

Students address sexual violence

Town hall meeting examines survey results, barriers to sexual assault reporting

By **MEG HANDELMAN**
News Writer

Student government hosted a town hall discussion on sexual violence Wednesday to open up the on-campus discussion and instigate activism in students.

Monica Daegele, student government's gender issues director, said Notre Dame students dedicate themselves to various causes to make the world a better place, but they have failed to connect this effort to sexual assault.

"When we do discuss sexual violence or actively work to put an end to it, it feels as though we are met with earth-shattering amounts of pressure to keep quiet, to focus on how victims prevented it and to not question the existing systems that allow sexual violence to occur," Daegele said.

It is easy to delete the crime

alert emails and to think sexual violence does not occur at Notre Dame, but the right thing to do is almost never easy, Daegele said.

"Silence: it surrounds every situation of sexual violence," she said. "It keeps survivors from telling their stories. It makes us pretend that nothing is wrong. It propagates sexual violence as it alienates those who have experienced it."

"It is the invisible force field that smothers the sexual violence movement."

Student body president Nancy Joyce shared statistics from a survey given to Notre Dame students in 2012. According to the survey, 41 percent of students stated they did not know how to report incidents of sexual assault or sexual violence, she said.

The survey also found 64

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Student body vice president Nancy Joyce leads a discussion on sexual violence prevention Wednesday in the Coleman-Morse Center.

Off-campus houses robbed

Observer Staff Report

An email sent Wednesday from Notre Dame's Off Campus Council notified students of a burglary and attempted burglary that took place last weekend.

A burglary to a student residence took place Sunday between 12 a.m. and 9 a.m. on the 700 block of N. Notre Dame Ave., the email stated. Entry was gained by raising a screen then opening an unlocked window, and an Apple laptop was taken.

The email also stated someone broke into a car at that site

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Buddhist monk muses on true nature of compassion

By **GRACE McCORMACK**
News Writer

Growing up in a Tibetan monastery, Arjia Rinpoche lived through the political oppression and forced labor camps of the Cultural Revolution, escaped to the United States in 1998 and now works as the director of Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center in Bloomington, Ind.

Rinpoche gave a talk titled "The Power and Practice of Compassion" to an overflowing crowd Wednesday in DeBartolo Hall. In the talk, sponsored by the Hillebrand Center for Compassionate Care in Medicine, Rinpoche discussed some of his own experiences and shared insights on the cultivation of compassion.

"There are three things I want you to take from this talk," he said. "One: what is



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Buddhist monks create a sand mandala in the Reading Room of the Jordan Hall of Science. The mandala will be destroyed Thursday.

compassion. Two and three are how to practice it. ... Everyone has a seed of compassion, which is love."

Although the seed of compassion is prevalent,

Rinpoche said we often reserve compassion for friends and family.

"We must think of the

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Physicist analyzes ice skating

By **HENRY GENS**
News Writer

While Charlotte Elster's day job is researching at the forefront of theoretical nuclear physics, her self-described "early day" job is figure skating. A physics professor at Ohio University, Elster gave a lecture Wednesday about the intersection of her two passions: the physics of ice skating.

As a physicist, Elster began with the most fundamental aspect of ice skating: the ice itself. Specifically, she addressed some common misconceptions about the reason ice is slippery, the exact cause of which was not confirmed until the early 2000s with Scanning Tunneling Microscopy (STM).

"[In 1859] Michael Faraday postulated that a thin film of liquid covers the surface of the ice, even at temperatures well below freezing," Elster said. "Michael Faraday had no STM,

and no high-tech equipment, so it's amazing what he said. All of this was neglected."

One of the reasons people believe liquid exists on the surface of the ice is because the pressure caused by the weight of a person concentrated on the skate blade causes the ice to melt, which turns out not to be the case, Elster said. The effect of this pressure on the temperature on the ice for a 50-kilogram person is only roughly 0.2 degrees Celsius.

Elster said frictional melting could be a potential explanation, but found that rough calculations could only produce a 2.1 degree Celsius change in the temperature of the ice, not enough to melt ice in rinks that are generally kept between minus-seven and minus-eight degrees Celsius.

The real cause of ice's low frictional coefficient is the

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

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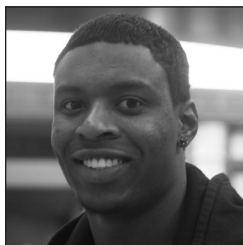
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"Turkey and stuffing."



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"Pecan pie with ice cream."



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"Sweet potatoes."



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"Pumpkin pie."



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"Mashed potatoes."



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"Apple pie."



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The Observer goes behind the scenes of Irish Insider with senior receiver T.J. Jones in preparation for Senior Day, where the Irish will face BYU in the last home game of the year with snow and marshmallows in the forecast. The Insider feature will run in Friday's paper.

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Thursday

Closing Ceremony for Peace Sand Mandala

Jordan Hall of Science
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
See the sweeping of the colored sands.

Film: "Oh, Boy"

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Director Jan Ole Gerster to appear.

Friday

Blood Drive Benefiting Relay for Life

Grace Hall
10 a.m.-3 p.m.
All donors receive a free T-shirt.

Stress Buster Friday

St. Liam Hall
1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
Laughter yoga in the third-floor conference room.

Saturday

Discussion: "Mitt Romney's Mormonism"

Snite Museum of Art
12 p.m.-1 p.m.
On politics and religion.

Presentation: "Solar Power at Long Last"

Jordan Hall of Science
12 p.m.-1 p.m.
Part of the Science Exploration Series.

Sunday

Men's Basketball

Joyce Center
2 p.m.-4 p.m.
Tickets \$15 to \$40 to see the game against Army.

Men's Soccer

Alumni Stadium
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
Support the Irish in their second-round game in the NCAA tournament.

Monday

ACMS Colloquium

127 Hayes-Healy
4 p.m.-5 p.m.
Dr. Kuznetsov on regulatory genetic oscillators.

John Ochsendorf Lecture

104 Bond Hall
4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Dr. Ochsendorf on vaulting.

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SMC students express concerns over food services

By **ALAINA ANDERSON**
News Writer

It's food week at Saint Mary's, a time for students to learn about the foods they're eating and ways to eat healthier. As a part of food week, students had the opportunity Wednesday to bring their questions and concerns to Barry Bowles, general manager of Sodexo dining services, which operates the Saint Mary's dining hall.

Junior Katie Stare, food services co-chair for the Student Government Association, said it is important for students to have a dialogue with Bowles.

"A lot of students don't realize they can raise their questions and concerns to Barry and he will help out, so it's a way to talk to him one on one and have their questions addressed," Stare said.

During the discussion, Bowles addressed students' desire to have eggs served longer so they can eat a healthy breakfast. Another alternative would be having an induction cooker installed to have a make your own eggs bar, he

said.

"I don't know if we can do the induction cooker, and doing an open flame is hard," Bowles said. "The induction cooker takes a special power supply, which I'd have to ask the College to install. But I'm not going to say no, I kind of like that."

Bowles said students who want the dining hall to be open later than 8 p.m. can find plenty of options to eat at other times, including co-exchange with Notre Dame.

"What students need to understand is it costs dining services in the College for every half-hour increment we're open," he said. "Who honestly pays that cost? Students. If students are willing to pay to have the dining hall stay open late, we can do that. But from what I hear, we're already too costly."

Bowles said if a Saint Mary's student needs a co-exchange to Notre Dame's dining hall, she could easily get one to accommodate her needs.

"I trust Saint Mary's students. If they need a co-exchange, then they'll get a

co-exchange," he said. "It just takes setting up an appointment with me and we'll work through it."

Bowles said Saint Mary's has partnered with Real Foods, a student driven program to increase the dining hall's usage of local, organic and sustainable foods.

"Saint Mary's has signed with Real Foods that we will be 20 percent local, organic and sustainable by 2020," he said. "Last year in February, we were at 18.6 percent, so we're really close. Our new goal in dining services is to be 25 percent by 2020, because we can hit it."

Bowles said the best part of his day is when he gets to be in the dining hall and actually serve the students.

"My favorite part about food week is working with the students and listening to their ideas of what they want to do," he said. "If the student population thinks we don't listen to them? We do. And we act on what we can act on."

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Discussion

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percent of students agreed the Notre Dame community does not tolerate sexual assault or misconduct, Joyce said.

"I would think that that number would be higher," she

"For some reason, Notre Dame is a little bit different, and we don't think those national statistics will apply here to us."

Nancy Joyce
student body vice president

said.

Joyce said sexual assaults could go unreported for a variety of reasons. According to the same survey, 35 percent of

students believe people do not report sexual violence because they fear others will not believe them. Another 38 percent feel fear of retaliation hinders reporting, and 40 percent believe the fear that other people will blame them for the sexual assault stops victims from reporting the act, Joyce said.

Joyce said she finds these numbers problematic because so many students at Notre Dame strive for a 90 percent grade in our classes, but the same effort does not translate into fighting sexual violence.

"We don't feel like sexual violence is personal to us here at Notre Dame," she said.

"For some reason, Notre Dame is a little bit different, and we don't think those national statistics will apply here to us."

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Burglaries

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and took a backpack. Subject information is not available.

An attempted burglary also occurred in the same block between Friday at 11:30 p.m. and Saturday at 1:30 a.m., the email stated. Entry was attempted by breaking a porch window,

but nothing was taken. Subject information is unavailable for that incident as well, according to the email.

The email directed students to the crime prevention tips listed on the Notre Dame Security Police website and the live crime map of Notre Dame, South Bend and Mishawaka at www.crimereports.com.

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Skating

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gradient of the crystalline structure of the individual molecules in a block of ice, Elster said. In the middle of the ice the same amount of material is present around an arbitrary crystal in the structure; whereas molecules toward the surface don't have such a uniform environment and are looser. Macroscopic objects, such as skate blades, cannot cut through this microscopic layer to the more solid one, which is the cause of ice's slipperiness, she said.

Elster said the skater has a different perspective on this phenomenon.

"If you put your entire skate perpendicular to the direction you want to go you can just push off this way," Elster said. "So basically, your forward force is only your push force times sine of theta, so you don't get everything. So this lies in the plane of the ice. You, as the skater, don't want to lie in the plane of the ice. So, standing on the blade, you actually have another angle, namely the angle of the lean of your blade. If you're 90 degrees, you're just standing. Nothing happens."

Forward force, and hence much of movement on the ice, is essentially a function of these two angles, she said.

"The interesting thing is that the mass of the skater never shows up," Elster said. "That means that the little girl or the

little boy and the 200-pound hockey player with all the gear have the same rules going."

The next stages of movement, the turns and fancy footwork, involve lots of torque and angular momentum, Elster said.

"You have a body box, which

"The interesting thing is that the mass of the skater never shows up. That means that the little girl or the little boy and the 200-pound hockey player with all the gear have the same rules going."

Charlotte Elster
physics professor
University of Illinois

is your shoulder and your hips," she said. "Ideally, if they stay straight you have a perfectly straight alignment. As soon as you twist, you create a torque."

From the skater's view, a large part of spins and footwork is the fine control of motion, making small circles and keeping near-perfect balance. From the physicist's view, this makes it attractive to model as a rigid body problem, Elster said.

After discussing turns and footwork, Elster did

mathematical plots of projectile motion, examining different flight paths and times based on velocities and flight angle. She said ice skaters, regardless of initial velocity, angle and skill do not have a lot of time in the air.

"They are below one second in the air," she said. "The time in the air is actually not that great, so you have to do a lot of stuff in that short time."

As with spinning, the success of the jump depends on the smallest of physical details. Often, ice skaters will know if a jump will end poorly before they're even in the air, she said.

"The point is, in the jumps you have to make perfectly sure that you always jump up straight so that your rotation is on an axis perpendicular to the ice," Elster said. "If you rotate on an axis non-perpendicular to the ice, the chance is that you'll land bad."

She ended by talking about the most famous of all jumps in ice skating, the triple axel, and whether a quadruple axel is possible. Elster's conclusion was that it probably was not possible because of the short airtime constraint, which, according to the physics, cannot be altered by anything in the jump itself.

"That's what we do as physicists," Elster said. "We put in numbers and check it out. If in doubt, find out."

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Compassion

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source of this compassion," he said. "Is it merely from a close relationship with the person?"

Rinpoche said compassion

"True compassion is without exception. Although the temptation to seek rewards is strong, powerful compassion can protect you."

Arjia Rinpoche
director
Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Center

is not a relationship-dependent act.

"The pure compassion is an exceptional love, a love without limit," he said. "... The mind, speech, and body have to hold that compassion."

This understanding of the pure, unconditional nature of compassion is essential to its "mental and physical" practice, Rinpoche said. Meditation and mindfulness are means of leading more compassionate lives, he

said.

"When you breathe in good things and breathe out bad, our body changes," he said.

Rinpoche said people should channel this inner calm into outward displays of compassion, such as community volunteering and action, but they should not be motivated by external incentives.

"True compassion is without exception," he said.

Although the temptation to seek rewards is strong, Rinpoche said "powerful compassion can protect you."

At the conclusion of his talk, Rinpoche led a meditation and traditional chant with seven fellow monks. The monks have spent the last seven months travelling the United States, giving lectures on compassion and raising money for the Children's Cancer Care Treatment Center in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Rinpoche said.

During their week at Notre Dame, they have been working on the intricate sand mandala currently on display in the Jordan Hall of Science. The sand mandala's closing ceremony will take place Thursday in Jordan Hall at 4:30 p.m.

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Fla. congressman pleads guilty to cocaine possession

Associated Press

CAPE CORAL, Fla. — Florida Republican Rep. Henry "Trey" Radel said Wednesday he was taking a leave of absence from Congress and donating his salary to charity after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of cocaine possession and receiving a sentence of a year's probation.

Radel made the announcement at a crowded news conference where he acknowledged that he had let down his country, his family and southwest Florida residents.

He said he takes responsibility for what he did, adding, "I want to be a better man."

At a court hearing earlier Wednesday in Washington, Radel told a judge, "I've hit a bottom where I realize I need help" in acknowledging that he purchased 3.5 grams of cocaine from an undercover police officer.

As part of a plea agreement Radel admitted he agreed to buy the cocaine for \$250 in a Washington neighborhood on Oct. 29. After the undercover officer gave Radel the drugs federal agents confronted him, court documents show. Radel agreed to talk with the agents and invited them to his apartment, where he also retrieved a vial of cocaine he had

in the home, the documents said.

At his news conference in Florida late Wednesday, Radel said he has been struggling with alcoholism and substance abuse "off and on for years." He said that he will enter an in-patient treatment program and that he was confident he could overcome his disease.

"I'm not going to sit here and make any excuses for what I've done," he said. "I have let down our country. I've let down our constituents. I've let down my family, including my wife. And even though he doesn't know it, I've let down my 2-year-old son."

Radel recalled the support he received from constituents when his mother died. He said they made him feel like "Southwest Florida's adopted son."

"I hope, like family, Southwest Florida can forgive me for this. I've let them down, but I do believe in faith, forgiveness and redemption, and I hope to come out of this a stronger, a better man for all of you."

His office said that the leave of absence takes effect immediately and that the congressman had filed the necessary papers with the House clerk. In the meantime, he said constituent services would continue. He gave no indication he was going to resign.

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Christmas
conundrum

Emily Danaher
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I'm in the midst of a dilemma. I've always been one to give each holiday its respective month of celebration: October is all about Halloween, November is Thanksgiving, and once December rolls around, I become one of Santa's elves.

While radio stations, shopping malls and TV commercials seem to skip right over Thanksgiving, cranking the Christmas carols as soon as the clock strikes midnight on Nov. 1, I think the season is much more enjoyable taken one holiday at a time. It would be like going to a fancy restaurant and skipping appetizers and your meal because all you can think about is dessert. Yes, it's tempting, but you miss so much as a result.

I was forced to reconsider this theory when I got to college. Older friends warned I would be so busy studying for final exams and writing papers that if I didn't start thinking about Christmas before December, the entire Christmas season would pass me by. They argued that if I really loved Christmas, why force myself to postpone its celebration? Why does celebrating Christmas have to mean overshadowing Thanksgiving, they said, can't they be celebrated together?

I had to admit, there was a point to their argument. After all, Black Friday has become a part of the Thanksgiving tradition for many, and isn't this just a jump-start on the inevitable Christmas shopping? Yet I got through those first two years of college holding fast to my one holiday at a time mantra. If I rushed to that dessert, I would end up eating too much and feeling sick.

Yes, the stress of finals made the season shorter. Yet, wasn't that shorter Christmas season better enjoyed than racing past Thanksgiving as if it didn't matter?

Returning to campus after Thanksgiving, I always put up my little desk-sized Christmas tree, turn on all of my favorite holiday music and buckle down for finals. Because I'm just starting to get ready for Christmas, I'm so much more excited than I would be if I had already been thinking about it for weeks. Nestled right between my two favorite holidays, even finals don't seem as bad.

Fast forward to this year. I still intend to hold off on the Christmas music and decoration. Yet, junior year is more stressful than ever before. Like everyone on campus, I can't wait for Thanksgiving break. With Thanksgiving later than usual, it seems like its never going to get here. Maybe that's why I keep finding myself eyeing my favorite Christmas album. It might be time to get a headstart on that dessert.

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Column are those of the author and not
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Shelley Kim
Guest Columnist

I know better than to expect the classiest behavior from my fellow classmates when I'm at an off-campus bar on a weekend night. However, if I'm offended by hearing the term "Chinese b****" at these locations, something tells me I'm not exactly being a prude. A close friend, Korean like myself, was walking through a crowded CJ's cautiously mentioning "excuse me" when she was called "a Chinese b****" by another female student. Apparently, this student felt the need to vocalize her frustration in the congested venue by incorrectly identifying a minority student. Her friends proceeded to stare, as if convinced it was a completely viable accusation. Indignant, my friend replied "I'm not Chinese!" and walked away.

Such words are not only offensive, they're dramatic and extreme. In the crowded line to Club Fever on Thursday, an Indian friend apparently got too close to one of the dozens of people trying to pass through to the bouncer when she overheard

another student telling her group of friends that the Indian girl should be in a burka with everything covered except her eyes. That's not ignorance. Those are fighting words. On another weekend, I was with large, diverse group of friends at the Linebacker when I overheard, "looks like we're in Chinatown!" I did not expect that having a diverse group of friends meant witnessing varying levels of insensitivity.

Although very tactless, for some reason, I could not imagine the student who called my friend a "Chinese b****" saying the same thing to a black, Latina or — get this — white female. I mean, that would totally feel uncalled for and out of place. So what makes deriding comments towards Asians and Indians different? It seems the individuals using these offensive words are simply implying the same level of harm as someone calling out a friend for being a Miami Heat fan or for openly listening to One Direction. However, comments like these set our student body decades back into ignorance. No matter the intoxication level, no one in the year 2013 is justified by someone's race as a point of insult.

Few things are more pathetic than resorting to racism for the sake of a comeback, or worse, humor. Have we not learned anything from the short-lived success of Carlos Mencia? "It's just a joke" does not somehow cover up the implication of superiority and entitlement from the people who are saying these things. This kind of reasoning can result in a trio of men who dress up as a bloody, undead Asiana Airlines pilots on Halloween or the Asian schoolgirl characterization in the new sitcom "Dads." I have yet to meet anyone who has found either of those clever or funny. I am ashamed to find a similar mentality even in some of my fellow classmates.

Once again, I do not engage in the South Bend bar scene with high standards for others' behavior. Still, I cannot help but feel that wherever I go, I am constantly reminded of my minority status.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From park to parking lot

Recently, the University sacrificed one of the few remaining woodlots on campus to make way for 700 new parking spaces. The University decided it would be best to convert six acres of a working ecosystem into its higher purpose as a baked asphalt wasteland. Notre Dame promises us action on the environmental front, but all the Waste Free Wednesdays, promises of carbon emission reduction and windmills in the world will not help ecosystems from getting turned into parking lots. Notre Dame is truly serious about practical environmental action as it claims, it should commit to halting developmental sprawl and protecting even the smallest remaining natural areas on campus.

I understand that six acres of midwestern woods isn't exactly a national park. At the same time, our lakes and woods on campus provide recreational, educational, aesthetic and biodiversity services that improve quality of life. The University is destroying six acres of quality-of-life, to be replaced with an eyesore. I fear by the time my children are old enough to play catch on South Quad, there will be nary a woodland left on Notre Dame's campus where I can take my kids to fish, bike or walk. Development is a slippery slope, and both the students and the University will suffer. It's time for the University to get serious about the environment. Stop construction and restore the woodlot.

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senior
Knott Hall
Nov. 20

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The soul is dyed the color of its thoughts. Think only on those things that can bear the light of day. The content of your character is your choice. Day by day, what you choose, what you think and what you do is who you become."

Heraclitus
Greek philosopher

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Proper and meaningful dialogue

Gabe Griggs

Softening, Reconciling and Forgiving

Imagine, for a moment, that you are having a heartfelt conversation with someone whom you love deeply, perhaps a friend or a family member. You believe his actions have become detrimental. Maybe his weekend habits have gotten out of hand, he picked up an addiction or his priorities have shifted for the worst.

These are all difficult topics to address because of the corrective or even chastising nature of the conversation. What can make these conversations easier, though, is that individuals often recognize their own detrimental habits.

When they recognize their own negative behavior, engaging in conversation about it has a higher chance of producing positive results.

Notice, that in this conversation there is a universally understood right and wrong. The conversation is not between two people who disagree on a fundamental level, but between two people who both know the correct path.

Notice, too, that I describe this

as “conversation” to describe this scenario instead of “dialogue.” Dialogue, unlike conversation, implies the two people talking disagree on the correct path to follow in solving the problem or in living correctly. We are often encouraged to partake in dialogue rather than conversation, and, this being the case, the nature of dialogue is something to consider in order to understand more fully what the fruits of dialogue might be.

A dialogue, by its nature, is going to involve multiple opposing viewpoints — often two opposing worldviews that have been shaped by years of experience and reasoning. Furthermore, the majority of dialogues involve good-willed interlocutors.

The problem, of course, has to do with the principle of non-contradiction: If these worldviews are at odds (mutually exclusive), then, in most situations, one worldview will be correct or more correct in the aggregate sum than the other.

This fact brings us back to our initial hypothetical conversation in which there is an element of correction. Our dialogue, then, will have two good-willed interlocutors who

are trying to correct each other and who both believe that their worldview is the correct one. How, then, are we to bear fruit from dialogue? And, furthermore, what is a true dialogue going to look like?

Regarding the first question, the answer seems to be pretty clear: Dialogue must be carried on with honesty, diligence and charity. Without regard for the truth, a dialogue loses its means of operation and its entire purpose. Without diligence on the part of the interlocutors, no one will be properly informed such that the discussion will be fruitful. Without charity, the dialogue will be stifled by the limitations of language to express meaning and the frailty of reason to hold itself to the highest standards of logical coherence.

To determine what true dialogue looks like, I turn to Pope Benedict’s “Introduction to Christianity”: “No real dialogue yet takes place where men are still only talking about something. The conversation between men comes into its own only when they are trying, no longer to express something, but to express themselves, when dialogue becomes

communication.” For Benedict, dialogue is not merely an intellectual endeavor or a skirmish of reason; it is the expression of oneself through communication. This means the value of the dialogue is not necessarily judged by the ability to convert one side or the other, but by the ability to truly communicate oneself to another.

Ultimately, we see true dialogue is communication and expression of oneself. As frustrating as it can be to enter into dialogue and not want to “convert” the other side, we can take solace in knowing that true dialogue is a worthwhile endeavor in and of itself. It does not need to be a means to an end. This may frustrate the logical mind that seeks unity and coherence. We must hope, however, that through the course of true expression of ourselves to others, we may eventually come to agree on the truth of the matter.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you, Big Lou

Dear Big Lou,

As you prepare for your final home game in Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday, I wanted to offer my personal thanks to you for all you’ve done for Notre Dame over the past three-and-a-half years.

We know it wasn’t easy for a kid who grew up in the plentiful sunshine of Florida and attended public school in a big city to take a chance on a small, cold, Catholic university 1,000 miles away in Middle-of-Nowhere, Indiana. You believed in Notre Dame at a time when it was easy to write off the Fighting Irish football program. Not only had Notre Dame lost 21 games in three seasons, but your commitment came at a time when the program was without a head coach.

It’s no secret that it wasn’t always smooth sailing for you, as is the case with most college students going through the biggest adjustment of their lives. You fought through a red-shirt season, some difficult losses and all the other challenges that come with being a Notre Dame football player to become the most dominant nose guard in college football and help lead us to our best season in 20 years.

Of course, this is about more than just football. Notre Dame has had plenty of great football players in its history, but it’s only had one Louis Nix. Your way of keeping things in perspective, even in the cut-throat world of major college football, is always refreshing.

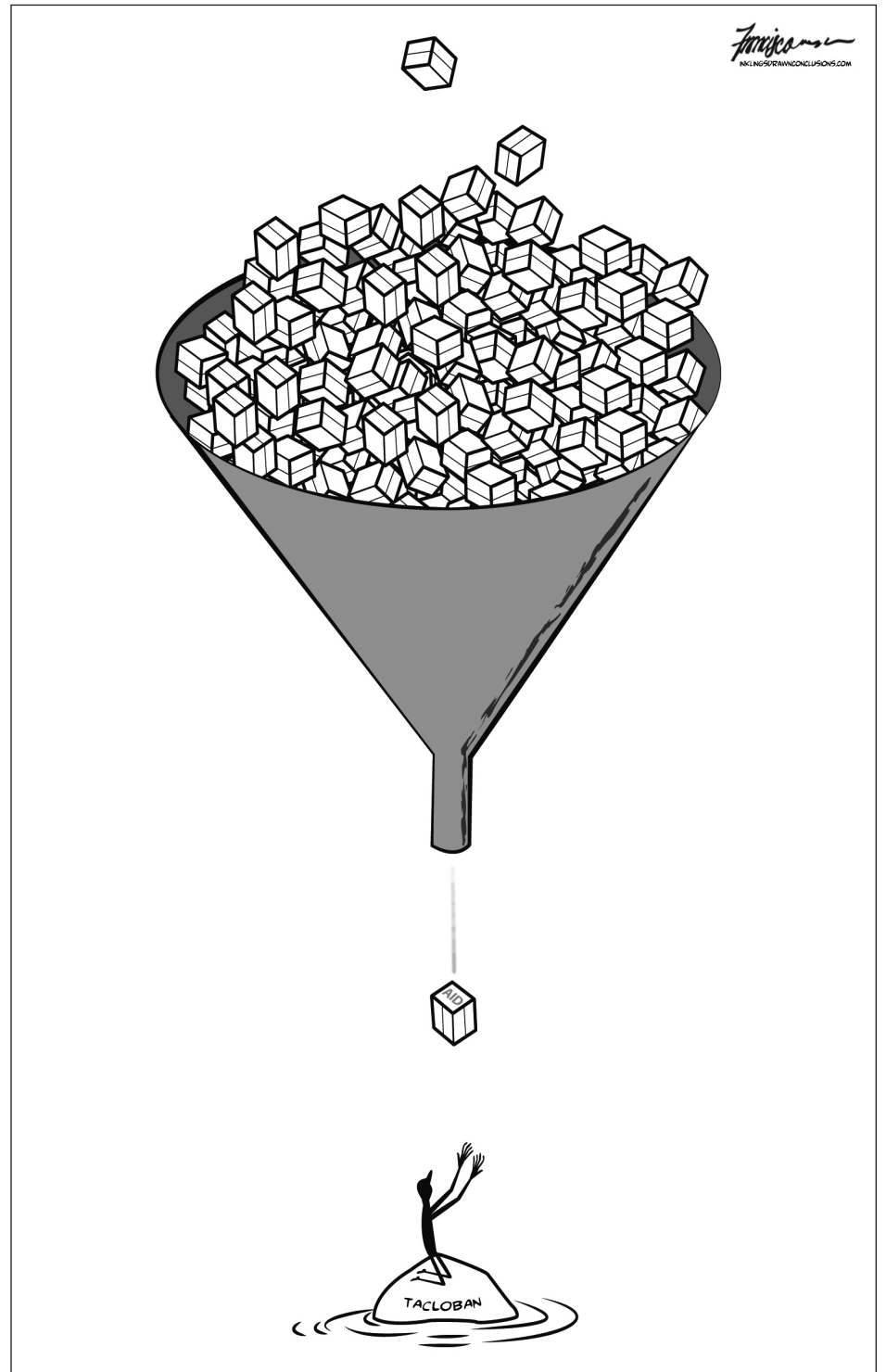
Even after a season that sent your NFL draft stock soaring, you were determined to come back to school and complete your Notre Dame degree. When I see a tweet from @1IrishChocolate come across my Twitter timeline, I know I’m going to laugh. Your two-point conversion in the Blue-Gold Game remains the greatest play in the history of spring football.

I think I can speak for all alumni in saying that we’re proud to share an alma mater with you. Have a great Senior Day on Saturday afternoon and let’s finish strong. Thanks for all you’ve done for Notre Dame, both on and off the field. We’ll miss you, Big Lou.

Matt Smith
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EDITORIAL CARTOON



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Allie Tollaksen
Scene Writer

One glance at any social media website and you can tell a few things about us college-age students — we love lists, we're incredibly nostalgic and we are absolutely obsessed with the 90s.

Every other post on BuzzFeed is a list that inventories the toys we played with, the school supplies we couldn't live without, our horrible, horrible taste in fashion and the music we loved way back in the 1990s. But while I laugh and nod along to these articles while mourning the loss of my Tamagachi and Lisa Frank pencil case, I also can't help but wonder why we love these lists so much.

The Internet has certainly helped, providing a forum in which we can collectively ruminate in our precious 90s memories, complete with accompanying GIFs of snap bracelets, YouTube videos of "Saved By The Bell" and mp3s of our favorite Britney Spears songs.

It's not just the Internet making our childhood nostalgia easy, however — there's something else. My theory is that we aren't really 90s kids. I mean, in 1999, I was 6 years old, and I entered the new millennium with pretty much only fleeting memories of my Skip-It and an undying love for "Spongebob." I wasn't a fan of "Clarissa Explains It All" or "Daria," because I wasn't old enough. Still, so many of these "You Know You're a 90s Kid" posts include these references, and I eat them up (especially "Daria," because I found out later that "Daria" was awesome).

So what is it that keeps us returning to 90s reflections even if we were just toddlers that decade?

Probably a few things that can be crudely summed up with this: the late 90s felt awesome to us. We were young and carefree. The economy was pretty cool. We didn't understand the news, and even if we did, the biggest political scandal of the time had little to nothing to do with politics. People rocked overalls. Overalls!

So even if they aren't our distinct memories, the love of the decade, the longing for our childhood and the world wide web on which we were raised has made 90s nostalgia a fun and ever-so-distracting hobby for us college kids. Never mind that we hardly had a grasp of the language back in '97 — we're going to post those BuzzFeed articles on Facebook all we want.

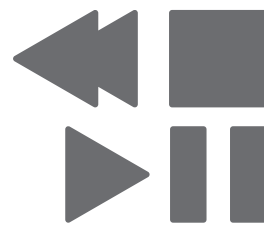
Now that that's established, I hope we agree that there's nothing wrong with looking back on the 90s fondly. Still, just because we were fans of certain musicians when we were four-year-olds doesn't mean we have to half-ironically, half-nostalgically listen to them all the time.

The decade also had some pretty awesome music that we never appreciated as tiny, tiny humans because we were too busy with Furbees and the Spice Girls (which, incidentally, was my very first concert).

Now, we have the power not only to curate elaborate stills from 90s cartoons, but also to listen to music back then we never gave a chance. Here are some favorites from 90s that toddlers probably didn't love back then.

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1990S PLAYLIST



- 01** "Shady Lane"
Pavement
- 02** "Glass Museum"
Tortoise
- 03** "King of Carrot Flowers Pt. 1"
Neutral Milk Hotel
- 04** "Sunny Meadowz"
Del Tha Funkee Homosapien
- 05** "Swing Lo Magellan"
Unknown Mortal Orchestra
- 06** "Distopian Dream Girl"
Built To Spill
- 07** "Taking People"
Cat Power
- 08** "Angeles"
Elliott Smith
- 09** "The Lie and How We Told It"
Yo La Tengo
- 10** "Never Bought It"
Dinosaur Jr.
- 11** "Oh My God"
A Tribe Called Quest
- 12** "The Shins"
Flake Music
- 13** "Novocaine For the Soul"
Eels
- 14** "Dramamine"
Modest Mouse
- 15** "Don't Think You Wanna"
Sleater Kinney

DANCE COMPANY SHOWS OFF NEW MOVES IN WINTER SHOWCASE



By **MIKO MALABUTE**
Scene Writer

The Dance Company of Notre Dame is returning for its first major production of the year tonight, as the annual Winter Showcase show seeks to outdo their impressive and beautiful performance last year.

After months of preparation and constant rehearsal and attention to detail, the Dance Company has assembled a new group of artists, performers who bring to life the music behind each of its choreographies. Under the direction of president Kelsey Richards, the Dance Company, this year's production is sure to make for another exciting, passionate exhibition of dance.

"[With this year's performance], you'll see a lot of the same styles of dance,"

sophomore dancer Claire Magnuson said. "But I think with every new semester, the dancers get more and more creative with their choreography and take more risks with their music choices."

An intriguing take from the returning performer, as last year's performance already seemed to make a point of strong song choices and powerful performances, as music choices such as "Give Me Love" by Ed Sheeran were strengthened and livened by the emotion and graceful force of last year's core of dancers.

This year's core, however, seems stronger than ever, as the support and passion among the dancers seem to feed off of each other and enhance each others' abilities, something which Magnuson eludes to being the very nature of the Dance Company itself. As much as the members learn from the technique classes offered

to them every week, the true power of the Dance Company lies in its ability to foster an environment where the dancers are supportive of each other.

"Each year you see new people bringing forth their new choreography and I think we all inspire each other with lots ideas for new choreography or music choices or ideas for new pieces," Magnuson said.

After seeing brief snippets at the beginning of the semester, the dances all come together for the showcase.

"The choreographers' pieces mean a lot to them, and everybody's genuinely excited to watch all the routines at the showcase," she said.

Despite the demand for such great attention to detail, and a natural necessity for immense dedication and faithful practice and precision, the Dance Company members are always looking forward to

improving their technique and grow as dancers.

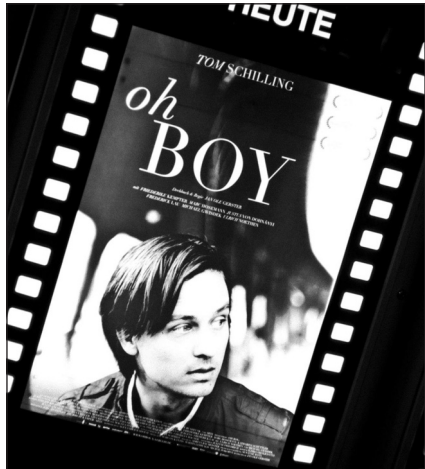
Even more, to many the Dance Company provides a sanctuary for its members, a place of comfort away from the stresses of schoolwork and of their own personal forms of struggle and hardship. The Dance Company is a means for its performers to transcend daily living and truly make art on stage, an opportunity for each of the dancers to emphatically express themselves — often without even having to say a word.

The Dance Company of Notre Dame's Winter Showcase will run tonight and tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

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WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR

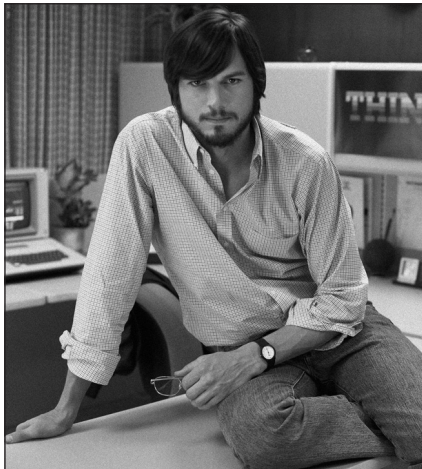
THURSDAY



What: “Oh Boy”
Where: DPAC
When: 7 p.m.
How Much: \$4

German director Jan Ole Gerster will be on hand to introduce his 2012 deadpan comedy film, “Oh Boy.” The film follows Niko, a deadbeat dropout, as he aimlessly drifts through a day in Berlin. The movie won the 2012 German Film Award, the most prestigious award in German film.

FRIDAY



What: “Jobs”
Where: 101 DeBartolo
When: 8 and 10:30 p.m.
How Much: \$3

Ashton Kutcher portrays the tech giant Steve Jobs from his time at Reed College in the 1970s through the release of the iPod in 2001 in this week’s SUB movie. It sees Jobs develop Apple with friend and colleague Steve Wozniak, the introduction of the successful Apple II in 1977, Jobs being forced out of Apple and his eventual return to the computer company and his work to reinvent it.

SATURDAY



What: Notre Dame vs. BYU
Where: Notre Dame Stadium
When: 3:30 p.m.
How Much: Free (with a ticket)

Saturday is the last home football game of the year for the Irish, and senior football players will be recognized for their contributions to the program. It currently looks like the weather will be freezing and snowing, so dress warm.

SUNDAY



What: “Casablanca”
Where: 101 DeBartolo
When: 1 p.m.
How Much: \$3

SUB presents one of the classic films in American cinema, Michael Curtiz’s 1942 “Casablanca.” Even 70 years later, the twisting, turning, tension-filmed World War II drama continues to entertain at the highest level.



Marisa Iati
 Assistant Managing Editor

I really don’t want to hear any Christmas music yet, but it’s not for the reasons you might think.

It’s not that I don’t love turtle doves and partridges in pear trees as much as the next person (trust me, I do).

It’s not because most of the songs these days just remind me of how commercialized the season has become (even though it has).

It’s not even because Christmas music makes me anxious about everything I need to do before the holiday (although it does).

Every other year of my life that I can remember, I’ve listened to Christmas music before Thanksgiving. Way before Thanksgiving. Sometimes even before Halloween.

I never worried much about beckoning the holiday season too soon. How could it ever be too early for Christmas? But this year, I’m more hesitant to crank up the carols. Although I’m still itching to create an iTunes playlist consisting entirely of Josh Groban, Michael Bublé and Mannheim Steamroller, I’m doing my best to hold off for another week.

It’s hard, especially when my Pandora account insists on playing holiday-themed ads and I’ve already heard Mariah Carey’s “All I Want for Christmas Is You” blasting from a North Quad residence hall on a Friday afternoon. Christmas lights hang in the window of my friend’s dorm room, and the University has been sneakily

decorating trees around campus for weeks. I’m not even going to pretend I don’t feel a slight twinge of joy every time I walk into Starbucks and see vibrant red bags of coffee grounds lining the shelves.

The truth is, I’m a sucker for Christmas. I live and breathe for the holiday season. I find myself wishing in June that it were already Christmastime, and I count down the months until it arrives. My obsession with all things even marginally related to Christmas is almost embarrassing.

This year, though, I’m not going to listen to Christmas music before Thanksgiving. I just won’t. And here’s why:

I’m trying to learn to recognize what’s wonderful about the average days. You know which days I mean — the ones when it’s too cold and maybe raining, and the dining hall isn’t serving anything good, and you have a paper due tomorrow, and you still haven’t gathered up the courage to ask that person to the SYR and now that you think about it, nothing particularly exciting at all has happened for a while.

In other words, the days that don’t belong to Christmastime.

During Christmastime, maybe it’s too cold and it’s raining and you’re hungry and stressed and wishing there were more hours in the day — but there are twinkling white lights and nativity scenes and peppermint hot chocolates and Christmas music. And those things make everything just swell, regardless of whatever else is going on in your life.

But I think we should be able to convince ourselves that everything is just swell on any given day, not just

on the ones that fall between Thanksgiving and New Year’s. There is something oddly beautiful about those standard, run-of-the-mill days that have nothing particularly special about them. They’re completely blank slates on which joys and heartbreaks write themselves in unpredictable ways.

The uncertainty of what will come from average days is humbling, and I’m attempting to appreciate them for what they are. On regular days, there is no Christmas music to automatically make the world brighter, which forces us to look a little deeper to find what makes each day meaningful.

For me, holding off on Christmas music until Thanksgiving is a reminder to find beauty in ordinariness.

I’m not going to tell you to follow my lead by stowing away your Andrea Bocelli Christmas album for the next week. I’m just suggesting we enjoy the present moment, instead of always jumping ahead to the next exciting thing.

But when that next exciting thing arrives and Santa Claus’s sleigh rolls into Herald Square at the end of the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, you’d better believe I’ll be turning up — the Christmas tunes.

So, to the Christmas music playlist to which I haven’t been showing any love, hang in there. I’m almost ready for you.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Rain or shine, it's football time



Aaron Sant-Miller
Sports Writer

On Sunday, the Chicago Bears and Baltimore Ravens experienced a 113-minute delay as severe weather conditions featuring rain, thunder and tornado warnings descended on Soldier Field. Even after the delay, the conditions continued to influence the game. Passes were battered by the wind and players struggled to stay on their feet, tearing up divots with every step.

This was not the first time the weather affected a football game, and it surely won't be the last.

In 2007, the Browns hosted the Bills in blizzard-like conditions. With no visible turf and a thick layer of snow, the Browns pulled out a decisive 8-0 victory.

Years earlier, in 2002, the Patriots outdueled the Raiders in the "Tuck Rule Game." In frigid conditions, with the help of a controversial ruling and clutch cold-weather kicking, the Patriots topped the Raiders and advanced to the Super Bowl. It's just another example of the intersection of extreme weather and the game of football.

Finally, it's getting to be that time of year again. The northern part of our nation is starting to get a taste of the fluffy white precipitation that our hearts hold so dear. As we sit on the cusp of Thanksgiving, just shy of the last month of the year, football conditions change.

Frankly, when the weather outside is frightful, football is just delightful.

It's an entirely different game. Teams knock the dust off of their ground-and-pound game and running backs start to earn their paychecks. The tough guys on the other side of the ball seem to be worth twice as much as the flashy players split out wide earlier in the season. The game gets back to its physical roots. In the months of November and December, half the games are played the way it was 40 years ago.

Every kid, at some point in his or her life, bundled up in late December and charged out into the snow, football in hand (think of the team-bonding scene in "Miracle"). Snow isn't necessary either, as mud and pouring rain can suffice in warmer environments (think friendship-rebuilding scene in "Invincible"). These images are carved into our memories, and into popular culture, because they are harmonious with the game we love so much.

Football is often referred to with war metaphors and family similes. Players sacrifice their

bodies for each other and their team. Why should nature's vicious elements deter football players or the game itself?

Football is never pretty or neat. Sure, it can be spectacular and gorgeous when a receiver leaps over a defensive back, plucking the ball out of the air, but it will never be clean and tidy. There will be unsettling hits, big amorphous piles, and disconcerting injuries. It's a messy game, where blood on the uniform is a badge of honor, not a mark for disgust. Why only play every game in pristine conditions, removed from any uniform marring elements or uncomfortable climates?

Some sports need superb field conditions; rain can destroy a baseball diamonds while other sports avoid the elements entirely, retreating indoors.

Not football.

Football is played in the snow, torrential rain, whipping winds, and even hail.

As you can imagine, I'm of the belief that playing this year's Super Bowl in MetLife Stadium is a good thing. In the arctic conditions of East Rutherford N.J., two of the best teams in professional sports will square off. Sure, it will be controversial when one of the teams is from a southern locale and the talking heads analyze (and over analyze) its ability to adapt to cold weather. Sorry guys, but that's just football.

In a game where the oddly shaped ball doesn't bounce straight, weather adds even another intangible element. In football, you don't only take on 11 other armored individuals. You are often left taking on the weather as well. Every cut becomes perilous. Every catch becomes suspect. Even just carrying the football is problematic.

In the NFL, nothing is guaranteed or clear-cut. The unexpected is expected. Last season's champion is below .500. The top four teams this year have a combined record of 36-5. Last year, those same four teams had only a total of 33 wins and almost as many losses. Why not make things even more strange and complex?

Thank you extreme weather conditions for doing just that. Thank you winter for brining football back to its essence. Thank you for making a tough-guy game even more tough. Thank you for making football, well, football.

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OLYMPICS

Olympic officials hope to clean Rio de Janeiro

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Rio de Janeiro's endless beaches and lush tropical forest will be a photographer's dream during the 2016 Olympics. But zoom in on the likes of once-pristine Guanabara Bay, and the picture is of household trash and raw sewage.

In the neon green waters around the site of the future Olympic Park, the average fecal pollution rate is 78 times that of the Brazilian government's "satisfactory" limit — and 195 times the level considered safe in the U.S. Nearly 70 percent of Rio's sewage goes untreated, meaning runoff from its many slums and poor neighborhoods drain into waters soon to host some of the world's best athletes.

Unless Brazil makes headway in cleaning up its waters, experts warn the Summer Games could pose health risks to athletes and mar what officials hope will be a global showcase event. Instead of the soaring vistas of Sugarloaf Mountain, the world could instead see old couches in the bay and tons of dead fish floating atop a city lake.

Rio's Olympic committee has pledged in writing that the pollution problems will be fixed, and many had hoped the Olympics would force authorities to tackle decades of neglect and poor planning that have blighted waterways.

Leonardo Gryner, chief operating officer of Rio's organizing committee, has acknowledged the extent of the water quality problem. But he said projects were "well advanced" to make good on the city's commitment to reduce 80 percent of the pollution flowing into the bay, where sailing and wind surfing events are to be held.

With just 2 ½ years to go before the games, however, experts say cleanup efforts are moving at a snail's pace and haven't significantly improved capacity in sewage treatment plants or hooked

up more of the city's 6 million residents.

"The high concentrations of untreated human waste means there are pathogens and disease-causing organisms in the water," said Dr. Casey Brown, a professor of civil and environmental engineering at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. "If I were going to take part, I would make sure all my shots were up to date."

Tests show the problems are still severe in several of the competition venues.

At the site of the Olympic Park, in the Barra neighborhood, untreated human waste flows from nearby condominiums and sprawling shantytowns, presenting an immediate health hazard, according to Rio de Janeiro Environment Ministry documents examined by The Associated Press. Pollution fills many of the waterways in Barra, where about half the Olympic events will be held.

In the waters just off Copacabana beach, the measurement of fecal coliform bacteria spiked to 16 times the Brazilian government's satisfactory level as recently as three weeks ago, bad news for the marathon swimmers and triathletes set to compete there.

The Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas often experiences huge fish die-offs that leave its surface blanketed with tons of dead fish. Rowing and canoeing events are set to take place on the briny lake.

Another entrenched problem is the 148-square-mile (383-square-kilometer) Guanabara Bay, where the only exit for foul, polluted waters is through a narrow opening onto the Atlantic Ocean. Home to a thriving artisanal fishing industry and popular palm-lined beaches as recently as the late-1970s, the bay has become a watery dump for waste from shipyards and two commercial ports as well as leachate, the toxic byproduct of mountains of rotting trash

sitting at what was South America's largest landfill until its closure last year.

At low tide, household trash, including old washing machines and soggy couches, float atop vast islands of accumulated sewage and sediment. Experts say it's even possible that vessels plowing through the water at speeds of more than 20 mph during Olympic events could collide with floating detritus below the surface.

Ecology professor Ricardo Freitas knows all too well the risks. As part of his work with a conservation group trying to save Rio's besieged urban caimans, Freitas regularly wades in and wrestles the reptiles onto shore or into boats to tag them.

"There's no way to work in these waters, where you are literally neck deep in feces in some places, and not be afraid of the health effects," Freitas said, adding that on the one occasion when he was bitten by a caiman, the small wound got severely infected because of the contaminated water. "Show me the Olympic athlete who's going to have the courage to get into waters like these."

It's not clear what consequences there might be if Rio doesn't clean up its waterways, but this isn't the first time the Olympics have faced steep environmental challenges. The Swiss-based International Olympic Committee took much flak during the 2008 Beijing Summer Games, when the city failed to clean up its smoggy air in the event's initial days. This year, similar concerns have been raised about the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, with crews dumping concrete construction waste and other trash in rivers, protected forests and other sensitive zones.

Pollution problems at those sites may be a key reason why the committee in September chose Tokyo for the 2020 Olympics. Japan had billed itself as a "safe pair of hands."

CLASSIFIEDS

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	1970s: 1977, 1978
	1990s: 1996, 1998, 1999
	2000s: 2000, 2009
	Total: 27 World Championships

CLUB SPORTS

Irish Women’s Ultimate Frisbee returns as champions

Golf finishes 18th; Men’s Ultimate Frisbee finishes 5th, 6th and 7th; Squash struggles; Field Hockey wins 1-0

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame traveled to Granville, Ohio, last weekend for Disc Throw Inferno, hosted by Denison. The Irish divided their squad into two teams, X and Y, for the tournament, which featured six women’s teams from across the Midwest. Both Notre Dame teams featured an equal mix of rookies and returners, in the hopes of maximizing playing time before the league season begins in the spring.

Notre Dame X, led by senior captains Kelsey Fink and Molly Carmona, opened the weekend against Ohio State B. The Irish

came out strong, securing a lead in the first half that they did not let go, ending the game with a 13-2 victory. Notre Dame X played their second game against Western Kentucky, winning 15-3. The team carried momentum into its third game of the day against Western Michigan, securing a 13-4 win. Pool play continued for one game on Sunday against Denison as the Irish secured a spot in the championship bracket with a victory.

In the semifinal game, the team played Western Kentucky once more, moving into the finals with a 12-3 win. In the final against Western Michigan, the team worked together more than

they had all weekend to earn a 6-1 victory and the title of Disc Throw Inferno champions. Fink, Carmona and sophomore Heather Fredrickson led the team with excellent throws all weekend while sophomores Mara Jurkovic and Emily Dowling and freshman cutter Julia Butterfield had beautiful in-cuts and deep looks both days. Freshmen Mary Kate Andersen and Rachel Francis played great defense, and freshman Anastacia Taylor played well on the offensive side.

The Notre Dame Y team, led by senior captain Eliza Herrero, opened the weekend against Western Michigan. Though the game ended in a loss, the team gained experience and the players created chemistry that would serve them well later in the weekend. Notre Dame Y was unable to secure a win in its next two games, losing to Deniso 10-4 and to Western Kentucky on universe point by an 8-7 score. On Sunday, the team struggled out of the gate with a loss to Ohio State B but came out strong in the second game against Western Kentucky, jumping out to a first half lead that it would not relinquish on its way to an 11-6 victory. The team suffered a 12-4 loss to an experienced Western Michigan team in its final game.

Fifth-year student Kelly

Gilmour, senior Mara Stolee and sophomore Brianna Bocker led the team handling, and cutters senior Eliza Herrero, freshman Mary Hermann and fifth-year Erin Cobb ran the field with great looks, both in and deep. Sophomore Allyson Straley and freshman Kendall Burgett played great wing offense all weekend. Junior Kristen Collins showed great improvement and confidence while handing, especially against a zone defense.

Golf

The Irish traveled to the Barefoot Resort in Myrtle Beach, S.C., last weekend to compete in the fall national tournament of the NCCGA (National Collegiate Club Golf Association). Seniors Sean Flanagan, Dan McCarthy and Joe Cuff, junior Greg Bourdon, sophomores Phil Krebs and Brian Miller and freshmen Jordan Milo and Luke DeTrempe traveled for the Irish. The team came into the tournament ranked 18th in the country and left the tournament with an 18th-place finish out of 24 teams. Miller and DeTrempe, both of whom finished 26th overall out of over 200 golfers, led the Irish on the weekend. The trip marked Notre Dame’s first NCCGA tournament appearance as this fall has been the team’s first full season of competition.

competitively against teammates. Sophomore handler Joe Norby was dominant in both games, sending backhands from end zone to end zone with precision. A loss to Notre Dame Y and a victory over Notre Dame Z gave Notre Dame X a sixth-place finish in the tournament.

Notre Dame Y began the weekend with a loss to Notre Dame Z, but sophomore handler Jeremy Doyle was very effective, frequently finding break throws to dismantle the opponent’s defense. The team lost its second and third games of the day as well. On a weekend when all three Irish teams looked to get all players time on the field, freshmen Dan Verzuh, Andrew DeSantis, Ben Israel and Pat McMahon looked composed on the field and made significant contributions to the team. Sunday’s inclement weather had no visible effect on the efficacy of twin junior cutters Erich and Danny Kerekes, who controlled the play downfield in all of their games. Notre Dame Y finished fifth in the tournament with a victory over Akron in its final game Sunday.

Notre Dame Z played much of the weekend shorthanded due to injuries and finished 0-3 Saturday but received a number of strong performances. A shortage of veteran handlers required freshman Jacob Scobey to step up to fill in, and Scobey looked comfortable and patient with the disc, a rare trait for freshmen handlers. The team started off Sunday winning big over Akron, with juniors Steven Zurawski and Jason Wassel connecting multiple times for scores as the junior pair was consistently dominant the whole weekend. Experienced play from sophomore Jonathan Cernanec and junior Billy Schell kept Notre Dame Z close in all its games, but the team ultimately finished seventh in the tournament.

Disc Throw Inferno was the Notre Dame Men’s second and final fall tournament before splitting into A and B teams before winter break.

Men’s Ultimate Frisbee

The Notre Dame men’s ultimate team joined the women’s squad in traveling to Granville, Ohio, last weekend for Disc Throw Inferno. The men’s tournament featured eight men’s teams from around the Midwest. Notre Dame split into three teams—Notre Dame X, Y and Z — which were joined by teams from Denison, Akron, Michigan and alumni teams from Denison and Grand Valley State. Each of the teams played three games Saturday in two pools of four teams, and three games Sunday in a double elimination bracket.

Denison’s alumni team narrowly defeated Notre Dame X its first game Saturday, despite strong cutting from veterans sophomore Matt Farrell and junior David Terry. The team regrouped for its second game, however, and defeated Akron decisively thanks in part to an outstanding defensive effort from senior Jordan Lange.

Notre Dame X’s third game Saturday was against Denison’s undergraduate team. Fatigue led to a slow start, with Denison taking a halftime lead of 8-1, but the Irish were able to rally under the leadership of junior Peter Hall and match Denison point for point in the second half, making the final score a 15-8 loss. The first game of bracket play on rainy and windy Sunday was a rematch with Denison in which the Irish fell 13-11. Notre Dame X’s next two games were against Notre Dame Y and Notre Dame Z — a chance to play

Squash

Notre Dame traveled to Minneapolis for its final tournament of the semester and played twice each against Minnesota and Southern California due to last-minute withdrawals from Northwestern and Purdue. The Irish lost 7-2 twice to the Gophers and 6-3 and 9-0 to the Trojans. Notre Dame was without four of its top nine players forcing the Irish to play a freshmen-heavy lineup in a competitive ladder.

Field Hockey

The Irish traveled to Dayton, Ohio, for a matchup with the Flyers and emerged with a 1-0 victory. The game was scoreless until freshman Emmet Farnan found the net for the Irish, giving them the victory.

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Hockey

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of injuries to the Irish lineup has pushed the winger into the spotlight, where he'll be asked to make his college debut this Friday night against No. 13 Massachusetts-Lowell.

"It's a dream come true," Aiken said. "Obviously with the injuries you can't replace the skill level and talent level of those guys, but you have to have a 'next man in' philosophy. So if I get asked to take a couple shifts, I'll be ready to go."

With Notre Dame's current predicament, he better be. When Irish coach Jeff Jackson brought Aiken onto the team, he anticipated the soft-spoken walk-on would contribute solely as a practice player. But with four forwards out with injuries, Aiken dressed for the Irish on Saturday night against Merrimack to fill out the lineup.

Jackson said that Aiken looked nervous in warm-ups in front of the crowd on Saturday, and he decided to skate three lines to avoid throwing Aiken into the fray. But when the Irish travel to the Tsongas Center this weekend, an even shorter bench and a lack of TV timeouts will force the Irish to roll Aiken into the rotation and

onto the ice.

"It's kind of an interesting situation we're in now, but he definitely deserves to be wearing the Irish jersey," Irish senior captain Jeff Costello said. "He comes to the rink every day ready to work, and he's only gotten better since he started to train with us in the summer. He's stronger. He's faster. And he's starting to get more comfortable, which is allowing him to make plays he probably wouldn't have tried to make when he was newer to the team."

Aiken played high school hockey in the Milwaukee area, then came to Notre Dame to major in finance. He tried out for the team as a freshman but was cut, and was left to play for Alumni Hall's inter-hall team instead. Aiken came back bigger and stronger as a sophomore but failed to make the varsity again, and helped the club team come into its own and finish its inaugural season on a seven-game win streak.

This summer, Aiken continued to build on his progress, and entered the tryout period with a new sense of confidence.

"From the start of the summer, there was no doubt in my mind that I could hang with these guys," Aiken said. "I don't think I would've made the

team if I didn't have that belief. But there are no guarantees, so during the preseason I tried to do everything I could to give myself the best shot."

All Aiken's work finally paid off this time around, as Jackson called him into his office a week before the team's first game to let Joe know that he'd made the squad. An excited Aiken called his parents, some friends back home, then went back to his dorm to celebrate with his friends and former teammates.

"He came in, tried out a couple of times; he's a bit of the 'Rudy' story," Jackson said. "He's worked hard, he's been a great kid... He made the team for a reason."

After three years and focusing on every step along the way, Aiken's reason for making the team will present itself this weekend. And while the experience may be a dream three years in the making, Aiken can't afford to think about anything but the play in front of him come Friday.

"You can't be thinking about all the milestones along the way," he said. "I'm really just going to focus in on what I'm supposed to be doing out there, doing my job, and being ready to go when I'm asked to do so."

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Irish coach Jeff Jackson, pictured against Alaska in 2011, said junior walk-on Joe Aiken is a "Rudy" story.

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Irish senior setter Maggie Brindock serves the ball against Virginia Tech on Wednesday. Brindock finished with four kills, four digs, one block and 42 assists in Notre Dame's 3-1 win.

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Volleyball

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Simmons Collins said the Irish struggled against Virginia Tech's outside hitters in the first set.

"They have really powerful outsides," Collins said. "I think they tooled us a couple of times out there so we had to get our heads right and make sure we keyed in on what we needed to do. Our coaches were on us, telling us what shots we needed to hit, who to commit on in the block and I think that really helped we just got it together when we needed to."

The Hokies and the Irish went back and forth in the second set. Though there were only two lead changes, the Irish were never more than three points ahead of Virginia Tech until the set was at 21-17. Despite eight ties, the Irish battled through and took the final two points on a service error

to the match, the turning point, was coming back and winning that third [set] when we were down 24-21. That's a hard run to have and to come back and get that. That momentum we kept going into game four. You could see the look in the players eyes that we were going to win, that it was happening."

The Irish controlled most of the final set. Tied at four, Notre Dame pulled ahead and never looked back. Down by seven with the game at 19-12, Virginia Tech fought back and managed to bring the game within two at 22-20. Both teams were able to score two more times before a kill by junior outside hitter Toni Alugbue gave the Irish the 25-22 win and the victory.

Collins had one of her best games of her college career, notching six kills, and said the passing game was key to her success on offense.

"We've been practicing the

"Obviously the key to the match, the turning point, was coming back and winning that third [set]."

Debbie Brown
Irish coach

and missed ball by the Hokies, winning the set 25-21.

The two teams spent most of the third set within one point of one another. The Hokies took the biggest lead of the set at 23-20 then scored once more to get themselves to set point.

Four straight points from the Irish turned the tide and knotted the game at 24. The Hokies managed to pull ahead once more, but Notre Dame tied the game at 25 and went up 26-25 on the next point. An error by the Hokies gave the Irish the win. The game had 13 ties and three lead changes.

Brown said the win in the third set gave the Irish the drive they needed to close out the game.

"Going into the break at 1-1 after dropping the first set is huge," Brown said. "Obviously the key

connection between me and [senior setter Maggie Brindock] a lot," Collins said. "The passing was phenomenal and without that I wouldn't have been able to do what I did for my teammates tonight so I owe it all to the passers."

Brindock had 42 assists in the game, making her the seventh player in Notre Dame history to reach 3,000 assists in their career.

"That's a great milestone for her and I thought she had a very good match tonight," Brown said.

Coming off of the win, the Irish have a quick turnaround before taking on Virginia on Friday at 4:30 p.m. in Purcell Pavilion.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles travel to Beth Baker Classic

Observer Staff Report

The Belles will travel this weekend to Wheaton, Ill., for the Beth Baker Classic, where they will first square off against Buena Vista.

The Beavers (0-3) are coming off a rough stretch from last weekend, where they dropped both of their games in the Cornell Classic.

For the Belles (1-1) to have success against Buena Vista, they must find a way to slow down the Beavers' senior center Malarie Gilley, who averaged 16 points and nine rebounds over the course of the team's three games at the Cornell Classic in Mount Vernon, Iowa. Senior guard Susan Kies also poses a threat, averaging 10.5 points per game.

On offense, Saint Mary's will need continued production from senior guard Shanlynn Bias, who leads the team with 14 points per game and a .538 field goal percentage. The Belles will also need sophomore forward Eleni Shea and junior forward Ariana Paul to continue

their roles as complementary scorers. The pair averages a combined 24 points per game, and Paul is also tied for the team lead in 3-point percentage, shooting .750 from beyond the arc.

The Belles' Saturday opponent, Wheaton, appears to be a tougher test. The Thunder (2-1) have won both games by an average of 22.5 points per game and only suffered a loss to George Fox by three points in the closing seconds.

The Belles will need to contain Thunder sophomore center Hannah Considine, who leads the team in points with 12 per game, and will need to keep senior forward Maris Hovee off the glass. The senior averages over seven rebounds per game. The Thunder rely on a balanced attack, as four players average over .500 in field goal percentage.

The Belles begin action at the Beth Baker Classic on Friday against Buena Vista at 4 p.m. The Belles will play again Saturday against Wheaton at 3 p.m.

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enough and whatever comes along with it doesn't make it any worse."

During his career, which spanned 15 years, Page was also involved in National Football League Players' Association (NFLPA) as a players' representative. Page said his time with the NFLPA helped him experience first-hand what a lawyer's life was like.

"That was certainly a way for me to see a practical side of what lawyers did," he said. "When I was a players' representative, the association was involved in a number of lawsuits and so I got the opportunity to see lawyers in action and hear how they think, see what they did. I got, in some respects, a practical view of what the law is all about."

While some of the lawsuits involving the NFLPA during Page's time focused on antitrust laws, today's NFL is focused on dealing with a suit from former players about head injuries.

Page said he could not comment on the current concussion suit against the NFL, but said it was "hard to say" if today's game is safer than it was before.

"It is a dangerous and violent game, if you will," Page said. "People get hurt. People have gotten hurt from the inception of the game. Whether it's more or less

now, I can't really tell."

Despite being enshrined in two football Hall of Fames and playing the game for nearly 20 consecutive years, Page said he does not pay much attention to the sport now.

"Watching it is not playing," he said. "My interest was in playing it and not watching it. That hasn't changed from the beginning."

"I follow scores and that sort of thing. I don't watch a lot of football."

When he was with the Vikings and their "Purple People Eaters" defense, Page became the first active NFL player to complete a marathon. But in the process of training for the race, Page's weight dropped from 250 down to 225 pounds and Minnesota released the Notre Dame graduate. Chicago picked up Page and he spent the

final three-plus seasons with the Bears before retiring in 1981.

Page said he still exercises every day and estimates he has run between eight and 10 marathons in his life.

But could Page and his smaller size survive in today's NFL with bigger players?

"When I was playing, I played against players who were 290, 310 pounds and managed to hold my own," he said. "Whether that's possible today with everyone being as big as they are, I don't know. Fortunately, I don't have to find out."

Page lives in Minneapolis with his wife, Diane.

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Irish dig out of early hole to top Hokies

Notre Dame recovers after dropping first set to top Virginia Tech, claims sixth ACC win



CAROLINE GENCO | The Observer

Irish junior outside hitter Meg Vonderhaar elevates to contain a Virginia Tech attack on Tuesday. Vondehaar finished with five kills, one assist and one dig in the 3-1 Notre Dame victory over the Hokies. The win was Notre Dame's sixth conference win of the season.

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

After dropping the first set, the Irish rallied to defeat Virginia Tech 3-1 Thursday to win their sixth conference match of the season.

In the first set, the Irish (12-16, 6-11 ACC) struggled against the Hokies (21-10, 9-8). Down 21-17, Notre Dame was able to cut Virginia Tech's lead to two points, but with the game at 21-19, the Hokies took four of the next five points and closed out the game 25-20.

"Between games one and two we talked specifically about our blocking defense," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "We weren't able to score any points on our serve and we knew we had to do that better so really in game two we kind of flip flopped and we did much better and slowed them down a little bit."

Freshman middle blocker

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WAKING THE ECHOES | ALAN PAGE

Alum turns the page from football to law

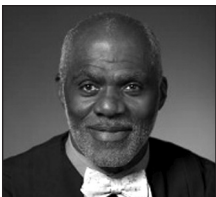
By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Assistant Managing Editor

Alan Page was a fourth grader when he figured out the power of the law.

"The Canton Repository" ran a story about the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, which declared segregated schools unconstitutional. Page was simply a newspaper-reader that day, but the court's decision piqued his interest in the law.

"As an African-American male,

Alan Page
Former Irish
defensive end



clearly that had an impact on my life directly," Page said in a phone interview with *The Observer*. "Seeing the power that the law had was something that I found interesting."

But that was not all that led Page to the courtroom.

"That, coupled with the fact that I had watched too much 'Perry Mason' as a kid," he said.

Page, 68, is now a Minnesota Supreme Court justice. He was first elected in 1992 and is currently

serving his final term on the bench.

Before he was a Supreme Court justice, though, Page was a consensus All-American defensive lineman, a national champion and a first-round draft pick at Notre Dame in the mid-60s. He also owns two honorary degrees from the University and was the commencement speaker in 2004.

As a member of the Minnesota Vikings, Page became the first defensive lineman to win the MVP award. He was named defensive player of the year twice and earned nine Pro Bowl appearances. He played in four Super Bowls and was inducted in both the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the College Football Hall of Fame.

He also went to law school at the University of Minnesota during his football career, which saw him play in 238 consecutive games. Page said going to school provided him with a unique test.

"It was challenging in terms of scheduling classes I needed at the times I could take them," he said. "Otherwise, I don't think it was that much different than anybody else who works and goes to law school or grad school or medical school or whatever else it might be."

"Law school by itself is hard

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HOCKEY

Walk-on Aiken chases dream



MICHAEL YU | The Observer

Notre Dame shakes hands with Guelph following the Irish 5-2 exhibition win Oct. 6. After a year on the club team, Irish junior Joe Aiken is now the newest member of Notre Dame's varsity team.

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

This time last year, junior Joe Aiken was a member of Notre Dame's club hockey team, which was trying to establish itself in its first year of existence. The club didn't have

a permanent locker room at Compton Family Ice Arena, so Aiken would lug his gear to and from late-night practices at the rink, trudging across the huge expanse of snowy parking lots with a bulging bag of gear.

Now, Aiken is the newest member of Notre Dame's

varsity squad, after walking on to the team this summer. His new roster spot finally brings him a locker at the arena to call his own—and a whole lot more. In addition to the free gear and fancy hotels, a recent barrage

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