may not be a better line to contrast Sen. Durbin and Rep. Schakowsky.

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### OBSERVER POLL

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"We are continually faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems."*

**John W. Gardner**  
US administrator



# The GreenMan's Guide to Alcohol and Parties

Dear Domers,

Normally, I'd cherish an empty inbox — you know, one without e-mails from the clubs I signed up for freshman year whose listservs I just can't bring myself to unsubscribe from even though I've never attended a single meeting (because how do you tell someone that you actually don't want be a part of Habitat for Humanity?). But lately, the absolute dearth of questions you've sent my way has me feeling a little blue, which is clearly not in my nature (because I'm green, right?).

In any case, I refuse to have a giant grey box on the Viewpoint page saying "The Observer apologizes for the absence of 'Ask the GreenMan'" — the comics already waste enough paper that way. So I've chosen my own topic that I think may be of interest to the general student body: alcohol.

With St. Patrick's Day only a month away (or slightly more for those celebrating on March 23), green beer is definitely on the brain. This got me wondering: how can I green my alcohol consumption beyond just dumping some food coloring into my beverage of choice?

So here it is: The GreenMan's Guide to Alcohol and Parties.

First, so that ResLife doesn't have any reason to uncover my true identity, I will preface these tips by re-iterating that consumption of alcohol by those under 21 is illegal in the state of Indiana. Regardless of age, the over-consumption of alcohol is dangerous, and can cause serious damage to self, others, and even the surrounding environment. For starters, the easiest way to significantly reduce the carbon footprint of your alcohol consumption is a no-brainer: reduce the amount of transportation demanded by your drinking habit.

With so much of the social scene located on or within walking distance of campus (weather permitting), this one shouldn't be too hard for most of us to adopt. If going off campus, choose an establishment you can walk to like Kildare's, the Backer, or a nearby house. If your partying preferences require you to travel farther — and I promise Student Government isn't paying me to say this, but — take Transpo! At the very least, you should completely fill your cab (this also improves your chances of haggling for a \$2 fare).

Another option to decrease your drinking-related travel is to cut out the trip to the liquor store by brewing your own beer. It takes some dedication and

patience, but homebrewing is a fairly simple and affordable process. Plus, homebrews help us embrace another key environmental principle: buying local. By making your own beer, you eliminate the environmental impact of shipping the beer and you can drink it from reusable containers. As an aside, homebrewing is not expressly discussed in DuLac's current alcohol policy.

Another tenet of environmentalism that you may not think applies to alcohol but does: buying organic. Organic beer and wine are pretty widely available, and organic brands of liquor are out there too. Just as with any product, you should try to reduce packaging as much as possible. When possible, buy in bulk, ideally keg-sized bulk. Kegs are actually about as green as you can get, providing over a hundred servings in a single container that is reused over and over again. Note: pursuant to DuLac, this tip can only be followed at off-campus gatherings. The type of packaging your alcohol comes in can make a difference too. For example, based on a life-cycle analysis of wine stoppers, natural corks have the lowest carbon footprint followed by synthetic plastic corks. Aluminum screw caps have by far the highest impact, so class it up and invest in a corkscrew.

Choosing between bottles and cans is largely a wash because both glass and aluminum can be recycled infinitely (unlike paper, which can only be recycled an average seven times before the fibers become too short). In case you haven't heard, recycling is kind of a good thing: glass bottles take over 4,000 years to decompose in a landfill, and every recycled aluminum can saves enough energy to power a T.V. for three hours. So for the love of all that is green, please recycle your cans, bottles, and Solo cups after a party.

One last fun fact: have you ever worried that the lime wedge at the bottom of your Corona bottle means you can't recycle it? Don't! Recycling facilities these days are incredibly sophisticated, and can easily handle your lingering fruit garnishes.

Drinking happens. So please, drink smart and drink green.

The GreenMan

*Have a question about the environment or how to go green in your personal life? Wondering about the ethics of dating someone who drives a Hummer, for example? Email me at askthegreenman@gmail.com*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Notre Dame falling behind

For over two years, students at Notre Dame have been raising concerns of injustice and unethical treatment of workers at HEI Hotels and Resorts, a company in which Notre Dame is invested. The only response we've received from administration is that HEI is a "good" company, and our own Chief Investment Officer, Mr. Scott Malpass, went so far as to say that students were "fed" all kinds of information that isn't true about HEI, claiming that we were misguided ("Students protest University investment," Mar. 25). While Mr. Malpass is a profitable investor, this was a unfounded attack on our intelligence and ability to extensively research issues of injustice and listen to the voices of workers. Unfortunately, even though HEI workers have visited campus five times, Notre Dame administration has never agreed to hear their stories.

However, at Brown University, another school invested in HEI, the Advisory Committee on Corporate Responsibility in Investment Practice (ACCRIP), an objective body of faculty, students, staff, and alumni, did meet with workers. ACCRIP recognized that workers' concerns pointed to the possibility of serious injustices in HEI hotels, and they decided to investigate the issue. Based on their findings, AACRIP recommended that the University not reinvest in HEI citing, "a persistent pattern of allegations involving the company's treatment of workers and interference with their efforts to unionize, combined with repeated settlements" with the National Labor Relations Board. Brown's President, Ms. Ruth Simmons, supported

this recommendation. The Brown Corporation decided on Thursday, February 10 to accept ACCRIP's recommendation, and the University will no longer invest in HEI Hotels and Resorts. In addition, both Yale and Penn have expressed some concern over the treatment of HEI workers.

Now we should be asking: where does Notre Dame stand? Will the administration continue to say that members of the Notre Dame community as well as Brown University are being fed lies? How Brown find enough condemning evidence to stop investing while ND maintains that HEI is an ethical investment, rejecting all opposing views? The truth is that Notre Dame, a university that claims to uphold Catholic Social Teaching and espouses a deep commitment to justice, is falling behind. We have forgotten that in the face of every worker is the face of Jesus Christ. It is time for Our Lady's University to take a stand and be an example of a community rooted in faith and justice by refusing to reinvest in HEI.

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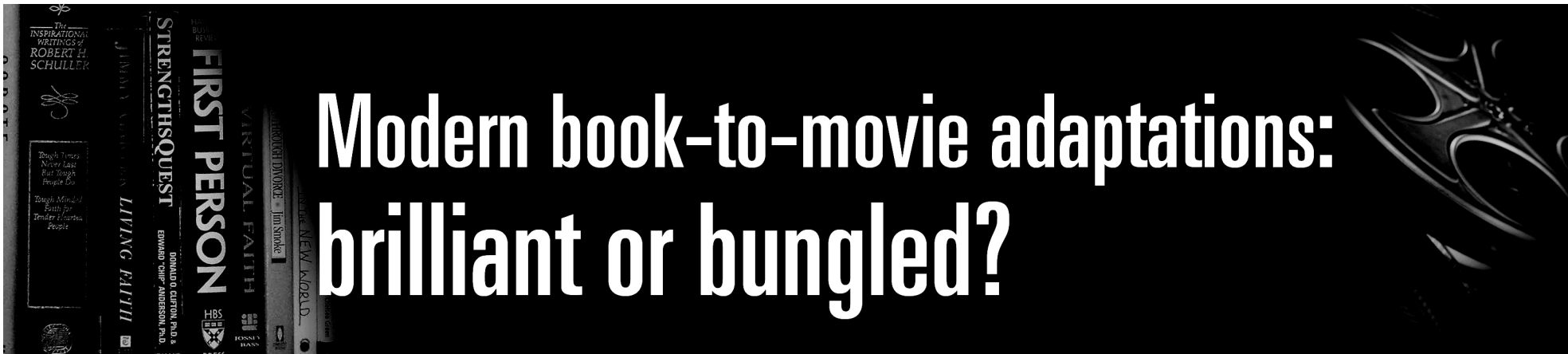


# A note on 'Ring of life'

Thanks for publishing the article I sent to you ("Ring of life," Feb. 21). It was pointed out to me, and rightly so, that some of the poetic prose in my article was provided courtesy of Mumford and Sons. I was listening to them while penning my thoughts after the bout. I had a look at some of their lyrics after a student's e-mail. I have subconsciously made use of their lyrics to describe my stream of consciousness in the article, the exactitude and context of which I cannot fully ascertain. I apologize that this realization wasn't immediate, there was too much adrenaline in me at the time. I wish to suffix a note of courtesy to Mumford and Sons, and the Bengal Bouts for inspiration.

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graduate student  
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Feb. 21

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# Modern book-to-movie adaptations: brilliant or bungled?

By MARY CLAIRE O'DONNELL  
Scene Writer

The decision to see a book-turned-movie is always a tough one. Will the movie do justice to the book? Will the director have tweaked the plot or the ending to best fit his message? Will the beloved main character be accurately portrayed by a talented actor or actress or mangled by a sub-par one? Is it worth \$10 to possibly see your favorite book destroyed on screen?

These questions gain deeper significance when you consider the new technologies available to directors and producers. It seems like everyone wants to produce a 3-D movie. And the CGI effects available are astounding. But do these new advances in moviemaking really add to the quality of a movie?

And in our increasing politicized society, the movie industry can often twist movie plots to convey certain messages to viewers. Modern technology only increases the ability to manipulate audiences with dazzling

graphics. Sometimes, in bringing classic books to the big screen, directors miss, overemphasize or ignore key plot elements to suit their aims for the movie.

Two movies coming out in the next two years might potentially fall victim to one of these modern moviemaking dilemmas: "The Great Gatsby: 3-D" and "Atlas Shrugged: Part 1." Directors Baz Luhrmann and Paul Johansson have the opportunity to fascinate and captivate audiences with modern adaptations of classic novels.

But Luhrmann, director of "Gatsby," has a reputation for excess. F. Scott Fitzgerald's Great American Novel has enough excess; it's the nature of Jay Gatsby's persona. Even without the 3-D aspect Luhrmann wants to incorporate into the movie, he runs the risk of over-emphasizing the gin, wild parties and flappers, passing over the subtler themes of class warfare and the decaying idea of the American Dream. He risks repeating his 2001 hit, "Moulin Rouge," just minus the brothel.

And then considering the idea to

make the movie in 3-D, what is there to gain? Once again, Luhrmann runs the risk of focusing too much on the extra-dimensional aspect of his adaptation. He may stun his audiences with higher ticket prices and in-your-face visuals, but to what end? Fitzgerald's genius often stemmed from his use of subtlety, and Luhrmann might do well to learn from him.

The issue of "Atlas Shrugged: Part 1" lies more in its politics than its visual effects. Director Paul Johansson has, probably wisely, chosen to break the 1,200-page novel into two parts, the first one due for release April 15. In her epic novel, author Ayn Rand explores her philosophy of objectivism, best expressed by the credo of many characters from the book: "I swear by my life and my love of it that I will never work for the sake of another man nor ask another man to work for the sake of mine."

While Rand has stated that her novel was not a "fundamentally political book," it takes a decided stance against any form of state intervention in society. In light of the current politi-

cal situation, it is easy to see how the movie could almost become propaganda. However, Rand is correct in her statement that her book is not entirely political. Yes, she encourages and promotes a pure laissez-faire system. But she also incorporates important and intriguing themes concerning the importance of the individual mind and the theory of sex. To turn this novel into a piece of propaganda would distort it and ruin Rand's carefully crafted masterpiece.

Modern cinema has taken liberties with many classic books and legends, and not all have worked out in its favor. It's a sad day when Robin Hood fights more with a sword than a bow and arrow — as he did in Ridley Scott's 2010 "Robin Hood." Hopefully Luhrmann and Johansson will surprise their audiences and use modern contexts and technology to a positive end, avoiding all the easy traps it lays for directors, to produce cinematic masterpieces true to their roots.

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# RADIOHEAD DOES IT AGAIN

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Last Monday, as the dust settled from the 2011 Grammys and anticipation built on the other side of the Atlantic for the next day's BRIT Awards, Radiohead made a big announcement. In a post on the quintet's official Twitter feed, the band stated that its eighth studio effort would be released Saturday — a mere five days later — and would be called "The King of Limbs."

As if one surprise was not enough for one week, in the early hours of Friday morning Radiohead announced the album was available for download 24 hours early on the band's website.

This type of a release cycle is not new for Radiohead. Its last record, "In Rainbows," was announced 10 days before its release in October 2007 and was made available for download on the band's website on a "pay what you want" basis.

"The King of Limbs" was not made available for free (the basic download costs \$9) but, like "In Rainbows," it is self-released. Radiohead has been free of contractual obligations with any record label since 2004.

As it did with its previous album, in the past week much of the buzz surrounding "The King of Limbs" has unfortunately focused more upon the band's novel method of releasing the record than on the actual music.

The first thing that is apparent about "The King of Limbs" is that it is short — the

record contains eight tracks that clock in at about 37 minutes in total. This does not, however, give the album a "rushed" feel in any sense.

The musical tone of the album is generally very calm and slow-moving, something that could possibly become tiresome over a longer period of time, but in context actually counteracts the album's brevity nicely.

Opener "Bloom" begins with an eerie piano loop that continues on for about 15 seconds before guitarist Jonny Greenwood's single-note vibrato and a bustling polyrhythmic drum sample begins to play across one another. Finally, after more than a minute of this, singer Thom Yorke begins in his now instantly recognizable tenor: "Open your mouth wide / The universe will sigh."

The record sounds anything but formulaic, but Radiohead is in fact following a formula here: its own. This is the formula the band invented in 1997 with "OK Computer," tore apart three years later with "Kid A," and has been refining ever since in different forms.

From the very beginning, "The King of Limbs" sounds like a Radiohead album. All the elements are here: the thick contextual layering, the complex electronic stylings — we have come to expect all of these things from the band. But the fascinating thing about "The King of Limbs" is that in spite of this, it really doesn't sound like any previous Radiohead album in particular. Call it a new twist on an old formula, if you will.

Important to note is the fact that this

album is probably the farthest removed sonically from the grunge of 1995's "The Bends," the arena rock of "OK Computer," or even the fuzz-driven atmospheric of "In Rainbows." "The King of Limbs" easily has the least "rock" moments of any previous album. Even the starkly electronic "Kid A" had "How to Disappear Completely," which was a far cry from an arena rock anthem, but at least it was guitar-centered. Look for none of that here.

Instead, the band has very obviously been influenced by the experimental electronica of artists such as Flying Lotus or Four Tet, as well as the bass-heavy genre of British dance music known as "dub-step." Bassist Colin Greenwood's work is essential in many places because of this.

The only song that could really be said to feature something similar to traditional instrumentation is "Codex," which happens to be the album's outstanding highlight.

Coming off the heels of ethereal first single "Lotus Flower," "Codex" brings the listener back to earth with its dulcet piano tones and one of the sweetest melodies Yorke has ever penned. He plumbs the same emotional well as "In Rainbows" closer "Videotape," or maybe even the classic "Fake Plastic Trees." "Sleight of hand / Jump off the end / Into a clear lake / No one around," Yorke sings.

While the band has significantly altered its sound once again on "The King of Limbs," Yorke's songwriting has not changed. He continues the same trends of alienation and confusion that have been

found on every Radiohead album of the past 15 years — with the exception of "In Rainbows," which was a brief respite exploring love and humanity.

"The King of Limbs" is what every Radiohead album is — a seemingly off-the-wall abstraction that progresses the band's ever-changing sound even further. How it stacks up compared to the legacy of "OK Computer," "Kid A," and, depending on who you talk to, maybe "In Rainbows," is not yet apparent.

What is apparent, however, is that Radiohead has done it once again: The band has created an incredibly complex album that somehow manages to instantly become engrained in the listener's brain after one listen. Completely digesting the album takes repeated listens, naturally, but any previous fan of Radiohead should welcome the bizarre world of "The King of Limbs" from the beginning.

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## "King of Limbs" Radiohead

Label: Self-released

Best tracks: "Codex" and "Lotus Flower"



# A guide to the royal wedding



By COURTNEY ECKERLE  
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The royal wedding invitations were sent out Friday — did you receive yours? Don't panic, The Observer has your back, as we've got the inside scoop on the who's who and what's what for

"The Engagement," the biggest royal event since well, Diana and Charles (although let's have higher hopes for this, one shall we?).

**First, the where and when:** Westminster Abbey, April 29, for 11 a.m. nuptials. The Dean of Westminster will conduct the service, the Archbishop of Canterbury will preside over the vows and the Bishop of London will give the address.

**Now for the who:**

First of all, the bride, Kate Middleton, who is quickly becoming celebrated as the perfect mix of sophistication and approachability, as well as a English style icon. The couple met at St. Andrew's University in Scotland and became engaged while on vacation in Kenya.

**The bride's family:**

Michael and Carole Middleton, her father originally a flight dispatcher and her mother a flight attendant, the family made their fortune with a mail order party supply company. Needless to say, they're commoners. She also has a sister, Pippa, who will act as her Maid of

Honor.

**The groom:**

His Royal Highness Prince William of Wales, second in line for the throne behind his father, Prince Charles. Currently, he is pursuing a military career, in service with the Royal Air Force as a helicopter pilot.

**The royals:**

Obviously, his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II, and grandfather, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

His father, HRH Prince Charles of Wales, next in line for the throne, and his father's second wife, Camilla Parker Bowles. Although Camilla is generally accepted now, she married Charles a hated woman after allegations that Charles continued an affair with her during his marriage to the beloved Princess Diana, William's mother who died in a car accident in Paris in 1997.

Prince Harry (full name Henry Charles Albert David) of Wales, younger brother to William, currently third in line for the throne. He will serve as William's best man, but all anyone cares about is whether or not he will bring his on-again/off-again girlfriend Chelsy Davy as a date. Sources say they are on again, most likely because she wants a ticket to the Royal event of the decade, just a theory.

Princess Anne, currently 10th in line to the throne as Queen Elizabeth's only daughter, is a bit of a stuffy royal, having dedicated her life to royal service. She is

Queen Elizabeth's only daughter and is known for her equestrian career.

It has been confirmed that Duchess of York Sarah Ferguson, ex-wife of Prince Charles' brother, Prince Andrew, did not receive an invitation (ouch), which were distributed Friday. But both of her daughters, Princesses Eugenie and Beatrice, William's cousins, are expected to attend.

**The gossip:**

Bets are on that Kate has chosen Bruce Oldfield, a favorite designer of both Princess Diana and Sienna Miller, among others, to design her wedding gown. But in the end, it will be white, have frills and lace, and then they will put it in a museum somewhere, so let's get to the really juicy stuff.

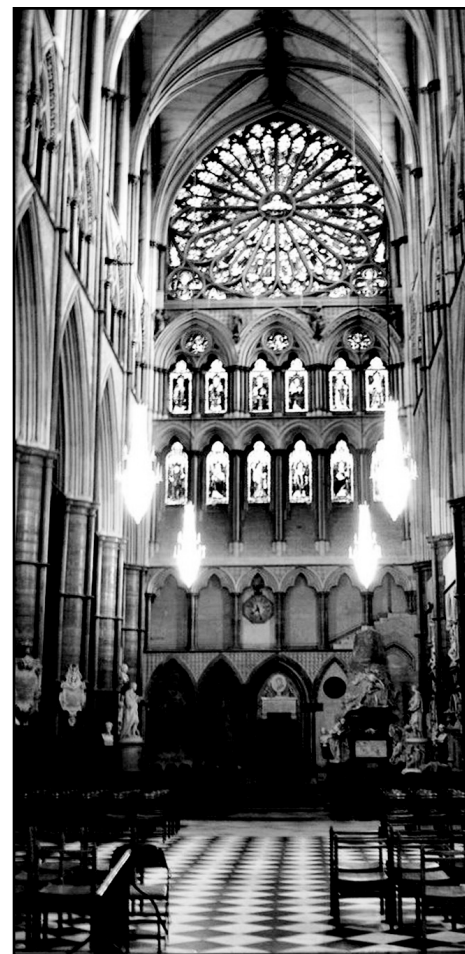
The Daily Mail has been fretting over an issue vitally important to domestic diplomacy: the curtesy. So what I am going to refer to as Royal Curtsey Protocol (capitalized because it is so very important) is basically this: There is a hierarchy among the royals on who gets curtsied to first. It was edited when Camilla married Charles, because the only person she would have had to curtsy to first would be the Queen, as Princess Diana had done. But neither Princess Anne nor the Queen's cousin, Princess Alexandra, would curtsy to such a generally despised woman, so to avoid royal cat fighting, the Queen put a little known edict (entitled "Precedence of the Royal Family to be Observed at Court") into effect. Camilla was demoted to fifth, but now Kate is coming in and shaking the whole thing up. So the question is, will Camilla (and stodgy Princess Anne) have to curtsy to Kate, a commoner?

The article advises that Kate may not care where she is on the totem pole, but William will as future King, since he wants his wife to receive the respect she deserves. However, other royal women may take issue with having to curtsy to her, thinking that royal blood trumps married blood. It spirals down into a big complicated royal mess, but one that should be juicy to watch after the mar-

riage. These people and their royal pretensions — you've got to love it. Curtseying isn't for sissies.

So brush up on your Miss Manners as a must for royal wedding preparation, and if you haven't already, YouTube the Prince William/Kate Middleton engagement interview — so candid. They talk about everything from their brief breakup to his mother. Plus you get to stare at her gorgeous (now iconic) blue dress for nine minutes. It's enough to make you wonder why we ever kicked the royal family to the curb.

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## 'The Adjustment Bureau' Free Prescreening



By ANKUR CHAWLA  
Assistant Scene Editor

Matt Damon's latest thriller, "The Adjustment Bureau," is set to be released March 4. There is a special prescreening for students on campus at the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Wednesday at 8 p.m.

"The Adjustment Bureau" is a psychological thriller that examines whether or not we control our destiny. Damon plays David Norris, an ambi-

tious politician set to make a splash in government. On the brink of winning a U.S. Senate seat, Norris meets the beautiful ballet dancer Elise Sellas, played by Emily Blunt.

As Norris starts falling for the dancer, a group of mysterious men conspire to keep the two apart. These men are from the Adjustment Bureau, agents of fate controlling integral facets of life. The agents give Norris a glimpse into the future already planned for him, but Elise does not play a role in that.

Norris must decide between his

dream of political prominence and the love of his life, accepting a predetermined destiny or writing his own. Meanwhile, the Bureau does everything in its power to prevent the union of the two star-crossed lovers. In order to stay with Elise, Norris must dodge, duck, dive and dip across New York City to avoid a confrontation with the Bureau.

This "Inception"-like mind bender is sure to be an exciting and intriguing film. Directed by George Nolfi (writer of "Ocean's Twelve" and "The Bourne Ultimatum") and based on the short

story by Philip K. Dick ("Total Recall," "Minority Report" and "Blade Runner"), "The Adjustment Bureau" has the star power and plotline to be one of the year's best films and a must see for students on campus.

For tickets stop by The Observer office or come early. Watch for promotional contests to win T-shirts, posters and more from Universal Pictures on Scene's Facebook and Twitter pages.

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MLB

Chen returns to Kansas City camp in new ace role

Associated Press

Bruce Chen went nearly four years without winning a major league game before he led the Kansas City Royals with 12 victories last year.

He went from begging for a minor league contract in 2009 after missing the previous season because of elbow surgery to arriving in spring training this year with a \$2 million contract.

"I wanted to be back, but I didn't hear from the Royals for a long time and there were some other teams offering," Chen said Monday. "Then they said we would like to have you back. We want to see if we're going to trade one of the right-handers. I'm thinking Greinke."

Chen's 4.17 ERA last year was slightly lower than Zack Greinke's, and Chen had two more wins. Greinke, the 2009 AL Cy Young Award winner, was dealt in December to the Milwaukee

*"It's more realistic to go with a one-year deal. This is the organization that gave me the opportunity."*

**Bruce Chen**  
Royals pitcher

Brewers.

"They trade Greinke and we don't talk for awhile," Chen said. "It was like 'Man, it's January and I better do something quick.' I say to my agent, 'Let's go back to Kansas City and see what their best offer is. Let's see if we can get a deal done.' Both sides were willing to work on something. In less than a week the contract is done."

The 33-year-old Chen went 12-7 record and won his final four starts, including a two-hitter against Tampa Bay for his first career shutout. He was hoping for a multiyear contract.

"I never received a two-year deal," he said. "It's more realistic to go with a one-year deal. This is the organization that gave me the opportunity."

When Chen beat Seattle on Aug. 6, 2009, it was his first big league victory since Oct. 2,

2005. He went 1-13 with Baltimore, Texas and Kansas City in that span.

Then, Chen came within one win last year of the career high he set in 2005.

"It wasn't just one thing," Chen said. "I had to change a lot of things. You can't expect like one little tweak and it's going to help me win 12 games or try to form me into a different pitcher. First of all, it all started in the offseason. I trained. I was in the best shape. I also dropped down my arm angle. All those bad years I learned from that, too. I got much more experience. I see what works, what didn't work. Then I learned how to pitch a lot more. I studied a lot of film too. My preparation before the game was very good. All those four things, I think, helped me have the year I had last year."

Pitching coach Bob McClure said being injury free was key.

"It was his second year of not being hurt," McClure said. "His command was better. He changed his arm angle a little bit. All of those things contributed. His brain worked right on how he could mix pitches. He's become a complete pitch-



Kansas City Royals pitchers Bruce Chen, left, and Kyle Davies warm up during baseball spring training Feb. 15 in Surprise, Ariz.

er."

Manager Ned Yost is happy to have Chen back.

"He started having a little more deception with three different arm slots," Yost said. "He threw more strikes. He kept the ball down. He changed speeds real well from three different angles. Bruce is a different look guy. Bruce will throw an 83

miles-per-hour fastball and then throw a 91-miles-per-hour fastball to get you to swing. It's a look you don't see a lot in the American League. That's to Bruce's advantage."

Chen wants to prove last year was not a fluke.

"Now I have more confidence," he said. "I see what works. I know what I can do."

MLB

Woman pitches to Indians training lineup

Associated Press

Justine Siegal became the first woman to pitch batting practice in a major league spring training camp when she threw to the Cleveland Indians on Monday.

Not only did she pass the test with flying colors, some people became a little envious along the way.

"She made me look bad," said manager Manny Acta, who also throws batting practice to Cleveland's hitters.

Acta played catch with Siegal before she took the mound.

"She was pretty impressive," he said. "She throws strikes. It was very good."

He wasn't alone.

"If you didn't see the pony-tails, she would have fit right

*"I'm a bit of an old lady now. When I was 19 or 20, I was throwing upper 70s."*

**Justine Siegal**  
baseball coach

in," said catcher Paul Phillips, one of the players who took swings off Siegal's pitches. "She did great."

Siegal has already broken gender barriers in baseball, having coached at the professional and college levels. She wore a patch honoring Christina Taylor Green, the nine-year-old granddaughter of former major league manager Dallas Green, who was killed in last month's shootings in Tucson. Christina Taylor Green was the only girl on her local Little League baseball team.

"I haven't spoken to anyone in the family," Siegal said. "I asked the league organizers if it would be OK if I wore her patch, and they said please do."

Siegal, a Cleveland native who grew up rooting for the

Indians, fulfilled a lifelong dream. Not only did she make history throwing to her favorite team, she finally got to pitch to major league hitters.

Siegal, who lives in Springfield, Mass., pitched batting practice to a few minor leaguers before throwing to Phillips, Lou Marson and Juan Apodaca, who are in the major league camp. She admitted to being nervous.

"My heart was beating really fast," Siegal said. "I've been thinking about this for the last month."

Siegal attended the general managers meetings in the off-season asking for a chance to throw in spring training. Indians GM Chris Antonetti was intrigued, and replied.

She has been playing baseball since she was five years old. Now 36, though, she wasn't sure how hard she was throwing.

"I'm a bit of an old lady now," she said. "When I was 19 or 20, I was throwing upper 70s (mph). I still play in



Justine Siegal throws batting practice to Indians lineup during spring training on Feb. 21 in Goodyear, Ariz

a pickup league and I have to rely on the old curveball to get them out."

Siegal was the first woman to coach first base in men's professional baseball for the Brockton (Mass.) Rox, an independent league team, in 2009. She spent three years as the

only female college baseball coach in the country, when she was an assistant coach at Springfield College (Mass.) from 2007-10.

Siegal, who throws right-handed, is scheduled to pitch batting practice in the Oakland Athletics camp Wednesday.

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NFL

# Players, owners currently on speaking terms

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Say this for the NFL and its players' union: They are on speaking terms at the moment.

And they are talking at length.

"Conversation," New York Jets fullback Tony Richardson said, "is good."

Federally mediated negotiations toward a new NFL labor deal lasted about eight hours Sunday, the third consecutive day the sides met to try to find common ground before the current contract expires.

After months of infrequent — and sometimes contentious — bargaining, the league and union 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.

"We are working hard," NFL general counsel and lead labor negotiator Jeff Pash said, "and we're following the director's playbook, and we'll see what we come up with."

Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith arrived within minutes of each other, shortly before 10 a.m., and the two negotiating teams didn't clear out of the building entirely until after 6 p.m.

Goodell and Smith wouldn't discuss the talks at all. Because both sides are abiding by 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."

The NFL's labor deal expires at the end of the day March 3. The union has said

it believes team owners want to lock out the players as soon as the next day, which could threaten the 2011 season.

Lawyers Jeffrey Kessler and Richard Berthelsen; current players Richardson, Cleveland Browns linebacker Scott Fujita, and Charlie Batch of the Pittsburgh Steelers; and former players Pete Kendall and Sean Morey were among those representing the union Sunday. They began arriving before 9 a.m.

The sides met for about six hours on both Friday and Saturday. Cohen announced Thursday the groups agreed to the mediation, which is not binding but is meant as a way to spur progress. The plan calls for several days of negotiations with Cohen present.

The league and union went more than two months without any formal bargaining until Feb. 5, the day before the Super Bowl. The sides met again once the next week, then called off a second meeting that had been scheduled for the following day.

The most recent CBA was signed in 2006, but owners exercised an opt-out clause in 2008.

The biggest issue separating the sides is how to divide about \$9 billion in annual revenues. Among the other



Steelers quarterback Charlie Batch, left, and Jets fullback Tony Richardson are seen in New York before labor negotiations Monday.

significant points in negotiations: the owners' push to expand the regular season from 16 games to 18 while reducing the preseason by two games; a rookie wage scale; and benefits for retired players.

No team owners have been seen at the mediated sessions, but they're surely

keeping up with what's happening — and at least one indicated optimism about the 2011 season in a roundabout way.

Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay tweeted Sunday: "T Minus 351 days 2 Sup Bowl kickoff in Indy...early predictions 4 participating teams???"

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# Aoki

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one two-out hit at the right time from being able to sweep the weekend,” Irish coach Mike Aoki said. “I think the way that we pitched, in particular our starters, and the way that we swung the bats the last two games — I thought we did well.”

In his first season with the Irish, Aoki faces the perennial challenge of preparing his team for the regular season in a harsh outdoor environment. Limited to the batting cages for most of the offseason, the Irish (2-1) looked cold at the plate in stranding seven runners in scoring position in a 2-1 loss to Michigan State (3-0) on Friday.

Senior Brian Dupra threw seven innings and gave up two runs but was outdueled by the Spartans’ Kurt Wunderlich, who yielded only one run in seven innings.

“I think that’s a mix of things — that’s going to happen because hitting is a fickle type of deal,” Aoki said. “Sometimes you have it and sometimes you don’t. I try to judge them on really giving an eye test to the types of at-bats we’re having in those types of situations. You have to give Wunderlich a lot of credit.”

The Irish bounced back in a big way Saturday, crushing Purdue (2-1), 19-2, for Aoki’s first win as the Irish coach. Junior centerfielder Alex Robinson went five-for-five at the plate with three runs scored and an RBI, while senior pitcher Cole Johnson picked up the win after allowing two runs in six innings.

The Irish backed up Saturday’s win with a convincing 8-5 victory over Penn State (3-1) Sunday. Freshman first baseman Trey Mancini went three-for-five with a home run and a triple, while senior Todd Miller tossed 6 1/3 innings and struck out six.

“I think all three starters, all three of them were outstanding,” Aoki said. “All three of them had stretches where they got six or seven or eight batters in a row retired. In situations where they had some runners in scoring position against them, I thought they made some big pitches.”

Although conference play does not begin until late March, Aoki said he is confident in his team’s ability to take the field and compete at the Big East level in February. Nevertheless, this weekend provided the coaching staff with a glimpse of Notre Dame’s potential.

“I think it’s always a work-in-progress,” Aoki said. “I’m glad that we’re not opening up in conference right away, because I think the big thing that you’re trying to do is figure out your personnel. I think this weekend went a long way into telling us who our core guys are.”

Notre Dame will travel to Seattle, Wash., this weekend to face Seattle University in a three-game series.

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## FENCING

# Two players finish in top 10 at tournament

Observer Staff Report

Four Notre Dame fencers traveled to Dallas, Texas last week to compete in the United States Fencing Association Junior Olympics. Entering with high hopes, the Irish emerged with two top-10 finishes through Monday morning, as freshmen Mike Rossi and Abigail Nichols finished seventh and ninth in men’s epee and women’s sabre, respectively.

Nichols, the third seed heading into the tournament, placed first in her pool and won the first five bouts of the second round before falling to Alisha Gomez, 15-8. Rossi finished second in his pool and then reeled off a string of victories

in the second round before falling in a close 15-11 bout.

Sophomore James Kaull, who finished 12th in the men’s epee, and freshman Nicholas Kubik, who placed 66th in men’s foil, also turned in strong performances.

The finish matched Rossi’s top placing at the Junior Olympics, an event in which he has competed five times. The Junior Olympics is a national competition independent of the NCAA that matches some of the top amateur fencers in the country against each other in two age groups, U17 and U20.

The Notre Dame fencing teams next take to the strip in two weeks for the conference championships to be held at the Joyce Center March 5.

## SMC TENNIS

# Belles drop season opener over weekend

Observer Staff Report

Wins at No. 3 and No. 5 singles were not enough to lift the Belles in their season opener at Olivet Nazarene Friday, when Saint Mary’s fell to the Tigers, 7-2, in Park Forest, Ill.

The Tigers (1-0) displayed the power at the top of their lineup, winning all three doubles matches and the top singles matches, as well, to knock out the Belles (0-1).

The Belles’ top doubles duo of senior Jillian Hurley and freshman Mary Catherine Faller fell to the Tigers’ Aziza Butoyi and Taylor Stephens, 8-1. The No. 2 pair of seniors Mary Therese Lee and Franca

Peluso and the No. 3 pair of seniors Kate Grabarek and Jessica Kosinski both put up strong efforts but fell, 8-6.

On the singles side, Hurley was bested in No. 1 singles by Butoyi, a top-50 player in the NAIA. At No. 2 singles, a late rally by Kosinski was not enough, as she lost 6-1, 7-6 (7-4) to Olivet Nazarene’s Erica Engelbrech.

The Belles were able to triumph in a pair of singles matches, however, as Grabarek won 6-4, 6-3, at No. 5 singles and Faller won at No. 3 singles, 6-2, 3-2.

Saint Mary’s will travel to Case Western on Saturday for a 4 p.m. nonconference match.

## NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

# Orange win in hostile environment

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Scoop Jardine and Rick Jackson — a couple of Philly kids — combined for 38 points and No. 17 Syracuse, the worst free throw shooting team in the Big East, sealed a 69-64 victory over No. 15 Villanova at the line Monday night.

Jardine had 20 points and six assists for the Orange (23-6, 10-6), while Jackson had 18 points, five rebounds and four blocks.

The win was the sixth this season over a ranked team for Syracuse, tying it with No. 5 Texas for the most in the nation.

The teams swapped road wins, with Villanova winning 83-72 at Syracuse on Jan. 22.

Corey Stokes returned from missing three games because of a turf toe injury to lead the Wildcats (21-7, 9-6) with 24

points, including matching his season high with five 3-pointers.

But it was at the free throw line where the teams traded places.

Villanova, which entered the game leading the Big East in free throw shooting at 76.8 percent, was 17 of 27 at the line. Stokes, third in the nation at 93.5 percent, went 5 of 8.

Syracuse, last in the 16-team Big East at 65.5 percent, went 13 of 17 from the line, a performance topped off by freshman Dion Waiters making two with 14.1 seconds left for a 67-64 lead, and Jackson making two — the second a bank shot — with 4.6 seconds to go for the final margin.

Corey Fisher, coming off a career-high 34 points in Villanova’s overtime win at DePaul on Saturday, finished with eight points on 3-of-16 shooting, including missing all



Three Syracuse teammates celebrate after defeating Big East rival Villanova. The Orange improved to 10-6 in conference play.

eight of his 3-point attempts. Maalik Wayns had four points on 1-of-9 shooting and missed all three of his 3-point attempts.

Syracuse took a 55-47 lead with 9:05 to play on two free

throws by Jackson.

Villanova went on a 9-2 run — five points by Stokes — to get within 57-56 with 5:28 to play.

Jardine made a free throw and a 3 to make it a five-point game.

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NBA

# Wade ready to play despite sore ankle



**Dwyane Wade adjusts his tinted goggles in a game against the Knicks on Feb. 24. Wade is currently battling an ankle injury.**

Associated Press

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade's sore right ankle is not sore enough to present a problem for the Miami Heat.

Wade was able to practice Monday and pronounced himself ready to go when the Heat open their post-All-Star schedule at home Tuesday night against Sacramento — one of several pieces of positive news Miami got when it reconvened to start the final 26-game stretch of the regular season.

"I don't want to miss any time," Wade said Monday night. "It's not serious enough to miss any time."

Wade aggravated the ankle midway through the third quarter of Sunday's All-Star game when he tried an acrobatic pass and landed awkwardly. He left moments later and did not return.

Wade acknowledged that he was worried for a few moments Sunday night, but once the acute pain subsided, it was clear that the problem was minor.

"I think he's more tired than he is sore," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "I think this was a tough turnaround for these guys to get in at 7 a.m. today and bounce back at a 5 p.m. practice. That makes it tough probably for your body, getting on a normal East coast clock."

For Miami's All-Star contingent — Wade, LeBron James and Chris Bosh, along with 3-point shootout champion James Jones — some rest is still surely in order.

All-Star weekend — loaded

with sponsor events, business meetings and then the game itself — proved hectic for everyone.

Even with Wade sitting the game's final 17:02, Miami's three representatives logged much more playing time Sunday than Boston's four All-Stars. Celtics coach Doc Rivers had Wade, James and Bosh play an average of about 24 minutes, while Boston's foursome of Paul Pierce, Ray Allen, Rajon Rondo and Kevin Garnett logged an average of 14 minutes.

Spoelstra wasn't bothered.

"The minutes in one particular game, that doesn't affect anything, big picture," Spoelstra said. "These guys are young."

James played 32 minutes, the most of anyone in the game for the second straight year.

Both the Heat and Celtics play on Tuesday, though Miami's All-Stars needed to make a cross-country flight home to get ready for Sacramento, while Boston's only had to make the quick trip to northern California for a game with Golden State.

"Man, I'm 26 years old," James said. "I don't go out to All-Star weekend to sit on no bench during the game. I want to play and I want to win. Me and Doc talked and I was fine with playing as many minutes as I did. I hate to come out of any game. I don't care if it's a recreation game in the summertime. I just love to play."

So Wade was feeling good, James was feeling good, and forward Mike Miller was feeling better.

## Balance

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They are very good defensively, with a good inside game. They won big this weekend."

The Mountaineers exploded for 90 points in a winning effort against rival Pittsburgh on Saturday. Their strength lies in a rare balance, with strong units on both the offensive and defensive sides of the court. West Virginia displayed its skills Feb. 8 when it held Connecticut to its lowest point total of the season in a 57-51 Huskies victory.

Notre Dame's final three games will go a long way in determining whether it is the Irish or DePaul who finishes behind Connecticut in the Big East standings. A large part of Notre Dame's success will depend on its ability to shake off the 78-57 loss it suffered on Saturday in Connecticut.

But McGraw is confident in her team's ability to strike back tonight, considering the Irish have won nine of their last 10, and 17 of last their 19.

"We have played really well overall," she said.

The Irish will need a



**Senior forward Becca Bruszewski prepares to rebound in a Feb. 12 game against Rutgers. The Irish defeated the Scarlet Knights, 71-49.**

stronger defensive showing against the Mountaineers to start a new winning streak. The 78 points they allowed the Huskies to score was the most in their nine previous games, when only two opponents were able to score 60 or more points against Notre Dame.

"We want to get back to playing well defensively," McGraw said.

Notre Dame's biggest challenge will be the duo of sen-

ior guard Liz Repella and senior forward Madina Ali, who combine to power the West Virginia offense. They are the only Mountaineers to average double-digit points, with 13.7 and 13.6 per game, respectively.

The Irish will look to jumpstart their comeback at the West Virginia Coliseum tonight at 7 p.m.

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NHL

# Penguins acquire forward

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — With or without an injury-riddled lineup, the opportunity to acquire young power forward James Neal in a trade with the Dallas Stars was too good to pass up for Pittsburgh Penguins general manager Ray Shero.

Praising Neal's potential, and the fact that he has a year left on his contract, Shero elected to make the trade on Monday in exchange for offensive defenseman Alex Goligoski. The Penguins also got a defenseman in return in the deal, landing fourth-year player Matt Niskanen.

"The injuries had not had a lot to do with what I've been looking at. This is for now, plus down the line for both of these players."

Ray Shero  
Penguins general manager

Malkin, who will miss the rest of the year with a knee injury.

Overall, the Penguins are without players who have combined to score 86 of their 174 goals this season.

And add defenseman Paul Martin to the list, as he's listed as day to day after he was shaken up after being checked into the boards during a 3-2 shootout loss at Chicago a day earlier.

Neal, 23, is in his third NHL season and ranked third on the Stars with 21 goals and fifth with 39 points in 59 games. Though playing on the Stars' top line with Brad Richards and Loui Eriksson, Neal had been slumping of late as his goal in a 5-2 loss at Vancouver on Saturday ended a 10-game goal drought.

Niskanen has six assists in 45 games this season, a considerable drop off from 2008-09, when he led all Stars blue-liners with 35 points (six goals, 29 assists). He was the Stars' first-round pick in the 2005 draft, selected 28th overall.

The trade comes as the Penguins have hit a rut, going 2-4-1 in their past seven games. Pittsburgh (26-19-5) sits fourth in the Eastern Conference standings.

In Goligoski, the Stars acquired a puck-moving defenseman in a bid to secure

their playoff position. After holding a double-digit point lead atop the Pacific Division three weeks ago, they've fallen to eighth in the West after going 2-9-1 in their past 12 games.

Goligoski is regarded as an up-and-coming defenseman who has nine goals and 31 points in 60 games in his third NHL season. He had three goals and four assists during a career-best-matching seven-game point streak earlier this season.

"Alex is a legitimate top-four defenseman who will have a positive impact on our entire crop of blue-liners," Stars general manager Joe Nieuwendyk said.

The Stars are also plagued by injuries, down five players, including Richards (upper body), who has missed three games. Dallas has also lost seven straight road games. They're off until hosting New Jersey on Tuesday.

For the Penguins, Goligoski proved expendable given the Penguins depth at defense. It's a group that's led by Kris Letang and rounded out by the offseason free-agent acquisitions of Martin and Zbynek Michalek.

Neal and Niskanen were scheduled to arrive in Pittsburgh later Monday, and be ready to practice on Tuesday. They're expected play Wednesday, when Pittsburgh plays host to San Jose.

Shero noted that the injury to Malkin — and the cap space he frees up — actually provided him more flexibility in making the trade.

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# Dalrymple

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place finish in the 400 individual medley and with a third-place in the 200 individual medley.

Sophomore Ellie Watson shined with a school-best time in the 500 freestyle, in which she finished second while junior Megan Price broke the 200 freestyle record twice, first in the preliminary race and then again, by one second, in the finals.

The Belles final record came in the 400-yard free relay

when in which Dalrymple, Price, Watson and sophomore Katie Griffin finished in 3:39.44 for fourth place.

Benishek said he was proud of his team's accomplishments and was especially impressed with the squad's changed mentality.

"Ninety percent of these meets are mental, and our team displayed mental toughness to earn [personal and program] best times," he said. "Our effort became contagious as our swimmers fed off of each other's success."

Saint Mary's stood strong in fourth place throughout the first two days of the event but

dropped to fifth on the final day with only 314 points and no diver on its roster to boost the standings. Calvin College finished first in the conference meet with 850 points for its seventh straight championship.

The Belles will only lose senior Jami Nellis to graduation, leaving Benishek optimistic about the program's future.

"I have great hopes for next year and believe the current swimmers will continue to improve in the offseason," Benishek said.

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# Henley

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"Kelley is having a solid junior season," Belles coach Jenn Henley said. "The fact that she was able to score her 1,000th point as a junior says a lot about the type of teammates she has and their efforts in getting her the ball."

Saint Mary's, which pounded Kalamazoo by 31 points earlier this season, did not lead on Saturday until sophomore guard Annie Doyle made a layup with 8:37 left in the first half to give the Belles a 21-19 edge. Kalamazoo had previously led by as much as eight, following an early 7-0 run to start the game.

"We knew they were going to come out with a lot of emotion and energy, as it was their senior day," Henley said. "They did a great job of attacking the middle with their drives and we didn't have an answer for it early on."

Despite shooting just 32 percent from the field, Saint Mary's went into the half tied 39-39 after junior guard Patsy Mahoney nailed three free throws. Mahoney finished with 17 points, including 2-for-5 shooting from the 3-point line and 7-for-7 at the charity stripe.

The Belles flipped the script in the second half, holding the Hornets to 26 points in the second half after allowing them to

shoot 49 percent in the first.

"We started hitting more of our shots and picked up the intensity in defending the paint," Henley said. "We continued to push the ball in transition and got the momentum going in our favor."

The Hornets had four players in double figures but were led by senior guard Courtney Kaplan. Kaplan had 20 points and went 6-for-11 from 3.

With the win, the Belles clinched the No. 3 seed in the MIAA tournament and will host Trine on Tuesday, marking a top-four MIAA finish for the Belles every year since 2006.

Saint Mary's beat the Thunder (7-17, 5-11) twice this season by a combined 32 points, as the Belles defense has allowed just 55 points per game.

Murphy and junior guard Maggie Ronan have averaged a combined 33 points per game in the two victories.

But Henley isn't letting her team get too confident before the start of the tournament tonight.

"I think they will be better prepared for us than they were last time," Henley said. "When you play a team for the third time in one season, you know each other very well."

The Belles will face Trine tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Angela Athletic Facility to open the MIAA tournament.

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## MLB

# A-Rod teased for popcorn

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez arrived at spring training and promptly discussed the most significant activity of his offseason: getting fed popcorn by Cameron Diaz at the Super Bowl in the snack seen 'round the world.

The New York Yankees third baseman, known for dating actress Kate Hudson during the 2009 World Series, was pictured on TV with Diaz in a suite at the game in Arlington, Texas.

"Did anyone watch the Super Bowl?" Rodriguez said to laughter Monday. "No popcorn endorsements yet, but our lines are open. Who would be upset about getting fed popcorn?"

Laughter quickly changed to a more serious tone when the discussion shifted to Rodriguez's onfield game the past two years, which declined following right hip surgery in March 2009.

The 13-time All-Star and three-time AL MVP was cleared during the offseason by Dr. Marc Philippon to end his combination rehab-workout program and resume his normal offseason routine. The result is a leaner A-Rod, down 5 or 6 pounds to around 222.

"This is as healthy as I've felt over the last several years," the 35-year-old Rodriguez said. "It's fun getting back to work. I have a good winter behind me of real work, probably my first since '07 or '08. I'm ready to go."

The Yankees are coming off a six-game loss to Texas in the AL championship series, which followed a season in which A-Rod won his first World Series ring.

"I hear there's a lot of doubters out there, which is fun," Rodriguez said. "We were two wins shy of the World Series. With the exception of Swish (Nick Swisher) and Robbie (Robinson Cano), I think the other seven guys, if you ask them, all of us would say there's a lot of room for improvement. And that start's with me."

Yankees co-chairman Hank Steinbrenner expects a big season from Rodriguez.

"The guy can still do it big time, no question," Steinbrenner said.

Two years ago, Rodriguez arrived at spring training

and held an emotional news conference during which he admitted using performance-enhancing drops. His arrival was more low-key this year.

"I believe I'm in a better place after all the things that have gone on," Rodriguez said. "I felt a sense of liberation. Just really enjoying my life, enjoying the game and enjoying my teammates."

Rodriguez will continue to have the hip examined twice a year. He didn't completely rule out the possibility that he could face another operation in the future.

Both Rodriguez and Steinbrenner were impressed by Boston's offseason moved, which included the additions of left fielder Carl Crawford and first baseman Adrian Gonzalez.

"They always do a great job," Rodriguez said. "They know what they're doing. They got two great players. Last year they went through injuries. They're going to be tough to beat this year. I know they're excited to have a great year, and so are we."

Steinbrenner thinks Boston owner John Henry is serious about winning.

"John is as committed as we are, and that's the bottom line," Steinbrenner said. "He'll do what he needs to

do."

Steinbrenner thinks the AL East may be the best division in all of American sports.

"It's always going to be the Yankees and Red Sox and whoever else right now," he said. "Now it's the Phillies who look very tough."

When asked what he was focused on, Rodriguez said "28," which would be the Yankees' total of World Series titles with another one.

"I think all the guys are ready for the challenge," Rodriguez said. "The feeling we were left with in Texas was not good."

Closer Mariano Rivera should have his first bullpen session Wednesday or Thursday. The right-hander has been taking a slower approach at spring training the past few years. ... Rodriguez doesn't think ace CC Sabathia, who can opt of his contract after this season, will leave the team.

"I know that CC enjoys being a Yankee very much," Rodriguez said. "We love having him."

LHP Boone Logan brought out an ice pack from the clubhouse for a girl in the stands he accidentally hit with a thrown ball on the lower right arm.



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Freshman guard Shanlynn Bias looks to pass the ball in a Feb. 3 game against Hope College. The Belles lost the game, 79-59.

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14 Shortstop Jeter

16 The Flintstones' pet

17 Time for playoffs

19 \*Tied

20 All things considered

21 Take stock of

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24 \*Times to call, in ads

25 Grid stats

26 May birthstones

30 \*Storm centers

33 Fend off

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35 Place for a nail
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39 One protected by a collie, maybe

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44 Melted chocolate, e.g.

46 \*Poor grades

47 Fuel container

51 Dairy Queen orders

54 Huge success

55 \*Pro shop buys

56 Ob/gyn's image

58 Plugging away

59 Tab picker-upper
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1 Horrify: Var.

2 Simpleton in "Archie" comics

3 "\_\_\_ Dream" ("Lohengrin" aria)

4 Simpletons

5 Greek theaters of old

6 Fast-disappearing airline amenities

7 Gaelic tongue

8 "The Matrix" hero

9 Black Sea port

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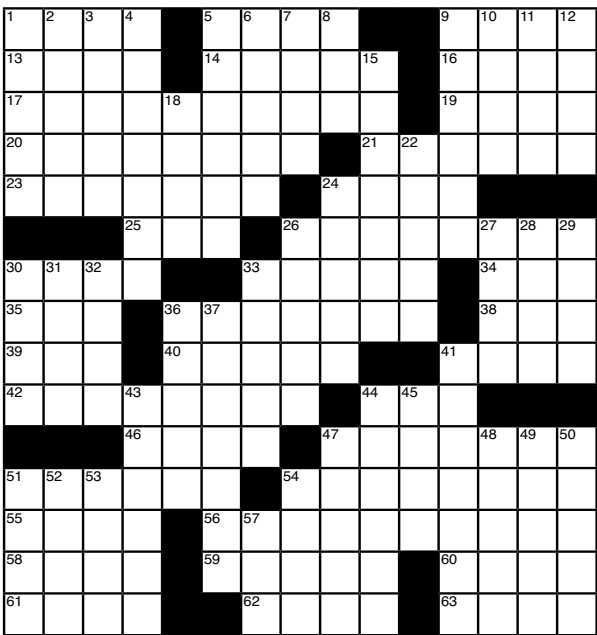
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37 Hides, as from the cops

41 Apportion sparingly

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44 Kiddie's racer
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47 Jazz pianist Chick

48 Dentist's directive

49 Ephesus' region

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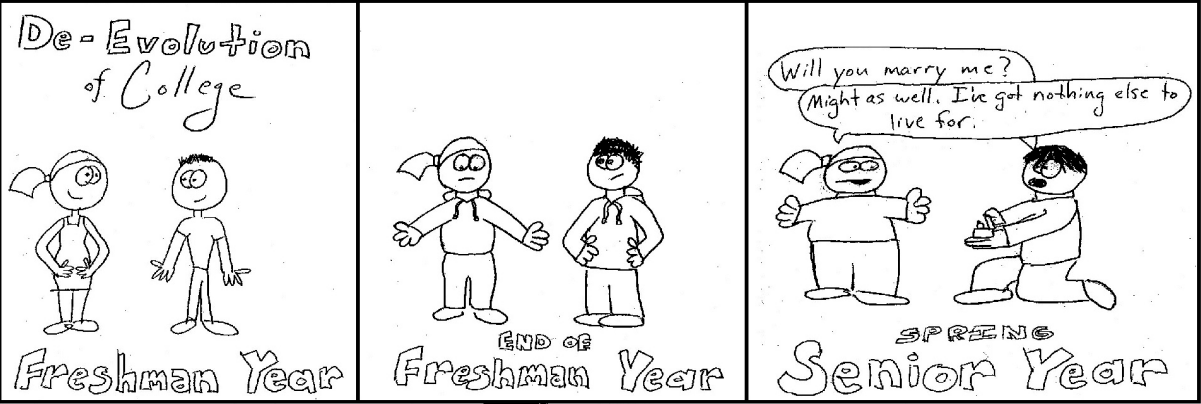
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**Happy Birthday:** The less everyone around you knows about your plans, ideas and intentions, the easier it will be to move forward without opposition. Follow all rules and regulations in order to avoid delays. A partnership you trusted is likely to disappoint you. Don't overreact this year, but do take notice. Your numbers are 2, 6, 19, 28, 31, 38, 47

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Hang on to what you've got. Don't take risks and refuse to let your emotions lead the way. Keep things in perspective; overreacting will only lead to impulsive actions and responses. ★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't give the wrong impression or send the wrong signal when dealing with colleagues, peers or acquaintances. Precision and sticking to what you know and do best will be what gets you through the day. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Your opinion will be well received and you will be honored for your contributions. Someone close to you will feel threatened by your success. Make an effort to put this person's mind at ease. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Focus on learning and trying new things. If you isolate yourself, it will be difficult to fit into the situation that develops among your peers. Don't fear change. Embrace new beginnings. ★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You may want to change your location or size down or up with regard to your living quarters. Making your home a place conducive to your lifestyle and professional needs is a must if you plan to get ahead. Money, contracts and settlements all look favorable. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Don't get stuck in the past. Look to a brighter future. Connect with new people through social networking, events, activities or self-improvement classes. Love is in the stars but don't make an unrealistic promise. ★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Use your insight to avoid stressful personal situations that play on your emotions and threaten your relationships. Rely on past experience and your instincts to guide you down the right path. A new friend will help open doors. ★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Work quietly on your own projects and you will accomplish the most. A change of plans will be in your favor. Decipher whether or not you have the backing of family and loved ones before you decide to include any of them in your plans. ★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Be careful how you relay information or you may be blamed for meddling. If you don't have the facts, don't contribute. Emotional difficulties due to a burden you face must be handled delicately. ★★★★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** The past can be incredibly helpful if you remember valuable lessons. Overreacting will not help any situation you face and neither will a sudden reversal on your part. Consistency will be the only way. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** A money deal is apparent. Whether it's a settlement, winning, rebate, sale of a valuable possession or even a new contract or raise, you can get ahead financially if you take advantage of whatever comes your way. Don't spend before you pay off your debts. ★★★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Use a little force if it will help you get your way but don't let it cause a dispute with someone you love. You'll be walking a fine line when it comes to giving to outsiders before giving to your family. A partnership can become one-sided if you don't delegate. ★★★

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Bouncing back

*Irish continue their crucial four-game stretch*

By ANDREW OWENS  
Sports Writer

No. 8 Notre Dame's second loss to Connecticut and the end of its nine-game win streak didn't sit well with the Irish. But they have the chance to take another step toward a second-place finish in the Big East when the Irish take on No. 19 West Virginia in Morgantown Tuesday night.

Tonight begins a crucial three-game stretch for the Irish (22-5, 11-2) as they close the season. The Mountaineers (21-6, 7-6) will present a unique threat with their suffocating defense and home-court advantage.

"They are a really good team at home," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "When they lost to Connecticut, they held them under 60 points."

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KIRBY MCKENNA/The Observer

Sophomore guard Skylar Diggins dribbles in a Feb. 12 game against Rutgers at the Purcell Pavilion. Notre Dame won the game, 71-49. The Irish will hit the road to face West Virginia tonight.

## SMC BASKETBALL

# Belles break record for victories

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's closed a record-breaking regular season Saturday with a 77-65 win over Kalamazoo, winning its 18th game of the year for a new program record for single-season wins to surpass the 2008-09 team's mark of 17.

The Belles (18-7, 11-5 MIAA) have also broken the program's single-season team free throws record. Saint Mary's has made 530 free throws to surpass the previous record of 484.

Over the weekend, junior forward Kelley Murphy became the ninth Belle to ever score 1,000 points in a career. She posted her 11th double-double of the year against the Hornets (5-19, 4-12), scoring a game-high 21 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

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## ND WOMEN'S GOLF

# Irish tied for 11th after first two rounds of Invitational

By VICKY JACOBSEN  
Sports Writer

The No. 15 Irish hoped to tee off the spring season with a quick start but instead find themselves tied with No. 13 Arkansas for 11th in a field of 15 after the first two rounds of the Central District Invitational at the River Wilderness Course in Palm Harbor, Fla.

Notre Dame shot a collective 35-over par in the first two rounds, 28 more than Louisiana

State, who currently stand in first. Freshman Nicole Zhang, the top freshman in the nation, was the top finisher for the Irish, carding a 76 (plus-4) in round one and a 74 (plus-2) in the second.

"It felt great getting back into tournament mode, but we definitely did not play our best," Zhang said. "We were all just really rusty from not playing a round of golf in a few months, and it was tough getting adjusted to playing 36 holes of tournament golf again."

The Irish opened the day with a combined 303 (plus-15) first round, placing them in a four-way tie for ninth place with Kent State, Baylor and Ohio State. They followed that performance with a 308 (plus-20) later in the afternoon for a 611 on the day.

Zhang's plus-6 effort ties her for 22nd with seven other golfers in the field of 75 competitors. The individual leader, Texas Christian's Brooke Beeler, stands 12 strokes ahead of Zhang.

Senior So-Hyun Park and junior Becca Huffer are tied for 40th

after finishing the day at 9-over par. Park shot a morning round of 77 and an afternoon 79, while Huffer opened with a 75 and closed with a 78, to both finish the day at 153.

Senior Katie Conway currently stands tied for 53rd with a 156 (plus-12), receiving a four-stroke penalty. Freshman Kristina Nhim rounds out the Irish scoring, tied for 62nd with a plus-14 158.

Zhang said she feels that the Irish will head into the third round feeling more confident and prepared than they did in the first

two.

"We feel a lot more comfortable and I think we will finish off strong tomorrow," Zhang said. "After the 10 hours on the course, we practiced our putting and chipping, so hopefully those areas of our game will improve for tomorrow's round."

The Irish will tee off the third and final round of the Central District Invitational at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

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## BASEBALL

# Notre Dame wins two of three

By CHRIS MASOUD  
Sports Writer

Making their season debut at the annual Big East/Big Ten Challenge in St. Petersburg, Fla., the Irish dropped their opener to Michigan State Friday before rattling off consecutive wins against Purdue Saturday and Penn State Sunday.

Although the offense struggled to find its rhythm in the first game of the year against the Spartans, Notre Dame came out swinging against Purdue to the tune of 19 runs and 25 hits, both tournament records.

"We were probably just

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JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Senior Greg Sherry swings at a pitch in an April 27 game against Toledo at Eck Stadium. The Irish defeated two Big Ten over the weekend.

## SMC SWIMMING AND DIVING

# Team sets school records in five events

By MATT UNGER  
Sports Writer

Despite a fifth-place finish at the MIAA championships last weekend, Saint Mary's left the three-day event with an upbeat squad due to its peak times and record-setting performances.

The Belles shattered five school records over the three days and junior Audrey Dalrymple earned a NCAA B-cut time in the 200-yard breaststroke, giving her the chance of being invited to the NCAA championships in March.

The results were a

marked improvement from the previous season in which the Saint Mary's squad finished last in the conference.

"The team exceeded all expectations and surpassed both my goals and their goals set at the start of the season," first-year Belles coach Mark Benishek said.

Dalrymple led the team with her B-cut time of 2:22.31. While swimmers with B-cut times do not receive automatic bids to the NCAA championships, they can fill open spots created if not enough

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