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## Professor: Stay off ground in Libya

*ND expert recommends 'limited liability intervention' for foreign troops in rebel conflict*

By NICOLE TOCZAUER  
News Writer

As American and European forces strike Libya from the air, Professor Michael Desch, chair of the department of political science, said the most reasonable military action is to continue its "limited liability intervention strategy."

"It makes sense for us to intervene in Libya as opposed to other places we have in the past," Desch said. "We can do so at a relatively low cost and indirectly through missiles and drones."

Violence first erupted in Libya in February when anti-government opponents rebelled against Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi. The nation is now in a state of civil war as the fighting escalated in recent weeks.

On March 17, the United Nations Security Council authorized foreign military action by U.N. members in Libya. The council's aim was to protect civilians as Qaddafi's army approached Benghazi, a large Libyan city and strategic rebel camp.

American and European forces bombarded loyalist Libyan forces with warplanes and missiles but

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Libyan rebels retreat from the eastern Libyan city of Ajdabiya, south of Benghazi, under mortar fire from General Mommar Gaddafi's forces.



A Libyan man poses with wreckage from a US F15 fighter jet. The aircraft crashed outside of the village Bu Mariem in an open field.

## Fall abroad cancelled for Cairo

By SAM STRYKER  
News Editor

The Office of International Studies (OIS) cancelled the Cairo study abroad program for fall 2011 after the University evacuated 12 Notre Dame students from the country earlier this semester.

On Feb. 24, just a month after an uprising began in Egypt that led to the overthrow of President Hosni Mubarak, current sophomores accepted to the Cairo study abroad program received an email from OIS to inform them of the office's decision.

The status of the spring 2012 semester hosted at the American University in Cairo (AUC) remains uncertain.

Students were able to apply to other study abroad programs for fall when the department cancelled the Cairo program. OIS also offered students the chance to study at the School for Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London.

OIS Assistant Director Judy Hutchinson said the department

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## Former ND student sentenced six years

Observer Staff Report

A former Notre Dame student charged with child molestation received a six-year prison sentence Friday after he engaged in sexual acts with a 12-year-old South Bend girl in April 2010, according to The South Bend Tribune.

Ackley F. John, a senior at the time of his arrest, pleaded guilty in November to two counts of child molestation, both class B felonies. He was arrested on April 4 and released from the St. Joseph County Jail two days later after posting \$3000 bond, according to court documents.

University spokesman Dennis Brown said John's enrollment at Notre Dame ceased April 6.

John said he met the girl on MySpace, and they spent time together on three occasions. According to court documents,

the girl called John around 2:30 a.m. on the day of his arrest and asked him to pick her up from a convenience store near her house.

The girl said she performed oral sex on John that night, according to court documents, and he brought her to Notre Dame's campus when she saw her father's car outside her home. She said the two argued, and then he told her to go talk to a Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) officer nearby. NDSP then returned the girl to her parents. Mishawaka Police arrested John that morning.

According to Indiana state law, any sexual intercourse or deviant sexual conduct with a child under 14 years old is considered child molestation. The Observer will not name the girl because she is a minor and the victim of a crime.

## Irish language sees surge

By MARISA IATI  
News Writer

More people are currently embracing the Irish language than at any other time since the early 19th century, Notre Dame professor Brian O'Conchubhair said, and those at Notre Dame are no exception.

O'Conchubhair is an associate professor of Irish in the Department of Irish Language and Literature and a faculty fellow in the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies.

"Irish is currently undergoing a resurgence in comparison to what was happening in the nineteenth century," O'Conchubhair said. "Before the Irish Potato Famine, there were approximately 6 [or] 7 million speakers of Irish in Ireland. Irish was a dominant language."

O'Conchubhair said Notre Dame students played a role in the effort to revive the language.

"Irish was being taught here as

a subject in the 1860s and 1870s before it was taught in the Irish universities," he said. "That had to do with the fact that there were so many Irish immigrants at Notre Dame. [Students] were calling for an endowed chair of Irish."

The University further embraced its Irish tradition when it established an interdisciplinary Irish Studies program eighteen years ago and when it created a minor in Irish Language and Literature in 2004.

This spring, the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies offered 24 courses from a number of departments across the University, according to the department website. Fifteen of those courses could be applied to a minor in Irish Language and Literature. The institute also offers internship and study abroad programs in Dublin.

Irish history shed light on the decline in the number of Irish speakers.

O'Conchubhair said the mass

deaths during the Famine and the subsequent patterns of immigration contributed to a rapid decline in the number of Irish speakers.

"The countries people are immigrating to are English-language countries. Therefore, English becomes an essential feature in survival," O'Conchubhair said. "English becomes the language of commerce ... [and] national politics."

O'Conchubhair said Ireland's newspapers, books and religious texts were printed only in English. The educational system taught only English and a Catholic seminary that opened in 1795 taught clerics to minister solely in English as well.

"The language of modernity [and] the language of social and cultural advancement is English," O'Conchubhair said. "Irish is the language associated with poverty, backwardness, corruption, despair [and] destitution. If you want to

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## CORRECTIONS

A March 10 article, "SMC reps discuss women in science," stated that "Celebrating the Education of Women in Science" Day will be hosted on March 24. The correct date is March 26. The Observer regrets this error.

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: ON A SCALE OF ONE TO TEN, HOW WOULD YOU RATE YOURSELF?



Evan Graham

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"9.4"



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"9.81"



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*freshman  
Ryan*

"6.9"



Mark Dean

*sophomore  
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"8.5"



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*sophomore  
Dillon*

"3.141593"

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Freshman Noah Rangel performs guitar in front of a crowd of students at Lectio Live. The event was held at Reckers Tuesday night.

## OFFBEAT

### Man charged with drunk driving brings beer to hearing

MONTICELLO, N.Y. — Authorities say a New York man appearing before a judge on a felony drunken driving charge arrived at court an hour and a half late, drunk and carrying an open can of Busch beer.

Sullivan County Undersheriff Eric Chaboty says Keith Gruber of Swan Lake had four unopened beer cans in his bag Monday when he tried to walk through the metal detector at the county courthouse.

The Middletown Times Herald-Record reports that Judge Frank LaBuda asked the 49-year-old Gruber if he enjoyed his "liquid lunch." Gruber said he did, then said he was sorry. The judge

revoked his bail and sent him to jail, where he remained Tuesday.

Gruber was arrested Dec. 27 in the town of Liberty and was out on \$30,000 cash bail. He has prior DWI convictions.

The judge dismissed Gruber's court-appointed lawyer Monday because Gruber refused to cooperate with him. A phone number listed for Gruber was disconnected.

### Paramedics now able to administer pet first aid

DASHLAND, Ore. — Some Oregon firefighters and paramedics are now equipped and trained to give first aid to dogs, cats and other pets.

The Daily Tidings reports that Ashland Fire & Rescue

firefighters were trained last week to do CPR on dogs, cats, ferrets, gerbils and even reptiles that have inhaled smoke. All five department engines now carry oxygen masks for pets.

Division Chief Greg Case says rescuing pets involved in fires helps the entire family. Firefighters treat people first and will help pets if possible.

Veterinarian Dr. Alice Sievers says smaller animals can be placed inside the masks, while the devices can be fitted over the nose or beak of larger animals.

The department received equipment through a donation from Project Breathe.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

Today Student Union Board is hosting **SUB Patrick's Day**. At 10:30 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. giveaways will be handed outside of Debartolo Hall. A cook-out with giveaways will take place on the fieldhouse mall from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and at 5 p.m. the winners of the golden nugget hunt will be announced. For more information see [sub.nd.edu](http://sub.nd.edu).

Starting at 10:30 a.m. a pair of talks will be given as a part of the **Henkels Lecture Series** by the Center for Research on Educational Opportunity. UCLA professors Patricia Gandara and Gary Orfield will speak on civil rights, educational policy, and minority opportunity in the **Eck Visitors Center**. This event is free and open to the public.

At 4 p.m. Professor Wolfgang Mitting from Michigan State University will give a talk as a part of the **Physics Colloquium on Nuclear Power and Global Energy Problems**. The talk will be held in room 118 in Nieuwland Science Hall.

At 4 p.m. Ramon A. Gutierrez Professor of History and director of Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture at the University of Chicago will give a lecture about **Reies Lopez Tijerina and the Religious Origins of Mexican American Civil Rights Movement**. The lecture will be held in McKenna Hall room 210- 214.

At 7 p.m., a showing of the film "Fields of Dreams" will be held at Legends. After the film, a talk will be given by Professor James McKenna. There will be free food for students.

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)

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# Librarian analyzes rare Bible

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY  
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's Librarian Robert Hohl analyzed the College's copy of the rare Saint John's Bible during his Tuesday lecture in Vander Venet Theatre.

The Saint John's Bible is one of only 299 copies of the handwritten Benedictine Bible and is the first completely handwritten Bible of this scale created in the past 500 years, Hohl said.

Hohl said he visited the original Saint John's Abbey in Minnesota in September. During his trip, he said he learned more about the intricate work of the Bible's main calligrapher, Donald Jackson, and his mission in creating the Saint John's Bible.

Hohl broke his discussion into three glances at the Bible — the "encyclopedic perspective," the "living letter" and the "word conjoined with the Word."

His first glance, the encyclopedic perspective, analyzed the knowledge preserved in the book

through aesthetic details.

"While the text is central, much of our delight ... is found in the decorations and illuminations" Hohl said.

The Bible is an illuminated manuscript, meaning it incorporates a gold finish that causes the book to reflect light, Hohl said. This gold represents God and his presence in the literary work.

"Even a square of gold or the tiniest fleck signals to us that God is present," he said.

In addition, the Bible includes flecks of platinum that reflected the reader's image.

The detail and hand-drawn intricate graphics support the text and help the reader interpret the story, Hohl said.

Each book of the Saint John's Bible reflects its medieval biblical precursor in regard to its drawings, incorporating imitations of plants and insects in a precise replication of the organisms. Hohl said in the first chapter of Matthew, Jackson even wove spirals of DNA into a graphic representing Jesus and his ancestors.

In addition, much of the medieval biblical writings incorporated a sense of humor. In the Wisdom of Solomon, artist Chris Tomlin failed to incorporate a piece of text into its correct place, Hohl said. In order to correct the mistake, Tomlin included the text in a box at the bottom of the page and connected the box to a string on a pulley held by a bee. The bee was pulling the text into its proper place.

His second glance focused on the "living letter," or the continued scriptural tradition of the Bible.

Hohl said, "littera scripta manet. Atque viva — the written word remains. And it lives."

Each calligrapher, through their individual representation of the word, contributed to telling and preserving the word of the Lord for years to come.

In his final glance, Hohl examined the "word conjoined with the Word," meaning the written text and its deeper meaning.

"The zeal of preserving and passing on the ancient word still shines through the written manuscript," Hohl said.

The energy of the calligraphers emanates through the artistic style of the Bible, and helps breathe life into the Word, he said.

The Saint John's Bible is a sum of time, treasure and talent, Hohl said.

The Bible was a gift from Saint Mary's alumna Judy Rauenhorst Mahoney. It is available for viewing at Saint Mary's Cushwa-Leighton library.

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## COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

# Council plans outreach to Japan after disaster

By JOHN CAMERON  
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed student body outreach in response to the tsunami in Japan and the initial results from the push for student job board reform during its Tuesday meeting.

Chief of staff Nick Ruof spoke about student government's initial plans for fundraising on campus for Japan.

"Right now student government is formulating a plan to do some fundraising to support some missions in Japan," he said. "We're in the works to set up collections in the dorms ... a bucket for donations after mass, and we're looking for other locations around campus to collect money."

Student body vice president Andrew Bell said fundraising will be a concentrated effort.

"We're shooting for Sunday afternoons to be the main collection time," he said.

Representatives from the Notre Dame Japan Club and the Asian American Association informed members about their current fundraising plans. Japan Club President Natalie Fang said the club plans to work with two local organizations, pending approval from the Student Activities Office (SAO).

"Japan Club has decided on the Japan-American Society of Indiana because we know all the money will go directly to Japan," Fang

said. "IUSB is already involved so it would be a local effort."

Fang said the club also plans to work with the Diocese of Sendai in Japan. She said the diocese was an appropriate choice since Sendai was the first region hit and working with a diocese is consistent with Notre Dame's Catholic identity.

On campus, the clubs are planning three joint fundraising projects. They will be selling Japan aid t-shirts and wristbands, holding a dinner-show and will be offering origami birds for donations through their Cranes Project, Fang said.

Student body president Catherine Soler also gave members an update on the reform and the recommendations her administration presented to the Office of Student Employment.

"They confirmed the link on the 'current student' page [of the University website]," she said. "They've also confirmed that the search for the job board on the website will lead directly there."

Soler said the office also changed the process of informing incoming students about employment opportunities. They will now send information along with the financial aid award letter earlier in the summer rather than in August. The office also created a student employment handout to make information more accessible to students at open houses and campus visits.

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By JILLIAN BARWICK  
News Writer

# College premieres online journal

By JILLIAN BARWICK  
News Writer

Saint Mary's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) introduced its first journal published online March 7 to broaden the scope of its discussion between scholars, researchers and community activists.

Catherine Pittman, associate

professor of psychology, said the College established CWIL 11 years ago. Pittman is co-editor of the journal, along with French Professor Julie A. Storme.

Pittman said the journal is "really an opportunity for Saint Mary's College to be on the cutting edge of providing information about how to be leaders in this diverse world."

The organization is deeply root-

ed in the traditions of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

The leaders of CWIL decided to launch the scholarly journal, the Journal for Women's Intercultural Leadership (JWIL), online after they hosted a conference on women's intercultural leadership.

At the conference, the women said they realized no one published research about women's intercultural leadership.

"It seemed natural to think of an online journal sponsored by CWIL that would allow researchers and practitioners to publish their work," Storme said.

JWIL is not all about women, however, Pittman said. The journal focuses on intercultural leadership, women's issues, and leadership issues. JWIL is the first journal published by the College.

The other members of the JWIL editorial board contribute to the journal from universities across the globe.

Pittman said printing JWIL in paper form was a possibility, but the group believed online media would be more forward and visible to the public.

While JWIL is primarily for faculty publishers, community activists, scholars and researchers, students are welcome to participate in discussion in the journal.

"It provides a model of serious research to our students, especially those involved in CWIL," Storme said.

Pittman said she hopes people realize the JWIL is a way to make Saint Mary's a more avid promoter for CWIL and leaders across the world.

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## ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL & CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>  
FILM SCREENINGS Browning Cinema

6:30pm **Kamui Gaiden**  
(Yoichi Sai, 2009, 120 mins.)

9:30pm **Summer Wars**  
(Mamoru Hosoda, 2009, 114 mins.)

SATURDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>  
FILM SCREENINGS Browning Cinema

4:00pm **Millennium Actress**  
(Satoshi Kon, 2001, 87 mins.)

6:30pm **Paprika**  
(Satoshi Kon, 2006, 90 mins.)

9:00pm **The Sky Crawlers**  
(Mamoru Oshii, 2009, 122 mins.)

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Simon Fraser University

**Connected Disconnect: Superflat, Parallax, and the  
Virtual Limits of a Post-Cartesian New Media**  
1:00pm **Jonathan Abel**  
Assistant Professor of Comparative Literature and Japanese  
Pennsylvania State University

**Shōjo Desire**  
2:00pm **Margherita Long**  
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# Libya

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did not attack on the ground. American ships struck first to disable missile, radar and communication centers. An air attack is designed to prevent further rebel and civilian bloodshed, and the United Nations' action allowed rebel forces to regroup in the east.

Desch said international forces were right to act against Qaddafi's forces but should not engage the Libyan army on the ground. By limiting American involvement to air and sea attacks, Desch said American forces could set reasonable goals for its involvement in the Middle East.

It would be a humanitarian disaster if Qaddafi forces wiped out the rebellion in its violent manner, Desch said, but with U.N. support in the air, the substantial indigenous force on the ground can

draw Qaddafi further from his consolidation of power.

"The challenge now is whether the anti-Qaddafi forces have enough capability to continue their fight on the ground. They have see-sawed back and forth," he said. "Because the anti-Qaddafi forces are not military professionals, some tactical reverses have had a greater effect on them than they would on disciplined troops."

European and American intervention bought the rebellion time to regroup, Desch said. However, a stalemate may be just over the horizon because the government's loyalist forces lack mobility, and rebel forces have no heavy weapons.

"Pro-Qaddafi forces have tried to move heavy equipment to rebel territory. French, British and American forces just shoot them like fish in a barrel," he said. "But for anti-Qaddafi forces to dislodge them will be a challenge."

Unlike a traditional army, the rebellion organized loosely, lacks discipline to use heavy weapons and does not possess strong firearms. Pro-Qaddafi forces, while few in number, hold tanks and heavy weapons in their military tool belt.

"The hope is what remains of the Libyan military will decide the country's in deep trouble in a state of civil war and install a more popular government," Desch said.

This military game of cat-and-mouse will need time to play out, he said, but Libyans on the ground must fight eventually.

"The more we can internationalize this, the better, especially with Arab and Muslim countries," Desch said. "We don't have a great interest in the outcome aside from preventing a humanitarian catastrophe."

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# Language

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progress, [you] need to speak English. The outlook for Irish at the end of the nineteenth century is very bleak."

Several organizations attempted to restore the Irish language in the 1880s and 1890s, O'Conchubhair said. The Irish language received the support of the Irish Free State's native government when the State was founded in 1922.

O'Conchubhair also said during the American Civil War the 69th Infantry Regiment used a flag that contains an Irish phrase meaning, "They never retreated from a sword." Notre Dame possesses the original flag.

O'Conchubhair said the resurgence of Irish is due largely to the foundation of an Irish language television station in 1996, the Irish Free State's acquisition of

European status in 2007 and the recent proliferation of Irish newspapers, writers and filmmakers.

"Popularity manifests itself in people's attitudes towards Irish," he said. "It's no longer seen as a subject only learned in school. It's now seen as a hip language, as a language of TV personalities, as a language of sports stars. It's now almost countercultural."

O'Conchubhair said the revival is about the use of the Irish language outside academia.

"The revival will be successful if some form of vernacular Irish survives as an urban, communal language," he said. "[It's] important because it shows that ... every generation has a choice to make, whether to embrace their cultural heritage or discard it, and this generation has made their choice. The sense of shame appears to have been dispelled."

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has been busy exploring options for the students accepted into the Cairo program for next year.

"We are trying desperately to find out what to do with the 26 students that we accepted to go abroad next year," she said. "We want to place students, if we can at all place them. It is their thing to go abroad, it is very important. We're trying to find ways if Cairo is not the place, as many students as possible can have a relevant abroad experience."

OIS Associate Director Julliet Mayinja said while the department has explored academic options in the region, the AUC remains the most feasible option in the Middle East because of its range in studies.

"Cairo is our place," she said. "We have done a lot of searching for other alternatives but AUC is a university that encompasses everything we value. It offers sciences, business. It offers engineering, it offers arts and letters, it offers languages."

Hutchinson said a number of factors would decide the fate of the spring 2012 program in Cairo.

"If I were a political analyst, I could make a guess, but unfortunately I don't know," she said. "It is going to depend on the election that is supposedly in the fall. It is going to depend on the Middle East. We really don't know."

Mayinja said political unrest in Libya, Egypt's neighbor, would also determine the future of the Cairo program.

"Libya is the next door country to the west of Egypt, and you had masses of immigrants moving and shortages in food and all that," she said. "You want our students to be there and have a good experience and study safely."

Concerns about student safety extend outside of Cairo, Mayinja said.

Sophomore Garrett Ward was accepted to study the fall semester at the AUC, but he switched his program to study in Athens.

"I decided I would rather take the certainty of going abroad rather than hoping that things with Egypt and the Middle East in general would clear up by the fall," he said.

Sophomore Joe Massad was accepted to the spring Cairo program. He said while he is hopeful to study in Egypt, he is intent on exploring all available options.

"I am still considering switching programs because studying abroad is a once in a lifetime opportunity," Massad said. "Unfortunately, there are no other specifically Arabic options, so I really hope the unrest settles down, though it is quite unlikely."

Ward said OIS handled the difficult situation well, remaining informative and accommodating.

"[OIS was] quick to get the pool of accepted students all the info they had and keep them up to date on what OIS was doing and what our options were," he said. "For me personally, they allowed me to reapply to other study abroad programs after the deadline had passed so that I would have an option besides Cairo."

Massad said he was overwhelmed with how OIS responded to students potentially losing the experience of studying in the Middle East.

"They offered us the chance to switch programs and added an International Relations and Arabic option for London, but that misses the cultural experience of living the Arab world entirely," he said. "When options like other Arab countries abound, I was disappointed to find out that OIS would not pursue any of these opportunities."

Ward said OIS made the right decision in placing student safety as its highest priority in deciding the status of the program.

"As much as I would have liked to go to Cairo, OIS made the right call canceling the program," he said. "I wish the situation were different but I do not see how the university could responsibly send students to a region with this much unrest."

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INSIDE COLUMN

## Three's company

I have a 3 on my chest right now. Not a “III” or even a “three” but a 3. It’s not a tattoo or a brand or even a drawing on me when I passed out on my friend’s futon (Sharpie art...).

The only reason for my new mark: Karma is a beach.

Over Spring Break, I sauntered to Miami Beach in search of a fun time and to regain my good ol’ Florida tan. Naturally, I — a born and raised Miamian — wanted to brag to my northern friends that I was at the beach while they were stuck in dreary 50-degree weather. A picture message or two later, my mission was accomplished.

Because I did not want to end up as red as Rick Pitino’s face, I had to put some sun screen on. I sprayed my arms and back and legs and shoulders and feet and face and toes and neck and ears. Someone forgot to tell me, though, that I needed to a) hold the spray bottle further away or b) rub in the sun screen. Thus, I was 0-for-2 on those accounts and paid the price for my streaky spraying.

A couple hours in the Florida sun later and the damage was done. I had a white streak parting the red sea on my chest, coincidentally shaped like a 3 (or a “Z”, depending on how you look at it).

Or was it a coincidence? Maybe it was a sign that I was the fourth member of the Holy Trinity? Maybe it was a sign that Dwyane Wade is the best player in the NBA? Or maybe it signaled that I am the second coming of Dale Earnhardt (other than Dale Earnhardt Jr., of course)?

Instead of a sleek, socially acceptable, even-keel tan, I had the Mississippi River pictured on my chest. It looked as if someone had snuck up on me and graffiti’d my chest with white spray paint. Had I not noticed a snake chilling on my chest while I was laying down?

The moral of my story can be summed up in one word: Do-not-flaunt-to-your-friends-that-you-are-in-a-tropical-climate-on-the-beach-while-they-are-stuck-in-chilly-New-England.

This principle can even be applied to the hopefully upcoming spring at Notre Dame. Don’t get me wrong — North Quad and South Beach are not the same, not even close. North Quad is missing a few minor details, namely, an ocean and some sand.

Anyways, when you are throwing a football outside North Dining Hall, do not remind your friend stuck in DeBartolo how awesome your life is right now (unless, of course, you’re trying to keep them awake during history class). When you are playing spike ball on South Quad, hold back from telling your buddy working on a marketing project how sick it is.

I know I have learned my lesson. My chest tells me so.

(Matthew DeFranks is a freshman and is looking for volunteers to rub aloe vera on his chest.)

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## Inspiration and persperation

We stand in awe of masters. We admire the skill involved when Kobe Bryant effortlessly drains a contested fadeaway. We sit enraptured by Anthony Hopkins’s nuanced portrayal of Hannibal Lecter, listen transfixed to Jimmi

Hendrix’s famous guitar. We hear about the theories of great astrophysicists or the complicated procedures performed by brain surgeons and admire the sheer amount of mastery involved. We both appreciate expert performances in the moment and dream about some-day replicating them ourselves.

Yet, as much as I would like to experience the thrill of being Kobe Bryant, I have an innate sense that it would be an extremely unlikely turn of events for my life to take. Between myself and Kobe Bryant, there are undeniable genetic advantages that make him more inclined to succeed in the game of basketball. This idea of genetic supremacy extends to other fields where the physical barriers to entry might not be so high — we read about the greatest entrepreneurs, business magnates, scientists, actors and musicians and simply assume that they have an uncanny natural ability. They must have expert DNA. Only then can we rationalize that kind of ability to excel in a craft. Their inspiration must be biologically hardwired.

This is not true. As Jonah Lehrer writes in his Wired Magazine blog, “Frontal Cortex,” researchers over the past twenty years have found that most important factor that predicts success is deliberate practice. This is inspiring news for all of us mortals who had long assumed that we didn’t have the raw capacity to succeed in various fields. However, before we rejoice too much, we must consider what exactly “deliberate practice” entails.

Deliberate practice is not easy, nor fun. Psychologist Angela Duckworth has elegantly highlighted the difference between

deliberate and typical practice through her work on spelling bees. She found that the most successful candidates in spelling bees painstakingly memorized words alone rather than doing leisure reading or studying with others. Obviously, this form of practice was rated the least enjoyable of all types. Thus, the ability to consistently engage in deliberate practice such as this has been given the name “grit.”

But wait. What if it is all genetic, after all? What if some people are much more predisposed towards “grit” than others? I suspect that this is certainly true to an extent. We all know people who can simply push themselves much harder than we can, no matter how singular our focus. However, for the most part, this should be heartening news to all of us. While it might be difficult for some of us to consistently engage in deliberate practice, it is not absolutely impossible. So instead of being simply genetically inferior, it appears quite possible for us to attain mastery through long periods of deliberate practice. Not impossible, but difficult.

The most fascinating questions that arise from this body of research relates to our society’s ability to nurture grit. Is deliberate, focused practice over a long period of time feasible in a world where the refresh button on Twitter or Facebook is one click away? My answer would be yes, although it is more difficult than it used to be. Many studies have shown, or attempted to show, the loss of sustained attention among today’s youth due to modern technologies. But, these technologies add enormous advantages at the same time. Take the spelling bee studying example — a speller will certainly save massive amounts of time by googling words rather than sifting through a dictionary for each.

Another provocative question involves how we evaluate people for admission and employment. Lehrer relates fascinating evidence about the NFL combine: Studies show that there is no relationship between combine performance and success in a professional career. He theorizes that this is because combines measure raw physical ability, rather than sustained habits. These findings should be carefully studied by college and graduate school admissions offi-

cers. We all know how important those infamous tests are — SATs, ACTs, MCATs, LSATs, GMATs. If universities truly want future leaders, there need to be better mechanisms to both measure and nurture grit. GPA is certainly an improvement in this type of measurement, as it relates performance over a much longer time period than the four hours to complete a standardized test. However, it still does not provide an accurate indication of one’s ability to remain focused on one goal for an extended period of time and do the painful work required to gain mastery.

As a society, we should do what we can to foster grit. One thing is certain — grit requires humility. It requires an ability to put one’s head down. It requires the knowledge that success is attainable through incredibly hard work and sustained attention. Feelings of self-entitlement, a desire to game the system, to get rich quick, to give in to every miniscule pleasure, do not mix well with grit. We in America have work to do to return to this sort of humility. In the 1950s, 12 percent of Americans thought they were “very important people.” In the late 1980s, 80 percent did. Other fascinating studies show that American parents praise their children’s performances on tests, while Asian parents routinely praise hard work. Psychologists have found that when presented with very difficult tests and tasks, children who have had their hard work praised are much more likely to persevere and outperform.

These trends are by no means unfixable. I imagine the belt-tightening that will undoubtedly occur over the next decades as we adjust to a new fiscal situation may inspire a new national humility. I certainly hope this result does indeed occur. Gordon Gekko famously summed up the ugly underbelly of American psychology when he said “Greed is Good.” We should hope as a society to replace greed with grit.

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### EDITORIAL CARTOON



### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*“Do not think of knocking out another person’s brains because he differs in opinion from you. It would be as rational to knock yourself on the head because you differ from yourself ten years ago.”*

Horace Mann  
U.S. educator

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*“Discretion in speech is more than eloquence.”*

Sir Francis Bacon  
English author & philosopher

# The college student's case for health reform

*This op-ed was written for the one-year anniversary (Mar. 23) of the signing of the Affordable Care Act, which allows parents to maintain health insurance on their children until age 26.*

A year ago this week, President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act. The law enacts significant health insurance reforms that will take effect over the next several years. But one very important piece of that law is already in place. And it may directly benefit you.

The Affordable Care Act ensures that college students and young adults can stay on their parents' employer-provided health care plans until age 26. Before, many health plans and issuers dropped young adults from their parents' policies because of their age. That left countless college students, recent college gradu-

ates and other young people with little recourse, and worse: no health insurance. Historically, some 30 percent of young adults have been uninsured, a rate far higher than that of any other age group.

But young people don't need health insurance, right?

The statistics say

otherwise: One-in-six young adults today is faced with a chronic illness

such as cancer, diabetes or asthma. And nearly half of uninsured young adults report problems paying medical bills.

The new law ensures you have an option when it comes to your health care. This is important as you continue through school and as you transition into

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the job market, since you may find that health care coverage is not immediately available through your employer. Or you may work part time. You may choose to continue your education and go to graduate school, or take time off to travel and pursue volunteer opportunities.

It allows you to remain on your parents' plan, or rejoin it until age 26, even if you no longer live with your parents, are not a dependent on their tax return or are no longer a student. The new flexibility even applies if you are married. You are guaranteed the same benefits and at the same price that is available to other dependents.

More health care improvements are on the way — and many may also directly benefit you. Already, coverage cannot be denied for those under age 19 because of a pre-existing condition. By 2014, deny-

ing coverage to anyone based on a pre-existing condition will be banned. Annual dollar caps on care (which are already limited) will be prohibited, and state-based health insurance exchanges will create a new marketplace, giving more employers and millions of Americans the ability to purchase affordable coverage.

The Affordable Care Act is based on the simple belief that every American — and that includes college students — deserves access to high-quality, affordable health care. One year after it has become law, that belief is becoming reality.

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## UWIRE

# What if the next president doesn't know history?

The gaffe has found its way on numerous websites: Michele Bachmann mistakenly confused New Hampshire's Concord with Massachusetts', botching history along the way. She is not alone in her personal revisionism:

Gov. Haley Barbour of Mississippi seems to have forgotten much of the injustices towards

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African-Americans in the history of his state. Mike Huckabee, in his own right, seems to have gone back in time and placed a young Obama in Kenya, where he supposedly learned about the Mau Mau Revolution from an anti-British perspective.

Did they simply misspeak? Or is there a serious lack of knowledge of historical facts in the Republicans' top crop? And if so, should we be worried? My answers would be "no," "yes," and "absolutely."

Maybe this isn't surprising given that many Americans actually don't have a solid grasp of much of our nation's past. But then again, most Americans aren't running for President. We can be forgiving if a passing pedestrian doesn't know about New England's geography, Mississippi's racial conflict history or basic facts about our President's life. But if you're the President of the United States, who needs to know how to avoid fighting the wrong wars, how to revitalize

the economy, how to improve education and infrastructure and how to get our nation on the right track, you need to understand America's past. It is imperative that our President know what the Presidents before them did.

Conservatives may be furious with the fact that the "liberal elite media" is ecstatically plastering Bachmann's, Huckabee's and Barbour's gaffes all over the internet; to note, Conservatives4Palin has compared Bachmann's fallacies with Obama accidentally calling Europe a country — but the analogy doesn't work. While it is clear Obama misspoke, we cannot confidently state that Bachmann did the same. The "lamestream media" is right to call her, and other contenders, out. As for Bachmann, she should have known the basic facts about the Revolution. She was clearly using her non-fact to pander to New Hampshire voters, so we know that she was trying to use the fiction to her advantage. But it's essential to properly understand our nation's founding. How else can a President best understand a nation's fundamental principles?

This problem is especially pertinent because she was incorrectly educating voters. Our President needs to know the basic facts, and New Hampshire's residents need to know the truth about their legacy. America rests on its foundation — let's not forget what it's made of, and let's especially not misconstrue realities in order to win votes. The Tea Party move-

ment itself is a reference to America's past. Should it not be founded on an accurate understanding of what happened?

When you look at Barbour, you see everything the GOP does not want in a mainstream candidate. Though he is an effective governor who has served Mississippi well over the years, his historical blurring of racial injustices is deeply concerning. In a nation with a deep and troubled racial past, injustices are still alive and well. To airbrush history is to do injury to not just the truth, but also to our society. If people forget the mistakes and trials of the past, how can they possibly make amends? A President should be more responsible and should have the courage to acknowledge mistakes and be ready to further equality. The status quo is not enough.

Most unjust, however, may have been Huckabee's dishonest jab at President Obama, claiming that Obama was influenced by a childhood in Kenya. We know that Obama did not grow up in Kenya and barely knew his own father. To claim that the Mau Mau incident shaped Obama's worldview — and affected his decision to swap a bust of Churchill with a bust of Lincoln — is rather ridiculous. (The bust, by the way, went to another room, not back to Britain, according to Salon.com's Steve Kornacki.) Salon.com's Joan Walsh correctly notes that "if he'd traded Lincoln for Churchill the same people would be attacking him as a snobby

Europhile." Walsh is absolutely right: It is a strange hypocrisy that seeks to derail Obama's presidency. Republicans need to accept the facts that Obama was born in the U.S. and grew up in Hawaii and Indonesia. Of course, for Huckabee to then claim he was actually referring to Indonesia is ludicrous. Again, as Walsh notes, there was obviously no Mau Mau Revolution in Indonesia. And if Huckabee thought there was, then there are serious issues with his grasp of history — a president needs to understand international history to successfully shape international diplomacy.

America's President faces an extremely difficult job. He or she needs to be someone who knows exactly what is going on today, what went on yesterday and what went on ten, or even over a hundred years ago in order to best understand what needs to be done tomorrow. He can't hesitate; he must have his facts right to begin with. Imagine if our 45th President started a war for the wrong reasons? Some feel that has already happened once. We can't afford to let it happen again.

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By ANKUR CHAWLA  
Scene Writer

The British duo of Simon Pegg and Nick Frost teamed up with Seth Rogen for this sci-fi comedy blending “ET” with “Shawn of the Dead.” While certainly having its funny moments, “Paul” was merely an average comedy with little taking it to the next level. Still, if you’re looking for something to entertain you for a while it just might be worth it.

The movie starts with Graeme Willy (Pegg) and Clive Gollings (Frost) visiting America to see Comic-con and promote their graphic novel with a tri-breasted woman on the front. They follow up the convention by fulfilling one of their biggest dreams: touring the nation’s

most notorious alien conspiracy zones.

After leaving Area 51, they witness a car wreck and decide to take a look, only to find an alien nearby. This alien, Paul (Rogen), proves to be hilarious and some much needed comic relief to the two’s trip. Paul enrolls Graeme and Clive to help him get home and run away from the authorities that want to kidnap Paul.

The trio’s antics lead them to a trailer park where they meet Christian creationist enthusiast Ruth Buggs (Kristen Wiig). After she discovers Paul’s existence (by intelligent design according to her), Graeme and Clive decide it would be best to kidnap her from her overly protective father. This adds another car to the long line of those chasing the

alien and geeks.

Meanwhile, two average cops who are always left in the dark and a bit reminiscent of “The Other Guys” get called up to help with the case and provide the funniest antics in the entire movie. Played by Bill Hader (“Saturday Night Live”) and Joe Lo Truglio (the guy from “Superbad” that hits Jonah Hill with his car), the two cops did all they could to save the film.

Overall, this was a fairly predictable movie with a proven lineup of funny people to entertain those not expecting too much. Not horrible by any means, “Paul” was moderately funny but certainly not the next “Harold and Kumar go to White Castle” but it could have been a lot worse.

**Paul**  
Universal Pictures

**Director:** Greg Mottola  
**Starring:** Seth Rogen, Simon Pegg, Nick Frost



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Over Christmas break, I was sitting at my kitchen table, wondering about the state of the world and my place in it. Well, mostly, I was just doing the almost-but-not-yet graduated dance, wondering what I was going to do with my life. A particularly profound thought struck me that, as of May 23rd, I will no longer be under the control and guidance — and financial care — of the cash cow. I’m not referring to my parents — who I would never refer to as the cash cow, but something more refined, like the cash llama or the cash flying unicorn — but the illustrious institution that is Notre Dame.

This might seem a paradox, since Notre Dame is that glorious entity which sucks bucks from our savings accounts and parental send-my-kid-to-college pots, but in my experience, Notre Dame is a great place to get free money, also known as grants for unique study of a specific topic related to one’s major. I am —as my smattering of readers already know — a music and film/TV major. I’ve gotten grants before, so it disheartened me greatly to realize that in three months I’ll no longer be able to whip open the grant common app and develop a new project,



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Scene Writer

completely funded by the woman atop the dome. Which is why I immediately texted a fellow music major and said, “Wanna go to Vienna for spring break?”

Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms, Strauss, Schumann, Mahler, Schonberg, Webern and Berg all had some sort of massive connection to Vienna. Most are buried there. And that’s pretty much a greatest hits list of music history. So last week, three voice majors and I found ourselves sitting pretty, tight in the womb of Austrian Air, on our way to the original music city. This unique venue — my leg-roomy seat next to a fellow performance-minded Domer on an international flight — is where today’s tantrum takes place. Might I now direct your attention to the delightfully fruitful state of children’s animated film?

My musical comrade and I’s choice for in-flight entertainment was the animated Disney film, “Tangled,” which opened in 2010 and was politely ignored by most of the wider industry. I assumed it would be a pleasant little film, with voices by Mandy Moore and Zachary Levi, which would only be worth my time because I didn’t really have much else to do. Instead, it was a great movie, with catchy music and truly funny moments. My friend and I were laughing out loud and smiling the whole time, except for the unpredictable climax, which had me clutching my stuffed ducky and staring intently at the little five-inch screen with the attention and devotion of someone

watching Boromir’s death scene.

It was a fabulous movie, and if I had kids, I would certainly have taken them to see it. When it was over I turned to fall asleep, but my friend, visibly delighted by the film, put his headphones back on and decided to watch it again. This got me thinking — is there any movie in the past year, or past five years, that I would honestly want to watch twice in a row? Nay say I, but in that moment I did honestly contemplate joining in a second time. Why? What was it about this seemingly throwaway animated movie that made me feel so content with my entertainment?

In the past year, “Toy Story 3,” “How to Train Your Dragon” and “Tangled,” all were released to strong reviews and achieved very successful box office numbers. Yet their coverage and popularity was all but drowned out by Oscar’s heavy hitters such as “The King’s Speech” and “Black Swan.”

Last semester in Film Theory, our professor walked in and told us “How to Train Your Dragon” was the best film he’d seen all year. I rolled my eyes. A non-Disney animated movie? Seriously? But I saw it before Christmas, and it was, indeed, fabulous — especially the orchestral score. “Toy Story 3” is the only movie I’ve ever seen that made middle-aged men cry as hard as 13-year-old girls. And here was my friend, sitting on an airplane watching “Tangled” twice in a row. Which leads me to think — why aren’t we going

to see more animated children’s movies? They are doing something right!

The Academy instituted the award for Best Animated Feature in 2001, with hopes that it would bring more prestige and attention to animated films. Unfortunately, it also pegged most animated films to a singular destiny of getting the honor of being nominated for an Oscar only to lose to Pixar’s offering of the year, as has been the case for the past four years and counting. It also means that nobody bothered to vote for “Toy Story 3” for Best Picture, since everyone knew it was getting a golden haul anyway.

So here’s my call to my collegiate cohorts: go out and watch the animated movies you planned on seeing only if it were on in your friend’s room, or if you had to take your little sister. They are worth your time, and often far more satisfying than the big-name movies hogging the marquee. I saw “Black Swan.” I was intrigued, scared and ultimately unimpressed. It doesn’t take that much to act crazy and anxious for an hour-and-a-half. It is, however, quite an accomplishment to convince someone to be swept into a fantasy world and make a bid for human dignity. Especially when you’re doing it with dragons.

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## DR. HORRIBLE'S SING-ALONG BLOG Comes to Campus

By MEGAN KOZAK  
Scene Writer

A freeze ray, the Evil League of Evil and Captain Hammer will be making an appearance on Notre Dame's campus this weekend as the Notre Dame's Student Players present Joss Whedon's Emmy-Award winning online musical sensation "Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog" at the Washington Hall Lab Theater.

"Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog" is about an aspiring super-villain named Billy, also known as Dr. Horrible, who desperately wants to get into the Evil League of Evil. However, Billy runs into trouble balancing his evil aspirations with his romantic feelings for Penny, a girl he sees regularly at the local laundromat. His nemesis Captain Hammer, the town hero who keeps preventing Billy's heinous crimes, also has feelings for Penny and vies with Dr. Horrible for Penny's affection.

The show premiered online in 2008 starring Neil Patrick Harris, of "How I Met Your Mother" fame. It

was meant only for online distribution, but due to the great success it achieved on the web many fans wanted to put on their very own show of "Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog," including some Notre Dame students who are fans of the Whedon miniseries.

Last spring, senior computer science major Rachel Witty decided she wanted to direct "Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog" at Notre Dame for the Student Players when everyone at the "Urinetown" cast party started singing a song from "Dr. Horrible."

"This is a magical show," Witty said. "People will really get into this."

When sophomore Charlie O'Leary, who plays the role of Dr. Horrible, heard about the project he wanted to be involved in anyway possible.

"It's so different from other staged musicals; it's faster-paced, with quick, snappy scenes and dialogue," O'Leary said. "It manages to cover a variety of genres in less than an hour. It's really funny."

"It's a great blend of the nerdy and theatrical," freshman cast member Kevin McGinn added. "It

really sends a message of be cautious of what you're doing and how you're doing it," Witty said. "[Dr. Horrible] does some bad things and it really comes back to kick him later. I think without that it would be just a trivial happy musical. This is something so much more and bigger than that."

Adapting the show from screen to stage was fairly easy for Witty and the rest of the cast and crew. Only a few changes were made.

"The movie is not something you can bring straight to the stage," Witty said. "The script is exactly the same. The big differences are in stage direction. We had to change some fantasy sequences."

"It's live, we don't have the budget or the space to fly Austin [the actor who plays Captain Hammer] in from the ceiling onto a moving van," sophomore Hannah Greggs, who plays Penny, said.

Notre Dame's production of "Dr. Horrible" also promises to give great live original performances.

"This is not just the Student Players of Notre Dame copying an Internet musical," senior cast member Ellie Hall said. "The best part of

that for me is watching Charlie's performance as Dr. Horrible. Charlie does something different with it. He really makes the part his own. He's electrifying to watch."

Aside from being entertained by what is going on onstage, audiences can also expect to be involved in the show.

"The actors will be right up in their faces playing with them and getting them to interact with the show," Witty said. We want them to be a part of the show. They're not just watching, they are actively participating the whole way."

"Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog" will be performed this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 6:00 p.m. in the Washington Hall Lab Theater. On Saturday there will also be a 3:30 p.m. matinee performance in addition to the 6:00 p.m. show, which will be a special audience sing-along performance. This will also be the last live licensed performance of the show in the country since rights to the show have recently been rescinded.

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### On campus

**What:** "Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog"  
**Where:** Washington Hall, Lab Theater  
**When:** Friday, March 25 at 6 p.m.;  
Saturday, March 26 at 3:30 and 6  
p.m.; Sunday March 27 at 6p.m.  
**How much:** \$5  
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CLUB SPORTS

Men’s rowing scrimmages in Tennessee over break

Men’s rugby, women’s water polo and men’s and women’s ultimate squads hit the road to train

Special to the Observer

The Irish rowers traveled to Oak Ridge, Tenn. for spring break to gain valuable time on the water leading up to the beginning of the spring season. The team practiced 18 times over the course of the week, culminating in a Saturday morning scrimmage against Skidmore College, the University of New Hampshire and Army.

The top three Notre Dame varsity eights handily beat Skidmore’s top boat. The first novice eight won both pieces of the novice event, beating the top New Hampshire boat by open water, closely followed by the second Notre Dame novice eight, Army, and Skidmore. The Irish will travel to Indianapolis Sunday to race Purdue.

**Men’s Rugby**

Men’s rugby traveled to Baton Rouge, La. over the weekend and posted a 15-11 upset of nationally ranked LSU. The Irish trailed 11-0 before mounting a comeback and registering the first upset of an elite team in the country.

**Women’s Water Polo**

The Irish water polo team traveled to southern California this past week for a spring break training trip.

The Irish started the week off strong with a 7-6 victory

over their host, the University of California Santa Barbara. The Irish led for most of the game, but the fourth quarter ended with a tied score of 6-6. The Irish battled UCSB in two quarters of sudden death overtime before coming up with the winning goal on an exclusion play.

After a day off, the Irish traveled to the University of California San Bernardino for a scrimmage against the Coyotes. UC-San Bernardino won the scrimmage by a score of 10-5.

Thursday the team scrimmaged the Huntington Beach club team at Huntington Beach High School, competing with a group of experienced players.

The Irish rounded out the week Friday with an excellent scrimmage against San Diego State. The scrimmage provided the Irish with an opportunity to work closely on their offense.

The Irish will travel to the University of Miami (Ohio) this weekend for one of the biggest tournaments of the year.

**Ultimate men’s squad**

Both the Notre Dame men’s ultimate A and B teams traveled to Cookeville, Tenn., over the first weekend of spring break to compete in the Matthew Hopper Memorial. The A team finished a disappointing second-place in the tournament.

The Irish were undefeated in pool play, defeating Illinois B, Kent State and Carson Newman handily before facing Wheaton in a crossover game to end the day.

Earning a bye into the semifinals, Notre Dame knocked off Wisconsin B 13-8 to reach the finals. Senior John Miller and junior James Denue patrolled the field against the taller Wisconsin team, while juniors Will Cernanec and Adam Barsella constantly made themselves open for throws from senior handlers Patrick Kozak, Jon Holland and Justine Browne. The men’s B team finished 13th.

The A and B teams spent the second weekend of spring break competing at Southern in Statesboro, Ga. against some of the top competition in the country. The A team finished sixth with their only loss coming against eventual tournament champion Tufts while the B team finished tied for 29th in the 40-team tournament.

The A team had comfortable wins in their first three games of pool play. The return of sophomore cutter Zack Woodruff and freshman cutter Conor Hanney from injuries helped the team. Notre Dame was without sophomore Jonathon Koch.

Notre Dame first faced Chicago in knockout play. The Irish were able to secure a few early breaks and com-

fortably defeated their rival before falling in the quarter-finals to Tufts.

The B team defeated Mary Washington in their first game Sunday before losing to George Mason in the second round. Captains Charlie Landis, a senior, and Sean Jackson, a junior, turned in strong performances. The B team will compete in their fourth tournament in four weeks next weekend at the Chicago Invite.

**Ultimate women’s squad**

The Notre Dame women’s ultimate frisbee team traveled to Wilmington, N.C. March 12-13 for Women’s College Easterns, a highly competitive tournament. In pool play, Notre Dame squared off against Wisconsin, Virginia and Yale. The Irish fell to Wisconsin, who finished second in the tournament. After the 13-3 loss, the women lost 12-8 to Virginia but began to improve their cutter flow. In the final game of pool play, the Irish defeated Yale 10-8 in a close battle. Sophomore Kelsey Taylor made smart cuts while senior Amy Bilek helped break apart Yale’s zone defense.

The women moved on to knockout play, but a 13-7 loss to Texas dropped the Irish to the consolation bracket, where they lost two out of three games Sunday to finish 12th overall at Easterns.

The women’s B team competed at Easterns in a pool with SUNY-Buffalo, Liberty, American and Towson. The team opened play with a 9-8 win over SUNY-Buffalo before falling 8-5 to Liberty and 11-2 to American. Sophomore captain Courtney Iversen organized smart lines while sophomore Devlin Lynch caught nearly every disk within her vicinity. The team closed play on the first day with an 11-3 loss to Towson. The women fell to Harvard 13-1 in their final match of the tournament Sunday.

Playing in their third straight weekend tournament, the Irish women’s ultimate team traveled to Statesboro, Ga. to battle tough heat and tough competition at College Southern. The women finished the weekend 4-3, their most promising finish so far this season.

The B team played Ohio State, Wellesley and South Florida in pool play. They suffered a tough loss to Ohio State, which eventually finished second in the tournament. The women rallied against Wellesley but couldn’t quite find their rhythm, losing 13-1. Sophomore Betty Graham’s strong throwing was a highlight for the Irish in the first two games of the day. The team closed play with a 9-7 loss to South Florida.

SMC SOFTBALL

Team effort leads to eight victories in Florida tournament

By JOSEPH MONARDO  
Sports Writer

Following a successful week in Fort Myers, Fla., the Belles prepare to host Goshen in a doubleheader for their home opener.

Saint Mary’s (8-2) lost the first and last games of its spring break tournament, but rattled off eight straight wins in between. The schedule, which included 10 games in five days, gave the Belles a chance to showcase their strong team depth and balance.

“The best thing about the week was that everyone was a contributor,” Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. “We didn’t have one person being

the star and outshining everyone. Some games, the top of the lineup came through for us, some games the bottom of the lineup came through. It was really great to see that they were all just a very cohesive team.”

The Belles relied heavily on a number of juniors during the tournament — none more than pitcher Monica Palicki, who went 4-1 in five starts. Palicki recorded 10 strikeouts against Curry in the first leg of a doubleheader on day three of the tournament. In the game that immediately followed, freshman pitcher Callie Selner shut down Salem State with 11 strikeouts in her third start of the season. Selner also sits at 4-1 on the season, with

her only loss coming in a seven-inning outing in the Belle’s season opener against SUNY-Brockport.

The offensive attack was equally impressive for the Belles during their trip, especially on day two, when Saint Mary’s outscored its two opponents, Kenyon and Mass.-Dartmouth, by a combined score of 24-0. Against Mass.-Dartmouth, junior Lauren Enayati went 3-4 from the plate with a triple, a home run, 5 RBIs, 2 runs and a steal.

While the Belles had no problem at all getting on base, Sullivan said her team needs to focus on its baserunning.

“Our baserunning was a little bit suspect at times,” Sullivan said. “Otherwise, honestly, I was putting

together a list of things to work on, and besides that it’s just really minor details. It all looked really good.”

The Belles hope to carry their superb play back to South Bend, with NAIA opponent Goshen (4-5) coming in for a doubleheader. Sullivan feels confident that her team can compete against Goshen.

“They’ve got a lot of good athletes that have come into the program in the last couple of years,” she said. “They are NAIA, so they do offer athletic scholarships, but two of the teams in our conference have beaten them so far, two of the better teams, so to me, we should be able to go in there and take both games.”

Win or lose, the Belles will have to

adjust to being back at school, which presents an interesting set of challenges for the student-athletes.

“The only challenge we have is when you come back [from the Spring Break tournament], you are back to real life,” she said. “You have classes, and you are busy again. Spring break has beautiful weather and you don’t have a lot to focus on besides softball, so the only challenge is just to make sure that when we are on the field, we are 100 percent there.”

The first pitch of the Belles’ home schedule is slated for 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

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FENCING

Notre Dame fights for championship

By CONOR KELLY  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame dominated the Midwest Fencing championships, as both the men's and women's teams earned gold in each weapon category. Now, the Irish look to take home the program's eighth national championship and its first since 2005 as they head to Columbus, Ohio for the NCAA championships.

Notre Dame qualified the maximum allotment of 12 fencers for the championships at the NCAA regionals in Michigan last week, and will send two fencers per weapon for both the men's and women's teams. The team championship will be earned by individual performances, as

each fencer earns one point for each win as they move throughout the tournament.

Though one strong individual performance can lift a team, the whole squad must perform well to earn a championship. This year's group mixes NCAA experience with raw talent. Three of the six men have fenced at the championships before, while four of the six women have competed there as well.

Though qualifying 12 fencers is an advantage, the Irish realize that it by no means guarantees victory.

"We can't become overconfident in having qualified 12 fencers," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. "It's like a basketball game in which one team starts with a two-

point lead. It doesn't mean the other team can't come back."

The trip to Ohio State may provide the Irish with a little extra motivation as well. It was the Buckeyes who edged out Notre Dame for the national championship in 2009. This year, only Ohio State, Princeton and Notre Dame qualified the maximum number of 12 fencers, and Bednarski sees them, as well as outsiders like Harvard, as the primary obstacles to a championship.

"There will obviously be a slight advantage for Ohio State," Bednarski said. "I'm sure there will be a large number of students there. You could say we are going into the lion's den."

If the Irish can go into the "lion's den" and come out with a national title, they will have earned it. The NCAA championships begins on March 23 and lasts until March 27.

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Baseball

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think in baseball sometimes, there comes a point where you can try too hard at the plate. There's times where you just have to let the game come to you, and I didn't think that we handled that all that well."

The Irish will likely have a chance to improve the quality of their at-bats against a Flames staff that brings a 5.28 ERA after 16 games.

Freshman first baseman Trey Mancini has been a standout at the plate for Notre Dame, batting .333 with two home runs and nine RBIs over the course of the season. Aoki said he has noticed a gradual improvement in the quality of his team's at-bats.

"By and large, our at-bats are better," he said. "But the improvement is coming slowly."

Freshman pitcher Anthony McIver was slated to start on

the mound for the Irish in Tuesday's rained-out game. The young southpaw is 0-1 on the season for Notre Dame with a 3.38 ERA.

McIver has demonstrated excellent control in his 16 innings of work, walking only four batters. Strong control has been a trademark of the Notre Dame pitching staff thus far into the season, a quality that Aoki said is extremely important.

"If there's any one thing that I can point to on our staff that has led to the improved numbers overall from what each of those kids have done in years past, it's the ability to throw strikes," he said. "I hear it from coaches all the time: the value of strike-throwers in this new era of college baseball with the new bats, it's just off the charts how important it is to throw strikes."

The Irish will take on the Flames tonight with first pitch slated for 5:35 p.m.

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## ND WOMEN'S GOLF

# Huffer leads ND in 10-team field

By LAURA COLETTI  
Sports Writer

Junior Becca Huffer lead the No. 25 Irish to a first place finish in the John Kirk-Panther Intercollegiate tournament in Stockbridge, Ga., out of a field of 10 teams.

Huffer finished second in the field of individuals with a 54-hole total score of 211, finishing five shots under par.

As a team, the Irish shot a total of 888 to finish 24 shots over par. Freshman Kristina Nhim finished seven over par and tied for ninth place in the field of individuals, and senior captain Katie Conway was the third Notre Dame golfer to finish in the top 20, shooting 10 over par to tie for 16th.

"We won the tournament, making this our third victory of the year," Conway said. "While we were heavily favored to win according to the rankings, we played really well as a whole and everyone made solid contributions. It was a true team effort."

No other team in the field of 10 was ranked nationally. Notre Dame finished ahead of second place Maryland (905) and third place East Tennessee State (906).

Conway also spoke highly of Huffer, praising her success in the invitational.

"Becca had her best tournament total to date finishing in second place at five under par," Conway said. "She had three really solid and consistent rounds and has been on the cusp of a great tournament like this for a long time. This is just the start of what she's capable of and we're all really excited for her."

While the Irish have enjoyed success recently, Conway knows that her players will have to continually improve if they want to obtain their season goals. Notre Dame will have its next opportunity to do just that in the Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic, which begins on April 1.

"Moving forward, we collectively still need to eliminate mistakes around the greens, like three putts and easy up-and-down conversions" Conway said. "[The Classic] has a strong field, but we all gained a lot of confidence from this week and will look to continue building on our success next week."

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## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Calm demeanor drives Butler's run

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Matt Howard stood at the free-throw line Saturday with 0.8 seconds left and a whole nation waiting to see if Butler could eliminate another No. 1 seed.

He made it look easy.

Buzzer-beating shots and last-second free throws have become a way of life for Butler recently, sustaining two consecutive runs into the NCAA's regional round and turning the Bulldogs into the Ice Men.

"There was no question he (Howard) was going to make that free throw. You just knew it," coach Brad Stevens said Sunday. "It's really, really hard to do that, but Matt stepped up and did it."

Whatever it takes, Butler almost always seems to get the job done.

Before Howard's free throw and intentionally missed second shot sealed Saturday's bizarre victory, it was Andrew Smith's inadvertent tip to Howard for the layup winner against Old Dominion. Before that, it was Howard's pick at midcourt that gave former teammate Gordon Hayward an open look for a half-court heave that nearly beat Duke in last year's title game.

And before that, it was Hayward's rebound to seal the Final Four win over Michigan State and before that it was Hayward's steal to preserve a second-round win over Murray State.

How does Butler do it? They say they simply focus on all the

little things and making big plays part of their regular routine.

"I've just been fortunate to be in the right position," Howard said. "You can't get much easier than a layup and a free throw."

Teammates and coaches have different explanations for the last-second heroics.

Shooting guard Shelvin Mack, whose foul with 1.4 seconds left Saturday nearly cost Butler the game, believes the success is a direct result of Stevens' calm, confident sideline demeanor. Mack believes that resonates with a veteran team and has helped the Bulldogs to stay composed when others come unglued.

The win over the top-seeded Panthers is a perfect example. While the officials used replay to check the clock after Mack's foul, Butler was already calling a play and trying to console the distraught guard.

"They kept telling me there would be another possession," Mack said.

In Howard, Butler has an unflappable 6-foot-8 senior forward, former Horizon League player of the year and an academic All-American who has added a 3-point shot to his repertoire this season. He's smart enough to understand where to go when a shot is taken and to know when to miss a free throw without being reminded.

Yet Howard's greatest attribute may be compelling his teammates not to take plays off — and to believe they will win, no matter what happens.

## MEN'S TENNIS

# Irish display strong performance

By KATE GRABAREK  
Sports Writer

The No. 21 Irish split two matches over spring break, opening with a 5-2 victory over the USTA Junior National Team in Boca Raton, Fla., before falling to Kentucky later in the week.

Senior Dan Stahl won his fourth straight singles match (6-1, 1-6 and 6-2) over Hunter Harrington in a three-set duel. Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said Stahl's performance throughout the year has been a highlight of the team's season.

"Dan [Stahl] has matured as a player and person and has become one of our strongest points this year," Bayliss said. "He has made a remarkable transformation from a junior player who had very few national level wins to a very solid college player capable of winning against any team in the country."

The Irish claimed the doubles point, with junior Niall Fitzgerald and sophomore Spencer Talmadge defeating Luca Corintelli and Nikko Madregallego 8-4 in the No. 1 doubles match. Seniors Stephen Havens and David Anderson lost to Harrington and Ronnie Schnyder 8-5 in No. 2 doubles.

Senior Tyler Davis and freshman Greg Andrews earned the win in No. 3 doubles to secure the point for Notre Dame.

After defeating the USTA Junior team, the Irish fell to No. 14 Kentucky in their second match of the break.

The highlight of the match was Stahl's 6-3, 6-4 victory over No. 47 Alex Musialek to bring his winning streak to five. Bayliss said he was impressed with Stahl's win.

"Dan [Stahl] played very intelli-



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Junior Niall Fitzgerald returns a shot during Notre Dame's 6-1 win over Northwestern March 6.

gently against Musialek and mixed in aggressiveness and patience while staying in the proper patterns to win comfortably in straight sets," Bayliss said.

Despite Stahl's victory, the Wildcats took control of the match by winning the doubles point with victories in the No. 1 and No. 2 doubles matches.

Kentucky swept the remaining

singles matches, including a loss by No. 1 singles player Stephen Havens. The Irish lost the match 5-1.

The Irish return to the courts this Sunday, as they host Florida and Dayton with first serve at 12 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Center.

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MEN’S GOLF

# Notre Dame places 12th at Invitational

By CORY BERNARD  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame spent its spring break golfing outdoors for a change, competing against Yale March 14 in an informal tune-up match before competing in the Schenkel Invitational over the weekend. The No. 26 Irish fell to the Bulldogs by one stroke, 607-606, before finishing 12th in a field of 15 at Schenkel.

According to Irish coach Jim Kubinski, the matchup against Yale in Greensboro, Ga., was designed as a scrimmage to help prepare his squad for the new terrain and the upcoming competition.

“It was intended to be fun, more of a tune-up for Schenkel,” Kubinski said. “They have Bermuda grass down in Georgia, which we don’t have much experience with, so we wanted to get used to that. They ended up nipping us by one shot, but it was a fun day for everyone.”

Notre Dame initially posted results at the Schenkel Invitational, held in Statesboro, Ga., indicative of their preparation on Monday. First and second round scores of 291 and 287, respectively, left the Irish in seventh place after two days. However, Kubinski said those scores were misleading and may have led to his team’s collapse in the third round.

“That final round, I think, was the cumulative effect of the first and second rounds,” he said. “In the first two, our scores were deceiving. The guys did a pretty good job, but we just weren’t good with the easy shots. I think

that caused us to lose a little confidence going into the final round.”

Notre Dame finished the weekend by carding a score of 310, dropping them from what Kubinski considered a potential top-five finish all the way to 12th. Kubinski said he was surprised at some of the shots from his team in the final round.

“Our wedge play was below average,” he said. “Even our chip shots were uncharacteristically bad. We hit some chip shots I don’t normally see us hit.”

The most glaring third round score came from freshman Niall Platt, who owned the team’s best score after two rounds before firing a nine-over-par 81 that was did not count towards the team score. Despite seeing Platt struggle, Kubinski said he is not worried.

“In the first two rounds, I don’t think it bothered him,” Kubinski said. “As the day went on, he started to question his ability to make some shots and got a little down on himself. With the way he’s performed all year, though, this doesn’t really concern me. He just had some bad holes that he’ll learn from.”

Kubinski said he expects the rest of his team to respond in the same way and come ready to play April 2 against LSU.

“Knowing these guys and knowing that they feel like they gave this one away, I’m not worried,” Kubinski said. “I think you’ll see them rally against LSU.”

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SMC TENNIS

# Saint Mary’s battles Aquinas

By JACK HEFFERON  
Sports Writer

Playing in warmer climates in the Sunshine State, the Belles enjoyed a successful stay in Orlando, Fla., by winning three of five matches over spring break.

However, the trip began with a rocky start when Saint Mary’s lost a difficult 7-2 decision to Dickinson.

Like much of the early season, the Belles’ strongest performances against the Red Devils came from the middle of their singles lineup. Senior Jessica Kosinski won 6-4, 6-1 in No. 2 Singles, and freshman Mary Catherine Faller came on strong late to win 3-6, 6-2 and 6-1 in the No. 3 spot.

Saint Mary’s rebounded against Carthage College the next day. The Belles won four of six singles matches en

route to a 6-3 win over the Lady Reds. Senior Kate Grabarek dominated at No. 4 Singles, claiming a 6-0, 6-0 victory. Senior captain Franca Peluso also won convincingly, winning 6-1, 6-1 in her first win since returning from injury earlier this month.

Saint Mary’s faced a challenge the next day with a day-night doubleheader against Simpson and Principia after little rest. But The Belles dominated all day, rolling to an 8-1 victory over the Storm before sweeping the Panthers 9-0.

Highlighting the day were Faller, Grabarek and senior captain Jillian Hurley, who lost a combined 11 games in their six singles victories. The Belles’ teamwork and cohesiveness showed in doubles play, where they won all six of their matches.

After playing four matches in three days, the Belles

faced one more matchup against the College of St. Scholastica before returning to campus. The Saints proved to be too much for Saint Mary’s to handle, as they downed the Belles 6-3. Despite the loss, Saint Mary’s received strong performances from freshman Kathleen Klauer, who won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 6 Singles, and Hurley, who gutted out a victory in the top singles spot 7-6, (8-6) and 6-4.

The Belles return to the Eck Tennis Center to take on Aquinas. The Saints are hot off a win over Trine College, and pose a formidable challenge to the Belles in their last match before entering conference play.

St. Mary’s and Aquinas will square off at 6 p.m. this evening.

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## Stuhr

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age to .333 on the season with a blistering tournament at the plate. Despite Stuhr’s offensive breakout, Clay said the Irish were disappointed not to win more games on the trip.

“I think that our dissatisfaction comes from the fact that we know we actually can win those games now, and we are a little bit disappointed,” Clay said.

“However, there is comfort in knowing that we were in the games and it’s not like we were scoreless against teams that were ranked. So I think it was kind of a disappointing weekend overall, but I do think that there’s a positive, and I think the team is seeing both ends of that.”

Clay added that the high level of competition — the Irish faced top-five teams in their last two games of the Classic — would benefit the team later on in the season.

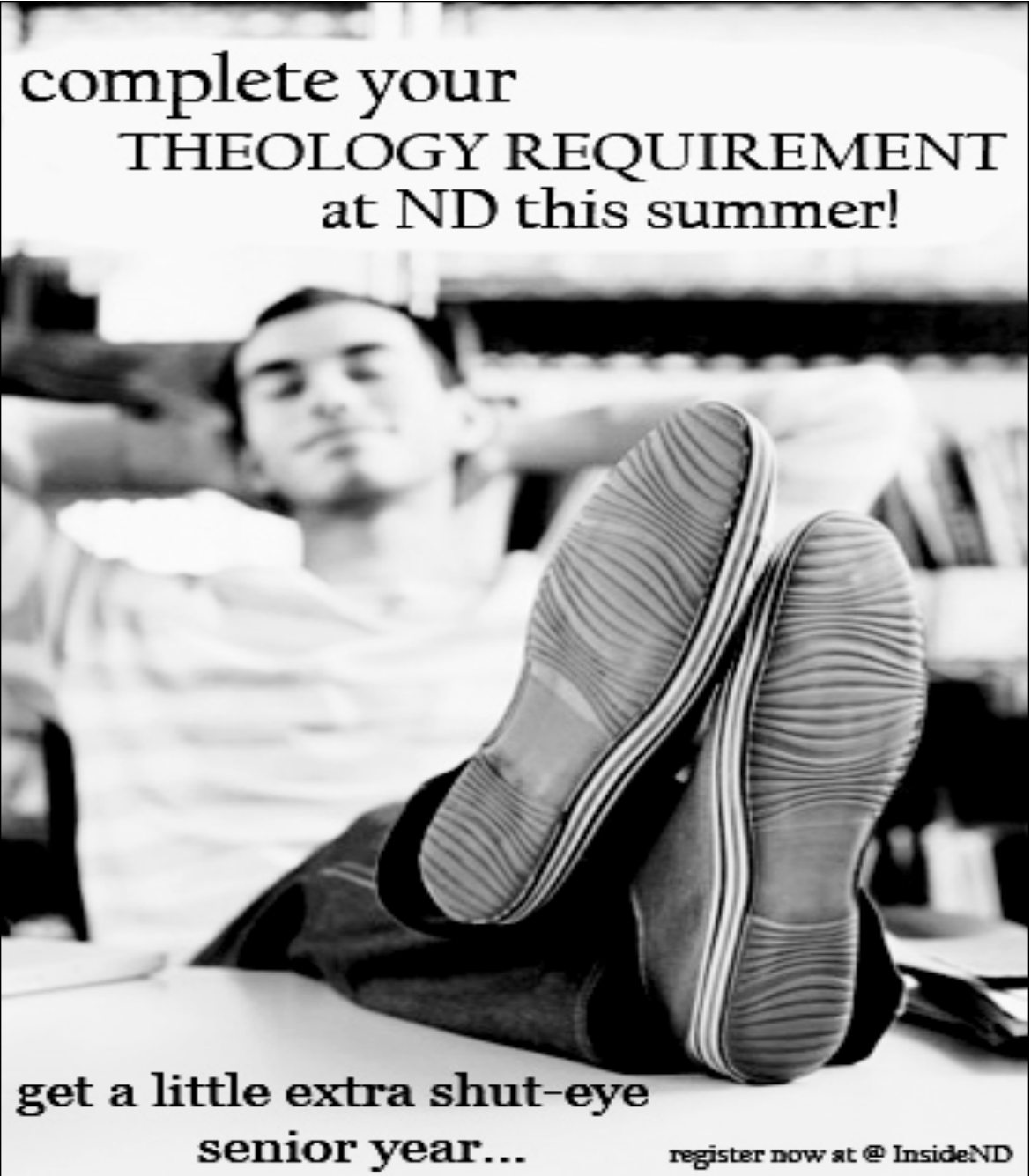
“When you play really good

teams, five different aspects of the game have to all be working together really well,” Clay said. “Things like getting the bunt down or base running errors, things that don’t necessarily show up in box scores — [those] are the things that help teams succeed in the post-season when you do them well.”

The Irish host Eastern Michigan (9-4) tonight in their first home doubleheader of the season at Melissa Cook Stadium at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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# Buckeyes

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lish," Corrigan said. "I'd like to see us getting the momentum of getting back to playing lacrosse, and wins and losses will take care of themselves."

With injuries piling up on the Irish roster, 11 days off allowed the team to relax and heal in time for future competition. Corrigan said the team focused on improving their own individual games during their time off.

"It gives us a chance to get healthy and a chance in practice to concentrate on ourselves," he said. "You're always preparing week-to-week for your opponents, and you don't spend much time preparing for yourselves."

The Irish are hoping that senior midfielder and co-captain Zach Brenneman will return to action against the Buckeyes. In the meantime, however, senior long-stick midfielder and co-captain Andrew Irving said the younger Irish midfielders have stepped up tremendously.

"They've had a few goals and had a ton of great plays, and not only that, but no one's going to be able to replace Brenneman," Irving said. "It's nice to see young

guys step up in his absence. Obviously, he'll be back, and he'll be doing what he does best."

Corrigan said the Irish defense needed to shut down the strong Ohio State attack if the Irish are to prevail and maintain their undefeated record.

"I think they're a very athletic and aggressive team, and we've got to handle them in the middle of the field first," Corrigan said. "Their attackers are really nifty guys. They are going to be a challenge for us, but it'll be a much easier challenge if we can keep them out of good opportunities."

Notre Dame's home opener in Loftus drew a record-setting crowd, yet Corrigan hopes the crowd against the Buckeyes exceeds that number.

"I would love to see the students come out. I would love to see over 3,000 people at the stadium, and make it a tough environment for the other team to play in and a great environment for our team to play in," Corrigan said. "There's nothing that gets your team more jacked up than knowing they have a good student crowd at the game."

The Irish will take the field against Ohio State at 4 p.m. at Arlotta Stadium.

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COLEMAN COLLINS/The Observer

**Sophomore linebacker Manti Te'o sacks Miami quarterback Stephen Morris during Notre Dame's 33-17 victory in the Sun Bowl.**

# Kelly

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to work and develop our players and we can only develop the players that are here. If you're waiting around, dreaming and hoping, you're going to miss great opportunities to develop your players."

One such opportunity comes with stiff competition at quarterback. After freshman quarterback Tommy Rees replaced injured junior Dayne Crist at the end of the 2010 campaign and led the Irish to a 4-0 finish to the season, Kelly could offer no clarity on his depth chart for the spring. Instead, he expects a wide-open race for the starting position — a race that will include early enrollee Everett Golson and freshman Andrew Hendrix.

"It's going to be a very competitive situation at quarterback, and Dayne can include his name in that competitive battle," Kelly said. "For us to truly talk about a competitive battle and everybody having a chance, I think we have to modify our practices. [Golson and Hendrix] have to be involved. In an ideal world we would like to leave [spring practice] where we know one, two, three."

Kelly also announced a number of position changes, both for players and for coaches. Offensive line coach Ed Warinner was named the "run game coordinator" to allow offensive coordinator Charley Molnar to take on more organizational work. Former outside linebackers coach Kerry Cooks will focus solely on corner-

backs, while former defensive backs coach Chuck Martin will focus on the safeties.

"It's a lot more focus on our football team because we know a lot more about them," Kelly said. "They are going to get that individual attention at their positions."

Sophomores Bennett Jackson and Austin Collinsworth will leave their wide receiver slots for the defensive backfield — Jackson will play cornerback and Collinsworth will play safety. Early enrollee Brad Carrico will move from the defensive line to the offensive line.

"We're pretty excited about those moves," Kelly said.

A number of former starters will be limited during spring practice due to injuries. Junior defensive tackle Sean Cwynar will not be participating in spring practice after foot and back surgeries. Sophomore linebacker Manti Te'o will be limited in practice after having an arthroscopic procedure to clean up cartilage in his year. Finally, Crist will be limited after a second consecutive season-ending knee injury.

"I think it's going to be similar to what we saw last spring," Kelly said. "Everything but basically live — he feels comfortable with it, and I know that it's going to be something that allows him to continue to develop for us."

Spring practice begins today at 8 a.m. and continues Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, concluding April 16 at the annual Blue and Gold Game.

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# Floyd

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season, beginning with today's first spring practice.

"Win more games," Kelly said Tuesday when describing the difference between the future, the 2011 season, and the past, the 2010 season.

The beauty of the system Kelly is creating hinges on the number of weapons Notre Dame has at its disposal, with or without Floyd. Last season the Irish offense lost junior quarterback Dayne Crist to a knee injury with four games left in the season, yet Kelly and freshman quarterback Tommy Rees won those four games, including wins over No. 15 Utah and at USC.

"Confidence obviously is gained with success," Kelly said. "They had some success against some pretty good football teams and so that carried itself into the off-season."

When Kelly refers to "they," he is not referring to Michael Floyd and a select group of other players. He is referring to every single member of the Irish, even the five early enrollee freshmen. The confidence the individual players gained during the four-game win streak will actually have minimal effect, but the confidence the team as a whole discovered during the four-game win streak will set the tone in this spring's practices, and will establish a high-standard for the freshmen to aspire toward before they ever know anything different.

"You can do that in year two because everybody kind of knows their place a lot better," Kelly said. "That routine is actually what we are going to count on to be our strength in year two — get back into that routine that was so good for us late in the year."

Late last year, Kelly's offense clicked on and off throughout each game as Rees' inconsistent talent only showed up in sports. Bob Diaco's defense carried Notre Dame through Rees' rough spots, stringing together the best four-game stretch by an Irish defense since the days Lou Holtz patrolled the side-

lines.

The Irish defense returns nearly fully intact, with its biggest loss, literally and figuratively, being that of soon-to-be-graduated nose tackle Ian Williams. Yet, Williams spent a significant portion of last season on the sidelines injured, and the Irish defense only improved in his absence.

Now, with more defensive end and outside linebacker recruits than the Gug may be able to feed, the Irish defense comes back much stronger than it ended last season. Kelly said early enrollee defensive end Aaron Lynch is "as developed as some of our juniors and seniors." The same can be said for defensive end-turned-outside linebacker Ishaq Williams, also an early enrollee.

Rees, or Crist, or whoever takes Notre Dame's first snap against South Florida in September, will no longer feel the pressure of the necessity to outscore the opponent. This year, a shootout against Denard Robinson simply won't happen — this defense is ready for his challenge.

But if a shootout does transpire, the Irish have the weapons, again, with or without Floyd.

When junior tight end Kyle

Rudolph tore his hamstring early last season, ending his season — and with his early entry into the NFL Draft, his collegiate career — Notre Dame seemed to have lost its most reliable weapon. It had, but sophomore Tyler Eifert took his opportunity to shine, and, well, shined. By the end of the victory over Army, in which he tallied four catches for 78 yards and a touchdown, Eifert had become a common Irish household name.

Entering this past September, the idea of losing Crist, Williams or Rudolph for significant time would have delivered an anxiety attack to nearly any Notre Dame fan. The idea of no Michael Floyd for an entire season has a similar effect, yet Kelly's past shows it shouldn't.

"Every time there's an injury or somebody that's not with us, our focus is strictly on the guys that are here," Kelly said.

"The guys that are here" may be one superstar fewer now, but, as a whole, optimism should still surround them.

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FOOTBALL

# Spring ahead

## Coach Kelly announces spring position changes

By ALLAN JOSEPH  
Sports Writer

Irish coach Brian Kelly had a number of changes to announce at Tuesday's spring football kickoff press conference, but all of them took a backseat to junior captain and wide receiver Michael Floyd's arrest and subsequent indefinite suspension earlier in the week. In addition to shedding some light on Floyd's situation, Kelly announced a number of position changes as well as highlighted the developing quarterback race.

Kelly suggested that he and his staff will not worry about Floyd's loss until any possible return was tangible. Instead, he will focus on developing the players that will be in camp.

"Every time there's an injury or somebody that's not with us, our focus is strictly on the guys that are here," he said. "We are going to go

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Irish coach Brian Kelly and junior quarterback Dayne Crist engage in a discussion during fall practice last season.

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## Outlook optimistic despite Floyd's absence

Prior to junior receiver Michael Floyd's actions along Notre Dame Avenue early Sunday morning, the upcoming Irish football season seemed filled with optimism, and only optimism.

Pending Floyd's fate — will his indefinite suspension ever end — that optimism need not dissipate.

Yes, if the potential All-

American has caught his last collegiate touchdown pass, Notre Dame will lose an incredibly potent weapon, but the absence of Floyd would not change Irish coach Brian Kelly's plans for the upcoming



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ND SOFTBALL

# Notre Dame returns home after trip to California

By KELSEY MANNING  
Sports Writer

The picturesque California weather masked a turbulent spring break for Notre Dame, as the Irish finished 4-4 on a West Coast trip after facing five top-20 teams.

The Irish (16-6) opened the week with two wins in a doubleheader against Cal Poly (3-20).

Junior Dani Miller and senior Heather Johnson both hit home runs, as the Irish rolled to a 4-1 victory in the opener. Freshman Laura Winter struck out five in the second game to lead Notre Dame to a 2-1 win.

Following the sweep, the Irish took on the field at the Judi Garman Classic in Fullerton, Calif., with six games in four days. The tournament started on March

16 with mixed results for the squad, as Notre Dame upset No. 9 Oklahoma (26-7) 2-1, but fell by the mercy rule to Cal State Fullerton (8-14) in the second game of a doubleheader.

Saint Patrick's Day brought no luck for the Irish, and the team dropped a game to No. 19 Louisiana-Lafayette (17-10) by the score of 5-1. The team rounded out the tournament with a 5-0 win

against New Mexico (12-13), a hard-fought 7-4 loss to No. 4 Washington (22-2), and a disappointing 9-4 defeat to No. 5 Michigan (28-2).

Senior catcher Alexia Clay said that despite the mixed performance, the team's chemistry is strong.

"We've always known that we have talented players on this team, but especially this year with the chemistry and the people, the whole team

fits together and everyone is working together, not just nine starters," she said. "We have 21 girls, and they're going out there and doing their jobs, whatever they are."

Leading the Irish throughout the week was the breakout offensive performance of freshman outfielder Lauren Stuhr, who raised her aver-

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MEN'S LACROSSE

# Irish prepare to battle OSU

By MEGAN GOLDEN  
Sports Writer

After taking a week to refocus and reenergize following their forgettable win at Denver, the No. 3 Irish look to rebound against No. 20 Ohio State in Notre Dame's first outdoor home game.

The Irish (4-0) picked up a 10-9 win at Denver, but it took them all four quarters to put away the Pioneers. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he was less than satisfied with the team's victory at Denver, and he hopes the team gains a different kind of momentum while competing with the Buckeyes (5-3).

"Clearly, being able to stay undefeated keeps momentum that we've [already] been able to estab-



Senior midfielder David Earl eludes a Drexel defender during Notre Dame's 11-7 win March 6.

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BASEBALL

# Squad ready for first home contest

By CHRIS ALLEN  
Sports Writer

Irish coach Mik Aoki has waited more than eight months since his official hiring date on July 13, 2010 for his home debut at Notre Dame. As the rains fell hard in South Bend Tuesday, it was clear that Aoki would have to wait one more day for his first game at Frank Eck Stadium.

The Irish home opener against Oakland slated for Tuesday night may have been rained out, but Notre Dame (7-10-1) will take the field tonight against Illinois-Chicago (6-10) to begin the

2011 home schedule.

Aoki's squad is returning from a long road trip over spring break that saw the team go 3-4-1 in eight games. The team struggled on offense throughout the trip, failing to score more than five runs in any game. Aoki said he was disappointed in the team's showing at the plate.

"I was disappointed in the quality of our at-bats," he said. "Guys were pressing. Guys sort of came out of who they were a little bit. It comes from a good place. They wanted to win. They were trying like crazy. I

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