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## Laptop theft increases, NDSP alerts rectors

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) received reports of seven laptop thefts from residence halls — mostly girls' dorms — on campus since the end of January, according to an e-mail sent to rectors Wednesday.

NDSP Crime Prevention Officer Keri Kei Shibata sent the e-mail asking rectors to remind students to lock doors and be aware of suspicious activity.

"In six of these cases the thefts occurred in female residence halls," the e-mail stated. "These thefts have primarily occurred in the afternoon hours. Some of the thefts have occurred when a resident was in the room sleeping."

In the most recent case, NDSP reported a college-aged

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## Grotto to close for five days

Observer Staff Report

A long-range maintenance plan will force the closure of The Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes during spring break, according to a University press release.

The University announced Wednesday that the Grotto would be closed at 8 a.m. on March 14 and would reopen at 3 p.m. March 18. During the closing, digital scanning technology will create a model of the Grotto.

"The model will be used to understand and document for historical purposes how the Grotto was built and for tracking future maintenance and repairs, specifically its periodic cleaning and tuck-pointing," the press release stated.

The Grotto sustained damage from a July 26 fire,

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## 'Makes it real'

'Loyal Daughters and Sons' presents Notre Dame students' true stories of sexual assault



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Student actors perform skits from "Loyal Daughters and Sons" during a final dress rehearsal Wednesday night. The show, based on Notre Dame students' real experiences with sexual assault, opens tonight.

By LAURA McCRYSTAL  
News Editor

For freshman Blair Arbuckle, becoming a cast member of "Loyal Daughters and Sons" (LDS) helped her understand the reality of sexual assault at Notre Dame.

LDS, an annual show written, directed and performed by students, is based on Notre Dame students' true experiences with sexual assault.

"The play makes it real," Arbuckle said. "And especially because these stories are true stories from past Notre Dame students or current Notre Dame students, it's just very personal."

This year's show, made up of 36 skits, runs tonight, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium at the Hesburgh Library. Kelsie Kiley, a junior and co-director of LDS,

said the show gives a face to sexual assault and a voice to survivors.

"These characters are a person at Notre Dame," she said. "To put a face to all of these stories [shows] people that it does happen at Notre Dame, but that doesn't mean it has to continue to happen. There are measures we can take to start preventing it."

Kiley said she and co-director Matt Mancini aimed for the performances to show solidarity with survivors of rape and sexual assault.

"I think coming into the show we took an approach that was never taken before, and that was more a solidarity with survivors," Kiley said. "Just to be there for the person. And I think that's what we were kind of going with. We think that's a more effective

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## Council announces results, sanction

By MELISSA FLANAGAN  
News Writer

The Junior Class Council and Sophomore Class Council election results were announced Wednesday night, while the Senior Class Council results will be withheld until Thursday night due to a sanction.

Kevin Doherty will serve as junior class president and Nicholas Schilling won the position of sophomore class president.

The Judicial Council delayed

the announcement of Senior Class Council results due to a sanction against one of the tickets. Parker King and his running mates Ben German, Alicia Elliot and Brinya Bjork sent a campaign e-mail through a residence hall listserv, according to a Judicial Council press release. The student body constitution prohibits the use of listservs for campaigning.

The Election Committee chose to invalidate eight votes cast for King's ticket, a number that

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CLASS COUNCIL RESULTS	<b>SOPHOMORE CLASS COUNCIL (2014)</b>	
	President: Nicholas Schilling	Secretary: Mary Claire Rigall
	Vice President: Paul DiGiovanni	Treasurer: Margaret Preuss
	57%	
	<b>JUNIOR CLASS COUNCIL (2013)</b>	
	President: Kevin Doherty	Secretary: Kim Neary
Vice President: Megan Rodts	Treasurer: Nolan Welsh	
55%		
<b>SENIOR CLASS COUNCIL (2012) TBA</b>		

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## CORRECTIONS

Due to reporting errors, a March 2 article, "Sprint CEO talks cell service at ND" misidentified the network Sprint is increasing on Notre Dame's campus. The company is expanding its 3G network, not a 4G network. Sprint also gave 200 devices to the entire Notre Dame Athletic Department, not only to Irish head football coach Brian Kelly. The Observer regrets these errors.

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU THREW A PARTY, WHAT WOULD THE THEME BE?



**Ellen Napoli**  
*freshman Pasquerilla East*

"DCOM."



**Courtney Burdell**  
*sophomore Cavanaugh*

"I would throw a hipsters in space party."



**Ryan Grojean**  
*sophomore Alumni*

"A foam party ... with bathing suits and lots of foam."



**Melanie Fritz**  
*sophomore Pangborn*

"A Star Trek and Disney princess combination party!"



**Annie DeMott**  
*sophomore Cavanaugh*

"Pink, just like my bedroom!"

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail [obsphoto@gmail.com](mailto:obsphoto@gmail.com)



MAGGIE O'BRIEN/The Observer

Students enjoy the sunny weather and newly visible grass by playing lacrosse on South Quad on Tuesday.

## IN BRIEF

Today from 9 to 10 a.m. free body composition and blood pressure testing will be offered in the Wellness Room of the Rolfs Sports Recreation center. The assessments only take a few minutes and can provide valuable information about your health. Registration is available through RecRegister.

The Winter Career Fair will be held today from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center. It is open to all undergraduate and graduate students from all majors.

The Breen-Phillips Meal Auction will be held in LaFortune Burger King Lounge (Live Auction) and Sorin Room (Silent Auction). The auction will take place tonight from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. All proceeds go to Meals on Wheels.

Students for Environmental Action will host a discussion panel about the aspects and implications of making cities sustainable. The discussion will take place tonight from 8 to 9 p.m. at the Coleman-Morse Center. The discussion is open to students, faculty, and staff. Light refreshments provided.

Tonight from 9 to 11 p.m. students can form teams of 3 to 4 and compete in the 2nd Annual Notre Dame Spelling Bee. Each team will participate in a series of timed rounds — single elimination — until one team remains. Gift Cards and prizes will be awarded to the top placing teams and to the team with the best costume. The event will be held in the LaFortune Ballroom.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to [obsnews.nd@gmail.com](mailto:obsnews.nd@gmail.com)

## OFFBEAT

### Woman survives 35-mile ride on minivan hood

MANTECA, Calif. — The woman desperately gripped a windshield wiper blade, her body splayed across the hood of the minivan as it raced down a Northern California freeway in the middle of the night, reaching 100 mph, witnesses said.

Carroll, 36, was being held without bail Wednesday at the San Joaquin County Jail on charges of attempted murder, kidnapping and domestic assault, according to sheriff's department records.

"She kind of goes with the van to try to stop him, gets up on the hood and is hanging on to the wiper blade," he said. "She obviously didn't

think he would keep driving."

Carroll sped through Manteca, got on the freeway and didn't pull over until he reached Pleasanton, Osborn said.

"We went out there and talked to him for about an hour and he was obviously on some kind of drugs," Osborn said.

### Snapping Arizona dog takes over family's fridge

YUMA, Ariz. — A runaway dog darted into an Arizona apartment and found a cool place to hide — the bottom of the refrigerator.

A Yuma Fire Department spokesman says the family told firefighters the pooch rushed into their home when

they opened the front door and kept snapping at them.

When they went to the fridge to get some food to try to lure the dog outside, the animal jumped in the appliance and refused to come out.

Firefighters found the small black terrier-type dog crouched on the bottom shelf, snapping at anyone who approached. They used protective gear to pick up the pooch and put it in a carrier.

The dog had been reported missing by someone else at the apartment complex and was returned home safely.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
<b>LOCAL WEATHER</b>						
	HIGH 39 LOW 35	HIGH 34 LOW 33	HIGH 45 LOW 35	HIGH 37 LOW 25	HIGH 33 LOW 17	HIGH 31 LOW 27

# Campaign to 'end the R-Word' collects pledges

By TORI ROECK  
News Writer

Since senior Soeren Palumbo founded "Spread the Word to End the Word," an international campaign to end the use of the word "retard," in 2009, he said the campaign has collected more than 170,000 Internet pledges and 10 million verbal and hand-written pledges.

Notre Dame students contributed over 2,600 pledges last year alone, Palumbo said.

Wednesday marked the third annual "End the R-Word Day," which more than 250 universities and 1,000 high schools recognized around the world. Volunteers collected pledges to end the R-word on both the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses throughout the day.

Palumbo began the campaign with Yale senior Tim Shriver and it is co-sponsored by Special Olympics and Best Buddies.

"We're not asking for money. We're not asking for someone to commit volunteering time,"

Palumbo said. "All we're doing is asking someone to make that slight modification in their language."

In addition to limiting the use of the R-word, the campaign seeks to raise awareness about the treatment of those with intellectual disabilities, Palumbo said.

"We live in a community that excludes people with intellectual disabilities," Palumbo said. "Hopefully ... just starting to think about these issues will lead to someone being more accepting of people with intellectual disabilities, starting to value the contributions that people with intellectual disabilities give to society."

Palumbo said he started "Spread the Word to End the Word" because his sister has an intellectual disability.

"I grew up with a very first-hand experience with the stigma and discrimination that goes along with having an intellectual disability in the United States and the role that the R-word plays in that," Palumbo said.

Palumbo said he and Shriver

developed the idea for "Spread the Word to End the Word" while working for Special Olympics in 2009. They announced the event at a youth rally in February 2009 and established March 31, 2009, as the first "End the R-Word Day," Palumbo said.

In the six weeks between its announcement and its inception, "Spread the Word to End the Word" expanded from five participating universities to 40 solely by word of mouth, Palumbo said.

In its third year, "Spread the Word to End the Word" is celebrated at schools "in every continent except for Antarctica," Palumbo said.

Palumbo said "End the R-Word Day" is one part of a larger campus campaign to raise awareness of disability issues.

"We really want to represent this event as one of many throughout the semester engaging in issues of disability," Palumbo said. "We want to present the opportunity for this to be the gateway into more involvement."

Palumbo said he hopes



MAGGIE O'BRIEN/The Observer

Students sign a pledge to "End the R-Word" Wednesday in the LaFortune Student Center.

"Spread the Word to End the Word" would also help end bullying and discrimination.

"This isn't just a word," Palumbo said. "It's not just one linguistic vessel, one combination of letters. It's more attitudes. It's more consistent abuse and harassment of young people with

intellectual disabilities. We're trying to focus it towards that and allow the campaign, not to forget the one word, but to transcend the one word and grow beyond that."

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## Theft

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female was going door-to-door in the residence hall asking about lost headphones around the time of the theft. The incident may or may not be related to the theft, the e-mail stated.

According to NDSP, the female was described between 20 and 22 years of age. She was black with black, shoulder-length hair and bangs. She is between 5-foot-4 and 5-foot-7 tall and between 140 and 160 pounds. She may also have a beauty mark on her right cheek.

NDSP asked rectors to remind residents to keep room doors locked and properly secure, especially if the residents have left the room, are asleep or are otherwise occupied so as not to notice someone enter the room.

Students were advised not to let other people enter a residence hall or follow them through the door to a residence hall unless they are certain the person lives in the dorm.

"Ask them to wait and contact the person they are visiting to let them in," the e-mail said.

The e-mail also asked students and rectors to report suspicious activity to NDSP immediately.

## Grotto

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according to the press release. At the time, cleanup involved removing soot from the shrine, cleaning melted wax from the floor, repairing damaged candle racks and inspecting the structure for safety.

Candles will be available for lighting and a nightly rosary will still be held while the Grotto is closed. Both will be outside the kneeling rail.

The Grotto, constructed in 1896, is a one-seventh scale replica of a famed French shrine where in 1858 the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette on 18 separate occasions.

# Panel compares differences in religious orders

By NICOLE TOCZAUER  
News Writer

Each religious order of the Catholic community presents unique perspectives on Catholicism to the University, panelists said at a Wednesday night panel discussion in DeBartolo Hall hosted by the Catholic Graduate Community.

The panelists included representatives from the Holy Cross, Dominican, Franciscan and Jesuit orders, as well as diocesan priests.

Fr. Andrew Downing, a Jesuit, said the diversity of Wednesday night's audience surprised him.

"I thought this would be like speed-dating. Just a bunch of people interested in entering religious life and choosing between us," he said. "But I see that it's people of all different sorts."

Fr. Jim Gallagher of the Congregation of the Holy Cross began the discussion with an explanation of how his order's origins have come to define its mission.

"Holy Cross came from the wake of the French Revolution. The revolution decimated the church and education system," he said. "It recognized a great need for education in faith."

As time passed, the group developed a missionary purpose and expanded to Algeria, Canada, Bangladesh and other parts of the world, Gallagher said. Their purpose as a missionary order was to reach and educate those who needed guidance in faith.

He said this goal generated three specific components of practice that are key to Holy Cross: formation, community and the cross.

"Formation means that we aim to form the whole person to be a great citizen in the world. Community is based on an image of a holy family," Gallagher said. "I live in Zahn Hall at the University because we go out to create that family."

The cross, he said, serves as a symbol of the order's hope.

"It was through a terrible instrument of torture that we were saved. Our struggles, then, are not our true end," Gallagher said. "Our true end is hope."

Fr. John Coughlin said St. Francis had a troubadour tradition of singing to maidens and living the life of a prosperous merchant's son. War imprisonment altered him. Without losing joy, he became focused on Christ, Coughlin said.

"People were attracted to something simple, something humble about him. He loved creation," Coughlin said. "Some of them wanted to follow him."

That following led to many operative groups in the Franciscan order. Franciscans, he said, do not have one vocation.

"We do whatever the church needs," Coughlin said. "Education and service for the poor has a preferential option, especially recently."

Fr. Andrew Wisdom discussed the Dominican order. When the order was formed, he said, even just speaking with the audience caused scandal.

"It was a scandal and radical associating with secular people. We could be contaminated," he said. "But that's what we were called to as an order of preachers and teachers out in the world."

Wisdom said the Dominican order has a monastic rhythm. Dominicans, he said, are monks

on the move. They go where they are needed and do what is needed. But he said their active lifestyle begins in contemplation.

"We begin each day with a long lingering look at God and root our agenda of the day in Christ. We remove the agenda about ourselves," Wisdom said. "We root ourselves in Christ and bear our fruit to a world hungry for Christ."

To support the combined goals of contemplation and action, he said, there are four pillars. Common community, common prayer, study and ministry hold up those efforts. The common actions keep them grounded in faith, he said.

"We sing the prayers to each other to remember that Christ is also in that brother that might be driving you crazy," Wisdom said. "You're encountering someone living in the presence of God."

The key emphasis of the order, he said, is preaching beyond the pulpit and understanding the groups to which they preach.

"We preach to different generations and need to understand each. Then we can better show the world Christ coming through us," Wisdom said. "Even the way you walk to the pulpit communicates about what you preach."

Downing said Jesuits are also called to service. Similarly, they work to understand the group with which they work.

"That which is more universal is more divine. We go out to those who no one else can go to or will not go to," he said. "Then we adapt to those places to communicate the gospel."

The struggle, Downing said, lies in staying faithful to the gospel while balancing cultural and political currents.



MAGGIE O'BRIEN/The Observer

Priests speak about their respective religious orders at a Wednesday night panel discussion in DeBartolo Hall.

"From that we've come to reach a commitment to faith that does justice," he said. "If we really are to go to those that need us most, we will preach the Christian faith in a way that does social justice for the world."

Msgr. Michael Heintz said the parish, unlike many of the other orders, stations individuals in one place.

"My life will be spent always in pastoral care in this particular station. Our work is the most basic and heartbeat level of the church: the parish," he said. "In a sense, that is the real heart of the church."

Heintz said, work in an individual parish focuses on teaching, shepherding God's people and sanctifying through ministry.

"In the end, who I am and what I do are the same thing. There isn't any moment I'm not

a priest because everything I do is to live out that priesthood," Heintz said. "That's the goal for which I'm striving."

While differences were highlighted, the majority of the panelists' comments focused on similarities between the orders. At the heart of any religious light, Gallagher said, men and women commit to a common purpose.

Downing said an order and its members try to follow the example of their founder. Anyone considering religious life, he said, should continuously work through three questions.

"How do they pray? How do they work? And how do they live?" Downing said. "That's how the different orders are distinct, though we're all trying to serve Christ."

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## Election

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accounts for around 10 percent of the number of rising seniors living in the hall that received the e-mail.

Judicial Council will announce the Senior Class Council election results tonight.

Doherty and his running mates for Junior Class Council, Megan Rodts, Kim Neary and Nolan Welsh, won with 54.75 percent of the vote, or 536 votes.

The second ticket, headed by Mike Weiss, earned 45.25 percent. 443 votes were cast for him and Julianne Crimmins, Mike Kress and Sean Hannon.

Doherty said he looks forward to next year and being able to participate in something he truly loves.

"I love meeting new people," he said. "I love having a vision and having the opportunity to put it into place."

Doherty said his main objective for next year is to have fun, and he is glad the results reflect students' reactions to his ticket's plans.

"Throughout the whole campus I feel like people really resonated with us when we went and talked to them," he said. "They really liked our ideas."

Weiss said although the election process was time-consuming, it was a great opportunity to be able to run.

"It was really nice to get out and meet the class," he said. "And I got to spend a lot of time with three really great people."

Schilling will lead the sophomore class next year, along with Paul DiGiovanni, Mary Clare Rigali and Margaret Preuss. The ticket

garnered 56.98 percent of the vote, or 596 votes.

The second sophomore ticket, Anthony Kreselewski, received 43.02 percent, or 450 votes. The other members of his ticket were Lizzie Helping, Jackie Picache and Alesandra Mendoza.

Although the process was tiring, Kreselewski said, he had a great time running.

"We wish the best for Nick and them," he said. "I'm sure they're going to do a great job."

Kreselewski said he and the rest of his ticket plan to still be involved in student government.

"Hopefully some of the ideas we had in place will still get done," he said.

Schilling, a Keough resident, said he looks forward to serving student government with fellow Keough residents Doherty and student body president-elect Pat McCormick.

"It's really neat to be able to have that connection to the other councils beyond just student government," Schilling said.

The other tickets running for Sophomore Class Council made the election process a great experience, Schilling said.

"They were phenomenal," he said. "It made all the work we did that much more important."

Schilling said he thinks the next year has a lot of potential for Sophomore Class Council.

"We feel like we bring a really awesome ticket to the table," Schilling said. "Hopefully we will be able to move forward very quickly to get things rolling for next year."

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### University Resources for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students

#### The Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students

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STUDENT SENATE

# Senators discuss their roles

By MELISSA FLANAGAN  
News Writer

Student Senate discussed how to make the role of senator more effective within residence halls at its Wednesday meeting.

A handful of senators said they have trouble relaying information to their dorm because they either do not have access to their dorms' listservs or do not hold Hall Council meetings.

Cavanaugh senator Tegan Chapman suggested other residence halls use Cavanaugh's method of hall clerks sending daily e-mails.

"Our hall clerks have an e-mail address that they have access to," she said. "They send out a daily e-mail to everyone in the dorm."

Chapman said she is able to send a message for hall clerks to include in these daily e-mails.

McGlenn senator Yiting Zheng said although McGlenn

meets for Hall Council, it is difficult for her to communicate what she learned in Senate because Hall Council takes place on Tuesdays and Senate meets

on Wednesdays.

"If there's an event that Friday, there's no way for me to let anyone know unless I stop every person I see and tell them," she said.

Student body president Catherine Soler said if senators are having any of these issues with communication, they should make an attempt to work through it with their hall presidents.

"Say we need to be able to have a voice," Soler said. "Other dorms have these tools, how can we make it work?"

John Sanders, Carroll Hall senator, said it might be helpful to give dorm reports at some Senate meetings in addition to the committee reports already given each week.

"Not every meeting, maybe just once a semester," he said. "We can discuss the pertinent issues in our dorms at the time and

hopefully address any problems."

Knott Senator Alex Kasparie said he doesn't believe the senators are currently fulfilling their intended roles.

"I think our primary role right now is working on student government from outside the dorm," he said. "The senator is really removed from the dorm right now."

The senators should not solely be student government members, Kasparie said. They should be student government liaisons to their individual dorms.

Gender Issues Committee Chair Tim Castellini said the role of senators should be more clearly defined as someone who dorm members can approach with their questions.

"I feel like there should be an emphasis put on them, almost on par with their RA," he said.

Campus Technology Chair Casey Cockerham agreed.

"Senators should be more involved in the dorms," he said. "They should be fielding requests and questions from students."

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**Catherine Soler**  
student body president

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

# Chesley, Smith deliver State of SGA address

By MEGAN LONEY  
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Student body president Rachael Chesley and vice president Laura Smith discussed their administration's successes, setbacks and ongoing projects during their State of Student Government Association (SGA) address on Wednesday.

"Students, it has been our sincere pleasure to have served you this past year," Chesley said. "We confidently believe that our board has left its mark this year, and we look forward to the few weeks we have left ahead."

Chesley highlighted five goals that she and Smith sought to pursue this academic school year. They set out to make Saint Mary's more appealing to students, encourage clubs to use the SGA office as a collective workspace, make Saint Mary's a more present force in the community, make SGA more recognizable on campus and make SGA board members accountable to effectively achieve more.

Chesley and Smith noted specific initiatives they implemented in agreement with each of these goals.

The newly-created finance committee held finance seminars for clubs and worked to create clarity and consistency in SGA finances. Under this committee, eligibility for campus programming sponsorships and travel grants increased by \$500 each and a new joint campus grant of \$3,750 was available to clubs that worked collaboratively on a campus event, Chesley said.

The LeMans Hall Basement renovation project, funded by the SGA Capital Fund, will be completed after spring break. This project is a part of the administration's goal to make Saint Mary's more appealing to students.

"Noticing the lack of strictly social spaces on campus, SGA targeted the Le Mans basement to turn into an interactive, social, and engaging space on campus that will invigorate the student body," Smith said.

Chesley's administration also worked with the student governments of Holy Cross and Notre Dame to establish the Students for South Bend Discount Program.

"While providing more affordable means for students to support the community, it has also worked to strengthen the relationship between the students at all three institutions," Smith said.

The current SGA administration created a position of international commissioner to serve as a liaison between SGA and international students and a marketing committee to design and maintain the new SGA website. They also made SGA agendas and weekly minutes available to students.

Chesley and Smith discussed SGA-sponsored campus events, including a

breast cancer awareness fashion show from which the proceeds were donated to the Vera Bradley foundation, a "Get Caught Reading" promotional day for the Collegiate Readership program, the annual Pumpkin Carving Contest, the annual bus trips to Chicago, Heritage Week and Love Your Body Week.

Chesley ended the address by citing lessons she learned during her term.

"Student Government association understands that there are ways to improve and knowledge to gain for the future," she said.

She then invited newly-elected student body president Nicole Gans and vice president Jaqualyn Zupanic whose administration officially begins April 1, to speak.

Gans and Zupanic acknowledged the precedent that Chesley and Smith set through SGA's initiatives this year.

"Looking back on this past year, Rachael and Laura, as well as the current administration, truly have set a new standard as far as making SGA visible to the entire student body," Zupanic said.

"This administration has started many impressive undertakings, of which we hope to be able to see through next year."

Gans and Zupanic said their administration will focus on expanding SGA to include more student input and developing Saint Mary's as a leader in diversity awareness, women's health, community involvement and ecological consciousness, Gans said.

"We want to be the eyes, hands and heart of the campus," Gans said. "We want each student to feel as though SGA represents her and her needs."

Junior Katie Ciresi attended Wednesday's SGA address due to her interest in being aware of student government activities.

"I was aware of many of the initiatives that they talked about, but it was good to have it summarized, reiterated," Ciresi said.

"More students should have come [to the address]," Ciresi said. "A lot of students complain about things going on around campus, but you can't complain until you actually put effort into knowing about what's really going on."

Chesley concluded the address with a message to all Saint Mary's students.

"The most important individuals to student government are the students," Chesley said. "You are why student leaders work conscientiously and earnestly each and every week. You matter, and you are the future of Saint Mary's. Continue to share the same love for Saint Mary's that we do, and know that we are first and foremost your advocates and your SMC sisters."

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# SMC elects SAB, SDB, RHA leaders

By MEGAN LONEY  
News Writer

Six new leaders have been elected to top positions in Saint Mary's Student Activities Board (SAB), Student Diversity Board (SDB) and Resident Hall Association (RHA).

Juniors Allie Courtney and Caitlyn Wonski have been elected as president and vice president of SAB.

Courtney said they plan to continue to improve SAB events.

"We want to increase participation in SAB events on campus and subsequently increase the spirit for Saint Mary's in the student body," she said. "We really want to unite the student body through common interests in events and creating programs and events that students enjoy together."

They also want to improve SMC Tostal by incorporating a daytime carnival with free food.

Courtney and Wonski also plan to reinstate SAB's Midnight Madness, a class competition that was cancelled three years ago.

Wonski said their first goal is planning the Belle's Bash event for the first weekend back to school in the fall.

"We just want to let the student body know that we are so appreciative of their support and we hope to continue improving the quality of life on campus for them," Courtney said. "We do this because we want everyone to love Saint Mary's as much as we do."

Juniors Kelly Reidenbach

and Guadalupe Quintana will serve as president and vice president of Student Diversity Board. They said they hope to promote diversity at Saint Mary's and teach the student body that diversity does not mean minority.

First on their agenda is motivating students to get involved with the board, Quintana said.

"We always talk about the change we want to see in the world," Quintana said, "and SDB is the perfect place to start. We have the power and opportunity to

be the voice for those who are not so well represented or whose voice is not heard...[our job] is very rewarding."

Reidenbach also said they plan to organize the International Meet and Greet that will take place next semester.

Junior Kat Nelson will serve as president of RHA, with sophomore Sarah Copi as her vice president.

Nelson said the theme for RHA this year is "There's No Place Like Home."

First on their agenda is to meet with the advisors and vice president of Residence Life at Saint Mary's. Next, they plan to recruit board members and to create a budget for the upcoming year.

Nelson said she and Copi plan to schedule a forum where students can come and voice their expectations for RHA next year.

Turnover is scheduled for April 1.

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## Loyal

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route."

Mancini, also a junior, said LDS is especially relevant this year due to recent criticism of the University's handling of sexual assault cases.

"The student organizers and actors of Loyal Daughters and Sons are demonstrating that, in fact, sexual assault is taken very seriously at all levels and is addressed not only by the administration and NDSP, but by the students themselves," he said. "I think the main thing we want to do is educate people. This isn't a propaganda piece. This isn't a politically-driven piece that has a side."

When current cast member Elliot Pearce, a sophomore, saw LDS last year, he said its presentation of various perspectives caused him to feel angry during some skits, but also made him want to get involved with the show.

"They're good about presenting a lot of different opinions on things and some of them I vehemently disagreed with and just made me feel really sad and depressed that something like that could happen to somebody, especially at a wonderful place like this," Pearce said.

Pearce said acting in the show this year has caused him to think more about the issue of sexual assault.

"And I think this year it sort of reminded me of all the feelings I had the first time I saw it," he said. "And in a way it's enabled me to think more deeply about it."

Kiley said the process of directing the show has been an emotional experience, but the range of emotions in the show is an important part of dealing with its subject matter.

"Actually listening to the stories was really difficult," she said. "It's presenting the gray area in sexual assault. There is no black and white. Being able to present the emotions that go into this huge realm of gray area is important."

LDS began in 2006 when



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Students rehearse a scene from "Loyal Daughters and Sons" Wednesday night in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library.

Emily Weisbecker, an undergraduate student at the time, received a grant to conduct interviews and write the show, according to Elizabeth Moriarty, assistant director of Notre Dame's Gender Relations Center. New writers conduct interviews and add material each year, and each year's show has new directors and producers.

Sophomore Jessie Bretl, a current cast member, said beyond showing the reality of sexual assault, the true stories in the show are important because audience members remember details and specific stories.

"Once you hear a detailed story ... it sticks in your mind and you remember it," Bretl said. "People are always asking what they can do to help, and this is something you can do, Educate yourself. Be aware of what's going on. Tell your friends to be aware. Literally one person saying something to one person could save someone."

Mancini said LDS is powerful

because it mixes theatricality and social awareness while remaining true to the original stories.

"I think the biggest thing is we don't want to tarnish the integrity of these stories," he said. "And Kelsie and I think the theatricality we're bringing to this production is really going to flourish."

Sophomore cast member Jack Hough said he auditioned for the show at the recommendation of his sister, a Notre Dame graduate. But once he heard some of the script during auditions, he decided he wanted to help people understand the issue of sexual assault.

"And if they go to this show, well, they have to sit around and say 'well, who knows, it could have been one of my friends who had this story' ... and there's a lot of mystery," Hough said. "Everyone wants to believe that we live in a perfect little dome, but we don't."

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# Court rules funeral protests are free speech

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that a grieving father's pain over mocking protests at his Marine son's funeral must yield to First Amendment protections for free speech. All but one justice sided with a fundamentalist church that has stirred outrage with raucous demonstrations contending God is punishing the military for the nation's tolerance of homosexuality.

The 8-1 decision in favor of the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kan., was the latest in a line of court rulings that, as Chief Justice John Roberts said in his opinion for the court, protects "even hurtful speech on public issues to ensure that we do not stifle public debate."

The decision ended a lawsuit by Albert Snyder, who sued church members for the emotional pain they caused by showing up at his son Matthew's funeral. As they have at hundreds of other funerals, the Westboro members held signs with provocative messages, including "Thank God for dead soldiers," "You're Going to Hell," "God Hates the USA/Thank God for 9/11," and one that combined the U.S. Marine Corps motto, Semper Paratus, with a slur against gay men.

Justice Samuel Alito, the

lone dissenter, said Snyder wanted only to "bury his son in peace." Instead, Alito said, the protesters "brutally attacked" Matthew Snyder to attract public attention. "Our profound national commitment to free and open debate is not a license for the vicious verbal assault that occurred in this case," he said.

The ruling, though, was in line with many earlier court decisions that said the First Amendment exists to protect robust debate on public issues and free expression, no matter how distasteful. A year ago, the justices struck down a federal ban on videos that show graphic violence against animals. In 1988, the court unanimously overturned a verdict for the Rev. Jerry Falwell in his libel lawsuit against Hustler magazine founder Larry Flynt over a raunchy parody ad.

What might have made this case different was that the Snyders are not celebrities or public officials but private citizens. Both Roberts and Alito agreed that the Snyders were the innocent victims of the long-running campaign by the church's pastor, the Rev. Fred Phelps, and his family members who make up most of the Westboro Baptist Church. Roberts said there was no doubt the protesters added to Albert Snyder's "already incalculable grief."

But Roberts said the frequency of the protests — and

the church's practice of demonstrating against Catholics, Jews and many other groups — is an indication that Phelps and his flock were not mounting a personal attack against Snyder but expressing deeply held views on public topics.

Indeed, Matthew Snyder was not gay. But "Westboro believes that God is killing American soldiers as punishment for the nation's sinful policies," Roberts said.

"Speech is powerful. It can stir people to action, move them to tears of both joy and sorrow, and — as it did here — inflict great pain. On the facts before us, we cannot react to that pain by punishing the speaker," Roberts said.

Snyder's reaction, at a news conference in York, Pa.: "My first thought was, eight justices don't have the common sense God gave a goat." He added, "We found out today we can no longer bury our dead in this country with dignity."

He said it was possible he would have to pay the Phelps around \$100,000, which they are seeking in legal fees, since he lost the lawsuit. The money would, in effect, finance more of the same activity he fought against, Snyder said.

Margie Phelps, a daughter of the minister and a lawyer who argued the case at the Supreme Court, said she expected the outcome. "The

only surprise is that Justice Alito did not feel compelled to follow his oath," Phelps said. "We read the law. We follow the law. The only way for a different ruling is to shred the First Amendment."

She also offered her church's view of the decision. "I think it's pretty self-explanatory, but here's the core point: the wrath of God is pouring onto this land. Rather than trying to shut us up, use your platforms to tell this nation to mourn for your sins."

Veterans groups reacted to the ruling with dismay. Veterans of Foreign Wars national commander Richard L. Eubank said, "The Westboro Baptist Church may think they have won, but the VFW will continue to support community efforts to ensure no one hears their voice, because the right to free speech does not trump a family's right to mourn in private."

The picketers obeyed police instructions and stood about 1,000 feet from the Catholic church in Westminster, Md., where the funeral took place in March of 2006.

The protesters drew counter-demonstrators, as well as media coverage and a heavy police presence to maintain order. The result was a spectacle that led to altering the route of the funeral procession.

Several weeks later, Albert Snyder was surfing the Internet for tributes to his son

from other soldiers and strangers when he came upon a poem on the church's website that assailed Matthew's parents for the way they brought up their son.

Soon after, Snyder filed a lawsuit accusing the Phelps of intentionally inflicting emotional distress. He won \$11 million at trial, later reduced by a judge to \$5 million.

The federal appeals court in Richmond, Va., threw out the verdict and said the Constitution shielded the church members from liability. The Supreme Court agreed.

Forty-eight states, 42 U.S. senators and veterans groups had sided with Snyder, asking the court to shield funerals from the Phelps family's "psychological terrorism."

While distancing themselves from the church's message, media organizations, including The Associated Press, urged the court to side with the Phelps family because of concerns that a victory for Snyder could erode speech rights.

Roberts described the court's holding as narrow, and in a separate opinion Justice Stephen Breyer suggested that in other circumstances governments would not be "powerless to provide private individuals with necessary protection."

But in this case, Breyer said, it would be wrong to "punish Westboro for seeking to communicate its views on matters of public concern."

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## The Duke of Baseball

After my first column two months ago, a hero of mine and former sports editor of the Los Angeles Times complimented me for my effort.

That made my day/month/year. The columnist whose work I have read for the past few years just outside of Los Angeles praised my creativity, yet he asked me to promise to never fill this space about myself again. I crossed my heart and hoped to die.

But please excuse me now; this is something I must do once

more. It's personal, because I owe so much to a person I never met: The Silver Fox, the Duke of Flatbush, No. 4, one of the greatest center fielders to play the game. Shame on you for not knowing who he is. If you are a baseball fan, then you know Duke Snider.

If you don't recognize the name then join the club, because he is baseball's most underrated player. Ever.

You probably have heard of Mickey Mantle and Willie Mays. Back in the heyday of baseball, Mantle played for the super-Yankees, Mays for the potent Giants and then there was Snider, the man always overshadowed by the former two, captaining the Boys of Summer (Brooklyn Dodgers).

All took their place in center field, all hit their prime at the same time, all put up incredible numbers, but all played in New York. Snider was the one always left out. Yet he is the only player to hit four home runs in two separate World Series. And along with the Great Bambino, Snider is the only player to smash over 40 homers five years in a row — without the help of steroids. He even was the only player of the famous Manhattan trifecta with over 1,000 RBIs in the 1950's, the aforementioned heyday. The 8-time All Star never had the fame of Mantle and Mays, but he definitely had the numbers. Yet he is still overlooked by baseball fans everywhere, even the Dodgers faithful.

That has to change.

Without Duke, I am not a sports fan. My number one team has and always will be the Dodgers, and without his prowess the move from Brooklyn to Los Angeles probably doesn't happen. That erases my fondest childhood memories. Scrap Santa Claus. When Dad came home on a Thursday night with tickets in his hand, I went nuts. Walking up the hill to Chavez Ravine, enjoying the cool breeze and watching the team I would die for is something in itself, all while No. 4's plaque hung proudly from the outfield. I am homesick just thinking about it. My fondest memories, obliterated without Duke. Shame on me for realizing after his recent passing, but now I know. This piece really could go on forever, but, sadly, I can hear the editors playing their Oscars music.

I know the number of I's here may displease you, Mr. Dwyre, but I couldn't let this one go.

Thanks Duke.

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## Notre Dame, Hike, Hike, Hike

I don't know if you read the paper the other day, but once again tuition rates at our fine school have gone up 3.8 percent, or more simply it is now \$2,180 more expensive to get the same education you bought last year. This is a downward trend from a 5.9 percent increase in 2008-09, and 4.4 percent increase in 2009-10. In fact, the price of my senior year is going to be 13.1 percent more expensive than the price of my freshman year, a net increase totaling \$6,125. If I were to pay the freshman year rate, my total tuition with on-campus living would be \$186,720. With the increases over time, I actually pay \$199,085, a total increase of \$12,365 over four years. Taking into account an annual inflation rate of 1 to 2 percent in recent years, this is a vast overcharge for what is supposed to be a non-profit institution.

The truth of the matter is it is not totally Notre Dame's fault. It's not Jenkins fault or anyone that works in Dome. This is a problem that is plaguing all institutions of higher learning but especially the top tier private colleges and universities. There is a culture that has existed for some time

where if you raise in the price five percent every year, people will still pay it because of the perceived value of a college degree in our culture. They have an inelastic market that allows them to set the price and people will continue to pay just like smokers who don't have as much choice as others on whether to buy cigarettes.

There is also a real lack of transparency on where our money is going. A private institution does not have to disclose such information, but undoubtedly there is probably waste and corruption that goes on behind those closed doors, despite the University's commitment to cutting back. Which brings up another question: if the University is making broad cuts across the board, why is tuition going up? Only God and Jenkins knows.

There are also other factors at work. The debt game is a big player in what is enabling this cash cow for universities. It is very easy to obtain student loans especially through the government. The problem is that kids wind up with high debt after graduation even though they may not have studied a major that leads to a career, let alone a lucrative one. I understand we want kids of all backgrounds, the best of the best, regardless of financial constraints to attend our top universities, but we are actually reaching a point where the price is so high that you are not doing them a favor by putting them into so much debt. It doesn't help much either if they decide to

invest the time and money to attend school and not learn something useful that they can take to the real world.

There needs to be some kind of reform to control this problem. Implementing a voucher system where I can take my parent's state university taxes and put it toward paying for the college of my choice would be a positive improvement.

Reform in the college loan process that takes into account what you are studying, would not only vastly improve debt rates, but would filter more students into the sciences and engineering disciplines, studies that lead to high growth jobs and careers. top-20 caliber private institutions should look at using their vast endowments to subsidize the tuition of current students.

There is no greater good than an educated youth, and no greater waste than a wasted mind. Smarter beings than myself will think of a solution, but we need to implement it soon, because the problem is only get bigger every year. Compound 5 percent a year every year until you have college-age children and you will wonder if attending college is really worth it, something we want to discourage for the sake of future generations.

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Mark Easley

Elephant in the Room

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Revive the organ

I would like to sincerely thank Suzanna Pratt for her photo essay on the organs housed in the Debartolo Performing Arts Center ("Keying In: The Reyes Organ and Choral Hall," March 1). The organs, especially the Fritts organ, are absolutely magnificent instruments that are so easily overlooked. Being an organist myself, I know firsthand how much the art of the organ is dying out. Churches all over the country and the world are tearing out their organs because of financial issues (they are very expensive to maintain), wanting more contemporary music, or simply that their organists are literally dying out. Ask anyone on the street (or in our case, quad) to describe an organist and they will most likely tell you that they think of a little, old, blue-haired lady hunched over the bench plunking out each hymn. There are so few young organists, which to me is a horrible shame. Notre Dame only has a small number of undergrad organists, let alone organ majors. So I ask all of you to go at least once in your career here at Notre Dame and attend an organ concert at DPAC. Sitting and looking at the magnificent woodwork while listening to the sheer power of the sound that is produced from the Fritts organ is sure to give anyone a new appreciation for a dying art. And to all of my fellow organists, I ask you to keep up the good work and thank you for your dedication. I especially want to extend a thank you to Prof. Cramer for his enthusiasm, dedication, and direction to all of us who have had the honor of studying with him.

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### EDITORIAL CARTOON



### POLL OF THE WEEK

What are your plans for Spring Break?

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Poets are shameless with their experiences: they exploit them."*

Friedrich Nietzsche  
German philosopher

## Could you give it away?

Guess what is extra-late this year, but will be here in six days? No, not Spring, silly; that's still more than two weeks away ... if we're lucky. Mar. 9, Ash Wednesday, begins one of my favorite (call me crazy) times of the year: Lent. I think I enjoy Lent each year because of its stripped-down, no-nonsense, focus-on-the-basics sensibilities. It feels to me like a season that knows its own purpose, that refuses to be sidetracked by unnecessary diversions from the reason for its existence: the opportunity to prepare us all for Easter, for celebrating the reason for our existence.

**Kate Barrett**

*Faithpoint*

I have a friend who, for Lent one year, gave away one thing each day. He examined his material goods and then, every day of Lent, let go of something. Now think about it: this may be easy for the first week or so. Extra pair of pants, be gone; those never-worn shoes, out the door with you. After a bit, however, it seems that my friend's Lenten discipline would become more rather than less difficult to maintain. It's not like giving up, say, coffee, in which (after the headaches

go away) you just sort of get used to its temporary absence. By the time you get into the final couple weeks of Lent you would certainly have exhausted your supply of that which you don't mind giving away, and your gifts (which are now, unlike that temporarily missing cup of coffee, permanently gone) will be hitting a little closer to home.

It strikes me, though, that for the very reason that giving your stuff away would get harder and harder, it's a great metaphor for how to spend Lent. Shouldn't we all strive to keep stripping away what separates our hearts from God's love as we approach Jesus' death and transforming resurrection? Maybe I can feel just as secure with seven pairs of pants as with eight, or with one fewer pair of shoes, but when the "extras" are gone, and I'm looking at items I'd really, really like to hang on to, does it then become time to skip a day of giving? Whatever we wrap around us, literally or figuratively, that makes us feel safe, or cool, or powerful, or smart, or daring, can also be the very thing that holds us back from facing just our plain-old-unadorned-possibly-even-inadequate selves. This same "stuff" can become our reason for neglecting our

relationship with God, because in the little corners of our lives where the stuff isn't, we know that God may be waiting, calling us to unwrap these layers of protection. Do we look to accumulate possessions, or prestige, or popularity, or expertise in a certain area, out of concern for (or pride about) what others think of us? Isn't it surprisingly easy to be more concerned about our appearance to others than about our real, unadorned, unprotected selves that God knows and loves so well?

At what point do we recoil from what Christ calls us to "give up" in order to follow him with all our heart? It's probably not at the point where we meet chocolate, or beer, or TV or video games, though giving any of those up for Lent may help us to realize areas where our priorities might be misplaced.

We strip down in a lot of ways during Lent — our churches and chapels look bare and the music of our worship becomes more solemn and stark; we give things up and try to spend more time in prayer; we may eat more simply, in order to donate the overflow of our food budget to the hungry. Perhaps our stripping down and giving up, however, needs to be directly focused at how we can hear more clearly

God's intentions for our lives. As you consider the possibilities for the promises you might make this Lent, think about how each of the traditional Lenten disciplines, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, might truly help you follow the path of Christ to the God who loves you. What do you place in the way of that relationship? Could you give a little of it away each day?

Forty days isn't such a long time. For many of us, finding forty things to give away wouldn't even force us to dip too deeply into our favored possessions. These next forty days, however, could be powerful, transforming ones if we allow ourselves to become ourselves — without quite so many of the layers of security we usually carry with us for the sake of appearance. Our mothers were right when they told us, "Just be yourself!"

God loves us and will bless us; we just have to be ourselves. Lent might just be the perfect time to practice.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Don't assume

Holden ("Non-athlete shirts," Mar. 1) and Alex ("Prejudice runs deeper," Mar. 2),

I appreciate your opinions, and you have both hit on major points in regards to the purpose of our shirt. The "IRISH Non-Athlete" t-shirt was created by Wabruda in direct response to many of the encounters that we as black males have had on this campus. While pseudo-justifications can be formulated in order to give "reason" to make premature assumptions, the fact of the matter remains that this is not the type of mindset that we should have as intellectuals. While Notre Dame is highly regarded as a sports hub, that idea should not overshadow the fact that we remain one of the leading academic institutions in the country. To assume someone's identity without any prior knowledge of them goes against the inherent intellectual reputation that our school should stand for. This goes beyond labeling black males at Notre Dame athletes. The term student-athlete has been so watered down over the years that the two terms are hardly used in the same sentence anymore.

This is the problem we face. As hard as it may be for some to believe, intelligence is indeed colorblind. We are all individuals with our own accounts to share. At the end of the day, there is nothing wrong with being an athlete, but there is something wrong with making assumptions that take away the story that someone has to offer to the world.

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Mar. 2

## Thank you, anonymous boy

Tuesday evening, I experienced a random act of kindness. Trying to join a friend to eat at the North Dining Hall, I accidentally brought an expired CoEx meal ticket. Preparing to sadly part ways with my friend, a guy who was leaving the dining hall overheard my dilemma and kindly gave up one of his meal swipes for me. In shock, I did not even think to thank this stranger for his unnecessary act until he was walking away. I'm embarrassed that I didn't react sooner and give him the thanks he deserves. I haven't been able to stop thinking about the incident since. It reminded me how much one random act of kindness can shed some light and change one's perspective. You never know when someone is in need of a sign of compassion to make it through the day. Especially with the upcoming Facebook event of "A Day of Peace," we all need a little reminder to pay it forward and spread some hope. So thank you again, anonymous boy, for your thoughtfulness that made my day. Pass it on.

**Claire Creely**

freshman  
McCandless Hall  
Mar. 1

## MRS degree is alive and well

As someone with friends coming from a long line of women who earned, and were awarded, the prestigious MRS degree from the University of Notre Dame, I am offended by the comments made in the Viewpoint "Anti-MRS Degree" by a woman of Saint Mary's. I respectfully disagree that there is no longer a MRS degree. In fact, the top reason for my choosing to attend Notre Dame was the 54/46 percent ratio (according to US News and World Report) of men to women, and definitely not that I would receive superior education and develop a comprehensive business network upon graduation. I applied because the ratio increases the chances of earning an MRS degree. Now, as a woman of Notre Dame accepted on my own merit, I am indignant to the statement that no MRS degree exists. Without an MRS degree available, I, and many of my female peers, would not continue to subject ourselves to the grueling coursework, and hurtful comments about Notre Dame girls being ugly and crude if there were not some other benefit. The only reason

I go to class, or even shave my legs in the winter, is to find a nice, smart Notre Dame man to make me his wife. There is such a thing as an MRS degree. If you go to Saint Mary's, you are clearly going about earning it the wrong way — Notre Dame obviously accepts men and women. So, I beg of you, why would I want a job when I can find a man to take care of me? What kind of job can you even get as a woman with a major in IT Management, like the one I am pursuing? Men make more money than women in the same job position anyway, so why try? You know this is true; it is also the reason I never leave my room without make-up or in sweats. You know what, Notre Dame men? Give me an MRS degree. I'll make you a sandwich, and I'll make it happily.

**Melissa Wagner**

junior  
Cavanaugh Hall  
Mar. 1

## Let's be fair

In a conversation with his girlfriend in "The Social Network," Mark Zuckerberg sums up the opinion held by many Notre Dame students: "You don't have to study because you go to BU" (substitute Saint Mary's here for Boston University). Notre Dame-Saint Mary's relations have seemingly always been strained, and mostly because of condescending remarks and attitudes like these from Notre Dame students. The recently addressed stereotype of the "MRS degree" does not help Saint Mary's students feel less slighted, and neither does the assumption that Saint Mary's girls are not challenged academically. It's called higher learning for a reason, and it is unfair for us to believe that substandard scholarship exists across the street.

However, I believe there is another side to this debate. Saint Mary's students often do Domers an injustice when responding to unfairly derogatory remarks; they equate the two schools. Notre Dame students have performed simply extraordinary feats in academics, community service, athletics and other areas to get into this premier

university, and we continue to do so in our work here. Please understand that I am not slighting the intelligence or effort of our sister school to the west; rather, I am doing the opposite.

Saint Mary's is ranked the No. 93 National Liberal Arts College by the US News and World Report, a truly noteworthy recognition befitting a fine school. But at the same time, that same publication ranks the University of Notre Dame as the No. 19 National University. You would not say that the Illinois Fighting Illini, a highly regarded basketball team, is on the same level as the Chicago Bulls. Players on each team work their hearts out every day: shooting, conditioning, lifting weights and watching film.

Each team is well-respected in its own right, with greatly talented players. They're just in different leagues.

**Andrew Moser**

junior  
Keenan Hall  
Mar. 2

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## Weekend Events Calendar

thursday



**Poker Tournament Legends**  
Midnight  
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Las Vegas has come to Legends for the night. Reportedly the most authentic poker tournament in town, the nightclub is opening its doors to beginners and experts alike. Show up with your best poker face. Card counting not allowed.

friday



**The Bloomington Six Comedy Tour**  
Midway Tavern, 810 W. 4th St.  
9 to 10:30 pm  
Cover: \$5

Up and coming comics from around Indiana are converging in South Bend for a night of comedy. Performers include Ben Moore, Mat Alano, Josh Cocks, Stephanie Lochbihler, Tom Brady and Jon Hancuff. Head down for a night of fun.

saturday



**Collegiate Jazz Festival**  
Washington Hall  
7 to 11 p.m.  
Free with ND/SMC/HCC ID, \$5 general public at LaFortune Box Office

Be classy and head to Washington Hall for a night of smooth jazz. Hear college bands from schools across the Midwest. Experience the Jazz Age at Notre Dame. Flapper dresses optional.

sunday



**Men's Lacrosse vs. Drexel**  
Loftus Sports Center  
1 to 3 p.m.  
\$5 adult, \$3 youth/senior

Come support Notre Dame as it takes on Drexel. The Irish are riding a two-game winning streak and hope to continue their drive. If the sun continues to shine and the game happens outdoors, head to Arlotta Stadium.

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# Culture

tantrum:



## THE OSCARS

Sunday evening marked the greatest night of the year—probably not for you, but certainly for me. Oscar Sunday is the evening when the joy of Christmas, the patriotism of Independence Day and the egocentricity of my birthday all come together in one glorious event.



**Stephanie DePrez**

Scene Writer

Hollywood drops a couple million on a party(s) and pats itself on the back for four hours. Most people find watching the Oscar telecast tedious or irrelevant. But I think it's necessary — nay, essential — for any self-respecting movie-goer to pay attention to the Oscars.

The Oscars are the Grand Poobah of the entertainment circuit. Everyone in Hollywood cares, and everyone watches. If you want to take the temperature of entertainment media, you have to look at who and what they honor. This means plopping down in front of your TV the last Sunday in February and getting your front row seat to the telecast that never fails to disappoint, from

the hosts' performances to the star walking away with a statue. (Have you ever noticed that no matter how many of your guesses are right, you still feel someone was snubbed?)

You may be wondering why I care so much about an awards show that is basically four hours of talking about movies without actually showing any. This is a point worth making: If someone loves movies, why bother with an event that tells you how valid your opinion is? My favorite movie of the year was "True Grit." It was fabulously done. Simple, delicate, powerful and slay-me-in-the-aisles funny. It was massively ignored (even the orchestral score, which was composed by Carter Burwell, the Grand Poobah of my heart). I liked "The King's Speech." I thought it was swell. I recommend it to anyone. But I don't need 6,000 Hollywood voters to tell me I'm wrong to think Hailee Stanfield could eat Colin Firth for breakfast. But I digress.

So why bother with the Academy? Movies are the storytelling medium of our age. I'm not talking only about those that hit the theatres, swarm our Netflix and end up on our roommates' DVD shelves. I'm talking about any motion picture narrative. This includes television, YouTube and the video message you just left on

your brother's Facebook wall. We have begun to communicate primarily through snippets of words that convey our mood, location and message via text, Twitter and status update. Since words are so simple and so available, the more elaborate video-update has followed suit. Nowadays, we don't just tell people stories, we show them.

Two weeks ago, in addition to inciting a riot to convince fans to raise enough money to buy the rights to "Firefly," Nathan Fillion told Entertainment Weekly, "We're the most story-literate society the world has ever seen." Does this mean we have read/watched/seen more stories than any other generation? I don't think so. I think it means that we know how a story goes — or can go — better than any other generation.

We know how to take a moment and characterize it, match it up to our day and spread it around to our community in mere seconds. We have so much access to so many different visual narrative forms (Funny or Die, TV webisodes, The Onion Online) that we no longer need to categorize "movies" as "those beastly events that cost three times more than my tuition." Now, "movies" happen on your digital camera. Which has become your phone. Filmmaking is

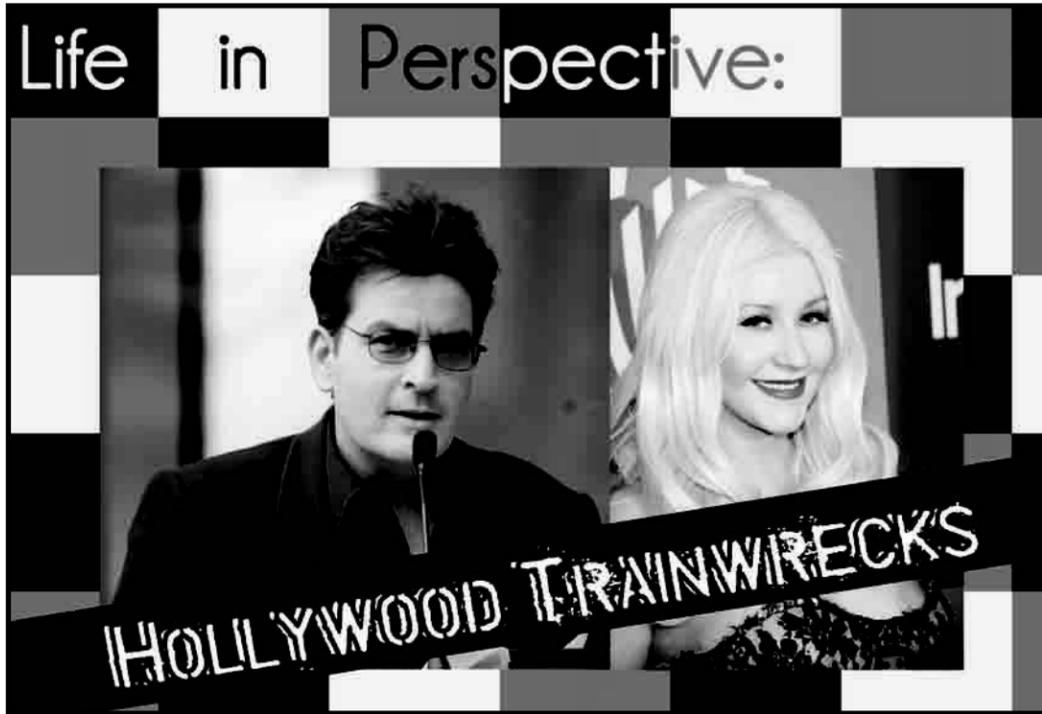
hardly reserved for the film majors. My friend Eileen can kick my butt in the editing room, and she's majoring in political science.

Which brings us back to the Oscars. The fact remains that Hollywood did it first and still sets the curve. Funny or Die would have nothing if it didn't draw on our visual narrative expectations as dictated by major motion pictures. My friend showed me a series of movies with little kids acting out all the Best Picture nominees on AOL. It was hilarious, but only because I had seen the movies beforehand. Hollywood sets the precedent that eventually trickles down into our hands-on video sharing.

So why watch the Academy dole out golden fodder for the celebrity media wheel? Because it is the first place to learn what you will be imitating with your iPhone. I may think "True Grit" was tops, but next week's viral video will be tipping its hat to World War II era England before post-Civil War America. That is the power of the Oscars.

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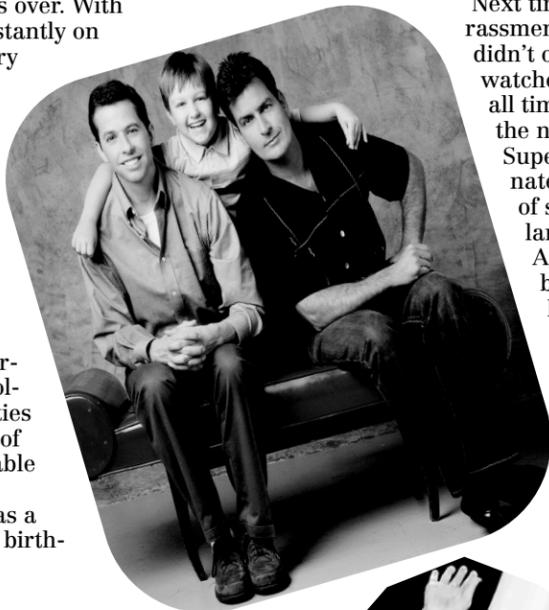
## Life in Perspective:

We can all identify the people on campus who, by comparison, immediately make us feel better about our own lives. Whether these people are exhibiting offensive party behavior, running to a test a half-hour late or pulling consistent all-nighters, their bad decisions make us put our

**Troy Mathew**

*Scene Writer*

own messiness in perspective. Celebrity train wrecks exemplify this purpose a thousand times over. With paparazzi constantly on their tails, every shameless aspect of their lives is broadcast to the general public. Through erratic interviews, embarrassment televised worldwide and general idiocy, the following celebrities will make any of your questionable behavior seem about as wild as a four year old's birthday party.



### Charlie Sheen

Sheen is the star of "Two and a Half Men," somehow the highest-rated comedy on cable. For some reason, CBS offered Sheen a contract extension on the show, worth \$2 million per episode. He receives an obscene amount of money in order to star in what is among the unfunniest shows on television. Thus, one would think he would have undying gratitude for CBS and the show's creator, right? On the contrary, Sheen plans on filing a lawsuit against the CBS and Chuck Lorre, the show's creator. The show is on hiatus indefinitely until Sheen cleans up his act. In addition, Sheen wants to sign on for the show's ninth and 10th seasons, but only if he receives \$3 million per episode plus a \$20 million signing bonus.

All this legal drama aside, Sheen is nearly always high out of his mind on cocaine. His ex-wife Brooke Mueller recently filed for a restraining order, and his drug-fueled partying has created media frenzy. In a series of bizarre recent interviews with "Good Morning America" and "The Today Show," Sheen offered some golden quotes. When asked if he was bipolar, Sheen replied he isn't but instead is "bi-winning."

In the same interview, a sweaty and pallid Sheen suggested he was perhaps not from "this terrestrial realm." After watching the interviews, it starts to seem like a more valid suggestion. When asked if he plans to enter rehab, Sheen claimed he closed his eyes and cured himself "with the power of his mind." Sheen then remarked that Alcoholics Anonymous is created by "a broken-down fool who is a plagiarist."

### Christina Aguilera

Next time you suffer embarrassment, just be grateful it didn't occur on the most-watched television program of all time. Aguilera, who sang the national anthem at Super Bowl XLV, unfortunately did just that. Instead of singing, "were so gallantly streaming," Aguilera improvised, belting out "the twilight's last reaming." As if that weren't enough, one week later, Aguilera tripped while onstage during her performance in an Aretha Franklin tribute. Not many people thought Aguilera could outdo the embarrassment of her enormous flop "Bionic," so kudos to her for at least accomplishing that.



Along with her public shame, Aguilera's rap sheet is also growing. Aguilera was arrested early Tuesday morning for public intoxication. She was passenger in the car with boyfriend Matthew Rutler, who was arrested for DUI. The police said Aguilera "was not able to take care of herself" and was released from the police station at 7:30 a.m. According to

TMZ, officials do not plans to prosecute Aguilera. Inside sources said they will be shocked if Aguilera is not soon committed to rehab.

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## Soundtrack of the Academy Awards



by Courtney Cox

- 1  "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" - Elton John
- 2  "Call Me Irresponsible" - Frank Sinatra
- 3  "Moon River" - Andy Williams
- 4  "The Way You Look Tonight" - Fred Astaire
- 5  "Over the Rainbow" - Judy Garland
- 6  "It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp" - Three Six Mafia
- 7  "Fame" - Irene Cara
- 8  "I Just Called to Say I Love You" - Stevie Wonder
- 9  "Take My Breath Away" - Berlin
- 10  "Time of My Life" - Bill Medley and Jennifer Warnes
- 11  "Lose Yourself" - Eminem
- 12  "Falling Slowly" - The Swell Season

*Though each of these songs has become part of pop culture in its own right, there is one thing they all have in common. From Three 6 Mafia to Elton John, every one of these songs has won an Academy Award for Best Song.*

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MLB

# Crisp arrested Wednesday on suspicion of DUI

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Major league security officials met with the Oakland Athletics on Wednesday and delivered their annual spring lecture to the players on the pitfalls of their profession. One of the subjects discussed was the danger of drinking and driving.

Coco Crisp attended the meeting. Hours earlier he was in jail.

Crisp was arrested early Wednesday in Scottsdale, Ariz., on suspicion of drunk driving, the third major league player to be charged with DUI during spring training.

The A's released a statement on the matter.

"Coco Crisp was arrested and detained early this morning under the suspicion of

driving under the influence of alcohol," the club said. "He was released from the City of Scottsdale Jail this morning and arrived at

Phoenix Municipal Stadium on time for team pre-game drills.

"The A's are aware of the situation and take such matters seriously. The team and Coco will have no further comment until further details are available."

Scottsdale police didn't immediately respond to

*"I talked to Coco. The club put out a statement which speaks for all of us at this point."*

**Bob Green**  
A's manager

tion.

"I talked to Coco," he said. "The club put out a statement which speaks for all of us at this point."

Geren said Crisp will play on Thursday when the A's play a road game against the Milwaukee Brewers. The team has not indicated if Crisp faces any team discipline.

The 31-year-old Crisp is the latest major leaguer to face a DUI charge since training camps opened.

Detroit first baseman Miguel Cabrera was arrested in Florida on Feb. 16 on suspicion of driving under the influence and resisting an officer without violence. He is to be arraigned on March 16.

On Tuesday, the Indians learned that outfielder Austin Kearns was arrested on Feb. 12 in Kentucky. He chose not to tell that team on advice of his attorneys, and the team was put in the awkward position of addressing his situation without knowing many facts.

Crisp is coming off an

Wednesday requesting information on the arrest.

Crisp was on the field for the morning workout, and he was in the clubhouse before the A's hosted the Cleveland Indians in an exhibition. Crisp did not speak with reporters before leaving Phoenix Municipal Stadium.

Following the game, manager Bob Geren offered little information on Crisp's situa-



Coco Crisp was arrested for allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol in Scottsdale, Ariz., before the A's pre-game drills Wednesday.

injury-riddled 2010, when he played in just 75 games. He was on the disabled list in April with a broken pinkie finger and went on the DL again in May with a strained rib muscle. Crisp broke the pinkie a second time on Sept. 18 and missed the remainder of the season.

He batted .279 with eight homers, 38 RBIs and had 32 steals.

In November, the A's exercised their \$5.75 million option on Crisp for 2011. He's eligible for free agency after this season.

NBA

# Coveted free agent forward Murphy chooses Celtics

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Celtics signed free-agent forward Troy Murphy on Wednesday.

Murphy began the season with the New Jersey Nets but was traded to the Warriors last week. Golden State bought him out, and since then he has been coveted by several teams — including the Miami Heat.

Murphy said he chose Boston because of its style of play.

"Watching both teams, I fit in better with the way Boston plays, the way they spread the floor, and you know I just like the way that they play," said Murphy, who had never reached the playoffs.

"That was the most important factor, going to a team that was going to not only be in the playoffs, but for a long playoff run. Looking at the teams, the Celtics have all the potential to do that."

The 6-foot-11, 245-pound former first-round pick from Notre Dame averaged 14.6 points and 10.2 rebounds last season with the Indiana Pacers. With the Nets, the New Jersey native averaged just 3.6 and 4.2 this season.

He played in just 18 games with New Jersey and hasn't played since Jan. 7. But he was in uniform for Wednesday night's game against Phoenix.

Murphy said he has been working out to stay in shape.

"I've never been really apart from a team for an

extended period of time, so I couldn't really tell you," he said. "(It's) pretty crazy. I'm just looking forward to getting here and moving forward towards the future."

The Celtics have been one of the most active NBA teams in the past week.

At the trading deadline, they sent starting center Kendrick Perkins to the Oklahoma City Thunder along with Nate Robinson for forward Jeff Green and center Nenad Krstic. In a separate deal, Boston sent backups Luke

Harangody and Semih Erden to Cleveland for a second-round draft pick.

Marquis Daniels was sent to the Sacramento Kings for a draft pick. To fill out the roster, Boston signed Chris Johnson to a 10-day contract.

Celtics general manager Danny Ainge said he wasn't done yet: He's hoping to add another shooting guard — perhaps as soon as Wednesday or Thursday.

"I'd like to bring in someone with some experience," he said. "I'd like to bring in

someone that's not old and washed up."

Wednesday night's game was the first time in Boston for the rebuilt team.

"I know the crowd is going to be amazing, Green said before the game. "I've played here early in my career and it was great. So I'm looking forward to being part of it on the good side this time."

Celtics coach Doc Rivers said he is eager to get his team together in practice so he can get the new players familiar with the system.

"Since we're adding all these guys, the sooner we do it and put them all together, the better," Rivers said. "We're in the building phase, which we didn't think we would be in at this point in the year, but we are."

*"Watching [the Celtics and the Heat], I fit in better with the way Boston plays, the way they spread the floor."*

**Troy Murphy**  
Celtics forward

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Movie Quotes

ve heard a great deal about you, Fa Mulan. You stole your father's armor, ran away from home, impersonated a soldier, deceived your commanding officer, dishonored the Chinese Army, destroyed my palace, and... you have saved us all.

-The Emperor of China Mulan, 1998

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ruled by an evil bear who smells of

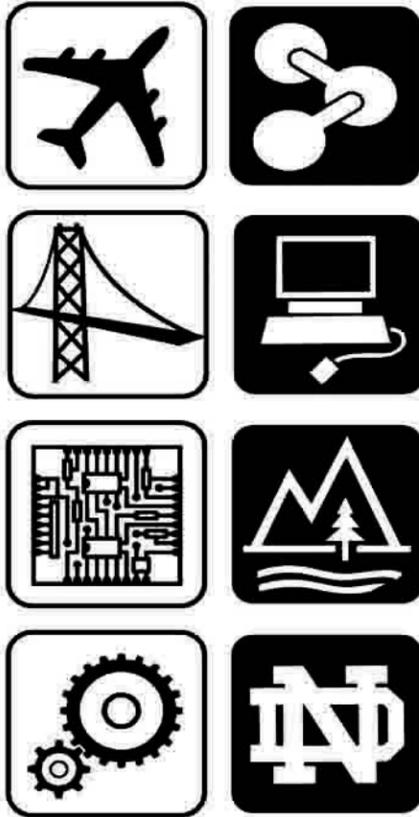
strawberries!"

Toy Story 3 (2010)

Song Lyrics:

Tell me where you're going, Tell us where you're headed I'm off on an adventure, Mr. Raaager Tell us some of your stories, Tell us of your travels HEY!, Mr.Raager, Mr.Rager Tell me where you're going, Tell us where you're headed I'm on my way to heaven, Mr. Raaager Can we tag along, Can we take the journey Kid Cudi, Mr. Rager

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### *I just had squash soup with Father Hesburgh.*

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# Loftus

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makes it one of the largest indoor tracks in America, and its wide turns makes it one of the fastest as well. Even its Mondo surface material is respected as the fastest in the world. The Irish have the benefit of practicing on this state of the art circuit throughout the year, and they have reaped the rewards, winning two of the past three Big East championships.

"We are very fortunate to have the Loftus Center," senior captain Jack Howard said. "It's one of the best indoor facilities in the country. It gives us a place to train during the cold winter months and its size allows for a lot of people to use it at the same time."

Another benefit of using the Meyo Track is that by practicing on a larger track and wider turns, Notre Dame's runners often have an easier transition to the 400-meter outdoor track in the spring season.

"Being able to train in there, it helps the guys to finish the indoor season and gain some momentum heading into the outdoor season," Howard said.

Perhaps the largest benefit of the Meyo Track for the Irish is the fact that they can host high-quality meets, allowing them to face the best competition in the

nation without traveling. This season, the Irish scheduled four indoor meets in the Loftus Center. The Blue-Gold meet and the Notre Dame Invitational were two smaller, early-season meets that helped the Irish to prepare for the bulk of their schedule.

The Meyo Invitational, one of the nation's premier collegiate meets, was held last month, and it more than lived up to its reputation. Fast times were on display throughout the invitational, as sophomore Jeremy Rae won the mile in sub-four minute fashion, and Alabama's Kirani

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James ran the 400 meters in 45.47 seconds, the fastest time in the world this year.

"It is nice to have this great facility because we get to host some national caliber meets right here at home on a track that we are very familiar with, which is definitely a plus," Howard said.

The final home meet of the year for the Irish is the Alex Wilson Invitational, which will take place this Friday and Saturday. Elite athletes will once again descend on South Bend, while the Irish will look to perform well enough to qualify for the NCAA championships in Texas.

"The Wilson meet this weekend is the last chance for everybody to qualify for Nationals," Howard said. "We have high hopes to get a DMR [distance medley relay] qualified as well as several individual qualifiers in various events."

With a track as fast as Meyo, qualifying performances might be just a fourth of a mile away.

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# Koter

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solo is a lot different [from the pressure of diving]," he said. "You aren't necessarily being judged for a certain score or a place or anything like that. The most nerve-racking part for me is signing in front of a group of talented musicians and being judged by them."

Still, Koter's singing ability is impressive enough to earn the praise of his coach.

"I've heard him sing many times," Welsh said. "He has sung the national anthem for us at these meets ... and I've also heard him sing at [the Basilica of the Sacred Heart]. It's a clean, clear, strong voice that he has."

With the zone championships set to begin March 11, singing might have to take a back seat to diving as Koter and the rest of the Irish focus on closing out their season strongly.

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**SWIMMING**

# Phelps to battle Lochte in Indianapolis meet

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Grand Prix will give Michael Phelps an idea of where he stands in his preparations for this summer's world championships and the 2012 Olympics.

He'll also get to see how he measures up to Ryan Lochte, the world's dominant swimmer in 2010.

Phelps will compete against Lochte in four of the five events the 14-time Olympic gold medalist is scheduled to swim at the Indiana University Natatorium.

Lochte beat Phelps in the 200-meter individual medley during the Austin Grand Prix in January. Lochte, the world record-holder in the event, finished in 1 minute, 59.26 seconds, while Phelps was third in his worst performance of a disappointing meet.

"Hopefully, I'll be able to swim a little faster than I did in Texas," said Phelps, who has been training in Colorado Springs, Colo. "I feel like I'm making steps forward."

"Over the last couple weeks, couple months, I feel like I'm heading in the right direction. I think there are some small technical things I need to work on, improve on."

Phelps is set to compete against Lochte in the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly events Thursday. Phelps set a world record in the 100 butterfly at the U.S. national championships in 2009 in Indianapolis and has since bettered the mark.

They also are slated to compete twice Saturday: in a 200 IM rematch and in the 100 freestyle. Phelps also is expected to swim Friday in the 200 butterfly, in which he also holds the world record. Lochte is not entered in that race.

Phelps said Lochte is part of a talented group of swimmers he feels will push him as he

prepares for the world championships in Shanghai in July and the 2012 Olympics in London.

"There are a lot of new people out there," Phelps said. "A lot of the Europeans are swimming really well, Ryan is swimming really well. It's going to be fun this summer to head over to Shanghai and be able to swim with some new faces."

Phelps said he wants to be strong this week so he can move to the next step: Olympic preparation.

"I have some times that I want to hit in mind," he said. "This is a chance to see where I stand for worlds. That's the biggest thing, is trying to get as prepared as I can and hit all my marks before world championships. If I do that, then I can set up my Olympic trials."

Phelps hasn't committed to swimming beyond the 2012 Olympics. The 25-year-old realizes that he might be on a farewell tour.

"My mom brought up the point that this could be the last time I swim in these pools, and the last time that she travels to these cities," he said. "It's hard to think about, but we've been able to have a great career in every pool."

Even with all he's accomplished, Phelps said he's still motivated.

"There are still a lot of goals I have and things I want to achieve before I retire from the sport," he said. "If I'm able to do those things, then I can look back on my career and say I've been successful."

When asked what those things were, he said those goals are between him and coach Bob Bowman.

"Million dollar question," he said. "Everybody wants to know that, but no one will know. Bob has them, and I have them, and we'll work together and try to reach them."

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**NFL**

# CBA meetings at standstill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — NFL owners ended their special labor meeting Wednesday night without taking any action, just 30 hours before the collective bargaining agreement with the players expires.

Most of the owners left a suburban Washington hotel Wednesday night after a three-hour meeting, canceling another session scheduled for Thursday. The owners are not required to take a lockout vote. That authority has been given to the NFL's labor committee, which met with the union in mediated talks earlier Wednesday.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said more mediation sessions were expected.

"The committee has not made any decision as to what will happen upon expiration of the current agreement if we don't have a new one by tomorrow night," Aiello said.

Indianapolis Colts owner Jimmy Irsay said the owners welcomed the opportunity to be updated on negotiations, but there was little reason for them to remain in Washington as the deadline approaches.

"We had the chance to ask questions, but we didn't break with a lockout vote or anything like that," Irsay said.

Asked what he expected to happen heading toward the CBA's expiration, he added: "I never have expectations, except to have A, B, C, D and E, and to always plan for F. It changes, a chessboard that moves around and things happen at unusual hours."

Earlier Wednesday, a large group of owners and players' union president Kevin Mawae participated in mediated contract talks for the first time. The ninth session at the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service also included NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and all 10 members of the owners' labor committee and lasted about four hours.

After the day's early session, the NFL contingent got into a fleet of a half-dozen black SUVs and headed to Chantilly, Va., to begin filling in other owners on the status of the negotiations.

About 20 minutes after the league's group left at 2 p.m., the NFL Players Association's negotiators group departed on foot, walking in the direction of the union's headquarters, a couple of blocks away. New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees, a member of the NFLPA executive committee, attended the mediation; like Mawae, Brees hadn't attended this round of negotiations, which began Feb. 18. But now all members of the union's executive committee have been present at least once.

"We're talking," Mawae said when he left. "It's better than not talking."

The CBA runs out at midnight Eastern time as Thursday becomes Friday, and among the possibilities are that the owners lock out the players or that the union decertifies. Whatever happens this week could cause the country's most popular sport to lose regular-season games to a work stoppage for the first time since 1987. Or, perhaps, everything could be resolved by management and

labor in an industry with annual revenues topping \$9 billion.

NFL general counsel and lead labor negotiator Jeff Pash reiterated early Wednesday that it is possible that the league and union could agree to extend the deadline for arriving at a new CBA.

"We have to see where we are. We've said that's an option. We're not taking anything off the table," Pash said.

Owners from the labor committee members who attended the talks Wednesday were: Jerry Richardson of the Carolina Panthers, Jerry Jones of the Dallas Cowboys, Bob Kraft of the New England Patriots, Art Rooney of the Pittsburgh Steelers, John Mara of the New York Giants, Mike Brown of Cincinnati Bengals, Clark Hunt of the Kansas City Chiefs, Dean Spanos of the San Diego Chargers, Mark Murphy of the Green Bay Packers, and Pat Bowlen of the Denver Broncos.

Until Mara attended Tuesday's talks, no team owners had participated in the mediation sessions.

Because mediator George Cohen told both sides to stay silent publicly about the current talks, no one has revealed any specifics about what progress might have been made.

The biggest sticking point all along has been how to divide the league's revenues, including what cut team owners should get up front to help cover certain costs, such as stadium construction. Under the old deal, owners got \$1 billion off the top. They entered these negotiations seeking to double that.

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## NFL

# Gold Glove winner Teixeira axes agent Boras

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira has ended his relationship with longtime agent Scott Boras.

Teixeira made the announcement before Wednesday's spring training game against Houston.

"I've been thinking about it for a while," Teixeira said. "There's no reason to get into a lot of specifics right now, but sometimes business relationships just run their course. For me, my family right now, this is the best decision for me."

Teixeira said Boras took the news OK, but obviously was disappointed.

"Hopefully, when I see him, we'll be able to shake hands and say thanks for the work we've done together," Teixeira

said.

Boras talked with Teixeira on Tuesday.

"Mark and I had a very cordial conversation," Boras said. "Our company had the great honor of working with Mark for over a decade. It was privilege to see him grow into one of the best players in the game, become an All-Star and a World Series champion and win a contract that recognizes him among the game's elite players. We wish him the best moving forward."

Teixeira started using the Jonas Group last year to handle his off-field promotion. He has not yet hired a new agent.

"There's plenty of time for that," Teixeira said. "Nothing's on the horizon."

Teixeira is in the third season of a \$180 million, eight-

year contract negotiated by Boras.

"Right now, the next contract isn't really on my mind," Teixeira said. "When I hired Scott at 18, it was to help me with my career. From the time I was a rookie, people started talking about my free-agent contract. Unfortunately, it took away from a lot of things I did on the field. I felt, at times, I was a Mark Teixeira, Scott Boras' client instead of Mark Teixeira, baseball player."

Teixeira says after 12 years together, it was time to make a change. He has not selected a new agent.

"He gave me everything I asked for contract-wise," Teixeira said. "I chose Scott for a reason, because I wanted the best agent for my career and for my contract."



Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira runs out a triple in a spring training game Feb. 26.

## Fenlon

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coaching the Czech team, go over, assist, run the clinic," Fenlon said. "Turns out we were playing with them."

The Czech team was varied, consisting of players ranging from 18 to 45 years old. A Dayton, Md., native, Fenlon was impressed with some of the older players' skills and even said one woman brought her 18-year-old son to the game.

"She was so good at lacrosse," Fenlon said. "She was moving up and down the field better than some of the younger players."

The pair also had to deal with the language barrier between themselves and the team, at times asking the referees to translate what their teammates had said to them.

"It turned out to be a very rewarding experience," Fenlon said. "I felt like I learned a lot more from them than I actually taught them."

Next, Fenlon traveled to Austria, a country with only about 40 girls playing lacrosse nationwide, to coach the game. They shared drills for practice and plays for games in an effort to help spread the game across the nation.

"It was great to hear the other side of the story because it's not as widespread as it is here," Fenlon said. "Over here, we are raised to play lacrosse."

Fenlon finished the trip with a vacation in Ireland, where she got to see the small towns that her great-grandparents grew up in.

"It was a great experience to be over there but I got back appreciating so much here," Fenlon said. "Working with other team members taught me lessons on how to be a better leader, how to work with different types of people."

Last year, Fenlon recorded 27 ground balls and 12 caused turnovers as the Irish finished 11-7. So far this season, she has scooped up three ground balls and caused two turnovers in helping No. 11 Notre Dame to a 2-2 start.

"She's very underrated. She does not get a lot of recognition but she does a lot for us," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said.

When it comes to Fenlon, the stats do not tell the entire story, according to Coyne.

"She's probably one of the most mentally tough players I've ever coached," Coyne said.

If the season goes the way Fenlon and Irish want, she will have to do even more traveling, this time to Stony Brook, N.Y., the site of the NCAA championship.

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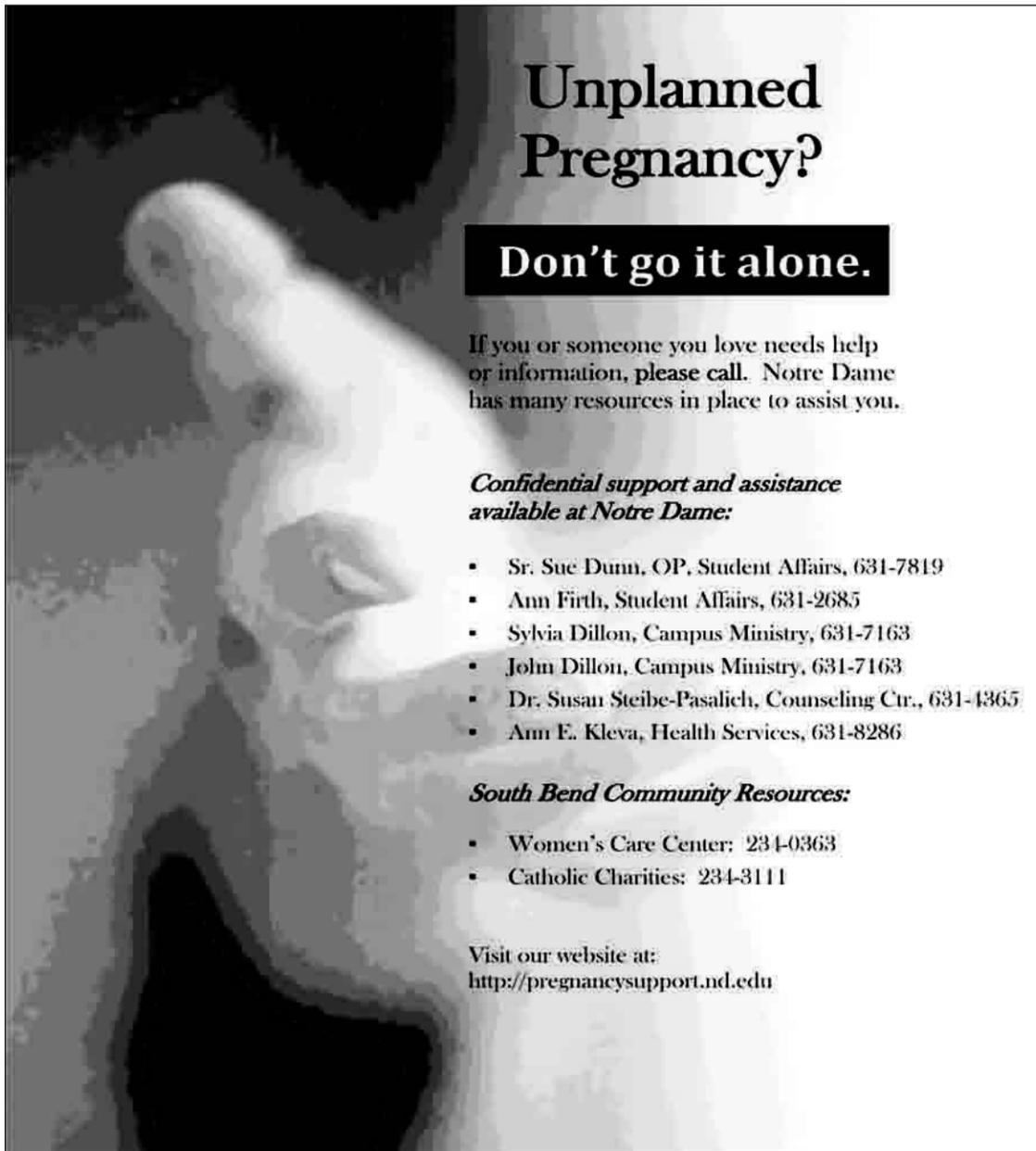
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**TENNIS**

# Serena has emergency surgery for blood clots



**No. 1 seed Serena Williams returns a serve at the 2010 French Open against Stefanie Voegelé.**

Associated Press

Serena Williams' absence from tennis could stretch to almost a year after two new health scares — a blood clot in her lungs followed by a hematoma — have added to her injury woes.

Her agents confirmed Wednesday that Williams was diagnosed with a pulmonary embolism last week and later needed treatment for a hematoma. The 13-time Grand Slam champion hasn't played an official match since winning Wimbledon last July because of a foot injury she sustained not on the court but at a restaurant.

Her latest health problems have been "extremely hard, scary and disappointing," Williams said in a statement. "I am doing better. I'm at home now and working with my doctors to keep everything under control. I know I will be OK, but am praying and hoping this will all be behind me soon."

"While I can't make any promises now on my return, I hope to be back by early summer. That said, my main goal is to make sure I get there safely."

People magazine first reported on Williams' condition, quoting spokeswoman Nicole Chabot as saying Williams underwent "emergency treatment" Monday for a hematoma suffered as a result of treatment for "a more critical situation," the pulmonary embolism.

The 29-year-old Williams was treated at a Los Angeles hospital then returned to her home in the city.

"Thankfully everything was caught in time," her agents said in a statement. "With continued doctor visits to monitor her situation, she is recuperating at home under strict medical supervision."

Williams' mother, Oracene Price, tweeted: "Thank you for your concern. She is fine."

The tennis star attended Sunday night's Elton John AIDS Foundation Academy Awards Viewing Party. On Tuesday night, Williams posted on her Twitter account,

"Tough day." A few minutes later, she retweeted Kim Kardashian.

The younger sister of seven-time major champion Venus Williams has been out of competition since she cut her right foot on broken glass at a restaurant shortly after winning her fourth Wimbledon title July 3. Her comeback has been repeatedly delayed by complications with the injury.

Williams had surgery after initially hurting her foot and pulled out of the U.S. Open. She resumed practicing in September, but kept pushing back her return and needed an additional operation in October.

Williams missed the Australian Open in January, where she was the two-time defending champion.

Chabot told the magazine the embolism was discovered after Williams returned to Los Angeles from New York, where she had gone "for doctor appointments for the ongoing issues with her foot."

Dr. Mark Adelman, chief of vascular surgery at NYU Langone Medical Center, said a patient with a pulmonary embolism would need to take an anticoagulant for six to 12 months but could play sports on the medication.

"A blood clot can occur in any vein or extremity, most commonly in the leg, and can travel to the lung," Dr. Adelman wrote in an e-mail. "Prior surgery, air travel, prolonged sitting, birth control pills, obesity and pregnancy can predispose a patient to a blood clot in the leg that can travel to the lung."

Adelman said if a clot-dissolving agent is used to treat an embolism, it can result in bleeding around the catheter used to deliver the drug. Williams' agents said the hematoma was removed.

Williams has a wide range of business, fashion and charitable interests that keep her in the public eye even when she's not on the court. Since winning her first Grand Slam title in 1999, she has struggled with injuries on several occasions only to come back to win more championships.



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# Hodges

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Hodges remembers both the mental and physical anguish he endured during those months spent in the hospital.

"The stroke occurred in the left side of my brain, thus stripped much of my vocabulary and severe numbness through my extremities," Hodges said. "It was a horrific feeling because I was mentally formulating questions but cannot physically speak. For example, I would try to ask, 'Can I get a glass of water?' and I could not convey the question. From the physical side, it was just very tiring. I could not get out of my bed at all for about the first two months, so it was very tiring to even stand up."

The next challenge was preparing for a heart transplant. He knew that it was the one way he would be able to live.

"There was no option for the surgery," he said. "My heart did not respond to any of the earlier procedures and it became apparent that I would have to have the transplant."

After a successful surgery, Hodges was still unsure whether he would be able to continue his fencing career. However, he soon found that fencing was an outlet to facilitate his mental and physical rehabilitation.

"Working out physically became a wonderful refuge to avoid the problems associated with the stroke," Hodges said. "Getting back into fencing condition really wasn't too bad because it felt so wonderful to get the alternative to the three months in the hospital," Hodges said.

Hodges said the Notre Dame community has been paramount in his recovery, culminating in his return to campus this fall.

"There are so many wonderful people involved in our community and the Notre Dame family has really shone through adversity," he said. "I have been so grateful for the constant support from all those involved. It might sound bad to other communities, but I truly believe that many other communities could not have provided such a level of support that I received from the Notre Dame family," he said.

A natural athlete, Hodges lettered three times in both football and tennis in high school, while training at a private fencing club. He began college as a defensive back on the University of Kansas football team. When he learned that his club fencing coach, Gia Kvaratskhelia, had signed on at Notre Dame, Hodges decided to follow him to South Bend.

"After talking to Gia, I realized that I had a wonderful opportunity," Hodges said, remembering his decision to come to Notre Dame. "Fencing with Gia and my teammates and receiving a top-level academic education."

His unbelievable journey and recovery was capped off at the January Notre Dame Duals that Kvaratskhelia dubbed Teddy's "coming out party."

"For the return to Notre Dame Duals, it was wonderful to see everybody cheering for me," Hodges said. "To be honest, I still have the competitive drive and I really, really wanted to win that first bout," Hodges said.

Hodges won that bout and 14 more that day. Although much has changed over the past 18 months, it seems as though Hodges still has the heart of a champion.

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## FOOTBALL

# Tenured physicians announce retirement

By LAURA MYERS  
Sports Writer

Drs. Willard Yergler and David Bankoff both wear National Championship rings from Notre Dame's defeat of West Virginia on Jan. 2, 1989.

The two have worked with the Irish football program as team doctors since 1974 and 1981, respectively, and announced their retirements earlier this month.

Drs. Chris Balint and Brian Ratigan will replace them. All four doctors work at South Bend Orthopaedics (SBO), which has had a relationship with Notre Dame athletics since 1948, when founder Leslie Bodnar started working with Irish athletes.

As orthopedic surgeons, Yergler and Bankoff dealt with broken bones and other athletic injuries. Their time spent at practice and games was volunteered.

"We don't get paid for all these hours and hours," Yergler said. "We do it because we enjoy taking care

of the teams."

During his time with the team, Yergler said he'd dealt with many injuries, including a broken wrist that he had to operate on while the team was still in Florida after a New Year's Eve bowl.

"No injury's crazy," he said.

The two also interacted with student athletic trainers during games, and allowed interested students to shadow them.

Senior trainer Amber Rosenberg shadowed Bankoff at SBO.

"The first surgery I ever saw was a knee replacement with Dr. Bankoff," she said, "and he didn't laugh at me when I got woozy at the smell!"

Yergler sponsors a scholarship given to one student trainer each year.

"I've learned through observation about what I want out

of my career," Rosenberg said. "Obviously, they are both very hard working and accomplished individuals and I have been able to take what I know about their lives and careers and apply them in my own life goals."

Yergler, whose first season with the team was Ara Parsegian's last, worked with eight coaches during his tenure and

was on the sidelines for 430 games. None were more memorable than the 1988 championship, he said.

"We celebrate with the team," he said. "We're with the team, and we enjoy working with them, and we celebrate with them."

Bankoff, whom Yergler brought into the athletic program during the Gerry Faust era, remembered the game before the national championship, a 27-10 defeat of No. 2 USC, as his favorite.

"We just pounded them," he said. "We just destroyed them."

Of course, they also witnessed some bad times along with the good.

"Gerry Faust's last game, the Orange Bowl, 55-7 — we just got shellacked," Bankoff said. "It was embarrassing."

The two started the transition towards retirement two years ago. Bankoff said he told Irish coach Brian Kelly about the doctors'

impending retirements during one of their first meetings. He said Kelly tried to convince him to stay on a bit longer.

"My wife and kids always asked when I was going to retire, and I said when we win another national championship," Bankoff said. "I told that to Coach Kelly, and he said, 'I'll come to your retirement party. We'll win one soon.'"

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## Lee

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just been enjoying it."

After a subpar season by the program's standards in 2009-10, Irish coach Jeff Jackson turned over nearly half his roster, bringing 12 freshmen into the highly competitive Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA). The players have flourished in all aspects, whether it be goalie Steven Summerhays' five wins in goal, defenseman Stephen Johns' undisputed role as the team enforcer on the ice, or wing Mike Voran's 17 points in conference play, good for fourth on the team in that respect. But it is Tynan's 46 points (19 goals, 27 assists) and Lee's 40 (21, 19) that have fueled the Irish to their 21-10-5

record and top-10 ranking. Tynan and Lee have combined to win four of a possible five CCHA Rookie of the Month awards, with Tynan pulling in National Rookie of the Month honors in November. Tynan was quick to credit the success to his teammates and coaches.

"All the guys are such a great influence on me," Tynan said. "The team is so close and the coaches have done a great job. I'm surprised [at the success] but I'm not that surprised because of the people around me."

Tynan has emerged as a fan favorite due to his relatively small stature compared to the average collegiate hockey player — he is listed at 5-foot-8 — and his feisty, quick-skating style of play. Voran said that off the ice, Tynan's teammates couldn't be happier for the Orland Park, Ill., native's success — which

includes making the watch list for the award given to the nation's top player, the Hobey Baker Award.

"He's probably the nicest guy out there," Voran said of Tynan. "You couldn't be happier for a guy like that. He's such a humble guy, and obviously he's pretty fun to watch. Even the guys on the team, when we're watching him, we get surprised sometimes."

The success of the freshman duo is all the more impressive when the circumstances under which they came to campus were considered. Tynan wasn't even expected to join the Irish, but the departure of Jarred Tinordi and Kyle Palmieri to the NHL opened up a spot on the team. Lee, on the other hand, was recruited to play football by Northern Illinois and Minnesota, among others. When the Irish came calling, the Edina, Minn.,

native had an easy choice.

"At the end of the day, I just remember sitting down and saying, you know, I love hockey so much," Lee said. "There was nothing that was going to keep me from that. I love football, but that was pretty much just during the season — after that, it was all hockey. When I visited here and realized I could go to the football games on Saturday and really enjoy it, it was just the best of both worlds."

Lucky for the Irish that Lee and Tynan chose to lace up their skates in South Bend. In the wake of recently graduated national stars such as Ian Cole and Erik Condra, a new duo of stars appears to be ready to take the Irish into the new Compton Family Center and a new era of Notre Dame hockey.

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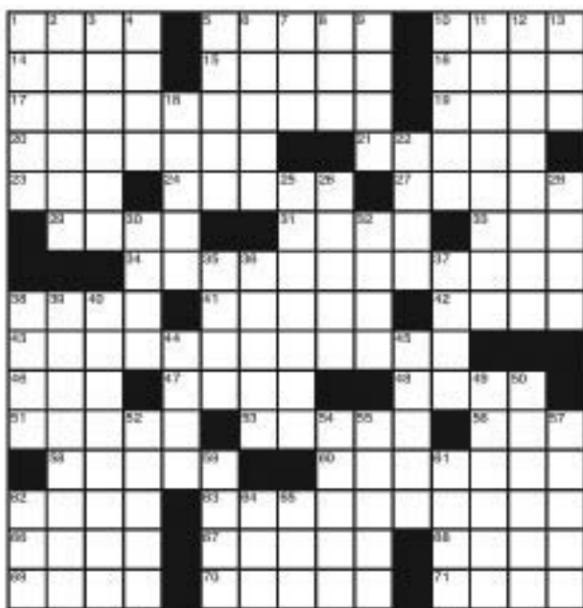
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- Across**
- 1 Deliberate
  - 5 Rice with three rings
  - 10 Prepare to sing an anthem
  - 14 Not out of the running
  - 15 One of a literary trio
  - 16 Part of I.M.F.: Abbr.
  - 17 Mean, illegal wrestling hold?
  - 19 Dog command
  - 20 Like poorly cleaned glasses
  - 21 One with a yard stick?
  - 23 Certain pipe joint
  - 24 Musical syllable singing system
  - 27 "Dune" director
  - 29 Moore in entertainment news
  - 31 Hip-hop's \_\_\_\_ Fiasco
  - 33 Granting that, briefly
  - 34 Standard tobacco wad?
  - 38 "\_\_\_\_ take arms against ..."
  - 41 "That really hurts!"
  - 42 In \_\_\_\_ (actual)
  - 43 Woo President Arthur?
  - 46 Pillager, maybe
  - 47 Go bad
  - 48 Piles
  - 51 Where Panasonic and Sanyo are headquartered
  - 53 It's billed as "The Place for Politics"
  - 56 Clichéd cry
  - 58 Stylish
  - 60 Noted earthquake locale
  - 62 Satisfy
  - 63 Fat fool?
  - 66 Landlocked land of Africa
  - 67 Coke is used for this
  - 68 "Salus populi suprema lex \_\_\_\_" (Missouri's motto)
  - 69 Speechless
  - 70 Clinton defense secretary William
  - 71 Copy cats
- Down**
- 1 Thick
  - 2 One way to stand
  - 3 "Yes \_\_\_\_"
  - 4 Kitchen extension?
  - 5 Onetime tabloid nickname
  - 6 Kind of alcohol
  - 7 Euripides character?
  - 8 Seoul soldier
  - 9 River that begins in Nord
  - 10 Perilous
  - 11 How metric units are divided
  - 12 Stiffens, in a way
  - 13 Screen swinger Ron
  - 18 P.L.O.'s Ararat
  - 22 "Family Ties" son
  - 25 Blooms
  - 26 Q5 and Q7
  - 28 N.H.L. star nicknamed "Mr. Hockey"
  - 30 El Cid foe
  - 32 One with stressing work?
  - 35 Tickle Me Elmo manufacturer



Puzzle by Patrick Blindauer

- 36 Yawn-inducing usually
- 37 Michael of "Superbad"
- 38 \_\_\_\_ Rios (Jamaican resort)
- 39 "The Sleeping Gypsy" painter
- 40 Lunch counter order
- 44 Bolshevik target
- 45 Multivolume ref., usually
- 49 Leaf through
- 50 Appear that way
- 52 \_\_\_\_ Bell, witch who was a fellow student of Harry Potter at Hogwarts
- 54 Celt or Cav
- 55 In the worst way
- 57 [Bam!]
- 59 Shortening used in recipes
- 61 "Don't you forget about me"
- 62 "Yum!"
- 64 U.S.P.S. abbr.
- 65 Contraction that sounds like a conjunction

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**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**



**HOROSCOPE**

EUGENIA LAST

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Bryce Dallas Howard, 30; Daniel Craig, 34; Jon Bon Jovi, 49; Lou Reed, 69

**Happy Birthday:** Surprise everyone by keeping what you are working toward to yourself until you have something spectacular to present. Underestimating what's required can be expected, so be willing to par down your expectations while concentrating on ways to give whatever you do an unusual spin. Less can be more if done exquisitely. Your numbers are 1, 6, 10, 28, 35, 39, 46

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Concentrate on working as a team player. Greater stability will be established if you are committed to whatever project you are working on. By offering your time, services or listening to the concerns being expressed, you will enhance an important partnership. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't make a foolish mistake by letting your emotions come between you and what you want. Everything is falling into place. All you have to do is what's expected of you. It's up to you to show your worth. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Follow your heart, your dreams and your intuition. Take on a little extra work and you'll send a positive message to your boss, clients or colleagues. Pick and choose what you take on. Actions speak louder than words. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You will learn a lot from someone you consider a doer. If you don't try to fit too much into one day or one project, you will do a good job. A couple of personal changes will alter not only your outlook but your status. ★★★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You can make a big splash with someone who interests you personally or professionally. A partnership can ease your stress and help stabilize your life financially and emotionally. Make alterations to your home environment. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Put a little pressure on someone you feel owes you. Call in favors and take action regarding a new position or job you want. Do something you've wanted to do for a long time that will boost your confidence and improve your attitude. ★★★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Things are looking up both personally and professionally. You will have greater insight into what others want from you and can, therefore, deliver the goods. The chance to enhance your romantic life is apparent. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Take a good look at what you are up against and take action. There is no room for second-guessing. You need to be sure and to act fast. Your emotions will play games with you if you don't stick to your game plan. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Rely on your past experience in order to make the right decision now. Someone is likely to play games with you mentally if you don't have your facts straight. Preparation will be the key. ★★★★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You'll be inclined to overreact if someone makes a last-minute change that upsets your plans. Keep moving in the direction you feel you need to go and you will discover how capable you are and send a strong signal that you don't need to rely on anyone for anything. ★★★★★

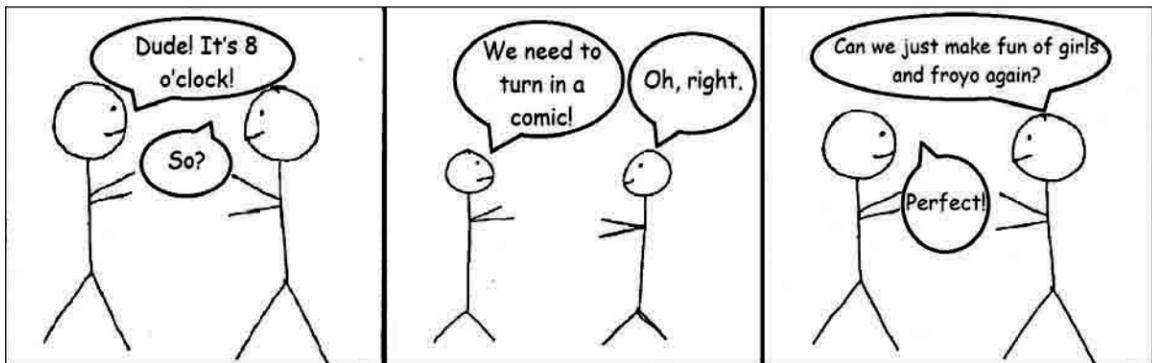
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You can enhance your life by making alterations to your living space. Money that is owed to you or that you don't have to work for will be presented in an unusual set of circumstances. A promise made must be kept. ★★★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You'll be broadsided by what someone does behind your back. Don't retaliate. Do what's least expected and you will regain your status quo. It's the little things that will count today. Keep it simple and to the point. ★★★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are original and always ready to take on a challenge. You are dedicated, loyal and a leader, not a follower.

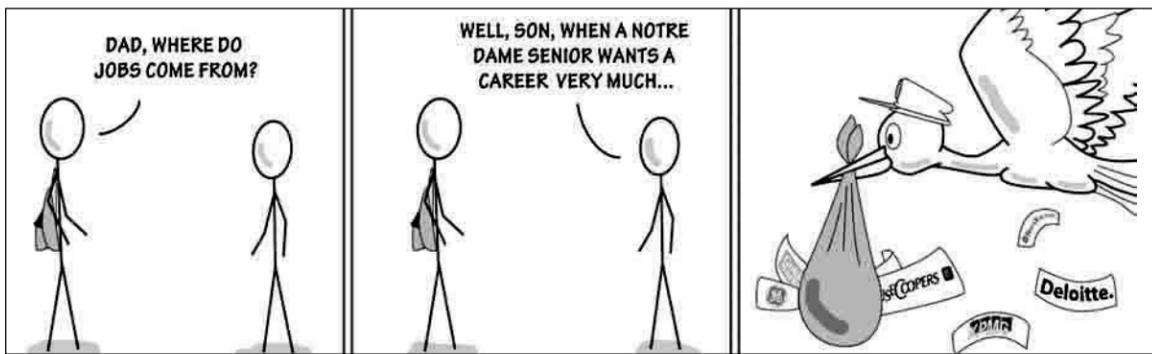
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Answer: This can make for a "genial" evening — GIN AND ALE

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HOCKEY

# A Fresh Start

*Irish duo lead NCAA in freshmen scoring*

By CHRIS ALLEN  
Sports Writer

Of the dozens of statistics that demonstrate the youth movement currently sweeping Notre Dame hockey, perhaps none is more emphatic than the following: out of the hundreds of freshmen currently playing college hockey, not just the top one, but the top two leading rookie scorers wear "Irish" across their chests each weekend.

Center T.J. Tynan and wing Anders Lee have taken not just the Notre Dame hockey scene, but the national hockey scene, by storm. Even Lee admits the early success is a surprise.

"It's been a wild ride. We've come a long way from the summer," Lee said. "With 12 freshmen coming in, we had a lot of work to do, just trying to bring a new young attitude to the team. ... It's been really fun and I've

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Freshman left wing Anders Lee, left, fights for the puck in a 2-0 loss to Western Michigan on Feb. 26. Lee was recently named CCHA Rookie of the Month for February.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

# Defender learns from excursion

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS  
Sports Writer

Some people wonder just how crazy Spain was during this past summer's World Cup. Notre Dame senior defender Lauren Fenlon isn't one of those people, as she was able to soak in a different culture while teaching citizens of other countries.

"It was insane and so much fun," Fenlon said of the soccer-crazed nation.

Her journey through Spain (and its hostels), however, was just the start of a four-country tour of Europe. Fenlon, along with a friend from Monmouth University, traveled the continent not only to take a vacation, but also to play and coach lacrosse.

After visiting Madrid and Barcelona, the duo continued to the Czech Republic, where they were treated to an unexpected but welcome surprise.

"We thought we were just

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MEN'S DIVING

# Senior-dominated squad ready to pass on experience

By JOSEPH MONARDO  
Sports Writer

The Irish have at times this year resembled a three-headed monster thanks to the leadership of a trio of seniors. But next year a large portion of team leadership will pass to sophomore diver Ryan Koter, who has reaped the benefits of being surrounded by more experienced teammates in his two years at Notre Dame.

Koter, a native of Delmont,

Pa., living in Siegfried Hall, is the only Irish non-senior to qualify for the upcoming NCAA zone championships. Seniors Wesley Villaflor, Nathan Geary and Big East Diver of the Year Eric Lex also qualified for the championships and have played a role in Koter's development.

"I've learned so much from my senior teammates," Koter said. "I feel really lucky to have a group of three divers who are so great, and I feel like the quality of diving that I'm doing now compared to when I came

in is so much greater just because I've had the opportunity to have them as role models."

Koter will look to duplicate the leadership his three mentors have displayed when he becomes one of the more experienced divers on next year's team.

"Next year is going to be a lot different," he said. "I'm looking forward to changing my role and becoming a leader towards [the younger divers] and hopefully push them to become better divers."

Irish coach Tim Welsh has confidence Koter will be able to fill the void created by the departure of the squad's top divers.

"I think [his transition] will be natural," Welsh said. "His continued improvement will just be a natural transition, so his role next year will be as our most experienced upperclassman."

In addition to the demands of being a student-athlete, Koter is also a member of the Notre Dame Folk Choir.

"Last year I attended the

11:45 Mass a few times," Koter said. "I was really impressed by how great the choir sounded. Freshman year ... diving took up most of my time and I didn't want to have too much on my plate. But this year I decided that it would be worth it."

While he enjoys his time singing with the choir, Koter said performing brings a whole new form of pressure into his life.

"The pressure of having a

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

# Loftus celebrates 25th year

By JACK HEFFERON  
Sports Writer

One of the key factors to Notre Dame's success on the track turned 25 this year. No, it's not an aging fifth-year senior or a newly hired assistant coach. It's the Meyo Track, one of the premier indoor tracks in the country.

The Loftus Sports Center was completed in 1985 and began hosting Irish athletes not long after. The nearly 130,000 square foot facility houses Meyo Field, where several other varsity teams practice and play early season games. More importantly for Irish coach Joe Piane and his team, though, is the 400-meter track that surrounds it. That size

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The Loftus Sports Complex hosted the Blue-Gold Invitational on Dec. 10 to begin the indoor season.

FENCING

# Hodges overcomes major heart surgery

By MICHAEL TODISCO  
Sports Writer

When senior foilist Ted Hodges received a heart transplant a year ago, no one could have imagined that he would ever compete in another match. However, after a miraculous recovery, the fencer is back with the Irish and picking up victories both in competition and in his life.

As Hodges was finishing the 2008-09 school year, his life was interrupted and forever altered. When returning from a Texas hunting trip with friends, Hodges began to feel nauseas, feverish and fatigued. He was rushed to a local Salina, Kan.,

hospital, where a doctor recognized his illness as myocarditis, a virus that targeted his heart.

He was transferred to a larger Kansas hospital, barely surviving the flight. Upon arrival, he slipped into cardiac arrest and needed 39 minutes of CPR to save his life. With his lungs, kidneys and heart all beginning to fail, he was hooked up to a life-support machine, on which he was reliant for the next three months.

A stroke suffered at the hospital further complicated Teddy's illness. He was placed in a medically induced coma for nearly a month and had trouble communicating when he awoke.

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