

Galvin speaks on leadership, management

Dean of the College of Science distinguishes between two fundamental aspects of professionalism

By **EMMA BORNE**
News Writer

Throughout her professional experience in academia, industry and government, Mary Galvin, dean of the College of Science, said she realized each sector confused leadership and management. Galvin spoke on this confusion in a lecture Tuesday night that was a part of the inaugural Living Legends of Engineering Leadership Lecture Series.

Galvin said leadership and management are fundamentally different because management is goal-oriented organization.

"I see management as being in a position where you're

putting together a team of people, optimizing their skills to accomplish a task, and your job is to assemble and direct the team," she said.

Leadership, on the other hand, stems from a trusting relationship, Galvin said.

"A commander commands their power, a leader receives it, and to me that's the real difference," Galvin said. "If you are a leader, truly leading people, your power is coming from them. ... As a leader you have to have followers, and [your power] is not coming just from your authority over them — that's command, many times it can be management — but to really be a leader, its something thats

given to you by the people you're leading."

Galvin said she wanted to make clear that being a leader is not the same as being a good person, though there are good leaders. A good leader, Galvin

said, comes from within because they are rooted in who they are and what they believe in, they have the trust a respect of their followers, and

they have vision and passion.

Galvin said she learned the importance of having deeply rooted values from an experience she had while working at Bell Laboratories. Galvin said she took nine months off work while she was pregnant and after giving birth to her son. Her colleagues, Galvin said, said they respected her decision, but that a decision like that ended a woman's career — they wanted her to leave. Galvin said she decided that was not an option.

"I didn't give up, and I stayed in," Galvin said. "I published some great work that year, and they decided that I didn't need to leave. I became a distinguished member. But as I

went through that time, I realized ... I had to understand why I was doing it and what I thought would be a successful life. And in deciding that, I became very rooted in doing things because I wanted to because I thought they were right, because they met my values."

Galvin said an important question to ask of yourself, as a leader or a manager, is, What is best, not for myself, but for the organization? Galvin said you need to be able to answer that question and ultimately, be able to stand behind the answer.

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Judicial Council announces three campaign tickets

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Observer Staff Report

The Judicial Council announced three tickets for the upcoming student government elections for the offices of president and vice president for the 2016-2017 term, set to take place Feb. 10.

Three tickets gathered the necessary 700 unique signatures to make the ballot: juniors Dominic Alberigi and Jennifer Cha; juniors Louis Bertolotti and Elizabeth Fenton; and junior Corey

Robinson and sophomore Rebecca Blais.

A debate between the three candidates is set for Feb. 8. If no ticket receives a majority of the vote, a run-off will take place between the top two vote-getters. Should a run-off election occur, a second debate between the remaining candidates is set for Feb. 14, with a final election to take place Feb. 15, according to the Judicial Council's website.

The winning ticket will

take office April 1, succeeding current student body president Bryan Ricketts and vice president Nidia Ruelas.

The Bertolotti-Fenton campaign emphasizes transparency, deliverability and unity, according to official platform materials.

Bertolotti and Fenton include creating an accessible professor review system, improving Wi-Fi service and celebrating a "hey day" the

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Speaker brings awareness to crime of stalking



KATHLEEN DONAHUE | The Observer

Guest speaker **Debbie Riddle** speaks Tuesday night at Rice Commons warning against the dangers of potential stalkers.

By **KATHRYN MARSHALL**
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

Debbie Riddle spoke Tuesday evening at Rice Commons about the crime that took her sister's life: stalking. As a national speaker for stalking awareness, Riddle shared her sister's experience and the steps she has taken since to prevent such as story from repeating itself in a lecture sponsored by Saint Mary's Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO).

Riddle said 7.5 million people in the United States experience stalking, but many cases are not reported.

"The majority of stalking happens between the ages of 18 to 24, the college population ... and the majority of victims know their stalker," Riddle said.

Debbie Riddle's younger sister, Peggy Klinke, met a man in 1998

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Sophie Buono

sophomore
Lyons Hall

“Little Mermaid pool party.”



Maddie Gaugler

sophomore
Pasquerilla East Hall

“Roller skating party.”



Tess Swain

sophomore
Howard Hall

“‘Finding Nemo’ party, so I’m excited for the ‘Finding Dory’ movie.”



Flor Flores

senior
Lyons Hall

“I had a superhero party and dressed up as the Hulk.”



Erica Siatczynski

sophomore
Badin Hall

“Cinderella theme”



Jeff Agar

senior
Alumni Hall

“Thomas the Tank Engine.”



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The South Bend Medical Foundation held a blood drive Tuesday and Wednesday in Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. In the South Bend community, about 750 whole blood donations are needed each week. One blood donation can save as many as three lives.

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Wednesday

Blood Drive

Rolfs Sports
Recreation Center
11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Eat a healthy meal
before donating.

“The Life of Jesus: Christ for the Curious”

Coleman-Morse
Center
7 p.m.-8 p.m.
In the St. Andre room.

Thursday

Mindful Meditation

Coleman-Morse
Center
5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
All students, faculty
and staff may attend.

“Iron Sharpens Iron” Christian Fellowship

Coleman-Morse
Center
10 p.m.-11:30 p.m.
Student-led worship.

Friday

Lecture: “Centuries of Shakespeare”

Hesburgh Library
4 p.m-5 p.m.
Michael Witmore will
present.

Graduate Student Mass

Basilica of the Sacred
Heart
5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
Seating will be reserved.

Saturday

Benefit Dinner for Christian Refugees

Remick Commons
7 p.m-9 p.m.
Funds raised for
persecuted Christians.

27th Annual Student Film Festival

DeBartolo Performing
Arts Center
6:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.
Student-produced films.

Sunday

Men's Basketball vs. Wake Forest

Purcell Pavilion
1 p.m-3 p.m.
The Irish take on the
Demon Deacons.

La Misa en Español

Dillon Hall
1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
All are welcome to this
mass celebrated in
Spanish.

Salon Series continues in Snite Museum of Art

By KAYLA MULLEN
Associate News Editor

Once a month, Notre Dame students, staff and faculty gather in the Snite Museum of Art after hours to analyze a selected piece of artwork. Aimed at creating a relaxed space to view and discuss the works in the Museum, the Snite Salon Series began in January 2013, Bridget Hoyt, curator of education and academic programs for the Snite Museum, said.

"The purpose is to give people the opportunity to dialogue with each other and dialogue with a work of art. ... It's an opportunity to get to

know works of art in the Snite's collection in a pretty intimate way, to build a relationship with a work of art over time and in conversation with others," she said.

The group focuses on a single work in the Snite's collection each month, Hoyt said.

"People can take a slow and long look at one work of art," she said.

"Through conversation, people end up with a different understanding of the work than they started with."

Hoyt said she leads the program every month but tries to remove herself from the conversation as much as possible

in order to allow the group to come to its own conclusions.

"I encourage the conversation to be driven by the viewers' observations," Hoyt said. "The more diverse the group, the more interesting the conversation."

The series attracts a wide array of undergraduate and graduate students from an array of majors and professors from all disciplines, Hoyt said.

Catherine Mary Barr, a freshman engineering major, said she attends the event for the intimate setting in which to view the paintings and for the chance to learn from others.

"If I were to just come here on my own and look at them, I would not get the rich insight that the other students bring to it — especially students who take art history or art in general, who know all the different techniques and uses of lighting," Barr said. "Every time I come here, I walk away with really deep insights, not only on the painting but also on the time period, the artist and the theme and messages."

Hoyt said the series began as a way to engage students with the museum, but the Snite also holds other events to help immerse students in the museum.

"We have a student advisory group that runs programming primarily for students," she said. "We also have a group of student gallery teachers who teach other Notre Dame classes that visit the museum, and we have a student collecting group that acquires contemporary photography for the museum. ... We also do yoga in the galleries and guided meditation in the salons."

The Snite Salon Series meets the last Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. in the lobby of the Snite Museum of Art.

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Stalking

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when she was 28 years old and taking college classes to prepare for medical school. Three years of an emotionally and psychologically abusive relationship followed, Riddle said.

Riddle said she began to see negative signs in the relationship when the man showed up uninvited at a family function.

"If you have brothers and sisters, trust your guts," Riddle said. "Because my gut feeling when I saw that man standing on the front porch of my mother's house, and I turned and saw the look on my sister's face, I knew in an instant this was not a good

thing."

When Peggy ended the relationship, the man proceeded to stalk her, Riddle said.

Riddle said the stalking experienced by Peggy began as non-criminal behaviors, including excessive phone calls and text messages, surveillance by the ex-boyfriend outside of Peggy's work and a surprise proposal. These behaviors escalated over time, with the man spray-painting a crude phrase about Peggy on her mother's garage doors, hanging up inappropriate posters about Peggy around town and committing arson by burning down Peggy's boyfriend's house.

"When you see how the pattern tends to build and escalate

over time, and how that pattern, the one specific reason for those behaviors is to induce fear in someone, that's when it can be identified as illegal," Riddle said. "Stalking is illegal in all 50 states. It is a crime."

Riddle said despite numerous reports of the man's behaviors, the police told Peggy to wait until 'something happens.' Eventually a trial was scheduled and then postponed for five to six months. For her protection, Peggy and her boyfriend left New Mexico to hide in California.

On Jan. 18, 2003, three weeks before the trial, the man found Peggy, Riddle said.

"When the police show up at 10 p.m. on a Saturday night in my mother's neighborhood, it is

not good news," Riddle said. "All I needed was to see the shoulder of the law enforcement officer standing on my mother's porch to know that my sister was dead. That's all I needed to see."

Law enforcement told Riddle that Peggy was trapped in a closet when the ex-boyfriend shot her in the back of the head and then shot himself, she said.

"Being the oldest, I became the family representative," Riddle said. "People want to know what happened, but nobody wants to ask. As people were coming in and out of the house over the next several days, I began telling that story and what had gone on and what had transpired. I realized this telling of the story was making me heal, just a little bit."

Two weeks after Peggy's death, Riddle began taking steps to protect other women and men from stalking. The beginning of the process was when she contacted the director of Stalking Resource Center.

"Six weeks into this, we have the Stalking Resource Center, the National Center for Victims of Crime, Erin Brockovich and Lifetime Television, the State Representative from New Mexico where Peggy resided, all on board," Riddle said. "We

decided to do something about this, to start talking about this, to start education."

Riddle said six months after Peggy's death and after a congressional briefing in Washington, D.C., January was identified as National Stalking Awareness Month. Riddle continues to travel as a national speaker on stalking awareness in order to educate the general public on stalking and the reforms necessary for the protection of stalking victims.

"The change had to come from both sides of the fence," Riddle said. "You cannot just point your finger at law enforcement and say do your job better. Law enforcement needed to be educated, but the general public needs to be educated as well. If you cannot define what is happening to you, then you cannot define the crime, you will not report it. If law enforcement isn't trained, they cannot help you. ... You can go one way. You can be angry, hateful, bitter for the rest of your life, because that's a choice. Or you can do something about this. And I decided I wanted to do something about it."

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first Monday after syllabus week, in which students would wear name tags and be encouraged to say "hey," in order to get to know other students, as just a few of their goals.

The Robinson-Blais campaign emphasizes leadership, connection and service, according to official platform materials.

Robinson and Blais include overseeing Notre Dame's divestment from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources, designating space in Campus Crossroads as a "ThinkSpace" area in which students brainstorm innovative ideas and rerouting South Bend public transportation lines to better cater to the needs of students,

while not inconveniencing Notre Dame staff or the residents of South Bend, as some of their goals.

The Alberigi-Cha campaign is placing a "decisive focus" on mental illness, Alberigi said in an email to The Observer on Tuesday evening.

"To address this, we are committed to expanding counseling services to better include students with specific needs. Other aspects of our campaign include promoting objective education on important social issues, through forums or debates with prominent public figures, and offering extra courses that align with student hobbies, from culinary courses to greenhouse botany," he said.

Editor's note: Louis Bertolotti served as a Viewpoint columnist for The Observer last fall.

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OSCAR SNUBS: BEST PICTURE NOMINEES LACK 'JOY'



By **SAM FENTRESS**
Scene Writer

Resting next to “Creed” and “Steve Jobs” on this year’s shelf of Academy snubs — in some cases, complete misses — is David O. Russell’s “Joy,” the vibrant, spry comedy that found unstable critical ground in its one-month run.

David O. Russell directed “Joy,” but perhaps I should correct myself: “Joy” belongs wholeheartedly to Jennifer Lawrence, who garnered her fourth acting nomination for playing the title character.

“Joy” loosely chronicles Joy Mangano’s real midlife turnaround in her attempt to patent and sell the Miracle Mop — a self-wringing mop that’s machine washable. The movie doesn’t make any claim to the importance of the mop, except in that it marks Joy’s decision to reclaim childhood ambitions long suppressed by her family’s immediate needs.

Joy’s family was a constant point of complaint for the film’s detractors. It’s true that her difficult relatives (including a smooth-singing Edgar Ramirez, an

aged but elegant Isabella Rossellini and an unsurprisingly crusty Robert De Niro) evolve little in the film, but this should be no aggravation to the audience; the result is more time spent with Joy, who is nuanced and delightful at every moment.

That said, “Joy” might not feel quite as whole as other Russell films, but what it lacks in solidity, it makes up for in a string of truly great moments. Russell grounds Lawrence’s performance in visual splendor and sonic confidence, from high-energy family-problem snowballs (song: Lee Morgan’s “Sidewinder”) to barrel-smoking deliverance (Elvis comes in with “A Little Less Conversation”) to a 007 vent-crawling escapade (here it’s the Rolling Stones with “Stray Cat Blues”).

Sure, “Joy” is messy, and that’s a necessary filter for trying to pick something like a Best Picture nominee. But “Joy” is no less messy — and messy in better ways — than “The Big Short” or “Mad Max: Fury Road.” In fact, the film seems quite aware of its messiness and more willing to revel in a little cinematic anarchy than put on an air of perfection or prestige.

We follow Joy through layers. By the

end of the film, we get the sense of a pre-existing system of male manipulation and incompetency. Joy wants power and control over her dreams in a world that is not eager to hand either to a woman, even less so to a single mother whose family and debt are constantly nipping at her heels.

So the audience takes great pleasure in knowing that no one but Joy is responsible for her ultimate success. Not her investor/Italian step-mother Trudy, not even Bradley Cooper’s character, whose place in this film remains its most confusedly contrived element. As a manager for TV shopping network QVC, he directs Joy to the hurdles, but she clears them alone.

Lawrence’s performance, so full of her own charm and depth, manages to distract from a screenplay that is almost equally good. Russell wrote it, and so the execution is that much better; scenes rhyme and resonate against each other, and Russell imbues a number of visual patterns that unite the film in the exploration of Joy’s familiar relationships and the ways those relationships evolve or fail

to evolve through the passage of time.

For several characters in “Joy,” this arrested development spouts from a desire to change but a reluctance to grow. Joy speaks and lives in the active, rejecting passivity even if it means bumping shoulders with loved ones, rejecting and overcoming a society that not only attempts to foster but feeds on this kind of passivity in its women.

The strength of that argument, all other wonders aside, is what merits “Joy” a Best Picture nomination. With complexity and rigor, “Joy” depicts the moment where an individual decides to open a door and pick up a gun, and Jennifer Lawrence does both of those just fine.

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“Joy” (2015)

Director: David O. Russell

Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Robert De Niro, Bradley Cooper



ND alum breaks into men’s fashion

By **ADAM RAMOS**
Scene Writer

In men’s fashion, the rule of thumb is fit before all else. A man looks better in a well-fitting suit of lesser quality compared to a well-made, poor-fitting suit. For 2008 Notre Dame alumnus and founder of Chicago-based bespoke suit shop ESQ clothing Ge Wang, sacrificing one or the other was never an option.

“During my short stint as an attorney, I had to both invest and wear a suit every day. I soon found that I simply could not find the perfect fit. Thus, I had my first custom suit made and learned about the process that goes along with bespoke clothing. As I delved more into this world, I figured I had distinct advantages that could help myself launch a clothing brand, and it subsequently led to the founding of ESQ in 2012,” Wang explained in an interview with The Observer.

Yet, ESQ has far exceeded its humble beginnings. The business has a prominent

boutique in the Chicago Loop and a slew of athlete and celebrity customers, and it’s safe to say fashion is now beyond a passion for Wang.

After graduating from Notre Dame, Wang went on to gain his J.D. at DePaul University. After only a few years practicing as an attorney, Wang began his journey into the fashion world in a transition he admits was “anything but seamless.” Now that he is established, Wang spends his days tailoring to the many customers who come through his door. Chalking his success to his meticulous process and quality products, Wang explained just what sets him apart from other boutiques.

“We do some unique things that give us distinct advantages. First, I personally take all measurements to ensure that there is consistency in the fit. It may seem easy to take measurements, but between our 37-measurement system and my years of experience, we guarantee the perfect fit, even for very oddly-shaped individuals,” Wang said. “Second, all of our bespoke

garments are handmade, from our suits to our shoes. Finally, we utilize only the best fabrics in the world, sourced primarily from the U.K. and Italy.”

Throughout his whirlwind of success, Wang has stayed true to his blue and gold roots, and despite having a suit in 60 percent of all NFL locker rooms, Wang gave his “most interesting customer” title to Brian Kelly. But Kelly is not the only Irishman rocking Wang’s luxurious formal wear: Kyle Rudolph and Harrison Smith have both shopped at ESQ. Wang’s influence in fashion has even spread to Notre Dame’s 2015 roster, as Ronnie Stanley, Jaylon Smith and Sheldon Day will all be fresh to death in ESQ gear for this year’s NFL Draft.

There is certainly reason for Wang to be proud of his dapper Irish customers, as he credited much of his success to his time under the dome.

“The Notre Dame network is invaluable. It still amazes me to this day how a simple ‘What dorm did you live in?’ leads to such

quick friendships,” he said. “In both work and personal opportunities, the Notre Dame background is always a significant help.”

In the future, Wang aims to take his niche brand nationwide and even plans to create a women’s line. But for now, Wang offered some essential advice for all college students who will be busting out formal wear for the impending career fair tomorrow.

“A couple quick fixes include hemming trousers to the appropriate length, just enough to cover the ankle. It will clean up the look. Also, look for a more tapered leg, it adds length and height,” he said.

A custom suit may be a bit too pricey until you can lock down that stellar first job (possibly tomorrow?), but splurging on formal wear is never a bad idea, and Wang gives all ND friends and family 15 percent lifetime discount — Go Irish!

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INSIDE COLUMN

Brevity, the soul of wit

Martha Reilly
News Writer

If I were to compile a comprehensive list of my worst fears, snakes would most definitely slither their way into first place, while forgetting someone's birthday would sit comfortably at second. Hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia — ironically, the fear of long words — would likely also make the cut, for I frequently employ abbreviations (abbrevs) in everyday conversation.

It's not as if I think I'm some kind of special snowflake just because I say DNA instead of deoxyribonucleic acid or AC instead of air conditioning. My abbrevs are not commonly used or universally appreciated, so I am usually met with initial confusion when I exclaim "Shal!" instead of "Shalom!" or refer to a T-shirt as a "teesh."

People may hesitate or make fun of me at first, but soon enough they too are living lives of luxury in abbreviation nation, attempting to eliminate as many syllables as possible from any given statement.

Talking in abbrevs is no easy task though, and it demands a bit more effort than one might anticipate. One of the main challenges people encounter is thinking quickly and shortening words on the spot, which can be a surprisingly difficult process. To mitigate this struggle, people should heed Andy Bernard's sound advice and always think one step ahead, like a carpenter making stairs. Having at least a general idea of what they plan to say can help abbrev-users sound even more smooth and effortless than they already do, for they can prevent any incidences of suddenly having no clue how to shorten a particular phrase. The misconception that big words are the sign of an intelligent person has G2G, because using abbrevs also requires aptitude and improvisation.

Because not everybody has perfected slang skills, I often have to launch into an explanation of what I meant by a certain abbrev, which usually takes enough time that it would have been faster just to say the original word to begin with. But I do not mind taking a few extra moments to help others understand the benefits of using abbrevs or maybe even convince them to try some out. After all, it is only a matter of time before even the most skeptical people understand that Arizona is the A to Z of abbreviations.

I'll admit I may have taken Polonius a little too seriously when he remarked, "Brevity is the soul of wit," but abbrevs have been adopted into my vocabulary for so long now, I'm not sure I can ever forsake them. For instance, I cannot even imagine sitting in the library and "doing homework," for "doing homes" has become such a regular phrase for me.

Those who hope for abbreviation eradication will likely not see those dreams come true anytime soon, for just the other day I heard someone follow my lead and say "I have to take the elv to go do laund." Some speak words of wisdom, but I prefer aphorisms of abbrevs.

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Is income inequality that bad?

Mimi Teixeira
Bridging the Gap

At a rally in Wisconsin in July, in the earlier months of this exciting presidential race, Democratic contender Bernie Sanders proclaimed, "The issue of wealth and income inequality, to my mind, is the great moral issue of our time. It is the greatest economic issue of our time, and it is the great political issue of our time." Based on his poll numbers and on current political discourse, many people seem to agree. Even President Obama has called income inequality "the defining challenge of our time."

However, I do not think income inequality is the biggest issue of our time by any means. I would go so far as to say I don't think it's a problem at all.

Capitalism, especially unfettered capitalism, is often presented as an uncontrollable monstrosity, and the numbers seem to support that. How can one percent of the population own almost 36 percent of the country's wealth? How is a society with both the lavishly rich and the ridiculously poor people fair or desirable?

There are a few preliminary problems with the arguments of income-inequality alarmists that I would like to point out. First, the alarmists fail to determine what level of inequality is acceptable, and without a level of comparison, today's numbers are basically arbitrary. Further, income inequality alarmists struggle to pinpoint practical, nonpartisan implications of today's level of income inequality. Some will argue that income inequality causes economic instability and even recessions, but this is hardly a settled matter. A study by the Cato Institute, a libertarian organization, point out that most statistics ignore the value of government payments to the poor and increasing workers benefits that have kept reported salaries stagnant while increasing the real value of low and middle income workers' compensation.

But even if the statistics were correct, even if income inequality were increasing at alarming rates, it wouldn't matter, because income inequality statistics do not give any indication of the measure the general standard of living or standard of living disparities in a society. Why does it matter how much the richest person in the country has, so long as the rest of the country lives comfortably? I do not mean to say the whole country currently does live comfortably, though the standard of living in the United States is relatively high compared of the rest of the world. Instead, I mean that unless there is a direct connection between how much the rich have and the poverty level, the gap doesn't matter. If the gap does not hurt the overall economic health of the nation or speak to the level of poverty or the quality of life of the poor, complaining that some have too much is, at best, a call for blanket redistribution for the sake of some ideological definition of "fairness" and, at worst, a natural human instinct to resent the front-runners in our economic system.

Wealth is not stagnant, and wages are not the product of a zero sum game. There is much more in this country to go around than there was in 1920 or even 1980. Politicians who catastrophize income inequality often come up with solutions that divide the current wealth more equally, ignoring that encouraging growth instead may be the better way to help the poor and raise the real standard of living for everyone.

In measuring inequality, doing so in terms of the standard of living is perhaps more important than in terms of income. Dinesh D'Souza points out in his book, "What's So Great About America," that standard of living

inequality has shrunk over time, even as such improvements created vastly rich people. There was a time when only the rich could afford refrigerators, phones and computers. As income inequality has grown, standard of living inequality has shrunk. Today, most working Americans have the same basic appliances and necessities as the rich. With globalization and an increase in manufacturing technologies, products for Americans of all income levels are cheaper than ever, and every income bracket has seen the benefits.

The people we can thank for this, people like Bill Gates, Steve Jobs and Jeff Bezos, have become extremely rich, but they have made everyone better off. As income inequality grows, the tangible standard of living inequality is shrinking. People are paid the worth of what they bring into the economy, and those who make their income through honest channels contribute to the creation of wealth that works to lift up all members of our society. We should give capitalism at least part of the credit for encouraging the creation of better and cheaper technology.

All of this begs the question: Is combating income equality really our highest objective? I don't know about the rest of you, but I would rather live in this country than the economically struggling Japan, despite their shocking level of income equality. I'd skip Pakistan and Vietnam as well. I'd much rather focus on our GDP growth and absolute poverty levels, which are a much better indicator of economic health.

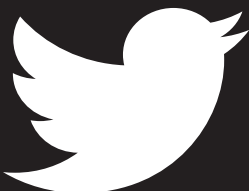
All of this is not to say that opportunity inequality and a lack of social mobility do not matter. However, they are not necessarily connected to income inequality. The alleviation of poverty and extension of economic opportunity is of utmost importance. However, economic growth, technological innovation and good old-fashioned capitalism has done that over the past few hundred years far better than any redistributive program could. Focusing on income inequality doesn't help the poor. Honestly, I'm not sure what it does to help, other than rallying misguided support for certain Democratic presidential nominees.

You have probably guessed by now that I am a conservative. I don't pretend that this article is unbiased, nor do I deny that conservatives and liberals have different ideological beliefs that cannot be compromised or reconciled.

If you find any inequality in a civilized society unfair, I won't tell you you are objectively wrong, even though I would disagree. But I would challenge you to look at statistics and consider that their only real impact is in shock value used for political purposes. I would challenge you to consider what you think is fair and why. I would challenge you to consider what is really best for the alleviation of poverty and growth of social mobility in the long run. And I would challenge you to consider if Bernie Sanders and all these other politicians using income inequality as their rallying cry aren't perhaps ignoring more important issues.

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Like Nike says, just do it

Kitty Baker

British Invasion

My sister recently arrived home after her first semester at Oberlin College, sat down on the sofa, grabbed a cup of tea off the counter and started talking about the importance of choosing politically correct food.

I listened as she described a recent student protest against labeling a section of the dining hall “Asian Cuisine” and offering things like General Tso’s chicken, which is obviously a fake, Americanized version of actually authentic Chinese food.

As I sat there listening to her discuss what some might call a rather bourgeois protest, I was thinking all the time about what we do at Notre Dame, or perhaps what we don’t do.

Look, I’m not saying that we need to go out and protest the Asian cuisine section in North and South Dining Halls (but if you want to, more power to you). I’m just saying this is an oddly quiet college campus.

Yes, we do have protests, the most obvious example being the #blacklivesmatter event recently. And the protests we do have are incredibly important and should be recognized.

But shouldn’t we be doing more?

I get it. The Notre Dame bubble is a very real thing. And to be honest, Oberlin has a bit of a

bubble as well. That bubble can be a blessing as well as a curse.

College is one of the only opportunities we will have to really try new ideas. This is one of the only opportunities where we are going to be able to talk about our ideas with other people who care just as much and want to discuss them with us. Going to college is a privilege, and one that we are just throwing away if we don’t do the things we care about.

So why is it that Oberlin students seem to care so much about these things and Notre Dame students are far more willing to sit back and wait out the ride?

Many of us at both Oberlin and Notre Dame come from similar backgrounds, and yet for some reason Notre Dame students, many of whom agree with Oberlin students, won’t protest but will silently, and with indignation, choose to disagree from afar. Your voice is never going to be heard if you don’t actually put yourself out there.

Now obviously protesting isn’t the only way to do this. Doing service, being on the track team, performing in musicals and writing for The Observer are all ways of getting your voice heard and getting discussions started. There are creative ways of testing the status quo everywhere, so get out and do it. This is one of your only opportunities to just do something.

As a senior who is just about to graduate, I’ve

realized the things that I have regretted are the things I didn’t do. Whether I didn’t do them because I didn’t think they were cool, or I was nervous about something, or I just wasn’t in the mood, I regretted the fact that I didn’t just try.

I regret not going to more panel events and just listening to a variety of opinions. I regret not going to more protests on campus, and I regret not volunteering for things that I really believed in but was too lazy to do.

You won’t regret it if you do it (you might regret streaking during the bun run, but probably not). You won’t regret the first time you get hungover, but you will regret not going out with your friends (unless of course you have an exam the next day, then obviously study for your exam). You won’t regret going to that protest that all of your friends don’t want to go to for various reasons, but you will regret not standing up for what you believe in.

You won’t regret just living your life. Sometimes that means saying no to things, but a lot of the time it means saying yes.

Just do it.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don’t deface the Irish flag

The American flag is known both at home and around the globe as the emblem of the free world. Since the time of the American Revolution, men and women have laid down their lives for this flag and for the principles and American values it represents.

There is a code of etiquette that goes along with the American flag that outlines the proper use and care of such an important symbol. The Flag Code includes the statement, “The flag should never have placed on it, or attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure or drawing of any kind.”

Last Friday, the Notre Dame Right to Life Club staged its version of the March for Life on campus. Later that evening, I saw a photo on Facebook of the Irish flag with the Right To Life Club’s symbol emblazoned across it.

I was furious.

My anger was not directed towards the cause or the march itself, but rather towards whoever thought it was appropriate to take the flag of the Irish country and its people and then deface it with a symbol.

As with the American flag, so too have men and women laid down their lives for the Irish flag and for the values and principles it represents. It is the symbol of my country, of my people and our push for independence. It is a symbol of the Irish struggle for freedom and, most importantly, it is a symbol of my people’s search for peace.

Although there is no specific Irish Flag Code, there are certain protocols associated with displaying the flag, including, “The National Flag should never be defaced by placing slogans, logos, lettering or pictures of any kind on it.”

The Irish flag should not, under any circumstances, be used as an advertising board for any cause or organization.

If an American flag had been defaced in such a way would anyone be allowed to display it? If the Right to Life Club had chosen to put their symbol on the American flag or if there were American flags available for purchase emblazoned with the Notre Dame leprechaun, would it not be a national scandal?

The Irish flag is not — and never should be — viewed as a symbol of Notre Dame. It is the symbol of the Irish nation and ought to be treated as such.

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Happy Birthday: Try to move forward without sharing too much information with others. Your challenge will be to accomplish things without interference. Hone your skills and make your presentation flawless before you share. Confidence will be the key to persuading others to support your efforts. Invest in yourself and you will not be disappointed. Your numbers are 5, 9, 17, 20, 29, 32, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will need to give more than your normal effort. Don't assume that those you encounter know what you are capable of doing. Money can be made and a good position obtained by presenting your skills with confidence. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Just showing up and doing your thing can work wonders for you as long as you don't let jealousy interfere. Expect to face competition and prepare to learn through observation. A humble approach is your ticket to victory. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Step back and witness what's going on around you. Emotional matters will escalate, and just when you think you have something to celebrate, you'll come up against a snag that requires additional work on your part. Pay attention to detail. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your outlook and attitude will be unique. Partnerships will take a favorable turn, allowing you to resolve any issue that has been a concern in the past. Romance will bring you closer to the one you love. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't fret over life's little frustrations. Embark on a new adventure that promises to help you use your talents to get ahead. Discipline will result in victory, and dedication will help you maintain what you have been able to capture. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can have it all if you are precise, resourceful and take matters into your own hands. Opportunity is knocking, and a gesture on your part will seal the deal. Love, money and happiness will be the result of doing things your way. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Problems with health, friendships and domestic situations are better not discussed. You'll have better luck researching and putting together a plan that will help you bring about positive lifestyle changes. Get your personal papers in order. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Form alliances with people who can contribute something unique to a project you want to pursue. Your ability to get things done and to capture the attention of individuals with clout will lead to an interesting opportunity and future success. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't limit what you can accomplish by being indecisive or lazy. The more time spent improving your current living situation, the easier it will be for you to avoid anyone who is trying to meddle in your affairs. Protect your assets. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can make a difference if you make a move. Sign contracts and negotiate until you get what you want. You have plenty to gain if you take control of matters and refuse to let anyone interfere with your decision. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take note of what is working for you and what isn't. Do whatever it takes to weed out any trouble spots in your life so that you can move forward without baggage. Make choices that will allow you to live life your way. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Set your sights on what you want and go after your goals wholeheartedly. The effort you put in will pay off emotionally, financially and physically. You have plenty to look forward to if you follow your heart. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are persistent and engaging. You are smart and comprehensive.

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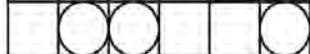


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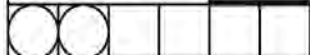
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Opt-out contracts favor players



Ryan Klaus
Sports Writer

Late last week, the New York Mets re-signed outfielder Yoenis Cespedes, who was one of the club's key catalysts during its run to the World Series in 2015 and, arguably, the last big-name free agent left in this offseason's especially talented class.

Cespedes's deal is for three years and \$75 million but also includes an opt-out clause, which has become increasingly popular in free-agent negotiations this offseason. The majority of high-profile free agents have bargained for such a clause, which allows players the chance to opt out of their current contract after a certain number of years and regain their free-agent status.

The list of notable free agents who have had opt-out clauses integrated into their deals this winter is expansive and includes David Price, Jason Heyward, Justin Upton, Johnny Cueto and Cespedes, among others.

Historically speaking, the surge in opt-out clauses this offseason suggests a new trend in baseball's free agency; prior to the 2014 season, only 10 players had ever signed a free-agent contract that included the opportunity to opt out early.

One notable exception to the proliferation of free agent contracts with opt-out clauses this winter is pitcher Zack Greinke, who signed a massive \$206.5 million deal in early December. However, Greinke's previous contract serves as a perfect example of why so many players are now looking to take advantage of opt-out clauses in contract negotiations.

In what was a rare move at the time, Greinke signed a six-year contract with the Dodgers in 2012 that gave him the option to re-enter free agency at his discretion after three seasons. After having an incredible 2015 season, Greinke did just that and signed a new six-year contract that includes a

nearly \$60 million increase in value and will keep him under contract through much of his late 30s.

In short, Greinke's experience illustrates that opt-out contracts, at least in theory, clearly favor the player and not the team signing him; if the player succeeds in the first part of his contract, then he can potentially earn more money by opting out of the rest of it. Conversely, if the player struggles, then he can still be assured a salary for the original length of the deal. These benefits are why opt-out contracts will likely become the norm in Major League Baseball moving forward. With high-profile free agents having a decisive upper hand in the negotiations for their services — which is most evident from the rapid increase in nine-figure deals — it is difficult to imagine players that will not take advantage of opt-out opportunities that favor them.

As a result of the escalating number of opt-out contracts, baseball's free agency will likely see more activity in the foreseeable future. Additionally, if the trend continues moving forward and players start exercising the opt-outs included in their deals, many talented players will presumably end up playing for more teams over the course of their careers than in the past.

While it is hard to argue that the proliferation of opt-out contracts is bad for players, they are a bit more precarious for fans. If they do become the norm — which all signs seem to point to — many fans will have to deal with some of their favorite and most productive players leaving shortly after signing or, even worse, watch in horror as their unproductive expensive free agents play out the length of their deals and become financial deadweights.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look to bounce back against Knights

Observer Staff Report

After losing a heartbreaker to Olivet, 52-49, last Saturday at home, the Belles look to redeem themselves when they host Calvin on Wednesday.

Having lost nine straight contests, a win Wednesday could be huge in gathering momentum for the home stretch of the schedule for the Belles (1-17, 1-8 MIAA). However, the game against the Knights (13-4, 8-1) will not be an easy win.

Ranked 15th nationally, the Knights are coming off a dominating performance against Kalamazoo, a game they won, 76-44. In comparison, the Belles lost to Kalamazoo by 11 on Jan. 13.

The Knights have proved

themselves as road warriors, having won more games away (six) than at home (five). They also have four players shooting over 50 percent from the field.

The Knights average more than 80 points per game, including an average of just under nine 3-pointers per game. Guards sophomore Ali Spayde and junior Anna Timmer lead the Knights in scoring, averaging over 14 points per game.

The Belles will look to rely on consistent scorers and senior captains Maddie Kohler, forward Eleni Shea and forward Krista Knapke. Sophomore forward Gabby Diamond and junior forward Kelsey Ronan have also been key scorers for the Belles thus far.

The Belles were unable to overcome a late series of turnovers in the final minutes of the game against Olivet. Despite besting the Comets in shooting percentage and rebounds, Olivet's 19 points off turnovers proved to be the deciding factor. Facing a Calvin team that forces over 20 turnovers a game, the Belles will need to minimize their mistakes to hang with the high-powered Knights.

The Belles host Calvin at 7:30 p.m. at Angela Athletic Facility. Following Wednesday's game against Calvin, the Belles have six more regular season games, beginning with another conference showdown on Saturday as they take on Alma on the road at 1 p.m.



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Belles senior forward Krista Knapke surveys the court during Saint Mary's 62-54 loss to Albion at Angela Athletic Facility on Jan. 20. Knapke is both the team's leading scorer and rebounder this season.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL | VIRGINIA 72, WAKE FOREST 71

No. 11 Virginia stuns Wake Forest on a late 3

Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Darius Thompson hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give No. 11 Virginia a 72-71 victory over Wake Forest on Tuesday night.

Malcolm Brogdon scored 28 points and Anthony Gill added 17 for the Cavaliers (16-4, 5-3 Atlantic Coast Conference). The league's top 3-point shooting team shook off a miserable night on the perimeter, hitting four 3s in the final minute to pull out a most unlikely victory.

Bryant Crawford scored 18 of his 22 points in the second half and Devin Thomas added 19 for the Demon Deacons (10-10, 1-7), who blew a 10-point lead with 90 seconds left. Crawford missed one of two

free throws with 4.0 seconds left to set up Virginia's last chance.

Devon Hall brought the ball up court and passed to Thompson in the left corner, and the redshirt sophomore banked in his dramatic 3 over Thomas to end it.

Marila Shayok finished with 10 points for the Cavaliers, who trailed 64-58 entering the final minute before Brogdon's 3 made it a three-point game with 53.6 seconds left. But after Gill's dunk with 46.3 seconds to play made it 66-63, Virginia had three consecutive empty possessions while Wake Forest hit 4 of 6 free throws to push its lead to 70-63.

Shayok hit a 3 from the corner to make it a four-point game with 14.5 seconds left,

Thomas missed two free throws with 11.2 seconds to play and Brogdon hit another 3 with 4.7 seconds left to pull the Cavaliers to 70-69.

Crawford then missed his first free throw, but made the second and the Demon Deacons set up a full-court press, which Hall broke before finding Thompson for that huge 3 that stood after a brief official review and gave the Cavaliers their first ACC road victory this season.

That shot also denied the Demon Deacons their second victory over a Top 25 team this season and first at home.

The Cavaliers, who make 40.5 percent of their 3s, were just 1 of 13 from behind the arc in the first 39 minutes before hitting four straight to end the game.

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against No. 5 Minnesota Duluth on Oct. 24. Notre Dame also had to settle for a tie after giving up three third-period goals against Western Michigan on Jan. 9.

Penalties were also an early problem for the team, especially of the major variety: The Irish took three major penalties in the first nine games of the year. Notre Dame also took 10 penalties during Saturday's 3-2 win over New Hampshire, which Irish head coach Jeff Jackson said was due to his team's inability to adjust to a different set of referees from Friday night to Saturday night.

"That's a maturing process," Jackson said. "We have to try to eliminate some of the penalties that we're taking, there's no question. ... We've been really good over the last month. This is the first time that I thought that in a while penalties became a factor for us."

And there have certainly been flashes of brilliance from the younger players as well.

Sophomore left wing Anders Bjork earned a spot on the U.S. World Junior Championship team that won bronze in Helsinki and has scored five goals in his six games since returning to the Irish. Bjork also owns a 10-game point streak, which is just one of the personal streaks young

Irish skaters have built recently: Freshman defenseman Bobby Nardella (seven games) and sophomore center Jake Evans (six) also extended their streaks last weekend against New Hampshire.

"A lot of our sophomores are really coming into their own," Jackson said. "It's been a year and a half for them in college hockey, and they're coming into their own, and some of the freshmen have really elevated their games and have shown some signs of contributing offensively, which is really important."

Another positive sign for the Irish: Mario Lucia has found his offensive game of late. The senior left wing has scored six goals over his team's last six games, five of which were wins.

Notre Dame is beginning to find its groove. The Irish know they have a No. 1 goalie in net in sophomore Cal Petersen, and the young defense corps in front of him has developed nicely, led by the emergence of junior Justin Wade.

If Notre Dame wants to find success in the postseason, it will need to continue that growth and development of its youth to support its core group of seniors.

At this point, though, the pieces all appear to be there.

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Irish sophomore center Jake Evans fights for a faceoff win during Notre Dame's 7-2 win over Merrimack on Jan. 15 at Compton Family Ice Arena. Evans has registered a point in six straight games for the Irish.



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Irish sophomore left wing Anders Bjork looks to pass the puck during Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Northeastern on Nov. 12.

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those two aspects.”

Robinson, who is pursuing a major in the Program of Liberal Studies with a sustainability minor, said his academic schedule would allow him to devote most of his energy to the commitments on both the football team and within student government. He added he sought insight from the last three student government presidents in making his decision to run.

“I talked to Alex Coccia, talked to Lauren Vidal, talked to Bryan Ricketts, and I’ve talked to all my friends in student [government] when I was in student [government] on the executive cabinet last year [as athletics representative], so I know very well what kind of time commitment it’s going to be,” he said. “... I’ve talked with Alex firsthand since he was a national championship fencer, and I asked him how he balanced it, so after getting advice from everybody, I’ve kind of crafted this situation in which class won’t really be an issue and where I can just put all my time and effort into those two spheres.”

The San Antonio native said the amount of academic credits he has earned would allow him to graduate this May, but he has added a business economics minor that would preserve his status as an undergraduate, a requirement for the presidential position, through next May.

“I’ve planned ahead, gotten all of my hard work out of the way this semester, and I’m finishing up my senior thesis,” Robinson said. “I’m doing all the hard stuff now

so in the fall and the spring, I just have to take two classes pretty much.”

Along with his previous work as athletics representative, Robinson currently serves as vice president for the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). Rebecca Blais, a sophomore political science and peace studies major who most recently served as student government’s director of internal affairs, will run alongside Robinson as his vice presidential candidate.

“If we do get elected, I’m going to have a very experienced team with everyone who knows what they’re going to be doing, so that way, I won’t have to be around every single second of every single day,” he said. “We’ll have a very experienced, very veteran team, where I can be more of an overseer. ... I’d let them do their thing, through updates and through meetings, more of than kind of role as opposed to a micromanager.”

Robinson said they will run on a platform of “open communication and a shared vision” to represent the student body, “the real power of the University — students are Notre Dame.” Additionally, he said he would like to develop a more “creative and innovative space” at the University if he were elected.

Robinson is not the only member of the football team involved in student government elections this year. Freshman defensive lineman Jerry Tillery announced via Twitter on Tuesday that he is serving as campaign manager for the ticket of juniors Louis Bertolotti and Elizabeth Fenton.

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Irish freshman guard Marina Mabrey plays defense during Notre Dame’s 79-66 win over Tennessee on Jan. 18 at Purcell Pavilion. Mabrey is shooting 48.9 percent from beyond the 3-point line this season.

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one,” McGraw said. “And I think that’s what we’re doing well. We’re really smart, and we’re taking shots when we feel like it’s in the flow of the offense.”

The Irish (19-1, 7-0 ACC) have let loose from beyond the arc almost 15 times per game this year, and 44.2 percent of the time, those shots are going in.

And as Mabrey and Cable have taken on leadership roles on the team, they have continued to fire away from 3-point territory and passed on that aggressiveness to their teammates, especially Mabrey.

“She’s the one, when you come into practice, right away you’ll know who’s in charge of the team, and she’s done just a fabulous job of helping the freshmen,” McGraw said. “That’s probably the biggest role that she plays is what she’s doing with the freshmen, helping them grow, helping them to learn how things work, being encouraging, and yet at the same time trying to hold them accountable.”

Not that the freshmen have been all that shy about shooting the 3. Guards Marina Mabrey and Arike Ogunbowale rank third and

fourth on the team in 3-point attempts, and both are shooting above 40 percent.

McGraw has constantly called the two freshmen “fearless” in their first collegiate season, and as they have grown more comfortable, they’re beginning to try more shots from downtown, she said.

“They are just fearless and confident, and that is what’s really helping us, and I think they both play different roles,” McGraw said. “Arike is shooting more 3s now than she was before. She’s mixing in driving, pull-up jumpers and the 3. Marina’s doing the same thing when she’s getting to the basket, but she’s also shooting 3s.”

But Michaela Mabrey and Cable remain the most prolific 3-point shooters on the squad. In Notre Dame’s 90-62 win over Syracuse last Thursday, Mabrey attempted 10 3-pointers, and Cable put up seven.

Indeed, the pair are chasing history in their final season with the Irish. Mabrey currently sits fourth in program history in career 3-point field goals made and attempted and fifth in career 3-point percentage, while Cable is second only to NCAA-record holder Alicia Ratay in career 3-point percentage. Cable is also shooting 48.9 percent from beyond the arc this

season, which would put her second in team history for a single season.

Cable’s mark is tied with Marina Mabrey for tops on the team and in the ACC, and the graduate student and freshman, along with Michaela Mabrey, are constantly putting up long-range shots in practice in a friendly competition, according to McGraw.

Beyond personal pride, however, all those 3-pointers have helped the Irish in other facets of their offense. Because opponents have to respect the team’s ability to shoot the 3, the post game opens up and sophomore forward Brianna Turner has more room to work, McGraw said.

“They really complement each other well, so when we shoot 3s well, it helps Bri, and when Bri’s scoring, it helps the 3-point shooters,” McGraw said. “They can’t double down, and they can’t pack it in, so ... that’s obviously the way to succeed is to have the inside-outside combination.”

Notre Dame next travels to Atlanta to take on Georgia Tech, who ranks 212th in the country in 3-point defense. Tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday.

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Irish junior receiver Corey Robinson smiles during Notre Dame’s 38-3 win over Texas on Sept. 5 at Notre Dame Stadium.

FOOTBALL

Robinson announces presidential campaign

By **MARY GREEN**
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Corey Robinson is mainly known around campus and to Irish fans as No. 88, a member of the Notre Dame receiving corps. But this spring, the junior will take on an additional role — candidate for student government president for the upcoming term.

Robinson acknowledged that while both campaigning over the next few weeks and, if elected, the job itself will take up much of his time, he said he will still remain a full-time member of the football team.

Campaigning takes place from this Tuesday to election day, Feb. 10, and the University's new student government president will commence his or her term April 1. Notre Dame's spring practice kicks off March 16 and runs until the Blue-Gold Game on April 16.

"This spring, all of our

practices are in the morning, so we practice from six in the morning until 10 a.m., and the rest of the day is free, and I have one class a day, no class on Fridays," he said. "In the summer, same kind of thing — we only practice for two hours a day, and I'm going to be here every day, all day, so that'll be easy as well. I'm only taking one class."

Once the Irish begin their 2016 season in August, Robinson said his schedule will change but would still allow him to fully work in student government.

"In the fall, we practice to 2:30 to 7, so anything between those hours, I can't participate in, but the rest of the day, I'm free," he said. "I'm going to have three or four classes ... and the way my schedule works, only football and student body, so that way, I'll be able to be fully invested in both, in

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Irish junior receiver Corey Robinson draws a defensive pass interference penalty during Notre Dame's 24-20 win over Temple on Oct. 31. Robinson is running for student body president this upcoming term.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Mabrey, Cable lead ND from beyond the arc

By **GREG HADLEY**
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Michaela Mabrey and Madison Cable weren't much of 3-point shooters during their rookie seasons. In the 2012-2013 campaign, both guards averaged under two attempts per game and shot below 36 percent.

That season, the Irish converted 34 percent of their attempts from long range, ranking 41st in the nation.

Three years later, the senior Mabrey and graduate student Cable are two of the most prolific 3-point shooters in program history, and No. 3 Notre Dame leads the NCAA in 3-point shooting percentage.

In fact, the 2015-2016 squad might be the best 3-point shooting team head coach Muffet McGraw has ever had, she said.

"I think to be a good 3-point shooting team, you have to have a really short memory. You have to be able to miss some shots and just move on and take the next



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Irish senior guard Michaela Mabrey drives towards the basket during Notre Dame's 79-66 win over Tennessee on Jan. 18.

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HOCKEY

Youth finding its groove for Irish



Zach Klonsinski
Sports Editor

There's something different echoing off all that fancy stone at Compton Family Ice Arena.

Notre Dame (14-4-7, 10-1-2 Hockey East) is in the midst of a 12-game unbeaten streak, the fifth longest in school history and the longest in the nation at the moment. The Irish have ridden their recent hot play to a spot just inside the top 10 of the national rankings — No. 10 in the USCHO poll and No. 9 according to USA Today — and a tie for second in Hockey East.

Notre Dame has won its last six contests on home ice, including the first game of its unbeaten streak, a 3-1 victory over Western Michigan on Nov. 28. The Irish are 3-0-3 on the road over that stretch, including a 4-3, come-from-behind victory over then-No. 3 Boston College at Conte Forum on Dec. 10. The Irish and Eagles entered the third period tied before BC scored

two goals in the first 7:05 to take a 3-1 lead in front of its home crowd.

That's a tough situation for any team to find itself in, especially for a young Irish squad that still hadn't quite found itself at that point in the season.

Thirteen minutes later, however, Notre Dame proved it could skate with anyone.

Sophomore defenseman Jordan Gross and freshman center Andrew Oglevie scored to tie the game, and freshman defenseman Dennis Gilbert netted the game winner with just 22 seconds left in regulation.

It was a big win for a team that has battled the problems that come with youth last year and the first few months of this season. The Irish roster is composed of 15 freshmen and sophomores, and there have been some early growing pains.

The Irish gave up at least three goals in each of their first four games, including blowing a two-goal lead

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