

P.E. requirements changed

New seven-themed program to replace current P.E. system will begin in fall 2015

By CATHERINE OWERS
News Writer

Incoming University freshmen in fall 2015 will participate in a new program that will replace the current model, eliminating the physical education courses and swimming requirement, according to an April 17 press release.

"On the recommendation of the Academic Council, Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame, has approved two one-credit courses for first-year students that include components that focus

on physical and mental wellness, spirituality, cultural competency, academic success and discernment," the press release stated.

Hugh Page, vice president, associate provost and dean of the First Year of Studies program, said these changes were recommended by the ad hoc Committee on Physical Education Requirement Alternatives.

"The ad hoc Committee on Physical Education Requirement Alternatives (ACPERA) proposal represents the final phase of a

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NEW PROGRAM APPROVED
FOR
INCOMING FRESHMEN IN FALL 2015

NEW CLASSES WILL HAVE SEVEN THEMES:

- 1.) Orientation to University Life
- 2.) Strategies for Health and Wholeness
- 3.) Community Standards and Cultural Competence
- 4.) Strategies for Success in the Classroom
- 5.) Discernment (Academic, Spiritual and Vocational)
- 6.) Cultivation of Spiritual Life
- 7.) Mind-Body Awareness/Physical Activity

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App to assist medical research

By ALEX WINEGAR
News Writer

Saint Mary's communicative sciences and disorders department and Notre Dame's engineering and computer science departments have paired up to create an app to help detect concussions on the sidelines of sports games.

Contact Inc. came into existence through the ESTEEM program (Engineering, Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Excellence Masters Program), president of Contact Inc. Shane McQuillan said.

"Contact came into existence through my ESTEEM thesis, which was a required component of the program," McQuillan said. "That being said, a lot of companies that were established did not continue after the program, so Contact is fairly unique in that sense. We won the McCloskey business competition last year, which provided the ground work to keep things going."

The app is in its early stages but hopes to go to market in

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O'SNAP to enhance student safety

By JACK ROONEY
Associate News Editor

Late-night student transportation on campus is about to get easier and safer as a result of the Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol (O'SNAP), the first major policy initiative from junior student body president Lauren Vidal and vice president Matthew Devine.

Vidal said the program will utilize two new four-person golf carts, complete with hard doors, seatbelts, heating, radio and a safety beacon, to supplement and possibly replace the

Safewalk program.

"We're all very open to the idea of [O'SNAP] possibly and hopefully replacing Safewalk in the future," Vidal said. "In terms of increased efficiency, it's just going to create a whole other level. Safewalk has done a fantastic job over the years, but we really hope that this is kind of going to be an amp up, and it will essentially encompass what nightly escort means on campus."

Vidal said the funding for the project, totaling \$31,760 (approximately \$16,000 per cart), came from excess money allocated for

the 2013-2014 Coccia-Joyce administration, so the this project's finances will not infringe upon student government's budget for the upcoming school year. She said the Financial Management Board unanimously approved the funding at a meeting Tuesday evening.

Vidal said the new service will act primarily as a late night responsive taxi service for students if they do not feel safe or do not want to walk back to their dorms in inclement weather.

"These vehicles will kind of serve as a taxi service for students, so they will

be a response team," she said. "They're not for abuse, [though]. They're not for people who are like 'Oh, I'm too lazy to walk to main circle.' But really when it's cold or really late at night, it would be a service for students to use."

NDSP Sergeant Tracy Skibins said both Safewalk and O'SNAP place a primary emphasis on student safety and going forward, she said she hopes O'SNAP will be a more popular, widely used system.

"The current Safewalk

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Senior shares story of Tourette syndrome

By MARISA IATI
Senior News Writer

Senior Tom White finds order in disorder.

He finds it in the disorder of his Dillon Hall bedroom, where piles of socks and shoes rest by the bed, hats cluster around a plastic moose head and three broken hockey sticks adorn the wall.

He also finds it in the disorder of his Tourette syndrome, a neurological condition that causes him to move, shriek, jump or curse involuntarily.

"For years I've been saying, 'Oh,

I can write a book about this. I have all these funny stories.' And I do — whether it be screaming out obscenities, screaming out things in airports," White said. "I have all these stories and all these collections and unique experiences that radically kind of define who I am and have kind of built up the character that I have."

The desire to share those experiences compelled White to speak at TEDxUND, a local, self-organized program related to the TED conferences, Jan. 21 in

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Senior Tom White works at his desk in Dillon Hall following classes last Wednesday. White delivered a talk at the TEDxUND event in January to share his experience with Tourette syndrome.

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If North and South Dining Halls had mascots, what would they be?



Andrew DeSantis

freshman
Knott Hall

"North would be a bulldog,
South would be a giraffe."



Katie Winter

senior
Welsh Family Hall

"Sharks for South, Clownfish for
North."



Lyssa Mall

senior
Pangborn Hall

"North, dolphin. South, squirrel."



Merrick Topping

sophomore
Stanford Hall

"Wildcat for South, falcon for
North."



Trenton Kuta

sophomore
Alumni Hall

"Aardvark for North and honey
badger for South."



Shannon McIntee

sophomore
Cavanaugh Hall

"A quarter dog for North and the
Jesus table for South."



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Saint Mary's College students take part in "One Day Without Shoes" on Tuesday, a global event organized by Toms shoes. Participants go barefoot for a day to raise awareness for children's health and education.

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Wednesday

AAA Grotto Trip

Bond Hall
10 p.m.
Open to all.

Outside Sports Festival

South Quad
12 p.m.-6 p.m.
Display of outdoor sports on campus.

Thursday

Frankenstein of 1790

Hesburgh Library
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
One Book, One Michiana Lecture.

King Lear

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.
National Theatre Live event.

Friday

Scholars Conference

Hesburgh Library
12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Undergraduate scholars conference.

Climate Seminar

Galvin Life Sciences Center
3 p.m.-4 p.m.
Discussion of climate change in US national parks.

Saturday

Men's Lacrosse

Arlotta Stadium
12 p.m.-2 p.m.
The Irish take on Army in the ACC tournament.

Film: "Inequality for all"

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
Examines widening inequality gap in U.S.

Sunday

Mothers of Notre Dame Mass

St. Joseph Parish
8 a.m.
Open to all.

Softball Game

Melissa Cook Stadium
12 p.m.
The Irish take on the BC eagles in the last game of the Strikeout Cancer Weekend.

Senior named finalist for playwright award

By MARGARET HYNDS
News Writer

Notre Dame senior Kaitlyn Farrell was recently named one of three finalists in the Beckwith Theatre Company and Dowagiac Dogwood Fine Arts Festival's "Emerging Playwright Award" competition.

The contest is designed to recognize young playwrights between the ages of 18 and 30 living or studying in Michigan or northern Indiana. Though Farrell's play, titled "Ambrotypes," did not win the competition, she received \$250 for being named a finalist.

"She didn't win, but it was awesome exposure in the local arena for work," senior Robert McKenna, who played Jason M. Hawley in the play, said. "Everyone has to start somewhere."

The play was originally commissioned for ND Student

Players, an on-campus theatre troupe, but it was not performed as scheduled in the fall and was not re-scheduled.

"In January, one of my original actors [McKenna] came to me and said, 'this play needs to be put on,'" Farrell said. "That's sort of how it got started again."

Farrell said she worked with McKenna to acquire funds from the student players and began the process of casting the show.

Around the time Farrell began preparing to stage her work at Notre Dame, she submitted "Ambrotypes" to the Emerging Playwright's competition.

"I had written the play in about three weeks over the summer, but over Christmas break, I spent another week editing, [and] I added another scene. ... It wasn't until spring break that they called me and told me I was a finalist," Farrell said.

Farrell said she originally got the idea for the play when she visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art's "Photography and the American Civil War" exhibit last summer, she read about the work of Alexander

the play at the beginning of April, she said.

"That may have been one of the better things to happen to us," freshman Nick Lindstrom said, who played Alexander Gardner in the ND Student Players production. "Kaitlyn got the chance to see complete strangers perform it, and they interpreted the script in an entirely different way than she did. She brought that back and it helped shape her vision."

The Notre Dame production was staged one week later, April 24-25, in the Washington Hall Theatre Lab.

"It was my first time directing a full-length play," Farrell said. "I tend to be more quiet, and I'm definitely more interested in script analysis and playwriting, and it's pretty rare that playwrights get to direct their own work, so it was definitely a good experience."

Farrell said the production was based on a very

collaborative process.

"I loved just watching the show, listening to the words that I wrote. ... It's a very kind of transcendental experience. Just sitting there, and I know what the next line is going to be, but I'm always surprised by how they present it," Farrell said.

After she graduates, Farrell plans to move back to her home state of New York.

"My hope is to maybe get an apprenticeship at a theater. I would love to work in script analysis, but my hope is to continue playwriting as well," she said. "I would like to get the play published this summer, but sometimes you need to have a full-scale production before they'll publish it."

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Kaitlyn Farrell
senior

Gardner, a Scottish immigrant who became a battlefield photographer. Gardner became the subject of "Ambrotypes," which fits into the genre of historical fiction.

Since Farrell was named a finalist, the Beckwith Theatre Company staged a reading of

Graduate student launches fair trade company

By GABRIELA MALESPIN
News Writer

Notre Dame MBA student Jordan Karcher has combined a love of coffee with a dedication to animal welfare to create Grounds and Hounds, a 100 percent fair trade and organic certified coffee brand that provides financial support to "No-Kill" Animal Shelters.

Karcher said he became interested in helping the animal community after adopting his dog in Santa Monica, Ca., which led him to become more active in animal adoption organizations.

"I've always been a dog

person, but the reward you got from having an adopted dog and the way they looked at you was really incredible from a personal standpoint," Karcher said. "I started spending more time with the rescue community in general, and I saw a lot of the issues going on, and a big piece of it is that there's not enough awareness about what's happening in the humane society."

Karcher said he began developing this initiative three months before attending Notre Dame as an MBA student.

Grounds and Hounds currently donates 20 percent of

its revenue to various partner "No-Kill" shelter organizations across the country, he said. Grounds and Hounds has already partnered with ten "No-Kill" animal shelters across the country, including Pet Refuge in South Bend.

"Fortunately, Pet Refuge in South Bend was one of our first partners. They got on board right away and they've been incredibly supportive of us since day one," Karcher said.

"They [animal shelters] do a good job of trying to find homes, they're just limited by time and money," Karcher said. "I started working on different ways that I could

create a business that was enticing and really beneficial for the community yet still financially feasible."

Karcher said the company attempts to make sure the revenue from the coffee sales stays within the community in which the product was bought, so customers can see a direct impact in their communities versus donating money to national organizations.

"From my background in business, I was looking for a way to come up with a solution that creates a more steady stream of revenue and dependable donations versus having to rely on

single events or adoption fees," Karcher said.

Christopher Stevens, a lead investor in Grounds and Hounds, said he became interested in Karcher's company due to his background in the coffee industry and his personal experience with dogs. Stevens said retailers have continued to contact the company during the year and hopes the company can achieve partnerships with 12 organizations by the end of the year.

"We're really excited that by the end of this month, we'll cut our first checks to the refuge shelter," Steven said. "This summer we'll take it to the next level."

Stevens said he believes the company has been able to succeed due to both its product and its mission.

"Every brand and product you service has to have a why to it. People don't want to just buy what you're selling, people buy what you believe, what you stand for," Stevens said. "2.1 million dogs are euthanized a year because you can't feed them. Our goal is to cut that in a half within the next five years, that's a worthy cause."

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Freshman

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three-year process involving two separate university committees," Page said. "Input at various stages in the deliberations of both bodies was received from the Faculty Senate, the Undergraduate Studies Committee of Academic Council (USCAC), faculty and students. Both USCAC and ACPERA had student representation."

The new classes will enable a wider range of campus educators to aid freshmen throughout the school year, Page said.

"These new classes will allow us more directly to involve a broad spectrum of campus educators in orienting first-year students to undergraduate life and in helping them to acquire the disciplines of the mind and habits of the heart that will enable them to thrive and to take full advantage of the opportunities for intellectual and spiritual development at Notre Dame," he said. "We also see in them an opportunity to call the attention of first-year students to the educational charism of the Congregation of Holy Cross, which emphasizes formation of the whole person."

Page said the new classes are similar to the current Contemporary Topics classes, but will significantly expand the material covered and allow more time for student-teacher interaction.

"The classes will have seven themes as their overarching foci: Orientation to University Life; Strategies for Health and Wholeness; Community Standards and Cultural Competence; Strategies for Success in the Classroom; Discernment (Academic, Spiritual and Vocational); Cultivation of Spiritual Life; and Mind-Body Awareness/Physical Activity," he said.

"They also provide an opportunity for student engagement in small groups. Some of these issues are addressed in the two-course Contemporary Topics sequence we now have in place, while others are not. A few have been included in earlier incarnations of CT, but were discontinued.

"Our hope is to provide an opportunity for each area to be engaged in a manner that is sustained, appropriately challenging, contemplative and meaningful," he said.

The new classes will be organized in a variety of ways, Page said, including through students' residence halls.

"We anticipate using available slots throughout the traditional class day to arrange plenary and small group breakout sessions, in some instances via residence hall clustering," he said. "At present, logistical details are fluid. Our goal is to organize these classes so as to promote dialogue among the larger first-year student body as well as within

residence halls about issues that are crucial to student growth and the strengthening of the fabric of our common life."

Page said that the changes will result in the closing of the Physical Education and Wellness Instruction Department at the end of the 2014-2015 academic school year.

"We are working closely with faculty and staff impacted to locate other opportunities for employment," he said. "Our goal is to ensure that the transition is managed in a manner that is at once professional and pastorally sensitive."

The committee's plan also includes continuing to offer a wide variety of life, sport and mind-body activity classes through the Office of Recreational Sports, Page said.

"The plan also includes ... developing a communications plan that encourages regular physical activity on the part of students and encouraging the use of electronic portfolios on the part of students to log their activities and note progress toward individual wellness goals," he said. "We hope, as well, to develop a system of electronic badges to recognize student achievement in these areas."

Diane Scherzer, associate professional specialist in the physical education department, said the 12 instructors in the physical education and wellness department will be teaching physical lifetime activities in the current

wellness program for the next school year.

"We have three people who are on a one-year contract, and after the 2015 school year they will no longer be employed, unless they find another job within the University," she said. "Everybody else who has six years of experience or more, they are going to be given one year in First Year of Studies, in some capacity, for the 2015-2016 school year.

"It is yet to be determined what position they'll be receiving, and then after that, I do believe they want [Human Resources] to help us find other employment within the University, but that is not guaranteed."

Scherzer said she is concerned the new classes will not allow for students to learn new sports.

"I'm concerned about the students not having the opportunity to learn how to swim, take dance classes, squash, golf, ice-skating — so they can skate with their kids one day — curling class, fencing," she said. "RecSports doesn't offer any of those, as far as learning how to get halfway decent at them. They teach fitness classes, spin classes, but they don't teach people how to acquire new skills."

The current physical education courses allow students to try sports they have never experienced before, Scherzer said.

"Basically, every kid that goes through our program is supposed to take something they haven't had experience in

before," she said. "I'm truly worried about the students. How are they going to learn new lifetime skills and use them for a lifetime, if they are not taught them?"

The changes, which will eliminate the traditional swim test, also take away a learning opportunity for students, Scherzer said.

"Ninety percent of the students who took the swim test and failed were glad that they took swimming, that they learned how to swim and were more comfortable in the water," she said. "It makes myself, and everybody in the department, disappointed and sad the students won't have this opportunity anymore."

Scherzer said she thinks the new classes, which do not provide a time for physical activity, will have a negative impact on students' health and stress levels.

"Many of my students have told me 'This is a stress reliever, and I've met friends outside of my major, I've met friends who are from the other side of campus, and without physical education classes I would have never met those people,'" she said. "A lot of them have said that because of PE class they've had a scheduled time to participate. And in doing so, hopefully they will keep that up. Here, it's a de-stresser, it's social and they learn an activity."

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App

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early 2015, McQuillan said. The app will first be used in high schools and will then expand to other markets fairly quickly.

"At a very high level, here's how it works: we take a baseline speech recording from an athlete at the start of a season," McQuillan said. "During this they read a series of words and sentences that are presented to them by our application, we then analyze these recordings and extract a number of acoustic metrics.

"After a suspected concussion the athlete repeats the same test, and again we extract the acoustic features. We can compare the sets of features to establish if there is a likelihood of concussion.

The team of creators for Contect Inc. is composed of software developers and entrepreneurs who are capable of building a robust application, McQuillan said.

Saint Mary's communicative sciences and disorders professor Sandra Schneider designs tests and trials and examines recordings to see what changes she can detect in athlete's voices.

"We are at a point in time in society, in our world, where we can't do research just in our own field alone and understand it," Schneider said. "I think we really have to cross

boundaries. ... Between computer science and engineering, those people have different skillset than we have, and it's kind of nice to be working in conjunction of all of us together because I think we all learn something from each other as we go through this."

The earlier a concussion is detected, the sooner it can be treated, McQuillan said.

"Contect is trying to fill a gap where there is no good solution — sideline concussion detection," McQuillan said. "If you want to detect them straight away, you're going to need to do it on the sidelines, and Contect wants to offer a product that can do so."

The brain is such a finely-tuned instrument that it does not like any kind of change, Schneider said. About 161 kids who have not had a concussion have been tested for a baseline. Schneider predicts about 30 of them will get a concussion before they go into their sport.

"With sports injury related concussions, it's a fact that usually one concussion isn't the problem, its multiple concussions," Schneider said. "Every time they get hit, in practice on the field, the more hits that you have the more in danger you are. This brain can only take so much. And then it begins to show cumulative effects."

Speech is a sensitive tool that is a good indicator for anything that happens to the

brain, Schneider said.

"It's an emotional indicator and it's a neurological indicator," Schneider said. "That's why they thought that speech would be a good indicator on the sidelines. You can have a baseline of somebody and then you have them read these words and we have the words and what they need to do and if there is any change it would be an indicator."

Schneider said the app is groundbreaking because currently, there is no literature that says there can be changes in speech due to a mild concussion.

"The app right away was developed to look at speech and see if there were any changes in speech due to a mild concussion, which, believe it or not, there is nothing in literature about that all so this is like breaking ground," Schneider said. "We know there's changes in speech and people with moderate and severe traumatic brain injury but do we know that speech is a detector for mild concussions."

Schneider said coaches have been accommodating at the high school level so far but believes that this app will become a political issue as well.

"You also have to realize that it's a very political issue because you start into Division One, which is like the Notre Dame football team, and as you know there's a lot riding on the line when you pull

one of your star quarterbacks out because of concussion," Schneider said. "And some of them I don't think want to know that information. So it's a political decision in a lot of ways. And they know they're going to run into that."

The app is meant to be used in conjunction with other concussion screeners, Schneider said. The app alone cannot be used to make a decision.

"Right now we seem to be primarily in the high schools but later it will be in the college level and then when we have something that is really strong and seems to be pretty accurate at detecting something, then I think they'll push it to the next level," Schneider said. "So we're talking a few years."

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White

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the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

"I've always been kind of fascinated by TED Talks, and I think I'm good at public speaking. It's one of my gifts," he said. "And the reason why I don't get nervous is because eyes are always on me, if you think about it. ... Literally, all the world's a stage."

In his 12-minute talk, White shared a typical day for him and argued that together, people can confront their collective vulnerability.

"The thesis of it was, yeah, whatever I have is strange and quixotic and eccentric, but simply because of that, it in no way demeans or diminishes what other people have," White said. "Because everyone's got their problems; everyone has their crosses to bear."

'A knee-jerk reaction'

Several years ago, White's Tourette syndrome demonstrated itself in a particularly problematic manner.

"I've been tackled in an airport by air marshals," White said. "I screamed out, 'I have a bomb!' As you can imagine, that didn't go over that well. And I got tackled and detained for a little bit."

In that situation and in others, White's Tourette syndrome manifests itself in ways that are hypersensitive to specific environments, he said.

"My brain will be devious, so think about the worst possible thing you can say, slash, do, in a situation," White said. "[For example,] you're alone on the sidewalk with a woman — 'I'll kill

you, I'll rape you,' or something like that. It tries to find the worst possible thing and match that up with the impulse to scream it."

Yelling out potentially offensive statements in public is scary for White and for the recipients of the outbursts because White never knows how people will react, he said. He said he worries that some people might have concealed weapons or respond in other dangerous ways.

"It's fascinating to me because I think my brain works in overload to not only think about that circumstance, but also to act as a regular person, if you will," he said.

Some people with Tourette's have associated problems, such as Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder or anxiety, according to the website of the Tourette Syndrome Association (TSA). White said he has Obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), which couples with his Tourette syndrome to make him act as "a knee-jerk reaction."

"I have the ability to totally shut it down if I put all my energy into it, but were I to do that for ... however many hours I'm awake, I'd be absolutely exhausted, simply because it's literally like waging a war," he said. "Imagine trying to stop yourself from blinking, trying to stop yourself from breathing, trying to stop yourself from yawning, trying to stop yourself from doing an integral process that's gnawing away at you. It's nearly impossible, so it's a war that I am constantly waging with these functions."

Getting by

When he is not restraining the impulses that Tourette's causes,

White notices when people around him react to his tics.

"At Notre Dame, it's lucky because everyone's kind, everyone's gracious, everyone's humble and they act with a great deal of kindness and grace," he said. "And that's not every community that I've encountered."

White said he uses humor to smooth over awkward circumstances. He said the quick connections that he makes because of his Tourette syndrome and OCD enable him to be witty and bitingly sarcastic.

"I often defuse the situation with humor, mockery, self-deprecation, you name it," White said. "And that tends to work, simply because people respond to that. ... If you can show that, sure, you've got this condition or whatever, but you're funny, even the most introverted, terrified people will elicit a laugh, which is telling, and it's the easiest way to defuse the situation."

"I guess, initially, [meeting new people is] tense, but once you get to know me and you kind of break down that façade and take the tics and everything in stride, then it's humorous, then it's interesting. It's an insight into my mind ... [and] the way I operate."

White's Tourette syndrome exhibits itself more at some times than at others, he said. Although he said stress and sleep deprivation increase the symptoms, he said he never can be sure when they will worsen or improve.

"There are activities that certainly defuse it — engaging conversation, in class if I'm fully invested," White said. "I've played hockey since I was three years old, so 19 years now, and it never, ever manifested itself then.

... I used to play piano — it never happened then — reading, writing, any sport any physical activity, watching a movie or TV show."

In order to lessen the symptoms of his Tourette's, White is constantly in motion. He pursues a double major in the Program of Liberal Studies and Italian, is a Hesburgh-Yusko Scholar and plays on the club hockey team. In his free time, White said, he manages a stock portfolio with his 18-year-old brother.

"I'm better when I'm active," White said. "I'm taking 19 credits this semester. I'm trying to suck the life out of my college experience."

'Extending a hand'

Although scientists think Tourette's is caused by problems in one or more parts of the brain, they are unsure of its exact causes, according to the TSA. The organization's website stated that there currently is no cure for Tourette's, but there are treatments to reduce the severity of tics and symptoms of related conditions.

Still, White said treatments are "like guessing games" and medical pharmaceutical companies stray away from Tourette's research because it is unprofitable. As a result, he said, some people with the disorder struggle to function in society. He said he intended for his TEDx talk to benefit these individuals.

"I think it was necessary that I do it — not to sound pompous," he said. "I get emails, I get Facebook messages from people who are showing gratitude and sincerely ask for my help, and it's kind of emotionally draining. ... I think I have it bad, but I mean,

suck it up — I don't have anything compared to these people.

"So, the response has been overwhelming, and I think the outcome has been the increased need for a talk or conversation about neurological illness and the decrease in stigmatization of it. ... Our society is readily able to accept amputees and other such things, people in wheelchairs and such, to our credit, but where we fall short is when we can't accept those with non-physical injuries. I think it's a necessary wake-up call."

White said his family and friends get him out of bed every day, despite the difficulties of his syndrome.

"I wouldn't wish this upon anyone at all, let alone those people without a solid base of love and support or even faith in God," he said. "Going through this alone, I don't think it's possible. So, if anything, the TED Talk is just extending a hand — like, 'Listen, you're not going through this alone. Yeah, it might suck at times, it might be miserable, but listen, you've got life.'"

The compassion and selflessness of his brother particularly help White to survive the ups and downs of his Tourette syndrome, he said.

"[My brother] will go to the ends of the earth with me, and I know he'll be my best friend for the rest of my life," White said. "So, I mean, it's awesome; I'm blessed. As much as it might seem to be miserable, I realize the immense amount of blessings in my life, and as a result of that, I'm able to thrive, to prosper."

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O'SNAP

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program and the new proposed program both have safety as the [number one] goal," Skibins said. "Getting students from

one part of campus to another, safely. The main difference between the current program and the new program is that the new program should be more efficient and more easily accessible. We also hope that it will

become popular and more students will want to utilize it, and use it more often."

Devine said the program is a tangible way to help fight violence and sexual assault and continue the work of student body president emeritus Alex Coccia and vice president emeritus Nancy Joyce.

"Alex and Nancy made great headway with the One is Too Many Campaign and we thought this would be a way to not only popularize a service that's already on campus, but really contribute to students feeling safe," he said.

Student government director of gender issues freshman Kristen Loehle said after researching similar transportation systems at other schools, she believes O'SNAP will help create a safer campus environment.

"I think [O'SNAP] will be effective in reducing the occurrence of any type of late night violence, and it will help to maintain a safe night time environment across campus for now and the years to come," she said.

Through this branding, student government director of constituent services junior Jack McKeon said the new program aims to be more readily

accessible to all students.

"I think that with the right amount of exposure, the new program will be very successful," McKeon said. "One of the main downfalls of the Safewalk

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freshman

program was that few people knew about it, and even fewer knew when and where they operated. With the new program we will ensure it will be easy to locate and contact."

Student government director of residence life junior Brent Murphy said increased

use of the new program would also aid in creating a safer environment.

"I think that [O'SNAP] especially grew out of this feeling that if we could introduce changes to the program that would increase its use, then it could be an extremely effective tool in promoting safety on campus," Murphy said. "And so far, everyone that has heard about the project has seemed to agree."

Skibins said student government and NDSP still need to solidify the details of the program before its full implementation, but NDSP student employees will staff the new program, just as they do with Safewalk.

Vidal said student government will continue to work on the project over the summer and hope it will be fully operational for freshman orientation and the beginning of football season.

"We really want it to be available in the fall so we can show first-year students safety is a primary concern here, and so we're addressing it and here's how we're doing it," she said. "Hopefully it's popular and it'll be used a lot."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Ignorance vs. hate



Miko Malabute
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Recently I've been caught up in a re-hash marathon of the TV series "The Office" during my spare time — extremely appropriate during finals season, I know. After reliving every moment of season three in the past couple of days, there seems to be one episode that really stands out. Season three, episode six: "Diwali." In it, Dunder Mifflin – Scranton regional manager Michael Scott (played by Steve Carell) offers his best attempt at maintaining an open mind and open arms in embracing foreign culture when his employee Kelly Kapoor (Mindy Kaling) introduces the episode-title Hindu festival to the office: "Indians do not eat monkey brains. And if they do ... sign me up. Because I am sure that they are very tasty and nutritional."

Scott is unaware of how ignorant he really is — not necessarily malicious, but simply ignorant of others' cultures, ideals and customs. But, you can't really blame the guy for trying. After all, Scott's heart is golden as he has proven time and again throughout the series. All he truly wants is to understand and love everyone.

Whenever people have encountered uncomfortable political, gender or lifestyle differences on campus, it has been comforting to see that the stance has always been that our University should be a forum that allows for constructive discussion and enlightening debate, that so long as we show a desire to understand and love one another we may be able to share their thoughts, feelings and beliefs in a comfortable setting.

So when you're met with someone who does understand how ignorant he really is, and embraces this misunderstanding and misplaces it into hate, the tolerance for their views and beliefs quickly dwindles. The intention is not to understand and love as Scott does — as we do — but the intention becomes to hurt.

This is unfortunately what we have with the recent leak of Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling. In the tape released by TMZ, the alleged voice of Sterling may be heard to reprimand his half-African-American, then girlfriend V. Stiviano for taking a picture with Los Angeles Lakers legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson, and even going further to tell her he cannot tolerate people of African-American descent at his Clippers games. This ignorance and hate has been met with cries of injustice by representatives of the NBA across the board, from Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant and Johnson himself. It is popular belief that as of today, with the Golden State Warriors leading the Clippers in the NBA playoff series 2-1, Sterling has jeopardized his team's chances for a championship run. In an association like the NBA where Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban runs onto the court to hug his player Vince Carter for a game-winning shot, it is baffling that this kind of determined and unapologetic racism and ignorance still persists today.

Ignorance is okay, so long as it is coupled with a desire to understand, love and embrace each other's differences. Unabashed ignorance and hate, however, have no place in a society that seeks to grow together.

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Trends of modern warfare

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Morning in America

Since World War II and the start of the nuclear age, the world of state diplomacy and relations has drastically changed. Before, world superpowers fought on a nearly constant basis about pitifully small things, from love interests to the cutting off of a naval captain's ear. Now however, it seems like even very large international situations do not warrant military action. Take for example Russia and the Crimea. Russia has obviously invaded the territory of a sovereign nation, and yet no military action against them has been taken. In contrast, when Germany invaded Poland, the international community almost immediately began to gear up for war. One must ask the question: why the drastic change in world reactions?

The answer to this question is multifold. First, we must look at the development of the modern military complex, namely the advent of nuclear weapons. After the United States dropped the atomic bombs Little Boy and Fat Man on Japan, forward-thinking observers could have guessed that the world had drastically changed. Observers saw that very little could be done to protect against a weapon capable of obliterating an entire city in seconds. Soon, other nations of the world began to develop their own nuclear weapons, and the age of nuclear proliferation arose.

With this age began the modern era of neutrality between super powers. Through the theory of Mutually Assured Destruction, whereby neither side could strike the other without massive retaliation, if one nation were to launch its missiles, all other nuclear nations would respond with

catastrophic results. Instead, these countries picked smaller and more finessed ways of fighting each other. One of these was to fight smaller hot wars through different countries, such as the Korean and Vietnam wars. The other, more lasting, change to inter-country aggression came in the form of economic sanctions in lieu of military force.

Instead of employing bullets and missiles, much of today's modern ill-will between countries manifests itself through economic sanctions. Take Russia and Ukraine again. As the United States has denounced Russia's actions in Ukraine, it has placed economic sanctions on both the country of Russia and on specific individuals within the government's inner circle. In retaliation, Russia has responded with economic sanctions against the United States and certain members of the United States government, including senators and presidential advisors. The majority of the western world also backs the United States in these actions, including the G-7 (the original G-8 minus Russia).

While many often question the effectiveness of these economic sanctions, compared to the alternative options of going to war or doing nothing, they usually make up an infinitely better option. They have also been shown to work over time, such as the recently released reports that the Russian car industry is suffering because of the current sanctions. Although this outcome does not specifically hurt the government, it can aid in making a people question the rationale of their government's decisions when these decisions hurt the country. Eventually, the collective voices of the people might persuade the government to change its strategy.

All that said, many wars still occur

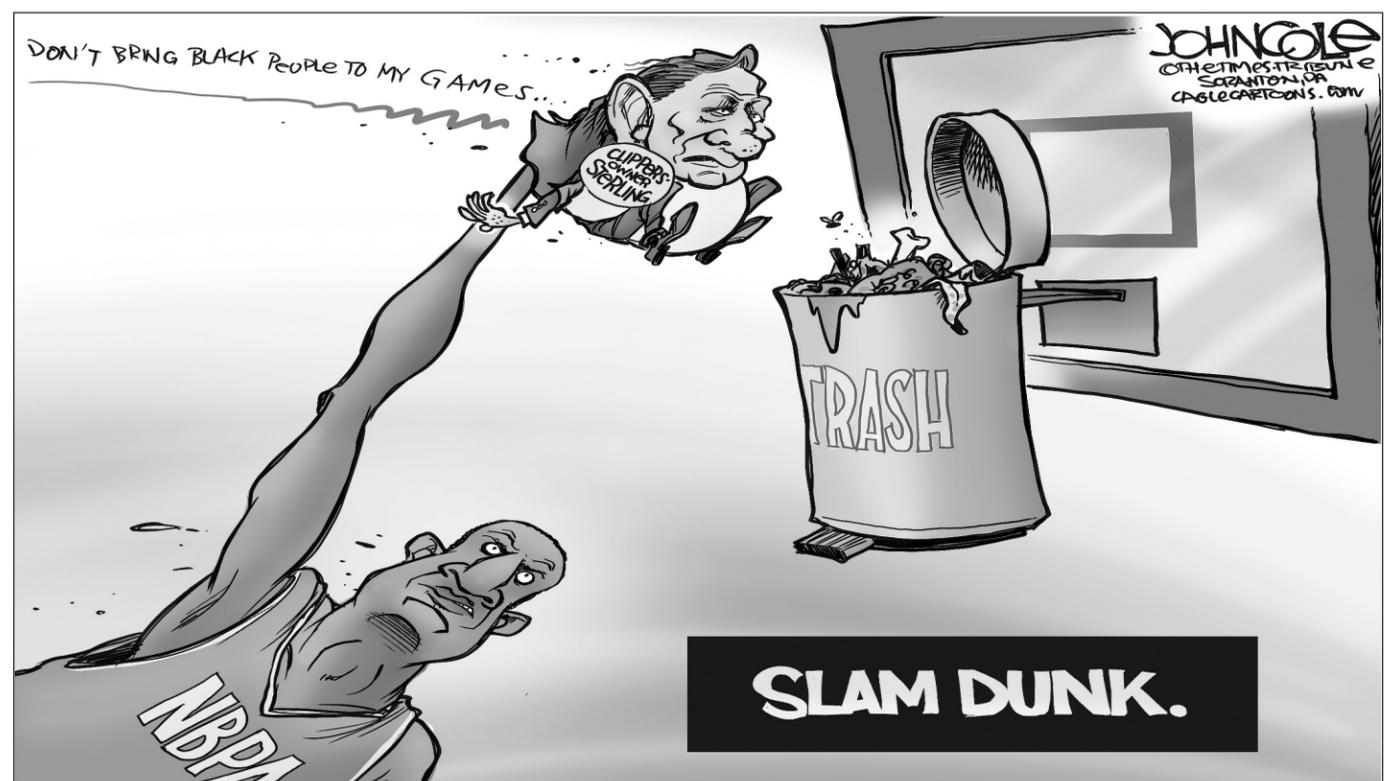
today. However, a closer look at these specific wars show just how much different they are from the widespread wars of the past. Take the war in Iraq. Instead of governments fighting governments, it is a government fighting a guerilla group. Because of the very nature of their small hit and run tactics, it makes them incredibly difficult to eliminate. The same principles apply to almost every war since WWII, most visibly seen in the war in Vietnam.

All together, these wars also had something very important in common; one or more of the parties did not have nuclear weapons. Taking this into account, I believe that it is possible to predict the future of international relations and conflicts. When two superpowers come into conflict, such as today with the United States and Russia, or possibly in the future with the United States and China, war will not break out, but rather economic sanctions and pressures will be implemented. However, when one or more of the parties does not have nuclear weapons, there is a much higher change of war breaking out, as can be seen today in Iraq and possibly seen in the future throughout Africa and South America. With its position in the world, the United States would be wise to continue on the forefront of this new type of international diplomacy, simultaneously affirming its economic dominance and keeping the world safe from wide-scale wars.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



Unmasked-for advice

Robert Alvarez

Man on a Nag

Around this time in Observer columns, you find a lot of seniors giving advice to underclassmen about how to maximize their time here. Typical advice follows along the lines of “your work matters,” “stay focused on school,” “involve yourself on campus” and the almighty, “you get out of ND what you put into ND.” All good advice, but admittedly very biased advice by panicking seniors trying to figure out what they will be doing “next year,” and therefore giving advice about how to find jobs. Screw that stuff.

You see, the preceding pieces of advice — pieces based on trying to find a job — are not bad advice. They are actually very honest and vulnerable pieces of advice. At the center of it — and of all advice for that matter — is fear and caring. Fear that someone will do something wrong, and caring desire that they avoid it. The advice-giver wants the advice-receiver to be happy. My problem is that the find-a-job paradigm places the source of our happiness in safety and security.

The job is insulation from the slings and arrows of a capricious world and education is the means of raising our fortress. It is a well-meaning paradigm based on fear, seeking to anesthetize us from the world.

I refuse to allow the premise that the world is something to fear. I’m not denying that the world can be a dangerous place, but affirming that we are of the world and any happiness we find is of the world as well. Happiness will never be born out of safety because happiness is born out of relationships and relationships require trust, which is always a form of risk.

This brings me to my advice: risk getting hurt. Risk screwing up. Risk caring about something. Trust the world. College is the perfect time for exploration. Explore. Learn about the world and the people in it. That could mean going abroad or going into South Bend; reading a book or going out — what is essential is that you are constant in your attention. Attention is the essence of exploration, a receptivity to the world that enables us to encounter a constantly renewing world. As students we enter into the world, yes, but we do so by allowing the world

to enter into us.

I’m going a little bit beyond college advice now, so seniors, begin to pay attention too. Attention is how we learn, grow and remain alive. We often forget that a person can be dead while still breathing. Their problem is that their minds and hearts have become inert; the world no longer speaks to them and they only exist as bodies in the world. Allow your mind and heart to wander in open attentiveness until you find yourself living less for yourself and more for the world that is impelling your actions and is giving your actions meaning.

I’m already going off the rhetorically grandiose deep-end, so I’m going to go all in, the fact that I’m writing for a student newspaper notwithstanding. Everything I’ve already described — trust, risk, attention — has been a veil to hide the world love. This is what love consists of, however. So, yes, my advice to all of you — my peers — is to love the world. God, that was a painful sentence to write. You can take this incredibly cliché and predictable piece of advice however you want. The only thing I ask is that you don’t throw it away. The cool thing about

this advice is it is good for any point in your life. So, if you think I’m being absurdly idealistic (I am), don’t listen to me, but don’t throw away this advice. Instead, pocket it and wait for the time when you are reminded of it.

One last time: don’t fear the world. After all, if God cares for the lilies of the field, what have you to fear? Change your major, or don’t change your major. Leave your homework for tomorrow, or read that book if you really want to. Ask that girl or guy out — there’s not even a converse for that. All that matters is that you are open to the world and that you allow the world to become a part of you, partaking in the vast diversity of the human experience. Only then you will find something worth living for, and that is worth the price of admission.

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All I have is love

Dash Holland

Guest Columnist

The American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property’s demonstration Friday has sparked controversy within Notre Dame and our LGBTQ community. I know some people feel that debate about this topic is overblown, but let me describe the situation from another viewpoint.

You see, I’m gay. This is news to almost all the people in my life. This was news to me until a few weeks ago. I only came to accept that I am gay recently, and I am in the early stages of coming out and living my life more honestly to myself. I did not see the demonstration last Friday, but the sign on The Observer’s front-page picture made my face fall. I’ve heard talk about hypersensitivity and the needless offense some people take to race or LGBTQ issues. However, I cannot say that I was personally offended by news of the demonstration. I was saddened. I was reminded that marriage, what I have been taught to see as the end goal to happiness, is illegal for people like me. I was reminded that some people believe I am unnatural and choosing sin. I was reminded that I am an outsider, unlike my peers.

Before I accepted my sexuality, I identified as an ally. I proudly believed I was “straight but not narrow.” And

all the people I have spoken to about my sexuality have fit that description. In fact, between all the hugs and high fives I’ve received and the conversations which lasted from 90 seconds to 90 minutes, I have never felt closer to my friends on campus and I have rarely felt more loved. Notre Dame can be a great community for people of different sexual orientations.

But being on the other side of the “gay” issue has shown me less-positive perspectives I could not have envisioned while identifying as an open-minded straight person. Though my relationship with my roommate has not changed in the slightest now that I am out, I still felt I was obliged to tell him. It makes sense to tell him, and I wanted him to know, but it felt as if I had a highly infectious and dangerous disease he had to be aware of. What if he felt uncomfortable living with me? What if other people questioned him for choosing to live with a gay person? And before I came out, I felt guilty when a friend offered his futon if I’m ever in the area. I could only respond, “If that’s what you want.” I felt that being gay violated some principle of our friendship and I had betrayed his trust. Our generation is open and understanding, and I am lucky to have been born in such a time. Yet the stigma is not gone.

People say words like “gay” and “faggot” to describe things or people they dislike. I understand that they rarely,

if ever, use them to describe or insult me. Some of my friends say those words, and I find it hard to begrudge them for it. But it makes things harder for me. I am still trying to accept who I am, and it makes it that much harder when people say, “that’s so gay.” It’s that much harder when people call someone else a fag. I’ve heard Louis C. K. insist the word no longer has nothing to do with being gay, and I believe he means it. But the word reminds me that people still believe I will burn for eternity just like faggots of wood — the origin of the term — which shocks me whenever I think about it. Just today I was called a homo. I almost confirmed the allegation and allowed the awkwardness to prevent him from saying that to anyone else, but he’s my friend, and I decided not to embarrass him. I try not to be offended by words, but I tell myself things like, “I’m so happy that I’m gay,” to help me be proud of who I am, and I can’t avoid feeling shame when I hear the same word used as a negative, undesirable term.

So when I see that people define love between a man and a woman as the only “legal” love, my face will fall, and I will be sad. I remember that, to them, my love is misplaced which makes me think of Beyoncé’s song about loving her husband, “XO.” At the beginning, it samples the ill-fated Challenger space mission saying, “Obviously a major malfunction.” This opening has an

intended meaning, but I have my own interpretation. My love is a malfunction. Evolutionarily speaking, people like me add little to the species, and even though Pope Francis has taken a stance that I prefer, religions would tell me that my love is malfunctioning and misguided. Despite this, I am happy with my love. If I ever stand before God, Jesus and Saint Peter after I die, I will tell them that I loved openly and honestly. If they decide that is a malfunction, so be it, but I cannot and will not see it that way.

I do not believe people are “anti-gay” because they do not support gay marriage. My friends have been nothing but accepting of me, but I expect that some believe in traditional marriage, and I love and appreciate them just the same. But please understand why it hurts me to see demonstrators like the ones outside of DeBartolo last Friday. I am not trying to overblow anything on campus; I’m just trying to be proud of who I am. Overall though, I am incredibly happy with how Notre Dame treats its LGBTQ brothers and sisters. So happy, in fact, that it’s appropriate to call me gay.

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WHAT TO EXPECT AT

SOUTH BY SOUTH BEND

By **KARLA MORENO**
Scene Writer

With spring finally gracing the Bend, we know two things for certain: summer is coming and so is festival season. As a self-regarded festival junkie, I cannot get enough of 'em. Just ten days ago I was prancing along the Coachella Polo Fields and a few weeks before, it was Claude Vonstroke who had my heart at Ultra during Miami Music Week. Now that I've confessed my trade, I'll share a well-known secret: the festival of the season will be here in South Bend.

South By South Bend. You heard that right — not South West, in Austin. If you claim to know anything about music, you know the local scene is always where the magic happens. In its second year, SBSB not only brings a festival to Notre Dame's doorstep, but will provide students the opportunity to interact and experience the greater community at its finest.

Taking place May 8 - May 11, SBSB is particularly unique because it will bridge "a celebration of live original music" in different settings throughout South Bend. This means you could catch John Cyrus perform "Nothing Good

Comes Easy" at the Indiana Rug Co., pop in and see Will Murray while enjoying some excellent chai at the South Bend Chocolate Café and still make it to the Suite 11 at the East Bank Emporium in time to watch IAMBAND perform "Closure," all in an evening's work.

Another band on my personal lineup include The Underhills, an acoustic group working with banjo, fiddle, mandolin and dobro to produce an exceptional blend between the feel-good folk of Gillian Welch and deep-wooded bluegrass. On Friday night, DJ Chuck Fry will be spinning fresh beats at the South Bend Drum Co. all evening, following anticipated sets by Infinite Buffalo and the ever-exciting Flint Eastwood.

Besides the music, everyone knows that festivals are about the culture and the community, which is what Dan Courtney, a student member of The Bridge Project at Notre Dame is most excited about.

"South By South Bend will bring the downtown area and surrounding neighborhoods to life in ways students have not seen before," Courtney said. "This will be the weekend of the year to celebrate South Bend's great music, food, and community."

Indeed, the varying restaurants and locales involved with the festival serve as strong examples of why South Bend is thriving more and more each day.

While other festivals may leave you bored with the same locale from year to year, SBSB will not disappoint, as more than 10 locations besides the central downtown hub will be in full-fledged throws come next week. Courtney also highlighted how South By South Bend boasts a wide variety in its music selection, ranging from the Paul Erdman Bands' Southern gospel and country sounds to The Rutabega's Elliot Smith-esque traditional folk for the layman, both of whom he is excited to see.

South By South Bend is not something you want to miss. South By South Bend will allow you to become a better resident and well-acquainted with the music scene in the community. The best festival experiences are always the ones you allow to manifest on their own. So grab a friend, plop down at a bar stool and discover new music, friends and connections (after all, you cannot possibly listen to that Flume remix one more time).

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JACK IS BACK WITH 'LAZARRETO'



By **THOM BEHRENS**
Scene Writer

Jack White's lead single and title track off of his forthcoming album, "Lazarreto," was released April 19, National Record Store Day. It has gained notoriety as the "world's fastest record" — it was recorded in White's Third Man studio the morning of the 19th on vinyl masters, driven immediately to production at United Record Pressing plant in Nashville, and copies were returned to the store and sold that same day, according to NME.

The new single starts off with a badass riff of a bass line that gets you bobbing your head even before the drums come in eight seconds into the song. A four-count on the snare accompanied by a crazy, De Stijl-like screaming, fret-climbing note ushers in White's vocals, which haven't lost a single bit of angst since their first debut in 1999. White sings over the bass line and drum accompaniment, singing in metaphors about his separation from his wife. Although no official statement has been released by White on the meaning of the lyrics to the song, and has in fact publicly stated several times that he doesn't sing about his ex-band mate and ex-wife, Meg, White's lyrics in "Lazarreto" tempt even the most devout Jack White fans to question their content.

Multiple times White likens himself to a slave-worker; Lazarretos were, in fact, maritime quarantine centers used to hold passengers on human trafficking ships between Africa and the U.S. and the U.K. Speaking of himself as detached, trapped and separated from "God herself," he uses language about missing and pining for those he is no longer allowed to see, mentioning that he can simply "shake God's hand" whilst confined, though he is trying to escape.

These lyrics, as romantic as they may or may not be, in no way detract from the crisp harshness of vocals, hardness of tone and intense instrumentation, for which Jack White has become notorious. Jack leads out of the verse with a sporadic and aggressive guitar solo, then drops the riff, picking up a bridge overplayed by synthetic, psychedelic, spiraling tones perfect for head-banging. The song as a whole is certainly more complex than anything White wrote with The White Stripes and goes beyond even his work with The Dead Weather, The Raconteurs or his debut solo album, "Blunderbuss."

But one symptom of this new complexity and expansion of sound is the use of electric violins in the last minute of the song. While White is commendable for his experimental use of the violin as a staple for one of his songs (they've only appeared before as accompaniments

on a select few of White's previous tracks), it detracts from the feel of the song. The violins carry with them a distinctly bluegrass twang and, on a first listen, seem totally out of the blue and almost disconnected from the rest of the song. I think they make a cheap excuse for an outro. If White plans on incorporating the violins extensively into the rest of the album, my hope is that he finds a more organic way to use them.

"Lazarreto" will be released on Third Man records June 10. White, who has been a staple for the development of garage rock since before the turn of the century, is bound to produce a strong album if this song is at all indicative of the direction White is moving with his music.

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"Lazarreto"

Jack White

Label: Third Man

If you like: Electric Six, White Stripes



STUDENT BAND SOBER SINNERS

OUT WITH DEBUT LP

By **JIMMY KEMPER**
Scene Writer

I recently had the opportunity to talk to Garrity McOsker, singer for Sober Sinners, a student punk rock band. The band is composed of Garrity, Joe Ferguson on bass, Alex McDermick on electric guitar and Patrick Samuels on drums. McOsker, who is currently a junior in the Mendoza College of Business, said he met Joe on the first day of school and started the band together quickly after that.

Sober Sinners just recently released its first full album, "A Trophy for Showing Up," on Bandcamp for free. Garrity said the 10 songs on the album are "basically everything we've come up with since the inception of the band."

Five of the songs came off their previous EP, "Backyards and Battle scars," which was released in May of last year. The band has remastered them and made a few changes and improvements.

The album came out as a result of McOsker's friendship with Heath Hicks and Jeff Wobenwool, band members of local Mishawaka band Nothing Left Inside. Hicks and Wobenwool offered Sober Sinners access to their recording equipment for free, under the condition that this album would be available free of charge.

"I was really excited about this opportunity," McOsker said. "My goal from the start was to just spread my music, and Heath and Jeff gave me a great chance to do that."

Sober Sinners have developed a fast-paced, energetic

sound over their time together. The band has covered a wide variety of themes for the album, ranging from advocating social justice to sarcastic quips about Notre Dame culture.

The opening track "Anthem," for instance, is a "joke party song," making fun of the Notre Dame party scene and its lack of originality. Another important song for the band is "Zio," Italian for "uncle." McOsker says this song is about his relationship with his uncle, who he looked up to as a child and that it's a song audiences tend to understand more.

McOsker even wrote a song in Spanish while studying in Ecuador, entitled "Yo Te Dije." The song is rather unique for the band.

"I wrote it as a sort of love song, which is weird for a punk rock band," McOsker said. "So I figured if we had a punk love song, I'd have to write it in Spanish so no one would know."

McOsker is from Los Angeles, and has been greatly influenced by Latin culture, so he said this type of song was important for him to write.

Last summer, McOsker says the band went on a "mini-tour" through Milwaukee, Mishawaka and towns near Chicago. McOsker said he was "emailing about 30 people everyday over the summer. It was a bunch of the shots in the dark, and we were just trying to make it happen."

It paid off, and they eventually got the bookings they wanted. They did encounter difficulties along the way though.

"Our first show was at this bar in Milwaukee to an audience of one guy. It was a Sunday and the Packers game was on, so maybe everyone else didn't get the memo."

McOsker also had some important advice for students who aspire to form their own band and make their own music.

"If you want to start a band, start writing original music as fast as you can. Don't worry about everything. You need to view it as a creative process and not an assignment. Notre Dame students can tend to have a perfectionist attitude, which doesn't work with this. It's not something to excel at, it's something that'll be memorable. There's frustrations in a band and writing your own music, but at the end of the day you still all have the feeling of 'I can't wait till I play again.'"

When asked about the future of Sober Sinners, McOsker had a clear vision.

"We're gonna keep playing," he said.

He also mentioned that though they have been doing a number of bar shows recently, McOsker hoped that Sober Sinners could play again in the Fisher basement sometime soon.

Sober Sinners will be playing at McCormick's next Thursday as part of the South by South Bend Music Festival. Their album is available for free on their Bandcamp page www.sobersinners.bandcamp.com

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Parting predictions



Jack Hefferon
Sports Writer

They're not lying; the time really does fly.

I started writing columns in this space with the original Sports Authority crew three years ago, and now here I sit, writing the last one of my academic career.

Through those three years of columns, I've written some stuff I'm really proud of and some absolute garbage. I've missed well more than my fair share of deadlines (and in the name of consistency, sent this last column in late as well. Sorry, team). I'm still not convinced that anyone actually reads this far into the paper.

But through three years, I've leaned on one column more than any other: the bold prediction column. It's lazy, egotistical and useless, but easy to write in a hurry. I've never gone out and actually guaranteed anything in these columns, but I get to unearth any predictions that did pan out and rub them in your face. (Guess who has two thumbs and picked Kentucky to make a run in the tournament?)

However, in the spirit of consistency, indulge me one last time:

Johnny Football goes high, then fades

Now that Tim Tebow's days in the NFL have come and gone, the ESPN-fueled spotlight seems to be centered solely on Manziel, whose Pro Day garnered more attention on SportsCenter than all of the entire Stanley Cup Playoffs put together. That buzz has kicked up relentless rumors about Johnny Football's landing spot in the upcoming NFL Draft and many seem to have him going in the first round.

In auctions, there's a phenomenon called the winner's curse, which states that the bidder that wins the item probably did so because they bid too much. One NFL club will dream up similarly high hopes for Manziel and reach to draft him, only to find that he's a specialist at best and only a high-profile backup.

Michael Bradley becomes the face of U.S. Soccer

Unless you're one of the people who watched qualifying for the upcoming World Cup and can immediately name the group the U.S. will play in come June, when you think U.S. Soccer, you picture Landon Donovan. However,

the aging striker will be entering his fourth — and likely last — World Cup, and has seen limited action during the American qualifying run. Donovan will still be the emotional leader on this squad, and Clint Dempsey has absolutely torn up the MLS so far this season, but the World Cup will make Bradley and his aggressive, fan-friendly style familiar to households across the country.

My friends all stay connected after graduation and meet up together once a year (minimum)

Okay, now we're getting into the real world — and possibly wishful thinking. Notre Dame allows us to form a working infrastructure for the rest of our lives, and for many of us that foundation lies heavily on the basis of friendship. But with friends chasing their new lives everywhere from South Bend to Washington to Micronesia and most places in between, the thought of when the next time us seniors will see the groups we pose for graduation photos with — if there is a next time at all — is a terrifying prospect.

Luckily, we'll learn to embrace our lives as bitter alumni and make it back to campus to complain about the ugly new FieldTurf sometime next fall.

You will survive your finals

I swear. This next week and a half will be a whirlwind with dozens of emotions, all of them stressful and exhausting. But you've made it this far, and that means you're more than capable of getting past whatever this week can throw at you. Take a breath, buckle down, study outside if it ever stops raining and know that a couple hours of sleep beats an all-nighter every time. You've got this; this week and a half will be over before you know it, and then summer awaits.

And if the thing you're most stressed about is the very prospect of these last few days flying by, then I'll be right there with you, trying to cherish every last second I get in this unreal place before real life begins.

And that's not a prediction. That's a guarantee.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles face top-seeded Kalamazoo

By ALEX CARSON
Sports Writer

After finishing in fourth place in the MIAA for the regular season, Saint Mary's earned a berth into the conference championship and will head to Kalamazoo, Mich., on Thursday to take on the top-seeded Hornets in the tournament semifinal.

The Belles (11-7, 5-3 MIAA) narrowly missed out on a postseason berth last season after they lost a tiebreaker to Kalamazoo (14-4, 8-0) for the fourth and final spot in the conference tournament. A spot in the postseason was a goal for the Belles all season and now that they have achieved it, the team's confidence is high, Belles coach Dale Campbell said.

"It's very nice to [finish in the top four], and it is rewarding in a solid conference such as ours," he said. "It's exciting to be in the tournament, and I am happy for our returners

who have not made it the last two years."

The Belles have been led this season by senior co-captain Mary Catherine Faller at the top singles spot. Sophomore newcomer Andrea Feters has broken onto the scene, going 12-3 in the spring season and rising from the No. 6 to the No. 4 spot in singles play.

It has not been long since the Belles and Hornets last met — the two teams squared off Saturday and the Hornets ran away with the 7-2 win. Campbell said he wants his team to get off to a good start in the doubles flights — which Kalamazoo swept Saturday — when the teams meet again.

"It comes down to footwork and hitting the shots we want," Campbell said. "I know we can win in doubles, and that is what we expect on Thursday."

The Belles last played Monday, when they defeated non-conference opponent North Central, 7-2. Campbell said in the two remaining

days of practice, the Belles would focus on their own game and try to improve their ability to rally once they fall behind.

"We have to try to figure out how to turn those matches around," Campbell said. "We just have to be able to execute the game plan. We know what to do and just have to stay in the match, moment by moment. It takes an all-out effort by every member of the team to win."

If the Belles are able to avenge their loss tomorrow, they will meet either second-seeded Hope or third-seeded Albion on Friday for the conference title, with an automatic berth to the Division III national championships on the line.

Saint Mary's travels to Kalamazoo, Mich., on Saturday to face the Hornets at noon in the MIAA tournament.

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NBA

NBA bans Sterling for life

Associated Press

Several civil rights organizations are applauding the NBA for its lifetime ban of Clippers owner Donald Sterling because of racist comments the league says he made in a recorded conversation.

However, those groups still want to meet with NBA commissioner Adam Silver to discuss diversity in the executive ranks of the professional basketball league and to figure out ways to ensure such situations don't happen again.

The National Urban League, the National Action Network, the NAACP and the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation issued a joint statement cheering Silver's announcement that he banned Sterling for life and that the league would attempt to force him to sell the Clippers.

That decision, the statement said, was "a bold, courageous

and resolute message that the views expressed by Sterling do not represent the National Basketball Association as an organization today or the kind of organization that it seeks to be in the future."

But Sterling's suspension isn't enough, the groups said, calling for Silver to meet with them to ensure Sterling "remains an anomaly among the owners and executives in the league."

"Sterling's long-established pattern of bigotry and racist comments have not been a secret in the NBA," the statement said. "Yet until now, they have been tolerated and met with a gentle hand and a blind eye."

The groups want Silver to talk with them about diversifying the executive ranks of the NBA, similar to efforts in other sports.

"Our goal is for Commissioner Silver to extend

these efforts beyond a reactive approach to one egregious situation to a proactive approach that will allow him to set forth and enforce clear policies and codes of conduct that reflect the best of the NBA, as well as foster a league culture that is as inclusive in practice — at all levels — as it is diverse in players and fan base," they said.

It's not the first time a professional sports owner has been punished for controversial remarks. Major League Baseball suspended former Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott and fined her for bringing "disrepute and embarrassment" to baseball with her repeated use of racial and ethnic slurs.

Before Silver's announcement, the NAACP's Los Angeles chapter withdrew its decision to give Sterling a lifetime achievement award, and returned money he donated.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish head to regional

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame has just over a week of practice remaining before it will travel to the NCAA regional championship for the seventh straight season May 8.

Coming off of a fifth place finish at the ACC championships, the Irish will compete at the West Regional in Cle Elum, Wash. The regional will take place at Tumble Creek Club at Suncadia Resort. No. 8 Washington will serve as the host school.

Notre Dame is ranked 18th out of 24 teams competing at the regional, and are joined by ACC foes Wake Forest and Clemson, who are seeded fifth and sixth, respectively. At the ACC championships, the Irish out-placed both the Demon Deacons and the Tigers, who finished in eighth and ninth place, respectively. The top five seeds in the West regional are filled out by No. 1 Southern California, No. 6 Arizona State University, No. 7 Oklahoma, Washington and No. 13 Clemson.

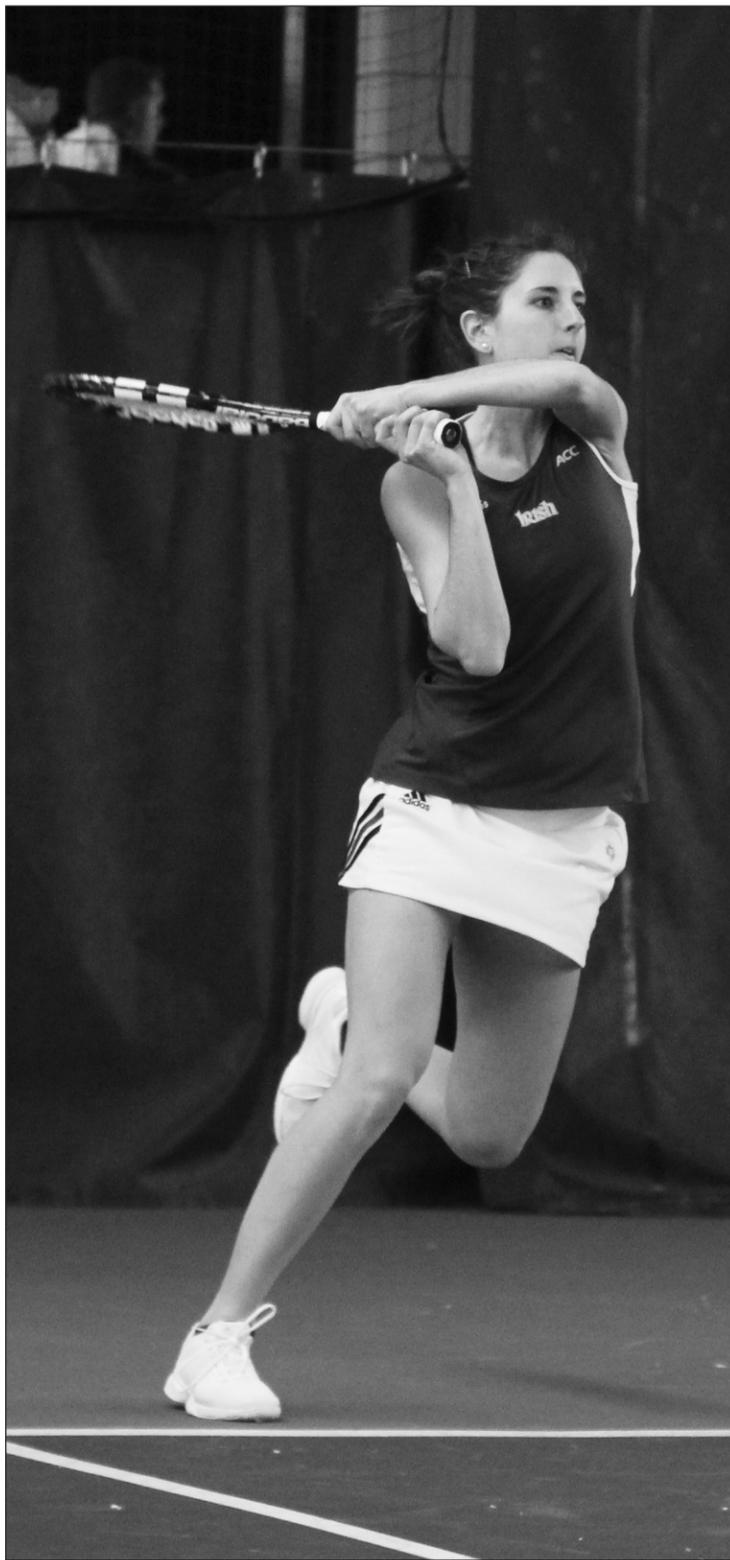
Overall, there are three regionals in the West, Central and East. 72 teams consisting of 378 individuals total will play in the three regionals combined.

Eight squads will advance from each regional to the championship competition for a field of 24 teams. The Irish will have a tough path to qualifying, as the top eight teams at the West regional are all ranked in the top 25. The NCAA Championships will be held May 20-23 in Tulsa, Okla.

The NCAA West Regional tees off at the Suncadia Resort in Cle Elum, Wash., on May 8 and lasts three days.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

ND prepares for DePaul in first round



EMMET FARNAN | The Observer

Senior Jennifer Kellner fires a backhand shot in Notre Dame's 4-3 loss to Georgia Tech on Feb. 21 at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

By ZACH KLONSINSKI
Sports Writer

Coming off a quarterfinal appearance at the ACC tournament last weekend, Notre Dame looks to continue its strong play as of late when NCAA tournament play opens May 9. The No. 27 Irish (16-9, 8-6 ACC) will face former Big East rival No. 46 DePaul (22-3, 4-0 Big East) in Evanston, Ill., in the first round.

Last year, the Irish and DePaul met in the semifinals of the Big East Championship. Notre Dame advanced in a match that came down to the final point, with the Irish edging the Blue Demons, 4-3, en route to their sixth consecutive Big East tournament title.

This year, DePaul defeated Xavier in the Big East championship to claim its first trip to the NCAA tournament since 2010. The Blue Demons have also defeated five teams ranked in the top 75, with their only losses on the year coming on the road to No. 5 Texas A&M, No. 19 Rice and No. 33 Houston.

Notre Dame was knocked out in the ACC quarterfinals, 4-2, by No. 15 Miami (Fla.) in a marathon match, though it was not due to slow play. The match was delayed twice because of lightning and rain, finally finishing indoors at the University of North Carolina, a half hour drive from the outdoor courts in Cary, N.C., where the ACC tournament was held. The match began at 11:30 a.m., and did not finish until 7:30 p.m.

"It was a long day, but our

kids were fine. I felt like it didn't bother them a bit. We handled it really well," Louderback said. "We had chances. ... I thought we played well, though, and it gives us a lot of confidence being right there against a team like that."

While the Irish did not secure the doubles point, singles victories by sophomore Quinn Gleason and freshman Monica Robinson tied the match at 2-2 before the Hurricanes (19-5, 12-2) pulled away and clinched the semifinal berth.

"[Senior] Jennifer [Kellner] had just split sets when they got their fourth point," Louderback said. "She had completely worn the kid out. They had had two long sets and [Kellner] had run her around. Into that second set you could see she was hurting."

Before the loss to Miami, Notre Dame had won eight consecutive matches. The Irish also improved against the Hurricanes after losing their first matchup Feb. 23, 6-1, in Coral Gables, Fla.

The Irish now turn their attention to the NCAA tournament play and DePaul.

Since the tournament is not scheduled to begin until next week, the Irish will have an off weekend for the first time since Feb. 8-9. However, Louderback and his team will be just as busy, if not busier, than usual, preparing for the Blue Demons.

"I think a big thing now is we've got to work on our conditioning the next two weeks," Louderback said. "We just have to make sure we maintain [our condition], especially during finals because it gets tough, working around their finals schedules. ... We don't get many weekends off so at the end of this week we'll probably play quite a bit because we want to make sure we keep playing matches and sets as much as we can."

The Irish look to keep their season alive against the Blue Demons on May 9 in Evanston, Ill. The match is scheduled to take place at 1 p.m., with the winner advancing to take on the winner of Miami (Ohio) and host No. 16 Northwestern on Saturday, May 10.

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weekend, even in our win, so we need to play better," Aoki said. "Going into this last weekend, I thought we had about a four-week stretch where the results of wins and losses weren't stellar. I thought we played pretty well though. I want to get back to just worrying about what we need to worry about, playing a little bit better, and putting a little bit more value on defense. Hopefully, we can come through with some timely hits, which really hurt us on Sunday."

As the season progresses, Aoki said the team is looking beyond this year in some ways. Notre Dame has 11 regular season games left this spring, after playing 43 competitions since February.

"The only senior who is getting at-bats is [Irish senior catcher] Forrest Johnson and, if everything goes all right, we'd like to bring him back for a fifth year," Aoki said. "So, you could make an argument that every guy on our roster will be coming back and they need the at-bats. As

we look forward, and in the midst of a season like this, you are in some ways looking forward and trying to figure out where the wheels fell off and what you need to do differently going into next year."

Going into the matchup against Western Michigan, Notre Dame has 15 players who have at least 20 at-bats this season. Of the 15, 12 have 60 or more at-bats this spring.

"We've gone pretty deep into our roster in terms of getting our guys at-bats," Aoki said. "At some point, we're just going to have to be better and develop. Our kids just need to improve. There are a lot of guys who have gotten the opportunity and then given it back. I think there have been bright spots for each of those kids, but for a lot of them, those bright spots have been few and far between."

Notre Dame will return to action in a midweek game against Western Michigan. The Irish and Broncos face off on Wednesday at 5:35 p.m., at Four Winds Field in South Bend, Ind.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Irish travel to Hayes Invite

By MATT GARCIA
Sports Writer

The Irish will stay in Indiana this weekend for the Billy Hayes Invitational in Bloomington, hosted by Indiana University. Coming off a strong performance at the Drake Relays, most of the Notre Dame squad will aim to maintain momentum through the middle of this outdoor season, while some athletes will remain at home to rest.

Freshman sprinter Harvey Smith is one of the athletes in this second group, using the time off to recover after a tough couple of weeks.

"We have been going hard lately at ACCs and Drake, so everybody needs this week to recover," Smith said.

Smith said the Irish will approach this weekend's events with a larger purpose than just placing first.

"The people that are going will be looking to make qualifying standards that will make regionals in a couple of weeks," Smith said.

With NCAA preliminary meets less than a month away, Smith said these qualifying times are the ultimate focus for the coaches and athletes, with the chance to qualify for the NCAA championships, held this year in Eugene, Ore., on the line.

After traveling every weekend since early February when Notre Dame hosted the Meyo Invitational, the team has bonded more than ever, Smith said.

"Everyone is still in good spirits,



ZACHARY LLORENS | The Observer

Irish junior sprinter Kaila Barber sprints to the finish line during the Notre Dame Invitational, held Jan. 25 at the Loftus Sports Center.

and nothing has changed there," he said. "We are becoming closer with all of the travelling we have been doing as of late."

Last weekend at the Drake Relays, Jade Barber ran a personal best in the 100m hurdles with a time of 12.97, and the women won the 4x200 relay with a time of 1:34.54. The men's 4x400 relay team ran its fastest time of the

season, finishing in 3:05.94.

After the Billy Hayes Invitational, the Irish have one weekend off before the NCAA regional meet. For now, the squad's immediate focus will turn to this weekend's events in Bloomington, which kick off Friday afternoon.

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Wizards clinch series

Associated Press

CHICAGO — John Wall finished with 24 points, Nene scored 20, and the Washington Wizards beat the Chicago Bulls 75-69 on Tuesday night to clinch their first-round series in five games.

Bradley Beal scored 17 points, and the fifth-seeded Wizards advanced in the postseason for just the third time since the 1970s. They will meet Indiana or Atlanta in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

It's a huge step for a franchise that hadn't been to the postseason since 2008, but with Wall and Beal leading the way, they won 44 games during the regular season.

The Wizards turned a half-time tie into a nine-point lead heading into the fourth quarter and hung on down the stretch.

Chicago's comeback chances took a big hit early in the final quarter when Taj Gibson crumbled to the court clutching his left ankle after he tried to block a layup by Wall with the Wizards up by six points. He

had to be helped off the court and did not return.

The Bulls cut it to 70-67 on a jumper by Carlos Boozer with 3:32 left. Wall then poked the ball away from Boozer and nailed a jumper at the shot-clock buzzer. Chicago hit two free throws with 2:18 remaining to cut it back down to three, but the Wizards grabbed three offensive rebounds while whittling more than a minute off the clock before Beal threw the ball away with a minute left in the game.

Boozer missed on a drive, but the Bulls had another chance after a shot-clock violation by Washington with 22.4 seconds left. Chicago's Jimmy Butler missed on a layup off the inbounds, and the Wizards caught a break after Andre Miller missed two free throws.

Beal tracked down the loose ball and hit the first free throw to make it 73-69 with 14.6 seconds left before missing the second. But again, the Wizards got the rebound. This time it was Nene, and that led to two free throws by Wall with 7.8

seconds remaining.

Wall and Nene, back from a one-game suspension for grabbing Butler's head, both had seven rebounds. Marcin Gortat scored just two points but grabbed 13 boards.

For the Bulls, a season that unfolded in ways they never envisioned is finally over. They expected to challenge Miami for supremacy in the Eastern Conference with Derrick Rose back after sitting out last season, only to lose their star to another season-ending knee injury. As if that wasn't enough, they traded away one of their top remaining players in Luol Deng yet somehow squeezed out 48 victories. No team in the East won more games after New Year's Eve, either, but the Wizards were too much.

Butler and Kirk Hinrich scored 16 points each and Gibson had 12. Joakim Noah added 18 rebounds and seven assists. Boozer, a candidate to be amnesty'd, added 10 points and nine rebounds in what might have been his final appearance for Chicago.

M Tennis

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"[Hosting a regional] is great just because it's indicative of the great season we've had and all the hard work we've put in," Irish coach Ryan Sachire said. "We're excited to keep playing into May."

For Sachire, who took the program's reins from Bayliss, the satisfaction of making the NCAA tournament in his first season as head coach is secondary to the excitement he feels for his players, he said.

"It's all just about the players," he said. "We have great players and great leaders and great young guys who have done some good work this year. [The assistant coaches and myself] view this all as a partnership, but really it's all about the players and they've done a hell of a job."

In the first round, the Irish will face Green Bay (18-7, 6-0 Horizon) for the first time since Sept. 15, when both teams played in the Vredevelt Invitational at Kalamazoo, Mich. While no team scores were recorded and the Irish were missing most of their starting lineup, Sachire said that the experience will be helpful in the team's preparation.

"We played them in the fall and they have some really good players," he said. "From here on out, starting with Wisconsin-Green Bay, every game will be a battle every single time out there on the court, because there are only good teams left."

The Phoenix have won eight straight matches, including the Horizon League championship, which gained them an automatic bid into the national championships. They are led by junior Michael Tenzer, who was named to Horizon League player of the year, and sophomore Leo Gomez Islinger, who is 20-2 this spring season, including a 14-1 mark from the No. 2 spot.

Notre Dame last played at the ACC tournament, where its bid for a conference championship came to an end in the semifinals with a 4-0 loss to eventual champion No. 4 Virginia. The loss snapped a five-match winning streak and was Notre Dame's third loss on the year to the Cavaliers (22-2, 11-0).

On Feb. 14, the Irish almost upset Virginia, 4-2, in the ITA national indoor championship, but two weeks later on March 1, the Cavaliers trounced Notre Dame, 6-1, in Charlottesville, Va.

In order to compete with top-five teams like Virginia, the Irish have to enter each match with confidence in their ability to win, Sachire said.

"We respect our opponent but at the same we have to have the feeling and the knowledge and the belief that we're going to be successful when we walk on the court," Sachire said.

While the first round is still over a week away, Sachire said that he plans to return to the lineup he used at the beginning of the season, with the exception of senior Ryan Bandy, who will play in the No. 2 spot ahead of sophomore Quentin Monaghan.

The combination of senior Greg Andrews and sophomore Alex Lawson will play in the No.

1 doubles spot, after not playing together since April 11. In that time, Andrews won four of his five doubles matches with freshman Josh Hagar. Against Virginia, Hagar and Andrews abandoned play after Notre Dame lost the doubles point.

If the Irish advance past Green Bay, they will play the winner of the No. 35 Northwestern-No. 43 Ole Miss match, which will also take place at the Eck Tennis Pavilion on May 9. Ole Miss (15-13, 4-8 SEC) has advanced to 21 straight NCAA tournaments, while the Wildcats (21-10, 7-4 Big Ten) are making their third straight appearance. Notre Dame and Northwestern have already battled once this season, in Evanston, Ill., on Feb. 11. The Irish emerged with the 4-1 victory, the first time the Wildcats lost at home this season.

Before the Irish and the Wildcats can meet for a rematch, both teams must advance past the first round. Notre Dame plays Green Bay and Northwestern plays Mississippi on May 9. Both matches will take place at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The winners advance to the round of 32, which takes place the next day, also at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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MICHAEL YU | The Observer

Sophomore midfielder Trevor Brosco cradles the ball on the run in the 15-7 Irish loss to Duke on April 5 at Arlotta Stadium.

M Lacrosse

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Matt Kavanagh led the Irish offense in both games, converting the game-winner against Maryland and following that performance up with four goals against the Orange, earning him tournament MVP honors.

Corrigan said he has been impressed with Kavanagh all season but especially lately, adding the Irish will need him to continue to spark the offense against the Black Knights and in the NCAA tournament.

"Matt's most of all a competitor," Corrigan said. "What's really impressed me is how tough he is. This late in the season, one thing you absolutely need is toughness, and while Matt is really skilled and a great player, his toughness is what really sets him apart and has been key to his success, especially here down the stretch."

Though the Irish just wrapped up a conference title and are "playing our best lacrosse of the season," that does not mean they are playing without fault, Corrigan said.

"I think we can still clear the ball better on the defensive end," Corrigan said. "I said that before the Maryland game, and I think we did better compared to the first time playing them, but we didn't do quite as well [against Syracuse]. I'd like to see us play

better in our set offense, too. We scored goals a lot of different ways this weekend, but I'd like to see us get more out of our set offense."

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish face off with Army in finale

By A.J. GODEAUX
Sports Writer

After a thrilling 15-14 win over No. 4 Syracuse on Sunday to capture the ACC championship, the No. 5 Irish return to action Saturday with a home matchup against No. 19 Army.

With the Irish (8-5, 2-3 ACC) jumping from ninth to fifth in the latest poll after their tournament championship, the game against Army provides another chance for the team to bolster its NCAA resumé.

"This game is very important to us and a tremendous opportunity to improve our standing in terms of NCAA seeding," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "Especially with finals next week, no one wants to have to rearrange exams to go travel to play a first-round NCAA game on the road. Having a home game against a quality team is an opportunity, and a win would go a long way to locking up a game at home."

Army (9-4, 6-1 Patriot) comes into the matchup after a 12-11 loss to No. 17 Lehigh in the Patriot League tournament semifinals

Friday. The loss snapped a five-game win streak for the Black Knights.

"They're a top-20 team with a lot of talent, especially on defense, and they're tough," Corrigan said. "All four of their losses have come by one goal. I don't know if you'll find another team in the country like that, so you know they'll be a resilient, tough team."

The Black Knights lead the nation in scoring defense, giving up a paltry 6.38 goals per game.

The first order of business for the Irish defense will be shutting down junior attackman John Glesener. Glesener leads the Black Knights with 37 goals, and his 2.85 goals per game average is good for ninth in the nation. His 50 points are 19 more than the next-highest total on the Black Knights roster.

In addition to the ACC-clinching victory over Syracuse on Sunday, the Irish also avenged a 12-8 loss to No. 7 Maryland on April 19, rebounding six days later to knock off the Terrapins in the ACC semifinals, 6-5. Sophomore attackman

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Sophomore attack Matt Kavanagh aims to elude a Duke defender in Notre Dame's 15-7 loss to the Blue Devils on April 5.

ND SOFTBALL

ND washed out

Observer Staff Report

Due to the threat of potentially severe thunderstorms and rain in the forecast, Tuesday's matchup between Notre Dame and Western Michigan was cancelled. There is no planned make-up game between the teams this season.

The Irish (34-10, 13-5 ACC) will now turn their attention to the final games of the regular season. Starting Saturday, Notre Dame begins a three-game series against Boston College, with the first game scheduled for 1 p.m. that day at Melissa Cook Stadium. On Sunday, during the regular-season finale, the Irish will honor their four seniors — infielder Chloe Saganowich, outfielders Lauren Stuhr and Monica Torres and pitcher Laura Winter.

MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame set for NCAAs

By GREG HADLEY
Associate Sports Editor

When No. 13 Notre Dame takes the court on May 9 to play Green Bay at home, the Irish will begin a new era in the program's history. For the first time ever, Notre Dame will play in the NCAA championships without coach Bobby Bayliss, who retired last season.

The Irish (19-9, 7-4 ACC), who advanced to 22 NCAA tournaments in 23 years under Bayliss's leadership, were selected as the No. 13 seed in this year's tournament Tuesday and will host a regional for the first time since 2007. The tournament's top 16 seeds host the first two rounds, after which the remaining 16 teams finish play in Athens, Ga.

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Irish senior Ryan Bandy waits for the return of his shot during Notre Dame's 6-1 win over Florida State on April 13.

BASEBALL

Squad takes on Western Michigan

By AARON SANT-MILLER
Sports Writer

Before traveling to Maryland this weekend for a three-game ACC series, the Irish will play host to Western Michigan on Wednesday for a midweek nonconference matchup.

"[Western Michigan] has got a few good players and are a team that's improving," Irish coach Mik Aoki said. "I'm not sure who is throwing against us, but they are an improving team and gave us a run for our money last year. We have to go play well to try to get a win."

Last season on May 14, Notre Dame (17-26, 4-17 ACC) held a 13-2 lead over Western Michigan (16-23, 6-12 MAC) going into the

bottom of the ninth inning before the Broncos rallied furiously to put up eight runs. The Irish finally managed to close the door on a 13-10 win.

"They're building, and they're getting better," Aoki said. "But, again, if there is anything that this year has proven, on any given day we can beat anyone and on any given day we can be beaten by anyone."

Notre Dame will look to get back on track after dropping two of three games against Northeastern this weekend. Though the Irish claimed Friday's matchup, they dropped both their Saturday and Sunday games.

"I don't think we played particularly well over the

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YESTERDAYS SCOREBOARD

ND Softball vs. Western Michigan

Cancelled

TODAYS EVENTS

Baseball vs. Western Michigan

5:35 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Baseball at Maryland

Fri., 6:30 p.m.

Track and Field at Billy Hayes Invite

Fri.-Sat.

Men's Lacrosse vs. Army

Sat., 12 p.m.

ND Softball vs. Boston College

Sat., 1 p.m.

Baseball at Maryland

Sat., 2 p.m.