

## Associate dean dies

*Faculty and students remember associate dean of College of Engineering and Notre Dame alumna Pieronek*

### Observer Staff Report

Catherine Pieronek, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and director of the women's engineering program in the College of Engineering, died Thursday night at the age of 52 at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, according to a University press release sent Friday afternoon.

Pieronek graduated from Notre Dame in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering and earned her law degree from the University in 1995, an obituary emailed to students

said.

After earning her law degree, she took up the cause of Title IX in higher education and became a leading expert on the topic, ac-

Catherine Pieronek  
Engineering Dean



cording to the release.

Before joining Notre Dame's teaching faculty in 2002, Pieronek

served as Director of Alumni Relations for the its law school as well as the editor of its quarterly publication, prior to which she served as a senior systems engineer at PRW, the obituary said.

When she joined the faculty, Pieronek established the women's engineering program as part of her ongoing efforts to support women engineers on campus and spearheaded the initiative to concentrate female engineers in residence halls, the obituary said. At the time of her death, she was

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## Graduate students request dental coverage



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By **EMILY McCONVILLE**  
Associate News Editor

The Office of Student Affairs will hold a public meeting Tuesday to discuss the possibility of reinstating a dental insurance plan for graduate students, in response to a student petition on the issue.

The petition, submitted in January, asked the University to reinstate dental coverage after Aetna, the company that provides student health insurance through Notre Dame, removed the option of a dental plan for graduate students after the 2012-2013 academic year and replaced it with a discount card.

All Notre Dame graduate

students are required to have health insurance, and students are automatically enrolled in a school-sponsored insurance program unless they opt out, according to the University Health Services website. But to receive dental coverage specifically, students had to sign up and pay a separate fee, according to Sean Phillips, the health chair of the Graduate Student Union (GSU).

Phillips said Aetna dropped the option for dental coverage in 2013 due to low enrollment.

"A lot of students just didn't pay into it, and just as any insurance mathematically works, if you don't have people

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## Juniors host mothers at Saint Mary's over weekend

By **MARTHA REILLY**  
News Writer

This weekend, Saint Mary's hosted Junior Mom's Weekend, which allowed mothers and daughters to share a special weekend on campus together.

Junior class president Corinne Craig said she began planning for this in September. The weekend helped moms and daughters grow closer, as it allowed mothers and daughters to experience Saint Mary's together.

"The main purpose of all the events is to show mothers how their daughters have fun during

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*Saint Mary's juniors pose with their mothers at dinner Saturday at Gillespie Center in the Hilton Garden Inn.*

## Lecture highlights struggles in North Korea

By **MADISON JAROS**  
News Writer

Liberty in North Korea (LiNK), a grassroots nonprofit that works to improve the lives of North Korean refugees, described the situation inside North Korea as one of the "greatest challenges facing humanity today" during a lecture at Carey Auditorium on Sunday.

LiNK representative Kirsten Pulles said in addition to refugee assistance, the nonprofit also hopes to change society's idea of what is going on inside the country and how they can help.

"I'm sure for some of you, when I say North Korea, some of the first things that naturally pop into your head are scary weapons, scary dictators with even scarier haircuts,

and movies [like The Interview that] you're scared to watch with your family in the room," Pulles said. "That's what you see on the news, because that's the story and that's what makes a great story. But ... I want to replace those first impressions with the North Korean people — the hope that they have for their future, and the changes that are already happening at the grassroots level."

The United Nations published a report last year that found "the gravity, scale and nature of the human rights violations currently happening in North Korea reveal a state that is without parallel in our contemporary world."

"[The report] went on to say that these crimes against humanity include 'extermination, murder, enslavement, torture, imprisonment, rape, forced

abortions and other sexual violence, persecution based on political, religious, racial and gender grounds, the forcible transfer of populations, the forced disappearance of persons and the inhumane act of knowingly causing prolonged starvation," she said.

Pulles said these conditions have contributed to a per

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### Mayra Martinez

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"All over bushy beards and on neck too."



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"I'm a big fan of the soul patch."



### Dulce Macias

freshman  
Welsh Family Hall

"I like the peach fuzz."



### Julie Vidales

freshman  
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"Depends on the guy, but scruff or none."



### Alex Morales

freshman  
Holy Cross Hall

"The chinstrap and unibrows! Yum."



### Melissa Gutierrez

freshman  
Walsh Hall

"Clean-shaven."



CAROLINE GENCO | The Observer

**Fr. Joe Carey, Ryan Hall's priest in residence, wards off defenders in the Wildcat's Wheelchair Basketball Tournament. This marks the fourth year of Ryan Hall's signature event, with all proceeds raised being donated to Whirlwind Wheelchairs International.**

# THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

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## Monday

### "Mothers of Bedford"

Geddes Hall  
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
Film and discussion  
with filmmaker  
Jennifer McShane.

### "Getting Started in Research"

Brownson Hall  
4 p.m.- 5 p.m.  
Undergraduate  
workshop.

## Tuesday

### Blood Drive

Rolfs Sports  
Recreation Center  
11 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.  
Sponsored by South  
Bend Medical Center.

### "Four: 7 Catholic Fellowship"

Cavanaugh Hall  
8:15 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.  
Student-led service.

## Wednesday

### "MFA Student Reading"

Hammes Bookstore  
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
Sponsored by Creative  
Writing Program.

### "South Bend on a Dime"

McKenna Hall  
12p.m.- 1 p.m.  
Panel with Downtown  
South Bend.

## Thursday

### "Dead Man's Cellphone"

Debartolo Performing  
Arts Center  
7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.  
Theatre performance.

### "The Hard Problem"

Debartolo Performing  
Arts Center  
7 p.m.- 9:15 p.m.  
National Theatre Live.

## Friday

### Labor Cafe

Geddes Hall  
4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.  
Sponsored by Higgins  
Labor Studies  
Program.

### ND Relay for Life

Compton Family Ice  
Arena  
6 p.m.- 11:55 p.m.  
Fundraiser for cancer  
research.



# Volunteers rehab homes

By **AUBREY CLARK**  
News Writer

A group of Saint Mary's students gathered Saturday to rehabilitate homes in South Bend as part of National Rebuilding Month, a month-long call to service. The Office of Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) hosted the community outreach event to clean up and beautify homes in the local community.

According to a college press release, the Saint Joseph chapter of Rebuilding Together began in 1989 and each year focuses on a different area of the county. More than 75 Saint Mary's students were stationed at four houses in the Olive Street and Lincoln Way West neighborhoods to complete tasks such as painting, cleaning, raking and planting at a home. The primary recipients of these home improvements are those who might not be able to physically or financially provide these changes on their own.

Erika Buhring, director of the OCSE, said in the press release, "Rebuilding Together is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to make an



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***Saint Mary's students pose outside of a house they rehabilitated in South Bend on Saturday.***

immediate change in the lives of community members. By donating time and skills, volunteers not only make a difference in the home itself, but they also learn how to collaborate with others and give of themselves in the process."

First-years Katie Long and Liz Mason said participating in this project allowed them to connect to members of the community and provided them the chance to give back for the support Saint Mary's has from the neighboring areas.

"The community here is so supportive and interested in

what Saint Mary's does," Long said. "I think we need to show our thanks for everything they do for us."

"I think it is important to volunteer and take time out of your week to give back to your community," Mason said. "Working hard with our fellow students on these homes for Rebuilding Together lets us do that."

First-year Emma Green said she recognizes the difference they can make through volunteer work in the community and why it is important to participate.

"I feel like we live in a bubble here at school," she said. "I want to experience what it's like in the community we live in."

According to a college press release, Saint Mary's has been participating in this program for ten years now, and will continue to offer participation to the students annually.

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# Speakers discuss special needs work

By **MACAILA DeMARIO**  
News Writer

Saint Mary's Justice Education Department hosted Maureen Parsons and Tiffany Amburg from Hannah & Friends, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness and compassion for the special needs community, to speak about the organization Friday.

Parsons, director of operations at Hannah & Friends, spoke about the financial difficulties that families with children who have special needs are confronting.

"As soon as their child is born and they are diagnosed, their first thought is, tomorrow. How do we get through tomorrow, get through elementary school? Yet, they need to be planning for the next 15 years," Parsons said.

According to Parsons, there are funding waivers available for families of children with disabilities, but families can sit on waiting lists for more than 10 years.

"Indiana has changed it so that you receive less with the waiver so more people are allowed to receive those services," Parsons said.

Parsons said resources are improving, but still lacking.

"[At Hannah & Friends] we try to focus on the ability of our participants, see where they can shine and then show that to the community," Parsons said. "Each of them have something to share, as we all do."

Tiffany Amburg, a spokesperson and participant at Hannah & Friends, spoke about her experiences there and her lifelong challenge with Down syndrome.

Amburg said she likes to write songs and speeches when she isn't working as the receptionist at Hannah & Friends.

She wrote a song with Jeda Cruz, the program director at Hannah & Friends, called "She's Made of Steel."

This song is about a girl who has her whole life ahead of her, Amburg said.

"It's about overcoming obstacles and trusting other people," she said. "And with my ability to tell my story [about] what it's like to be a person with all abilities that is what the song is about, overcoming all obstacles and inspiring other people to do the same thing."

Parsons said when Cruz performs the song in the community, there is always an audience member who says they were touched and truly connect to the song's message.

Amburg said she enjoys her position as a Hannah & Friends spokesperson for many reasons.

"I get to go out and talk to the media about our mission at Hannah & Friends so that we can continue our future [as an organization]," she said.

"It's also important that we can come together to promote our mission."

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# Students showcase robots

By **RACHEL O'GRADY**  
News Writer

The Compton Family Ice Arena was abuzz Sunday afternoon as more than 100 students and professors showcased their robots for the fourth annual National Robotics Week event.

"This event is really great because it allows the community to come in and see the work and research being done at Notre Dame, so even though it looks like just a lot of robots, there are actually a number of areas that we focus on," graduate student Cory Hayes said.

Hayes worked on a robot which can interact with people using gestures, utilizing Microsoft's Kinect program.

"We're really focused on the communications aspect of robots, and making communications between robots and humans a little more natural," Hayes said.

According to Hayes's research, making communication smoother can lead to safer practices in healthcare, specifically when robotics are used in surgery.

"There are a bunch of different subsets for robots, and we really like letting the community see the research we've been doing," Hayes said.

In another booth at Compton was a programmable 'puppy,' which was able to bark, come, sit and dance.

"Our robot is named RoboPup, and it can do a variety of commands. Depending on where the kids are standing in relation to the robot, that's how it knows what to do," senior Nicole Mariani said.

During Mariani's demonstration RoboPup spun around the 'pen' until it detects a person. Upon detection, RoboPup mimics the action according to the programmed commands when facing the direction of the person in a the designated part of the pen.

For example, if you wanted the dog to dance, you would stand in the 'dance' section of the pen and do any sort of dance, and the dog would dance with you, according to the information provided by the researchers.

"This particular project

actually took us about a couple of weeks, maybe a month to do," Mariani said.

Focused on making robots that were more humanlike to aid autistic children, juniors Carina Suarez and Xinhuan Ying showcased a robot they programmed from Aldebaran Robotics, a company that manufactures and markets humanoid and programmable robots.

"Aldebaran gives us the robots, and then we program them. We basically had the semester to figure out how to do this ... it's a big task, but it's really fun," Suarez said.

Suarez said the robot's ability to interact with people is a unique feature, and it's particularly useful in programming the robots to work with autistic kids.

"They look vaguely humanoid, obviously," Suarez said. "They can hear, they can speak, they have touch sensors, so it's really helpful for kids with autism so they can interact, which is really neat."

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# ND alumnus finds passion in service, education

By **GABRIELA MALESPIN**  
News Writer

Azikiwe Chandler, a teacher at Veritas Prep Charter School in Springfield, Massachusetts and 1994 alum of Notre Dame, presented a talk on his search for his passion with his travels, his social justice work and his commitment to finding identity.

Chandler's talk was hosted by Wabruda, an organization based on brotherhood amongst African Americans on Notre Dame's campus, as their signature event "Black Man's Think Tank." The theme of the event was "finding your passion."

"We talk about finding your passion, however, for me there were three passions: travel, community service and community development. These were the things I wanted to do, and I was figuring out how to tie these things together," Chandler said.

Chandler outlined seven lessons in his presentation that were important to the process of discovering your passion. Chandler said these lesson included knowing and loving yourself, knowing what makes your soul smile, understanding for whom and what will you work for, listening to the universe, recognizing what you want and what will you sacrifice to get it, finding your tribe and keeping the faith.

Chandler said he derived his inspiration and vocation from his service work from the example of his parents. Chandler said his parents were heavily

involved in their community in Charleston, South Carolina, and led several projects for the school and community residents.

"While I realized that I loved architecture, my responsibility is to go out and try to make the world a better place, and see how I can do that for African American men. I can't be their father, and I can't give them the mother and father that I had, but if I work with them and surround them with love and empower them and help them understand who they are and who they can be, I can do for them what my parents did for me," Chandler said.

Chandler said he credits his parents with providing him the environment and influence to not only pursue his academic aspirations as an architect but also discover his vocation for service and community engagement. Chandler recalled his extensive work in AmeriCorps, Peace Corps and Habitat for Humanity as a manifestation of his love of service and experiential learning. Chandler served as a project director and team leader for AmeriCorps for five years and as a teacher and youth leadership initiative developer for Peace Corps.

Chandler said he graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in architecture in 1994, but decided his vocation laid in service and engagement after spending several years after graduation performing service initiatives in Central America.

"I realized that the last time I

really was happy was when I was backpacking through Central America. I didn't feel like I was doing worthwhile work because I was enjoying myself ... so the universe was telling me "go on and try that again."

Chandler also recalled how his love of travel helped him narrow and understand his passion more fully. Chandler, who has travelled to more than 30 countries in six continents, said his love of travel coincided with both his upbringing and his desire to engage more fully in relationships with others.

"All kinds of people say they want to make enough money to be able to travel, but for me, it wasn't about making money and being able to travel two weeks out of the year, that to me wasn't going to make a difference. I wanted to be somewhere for months at a time and be able to live with folks and have a conversation."

Chandler encouraged audience members to surround themselves with individuals who shared and welcomed their passions and recognize the experiences indicating where vocation and passion are found.

"You have to surround yourself with people who have the same passion as you do," he said. "... find someone in the profession that you want to be in and talk to them, have them serve as a mentor, because that what's going to make things better for you in the long run."

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## North Korea

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capita income in North Korea that is 20 times lower than that of their neighbors. Because of this, North Korean citizens are trapped in an enforced state of poverty.

"This leaves an estimated one in four, or 28 percent of North Korean children, chronically malnourished," she said.

But the situation inside North Korea may be starting to change, in part due to a much greater access to outside media and information, Pulles said. Outside media is often smuggled across the Chinese border, where it is sold on illegal markets. Outside information comes from North Korean refugees, who often send money and news to their families back home, Pulles said.

"In the mid-1990s, North Korea's socialist economy collapsed, and this meant that among other basic needs, food rations from the government stopped being given to the people [of North Korea]," she said. "With their only source of food cut off, it's estimated that

up to one million North Korean people starved to death in the resulting famine.

"People knew that if they were going to survive, they would have to get creative and learn to work around the system that they used to depend on. They began engaging in illegal market activities, which led to a process led to marketization from below. These markets provided access not only to basic needs like food and clothing, but they also provided access to new sources of information and a new place to meet and discuss new ideas."

This information cuts through propaganda that has successfully worked to subjugate North Koreans in the past, Pulles said.

"[The North Korean regime] used to tell the people that South Korea existed only in an oppressive poverty, abused by their American colonial occupiers. People were taught to feel sorry for the children who were supposedly starving in South Korea and to feel grateful to live in their so-called socialist paradise. This propaganda narrative was effective for many years. But new sources

of information showing the reality of the outside world are beginning to seep inside the country. South Korean films, TV shows and dramas are shared secretly among friends and relatives. This is helping people see just how advanced South Korea and the rest of the outside world has become, while they were left behind."

The new information also helps to build networks of trust between North Korean people, bringing them together, Pulles said.

"In the past, the regime has tried to foster distrust among the North Korean people, encouraging them to turn each other in or report each other," she said. "And they also tried to prevent any groups from forming outside of their direct control and supervision. But now, since people are getting their information from friends and neighbors, and they're gathering in secret to watch this information, it's starting to build the very trust the regime has tried so hard to prevent in the past."

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the weekend," Craig said. "It's very important to have this weekend junior year because at that time, students are older and more mature. They can have more fun with their moms."

Craig said one of the most memorable parts of the weekend was "Cupcakes and Canvas." Art major students taught over 150 moms and daughters how to paint a picture of Le Mans Hall. She worked with a local bakery, Yummy Cupcakes, to provide snacks at this event.

Junior Veronica McDowell said she served as an art instructor for this event, suggesting certain painting techniques and helping to mix different colors.

"Art is a great way for people to bond," McDowell said. "It is a low-pressure environment where you can have a conversation while also creating something beautiful."

This creative portion of the weekend attracted many mother and daughter duos, but Craig said other events included a wine and cheese reception, a yoga class, Mass and a dinner at the Gillespie Center.

According to McDowell, the yoga event was especially fun for her because she and her mom love to exercise together

but can never find the time. She said she enjoyed the scheduled activities, but she also recognizes the benefit of a weekend spent simply relaxing with loved ones.

"It's a time when you can put school on hold and focus on your family," McDowell said. "Also it's a chance to show your mom around school and give her insight on your college life. The weekend will be another great memory I can add to my time at Saint Mary's."

Craig said one of the best parts of Junior Mom's Weekend was the opportunity to meet her friends' mothers and bond with them outside of the scheduled events.

"It's really fun to be with your mom and have your friends' moms meet your mom," she said. "You're with a bunch of moms and daughters, so you can connect with everyone."

McDowell, too, said the social aspect of this weekend was especially meaningful to her because it reminded her of all her family has done for her.

"Junior Mom's [Weekend] is important because it strengthens appreciation for mothers and other family members who have taken care of you," McDowell said. "It's always nice to spend time with the ones you love."

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# Dental

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paying into the program, it doesn't become viable," he said. "On top of that, the benefits of the program weren't necessarily what students were looking for."

Bry Martin, president of the Union of Graduate Historians (UGH), said he created the petition after seeing a discussion on the organization's Facebook group about the lack of dental coverage. He said the purpose of the petition was to show that students are interested in a dental plan.

"It just seemed like I was hearing back from a number of students that said they wanted [a dental plan], and at that point it just didn't ring true to me that there wasn't demand," Martin said.

The online petition, which was signed by 133 students, argues that low enrollment "reflected not apathy, but lack of awareness." The petition asks the University to reinstate an optional dental plan through Aetna or another company and suggests University Health Services (UHS), UGH and graduate programs work together to inform students about such a

plan. After the petition was submitted to the University in January, the Office of Student Affairs, which oversees UHS, convened a working group to review options for the reinstatement of a dental plan. The group will submit a recommendation to the University Provost Tom Burish and Vice President of Student Affairs Erin Hoffmann-Harding.

University officials are unavailable for comment until after Tuesday's meeting.

Instead of a full dental insurance plan, Aetna currently offers a discount card for teeth cleanings and other services. According to a brochure for the program, the card costs \$25 and generally covers 15 to 50 percent of the cost of dental services, depending on the type of service and the provider. Martin said the card is not enough for students who need dental care beyond cleanings.

"Students end up having actual health issues with their teeth, and the current dental plan will shave off a little bit of the cost, but it isn't a true insurance policy," he said.

Adam Duker, a history Ph.D. candidate, said he found out the dental plan had been dropped when he tried to renew his insurance ahead

of a scheduled wisdom teeth removal.

"At the end of the day I had to pay \$2,500 out of pocket to have my wisdom teeth removed," Duker said. "At the time, the graduate stipends were \$18,500. Now they're a little more. But that means that you're paying 12 percent of your yearly salary for a simple dental procedure that up until then had been completely covered or largely covered by the dental plan, which neither the University nor Aetna provided us any notice whatsoever that it was being dropped."

Duker said he tried to advocate for a reinstated plan through the GSU over the next two years, and he participated in the discussion on the UGH Facebook page that led to the petition.

"We're asking for a plan that we will pay for, that won't cost the University anything, to organize as a group, to share risk," Duker said. " ... openly, what we're really asking is that our teeth don't fall out of our heads over a period of [5 to 9] years of graduate school," he said.

The petition suggests Columbia University as an example of a workable dental insurance plan. Columbia's optional student dental plan,

which is also offered through Aetna, has an annual premium of \$296 for a single student and a copay of \$5 for most basic services, according to Aetna's website.

"Columbia to me was the case study of somebody who has a similar — in fact, the exact same insurance provider and yet has these benefits," Martin said. "It goes to show, this could be done and is done."

Martin said the goal of the petition is to get the University to explore options for providing dental insurance.

"This is something that is ultimately going to be on the graduate students' shoulders," Martin said. "If they want this sort of optional dental insurance plan, they're going to have to sign up for it, and if that doesn't happen, then the plan will fail and it'll go back to the current position. ... Part of it is getting word out to them so they can make that decision, and if they decide that that's not working for them, that's fine."

The public meeting will take place Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the third floor conference room of St. Liam Hall.

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# Dean

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a fellow in the National Society of Women Engineers and served as the club advisor for the campus chapter bearing the same name, according to its website.

"Cathy Pieronek was the quintessential Domer," Peter Kilpatrick, Dean of the College of Engineering, said in the press release. "She had an engineering and a law degree, a fierce loyalty to our sports teams and our students and a total embrace of the famous 'Irish prayer' about the rains falling gently on your fields. She was also incredibly and lovably human: committed, personable, loyal, dedicated and always thinking carefully and deeply about the good of the other. We miss her terribly and pray for the Lord's gentle and loving embrace of her husband, Chuck, and her family."

Visitation will be held Sunday from noon to 8 p.m. in Kaniewski Funeral Home, 3545 N. Bendix Drive, and a funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, followed by the burial in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Pieronek Family Scholarship Fund at Notre Dame.

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## INSIDE COLUMN

Books  
over men

Martha Reilly

News Writer

Unless you clumsily drop the entire box set of “Harry Potter” on your foot, you won’t suffer too many injuries from books — maybe a paper cut here and there from turning the pages too excitedly. Compare that with the lasting emotional pain onset by heartbreak, and you will see that literature clearly does less damage than men; in fact, it has the potential to better your life, even after you have quite literally turned the page and started a new chapter.

Yes, there are plenty of fish in the sea, but the 130 million books are relatively easier to swim to than the 3.3 billion men in the world. For busy college students such as yourself, simplicity is key, and a trip to Barnes and Noble is far less inconvenient and confusing than a stop by “Speed Dating Night” at Legends.

Bookstores, for instance, organize different pieces of literature into their respective genres so that readers always know what they’re getting themselves into; additionally, the inside cover previews what you can expect as you follow the protagonist’s exciting journey. Men, unfortunately, are not sorted neatly into categories (gentlemen, jerks, funny, intelligent) and are not accompanied by such helpful descriptions, leaving physical appearance to serve as an initial judge of character. Books, however, demand to be assessed based on what’s inside, making them a far less self-absorbed option concerned solely with outward attractiveness.

It’s no secret that you can read several books in the same week without any judgment, or that you can end your fictional journey a few chapters in without feeling an ounce of guilt. Plus, nobody throws a fit when you lend some of your favorites to your good friends.

Best of all, you can bring almost any piece of literature wherever you go, without paying for an extra meal or plane ticket. Books aren’t selective; they will do whatever you want. They will always keep you company and will never cancel plans last minute. Why would you invite a man on vacation when a book fits so perfectly in your carry-on bag?

Their accessibility and free schedules make books the easy choice, but some of you make the change in your lives, you might think “I wouldn’t be able to post my weekly #mancrushmonday Instagrams.” Rest assured, that’s for the best. Books are humble and independent, and they don’t expect constant attention. They understand that you will make time for them whenever you can, but that if you have a fifteen-page paper to write or an organic chemistry exam to prepare for, you cannot socialize for long. And sure, you cannot exactly dress up and have a night on the town with a copy of “Pride and Prejudice,” but novels can earn you a VIP pass into one of South Bend’s trendiest weekend gatherings: Book Club.

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## Our cross to bear

Amanda Pena

Find Your Voice

I’ve often wondered, “What is the point of life?” It’s a centuries-old question, so it’s not like I’m asking something profound or groundbreaking. I’ve just always thought about it more often than people know. I do believe, though, that the more important question is to understand why people start asking that question in the first place, and how they continue to understand it throughout their time spent alive.

When I first started thinking about the concept of life it was because I was forced to consider death. Around the time I was nine, my cousin Alex lost his battle with leukemia at the age of 20. He was a missionary, a dreamer and had a beautiful soul with so much to offer the world. I didn’t know him all that well since I was so young, but his death affected me deeply because I saw how he impacted all of his family and friends gathered for his funeral. I asked my parents, “Why does God let good people die?” They didn’t have an answer, and I started to wonder why we have to live if we ultimately have to die. If good people always seem to be the ones to die, it made sense why the bad people didn’t care to be good.

Enter middle school: puberty, bullies, an eating disorder, life-altering issues at home and depression — the perfect recipe for a suicidal preteen. Not surprisingly, I met a lot of middle school peers experiencing similar identity crises and home issues that pushed them to develop thoughts of suicide too. We thought, “What is the point of life?” Popularity, relationships, cell phones and Myspace (yeah, let’s not forget that was a thing) seemed to occupy the majority of our minds, and I just remember it creating a lot of drama and hurting many people, myself included. What is the point of life if we spend so much energy trying to make it difficult for others to simply exist? I reached out to adults and catechists for the answers because they made all the rules. They gave out the punishments. They made the system. What did I know at 10 years old?

Kids will be kids. Boys will be boys. Tough luck. These are cop out answers to brush sprouting destructive behaviors under the rug. When a child is being bullied, or their identity is being challenged and they question their circumstances or just suffered a terrible tragedy, adults are given the chance to help make sense of the question, “What is the point of life?” for the younger generation. As an adult now, I’m starting to realize how adults know just as much as kids do when it comes to

the tough questions. We’re afraid to reveal how these unanswered questions and experiences are just as difficult to deal with now as they were then. Adults have an incredible capacity to bottle things up. We suppress pain and trauma. We become addicts to substance, pornography, money and make idols of anything that quells the need to answer that age-old question, “What is the point of life?”

This year the “Show Some Skin: Tell Me More” monologues delved even deeper into the cores of the Notre Dame community, asking us to articulate our innermost thoughts, emotions and questions that we often try to seal beneath the surface of our identities. Whether it was an experience of abuse or inequality, race or gender identity, I couldn’t help but see that question lying beneath the surface of everything we are afraid to admit aloud.

At the end of the day, we’re all just a bunch of broken people carrying our own crosses, trying to understand why our cross exists in the first place. We like to believe our struggle is the only one that matters, but the sheer weight of the world’s problems highlight the fact that some of us carry heavier crosses than others. But the weight isn’t the point — the fact that we all carry one is. When we fail to remember to empathize with the struggle of another, we essentially recreate the Passion. God dwells in the most vulnerable among us, as Scripture reminds us, yet we cast stones and spit at the wounded Christ while He falls under the cross of social oppression, structural violence, poverty, hunger, abuse, heartache and rejection.

How can one be pro-life if he is busy forgetting what it means just to be alive? Being pro-life requires us to constantly remember the value of not just our own lives and the lives of the unborn and elderly, but of the living. The world we create for the living is ultimately what makes life seem like a choice that needs to be made in the first place, whether for others or for ourselves. The resurrection celebrates the promise of everlasting life and asks us to prepare for the Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven. As Christians, if we believe that Christ truly saves us, how do we allow our brothers and sisters to come to know Him if we don’t help each other understand this in their own lives?

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON



# A major identity crisis

**Charlie Ducey**  
English, Channeled

One may as well begin with Brendan O'Brien's Apr. 10 Letter to the Editor:

"We are surrounded by some of the most interesting people that we may ever know, but we are too wrapped up in our own lives to make an effort to get to know them."

O'Brien's letter is titled with a seasonal question and its familiar answer: "How was your break?" "Good." As O'Brien identifies in the quotation above, this thread-bare exchange is all too often a symptom of the superficiality of peer interaction. Sure, we cannot constantly stop our busy collegiate lives to listen to the innermost anxieties and aspirations of other students, but if our conversations do not move beyond such automated call-and-response, we will be missing an opportunity to connect in an environment and stage of life that especially enables connection.

I want to add, on both a serious and humorous note, that our responses to another common question may be limiting our capacity to connect. What's your major?

I posed this question to a student in a Notre Dame Saxophones shirt once (funny how we wear our group identity). "I'm an engineer," he replied.

"Curious," I thought. "Why would he be in college if he's already an engineer? Shouldn't he be working for some engineering firm, in that case? I could understand if he was studying engineering, but, by Jove, he's already a full-blown professional."

What is an engineer, anyway? An engineer might calculate this or optimize that, but what is an engineer essentially, in a Socratic sense? I'm fairly convinced

it has something to do with trusses. Trusses lie at the heart of being of an engineer or, at the very least, keep the whole structure standing.

Naturally, I understood what he meant. "Aerospace engineering student" is something of a mouthful, and engineering students probably come close to doing what professionals in their discipline actually do. But if engineering students call themselves engineers, what should we call people who actually work in the field of engineering? This is the problem of ambiguity. Moreover, should physics students call themselves physicists and chemistry students call themselves chemists? This is the problem of inconsistency.

In the British system, incidentally, nearly every student uses these professional labels. Those who study classics are classicists. Those who study theology are (oddly) theologians. I'm still trying to figure out what is meant by a PPE-ist. But this is the same country where they call a store that sells hygiene products and foot cream a "chemist," so I wouldn't necessarily follow the British when it comes to nomenclature.

Humor aside, the real problem with this question is that its quickly-provided answer tends to quickly invite stereotypes as we ascribe the standard qualities of an engineering student, English major or whatever else, to the person in question. Stereotypes, of course, allow us to lazily label someone and assign him or her to a stagnant category, as if to say, "Oh, yes, an engineer. I know what they're about. No more to be learned here."

The mere title of major says precious little about what a person is really like. More could be gained from asking what fascinates fellow students about their studies or why they choose to study what they do. Even asking, "What do you study?" can help to avoid the stereotype-prone formulation "I am a (insert major

here)."

Whenever we use a phrase that begins "I am a", the indefinite article insinuates that we are just one something of a larger group of somethings with shared qualities. I am a Republican. I am a feminist. These phrases imply a whole body of beliefs that sooner causes divisions than allows for connections. It seems we would be better off leaving the "I am" statements to spontaneously combustible mountain shrubs and the Johannine Jesus, who is not just a light of the world, but the light of the world.

Personally, I would prefer to hear about what people really do — what drives them and what inspires them — rather than who they are in a general sense. This is a call to foster a community with more meaningful conversation by presenting ourselves not as academic categories but as people who lead complex inner lives that cannot be compressed into monosyllabic responses.

This doesn't mean we have to eliminate small talk or spend 20 minutes in conversation with every student who asks how our break has been. However, if we are to know each other more fully, we need to move away from only considering our major life ambitions and only communicating through terse exchanges. We need to observe the epigram of E. M. Forster's *Howards End*: Only connect.

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## UWIRE

# Get the most out of the end of the semester

## The Stylus

The College at Brockport

With the end of the semester swiftly approaching, students everywhere are scrambling to get in last minute extra credit and finalize plans for the upcoming break. Fortunately, there are tools and resources available to help students make the most of this important time. Below we have compiled several of the most overlooked strategies to help get an end-of-semester boost.

1. Digital Learning Tools: utilizing digital resources is one of the easiest and most effective ways for students to step up classroom performance. Platforms, such as Cengage Learning's Mindtap, are specifically designed to customize to each student's unique learning style helping improve time management, raise grades and increase student success. Digital learning tools use a combination of reading, multimedia, activities and assessments, to engage users and maximize understanding and retention. Students who have integrated digital tools into their learning have reported significant improvement in their grades and higher levels of engagement in their course work.

2. e-Portfolios: with the market for internships and jobs becoming more competitive, it is critical for students to differentiate themselves among other candidates and show potential employers tangible examples of the skills and knowledge they possess. To help students put their best foot forward, offerings like Pathbrite, a

portfolio learning platform, can help students package their accomplishments in a seamless and organized way in order to best highlight their soft skills and practical experiences. Presenting potential employers with a comprehensive demonstration of skills and accomplishments will give students the competitive edge to secure the top positions in their fields. As a bonus, any students using Cengage Learning digital solutions have free access to Pathbrite's complete online portfolio platform.

3. Top-Notch Study Materials: whether it is flashcards, study guides or pop quizzes, study materials are a key part to successful studying. Unfortunately, for many students note taking and developing study materials can be a major challenge. Luckily, online marketplaces like Flashnotes.com make it possible for students to access high quality, course-specific study materials written by their peers. This allows students to maximize engagement and understanding- with 94 percent of students reporting improved grades! Even better, Flashnotes works with faculty and institutions to be sure content is accurate and fits school guidelines.

4. Peer Tutors: Peer-to-peer learning is one of the most helpful ways to boost engagement and retention in the classroom. Oftentimes, another student can explain a challenging concept or idea in a different way from a professor that makes it easier to understand or retain. With most schools offering free peer tutoring resources, students have access to support and advice from students who have already mastered the material. Utilizing tutoring resources, even just once or twice, can have

significant results. Even better, studying with another student can result in better study habits or sharing of best practices to increase success.

5. Career Center: more than ever, students are enrolling in college with the goal of securing a job after they graduate. With that in mind, getting practical, hands-on experience is crucial for landing a top job after graduation. Yet securing an internship can often feel like a daunting task especially with students today already juggling a myriad of other responsibilities. To help prepare and guide students through the process, many colleges have career centers to provide students with the resources and support to find internships that align with their skills and interests. Moreover these centers have knowledgeable staff who can help students practice interview skills, polish their resume and provide helpful advice about what to expect.

Being knowledgeable and taking advantage of different resources and tools that are available is one of the best ways for students to boost their grades, improve classroom performance or land the job or internship out of school. Leveraging one — or all — of these tips can help students to make the most of the time left in the semester and get the last minute boost they need.

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## REEL BIG FISH

### epitomize live performance

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Scene Writer

Legend's Springboard Music Fest closed strong with a Saturday night performance by Reel Big Fish: a ska/punk band which has not only demonstrated longevity with almost 25 years of activity, but also seems to have improved with experience, bringing to Legends a complete set of instruments played by a brilliant group of musicians. The band experienced mainstream recognition in the mid- to late-1990s but is currently independent from a major record label and enjoys more of a cult following.

Concertgoers were greeted with an aggressive offering of stylish Springboard t-shirts (I was given a bag of three and plan to tie-dye at least two). Such a warm welcome helped to overcome the venue's challenges. In a smaller venue like Legends with a limited audience, a band with such gigantic musical presence can be intimidating, packing every corner of the room with powerful sound. It's important for the audience to be engaged from the start. A distribution of glow sticks helped get everybody primed to party, because it's hard to wear a glow stick without jumping around.

Reel Big Fish, calling themselves the ultimate party band, delivered everything a live band should. While their recorded albums have enjoyed lasting success, none of the recordings even come close to capturing the experience of a live performance by this band. Instruments including saxophone, trumpet, trombone, guitar, all resting on excellent drum and bass that could be heard from South Quad (probably, but I was inside so I wouldn't know), incited an irresistible urge to sway and jump to the infectious beat. The band was led by guitarist Aaron Barret, its only remaining founding member from its start in 1991, who set a goofy, energetic tone for the show in his wacky glasses and patterned guitar. It was obvious that all band members had their hearts in the performance when they engaged the crowd in

conversation and entertained with jokes between songs, I even witnessed some back-and-forth between saxophonist Matt Appleton (aka Saxel Rose) and a particularly enthusiastic fan in the front row. The chemistry of the band members was obvious both by their banter and the flow of their jam sessions, especially in the horn section.

The energy of Reel Big Fish was matched by the crowd, who bounced with the ska rhythm and complied when Barret instructed "Everybody jump!" Punk elements even incited a spirited mosh pit in the center of the crowd. "Skanking" is the term for the ska style of dancing that originated in the 60s in Jamaican dance halls. It is unclear whether audience members at Legends were aware of this style of dance, or if the ska rhythm naturally led to the kicking and elbowing motions of the skank. Intentionally or not, the crowd at Legends was skanking nonstop.

The setlist maintained a lively feel through hits like "Sell Out" and the band's other favorites. Sarcastic lyrics complimented interesting beats played on an exciting array of instruments. The audience was held on edge when we were cleverly teased into anticipation of RBF's hit song "Beer" with others about their favorite drinks such as "Margaritaville" and "Red Red Wine." They kept things interesting with snippets of classics, but stayed true to their biggest hit covers "Brown Eyed Girl" and "Take On Me" to which everyone sang along. They demonstrated an impressive range of genre capabilities, playing one song in many different styles such as death metal and disco. You don't have to be a fan of Jamaican calypso to enjoy a show like this; any lover of music found themselves entertained.

It was clear by the infectious energy that both the crowd at Legends and Reel Big Fish just came to party down.

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Katie Crutchfield has been playing music professionally since she was a teenager, and her songwriting reflects the decade she’s spent refining her craft.

The 26-year-old musician’s solo project, Waxahatchee, which takes its name from a creek near her parents’ house in Alabama, grounds quarter-life crises in searingly specific images. Crutchfield displayed this introspective, emotionally honest songwriting on her debut, “American Weekend,” a collection of lo-fi acoustic songs recorded during a snowed-in week at her parents’ home, and “Cerulean Salt,” a more polished album that has a sound harkening back to 90s alt rock.

“Ivy Tripp,” Crutchfield’s third album as Waxahatchee and first for major indie label Merge, is her most mature work to date: She explores a more expansive sound without abandoning her self-reflective streak. Signing with Merge — the label home to Neutral Milk Hotel, Spoon and Arcade Fire, among countless other indie rock heavyweights — will hopefully, and deservedly, allow Crutchfield’s music to resonate with an even wider audience.

For the recording of “Ivy Tripp,” Crutchfield rented a house on Long Island for a year and a half. She worked there with co-producers Kyle Gilbride and Keith Spencer of the Philadelphia band Swearin’ (Crutchfield’s twin sister,

Allison, is the group’s frontwoman). The result is a more muscular sound than her previous two albums, immediately noticeable from the blast of static that accompanies opener “Breathless.” Crutchfield’s evolution is there, too, on the breezy “La Loose,” a poppy track backed by synth pads and a drum machine. Closing track “Bonfire” returns to a more noisy sound, her harmonies floating over the buzz of guitar feedback.

Despite the more ambitious sonic territory Crutchfield explores, “Ivy Tripp” doesn’t sacrifice the intelligent songwriting that made her earlier work so compelling. Throughout the album, she reflects on unstable relationships and the aimlessness of one’s 20s, often saving the harshest criticism for herself. “I left you out like a carton milk,” she sings on the chorus of “Air,” accepting blame for a failed relationship and creating one of the year’s most indelible images. Yet, by the song’s end, she’s more forgiving of herself, arriving at the realization they both failed to recognize what the other needed: “You were patiently giving me everything that I will never need.”

That same tension is present on “<,” which descends into a bridge marked by defiantly offbeat drums. “You’re less than me, and I am nothing,” she repeats in what is perhaps the album’s most devastating moment. It’s at once a self-deprecating remark and a vicious jab, characteristic of Crutchfield’s ability to approach an event from both perspectives.

“I think a running theme [on “Ivy Tripp”] is steadying yourself on shaky ground and reminding yourself that you have control in situations that seem overwhelming,” Crutchfield said in the album’s press release. “Or just being cognizant in moments of deep confusion or sadness and learning to really feel emotions and to grow from that.”

Throughout “Ivy Tripp,” Crutchfield grapples again and again with making sense of adulthood. On “Grey Hair,” she maybe finds an answer. Despite the shaky ground of uncertainty and doubt, the one place that she can steady herself is music — which she has proven through her songwriting time and time again. “Maybe, you’ll learn to live on stage ... I get short of breath because I can’t slow down,” she sings. “Ivy Tripp” makes abundantly clear that Crutchfield won’t be slowing down anytime soon.

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## “Ivy Tripp”

Waxahatchee

**Label:** Merge Records

**Tracks:** “Air,” “<,” “Grey Hair”

**If you like:** Swearin’, Girlpool, Angel Olsen



By **MIKO MALABUTE**  
Scene Writer

The most immediate headline news concerning Kim Kardashian and the rest of the Kardashian clan never seem too flattering nowadays. The family had re-upped with television network “E!” for four more years of their reality TV series “Keeping Up With the Kardashians” for a record-breaking \$100 million-plus deal, much to the chagrin of middle America, who question the talent that warrants such a deal. People have taken delight in how Hollywood has seen “No Kardashian Parking Anytime” signs appear in front of various businesses, in which the artist responsible known as “Plastic Jesus” justifies them as a comment on America’s pandemic obsession with celebrity.

Simply put, it’s easy to hate on the Kardashians: they’re getting richer, their celebrity-dom is on a different stratosphere, and they set the bar for public appearance and beauty. Yet, people have always and will always continue to question what makes them tick, the workings underneath the hood. For all of their outward beauty, what should we really like

about them underneath the fair skin and complexion? How can we relate to these celebrity superstars, when we seemingly have nothing in common?

Over the weekend, Kim Kardashian — along with Kanye West, North West and Khloé Kardashian — traveled to Yerevan, the capital of Armenia, for the first time to meet with the Armenian prime minister Hovik Abrahamyan. They were reportedly making the pilgrimage back to their homeland to make a documentary on the Armenian genocide, which is recognized on April 24, and to connect with their family roots and heritage.

They were dressed head-to-toe in beige, visiting various sites from their humble beginnings like the Mother Armenia statue in Yerevan.

“The Mother Armenia statue symbolizes peace through strength,” Khloé wrote on her Instagram account. “It can remind viewers of some of the prominent female figures in Armenian history. Who took up arms to help their husbands in their clashes with Turkish troops and Kurdish irregulars.”

The Kardashians met with the prime minister to publicly announce their joint promise and efforts to have the Armenian genocide become recognized

internationally.

“The Kardashians apologized for not speaking Armenian but said they are learning their native language,” an Armenian government statement said. “They pledged to continue the struggle for international recognition and condemnation of the Armenian genocide.”

This effort is still unfortunately a struggle in various other countries, namely Turkey. Turkey refutes the claim that it was an Armenian “genocide,” as they maintain that just as many Turks died in the 1915-1917 struggle of the Armenian people against the Ottoman Empire.

Thus, in many senses many of us can find common ground with the celebrity megastar, especially those of us with immigrant parents. Kim Kardashian can be labeled a lot of things, but over the weekend she and her family were simply people who grew up in America who wished to learn more about their background and heritage. And for that, we can respect her and their cause for international recognition of the Armenian genocide.

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## SPORTS AUTHORITY

# Minors have major problems

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Most professional baseball players are poor, by definition. Literally, the vast majority of professional baseball players are paid below the poverty line. To many, that seems like a very strange thing to hear. All we hear about is the glitz and the glam, the Derek Jeter limousines and Tim Lincecum condos. Yet, an overwhelming percentage of professional baseball players are not in the major leagues and are not making much money.

At any level, playing a sport professionally is a year round commitment. Even when the games aren't being played, athletes must commit their time and energy to rigorous off-season training programs and constant skill development. So, even though a player is paid for their work in the season, it's a full-time, full-year job.

On average, most players in the minor leagues make somewhere between \$3,000-7,500. For comparison, the average fast-food worker makes \$15,000-18,000 a year. In other words, most professional baseball players stand firmly below the poverty line, and many are forced to pick up a second job to help pay for their basic needs.

For some, this fosters a re-occurring cycle, where the players in the minor leagues are forced to commit less time to honing their craft to make ends meet. As a result, they cannot improve enough to make it to the major leagues.

I'm not going to sit here and tell you the horrors of life as a minor leaguer. Many others can do a far better job. Over the last few years, more players have stepped up to the plate to tell their story. Full books have been written, and many published articles by players themselves are easy to find. I encourage you to read them.

In general, this idea seems so foreign, so inaccurate to us. That's because the minimum salary of a major league baseball player checks in at \$500,000. Though both minor and major league players are trying to play a game professionally, the wage gap between the two is significant.

Last year, a lawsuit was brought to the table regarding

player salaries in the minor leagues. Currently, the case is still in the discovery phase and slated to enter the trial phase in February of 2017. That's a long way off, but that void leaves time for a lot of eye opening.

Part of the problem is that the "work hours" are often viewed as just game time hours. Yet, if you add up the hours a player commits to the game and the total salary they are paid, minor league baseball players are well below the minimum wage line. Here is where the dispute begins, as MLB argues minimum wage provisions of federal and state wage and hour laws were not intended to apply to professional athletes.

This wasn't always as huge of a problem as it is today. Since 1976, minor league baseball salaries have increased 75 percent. Though that seems reasonable in a vacuum, in that same period, we've experienced an inflation of 400 percent. In short, minor league salaries, proportionally, have plummeted over the years.

In the sporting world of today, the hot button issue is often pay for college athletes. That being said, before the public lens turns to the complex issue of college athletics, maybe we should examine the life of some of the professionals in the system. We should make sure our professional system works before we consider where we draw the line between professional and amateur. Before we build a new system, let's fix the other half of the one we already have.

Most importantly, we need to break down the schema that all professional baseball players live a lavish lifestyle, recognizing the salary of an Alex Rodriguez stands in stark contrast to the salary of most professional ballplayers. We need to look more closely at an issue that has escaped the public eye for years, an issue that will be coming to a crux in a few short more. Because, whether we're willing to admit it or not, most professional baseball players are poor.

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## SMC LACROSSE | SMC 8, TRINE 6

# Belles win despite second-half slow down

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Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's lacrosse team avoided their first losing streak since the beginning of the season, holding on despite scoring only a single-goal second half to triumph over Trine on Saturday in Angola, Indiana.

The Belles (6-6, 2-2 MIAA) scored five times in the opening 20 minutes and added a pair in the closing minutes of the first half to establish a commanding 7-2 lead at halftime. First-year midfielder Clare Theisen dictated the pace of the offensive attack, scoring four of the team's first seven goals. Her first came roughly four minutes into the match off a well-placed assist by fellow first-year attack Hanna Makowski, followed up by an unassisted strike four minutes later.

Sophomore attack Emilie Vanneste responded less than two minutes after Trine's first score to reclaim the Belles' two-goal lead with an unassisted tally of her own. The Belles dictated the pace of the game for the remainder of

the half, scoring four more goals while only allowing one.

Despite the Belles' attempts to contain senior midfielder Taylor Gast, Trine's leading scorer managed a hat trick, with all three goals coming on free position shots. The Thunder (3-5, 0-4) scored four consecutive goals as the Belles frantically attempted to maintain their lead. Vanneste completed her hat trick with ten minutes remaining on the clock, Saint Mary's only goal of the second half. The Belles prevented Trine from scoring again, resulting in a contentious 8-6 win for the visiting squad.

Saint Mary's head coach Amy Long praised her squad's ability to play strong out of the gate.

"We got out to a great start at Trine," Coach Long said. "Our team was able to control the ball for extended periods of time during most of the first half. Our players came out hard and gave it everything they had during the first half, which was great to see."

However, in what is becoming a trend the Belles' solid play in one half failed to translate to the other.

In last week's loss against Olivet, they managed only two goals in the first frame, while against Trine the Belles found the back of the net just once during the entirety of the second half. Long addressed this trend of inconsistency as a potential area of improvement.

"We did not play as well during the second half and will be working towards playing more consistently as we go in to the last half of our conference games," Long said. "If we can play our game consistently for a full 60 minutes, we will have great success as we wrap up our conference play."

The Belles are off until Wednesday, when they host conference leaders Calvin. The Belles are only one win behind the Knights, so a win Wednesday could propel the Belles to a top-three position in the conference standings.

Saint Mary's and Calvin are set to square off at the Saint Mary's Lacrosse Fields on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

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## ROWING

# Irish row into second place at Lake Natoma

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Notre Dame headed to California over the weekend and came home with a fourth-place finish at the two-day Lake Natoma Invitational.

The No. 16 Irish logged seven runner-up finishes in 8 heats during the first day of races, posting competitive times against No. 3 California in the morning and No. 6 Stanford in the afternoon.

In the first session of races, the Irish competed with California and Rhode Island, finishing second to the Golden Bears in each of the three finals; the Rams finished third across the board. The first varsity four boat, second varsity eight and first varsity eight all finished second to the Golden Bears while in the final race of the morning, the second varsity four qualified for the final, finishing just 4.5 seconds behind California's boat.

The second group stage pitted the Irish against Stanford and Sacramento State, and the

Irish continued their trend of second-place finishes. The closest race of the afternoon for the Irish came in the second varsity eight, where Notre Dame posted a runner-up time of 6:56.1, just two seconds slower than Stanford's winning speed of 6:54.6.

In the day's final heat — the second varsity four final — the Irish lagged behind the competition. Brown upset California and Stanford with a winning time of 7:34.1; Notre Dame finished 11.7 seconds behind in fourth place.

The second day of competition saw more of the same from the Irish in terms of placements, as they started their morning with another runner-up finish with a time of 7:34.8, this time in the first varsity four, finishing behind San Diego and ahead of Gonzaga.

The Irish's second heat of the Sunday morning, however, brought about a rare moment as Notre Dame finished in a dead heat with San Diego, with both posting identical times of 6:47.0.

Irish head coach Martin Stone said the tie is an odd occurrence in the sport.

"We tied San Diego, which is a rarity in rowing," Stone said. "They couldn't see who crossed first in the video."

The Irish concluded their trip with yet another second-place finish, falling to Gonzaga in the first varsity eight, finishing 6.2 seconds behind the Bulldogs.

Stone said his team was upset with its results over the weekend.

"We wanted to be faster," he said. "I think that we're disappointed in the results throughout the weekend. We're missing something right now. ... We've got two weeks to kind of figure that out."

The Irish have next weekend off, giving them two weeks to train prior to their final regular season appearance of the season at the Dale England Cup in Bloomington, Indiana.

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MEN’S TENNIS | ND 4, CLEMSON 3

# Irish eke out win over Clemson to start homestand

By RYAN KLAUS  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame started its final home stand with a tight 4-3 victory against Clemson on Friday afternoon at Courtney Tennis Center.

The Irish (13-9, 5-5 ACC) started the match by winning two of the three doubles matches to take the doubles point against the Tigers (10-14, 1-9).

After winning the doubles point, Notre Dame faced adversity when their No. 2 singles player, sophomore Josh Hagar, was scratched from the singles lineup.

As a result of Hagar being scratched, junior Kenneth Sabacinski entered the lineup at the sixth singles spot, losing 6-0, 6-2, to Clemson freshman Hampton Drake. Everyone else besides junior Quentin Monaghan moved up a spot in Notre Dame’s lineup.

With the Tigers and Irish tied 3-3, the contest came down to the third-position matchup between Irish senior Billy Pecor and



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*Irish junior captain Eric Schnurrenberger swings at the ball during his Jan. 24 match against Oklahoma State.*

Clemson junior Luke Johnson. Pecor won the match in three sets, 6-4, 1-6, 6-0.

“Josh is a core guy for us,” Irish head coach Ryan Sachire said. “He’s one of our best players and competitors. Any time a guy you count on to give a really solid performance every single match can’t go, it does two things. Number

one, it creates a little bit more pressure on some of the other guys, but at the same time it creates some opportunities for some of the guys to step up, too. Billy is a really good example where he played higher in the lineup than he’s been playing and was able to step up.”

Monaghan, ranked 10th nationally, continued his hot streak and won his 11th-straight match by beating senior Hunter Harrington 6-4, 7-5.

“The buzz saw that is Quentin Monaghan keeps on rolling,” said Sachire. “That guy [Harrington] beat him really bad last year, so it’s a really a good indication of how much Quentin’s improved and how much better his level of tennis is in one calendar year. Hunter Harrington is a good player. For Quentin to beat him in straight sets like he did is awesome.”

Sachire said he was also impressed with junior Alex Lawson, who won in singles and doubles Friday.

“Alex started the year as a guy whose identity was maybe of a guy who was a really good doubles player and someone capable of playing really good singles, but he needed to learn how to win and win consistently,” Sachire said. “A lot of that comes from self-confidence and really honing your game on the court. It’s been really fun to see [him have success] because he is another really hard worker who is really dedicated to our team. It’s really fulfilling to see someone like that figure it out and have the success in terms of results that you know they deserve.”

“We talk in our program all the time about the process and doing the right things on a daily basis to prepare yourself to win and he does. He believed in it and stuck to it and is doing a heck of a job for us.”

Notre Dame returns to the courts Friday when it takes on ACC foe Wake Forest at Courtney Tennis Center, weather permitting.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS | MIAMI (FLA.) 5, ND 2

# ND fails to finish against ‘Canes

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As the weather changed from clear and cloudless to cold and windy in a matter of an hour, Notre Dame’s fortunes changed with it.

After securing the doubles point, the Irish (14-7, 8-4 ACC) fell in all but one singles match as they battled both No. 17 Miami (Fla.) and the spring weather, at least until the match was forced inside. At the end of the day, Notre Dame was handed just its second loss in its last eight matches, 5-2.

While still playing outside at Courtney Tennis Center during the doubles portion, the No. 27 tandem of junior Quinn Gleason and sophomore Monica Robinson earned the victory over the top duo from the Hurricanes (13-6, 9-2 ACC), senior Monique Albuquerque and junior Clementina Riobueno, 8-4, after jumping out to a 3-0 lead and weathering a late comeback from the Hurricanes.

“We went into it prepared with the right mindset of needing to play this like any other match,” Robinson said. “We knew they were ranked before the match started, but we took it one point at a time, one game at a time. We see this as preparing for NCAAs, and we take every match as preparing for that. It was amazing for us to get this win to be honest. It was really cool.”

Once junior Julie Vrabel and freshman Allison Miller completed a furious comeback by winning the last six games to take the match, 8-6, Notre Dame took an early lead into the singles portion of the afternoon.

By the time the 10-minute break was over between doubles and singles, however, the weather had made both players and spectators miserable. The wind was starting to affect every point in singles play before rain forced the match to conclude inside Eck Tennis Pavilion.

“The weather was a little ominous,” Robinson said. “It started off beautiful even though it was very windy. During doubles there were some shots where the ball just turned around, we didn’t know what would happen. When we played outside, I think we did well. Once it started to rain, we had that delay, which was kind of a bummer for us.”

Only Vrabel was able to keep her momentum going into the singles session, as she cruised to an easy victory over one of four ranked Hurricanes, No. 67 Riobueno, 6-3, 6-4.

Elsewhere, the Irish were able to keep some of the matches close, as Gleason, Miller and sophomore Mary Closs all fell in three sets. Gleason put up a fight against No. 11 junior Stephanie Wagner, 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 7-5, while Closs forced a tiebreaker with freshman Silvia Fuentes in the third set, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (7-0) and Miller hung with senior Lina Lileikite, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

The Irish have had a similar experience with the Hurricanes, who knocked them out of the ACC tournament a year ago after also beating them in Coral Gables, Florida. But now the squad must turn its attention to next weekend and the last two matches of the regular season, Robinson said.

“I think the big thing for us is that we need to keep our heads up staying positive and motivating each other,” Robinson said. “We can’t let the loss get to us. This one was tough, but we know we have to be ready for ACCs. We won’t be as highly ranked as last year, but it’ll be fun going in as the underdog and seeing what we can do in the ACCs.”

The Irish return to the courts Friday when they travel to No. 20 Clemson (14-8, 10-3 ACC) before coming back to campus for a match against No. 22 Duke (14-7, 9-2 ACC) on Sunday.

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*Notre Dame freshman Allison Miller stretches for a backhand during her Feb. 4 match against Stanford.*

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## TRACK &amp; FIELD | ACC/BIG TEN CHALLENGE

# Young team looks experienced in Kentucky

By **MAREK MAZUREK**  
Sports Writer

Young faces were abundant for the Irish on Saturday as Notre Dame competed in the ACC/Big Ten challenge in Louisville, Kentucky. The Irish paired up with Louisville and competed against the Michigan State and Indiana. Ultimately the two Big Ten schools came away with victories in both the women's and men's competitions.

Notre Dame and Louisville lost 89-76 in the women's events, but Notre Dame rested many star athletes including juniors Molly Seidel and Margaret Bamgbose and senior Jade Barber. In their places, the Irish featured some underclassmen who took advantage of the opportunity and performed well, Irish head coach Alan Turner said. He attributed the performances over the weekend to his younger athletes being more comfortable in the collegiate environment.

"They're just getting accustomed to competing now," Turner said. "It's our third outdoor meet. They're just getting more accustomed to doing things."

Freshman Parker English headlined the day for the women as she won both the 100-meter and 200-meter sprints with times of 12.09 seconds and 23.71 seconds, respectively. Parker also led the 1,600-meter relay team to second place with a time of 3:37.13. Turner said English has come into her own so far this outdoor season.

"Indoors, [English] had a few little nagging injuries," Turner said. "The steep learning curve she had early in the fall, learning my new drills, my new system, it's really starting to kick in right now. She's healthy. She's confident. I think this meet right here will be the springboard for her for the rest of her career at Notre Dame."

The women's 400-meter relay teams also caught Turner's attention, and he said he has tough decisions to make about who he wants on his top relay team. This week, the quartet included English, senior Michelle Rotondo, freshman Jordan Shead and senior Amber Lalla. However, Turner also has the All-American Bamgbose and Barber at his disposal. The coach said he is still working out who he wants

to race in ACC championship.

"We'll see how it plays out," Turner said. "I'm still going to mix up the relays next week at Georgia Tech and the following week at the Drake relays. Every year I worry about who's going to be that relay, but it just seems to work itself out every year. The four best ones rise to the top and that's who we usually go with."

In addition to the sprints, the Irish also saw first-place performances in multiple field events. Senior Mary Esther Gourdin won the triple-jump with a leap of 12.54 meters, sophomore Emily Carson won the long jump with a six-meter effort, and senior Carly Loeffel finished in first place in the javelin with a toss of 39.88 meters. Turner said he is counting on his field athletes come the ACC championship.

"I wasn't surprised about Mary Esther," Turner said. "She's our school record holder in triple indoors and outdoors. Mary just needs to show up for us when we need her the most in the ACC championships."

On the men's side, the Big Ten claimed a 96-64 win, but the Irish were given victories from freshman Greg Bombara in the



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**Sophomore jumper Emily Carson lands one of her long jumps at the Meyo Invitational on Feb. 6 at Loftus Sports Center.**

javelin with a throw of 64.65 meters and senior Keith Mesidor in the long jump, who had a winning jump of 7.29 meters. Turner said he is looking for continued success from both of the victors.

"Keith [Mesidor] was just under 24 feet in the men's long jump, I wasn't surprised about his performance," Turner said. "I want him to consistently get in the 24 range and pop a 25-foot jump by the end of the year. [Bombara]'s gotten better. He broke a meet

record and I think he's like sixth or seventh right now in the ACC. He's just going to get better and better each time he throws."

The Irish will split up next weekend as athletes will travel to the Georgia Tech Invitational in Atlanta, Georgia, the Virginia Challenge in Charlottesville, Virginia, and the Mt. SAC Relays in Walnut, California.

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Senior catcher Cassidy Whidden handles a low pitch during a March 21 doubleheader against Georgia Tech at Melissa Cook Stadium. Notre Dame won both games, 6-1 and 13-0, respectively.

## Softball

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Sunday in relief, throwing four shutout innings while scattering four hits.

Haus said the wide variety of players able to contribute made it easy for the Irish to avoid the traps of a three-game series.

"The toughest thing about a three-game series is the fact

that you have to see a team three times," Haus said. "A team's play can change from game-to-game or day-to-day. If we take each game one at a time and play our game we should be fine."

The Irish now own the longest win streak in program history since 2005. But, Haus said, there is one thing that the Irish need to keep in mind.

"I think we need to make

sure we don't start to coast," Haus said. "We have been successful, but that doesn't mean we can take it easy. We still need to come out with fire every game."

The Irish are next on the diamond Tuesday against Bowling Green. First pitch at Melissa Cook Stadium is scheduled for 6 p.m.

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Sophomore Cortney Fortunato cradles the ball down the field during a 17-5 win against Detroit on Feb. 15.

## W Lacrosse

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out really hard," Halfpenny said. "Kiera, off the bench, talk about needing a spark in the first half and having a junior come off the bench and give us two important goals."

The Wolverines (5-9, 0-3 Big Ten) would never recover. The Notre Dame offense went off for 14 goals in the second half, including 5 of 7 free position shots and the milestone half-dozen from Fortunato. Notre Dame closed out the game with a 4-0 run.

"It took us a half to warm up, but towards the end it came back, and we started playing like us again," Fortunato said. "Going forward, I think we just need to make sure we come out every game starting strong and playing like we have the past few games, and we should be good to go."

The victory was the third in a row for the Irish after upsets of No. 8 Virginia and No. 6 Syracuse last week. Notre Dame will play the final two games of its regular season at home this week against No. 5 Northwestern and No. 12

Louisville before going into the ACC tournament.

"You hear a lot of people saying we're heating up at the right time, but the truth is we're just realizing our potential so we're not surprised about this," Halfpenny said. "We knew February was going to take some time to get our chemistry together, and March was battling through and finding our identity, and now in April we're starting to hit our stride."

"It's just the natural process of a team growing up throughout the course of a season."

Halfpenny said she was especially pleased with the team chemistry and cooperation she saw on the field Sunday. It showed on the stat sheet as well, with Irish players collecting 12 assists as a group.

"We're playing so together right now," Halfpenny said. "The reality is 21 goals is something else, but 12 helpers is something that we're even more excited about because that's tougher to defend."

Notre Dame's next challenge is Thursday, when the Wildcats visit Arlotta Stadium at 7 p.m.

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Sophomore midfielder Casey Pearsall looks for an offensive opportunity against Detroit on Feb. 15.



## Football

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Sam Mustipher and juniors John Montelus and Colin McGovern.

Kelly spent much of the practice with the offense and quarterbacks specifically and said there was still room for improvement, including areas that haunted the Irish in 2014.

"What we didn't like today is that we had two turnovers, and neither one of them can turn the ball over, and we had two turnovers in scoring position," Kelly said. "But they're building on what we see as the area's that we've asked them to work on."

### Prosise in the backfield

Junior C.J. Prosise completed drills with the receivers, running backs and punt return units and flashed signs of his cross-training with the running backs this spring during the scrimmage, such as a 70-yard touchdown run in which he easily sprinted past the first-team defense.

The usual Irish running back tandem of juniors Tarean Folston and Greg Bryant earned something of a warning from Kelly following the show by Prosise.

"If you watch C.J. Prosise, if I was those two guys, I'd feel like they better be careful because he's got elite speed at the second level, and we had [junior safety] Max Redfield chasing him today and couldn't catch him," Kelly said. "I think C.J. puts some pressure on both those guys, and I just want to create some more competition."

### Linebacker competition

In the overloaded linebackers corps, sophomore Nyles Morgan took reps at the "Mike" slot with the first-team unit, where he was joined by juniors Jaylon Smith and James Onwualu.

Graduate student Jarrett Grace manned the middle with the second team alongside freshman early enrollee Te'von Coney and sophomore Greer Martini, and Coney subbed in for Smith on the first team in the latter portion of the scrimmage.

That unit will become a little more crowded this week with the addition of graduate student Joe Schmidt, who was cleared for practice last Saturday, Kelly said.

"He's cleared to be involved in all movement drills, seven-on-seven, non-contact drills — moving pretty good, so he'll get his opportunity Monday and Wednesday to be involved in all those drills with non-contact," he said.

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## Baseball

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do their thing and trust them, and I do."

Sophomore lefty Scott Tully came in — the fourth Irish pitcher on the afternoon — and calmly collected two strikeouts to put the sweep in the books before releasing a big fist pump as he walked off the mound at Frank Eck Stadium. This weekend's success marked the first series win for Notre Dame (24-10, 9-9 ACC) over a top-10 opponent since it beat then-No. 1 Florida State in the 2002 NCAA Super Regionals. Coupled with last week's three victories over Pittsburgh, it was also the first back-to-back sweeps of conference opponents since 2008.

Sophomore right-hander Ryan Smoyer got the nod for Friday's opener and continued his recent string of strong outings, earning the 5-2 win for the Irish.

Notre Dame fell behind early after Smoyer allowed a two-run home run to Seminoles freshman third baseman Dylan Busby, but he locked down batters after that. Smoyer allowed just four more hits and struck out five before leaving after seven innings and 109 pitches.

"I think a big thing for him is that he's been on top of the baseball, so his fastball is kind of running downhill, and he's done a good job of commanding the strike zone, which is unbelievably important against a team like Florida State, who's so prolific at being able to draw walks, and their plate discipline is really, really good," Aoki said. "I kind of thought that Ryan would be a good matchup for these guys because he is in the zone, and recently, he's done a good job of working downhill, so it's good."

Sophomore right-hander Ryan Smoyer pitches against Central Michigan on March 18 at Frank Eck Stadium. Michael Yu | The Observer

Sophomore right-hander Ryan Smoyer pitches against Central Michigan on March 18 at Frank Eck Stadium.

The Irish responded to Florida State's deep ball with a two-run shot over the right-field wall from sophomore second baseman Cavan Biggio in the third. In the next inning, a trio of juniors — shortstop Lane Richards, first baseman Zak Kutsulis and designated hitter Ricky Sanchez — pieced together three consecutive two-out singles, with Sanchez's knock bringing home Richards to give the Irish the 3-2 lead.

Notre Dame continued to come through in two-out situations in the seventh, when sophomore catcher Ryan Lidge rocketed a single to right field that plated two more runs.

"I think that was Lidgey doing a really good job of two-strike adjusting, cut that change up and just stay right on it and drove it into right field there," Aoki said. "Especially considering the inning before, we had bases loaded with one out, and we weren't able to capitalize on it. ... Two-out RBIs are always important, and those two were huge."

Freshman lefty Sean Guenther



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**Sophomore left-hander Scott Tully pitches the ball to a Central Michigan batter in Notre Dame's 8-3 win at Frank Eck Stadium on March 18. Tully had two strikeouts against Florida State this weekend.**

relieved Smoyer in the top of the eighth and notched five strikeouts to earn the save in the 5-2 win.

The Irish followed a similar pattern when they earned the series-clinching win Saturday off another strong performance from the starter, freshman right-hander Brandon Bielak this time around.

Notre Dame got on the scoreboard first in the second matchup off a two-out, RBI single to right field from senior left fielder Ryan Bull, and it tacked on a second run in the fourth inning with a single to center by Kutsulis.

The home team was up 2-1 headed into the game's home stretch, and Lidge cushioned that lead again with a two-out double to the left-field corner in the seventh that put the game at the 4-1 final score.

"I just stay in that moment; I just stay with my approach, and it just so happens that I've been coming through, and I guess I'll take it," Lidge said.

The Irish came into Sunday's finale looking for the sweep, and they earned it with a win-by-committee-style game from the pitching staff.

Freshman Brad Bass started the game but, on a 30-pitch limit, came out in the second inning in favor of junior Connor Hale. Hale, the winning pitcher, threw the next 3 2/3 innings and allowed three hits and one earned run in the top of the sixth.

While Hale was on the mound in the fourth, Irish sophomore third baseman Kyle Fiala doubled to the left-field corner and advanced to third on a fielding error, and he scored two pitches later on a double to the opposite corner by Biggio.

The left-handed Kutsulis hit the eventual game-winner with an opposite-field home run into the left-field hedges in the fifth.

The Seminoles had the bases loaded with no outs after they plated their run in the sixth, and freshman Evy Ruibal entered the fray in relief of Hale. Ruibal induced a double play from the next batter, the team's ACC-leading 44th of the season, with the outs coming at home and first base, and a foul out after that to escape the inning unscathed.

"That's who we are — we're a really good defensive club," Aoki said. "I mean, there might

be teams that can make flashier plays or this or that, but I think that the balls that are supposed to turn into outs, they turn into outs. The balls that are supposed to be turned into double plays, for the most part, are turned into double plays."

After Ruibal's 3 1/3 innings,

Tully came in to record the game's final two outs and secure the sweep for the Irish.

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45 Away's partner

48 Accent reduction may be part of it: Abbr.

49 Great work

52 Computer add-on?

53 1951 Tony winner for "Call Me Madam"

54 The idiot brother in "Our Idiot Brother"

55 It borders the Land of Lincoln

Down

1 Disco swingers?

2 Plural suffix for conditions

3 Turner Prize institution

4 Part of une danse

5 Collectible record

6 Chutney-dipped appetizer

7 Pre-Soviet succession

8 One may provide passage

9 Health care grp.

10 Crevice-lurking predator

11 1957 hit for Perry Como

12 Like some blood

13 One passed out on New Year's Eve

14 What many fans generate

22 Ending for 23-Across

23 Having nothing to part with?

24 More likely to go off

25 Choice for a bed made in the kitchen

26 \_\_\_\_ Line (German/Polish border)

27 Novel

28 Staggers

30 Mennonites and others

33 Diamond lane

34 Gravitation consideration

36 They have job listings

37 Does over, as a document

39 French pronoun

40 Hand wringer's words

42 Overpower

44 Be unsettled

45 Damage control grp.

46 "Ev'rybody Wants to Be \_\_\_\_" (Disney film tune)

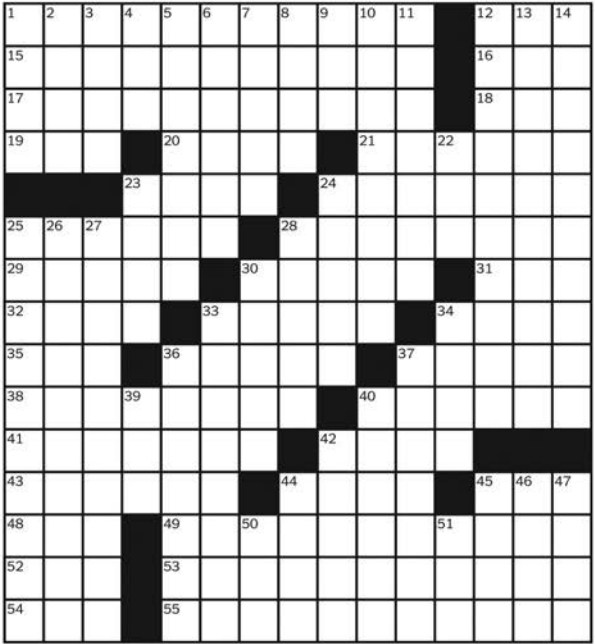
47 Novelist Bazin

50 "\_\_\_\_ nuff!"

51 N.Y.C. commuting debut of 1904

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SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE 2/4/13

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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**Happy Birthday:** Take things one step at a time. The changes you face are best contemplated carefully before you take action. Emotional regret due to a change in status is likely to make you rethink your future plans. Opportunities will present themselves if you consider incorporating what's important to you into your new direction. You can make a difference. Your numbers are 4, 18, 24, 31, 37, 43, 47.

**Birthday Baby:** You are relentless, eager and sharp. You are quick, cautious and responsible.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You must stand your ground and make whatever changes are necessary to help strengthen and protect your relationships with your family and colleagues. Discuss ground rules and make sure everyone is clear about what's expected. ★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Spend more time with the young and the old in your life. Get involved in creative endeavors that will bring you in contact with people who share your interests. Don't give in to unfair demands or temptation. ★★★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Set aside time to organize your personal papers and get a new budget in place that will help ease your financial stress. Make positive changes at home that will lower your overhead. A change will do you good. ★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't let moodiness dominate your behavior or lead you into an emotional battle. An unpredictable situation will escalate rapidly if you aren't willing to compromise. Keep busy with physical activities that challenge you and take your mind off your troubles. ★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You'll have a difficult time containing your feelings. Before you get into trouble, consider engaging in something that will add to your knowledge and experience while also bringing you closer to loved ones. Self-improvement should be your goal. ★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Don't fool yourself. Dieting and getting in shape take work. Don't look for a quick fix for personal or financial problems. Use your creative, detail-oriented mind to work slowly toward a practical and well-thought-out plan. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Empty promises will leave you feeling uncertain about your home, family and relationships with others. Consider your legal position and revisit pending problems that require your attention in order to reach a settlement. You have to let go of the past to move forward. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Self-deception will lead to poor decisions. Take time to re-evaluate your current position and your next move. A one-sided romantic infatuation will not end in your favor. Don't lead anyone on or give in to a situation that is not in your best interest. ★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Help out someone who counts on you. Don't hesitate to negotiate and close deals. It's up to you to put an end to a situation that has been holding you back. An investment or new financial enterprise will be prosperous. ★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You will be sentimental when it comes to your belongings, friends and relatives. Your persuasiveness will get you into trouble if you haven't done enough research before talking up something you want others to buy in to. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Stay in the background. You will make a much better observer than a participant. You can be more effective if you collect all the data and summarize how to use the information most effectively. Love is in the stars. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Your biggest payback will come from helping the people you care about the most. A new relationship will develop if you participate in community events that will help improve your neighborhood. Get involved in fund-raising. ★★

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FHIST

CATEX

LEYNGT

TROGOF

Print answer here: \_\_\_\_\_

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: IDIOT SLASH TONGUE UNFOLD  
Answer: When the salesman told him the stereo was 50 percent off, he said this — SOUNDS GOOD

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## FOOTBALL

# Notre Dame runs through live scrimmage Saturday

By **MARY GREEN**  
Assistant Managing Editor

Referees, big hits, long runs and quarterbacks in jerseys that weren't red — Notre Dame's practice Saturday certainly wasn't a game, but it was about as close as the Irish will come this spring until next Saturday's Blue-Gold Game.

With both quarterbacks — graduate student Everett Golson and junior Malik Zaire — live and the team competing in an 11-on-11 scrimmage for the last half-hour, head coach Brian Kelly said Notre Dame was able to run nearly 60 plays during the two hours outdoors at LaBar Practice Complex.

Zaire played with the first team and behind an offense line made up of, left to right, senior Ronnie Stanley, sophomore Alex Bars, graduate student Nick Martin, junior Steve Elmer and junior Mike McGlinchey.

Golson took snaps with the second team, protected by a line of, left to right, junior Hunter Bivin, sophomores Quenton Nelson and



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*Irish quarterback Everett Golson prepares to hand the ball off to junior running back Tarean Folston during Saturday's practice.*

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## ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE | ND 21, MICHIGAN 12

# Fortunato leads ND to victory

By **RENEE GRIFFIN**  
Sports Writer

No. 13 Notre Dame rolled against Michigan in a 21-12 win at Arlotta Stadium on Sunday afternoon, led by sophomore attack Cortney Fortunato's six second-half goals.

Ten different Irish players found the back of the net, with sophomore attack Heidi Annaheim and sophomore midfielder Casey Pearsall each recording a hat trick and Fortunato tying a school record for the most goals in one half.

The sophomore was scoreless in the first half before exploding after the break. In one five-minute period, Fortunato beat sophomore Michigan goalie Allison Silber four times, and Notre Dame jumped from an 11-7 lead to a 15-8 advantage.

"When defenses start to

get too focused on Cortney, I think that everyone around her is doing their job and stepping up," Irish head coach Christine Halfpenny said. "This week in preparation, Cortney was really taking advantage of her dodges around the zone, and we saw that today. Huge day for Casey and big day for Heidi. I thought that was outstanding to see those two really come alive."

With 6:15 left in the first half, Notre Dame (9-5, 3-3 ACC) held a slim 5-4 lead. Halfpenny called a timeout, and by the midway break, the Irish were up 7-4 thanks to goals by Annaheim and junior attack Kiera McMullan off the bench.

"We got a little slower start than we wanted to, but I think you have to credit that to Michigan coming

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## ND SOFTBALL | ND 5, BC 2; ND 8, BC 5; ND 10, BC 2

# Squad stretches winning streak

By **MIKE GINOCCHIO**  
Sports Writer

If there is one word to describe the Irish at this point in the season, it would be rolling.

Coming into a weekend three-game series against Boston College, Notre Dame (32-11, 13-5 ACC) was in the middle of a 15-game winning stretch, including 10 straight in the ACC. Those streaks stayed unscathed through the conclusion of Sunday's game, as the Irish swept the Eagles (16-18, 1-11 ACC) to extend their unbeaten spell to 18 and their in-conference run to 13.

Senior infielder Katey Haus said she thinks the explanation for Notre Dame's success is relatively straightforward: the Irish have the right mindset.

"I think our key to success has been our focus on us," Haus said. "We've really made an effort to bring our 'A' game every game regardless of our opponent, and I think it has really paid off."

Another key to the Irish success has been their presence at the plate. Over the course of the past 18 games, Notre

Dame has outscored opponents by a margin of 153-27 and outscored the Eagles by a margin of 23-9, while the team hit .323 for the series.

The Irish also relied on multiple players to produce at the plate. Freshman infielder Morgan Reed led the way during Saturday's doubleheader, reaching base five of seven times with an RBI triple and RBI double. Senior outfielder Emilie Koerner smacked her 70th career double in Sunday's game and tied a Notre Dame record for runs scored in a game by crossing the plate four times during Sunday's 10-2 victory.

On the mound, the Irish got a strong pitching performance from freshman Katie Beriont (3-1), who threw six innings in relief in the second game Saturday, allowing only one unearned run on three hits and collecting a career-high five strikeouts in an 8-5 Irish victory. Sophomore Rachel Nasland (16-6) threw a complete game victory the first game, striking out nine in a 5-2 victory. Beriont returned

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## BASEBALL | ND 5, FSU 2; ND 4, FSU 1; ND 2, FSU 1

# Irish sweep Seminoles with strong pitching

By **MARY GREEN**  
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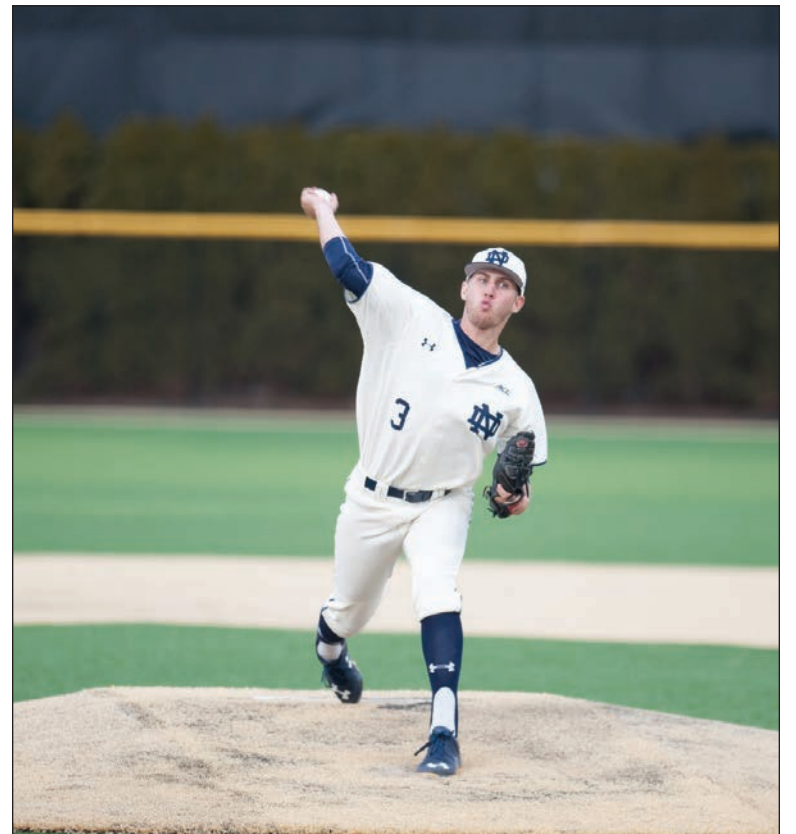
Notre Dame faced a jam in the top of the ninth Sunday, with two Florida State runners on base and just one out.

A sweep of the nation's No. 8 team was on the line, but Mik Aoki wasn't nervous.

"I think I'm beyond that with this group," the Notre Dame head coach said. "I just trust them to go out there and compete, and had one of those kids been able to take a ball and put it into the gap and we end up chasing runs in the bottom of the ninth, to be honest with you, I feel like we would've come back in the bottom of the ninth."

"You get the nervous energy that you do anytime in competition, but they work so hard, and the way in which they work has been so good that, at this point, you just let them go out there and

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*Sophomore right-hander Ryan Smoyer pitches against Central Michigan on March 18 at Frank Eck Stadium.*