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## Student allegedly assaulted

Observer Staff Report

A male Notre Dame student allegedly assaulted a Saint Mary's student in a taxi early Saturday morning, according to a South Bend Police report.

The taxi was already carrying several passengers when it picked up the 21-year-old white suspect. The driver told police she picked up the suspect because she felt bad he was walking without a coat.

She said the suspect sat in the front passenger seat and did not say anything until he suddenly shouted at the other passengers in the cab, turned around and began hitting the victim in the neck.

The Observer is withholding the identity of the Saint Mary's student because she is the victim of a crime, and is not naming the Notre Dame student because he has not been charged with a crime.

The incident occurred around 2:30 a.m. Saturday near State Road 23 and the 700 block of North St. Peter Street.

The victim, a 19-year-old female, said she was keeping to herself and talking to friends in the back of the cab when the suspect suddenly turned around and began assaulting her.

She told police she was scared and did not know what to do because she had never seen the suspect before and had never been in a similar situation. The driver came to her aid by pulling the suspect away from her.

Immediately after the assault began, the driver said she stopped the cab, pushed the suspect out the door, called 911 and began following the man, keeping police updated on the situation as she drove.

Police said the victim was visibly shaken and had redness around her neck, but she said she had no pain and refused medical treatment. The police then transported the victim back to the Saint Mary's campus.

Police performed a portable breath test on the suspect and recorded a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .30, which is above the legal limit of .08.

Due to the suspect's high level of intoxication, police decided not to arrest him at that time and elected to forward the charges of assault, battery and public intoxication to the prosecutor's office. The suspect was

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## Alum advances dialogue

Superintendent talks about work in educational reform



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**Michael Flanagan, a Notre Dame graduate and the current Michigan Superintendent of Public Instruction, spoke about his experience in education Tuesday as a part of the 2011-2012 Forum.**

By NICOLE MICHELS  
News Writer

A Notre Dame graduate who now works as Michigan's Superintendent of Public Instruction spoke Tuesday about education reform and the progress he has encouraged during his tenure.

Michael Flanagan's talk "Education Reform-Mongering: A Practitioner's Perspective" in Carole Sandner Hall was the latest event in the Notre Dame

Forum 2011-12: Reimagining School.

Flanagan said the most pressing challenge for today's educators is addressing the needs of the urban and poor. Sharing his experience of growing up in a working class family on Long Island, N.Y., he said education plays a critical role in realizing one's potential.

"I think there's a certain point that when you see other people believe in you, it changes your whole trajectory," Flanagan said.

Flanagan said his critical point was when he had to adapt to his new environment after his family moved from Brooklyn to Long Island.

Flanagan said when a teacher informed him he would be placed in the "89er" program, he assumed it meant he was going to "be put on the short bus" because he was a troublemaker. However, he

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## Ceili team dances to victory

By AUBREY BUTTS  
News Writer

For the second time in club history, the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Irish Dance Team danced its way to victory at the All-Ireland Dance Championship in Dublin as the team captured the championship trophy Feb. 17.

The team previously first won the All-Ireland competition in 2010.

Sophomore Connor Reider, the team's coach, said going beyond simple participation to win the competition was significant.

"So many teams from across the world come to All-Ireland that it is basically the world championships," he said. "It puts Notre Dame on the map."

The Ceili team consists of

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Photo courtesy of Mary Mitchell

**Senior Colleen Gerth, left, and sophomores Grace Dearduff, Connor Reider and Cathy Cichon pose with their championship trophy.**

## Week calls attention to disorders

By DAN BROMBACH  
News Writer

Eating disorders, such as bulimia and anorexia, are increasingly common in the United States, but they remain a highly stigmatized topic many feel uncomfortable addressing.

National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, which takes place this week, hopes to change this trend. The event attempts to foster recognition of eating disorders not as choices but as serious, life-threatening illnesses, according to a press release on the event's website.

As coordinator of Eating Disorder Services at Notre Dame, staff clinician Valerie Staples said many students struggle with how they eat and how they view their bodies.

"Eating concerns and body image concerns are very prevalent on this campus," she said. "Last year, of students who came here to the counseling center, 9.8 percent reported eating concerns."

Staples said the frequency of disordered eating among Notre Dame students can be attributed to the University's intensely competitive atmosphere.

"We have a culture on our campus of 'always do better, always improve,'" she said. "This reinforces people thinking about how they look in comparison to somebody else, about how much they eat and exercise in comparison to somebody else."

Staples also said society and media play a role in creating pressures leading to eating disorders.

"It's hard to pick up a magazine or watch any sort of a commercial nowadays that isn't encouraging us to lose weight or to re-shape our bodies in some way, saying that we'll be more happy or successful if we do," she said. "While making physical improvements isn't a bad thing, at what point do we need to appreciate other qualities in ourselves?"

Staples said eating disorders are underreported at Notre Dame not only because many students are

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# Film festival celebrates 30th anniversary of justice education

By JILLIAN BARWICK  
News Writer

This week, Saint Mary's Justice Education Program looks to harness the power of the moving image to celebrate the department's 30th anniversary.

In honor of the event, the department is hosting the Leadership and Social Change Film Festival from this today and Thursday.

Jan Pilarski, director of the Justice Education Program, said she organized the festival with the help of the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership to draw attention to everyday people who strive for righteousness.

"The whole idea behind this film festival is to highlight ordinary people who have developed their leadership by doing extraordinary things in their countries for social justice," she said.

Pilarski the motive behind the event is to draw attention to these exceptional goals achieved by regular people.

"Our goal is to have people realize that skills and issues are certainly what is going on," she said. "What's exciting is seeing people

stretch themselves to realize that these issues are happening."

The film shown Tuesday night, "Pray the Devil Back to Hell," is the story of 2011 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Leymah Gbowee, as well as other courageous women's rights activists in Liberia.

"This film is only 3 years old, so it is fairly new," Pilarski said. "We are excited to include this film because of Gbowee winning the Nobel Peace Prize. Her accomplishment highlights how lessons of work carries over in many ways."

Today's film, "Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai," is a dramatic story of a Kenyan Nobel Peace Prize winner whose simple act of planting trees grew into a national movement to protect the environment and human rights and defend democracy.

"The issues of land and environmental destruction are very prominent in this film," Pilarski said. "Maathai not only built strength in herself, but she built a movement. This film highlights the importance of how to make change."

"Maathai became a catalyst with her movement for continued action in Ke-



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nya including the poor and women of the country. Her act of standing up to people in power for taking land from the poor began with a simple act of planting trees."

Thursday, the department wraps up the film festival with a showing of "A Small Act," a Sundance-featured film about a Holocaust survivor and the Kenyan student whose education she supports. The film demonstrates how individual actions can create a ripple

effect to make a difference and support change, Pilarski said.

"This film has a lot of potential to show how individuals can create something bigger than they ever imagined," she said. "Much of change is built on relationships and partnerships."

"A Small Act' shows each of us in our own way have the potential to make a difference through the connections we make."

Playing films that showcase leadership skills and

the power of everyday people ultimately conveys to students the message of the Justice Education department, Pilarski said.

"The Leadership and Social Change Film Festival truly hits the mark on our departments 30th anniversary theme," she said. "The films are meant as examples of justice education in college, community and around the globe."

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## International Festival Week celebrates culture

By LISA SLOMKA  
News Writer

Notre Dame students don't need to use their passports to experience foreign cultures this week, as they can soak in global traditions and customs during International Festival Week.

McKenna Pencak, assistant director for education and outreach for International Student Services and Activities (ISSA), said the Festival features a variety of cultures from around the world. The events began last Saturday and continues through this Sunday.

"Basically it's just a week to celebrate international students and the international student community, as well as the entire Notre Dame community and everyone that has different backgrounds and cultural heritages," she said.

Pencak said International Festival Week began as a cultural celebration and performance and is now a celebration of the University's international community.

"We have over 900 international students from about 90 countries, and this is a week to celebrate a variety of cultural heritages as well as our multicultural students," she said. "Also, it's great because it's not only ISSA, it's a collaboration with other departments and organizations on campus. We work to make sure everyone is included and that as many countries and cultures are represented as possible."

The week's primary event, the International Festival, has been held for over 40 years and originally was the event's only activity, Pencak said. The Festival, which will be held today from 6 to 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center Ballroom,

will feature performances from students and campus cultural organizations, as well as international desserts.

Pencak said the performances will include a Bollywood dance, a Chinese song and a Japanese tea ceremony. There also will be activity tables and a question and answer session.

The Week also features an International Children's Festival, Pencak said.

"That is basically a children's version of the International Festival, and it's free, and we work with University Village, the married student housing," she said. "We're going to be doing international arts and crafts."

Fischer O'Hara Grace Graduate Residences are usually active in International Festival Week because of the University's high number of international graduate students, Pencak said.

"They are hosting a great event with [associate professor of painting and drawing] Fr. Martin Nguyen on Friday," she said. "There's going to be dinner and dessert and then everyone's going to go to Holy Cross annex to tour Fr. Martin Nguyen's [art] studio."

Pencak said overall student participation for the International Festival Week is typically high.

"It's really fun because it's a way for international and national students to get together and celebrate different cultures and celebrate where they're from," she said. "It's really neat to see everyone participating and talking about his or her home countries and cultures and cultural heritages."

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# Advisory council hopes to bridge arts, academics



Seniors Hal Melia, left, and Ryan Belock moderate WE ‘ART’ ND, a meeting about better integrating the arts into the campus community.

By MICHAEL RODIO  
News Writer

Seniors Ryan Belock and Hal Melia are hoping to bridge the gap between the University’s artistic and academic departments with the creation of a new student-run advisory council, Arts@ND.

“There exists a communication and collaboration gap between departments, DPAC (DeBartolo Performing Arts Center), student groups and non-arts majors,” Belock said. “We are now brainstorming ways to fix that together. We’ve adopted a mission to ‘create, celebrate and collaborate.’”

Belock said he first imagined Arts@ND during his freshman year, when he realized the programming department at DPAC and the music, art, art history, design, and Film, Television & Theatre (FTT) departments were independently trying to increase attention to arts on campus.

Belock said he learned the University’s 2008 Strategic Plan for the Arts envisioned an Arts Advisory Council in support of the University’s “Decade of the Arts.” He found campus leaders, especially students, supported creating an advisory committee to serve academic and extra-curricular arts groups.

“I feel students need to be part of those conversations,” Belock said. “I wanted to get peers, professors and professionals on campus working these issues out together, not just in their isolated circles, but finding ways to proactively collaborate and create.”

At the start of the school year, Belock said he and Melia worked with student body president Pat McCormick to create a student-driven force for supporting arts on campus. McCormick advocated for enhancing campus arts in his campaign platform.

Belock said he and Melia hosted the first meeting of the Arts at Notre Dame Student Advisory Group in November to brainstorm how the organization could work. Small groups of professors, staff members and students developed potential initiatives, Belock said.

“The largest takeaway from the first meeting was that we have a lot of creative talent across many majors, not just arts majors, that can solve the most pressing issues for student activities arts groups, ensembles, classes and professional programming on campus,” he said.

Belock said the meeting also helped introduce students from across the academic spectrum.

“This was the first time some FTT students met art, art history

and design students,” he said. “It was also the first time some had been in the Regis Philbin Studio Theater [in DPAC].”

Belock said he and Melia hosted the second meeting of Arts@ND, titled “WE ‘ART’ ND,” in February. The meeting used the slogan “create, celebrate and collaborate.”

Belock said the group hosted the meeting in Riley Hall of Art and Design to set a standard that arts have several “bases” on campus that need to be fully integrated into thoughts and collaboration.

At the meeting, he said Director of Bands Ken Dye presented examples of collaborative work in the arts, including projects by rock bands OK Go and U2. Belock said students recommended opening a café in Riley Hall, improving the “Arts” section of the University website, creating a publication to cover campus arts and instituting a College of Fine Arts.

“We are narrowing down and voting on short-term projects to pursue this spring that will make a noticeable impact on the ‘aura of the arts’ at Notre Dame,” he said.

Belock said Arts@ND’s primary progress has been the opportunity to encourage conversation between students and faculty.

“They all share three things in common. They love Notre Dame, they love the arts, and they want to make them both better here,” he said.

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## Forum

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said it turned out to be the opposite — a program for talented eighth graders who would be given ninth grade work.

“It taught me a lesson that so much of this [education] is about expectations that you have for every child, and that almost without exception they can reach great heights if we believe in them,” Flanagan said.

While it is important to believe all kids can learn, Flanagan said change cannot be conceptualized until we begin to act on an individual level.

“You have to be careful to design reforms that don’t make you feel good about all [the children, and in the process] forget to reach down to every child,” he said.

Even after 30 years as a local, regional and state superintendent, Flanagan said he continues to act on the lesson he learned early on in his career when he examined a particular district: the need to improve the quality of education is more important than what people want to hear.

“Overall, they were high achieving, but they didn’t look at individual schools,” he said. “I said that I bet we’re just like everyone else, that we’re losing women in science by high school.”

When he brought his findings to public attention, the reactions were far from positive, he said.

“The headline the next day didn’t help me: ‘New superintendent comes to town, girls test scores go down,’” Flanagan said. “That and the reac-

tion taught me a real lesson that you have to be willing to realize that change is easier said than done, that you have to confront the status quo.”

Flanagan said one of his most recent pushes for reform has been to raise the “cut scores,” or the cut-off score that students have to attain on standardized tests to be considered at grade level, which encourages greater achievement in Michigan schools.

“All we did was raise the bar, and even though fewer kids could jump over that bar, we saw that they all ended up jumping higher than they did before,” he said.

Flanagan said his other goals include providing free ACT testing to all Michigan students,

improving reading proficiency levels, establishing tenure procedures that protect teachers and require achievement and developing ways to address the varied needs of Michigan’s children.

The Notre Dame graduate said at times, critics have targeted his Catholic faith.

“I’m very concerned with determining what’s right for the kids, and I know that some of this process is painful for the adults involved,” Flanagan said. “I know that’s part of the job.”

Fr. Tim Scully, director of the Institute for Educational Initiatives at the Center for Social Concerns, said this is

due to Catholicism’s clearly defined positions on these contentious issues.

“Unlike some religions, we have a social teaching, that for example, takes a position in regards to parent choice. All parents should have the opportunity to choose a decent school for their kids,” Scully said. “Because this tradition has this teaching, it implies a certain stake in the ground in debates.”

Surprisingly, Flanagan said the economic downturn in Michigan helped them to enact these reforms.

“We wouldn’t get some of these reforms and innovations if we had enough money where we could just keep throwing money [at problems,]” Flanagan said. “[It’s not] that money makes no difference, but ... you almost have to use it as an excuse to revamp the whole system.”

Scully said Flanagan’s speech continued the Forum’s focus on broad development in education reform.

“I think Mike Flanagan is an example of a leader who has entered into a really contended field and has made a difference because of his deep empathy,” Scully said. “We hope that the people here today will leave asking questions, and at a Catholic university these questions are exactly the kind of questions that we ought to be raising.”

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**Michael Flanagan**  
Michigan Superintendent of Public Instruction

## Crime

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and public intoxication to the prosecutor’s office. The suspect was not taken into custody and has not been charged with any crime yet.

Police said the suspect’s speech was unintelligible, and he could not answer questions clearly or tell officers where he lived or where he was coming from. The report stated the suspect became more talkative in the backseat of the squad car, apologizing and asking to explain himself.

Police said they transported the suspect to Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP), where they confirmed he is a student at Notre Dame living in an off-campus apartment.

The officers then took the suspect home and later sent

additional officers to the apartment to perform a welfare check on the suspect due to his high BAC.

University Spokesman Dennis Brown declined to comment because the suspect has not been charged.



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# Disorders

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afraid or embarrassed to ask for help, but also because many don't realize they have a problem.

"For many individuals, they simply don't recognize that what they're doing is destructive and unhealthy," Staples said. "Weight loss is considered a good thing, and so they think 'the more the better.'"

Recognizing many of the primary misconceptions surrounding eating disorders, Staples said there is harm in labeling eating disorders as a woman's problem.

"Certainly there are a greater percentage of women who are affected by eating disorders, but it would be a very narrow perspective to think about this as only a women's issue," she said. "If we look at eating disorders this way, we continue to make it more challenging for men to recognize its impact in their lives and to seek treatment."

Staples said if you know somebody struggling with an eating disorder, the most important step in helping them is simply saying something to them.

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Coordinator of Eating Disorder Services, Valerie Staples

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you let the person know that you're concerned," she said. "It may not necessarily be an easy conversation to have, but until the person recognizes that their problem is affecting other people they may continue to be comfortable with it."

Ultimately, Staples said all members of the Notre Dame community have a responsibility to change the atmosphere on campus by taking the eating strug-

gles of others into consideration in language and actions.

"As a community we should be mindful of our language in terms of how much we talk about weight, calories, exercise," she said. "We all have a responsibility to make changes in our culture in that way."

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# Dance

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eight girls from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. The time devoted to practice and preparation for the competition, along with the small group size, fosters friendships and team unity, Saint Mary's senior Mary Mitchell said.

"We all became so close with one another. Spending every single night practicing for two hours, having team brunches and living together for the week in Dublin, you get to know each other inside and out," she said. "We're a quirky bunch."

Participating specifically in the Club Ceili division involved learning two traditional Ceili numbers from a designated set of choices. Reider said performing the same numbers as the other teams meant they had to perfect their routines.

"Every single person needs to be doing the exact same action at the same time," he said. "You have to make sure your toes are pointed, your legs are the exact same length out and your lines are perfectly straight."

This precision applied not only to the dance routines, but to costumes as well, Mitchell said.

"All the wigs were chosen according to what looked best for the entire team, and they were cut to exactly the same length,"

Mitchell said. "The style and cut had to be identical. Judges will take points off your presentation if they don't feel you look like a cohesive group."

Arriving on Feb. 15, the team had a busy schedule of sight seeing, practice, watching other performances and dancing for the current group of Notre Dame students studying abroad in Dublin, Reider said.

When the team finally performed on Friday, senior Colleen Gerth said their second routine may have been the team's best performance ever.

"We were all pretty anxious beforehand, but you have to be focused and think about what you are doing," she said. "We were more excited the second time, and after we finished that last step, we could tell we had put our whole heart and soul into it."

With five seniors on the team, the All-Ireland competition represented the last time many of the girls would have the opportunity to dance competitively. However, Gerth said the trophy ceremony brought immense satisfaction.

"The cup is engraved each year with the name of the team who wins," she said. "I was on the team two years ago, and I had never seen the cup with our name on it. That was really exciting to see and to know that our name would be on there again."

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# Romney wins Michigan Republican primary

Associated Press

NOVI, Mich. — Mitt Romney eked out a narrow victory in Michigan's GOP primary Tuesday, barely avoiding an embarrassing loss in his home state after acknowledging he had made mistakes along the way.

Romney had a more convincing win in Arizona, but then Rick Santorum and fellow rivals Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul hardly contested the state.

In his Michigan victory speech, Romney didn't mention Santorum, who courted socially conservative voters and came close to defeating him. Instead, Romney kept his focus on President Barack Obama and a core economic message, saying he'll bring "more jobs, less debt and smaller government."

At times Romney made his path to the double wins more difficult. The multimillionaire former CEO acknowledged earlier Tuesday that his own repeated, if accidental, references to his wealth had hurt his campaign.

"I'm very pleased with the campaign, its organization. The candidate sometimes makes some mistakes and so I'm trying to do better and work harder and make sure that we get our message across," he told reporters during his first news conference in nearly three weeks.

Romney has stumbled at times in speaking about his personal fortune, estimated as high as \$250 million, while trying to connect with average Americans during tough economic times. He has made an offhand reference to owning "a couple of Cadillacs" and has said he is "not concerned about the very poor." Referring to insurance companies, he has said, "I like being able to fire people who

provide services to me."

On Sunday, while in Florida for the Daytona 500, he remarked that he doesn't follow NASCAR as closely as some but has "some great friends that are NASCAR team owners."

When a reporter asked Tuesday whether comments that have drawn attention to his wealth have hurt his campaign, Romney gave a one-word answer: "Yes." Then he said: "Next question."

Romney took personal responsibility for setbacks in his campaign since Feb. 7 when he lost contests in Colorado, Missouri and Minnesota to Santorum. He said he has struggled with the conservative Republican voters backing Santorum in Michigan's primary because he's unwilling to make the "incendiary" comments he said they want to hear and say "outrageous things" like his opponents.

"It's very easy to excite the base with incendiary comments. We've seen throughout the campaign that if you're willing to say really outrageous things that are really accusative and attacking of President Obama, you're going to jump up in the polls," he said. "I'm not willing to light my hair on fire to try and get support. I am what I am."

Romney accused Santorum of trying to "kidnap the primary process" by urging Democrats to come to the polls in Michigan's primary — it's open to people willing to declare themselves Republicans for the purposes of voting — and vote against him.

In an automated phone call, Santorum's campaign urged Michigan Democrats to vote against Romney because he opposed the government bailout of the auto industry.



## INSIDE COLUMN

# Leap Day babies, unite

Today is a cause for four times the celebration.

We Leapers have been underappreciated our entire lives. From being deterred from numerous forms and applications because of our unrecognized birthday to taking the brunt of juvenile jokes, we've truly heard it all.

"You only have a birthday every four years? That must be awful!"

"You only get presents every four years? That's terrible!"

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According to an old Irish legend, St. Bridget once made a deal with St. Patrick to allow women to propose to men on this sacred day. How many of the other 364 have a tradition similar to that?

Pope Paul III and, perhaps more importantly, Ja Rule celebrate their birthdays today.

Leap Day may not always be there for him when he calls, but our birthday is always on time (credit to those of us who get this song reference; hip-hop just isn't the same today!)

Which, come to think of it, means Ja Rule celebrates the big number nine today!

Lil Wayne may be the self-proclaimed best rapper alive (fellow Detroiters: We know Eminem would disagree), but Ja Rule takes the cake for being the youngest rapper to ever sell 30 million records worldwide.

But in all seriousness, today is undoubtedly the most unique calendar day, and the lucky few who claim today as their date of birth are some of the most unique people you might know.

It's certainly next to impossible not to have an absolutely vibrant personality when you claim Leap Day. In fact, informing friends and acquaintances of my birthday is generally followed by, "Wow Llorens, you would be born on Leap Day."

I'm sure fellow Leapers know where this comes from and I'm not sure if we know exactly what you mean by it, but we'll take it.

So, I'd like to wish to wish myself (of course) on my fifth birthday, along with Ja Rule and Leapers across this great world of ours, a very happy birthday!

And if there is some birthday boy or girl who has a home under the Dome, let's relish all today has to offer together.



Adam Llorens

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# Words with friends

We are exactly one week into the season of Lent this year, and you may be feeling worn out already. The initial charms of striving to challenge yourself with your fasting and prayer perhaps even now feel tedious, and you face heading into midterms next week without caffeine or desserts or alcohol; or you are realizing that with two papers and a project due, it's just not as easy as you thought to close your computer and get to Mass or to Stations of the Cross.

So this might be the perfect time to pray a prayer I found recently. It's fairly short, especially printed here in tiny newspaper font, so you could even cut it out and carry it with you.

Kate Barrett

Faithpoint

*Beloved, you know my impatience  
You know how quickly I tire of all resolutions;*

*how impatient I am about lack of progress;*

*how tired I become the moment  
the work I have started begins to run smoothly;*

*how distant green grass looks to me!  
O Jesus, help me to be patient,  
to plod and not always be snatching  
at stars.*

*Teach me to plod daily through small irritations, discouragements,  
knowing it is for you. Amen.*

Catherine de Hueck Doherty (1896-1985) wrote this prayer. Doherty was a fascinating woman who, though not as well-known as Dorothy Day, shared many of her passions about serving the poor through creating communities of Christian love, meeting not only their material needs but their spiritual needs

as well. When you read about her tremendously eventful life, you can hardly imagine that Catherine Doherty ever felt she "plodded" through even a single day, but her prayer reveals otherwise. Her cause for sainthood is underway, and yet this very holy, active and determined woman regularly felt — as we all do at times — impatient, tired, irritated and discouraged.

It's worth considering the value of staying the course, of hanging in there, of fighting the fatigue that can sometimes come with Lent, with midterms or with life during a South Bend winter, no matter how mild. This Sunday's gospel, as happens on the second Sunday of Lent each year, leads us up the mountain with Jesus and his three dearest apostles to a decidedly spectacular experience. Peter, James and John see Jesus transfigured, his clothes "dazzling white;" they see Moses and the great prophet Elijah standing with Jesus; they hear the Lord tell them to listen to his beloved son. Peter immediately reacts the way any of us might: he starts making plans to stay, to make this triumphant, glorious moment last as long as possible. No plodding impatience here; no tiresome irritations on the mountaintop in the presence of the glory of God!

Probably much to the apostles' dismay, however, they left the wonder of the Transfiguration and came down the mountain, where their ordinary daily routine continued. They had to get back to the "plodding" of everyday life; they had thrown their lot in with this Jesus, who attracted ever more controversy and conflict even as he performed miracles and transformed the hearts of many who had known nothing but rejection and scorn all their lives.

As Christians, we have thrown our lot in with Jesus too, for those times when

we experience the "high" of an exhilarating faith experience as well as for the ordinary days of Lent when we fight against the inertia that calls out to us to be slackers, to loosen our determination and discipline, to allow the bar we've set to drop to a level that doesn't require much of us.

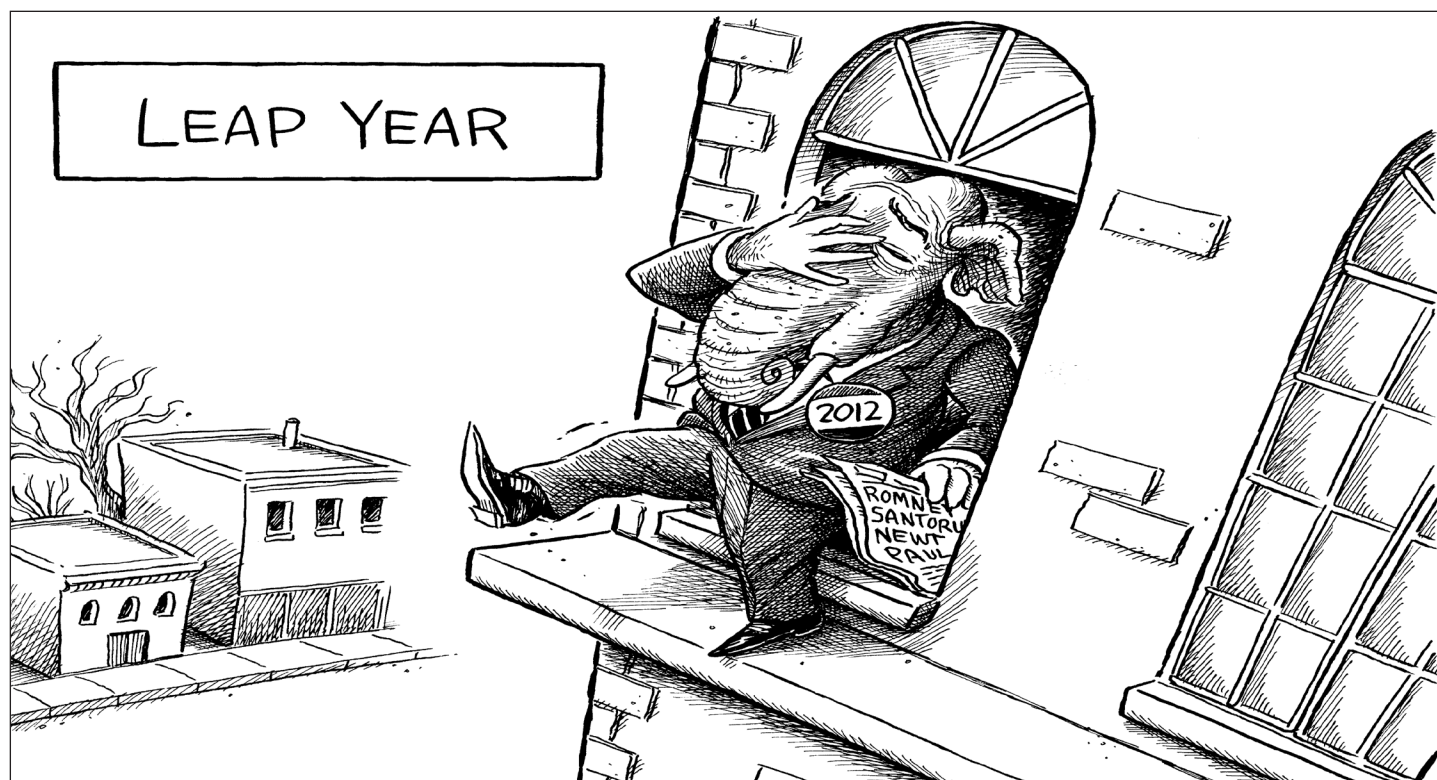
The author and speaker Matthew Kelly offers an excellent antidote to the days when we feel we're "plodding." It's extremely portable — even more so than the prayer above — which makes it a handy option for Spring Break. Pray some words with friends — the people who spoke to Jesus Christ during his years of ministry. If you feel the heaviness of just trying to get through the day, picture Jesus walking alongside you and pray, "I will be your follower wherever you go," as one of Jesus' disciples said to him while they walked to Jerusalem (Luke 9:57). If you find yourself troubled by doubts, pray the words the father of the possessed boy cried out to Jesus: "I do believe! Help my lack of trust" (Mark 9:24). Some days our faith will bring us such fullness of heart that we can cry out, like Peter, "Lord, you know that I love you!" (John 21:17) Simple prayers like these, prayed throughout the day, keep us connected to God and can bring solace, wisdom and guidance to our hearts.

Whether weighed down or light-hearted, may we keep striving this Lent and always to pray to Jesus, as Peter did, "You are the Messiah."

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON



## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Victory attained by violence  
is tantamount to a defeat,  
for it is momentary."*

Mahatma Gandhi  
Indian spiritual leader

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## WEEKLY POLL

What was the best part of the Oscars?

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The speeches  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Notre Dame and the Catholic conscience

Dear Fr. Jenkins,

As a recent Notre Dame graduate of the Program of Liberal Studies and Pre-Med, I feel I have a unique voice in the intersection of the humanities and science. Catholic citizens have a special call to preserve the dignity of life despite our culture of death. Government interference on these sorts of issues ought to be prevented at all costs. Our very freedom as religious citizens is at stake. It cannot be tolerated simply because the unique mission of the Church is to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

The Founding Fathers carefully constructed this country such that religious freedom and responsible government could coexist. Like Aristotle and others in the Western tradition, they held rationality above all other virtues and encouraged individual liberty and responsibility in the citizenry along with good education. The implications of our current poor education system are grave — poverty, illiteracy and apathy concerning public affairs and the state abound, resulting in a stunted national dialogue in which angry screaming suffices for public

discourse. This is no environment in which to encourage honest discussion of things like justice, freedom and virtue.

This is where the HHS Mandate enters the conversation. I am not a naysayer. I do think that, despite these unfortunate circumstances I laid out above, we ought to strive to be good citizens. Notre Dame is a pillar of stability in a university culture that suppresses anything other than secular liberalism. This will not change. From what I understand, you, Fr. Jenkins, have often been caught in between the factions of these fierce culture wars, inviting President Obama to be commencement speaker in 2009 yet wavering on GLBTQ representation in student groups over the years.

These situations must be difficult and I cannot relate to what you have gone and continue to go through. I applaud your forbearance in expressing your concern with “a number of unclear and unresolved issues” in your official statement regarding the mandate. However, now is the time to assert yourself as a prominent figure amongst American Catholics. Now is

the time to respectfully yet firmly tell our President that he makes a grave mistake by impinging egregiously on religious freedom — the founding creed of our country — with this HHS Mandate.

Too much blog space has been devoted to covering this issue, so I will not go into the arguments for or against it. I only urge you to take great caution in the decision that faces you now. You are a representative of the Catholic Church, indeed one of the most influential figures in our day and age. That is a heavy weight to bear. The American Catholic Church depends on your support. The lives of the unborn depend on it. Our very faith as it plays out in these modern times depends on it.

As renowned apologist G.K. Chesterton once wrote, “Christianity has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.” Will you be lauded for your decision to oppose this mandate? Probably not. Will you be respected for your forbearance in reasserting the authority of the Church on moral issues that stem from the doctrine itself? I believe yes. Despite the acerbic liberal secular

rejection of any theological arguments explaining human nature and how we ought to live, we can prevail. The only way to do this, however, is to remain believing in the world but not of it, following only the light of Christ and trying to beckon others into it.

Notre Dame is a shining beacon of faith, hope and love. Take away how she represents the Church and you take away the very spirit of Our Lady. You take away what She represents. You take away the tradition and generations of graduates who are proud to be part of the Fighting Irish nation.

Please, Fr. Jenkins, listen to us. We are not against you. We want to help you. We want you to show the same charity and virtue in this decision that Christ shows to us at every moment of every day. And who are we, limited mortals as we are, to deny the call to Christ?

(To read this letter online, please visit [dearfrjenkins.tumblr.com](http://dearfrjenkins.tumblr.com))

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 Class of 2011  
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# Single girl swag

I am writing in response to the column “Dating and relating” (Feb. 26) by David Moss. As a student who is enrolled at Saint Mary’s and at Notre Dame, this article is particularly appealing to me. First of all, to all Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s women, this stigma between us has got to end. We are all adults and we have all worked endlessly to be where we want to be. This so called “rivalry” between us is old and is too similar to high school (coming from an all-girl’s high school myself). Notre Dame ladies, where is this pressure from Saint Mary’s students coming from? You have all worked so hard through high school to come to your dream college and to earn a degree that is second to none. There are thousands of people out there who would have killed to have your spot. Think of those who were accepted but could not afford to come to Notre Dame at all. Please don’t take the gift you all have for granted.

Also, don’t for an instant second-guess yourself from going to Notre Dame just because the “social dating scene” is a little dry or that the boys seem uninterested in you. We are all in our 20s! This is the time to live! Let the boys be; let them be bros with their bros. Soon they’re going to have to say goodbye to all of that anyway if you want a man to rake in all the dough for you (my apologizes, gentlemen). For the single ladies out there, go ahead and get your single girl swag on, get dressed up and have a fun night on the town, regardless if a boy pays attention or not! In response to the men “mooing” at you for getting fro-yo, I say you moo right back. To the girls judging you for what you have on your plate, toss your left-overs right to them. Notre Dame is your home, and your home is the last place where you should feel judged.

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# A Lenten proposal for all

In the aftermath of an undeniably ignorant act of racial hate, we as a campus must reflect on the efforts we make to ensure all students are treated with equality and respect. With that thought in mind, I ask this: Are we truly trying our best to be accepting of diversity by only adhering to our Catholic students’ points of view? While I have the utmost respect for Catholic tradition and I fully understand its place in our beloved institution, I believe that there are changes that must be made to foster a more accepting environment for all students to enjoy.

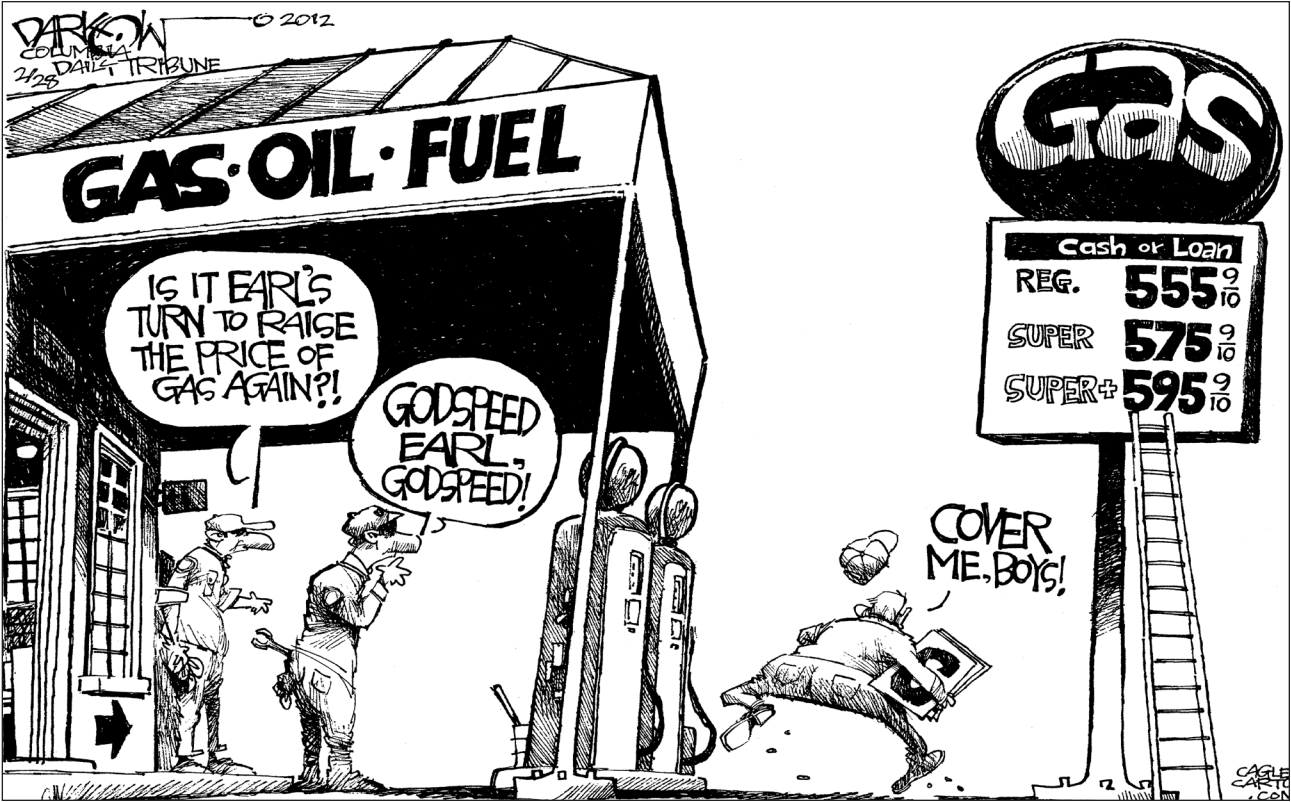
After years of Catholic school, my understanding of Lent is that it is a time to make sacrifices to remind us of those that Jesus made for us. Its purpose, therefore, would be to make us stronger by consciously and willingly giving up things we believe ourselves to be dependent upon. I pose this question to any Catholic student opposed to the dining hall serving meat on Fridays during Lent: How hard is it to make a sacrifice when the choice is already made for you? Yes, this is a Catholic institution, but where in Christian doctrine is it wrong to serve meat on a Friday in Lent? Without even questioning the doctrine itself, Catholic students must consider the difficulty of the sacrifices they are really making.

Here is what I propose: The dining hall should serve meat on Fridays during Lent in a small section set aside by itself. Simply serving the meat does absolutely nothing to infringe on the ideals of Catholic students, but goes leaps and bounds in showing the University’s acceptance of other students’ beliefs. The dining hall staff can remind forgetful (yet dedicated) Catholic students that they shouldn’t eat meat so that they have a truly conscious decision to make their own sacrifices (which in my opinion makes it all the more meaningful).

If we are as committed to equality as we’d like to believe, this is the perfect opportunity to right an injustice affecting all students and actually do something about it.

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON





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By MEGHAN THOMASSEN  
Viewpoint Editor

There’s nothing a Notre Dame student loves more than a challenge. Here’s one to add to your bucket list, right below the Hesburgh Challenge and Ring by Spring — the Dance Dare. Notre Dame has 29 residence halls, so this trial requires stamina and strategy. Here’s a quick how-to guide for the ladies and gentlemen who want an excuse to dress up, strut their stuff or just check off another dance from their list.

Rules of the Dance Dare

- 1. You must attend at least one dance hosted by every residence hall on campus.
- 2. Guys must also go to male dorm events. Girls, same deal.
- 3. Getting an invitation and going to an event is not the same thing. You must attend and participate. You must dance.
- 4. All dances must be completed before graduation.

Last-Minute Low Down

While a month seems like enough time to locate a date, you have to make your move soon. Girls like to have their dresses — and dates — secured long before the week of the Pangborn Formal, March 24. So drop a few not-so-subtle hints to your honey. If you don’t know anyone in Pangborn, start going to the Rock instead of Rolfs, or Reckers instead of LaFortune. The proximity factor is key. Once you have a target in sight, just lay it on thick. At this point in the game, it’s either go big or go home.

The same goes for the Lewis Crush, March 30. The sweetest girls on campus also have one of the coolest traditions. During their Crush Week, which includes a race fundraiser for breast-cancer awareness, the Lewis Chicks serenade their chosen dates for this Hawaiian-themed dance — and they get a can of Orange Crush. What more could a date ask for? It’s ladies’ choice for this one, so also make sure to sign up for the Chicken Run that week ... and win.

As for the Keenan Dome Dance, March 31, who wouldn’t want to dance the night away under our beloved Golden Dome? The Keenan boys get classy in the Main Building, so scout out your date quickly. Go to North Dining Hall and make sure to eat on Keenan side, and talk up how much you loved the Keenan Revue. You’ll score even more points if you follow up on the friends you made during Muddy Sunday last year, another one of Keenan’s signature events.

Plan Ahead Pointers

The Alumni Wake Dance, April 21, is a night nobody forgets ... or is it remembers? The dance is part of Alumni Hall’s Wake Week, in which members celebrate a something like a traditional Irish wake in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall. This night will be filled with strange and unusual rituals that you can only see to believe. This being said, Alumni Dawgs are known for their dorm pride, so it wouldn’t hurt to show your support at the upcoming inter-hall ice hockey playoffs.

Finally, the St. Edward’s Yacht dance is the capstone of all Notre Dame dances. On the last day of classes, the men of St. Edward’s get to whisk their dates away on a evening cruise. The lucky few get to dance against the backdrop of Chicago’s night skyline — on a boat, no less. This is a no brainer. Lie, cheat or steal if necessary. Even if you need to stand outside your Stedsman’s window holding a boombox over your head, blasting “I’m On a Boat,” you will go to this dance.

That’s all I have, ladies and gentlemen. Only the truly talented will be able to complete the Dance Dare, but with Spring Break on the horizon, you’ve only got so much time to secure your invites. But remember, all’s fair in love and war. Tick tock.

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By MARIA FERNANDEZ

Scene Writer

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Not sure what to wear for a night out with friends? Cristiana is wearing the perfect outfit for the occasion. Her red silk top and black skinny jeans paired with black and gold accessories make her look simply so-phisticated. Her leather pumps and side purse perfectly complement the ensemble. Cristiana looks effortlessly chic and comfortable in this outfit.

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## Baking with Brenna: Girl Scout Cookies



By BRENNA WILLIAMS  
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Some of the best things in life are seasonal, and one of the most welcomed seasonal treats are Girl Scout cookies. Luckily for the Girl Scout cookie enthusiasts in all of us, this week's recipes (yes, multiple!) can help satiate your cravings year-round.

I baked homemade versions of Samoas and Tagalongs, otherwise known as Caramel deLites and Peanut Butter Patties.

Samoas (sorry Midwesterners) are shortbread cookies topped with a caramel and coconut mixture, dipped in chocolate on the bottom, and drizzled with chocolate on top. Tagalongs are also shortbread based, topped with a peanut butter cream, and finished with a chocolate coating. If your favorite Girl Scout cookie is the Trefoil shortbread, you're in luck — the shortbread used for the other two cookies is a knockoff of the Trefoil recipe.

Below are the recipes along with easy tips and substitutions. The number of servings depends on how large you decide to make your cookies. The Samoa and Taglong ingredients will each cover half of the cookies made in the Trefoils recipe, so double the measurements if you only want to make one kind.

**Trefoil Shortbread**  
Ingredients:  
-1 cup butter, room temperature  
-1/2 cup sugar  
*Tip: Substitute Splenda for sugar.*  
- 2 cups all purpose flour  
*Tip: Use wheat flour.*  
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder  
- 1/2 teaspoon salt  
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
- 2 tablespoons milk  
*Tip: Use skim milk.*

Instructions:  
1. With a mixer or by hand, combine butter and sugar. Once they are well mixed, slowly incorporate the flour, baking powder and salt. Add the milk and vanilla.  
2. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap or store in Tupperware. If you're going to make the Samoas and Tagalongs, separate into halves for even batches.  
3. Refrigerate for an hour or until firm.  
4. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. While it's heating, tear off pieces of dough, flatten them into a cookie shapes, and place on an ungreased cookie sheet.  
*Tip: If you have cookie cutters, you can instead roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface and cut them out.*  
5. Bake for 10-12 minutes and cool thoroughly.

**Samoas**  
Ingredients:  
- 1.5 cups shredded unsweetened coconut, toasted  
- 8-oz soft caramels  
*Tip: Use sugar-free caramels.*

- 1/4 tsp salt  
- 2 tbsp milk  
*Tip: Again, you can use skim.*  
- 4 oz. dark chocolate chips  
*Tip: You can use milk or bittersweet chocolate as well.*

Instructions:  
1. Keep the oven at 350 after baking the cookies. Spread the coconut on a baking sheet and toast for 10-15 minutes, mixing frequently.  
2. While the coconut is toasting, place the caramels, milk and salt in a microwaveable bowl and heat for one minute at a time, stirring in between, until smooth.  
*Tip: You can also do this over medium heat on the stove*  
3. Mix the coconut into the caramel mixture and spread on top of the Trefoils.  
*Tip: I understand baking from scratch is hard on campus, so bake some sugar cookies from the Huddle if you need to.*  
4. Microwave the chocolate chips in 30 second bursts, stirring in between, until melted.  
*Tip: You can also melt it on the stove by creating a double boiler, which is done by putting a pan with the chocolate on top of a pot of boiling water.*  
5. Dip the bottoms of the cookies in the chocolate, laying them out on wax paper afterward. Drizzle the remaining chocolate over the cookies.  
*Tip: The best way to do this is to put the chocolate in a plastic bag and snip off a corner to create a piping bag.*

**Tagalongs**  
Ingredients:  
- 3/4 cup creamy peanut butter  
*Tip: As long as it's creamy, you can use natural peanut butter or almond butter if you're peanut-free.*  
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar  
- 1/4 tsp vanilla extract  
- 8-oz chocolate chips  
*Tip: Milk chocolate is suggested, but you can use your favorite!*

Instructions:  
1. In a microwavable bowl, mix the powdered sugar into the peanut butter and microwave in 30-second increments until creamy. Add the vanilla.  
*Tip: You can also do this on the stove over low heat.*  
2. Using a spoon or a makeshift-piping bag from Step 5 in the Samoas recipe, pile the peanut butter mixture onto the Trefoils.  
*Tip: Again, sugar cookies from the Huddle are acceptable.*  
3. Using melted chocolate from Step 4 in the Samoas recipe, cover the cookies in chocolate and place on wax paper to cool.

With these recipes, you're well on your way to earning your "Love and Admiration of Your Friends" badge.

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## Notre Dame ❤️'s Carly Rae Jepson



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In case the rock you live under doesn't have Wi-Fi, allow me to let you in on a Notre Dame secret — campus has been infected with the YouTube sensation "Call Me Maybe," the sugar-sweet pop confection sung by Canadian Idol contestant Carly Rae Jepsen.

Granted, this isn't actually a secret. The song established a ubiquitous presence over campus the past few days. "Call Me Maybe" has become such a big deal on campus I'd wager Fr. Jenkins is dancing to it in his office as you read this.

What is so impressive is how swiftly "Call Me Maybe" has achieved omnipresence. I heard it for the first time Thursday night. By Friday, the song played within five minutes of my arrival at Finni's. Over the course of the night, it played multiple times, so much that the DJ apparently had to stop taking requests for the song. Even at Saturday's hockey game, Notre Dame students could not resist holding up "Call Me Maybe" signs.

What makes this song so special that it has infected campus at a viral rate?

The answer is first and foremost the song's lyrics. A mild-mannered Canadian, Jepsen seems to offer a perspective relatable to the Notre Dame experience. She just wants her love interest to call her, maybe. In the land of dining hall dates, dorm parties and parietals, this unassuming desire is quite relatable.

Jepsen's lyrical dexterity does not stop there. Throughout the song, she croons "Hey I just met you/and this is crazy" and "And all the other boys/try to chase me" as reasons for giving out her number. In the land of the Grotto and the Golden Dome, students want musical purity, not the heathen entertainment of Lady Gaga and Britney Spears. Since Taylor Swift hasn't released a new album in a while, Carly Rae was kind enough to fill the void — and Notre Dame students acted accordingly.

But more than just the lyrical virtuosity of the Canadian lass is at work here. Jepsen has not one, but two music videos to complement her magnum opus. The first is a standard love song music video. Jepsen tries to capture the attention of her stud of a next-door neighbor. She washes her car seductively, sings music in her garage, watches him mow the lawn and imagines herself on the cover of a cheesy romance novel with him.

All of this would seem like a run of the mill love story. But there is a catch. Just as our girl Carly Rae is about to give her number to her man, he turns around and give his number to her guitar player — her male guitar player. Poor Carly Rae never saw it coming.

Here at Notre Dame, students are used to success — in the classroom, on the playing field and in our extracurricular activities. Romance, however, seems to be another story. Just like Carly Rae, the one time we pluck up enough courage to go after someone, we get rejected, in sometimes unexpected ways.

The second video, in which Jepsen does not appear, seems to rectify all the rejection embodied in the first video. It features Justin Bieber, Selena Gomez, Ashley Tisdale and their friends, and was made with a webcam. In the video, the bevy of teen idols dances around a house playfully to the song.

For every romantic rejection on campus, there are many more stories of friendship and fun nights out with friends, perhaps explaining why this version of the song has twice as many views as Carly Rae's original. After all, isn't the bond you make with your peers the defining trait of the Notre Dame experience? No matter the ups and downs you may experience in pursuit of a Ring by Spring, your friends are always there for a late night dance session (even if they are not A-listers like the Biebs).

So there you have it. In the vein of "Party in the USA," Notre Dame has once again been struck by pop culture lightning. Expect to hear "Call Me Maybe" at every dorm party, study session and night out from here until commencement. You may as well embrace it — maybe.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

No need to watch any sports on TV this week

Really, America? I know it's been more than three weeks since football officially ended and the Jeremy Lin craze has slowed down. Right now, you're waiting for the NBA Playoffs or Major League Baseball to get rolling. But that doesn't mean you have to stoop to the level of watching the NFL Combine, NBA All-Star Game or, even worse, NASCAR.

It's like you've been dumped by the love of your life and, rather than simply waiting to find someone else you can connect with, you settle for the first girl or guy you pass on the street. It's like TCU prematurely making the jump from the Mountain West Conference to the Big East instead of waiting for the entire conference realignment scenario to unfold. Sure, they ended up in a much better conference (the Big 12), but it cost the school \$5 million to make the move.

While I'd prefer to watch the NBA All-Star Game over the Oscars or whichever over-hyped awards show it was that caused me to avoid the Twitterverse on Sunday night, but that doesn't mean I'm going to watch it.

Let's start with the NFL Combine. If you watch this for more than 30 minutes in one setting, you're that guy in the relationship who can't let go and keeps the sweatshirt she left in your apartment because the smell reminds you of her. Seriously, let it go. What's entertaining about watching 21- and 22-year-olds run a 40-yard dash, or seeing how high their vertical is, or sitting on the edge of your seat to see which quarterback has the best chemistry with receivers he's unfamiliar with and plays he's never run?

The answer is nothing. It's the most overrated and meaningless event of the year on the sports calendar. Ask the Raiders how important it was that JaMarcus Russell could throw a football 65

yards from his knees (that's a little over one-and-a-half 40-yard dashes for you Combine fans out there).

Now on to the NBA All-Star Game. Unless TNT had Shaquille O'Neal and Charles Barkley participate in a halftime food-eating contest, you wasted your time if you watched it. It's hard enough to watch an entire NBA regular-season game, but try watching the All-Star Game for 10 minutes. If you think professional basketball players don't care in a regular game, you'll be amazed by the apathy displayed in the matchup of the game's best players.

Lastly, NASCAR. It bothers me to even mention it in a Sports Authority column because, well, NASCAR is not a sport. At its best, it's a bunch of racecars making left-hand turns over and over and over again. At its worst, it's a miniature Demolition Derby, as Juan Pablo Montoya found out Monday night.

I know the thirst for all-things-sports in America is at an all-time high, but that doesn't mean it's acceptable to watch anything ESPN or any other channel throws on the tube.

Fortunately, America, the calendar is about to turn to March, and that means it's almost time to fill out a bracket and start rooting for the newest George Mason, VCU or

Butler to become the feel-good Cinderella story of college sports, something the NCAA could really use right now.

So, hang in there during the final week before the Big East tournament kicks off a great month of basketball next week. I know life is rough without football, but resist the urge to stay in your pajamas all day watching the Combine, listening to Adele and gorging on an endless supply of Ben & Jerry's ice cream.

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NBA

Wade apologizes to Bryant

Associated Press

MIAMI — Insisting he meant no harm, Dwyane Wade revealed Tuesday that he has apologized to Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant multiple times for a blood-drawing, nose-breaking foul during the All-Star game.

The first of those apologies, Wade said, came during the game when he saw Bryant's face had been bloodied. Wade also said he sent the Lakers' star a message after the game in Orlando, Fla. on Sunday night.

Wade said critics who questioned why he never offered an apology for the play — the likes of which seemed to be something not typical in an All-Star game setting — simply made incorrect assumptions.

"I don't care what I'm portrayed as," Wade said after Miami's first practice following the league's All-Star break. "It's unfortunate, obviously. I don't want to ever hurt anybody in this game, especially on a freak play like that. It's unfortunate. I send my apologies. But it's not intentional. If it's something I did intentionally, it'd be a different story."

A week ago, the Heat could make jokes about how they were out of the NBA spotlight, bumped by the meteoric rise of Jeremy Lin in New York.

Now it's a different story.

Two plays seem to be generating the most attention from the All-Star game — Wade's hard foul against Bryant and LeBron James' ill-advised pass at the end of what became a three-point loss for the Eastern Conference.

"It's an All-Star game. I mean, come on," said Heat coach Erik Spoelstra, who couldn't answer a question about what he thought of James' play in the final seconds because he said he didn't watch the game or see any replays of it since. "It's a continuation of the theater of the absurd. I don't even know if it's going to motivate me to actually even look at it. I haven't seen it."

"There's nothing we can do about it, about the extreme exaggeration about everything that happens with our team," Spoelstra continued. "All we can focus on is us. And at the end of the season, hopefully it ends the right way, and that'll ultimately be the only way we can shut people up."

The Heat enter the second half of the season tied with Oklahoma City for the league's best record at 27-7. Miami starts a three-game road trip Thursday night in Portland, followed by a game at Utah — and then, in a nationally televised game that probably got a whole lot more interesting, at the Lakers on Sun-



AP

Kobe Bryant reacts after Dwyane Wade's hard foul during the NBA All-Star basketball game Sunday in Orlando.

day afternoon.

Bryant stayed in after the Wade hit, and the Lakers said Tuesday that he also got a concussion in the All-Star Game. Bryant is listed as day-to-day by the Lakers, who play host to Minnesota on Wednesday night.

"D-Wade didn't, at all, go for a hard foul," James said. "He went to wrap his arms up and accidentally hit him in the nose. ... He meant to foul him but he didn't mean to hard-foul him like that."

Wade acknowledged that he did try to foul Bryant, and said he did so to stop the clock so he could approach a nearby referee to complain about fouls that he felt were committed against him and went uncalled.

So not long after a Pro Bowl that was deemed by NFL fans and even Commissioner Roger Goodell as lacking any real sense of competition, the NBA's version of a star-studded exhibition got too fiery down the stretch by some standards.

"Hey, what do you want?" Heat forward Chris Bosh said. "It was all about the game. It came down to the last possession. It was all for the fans. That's what they want. You get competitors out there, it may go a certain particular way for a limited amount a time, but after a while guys, they're really going to get after it. And those make the best

games.

At the end, James found himself in the spotlight.

The East trailed by two points when James got the ball with about five seconds left near midcourt. Guarded by Bryant, James dribbled right, then tried slinging a one-handed diagonal pass back to his left. The pass was stolen by Blake Griffin, who made one free throw to close the scoring in the West's 152-149 win.

It was reported Sunday that Bryant told James to shoot the ball in that situation, and James said afterwards he let his team down. But it didn't end there.

That play has been questioned since.

"Is that something new?" James asked, rhetorically on Tuesday.

Wade apparently was ready to put the All-Star game behind him and said he was done discussing the issue after Tuesday. However, it's almost certain to come up again when the Heat head out to face Bryant and the Lakers over the weekend.

"When I saw the blood in his nose, I was like, 'Obviously, I wasn't trying to do that, man,'" Wade said. "I don't know if anybody wants me to get down on my knees in front of the world and do it. I don't have to do that. ... I send my apologies to Kobe and I move on from it."

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# Punches

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forth a strong defensive effort. Grasberger almost broke through early in the final round, pushing Skelly against the ropes and knocking him back with a series of upper body shots and headshots. Skelly maintained his poise and composure to rebound and threw a series of strong hooks to end the round. Skelly took the bout by unanimous decision.

## 188 lbs.

**Adrian “Yo Adrian” Moreno def. Frank “The Tank” Conway**  
A back-and-forth fight ended with senior Adrian Moreno earning a unanimous decision victory over senior Frank Conway.

The first round was marked by a quick tempo, as both boxers came out throwing a wild array of punches. Conway was aggressive on the attack, assailing Moreno with a flurry of body shots at one point. Moreno displayed a nice recovery, knocking Conway down with a hard body shot and later moving him onto the ropes.

The second round saw each boxer land several punches, as they continued to attack each other with intensity. Moreno moved Conway to the ropes with a series of powerful body shots early in the round, but Conway responded with a jab to Moreno’s head that left Moreno bleeding and forced the first stoppage of the bout.

Moreno made a strong case for victory in the final round, hitting Conway with a series of demonstrative punches. Conway came on the attack early in the round, but Moreno moved him back with an intense right hook to Conway’s face. Moreno landed a few more headshots to conclude the round.

As a result of Moreno’s efforts in the third round, the senior was awarded the victory by unanimous decision.

## Chris “Not Brian” Salvi def. Brian Tower

Senior Chris Salvi got off to a fast start on his way to a victory over senior Brian Tower in the final 188-pound bout.

In the matchup, Tower began the fight on the early attack, but Salvi was able to evade many of his early punches. Salvi mixed in an array of body shots, hitting Tower particularly hard with one lower body shot that forced a temporary stoppage of the bout. Tower made a strong recovery effort toward the end of the round, landing a few body shots on Salvi before the end of the round.

The second round was fully dominated by Salvi, as he landed an early uppercut on Tower’s face that left Tower sprawling on the ground. After a brief stoppage, Tower tried to go on the attack, but Salvi stopped him in his tracks with a quick upper body shot that knocked Tower down for the second time.

The referee then decided to end the fight in the second round, giving Salvi the victory.

## 204 lbs.

## Bart “The Buv’nor” Dear def. Reid “The Captain” Paape

Senior Bart Dear established control late over junior Reid Paape to win and advance to the championship fight.

Neither fighter showed a clear advantage in the first round, as both fighters landed punches. Paape used his height advantage to throw early headshots, but Dear rebounded to land a variety of upper and lower body shots.

Paape came out on the attack in the second round, throwing the majority of punches and remaining aggressive throughout. Dear largely fended off most of Paape’s punches, showing a unique ability to anticipate his opponent’s moves. Dear landed a few punches of his own as the round progressed, hitting Paape with several upper body shots just before the bell rang.

Dear took control of the fight in the final round, continuing to display strong defense techniques while also wearing Paape down with a flurry of low body shots and few headshots toward the end of the match.

Dear’s strong third round effort helped give him the victory by unanimous decision.

## Brian “Caesar” Salat def. Chris “Stubbs” Sarkis

Junior Brian Salat outlasted junior Chris Sarkis in a match that left both fighters exhausted and Salat the victor by unanimous decision.

The two juniors came out swinging to start the bout with Sarkis connecting on the first solid flurry of punches near the ropes. Salat fought back and landed his own fair share of blows near the ropes, utilizing left-right combinations. The round concluded with both boxers exchanging shots to the head and the body.

The second stanza began with Salat going on an aggressive attack that featured the use of jabs and hooks with uppercuts dispersed throughout. Sarkis stood strong though and landed a few punches with his powerful right hook. The back-and-forth action persisted as Salat got Sarkis up against the ropes and landed strong shots. Salat then went back to the uppercut and connected with a few of them to close out the round strongly against Sarkis.

Sarkis opened the final frame by landing solid punches in what was otherwise a slow start to the last third of the fight. The slow pace continued, as each fighter would throw a punch and retreat, waiting for the other to become vulnerable. Sarkis landed a few combinations before Salat connected on an uppercut. Both fighters were absolutely spent by the final bell and Salat nabbed the win by unanimous decision.

## Heavyweights

## Nate “Catdome” Arnold def. John Rompf



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## Law student Brian Salvi punches senior Joe Garrity in their fight Tuesday. Salvi won when the referee ended the fight in the last round.

Nate Arnold was able to use a combination of elusiveness and power to defeat fellow law student John Rompf by unanimous decision.

Arnold came out of the gates aggressively, leaning into his opponent and throwing forceful jabs. Rompf countered with a monster hook that Arnold eluded. Rompf tried to work both hooks and jabs against Arnold, but Arnold was able to ward off the blows and get Rompf onto the ropes. The two heavyweights then slowed down and threw jabs before one final even-sided outburst concluded the first round.

The second frame began with Arnold landing a few quick jabs. Rompf was momentarily flat-footed and Arnold capitalized by connecting on a big right hook. The next segment of the round was uneventful, with the two boxers regaining their energy. As the clock wound down on the middle round, Arnold went after Rompf with jabs to the body.

Arnold opened up the final round like he did the start of the fight, coming after Rompf aggressively with speed and quick hands. Rompf, however, fought back and landed a good left-right combo to the head. Arnold was not to be denied, though, and kept up the pace for the duration of the fight earning him the win by unanimous decision.

ing quickness and agility. Ellixson knocked down Yi, who quickly got up and resumed the fight. Ellixson landed a flurry of left-right combinations that had Yi attempting to counter off his back foot.

Ellixson attempted to open the round with repeated jabs, but Yi showed an exceptional dodging ability.

After ducking many of Ellixson’s efforts, Yi countered with some jabs of his own. Ellixson then got his opponent on the ropes, but Yi deflected the majority of the punches and managed to connect with some jabs to conclude the second frame.

The final stanza began in exciting fashion, with both boxers completely letting loose in the corner, exchanging jabs and hooks with one another. The crowd got into it after the back-and-forth action and the excitement palpably built in the night’s final round.

Yi ducked many of Ellixson’s punches and returned fire by throwing various combinations. With the clock running out and both boxers emptying their respective tanks, Yi landed some good punches to conclude the fight and got the win by split decision.

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## Daniel Yi def. Brian Ellixson


Sophomore Daniel Yi used his quickness and agility to defeat law student Brian Ellixson in the night’s final contest.

The final match of the evening started with both boxers display-



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# McOsker

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closed out the round with a series of holds.

The first two rounds proved to be enough for McOsker to earn the unanimous victory.

## 158 lbs.

### Greg Cunningham def. Sean “Dark Side of the Moon” Mullen

Seniors Greg Cunningham and Sean Mullen took turns trading punches, but Cunningham’s strong jabs ultimately left him with a victory.

The first round began with aggressive starts from both Cunningham and Mullen. It was hard to tell who had the upper hand at the start of the bout, but as the round pressed on, Cunningham seemed to gain control.

Cunningham backed Mullen up against the ropes twice with a flurry of punches early in the second round. He landed a solid left jab halfway through the round, and with this punch forced Mullen against the ropes for a third time. Mullen, however, not wanting to be counted out, finished the second round strongly.

He came out with a point to prove in the third round, starting strong and landing a solid string of punches. This was not enough, though, as Cunningham got out three strong right jabs, causing Mullen to stumble. As Mullen seemed to tire, Cunningham backed him twice more against the ropes and finished the bout in control. The decision went unanimously to Cunningham.

### Joey Kim def. Danny Leicht

With initial patience and ultimate aggression, junior Joey Kim defeated junior Danny Leicht.

Kim started the fight testing his reach against Leicht. Leicht, staying low, tried to get inside the long reach of Kim and beat him with body shots. Leicht packed a lot of energy in this tactic but Kim kept him at a distance with strong punches. At the end of the round, under a torrent of body blows, Kim was backed up against the ropes, but ended the round with a solid punch on Leicht.

Kim began the second round as patiently as he began the first, waiting for an opportunity. Partway through the round, Leicht took a hit and tried to counter, but Kim dodged the attack and Leicht, losing his balance, dropped to a knee. After this slip, Kim seemed to gain control of the fight. He landed a very strong string of punches, causing Leicht to back up into the ropes. With another series of blows and Leicht against the ropes again, Kim started throwing hooks. He landed solidly enough to cause the ref to stop the action.

The third round started with Kim landing a hard right uppercut, causing Leicht to fall back. Kim took control completely and had Leicht on the defensive. Once more Leicht fell backwards and was checked by the ref. Leicht continued, but Kim did not relinquish control, giving Kim the unanimous victory.

## 165 lbs.

### Inoh “Lights Out” Choe def. Dan Griess

Senior Inoh Choe got off to a quick start, landing solid punches on sophomore Dan Griess and coming out victorious in the end.

Griess had a longer arm reach than Choe, but Choe was able to get inside the reach and counter with extremely fast punches. In the latter half of the round, Griess seemed to keep Choe at a distance, but Choe got a solid jab to Griess’ head in right before the bell rung.

With the momentum of the punch at the end of the round, Choe landed a solid one-two combo to start the second round. Choe was then able to force Griess back against the ropes twice. Once against the ropes, Choe released a series of short quick body strikes. When Griess moved his arms down to block his body, Choe struck quickly with a blow to the head. Griess countered well and finished off the second round strong.

The third round started much the same as the second. Choe landed a powerful right jab and backed Griess into the corner, where he continued to throw fast punches. Griess seemed to tire this round and started throwing bigger punches. Choe quickly dodged many of these and returned with body shots, which were then followed by calculated head shots. Choe controlled the third round and was awarded a unanimous decision.

### Alex “El Gatito Loco” Oloriz def. Dallas Buns

The Manor mayhem began, as juniors Alex Oloriz and Dallas Buns came out seeing who could be the best 165-pound fighter from Morrissey. The answer: Oloriz.

Oloriz began with a ton of energy and Buns was busy preventing Oloriz from getting inside his longer reach. Buns landed a solid one-two combo to end the round.

Buns rolled his left ankle at the second round and the fight had to be briefly stopped. On returning, Buns’s ankle soreness caused a big problem because of Oloriz’s quickness. Buns landed a string of punches, but Oloriz countered with a heavy onslaught of punches, backing Buns across the ring and into the ropes. As Buns was against the ropes, Oloriz landed a huge right hook.

The ankle continued to be a problem for Buns, as he seemed to be on defense for much of the third round. Oloriz seemed to sense the slowness of Buns and started throwing more punches. Oloriz began to land more and more strikes. With two uppercuts after a string of blows, Buns was dazed against the ropes and had to be counted back in. Oloriz did not wane in his intensity and ended the match strong, earning himself the unanimous decision.

## 171 lbs.

### Ryan “Dirty” Alberdi def. Patrick Spittler

Junior Ryan Alberdi’s aggression led him to a sure victory over senior Patrick Spittler.

The fight commenced with Alberdi trading blows early on with Spittler. Partway through, Alberdi attempted to land a hook, but lost his balance and fell to a knee. This did not faze Alberdi, who ducked under a hook thrown by Spittler and landed a resonating uppercut. Spittler came back however, ending the round strong with a string of jabs.

Alberdi came out strong in the second round and backed Spittler against the ropes. Spittler ducked out of it and used his long arm reach to throw a few solid jabs and hooks. Alberdi countered well, was able

to get inside of Spittler’s reach and with a jab brought blood to Spittler’s nose. The round ended with Alberdi gaining more control with very strong jabs. This put Spittler against the ropes where Alberdi threw a few hooks.

The end of the second round did not seem to deter Spittler, as he came out swinging in the third round. Both traded blows, but Alberdi gained the momentum with a long series of jabs halfway through the round. There were a few short breaks in the last round due to blood from Spittler’s nose but the fighters continued on. After one of these short intermissions, Alberdi threw a strong right uppercut that hit home. Alberdi earned the unanimous victory.

### Jake Joe def. Jeff “Little Bear” Ulrich

Junior Jake Joe edged out a close victory over junior Jeff Ulrich by split decision.

The first round saw both fighters establish periods of dominance. After both boxers traded jabs to begin the round, Joe went after Ulrich with a flurry of high body shots, knocking him against the ropes. Ulrich rebounded quickly, countering Joe’s attack by landing a series of low punches and driving Joe into the corner of the ring.

In the second round, both boxers increased the intensity, attacking each other with a wild series of punches throughout the round. Joe rendered Ulrich defenseless with a series of consistent body shots for a good portion of the round, but Ulrich recovered to land a few low body shots of his own.

Although both fighters showed fatigue in the third round, they continued to wear each other down with punches. Joe went on the attack early, landing a series of uppercuts to Ulrich’s face. Ulrich countered with a flurry of body shots, and both boxers



ASHLEY DACY/The Observer

Seniors Greg Cunningham, left, and Sean Mullen, right, exchange punches in their semifinal fight Tuesday. Cunningham won unanimously.

continued to exchange punches until the final bell sounded.

In a split decision, Joe was awarded the victory.

## 180 lbs.

### Brian “Not Chris” Salvi def. Joe “Send in the Troll” Garrity

A powerful effort by Brian Salvi sent the law student into the championship past senior Joe Garrity.

In a matchup of Chicago natives, Garrity displayed great aggressiveness in the first round, throwing the majority of punches and moving Salvi onto the ropes at one point. Salvi was able to evade the majority of Garrity’s punches, though, and countered with a few well-timed shots of his own.

Salvi took control of the tempo in the second round of the fight, managing to get on the attack at different points. Salvi used a strong series of both left and right hooks to push Garrity back, driving Garrity into the ropes at one point. Garrity continued to throw several punches, but Salvi largely fended them off.

The final round of the fight belonged to Salvi, as he attacked Garrity with a series of jabs to

the face. Salvi knocked Garrity down with a left hook to the head and, after a brief stoppage, put Garrity on the ground again with a headshot.

At this point in the third round, the referee ended the fight and gave Salvi the victory.

### Connor “The Skellator” Skelly def. Nick “The Lancaster Di-saster” Grasberger

Connor Skelly used a quick start to help earn a unanimous decision over Nick Grasberger.

In this matchup of senior fighters, Skelly took early control of the fight, using his lanky frame and long reach to hit Grasberger with a series of high jabs. Grasberger made an attempt to go on the attack, but Skelly countered with a series of high body shots and forced Grasberger on his heels for the remainder of the round.

The second round saw the two fighters engage in a defensive struggle, with few punches landing. Skelly continued to attack Grasberger with quick jabs, but Grasberger fended him off. Skelly continued to block most of Grasberger’s punches, putting

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# Seim

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cornered Lucisano twice and landed long combinations, ending the fight.

Seim won in a split decision due in part to his success in close quarters. The win sets up a rematch of last year's final with Lally.

142 lbs.

## Nick "Bronco" Bortolotti def. Nick Rowek

Senior Nick Bortolotti won methodically in his match against junior Nick Rowek. As the match progressed, Bortolotti improved and adjusted to Rowek's fighting style.

In the early round, Bortolotti used quick combinations to break down Rowek's guard and back away. Rowek struggled to get close to Bortolotti, turning the match into a defensive battle for Rowek.

Bortolotti landed longer combinations in the second round as he started to move around Rowek's guard more successfully. After Rowek landed a few counters, Bortolotti unleashed huge punches close to the end of the round.

In the third round, Rowek used his reach to finally get to Bortolotti. But Bortolotti ended the fight with two long series as he backed Rowek into the corner. The last series forced the referee to end the bout in the third round in Bortolotti's favor.

## Will "The Thrill" Peterson de. Jackie "The Forgetful Housecat" Garvin

Will Peterson was victorious against Jackie Garvin, as the battle between the two sophomore fighters highlighted their similar fighting styles. The victory puts Peterson into the finals for the second year in a row.

The fight started slowly with both boxers getting a feel for each other's styles as they exchanged punches. Late in the round, Peterson landed a few solid punches to pull ahead.

Garvin came back in the next round with a swing in momentum. By controlling the middle of the ring, Garvin forced Peterson to move around. But because of the movement, Peterson more easily found weak spots in Garvin's defense and took control of the match.

Early in the third round, Peterson continued to control the match's pace. Garvin responded by becoming more aggressive and closing in on Peterson. Eventually, Peterson used quicker punches in the close quarters.

Peterson's overall control of the match gave him the unanimous decision.

148 lbs.

## Ben "Danger Zone" Eichler def. Casey "The Man Beast" Allare

Early success led to a quick victory for sophomore Ben Eichler over junior Casey Allare. Eichler came out swinging and it paid off in a one round fight.

Eichler's early combinations caught Allare off guard. Following a first referee pause, Eichler changed gears and unloaded huge punches with the intent of finishing the fight early. After the referee paused the fight three times, he stopped the match and gave Eichler the win by technical knockout in the first round.

## Kevin "The Commissioner" Ortenzio def. Ryan "Ho-Cro Heart" Power

Seniors Kevin Ortenzio and Ryan Power began their fight throwing lots of punches with little emphasis on defense. Power started to land a few, but Ortenzio was quick to dodge and counter well, ultimately leaving with a victory.



JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Sophomores Will Peterson and Jackie Garvin battle in the ring during their fight Tuesday. Peterson won the fight unanimously.

The first round was a toss-up, as Power landed a few solid punches but Ortenzio also landed a few strikes of his own.

Power came out strong in the second round. Ortenzio, however, used Power's momentum to dodge away and back Power up against the ropes. Ortenzio then gave Power a powerful right jab, causing him to bounce off the ropes. Toward the end of the round, Ortenzio snuck in three solid jabs, causing Power to stumble and have the ref check him out.

The third round continued with Power throwing a lot of punches, but Ortenzio defended and dodged the majority of them and landed his own. Power seemed to tire with Ortenzio's constant movement and dodging, which allowed Ortenzio to land multiple punches before the round ended. The victory was unanimously given to Ortenzio.

154 lbs.

## Sunoh "What is this? I don't" Choe def. Keegan "Unicorns" Somers

and Butterflies" Somers

Because freshman Keegan Somers suffered from a concussion, the fight was scratched and junior Sunoh Choe came out victorious.

## Garrity "Biscuit" McOsker def. Joel "Hashtag" Hlavaty

Freshman Garrity McOsker was confident and aggressive in his win against sophomore Joel Hlavaty.

McOsker combined his aggressiveness with accurate punches throughout the round. Hlavaty had success late in the first round with counters, but not enough.

In the second round, McOsker landed hard punches and his aggressiveness pushed Hlavaty to the ropes. McOsker's pure strength was difficult to keep up with, as Hlavaty's guard started to break down.

The third round started with both boxers landing big hooks. Hlavaty and McOsker exchanged turns, but as the fight progressed and the fighters grew tired, they

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# Bayliss

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"Our doubles play has made some pretty solid improvements," Bayliss said. "We really struggled in doubles the last time we played them. We lost all three matches and did not play particularly well in any of the three. Our pairings are much more comfortable playing together than they had been then and that has translated to more successful play."

Notre Dame was on the winning end of its last four matches and Bayliss said this has helped his team acquire a higher level of confidence.

"I feel like we have become a much more confident team," Bayliss said. "Winning has helped our confidence. I have always thought that we have had a pretty good team and now, I think our guys are starting to think the same way."

While the Irish have played in Bloomington before, this trip will be a bit different due to alterations Indiana made to its facility.

"[Indiana] resurfaced its court last summer, so the court is going to be different than the one it used to have," Bayliss said. "I would imagine it will be a bit slower than the old court there. Every facility has its own intricacies and Indiana is no different. Its lights are a bit dimmer than ours and the seating area is really close to the court."

Besides notching the victory, Bayliss has some other goals for the match.

"I would really like to see our entire lineup play some very good tennis," he said. "Balance is key for us, so seeing our entire lineup play well would be ideal. I would also like to see us continue our improvement in doubles, as that point is always so critical."

First serve between the Irish and Hoosiers is scheduled for 2 p.m. today.

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# Garnham

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"It's more consistent from when he came in [as a freshman]," Garnham said. "He jumped 17 feet once as a freshman, after that it has been pretty much a consistent jump."

Early in his collegiate career, Schipper benefited from the help of his older brother Matt Schipper, who won pole vaulting titles for the Irish in the Big East indoor championships of 2008 and 2009 and the Big East outdoor championships of 2009. In the 2009 Big East indoor championships, Matt Schipper cleared a height of 5.35-meters to deny his younger brother the title.

"I like [having brothers on the team], it's good," Garnham said. "They know each other, they are comfortable with each other, they can tell each other if one is messing up ... [When] Matt was a junior and Kevin was a freshman [in 2009], Kevin was a better jumper than Matt, but Matt had a lifetime best indoor [jump to capture the title] ... after that it was Kevin all the time."

Although Kevin Schipper would surpass his brother the following year, the senior owes part of his success to his brother's guidance, he said.

"He gave me a lot of really good advice when it came to certain aspects of the event," Kevin Schipper said. "It's a really mental event and you have to keep your mind right."

Now Kevin Schipper has the opportunity to guide his younger brother David Schipper, a freshman pole vaulter at Notre Dame,

like Matt Schipper guided him three years ago. The situations are not identical, though, Garnham said, because while Kevin challenged Matt immediately, the newest installment in the Schipper dynasty still has plenty of work to do.

"It is different because with Matt and Kevin it was always a competition — with David and Kevin, it's not there yet," Garnham said. "It is not that competitive because David is a good jumper, but he is not where Kevin is. But he will be, he is definitely that good."

Having recently finished eighth in the Big East indoor championships, David Schipper will attempt to keep next year's Big East title in his family. A fair amount of pressure accompanies the task, as the Schipper brothers have claimed the last four conference indoor titles and last three outdoor titles.

"Normally, people step up — just like when my brother Matt left, I stepped up and I think [David] will do the same," Kevin Schipper said.

Before he hands over the reins to his younger brother, Kevin Schipper will attempt to take gold in his sixth consecutive Big East title at the conference outdoor championship in May.

"If I do that, I think that would be pretty close to the most Big East Championships anybody has won, and that is something I would like to do," he said. "Also, just establishing that dominance, that Notre Dame is a powerhouse in pole vaulting in the Big East is something that means a lot."

The Schipper brothers and the rest of the Irish will host the Alex Wilson Invitation March 2-3.

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# Chase

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for the last four years,” Chase said. “It’s definitely the best decision I ever made.”

Now that Chase has lived his childhood fantasy as a middle infielder for the Irish, he and his teammates are helping South Bend elementary students develop their own goals through the “Dream Team” project.

“Generally, we go with our teammates, and we work with third and fourth grade classrooms and go in once a week for five weeks, and we essentially have a little curriculum each week,” Chase said. “We talk about

having dreams and having goals and working really hard to attain those goals.

“I think it’s very important, because a lot of these kids come from families where they don’t necessarily have two parents and the support isn’t necessarily there, so having Notre Dame athletes and people they look up to coming in and telling them that they can do whatever they want is really special, and it’s really an honor to be able to do that.”

Chase and his teammates followed up the “Dream Team” project by inviting third grade classes from McKinley and Perley Elementary Schools to visit Notre Dame on consecutive Friday nights earlier this semester, giving the kids an opportunity to skate at the new Compton Family Ice Arena one week watch a hockey game from the student section the next.

“That was about bringing kids from South Bend to Notre Dame, because some of these kids will never

come on the Notre Dame campus, and just to be able to see what it means to be at Notre Dame puts a picture to what their dreams can be,” Chase said. “It was really successful and we really had a great time.”

Chase also played a large role in organizing the baseball team’s “Adopt a Family” effort, which ultimately raised nearly a thousand dollars to aid a local family, and helped recruit 24 student athletes who joined him on a fall break trip to aid

in the clean-up of Tuscaloosa, Ala., which was heavily damaged by a tornado last April.

But between organizing a new service project, helping his assigned third grade student prepare for the state-wide

standardized test or attending a Notre Dame Christian Athletes meeting, Chase is also busy fulfilling captaincy responsibilities with senior pitcher Will Hudgins.

“We run most of the meetings, we facilitate meetings [with] the sports psychologist on campus, we make all the little decisions, including what we wear on the road, curfews on the road, and who’s responsible for carrying what bag on the road,” Chase said. “We have to keep the focus on our goal at hand and constantly built relationships with our other teammates and just try to be the best model of leadership that we can be.”

Chase and the rest of the Irish travel to San Marcos, Texas to take on Texas State on Friday.

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*“We talk about having dreams and having goals and working really hard to attain those goals.”*

**Tommy Chase**  
senior co-captain

# Kemp

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fore his collegiate career.

“I’ve been watching John since he was a freshman in high school, and it seems like each year he gets a little bit better,” Corrigan said. “At first, it was all about him saving the ball and learning how to play that part of the position. Since he’s been at Notre Dame, he’s been learning some of the other things: leadership on that side of the field, clearing the ball and team defense.”

During Kemp’s freshman year, he played behind Rodgers and learned the ins-and-outs of the goaltender position at the collegiate level.

“[Rodgers] is a very vocal person and leader on and off the field,” Kemp said. “So I was able to learn a lot of leadership capabilities that a goalie needs. On top of that, he was one of the best goalies in the country and taught me on that aspect as well.”

Beyond Kemp’s ability to keep the ball out of the net with his body and stick, his presence on the defensive end of the field is just as important to Notre Dame’s success, Corrigan said.

“He’s got a very steady, calming influence on that whole [defensive] end of the field,” Corrigan said. “It starts with confidence, and then reliability and trust-



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**Junior goaltender John Kemp cradles the ball during Notre Dame’s exhibition game against Robert Morris on Feb. 4.**

worthiness that everyone there feels with him in the cage and the way he handles himself. It can be a volatile thing and emotionally [dangerous] if you allow it to be. He makes it easy on everyone else.”

But Corrigan said Kemp’s best attribute is that he has the ability to react effectively to every shot thrown his way.

“That’s job number one in that position, to keep the ball out of the back of the net,” Corrigan said. “I think he does that better than anyone out there.”

Despite the early upset over Duke, the Irish found themselves in the opposite posi-

tion when the Nittany Lions shocked them in Arlotta Stadium. The last two years, the Irish have come up empty in the postseason. A deep run in 2010 left Notre Dame one goal away from a national championship after an overtime loss to Duke. The Blue Devils then knocked off the Irish in 2011 in the national quarterfinals.

This year, the Irish are as hungry as ever, and Kemp and Notre Dame have a renewed focus after the early loss.

“Having had Duke stop us from reaching our goal the past two years has made us realize how hard we need to work and focus week in and week out,” Kemp said.

Notre Dame’s next challenge in its pursuit of a national championship is No. 18 Drexel on Saturday. Face-off is scheduled for 1 p.m. in Philadelphia.

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## BENGAL BOUTS

## Final Countdown

*Intense semifinal action sets stage for Saturday's finals*



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Juniors Alex Oloriz, left, and Dallas Bunsu, right, match blows in one of the 165-pound weight division semifinal fights Tuesday. Oloriz defeated his classmate in a unanimous decision.

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## 133 lbs.

## Jack "Rico Suave" Lally def. Joe "Sweet Cheeks" Decker

In the first match of the night, junior Jack Lally showed his smooth technical style, landing himself in the finals after defeating fellow junior Joe Decker.

In the first round, Lally used his quickness and agility to find the holes in Decker's defense. Decker was opportunistic early on in the match. After biding his time, he started using quick combinations to try to catch Lally. Lally moved more in response, leading to an uncharacteristic

slip late in the first round.

Lally started to take full control of the match in the second round with his dominating footwork. He combined accuracy with movement, creating angles to help his attack.

The third round started off with another fall, as Decker's aggressiveness caused Lally to trip while backing away. Decker attempted to make up lost ground by closing in on an evasive Lally. But as the round went on, Decker tired out and Lally closed the match with a solid showing late in the round.

Lally's smart fighting gave him the unanimous decision.

## "Tough as" Niels Seim def. Tony "Lucky" Lucisano

Junior Niels Seim pulled out a

slim victory against junior Tony Lucisano. The entire fight was a tight matchup, with neither fighter gaining a clear advantage.

Seim started the fight by taking advantage of his small size. Despite Lucisano's presumed size advantage, Seim went under his opponent's reach to get to him. Seim's quickness in the close quarters was key to his early advantage.

In between rounds, Lucisano adjusted his body to stay away from Seim's jabs. The adjustment helped keep Seim at a distance.

In the final round, Lucisano attempted to be the aggressor. After catching Seim off guard early in the round, Lucisano started to let his guard down and allowed

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## MEN'S LACROSSE

## Kemp's leadership, talent spark defense

By MATTHEW ROBISON  
Sports Writer

The No. 9 Irish have already encountered a degree of adversity early in the season, but one thing Notre Dame has been able to count on up to this point is a consistent performance from junior goaltender John Kemp.

In the first two games of the season, Kemp captured career highs in saves in both games.

Against then-No. 3 Duke on Feb. 18, Kemp made 14 saves and led the Irish to a 7-3 victory. This Sunday, Kemp eclipsed his career high again with 18 stops in a 4-3 overtime loss to No. 13 Penn State.

But Kemp credits much of

his success to the defense surrounding him.

"I can attribute that to my defense being able to let me see the types of shots I like to see," Kemp said. "Generally, we like to give up shots from the outside and low-angle shots, giving me a better opportunity to save the ball. Thankfully, I've been able to stop a lot of the shots I've seen these past two weeks."

Irish coach Kevin Corrigan has watched Kemp develop at Notre Dame (1-1) over the last three years, one of them under the tutelage of then fifth-year senior Scott Rodgers and the other two as the starter. But Corrigan started watching Kemp play long be

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## MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

## Schipper's success continues family legacy

By JOSEPH MONARDO  
Sports Writer

With five Big East pole vaulting titles and counting, senior Kevin Schipper is on a quest to continue his family's dominance in the event and solidify himself as one of the most accomplished athletes in conference history.

Schipper captured his third consecutive Big East indoor title on Feb. 18, winning the pole vault with a jump of 5.25-meters and helping the Irish to their second conference indoor title in three years. For the Leo, Ind., native, the three-peat represents an im-

portant milestone.

"It's big because consistency in this event is something that is hard to achieve, and for me, it's been pretty consistent and that is what you look for," Schipper said.

In his freshman season three years ago, Schipper showed promising talent by finishing second in the Big East indoor competition and fourth in the Big East outdoor competition, but has greatly improved his consistency over the past three years, Irish assistant coach Jim Garnham said.

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## BASEBALL

## Chase fulfills dream by playing for Irish

By VICKY JACOBSEN  
Sports Writer

Irish senior co-captain Tommy Chase never needed to be sold on Notre Dame — he spent most of his high school years trying to show off his skills for the Notre Dame coaches.

"I was always a huge Notre Dame fan, so I kind of came out and recruited myself," Chase said. "I came out to the camps and they saw me and they wanted to have me on the team, but they were a lit-

tle short on scholarship money, so they said that I could come and play as a walk-on, so I didn't have a scholarship."

Chase's plans for his Notre Dame career probably didn't include the knee surgery that wiped out his sophomore season or a coaching change before his junior year, but even as a walk-on without a scholarship, he knew he made the right choice.

"It's just been an absolute dream being here

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## MEN'S TENNIS

## ND battles in-state rival Hoosiers

By WALKER CAREY  
Sports Writer

The No. 29 Irish hit the road today to take on No. 26 Indiana in Bloomington, Ind. The Irish are looking for a rebound performance against the same Hoosiers squad that topped them 6-1 on Jan. 28.

"[Indiana] got a pretty good win against our guys the last time we played," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "While I think we played a little bit better than the 6-1 score indicates, Indiana still made some shots that we did not and took advantage of some of the mistakes that we made."

Bayliss said the Irish (11-4) made some upgrades since the last time they battled the Hoosiers (6-3).

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Irish freshman Michael Fredericka prepares to hit a shot in Notre Dame's match against IUPUI on Feb. 12. The Irish won the match 7-0.