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# Candidates face off in student body debate

*Student body presidential and vice presidential hopefuls vie for last minute support among peers*

By CATHERINE OWERS  
Associate News Editor

Student body presidential candidates, juniors Dominic Albergi, Louis Bertolotti and Corey Robinson, and their respective running mates, juniors Jennifer Cha, Elizabeth Fenton and sophomore Rebecca Blais, answered questions from the Notre Dame Judicial Council and student attendees during a debate Monday night in the basement of LaFortune Student Center. Judicial Council's vice president of elections, Caitlin Geary, posed questions to the three campaigns, and audience members also asked questions.

Geary first asked each ticket what unique experiences they could leverage to better serve the student union.

Robinson said his relationships with University administrators will allow the Robinson-Blais administration

to work effectively, and said he already has plans to travel to Brazil later in the semester with University president Fr. John Jenkins and provost Tom Burish to promote the University.

"We have a lot of existing relationships with provosts, with Fr. John. So we really will be able to go straight to him and say, 'Fr. John, what do you think about this? We have a lot of really great student ideas in this aspect, and we think that would be really successful.'"

Blais, who before running for vice president served as director of internal affairs for the Ricketts-Ruelas administration, said she has extensive knowledge of the student union constitution.

"It's a beautiful 50-page-long document, and you guys should all check it out," she said. "I really got to know the constitution, and

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Students gather in the basement of LaFortune on Monday night to hear candidates running for student body president and vice president discuss their platforms. Voting takes place Wednesday.

## Master's program opens to second-semester juniors

By HALEIGH EHMSSEN  
Saint Mary's Editor

Starting this semester, second semester juniors can apply to Saint Mary's Master of Science in Data Science program.

Assistant Director of Marketing for the Graduate Programs Megan Eifler said, if admitted to the master's program, a student may take up to two graduate-level courses during her senior year at Saint Mary's, earning six credits toward her master's degree.

Additional benefits of the

early admission process include waiving the GRE requirement and application fee for the program.

The Master of Science in Data Science program was added in this year, along with two other graduate programs at Saint Mary's — the Doctorate of Nursing Practice and Master of Science in Speech Pathology.

Eifler said applying early to the program will help students get a head start on their graduate degree. The program is a hybrid — mostly

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## Professor sheds light on increase in cyber crimes

By MEGAN VALLEY  
News Writer

John D'Arcy, an associate professor of accounting and management information systems at the University of Delaware, delivered his presentation "Data Breach: Failures and Follow-ups" Monday afternoon in the Mendoza College of Business. The lecture was the first event of Mendoza's annual Ethics Week and focused on data breaches.

"We hear about these [data breaches] all the time, and there's even a term that's come up recently, 'data breach fatigue' — it comes up so often, it's not even a big deal anymore," D'Arcy said. "Every week, we hear about another organization that's high profile that's

been attacked."

According to D'Arcy, a data breach is an incident in which "sensitive, protected or confidential data" is accessed by a party without authorization. This data includes personal health information, personal

John D'Arcy  
associate professor  
University of Delaware



identifiable information, trade secrets, intellectual property and personal financial data, D'Arcy said. There is also a movement to expanding the definition to include emails,

passwords and information specific to healthcare.

Healthcare is an industry that's especially vulnerable to cybercriminals, D'Arcy said.

"Getting this information can be used to make fake insurance accounts — there's a lot of money to be made," he said. "Everything is being digitized in the health industry, and it's a gold mine. In general, they've been a little lax in terms of security compared to other industries."

D'Arcy explained the idea of a "compliance mindset," which infers that the minimum required by law is enough protection.

"There's plenty of laws in the

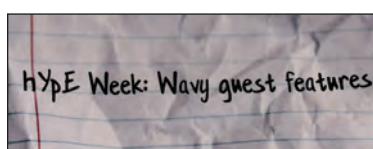
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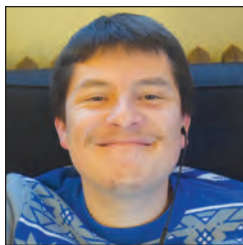
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# QUESTION OF THE DAY:

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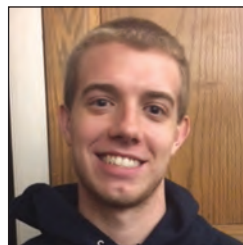
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“Golden retriever.”



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**Brother Joel Giallanza, C.S.C., speaks to students during the “An Environment of Teaching and Learning: Holy Cross Education at the University of Notre Dame” on Monday. He is the author of several books on Holy Cross spirituality and education.**

# THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

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## Tuesday

### “Putt Putt Pardi Gras”

Legends  
8 p.m.- 10 p.m.  
Celebrate with LGBTQ and Ally students.

### Film and Panel Discussion

Jordan Auditorium  
7 p.m.- 10 p.m.  
“Margin Call” will be shown.

## Wednesday

### Bites and Brews with Bell’s Brewery

Morris Inn  
9 p.m.- 10:30 p.m.  
\$15 for beer tasting and snacks.

### Lecture: “Raising America’s Pay”

Andrews Auditorium  
7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.  
Focuses on low-and-middle income finance.

## Thursday

### Guided Mindfulness Meditation

Snite Museum of Art  
4 p.m.- 4:45 p.m.  
Relax and recharge through meditation.

### Letters for Soldiers Abroad

LaFortuen  
11 a.m.- 2 p.m.  
Send a St. Patrick’s Day card to soldiers.

## Friday

### Women’s Tennis vs. Pittsburgh

Eck Tennis Pavillion  
3:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.  
Irish take on the Panthers.

### Pink Zone Spin-A-Thon

Rockne Memorial  
12 p.m.- 12 a.m.  
Cycling for breast cancer research.

## Saturday

### Men’s Basketball vs. Louisville

Purcell Pavilion  
4 p.m.- 7 p.m.  
Notre Dame plays the Cardinals.

### Men’s Rowing Erg-A-Thon

Joyce Center  
all day  
Donate to pancreatic cancer research.



# Club collects feminine products for patients

By COURTNEY BECKER  
News Writer

Notre Dames is asking students to help pad boxes with feminine hygiene products for the next two weeks in an initiative — the Code Red Collection — to donate the products to patients at the Sister Maura Brannick, C.S.C., Health Center who cannot afford these items.

Senior Alison Leddy, founder and president of Notre Dames, said this is the group's second service project of the year.

"Something new this year is we've been trying to do a lot more service, so this Code Red Collection is our service event for this semester," Leddy said. "Last semester, we did an event called Blankets for Breast

Cancer, so we tied fleece blankets, and we donated them to women who were recently diagnosed at the Moreau Breast Cure Center."

While many people cannot fathom being unable to afford feminine hygiene products, it is a widespread societal issue that deserves attention, Leddy said.

"I had been to a presentation by a Notre Dame alumna, and she started an organization called SHE, which is Sustainable Health Enterprises, which focuses on helping women and girls in Rwanda and Kenya being able to manufacture and use their own feminine products," she said. "Sitting there, realizing that that's such a form of privilege that I had never really known, or acknowledged in the past, I

think that to me it was kind of jarring. ... We kind of want Notre Dame to pause and to think about that."

Senior Brianna Prusakowski, vice president of Notre Dames, said the group has taken steps to allow people off campus

Facebook event up that includes a link to our student shop for people that would prefer to donate money, or [for] people that aren't here," Prusakowski said. "We're reaching out to ND Women Connect so that they can reach out to their local chap-

Dames hopes people who do not need to use feminine products understand the significance of the issue and choose to assist the group in its efforts in some way.

"I think the vision with this, as well as with Dames in general, is that a lot of the things we talk about, this in particular, is not restricted to a women's issue — it's a health issue," she said. "We want to be open and inclusive to all people who care about [this], which we would hope would be everyone. ... It's important, and we need a lot of help on this because we can donate all we want, but we need on a larger scale."

Leddy said she would like this event to open up greater discussion on the topic of menstruation. She also encouraged students to attend the group's weekly meetings on Tuesday nights to learn more about why this problem exists.

"That fact that there is such a stigma on even saying the word 'period,' then we lose a chance or an opportunity to really talk about the issues that come with that and thinking about policy-related things," Leddy said. "People are welcome to come to our Talk it Out Tuesday discussion [in the Dooley Room at LaFortune] to learn a little bit more about this as sort of a broader, societal issue, and also, just talk about the stigma and about the realities of menstruation, which we don't really talk enough about — but they exist."

Notre Dames will be taking donations Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. outside the Dooley Room and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. in the elevator lobby of LaFortune.

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Brianna Prusakowski  
senior

or those who might feel uncomfortable donating feminine products to contribute to the cause.

"We currently have a

ters. ... If those groups want to mail us products, or if they want to donate money, we're open to that."

Prusakowski said Notre

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## Debate

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I really know how it functions with student government.”

Cha said she and Alberigi have worked to better comprehend current student needs, especially on issues of diversity.

“For example, our University hairstylist program does not have a stylist, currently, that can cut ethnic hair,” she said. “I think it’s a very small step as a university, to hire a hairdresser, even for specific hours to cut ethnic hair. And it sends a huge message to students.”

Bertolotti, the current director of the Student Union Board (SUB), said student government has always been his passion and referenced his experience with the First Undergraduate Experience in Leadership (FUEL).

“There were fifty members at the beginning of the year. ... by the end of the year, about five of us were showing up, and that really upset me,” he said. “So the next year, I took on FUEL, we streamlined it, we made it 35 members. We gave them all department directors to work on different departments. We really made it easy for them to get involved in student government.”

Geary next asked how each ticket would bridge the gap between the student government administration and the student body.

Bertolotti said he and Fenton plan to distribute a newsletter twice a month that would inform students of initiatives, as well as soliciting student input.

“We have three goals for every single department in student government, and we know — because of our experience in student government — that every single one of these goals is

feasible,” he said. “Every single goal has a timeline.”

Robinson said he and Blais would like to reintroduce Fr. Hesburgh’s “open door” policy in their administration.

“A lot of time, students don’t know what student government does, and we just want to be able to sit down and talk to you,” he said.

Alberigi said his ticket’s experience as “outsiders” has inspired them to push for Notre Dame to be more welcoming to more students.

“This is a question I’m really excited to answer, and here’s the reason — because we’re outsiders,” he said. “We haven’t been on the inside, studying the constitution since the beginning. We’ve realized that student government has \$75,000 of your money to spend, and no one knows where it’s going. How many of the students think that student government has done a lot to impact our daily lives?”

“We offer the perspective of students that has felt alone on this campus, this campus that promises to be a family.”

In her final question for the candidates, Geary asked, “If you could only accomplish one of your platform initiatives, which would you choose, and why?”

Bringing the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program to campus was his ticket’s most important initiative, Robinson said.

“We’ve talked directly with Nancy Brandt, the director of St. Joseph Hospital SANE program, which allows you to have 24/7 access to rape kits and other things on campus, and she said we definitely need to have and adopt at St. Liam’s,” he said. “It’s very easy to do. It’s \$300 to train each nurse, and there’s two to three national conventions each month. So we can send the nurses in the

summer, and that way during the school year we can have 24/7 access to sexual assault prevention and resources.”

Alberigi said increasing mental health resources on campus was his campaign’s primary goal.

“We believe the way to expand the University Counseling Center is by increasing demand, making it as streamlined as possible,” he said. “We want to improve access to everyone for facilities for support. And we know this can get done, along with our other initiatives, because it’s already in the works — we’re already working on it.”

Fenton said she and Bertolotti would like to bring a standardized taxi system to campus.

“We know we can get this done. We want to have Notre Dame-approved taxis, \$3 flat rate, anywhere in the local area, to and from, regardless of how many people are in a taxi.”

An audience member asked both Robinson and Bertolotti how they would reform the student senate.

“I’ve had the pleasure of sitting on senate as the Executive Director of SUB this year, and I’ve seen that it’s kind of become a bully pulpit for the student body president and vice president. We want to make sure that the senators have their own power,” Bertolotti said. “We think that if we would create a senate president pro [tempore], or something along that nature, they would be able to control the dialogue.”

Bertolotti said he and Fenton will differ from the Robinson-Blais administration, in that they will be “committed.”

“Now Corey’s told The Observer that he will be busy on weekdays from 2:30 to 7 p.m. on weekdays in the fall. Senate falls at 6 p.m., and so the constitution states that the student body president must be present for all of



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**Juniors Louis Bertolotti and Elizabeth Fenton answer questions from moderator Caitlin Geary and students at Monday’s debate.**

our meetings,” he said. “We don’t want to reform the senate around our interests, but rather we think it should be formed around your views.”

Robinson said senate meetings could still be held at a reasonable time for all parties, and he has drawn ideas for senate reform from experience with the Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC).

“SAAC, for instance, we come, we have an agenda. But what we do is really involve people, ask questions, brainstorm and come together and have these conclusions, right? And then we bring that unified voice to the athletic administration,” he said. “In the same way, we can put that on senate. ... We want to have that unified approach.”

In a response to an audience question regarding Alberigi-Cha’s platform goal of bringing an animal room to campus, Alberigi said the room would be full-time, but not necessarily

accessible 24/7.

“Animal therapy programs already exist at a number of other institutions. ... These are programs that are completely possible,” he said. “So, how do we make that happen, what are the particulars? Well, we’ve looked into that, we think you start with the basics. ‘Puppy Days’ right now is run by student government — wonderful program. We want to expand that, to make it more of a medical program, where we have therapy dogs on campus.”

The Notre Dame student government elections will take place Wednesday, when students will receive an email from Judicial Council with a link to an online ballot.

*News writer Andrea Vale contributed to this report.*

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## Master’s

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online, but students come to campus once a year for presentations, Eifler said.

“Our program offers a real-world practicum to develop data analysis tools and apply them to an unmet need,” Eifler said.

Saint Mary’s created the program because of the need for “actionable intelligence for business leaders,” Eifler said. According to Eifler, many programs have popped up in data science.

“Our students will learn how to generate data and report to make informed decisions but also not to look at [data] in a vacuum and to turn a critical

eye,” she said.

The program has a strong mathematical base and requires a quantitative major or minor — not specifically math — as well as a few prerequisite classes for early admission.

“Students will learn how to interpret data, develop algorithms and application to regression analysis,” Eifler said.

Eifler said the Master of Science in Data Science program at Saint Mary’s differs from other programs because students will also learn communication skills and how to present data to clients.

A Research Methods course will look at trends in data and why the trends may be occurring, Eifler said.

Another hybrid graduate program is the Doctorate of Nursing

Practice (DNP) program, in which students come to campus once per semester throughout the four-year program.

Eifler said like the Master of Science in Data Science program, the DNP program offers a unique curriculum with courses in communication and leadership.

For more information on specific course requirements and application requirements, visit <https://grad.saintmarys.edu/academic-programs/ms-data-science/application-requirements> or contact Melissa Fruscione, Associate Director of Admission for Graduate Programs at [mfruscione@saintmarys.edu](mailto:mfruscione@saintmarys.edu)

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## Ethics

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book that require both notification and adequate level of security, but we’re still seeing more and more breaches,” he said. “The question is, is the law enough? Just to comply with legal requirements, is that enough? The obvious answer is no — companies have an ethical obligation to go beyond the requirements and to really protect its information.”

Contributing to this “compliance mindset” is the lack of incentive for companies to “step up” their precautions against data breaches.

“There’s concern for your personal information, but in terms of hardcore impact, it’s not really affecting companies negatively, from a shareholder’s perspective,” D’Arcy said. “They have litigation costs and all these other costs, but in terms of satisfying their shareholders, they’re not taking much of a hit. There’s not a hard case from a business standpoint to go above and beyond.”

D’Arcy presented case studies for four major data

breaches: ChoicePoint, Inc. and TJX Companies in 2005, Target in 2013 and eBay in 2014.

Email addresses, encrypted passwords, birth dates and mailing addresses were accessed from eBay in 2014, and the company was very slow to react, taking weeks to notify customers who may have been affected, D’Arcy said.

“Their argument was since it wasn’t credit card data or drivers licenses, they didn’t need to notify customers right away,” D’Arcy said. “Also, because the passwords were in an encrypted format, their argument was that it wasn’t sensitive.”

D’Arcy said information security and ethics are complicated and past incidents should be viewed as learning opportunities instead of complete failures.

“It’s easy to look at these cases and be all high and mighty, but the reality is, ethics is difficult, and they’re dealing with pressures and other factors,” he said. “We can certainly learn lessons from these cases moving forward and begin to apply that ethical lens and acting on our ethical obligations.”

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## INSIDE COLUMN

## Focus on control

**Susan Zhu**  
Graphic Designer

This Wednesday, Notre Dame will have its election for next year's student body president and vice president. Preserving students' mental health is an important issue on campus that I hope takes a front seat in this year's election. However, I struggle with the general platform goal of "ending the stigma." It's difficult for me to understand the possibility of implementing something like ending social stigma into a plan that can be accomplished in an academic year.

Why is this? Stigma against mental illness is a pervasive issue that goes beyond the borders of Notre Dame. I don't think the goal should be to end the stigma. This is only feasible if we can end the stigma universally. I think the goal ought to be to preserve a safe space on campus and heighten awareness of mental illness treatment and prevalence.

Bear with me here. I know when the phrase "safe space" gets thrown around, eyes start rolling and sarcasm begins. However, I think that for mental health, a safe space is critical. Instead of focusing on the travesty of stigma, we should focus on sustaining an environment of encouragement and growth. We put a lot of pressure on ourselves — to be successful academically, to be physically fit and to be liked by our peers. Of course, it's important to acknowledge that mental illness is a problem at Notre Dame. I think everyone carries some sort of baggage. When I had depression, it felt like I was lugging it around with me, and I always thought it was conspicuous. I thought everyone could see the weight, and I felt guilty whenever I shared some of the burden with another person. I think this guilt is what holds people back from telling their friends and family that they're struggling. An environment that works to alleviate this guilt is one we should cultivate at Notre Dame, and this can only be done through awareness that mental illness exists here.

"Ending the stigma on campus" is a sweeping statement that sounds impressive but does little. It just isn't feasible to try and change everyone's mindset on an issue that is influenced by family, culture and experience, especially when the problem is beyond Notre Dame itself. What we can control is how we treat each other, and how we support our friends. What we can control is to move away from competition and towards collaboration and community. What we can control is to allow ourselves to take some pressure off and let go of the weight we carry. We may not be able to control the stigma. I hate to admit that. However, it's also important to be realistic. Awareness of the prevalence of mental illness on campus is more important because we can control how kind we are to one another. We can control how we act with our friends. This year, let's focus on what we can control.

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## Preserve physical education

**Katherine Smart**  
Real Talk

When you think back to middle school, gym class is probably one of your best, or worst, memories. Despite your personal experiences, physical education class is one of the most important classes middle schools and high schools offer. Unfortunately, with budget cuts and increasing academic pressures, schools are beginning to explore the option of cutting physical education programs, or at least not making them mandatory. Although schools are trying to prioritize the needs of their students, physical education cannot be undervalued in this assessment. Gym class is imperative for the healthy growth and development of young students.

According to the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), adolescents should have at least one hour of physical activity per day. While many schools offer after-school sports, these programs are not mandatory. Therefore these programs cannot be considered a sustainable substitute for gym class since it only affects a select portion of the student body. One of the biggest reasons schools are cutting back gym programs is the falling testing scores among American students. This issue has created pressure on school administrators to better prepare their students, which means creating more time for students to study. However, by taking away physical education classes, schools are actually harming student's mental growth. According to Harvard Medical School, regular exercise improves memory and thinking skills. Their research also concluded that it reduced stress and improves sleeping patterns, especially in young adults. By keeping gym as part of their curriculum, schools will be able to better help their students develop healthy lifestyle patterns that will lead to better academic marks.

Another major reason physical education is important is that it teaches children the proper techniques and information about exercise. Anyone with access to the Internet or television knows the insane amount of advertisements for weight loss programs and exercise equipment. Unfortunately, the goal of these advertisements is to sell a product, not teach young observers how to properly use the equipment. With so much misinformation, physical education class can be an outlet for young adults to decipher between real and fake information. By teaching students the proper techniques for even simple exercises, such as squats and pushups, schools would be able to help their students develop habits that would

decrease their risk of injury in the future. These programs can also show young people they do not need to spend hours at the gym to get a great workout. By using the proper techniques, they can learn to manage their time working out more efficiently. Therefore, keeping physical education in the curriculum would help educate young people on how to develop healthy and proper exercise techniques.

While this issue affects all students, the group affected most by the removal of gym classes is low-income students. According to the CDC, obesity rates among youth from households in which the parents did not attend college are double those of households in which the parents did. Unfortunately, these obesity trends begin as early as preschool, with a 24 percent obesity rate of 2-4-year olds from low-income homes. The direct correlation between income level and obesity has been proven time and time again, and gym class is one of the most crucial tools public school systems have to combat this issue.

Although schools can teach healthy eating habits and promote time for exercise, many low-income students do not have the opportunity to exercise these habits. From after-school jobs to rough neighborhood environments, many of these students are extremely limited in the amount of time they can spend outdoors. By keeping physical education programs in schools, administrators can ensure students will have the opportunity to get the exercise they desperately need.

Clearly, physical education classes are an important part of students' development. Not only do these classes help them physically, but they also have clear mental and intellectual benefits. In addition, gym classes offer an excellent opportunity to really teach kids the correct way to exercise, which will help dispel the numerous myths surrounding different workout plans. However, gym classes are especially essential in low-income schools since they provide the students with both the time and opportunity to workout despite their external circumstances. As college students, it is important we fully understand the ramifications that eliminating physical education would have on the next generation of Americans.

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# The whispers of God

Scott Boyle

The Sincere Seeker

My life has changed a lot in the course of the past year. I finished a master's degree, leased my first apartment, moved for yet another time, started paying (bigger and more consistent) bills and began my first professional job here at Notre Dame.

It seems — at least for the foreseeable future — that I don't have another transition immediately looming on the horizon.

But in the course of the past couple months, I've learned there are still plenty of things that can change in my life, even in the midst of stability. For me, it's meant discovering and living into those adult commitments that now define much of my day-to-day existence.

Take my first apartment lease as an example. Walking into a bare apartment on the first day of renting was a big shock back in August. Turns out, it takes a lot of work and effort to fill a new space. Of course, I immediately noticed the cool big-ticket items that I would need to pick out and acquire — a couch, bed, chairs, television and table — to take a few examples.

Yet it was in the aisles of Bed, Bath and Beyond that I received my real initiation into adulthood. My parents were quick to point out my bachelor pad might require a few more "domestics" than I had initially thought. Within no time, I became the proud owner of new trashcans, bowls, cutlery, trash bags and a plunger. Necessary items, yes, but definitely not as cool.

Over the course of the next few days, I was able

to get everything assembled and placed. After many hours of hard work, finishing my set-up came with a definite feeling of satisfaction. Not only did I love relaxing in my new space, but also I was pleased with everything I had purchased. I wanted my apartment to be comfortable, and I felt that was exactly how it had turned out.

As the proceeding days turned into weeks, however, I noticed something starting to change within me. I no longer had the same feeling of satisfaction as I entered my apartment each day. The same items I had been so pleased to share with others were beginning to lose their luster. In fact, I started looking for items I thought might make the space look better.

As you can imagine, this got pretty old. Not only that, but it made me think — why was I so dissatisfied?

I knew it was not because I didn't have nice things, or that I hadn't taken care to pick out things I really enjoyed. There was something deeper at work.

It was then that I remembered some words of a colleague of mine, Prof. John Cavadini. Lecturing about St. Augustine this past fall, he said, "I think the meaning of life is learning to say 'thank you' better."

I have been meditating over these words since then. Could that really be true? I have been trying to say "thank you" better for some time now. To do this, I write personal notes of gratitude in response to the ways people have helped me to see the world — and my life — as full of grace. But that hasn't eliminated my struggles or my disappointments.

But, in committing to this practice, I've learned that's not precisely the point. Saying "thank you"

is not a cure-all, but a way of living in spite of longing. As you can see, material goods sometimes preoccupy me. But there is merit — and meaning — that can come from saying it anyway.

Controlled, scientific studies add credence to this fact. One study, undertaken by a website called "Soul Pancake," found that when study participants personally called to express gratitude to a significant person in their life, their happiness (as measured from a survey administered at the beginning of the study) increased between four and 19 percent. So saying "thank you," while not a panacea, does matter.

All this led me to the deeper truth of St. Augustine's words in his work "The Confessions," "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord." That is to say, our hearts will be restless until we recognize and live into the truth that we were made to live as images of our creator — the one who is the gift of love between persons.

Thus, our ultimate satisfaction will only come when we can consistently acknowledge and orient our desires not toward things, but toward relationships. Living in gratitude for those relationships has allowed me to encounter the reality for which we were made — a love that reminds us that our lives have meaning despite our possessions or other external things. There we hear the whispers of a God who wants to remind us of that too.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Debating the future of marriage

Tonight in DeBartolo Hall, the Tocqueville Program will host a debate between Stephen Macedo and Ryan T. Anderson on the future of marriage, gay rights and religious freedom. Macedo is the Rockefeller Professor of politics at Princeton, as well as the former Director for the University Center of Human Values, and Anderson, who earned his Ph.D from Notre Dame in 2014, is a senior research fellow at the Heritage Foundation and the most prominent spokesman in defense of conjugal marriage.

Anderson and Macedo have both published important books in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*. It is an honor and a privilege to welcome both to our campus.

The Court's decision in June did not end the argument surrounding the future of marriage, religious freedom or gay rights. As witnessed by events this past fall, including the Kim Davis affair in Kentucky, many questions remain — and the country remains divided — concerning the

nature of marriage and the relationship between gay rights and religious freedom. That is why Notre Dame must participate in this discussion.

We, the authors, disagree on just about everything in this debate. One thing we do agree upon, however, is the importance of participating in reasonable discussion and debate in pursuit of the truth, especially with respect to a topic as controversial as the subject of this debate. Too often in conversations of this nature, reasons are trumped by emotions and insults take the place of arguments. There is a better way to engage controversial and important issues, and these two speakers will show us how to elevate the level of our public discourse.

On campus, students have a tendency to discuss contentious issues only with like-minded peers, retreating from opportunities to engage with those who disagree with them. As members of this University community, we all are or should be committed to the pursuit and sharing of truth for its own sake. One way in which we

can come to a greater understanding of truth is by engaging in reasoned argument with those who disagree with us. Doing so allows us to better understand each other and to come to a deeper appreciation of the nuances of the issue in question, in the process either strengthening our convictions or else realizing that our reasoning may be flawed.

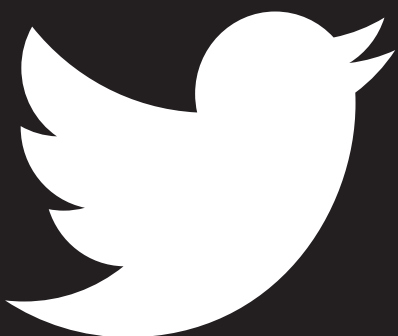
In the spirit of intellectual engagement, we invite the student body to attend this debate and participate in the conversation.

The Tocqueville Program, BridgeND and the Dean's Fellows are sponsoring the debate, which will begin at 7 p.m. in DeBartolo 155.

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# A DAYDREAMY HALFTIME SHOW

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The Illuminati must have had a hand in planning the Super Bowl 50 halftime performance, which featured Coldplay as the headliner along with Bruno Mars and Beyoncé, in a show that was so surreal, I'm still requesting testimony that it occurred in real life.

The early time of day had the double effect of demystifying the usually invisible crowd and far edges of the stadium, yet simultaneously contributing to its daydream-like visual. Coldplay opened atop a colorful stage surrounded by dancers dressed as huge flowers, further accentuating the surreal ambiance surrounding the halftime performance.

Chris Martin revealed in the NFL halftime show press conference that the style was inspired by Glastonbury Festival, a place considered an oasis of community, individualism and freedom from social norms. The vibe is

nothing short of shocking when juxtaposed with the Super Bowl, appealing to the opposite ideological demographic as possibly the most commercial event in the world.

As the most watched music event of the year, the halftime show is expected to be the most ubiquitous. This year's choice of performers followed the trend of recent years of seasoned-yet-relevant artists, as opposed to earlier years of throwbacks like Madonna and The Who. In an age when parents are streaming new music instead of replaying old records, these are the performers that now appeal to the widest audience.

Despite their reputation for impressive live performance, Coldplay's presence was shrunk by the crowd and the venue. Most of the band's energy was in the form of Martin's jumping. Maybe a Bruno Mars drum solo would have livened things.

A mere two years after his headlining performance, Bruno Mars came

onstage to Mark Ronson's funky spinning. Metallic suits against the blue sky captured from a low angle was one of the most surreal shots of the performance: Call me a conspiracy theorist, but I'm tempted to suspect this particular shot was filmed in a studio. The mesmerizing choreography was a pick-me-up after a headliner hardly more interesting than sports.

Beyoncé and her girl army took formation turning the football field into a battlefield reminiscent of the video for "Run the World," performing the politically charged song "Formation" released only the day before. Only three years after headlining the best halftime show in my memory, Beyoncé brought yet another fierce and sexy performance but obviously couldn't reach the level she did in 2013. Beyoncé is said to have dominated this year's performance, but Bruno Mars might have actually had the upper hand in the climactic dance battle with Queen Bey.

The inclusion of two recent headliners was an obvious point to the past. In its 50th year, the Super Bowl got retrospective, looking further into the past with video clips from past performers like Michael Jackson and Paul McCartney. Coldplay, Bruno Mars and Beyoncé came together for a montage including lyrics from Prince's "Purple Rain" and U2's "Beautiful Day" in a sentimental conclusion.

The attempt to send a "deeper message" with the halftime show becomes more blatant each year. This time, the crowd even spelled out the colorful message, "Believe in love." Promoting peace and equality, the halftime show is the perfect opportunity to inflate your hope in humanity before returning to watching guys who are getting paid millions of dollars knock the snot out of each other.

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# SUPER BOWL 50 ADS: WINNERS AND LOSERS

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This Super Bowl Sunday, we tuned in for the ads ... well, at least the ones we hadn't already seen on Facebook or teased on Twitter in 2016: the age of commercial trailers. Blame it on Vine or millennials or the multiplying digital platforms on which brands can reach audiences, but commercial trailers no longer connote U-Hauls.

With the overwhelming amount of hype, the pressure was on for brands to deliver engaging and witty content. Here's who did and didn't follow through.

## T-Mobile

T-Mobile hit the pop culture sweet spot. Drake dressed in a groutfit and Timbs while dancing in a well-lit box has proven great YouTube bait, so the carrier took advantage of the combination for a spot fittingly titled "Restricted Bling." Drake, presented as supremely easy-going, optimistic and great at high-fives, is easily convinced by lawyers to incorporate clunky corporate clauses into his hit single. His agreeable attitude towards switching loosely but memorably aligns a switch to T-Mobile with accessibility. (They also ran a spot that featured Steve Harvey

giving his second apology of the year, but this time for a mistake in Verizon's marketing.)

## Audi

The car company's ad, "The Commander," features a retired astronaut disenchanted with his forever-grounded life. His son gifts him keys to an Audi R8, and the man's experience parallels the control and rituals he once had in his spaceship. The ad was elevated by song choice: David Bowie's "Starman." With Bowie's recent death, the commercial proved a well-done, affecting tribute — whether planned or serendipitous.

## Budweiser

Budweiser has mastered the art of making great commercials: give Amy Schumer and Seth Rogen freedom to write a commercial about running for president, and this is what you get. The ad is witty, fast-paced and leaves a lasting brand image: "America has seen the light ... and there's a Bud in front of it." Now that's a big caucus.

## Prius

You have to hand it to Toyota for attempting to change the stereotype of the Prius. However, a bank robbery Prius car chase was too laughable. Was Toyota trying to be serious in relation

to its new line of hybrid vehicles, or just entirely self-deprecating?

Either way, the commercial was a full minute of laughable phrases relating to the Prius that tried to break away from its speed limit abiding drivers. Good luck Toyota — Prius drivers are their own brand of people, and targeting them as speed racers might not be the best position. I would know — my family owns three of them.

## Super Bowl Babies

This is a weird concept that alludes to the arousing potential of sports. The humorous potential is there, but the content proves too self-important to deliver. The musical montage of Seal with babies in choir gowns has me wishing the NFL had just gone the animal route (as so many brands did) and shown some cute baby seals.

## Trend Takeaways

A lot of this year's Super Bowl commercials stood out for try-hard meme humor (Mountain Dew's annoyingly confounding Puppy Monkey Baby) or just sheer weirdness (no Honda sheep-singing "Somebody to Love" pun intended). Willem Dafoe, Steve Buscemi and Christopher Walken were all used in a similar way by different brands: iconically ironic, awkward humor delivered by established celebrities.

An unfortunate misuse of the Super Bowl ad slot was turning it into a Super Bowl PSA: Xifaxan's Muppet-esque large intestine mascot and an opioid-induced complex commercial that said the word "constipation" a few too many times. No one wants to hear about "opioid-induced diarrhea" while inhaling chili. (Note: While rewatching the OIC spot on YouTube, I was first forced to watch an ad for a Squatty Potty, "the stool for better stools.")

Although the health-related PSAs largely ran amiss, Colgate delivered an effective ad founded in sustainability. The spot showed people grasping desperately for water from a sink where a man lazily brushed his teeth with the faucet running. With the current crisis in Flint, Michigan, the spot resonated.

Of the over 40 celebrity appearances in the game's commercials (not counting the 20 faces of Ryan Reynolds in Hyundai's spot), the Amazon Echo's prime spot directly after halftime dropped Missy Elliott's new, and fittingly sporty, single, "Pep Rally." Combine that with Jason Schwartzman's Max Fischer-channeling role in the ad, and the spot essentially extended my halftime revelry.

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# Dominic Alberigi – Jenn Cha

## Who they are:

Dominic Alberigi, the presidential candidate, is a junior from the San Francisco Bay Area, currently living in Alumni Hall. Majoring in finance and Chinese, Alberigi tutors ESL students in South Bend and is a member of the Notre Dame men's rugby club.

Jenn Cha hails from Elkhart, Indiana, and resides in Welsh Family Hall. The junior is a Balfour-Hesburgh Scholar, majoring in English and American Studies with a minor in Africana Studies. Cha currently serves as the vice president of PrismND, an advising fellow with MatriculateND and on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Undergraduate Research.

## Top priority: Creating a mental health app for students

Focusing their platform around mental health, the two plan to launch a mental health smartphone application. According to Alberigi, the University provides many mental health resources that students do not realize are available to them — by creating an app, these resources would be put at students' fingertips. The application

would include links to external resources and appointment schedules for the University Counseling Center (UCC) and would also incorporate the existing Warmline chat service, a program through which students are able to contact professionals in a non-crisis situation via a messaging system.

## Best idea: Dining hall reform

Many campaigns, both past and present, have proposed an overhaul of the current dining hall system. However, the system proposed by Alberigi and Cha is well researched and appears feasible to implement. The plan would allow students to purchase a certain number of "points" every semester, with each meal costing a certain amount of points. Students would be able to enter the dining halls as often as they wish, as long as they had the points to purchase the meal. Alberigi said he had discussed the ticket's plan with Food Services, and it has been implemented at various other universities across the country, providing the University with a clear-cut model. The plan, if put into action, would benefit the majority of students

in providing flexibility with dining hall hours and thus is the ticket's best idea.

## Worst idea: Encouraging all freshmen to visit UCC

While advocating for more students to visit the UCC is an admirable goal, having students visit the UCC regardless of need is unnecessary. The UCC already has difficulty accommodating the needs of students without bogging down the system with needless visits. Alberigi and Cha believe creating demand for a larger counseling center will result in changes, but in the interim, the system would be made sluggish and unable to meet the needs of students. The thought behind the plan is commendable, but the plan itself is unsustainable.

## Most feasible: Providing one-credit courses in life skills

The ticket proposed expanding the current system of one-credit courses to include more relevant courses encompassing life skills. Due to the fact the system is already in place, the idea would be easy and fairly inexpensive to implement. Including South Bend professionals in the program is also an innovative



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way to strengthen the bond between the University and the city.

## Least feasible: Animal therapy rooms

As mental health is the center of their platform, Alberigi and Cha focused on expanding the services available at the UCC. One of the ways in which they plan to do this includes opening animal therapy rooms that operate around the clock in the Counseling Center. The rooms — one for puppies and one for kittens — would theoretically be staffed by volunteers who are

participating in a one-credit Animal Therapy course, with walks and grooming provided by volunteers. However, the costs, labor and effort involved do not justify the benefits this plan would bring.

## Bottom line: Big ideas, but lack focus and feasibility

The Alberigi-Cha ticket offers aspirational ideas and lofty goals. The candidates' focus on mental health is commendable but their plan is not practical — many of their ideas are costly and cannot be implemented in a one-year term.

# Louis Bertolotti – Elizabeth Fenton

## Who they are:

Presidential candidate Louis Bertolotti is a junior from Tenaflly, New Jersey. A transfer to the University from Holy Cross College, Bertolotti currently lives in Alumni Hall and serves as the executive director of the Student Union Board (SUB), which oversees and plans programming on campus, including concerts, weekly movies and An Tostal. He also served as director of the First Undergraduate Experience in Leadership (FUEL) under the Vidal-Devine administration in his sophomore year.

Vice presidential candidate Elizabeth Fenton hails from

Boca Raton, Florida, and lives in Ryan Hall on campus. A junior majoring in marketing, Fenton previously served on the Vidal-Devine executive cabinet as the director of National Engagement and Outreach. She works as a football ambassador in the recruiting office and as a tour guide for Admissions and the Eck Center.

## Top priority: Reforming senate and standardizing taxis

Bertolotti said his top priority for the next year was the reforming student senate. Citing senate's C+ grade from The Observer in December, Bertolotti said the group has

stopped functioning as an independent body and should be holding the executive cabinet accountable. His plan to repurpose senate would include giving more power to senators as well as having each cabinet member speak at the weekly meetings to give updates on what progress their department has made.

Fenton said her top priority would be the campaign's taxi standardization plan. The ticket plans to work with local taxi companies to establish criteria for cabs to be endorsed by student government as safe and fair. Approved cabs would promise to take students home regardless of what campus they live on and not wait for full or past-capacity cabs before taking students where they want to go.

## Best Idea: A clear, direct platform outlining their goals

The strongest part of the Bertolotti-Fenton platform is its directness; each department in the executive cabinet has at least three concrete programming or initiative-based goals, and a deadline by which they have to complete them. This lends legitimacy to the promise of transparency and accountability by offering a checklist

to the student body of things they intend to accomplish.

## Worst Idea: Gender Relations improvements

The only exception to the directness and clearness of the platform comes in the Gender Relations department section. Whereas other sections lay out clear goals with defined deadlines, the three tenets of this section all have a deadline of "year-round" or "2016-2017 school year" and are much less well defined. The campaign promises to continue existing sexual assault prevention campaigns including It's On Us and GreeNDot and to "revamp the brother-sister dorm relationship." Additionally, the decision to include "an awareness to the importance of mental health" in the Gender Relations section seems out of place. While all of these ideas are good, in comparison to the rest of the platform, they seem somewhat haphazardly thrown together.

## Most feasible: Bimonthly student government newsletter

Most students are not aware of what student government actually does; the introduction of a twice-monthly newsletter sent to the student body could go a long way in

combatting that problem. Because the newsletter would be sent out over email, putting it together and circulating it amongst students would require little effort beyond actually writing it.

## Least feasible: Changing the student football ticket exchange and improving Wi-Fi on the quads

Bertolotti and Fenton did not have a concrete plan in place to implement the proposed changes to student ticketing — including allowing prospective students the opportunity to use available student tickets — and it seems unlikely the Ticket Office would approve of a plan that could potentially cause more game day headaches than benefits. In terms of improving Wi-Fi coverage outside, OIT has already struggled to address previous wireless connectivity issues inside.

## Bottom Line: Highly organized, but business as usual

Bertolotti and Fenton have the most combined experience of the three tickets, which has given them insight into how student government currently operates. However, their top priorities, while commendable, do not seem to align with those of the student body as a whole.



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# Corey Robinson – Becca Blais

**Who they are:**  
Student body presidential candidate Corey Robinson, a junior Program of Liberal Studies major with sustainability and business-economics minors, currently serves as the vice president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) and previously held the role of athletics representative on the Vidal-Devine executive cabinet. The San Antonio native and former Knott Hall resident is a receiver on the football team and the co-founder of the non-profit One Shirt One Body. Robinson’s running mate, Becca Blais, is a sophomore political science and peace studies major from New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Blais served on Judicial Council as an election committee member her freshman year and most recently held the position of director of Internal Affairs on the Ricketts-Ruelas executive cabinet. The Farley Hall resident is also a Dean’s Fellow in the College of Arts and Letters.

**Top priority: Strengthening and expanding sexual assault resources on campus**  
Robinson highlighted the ticket’s plan to train nurses at St. Liam’s to becoming Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE), who would be able to administer rape kits on campus and help care for sexual assault

victims, while Blais noted a desire to improve the Title IX process that follows sexual assaults, including evaluating the disciplinary and rehabilitation measures for students found guilty of sexual assault.

**Best idea: Providing a SANE in St. Liam’s**  
Robinson noted how, at the moment, sexual assault survivors at Notre Dame must travel off campus via taxicab or personal vehicle to St. Joseph Hospital in order to have a rape kit administered, which can create unsafe or frustrating circumstances that might discourage survivors from taking these steps in a time-sensitive process. They propose to “give students the resources to be safe and comfortable” right on campus by training nurses in St. Liam’s to administer rape kits, and they have researched the steps and funds necessary to follow through on this idea as soon as they take office.

**Worst idea: Reform of student senate**  
While a good idea in theory, their plan to reform student senate needs to be more detailed and efficient. They mentioned bringing in speakers, such as University administrators and faculty members, to gauge and incorporate student thoughts into their decisions, similar to what Robinson experienced

within the athletic administration in his role on SAAC. However, senate has already done something similar to this in the past year with negligible results. Blais also recalled how senators tend to get bogged down in parliamentary procedure and become discouraged from sharing their ideas as the year progresses. But procedural reform does not seem to be enough to fully change a group like senate, which has had a minimal impact on student life, so more specifics are needed for how they can accomplish this effectively.

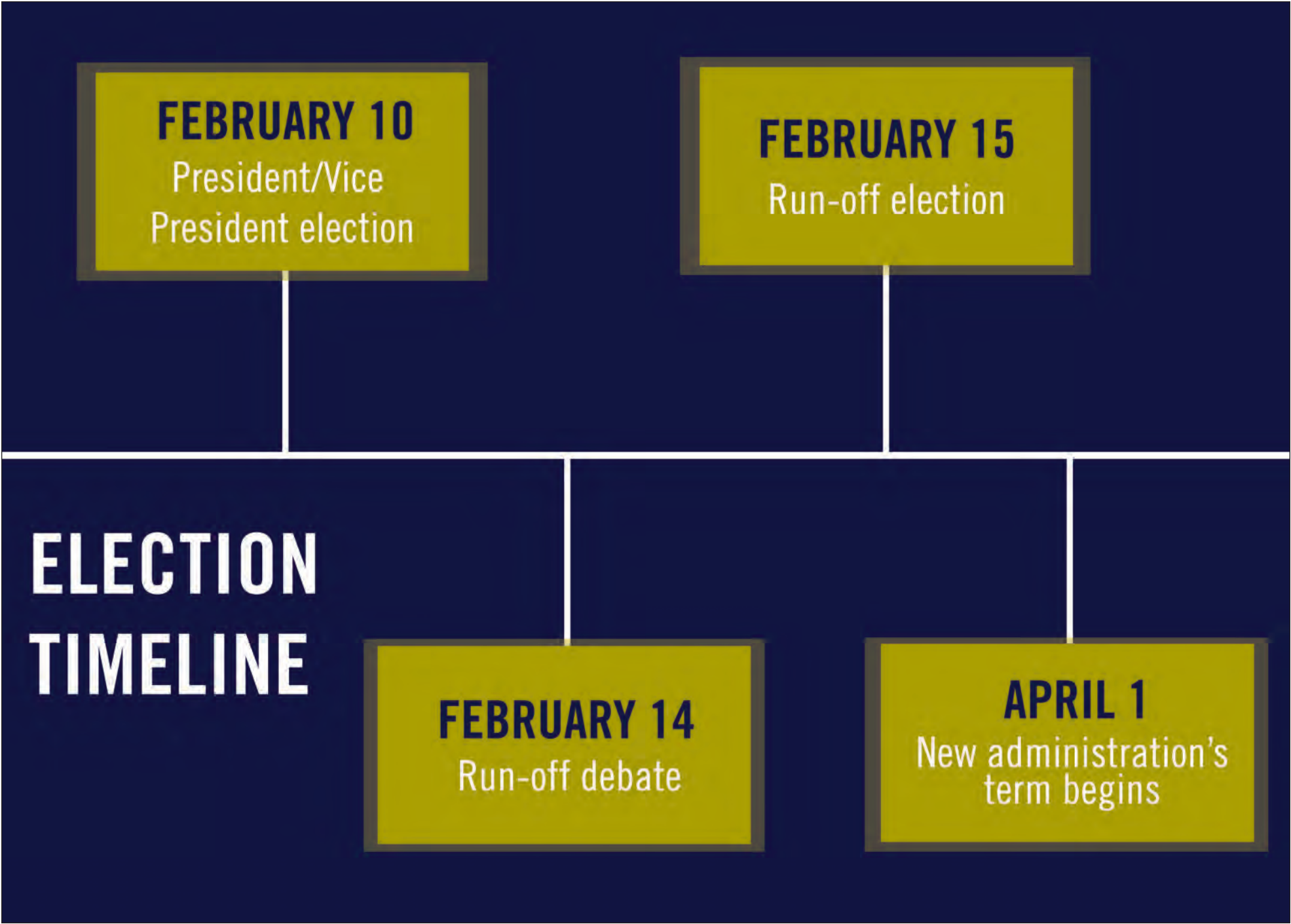
**Most feasible: Partnering with the Career Center and local organizations to help students find internships in the South Bend area**  
Much like their plan to train St. Liam’s nurses to become SANEs, Robinson and Blais have already laid the groundwork for their “Strengthening the BoND” initiative, which would connect students with local internships through groups like enFocus and by posting a greater number of opportunities more clearly on the Career Center website. For students who would like to work but don’t have cars, Blais said they have also looked into the “doable” process of rerouting Transpo lines to help students efficiently travel to their jobs.



**Least feasible: Overseeing Notre Dame’s divestment from fossil fuels in the University endowment.**  
The push to have the University divest from corporations that profit from fossil fuels has been a goal of several past student government officials and groups on campus. And while it is a commendable goal and one Robinson and Blais would certainly be able to promote with University administration, history has shown that the decision is out of the hands of members of student government and not one Robinson and Blais would be able to actively “oversee,” so much as one they could encourage.

**Bottom line: Optimizing existing resources and connections**

Robinson and Blais understand and noted how student government isn’t necessarily the end-all, be-all of student decisions, but rather an organization that has the power to work with other groups with similar ideas in order to achieve their goals. They know how to partner with student groups and University resource centers, such as the Career Center, to efficiently bring about change. Additionally, Robinson’s established relationships with University administrators, including University president Fr. John Jenkins and Athletics Director Jack Swarbrick, would likely help him and Blais accomplish their tasks in a timely manner.





# The Observer endorses Robinson-Blais

## THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

When Notre Dame students vote for student body president and vice president Wednesday, they face a choice between three intelligent, passionate and experienced tickets: juniors Dominic Alberigi and Jenn Cha, juniors Louis Bertolotti and Elizabeth Fenton and junior Corey Robinson and sophomore Becca Blais. The Observer Editorial Board interviewed each ticket over the weekend, and after evaluating their priorities, plans and visions for the University for the coming year, we voted to endorse the Robinson-Blais ticket.

Each ticket presents a distinct vision, informed by a diverse range of experiences and campus involvement. The Bertolotti-Fenton ticket boasts substantial student government experience — Bertolotti as director of the First Undergraduate Experience in Leadership (FUEL) last year and director of the Student Union Board (SUB) this year and Fenton as the director of National Engagement and Outreach under the Vidal-Devine administration. While it does not have any experience in student government, the Alberigi-Cha ticket has worked extensively with social justice issues on campus, experience that inspires its mental health-focused campaign. The Robinson-Blais ticket brings a combination of student government and athletic involvement that connects it to a wide portion of the student body — Blais as director of Internal Affairs for the Ricketts-Ruelas administration and a member of Judicial Council's election committee last year and Robinson as athletics representative in the Vidal-Devine administration and vice president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council.

Overall, we believe the Robinson-Blais ticket provides the most innovative and exciting approach to best serve Notre Dame students and act as an effective link between students and the University administration. Their focus on building upon existing resources and opportunities to make further progress in strengthening a relationship with South Bend and combatting sexual assault makes for an ambitious yet attainable vision for the coming year.

Specifically, Robinson and Blais' focus on sexual assault prevention and response separates them from the other tickets. Their explicit proposals — to better equip Saint Liam's to respond to sexual assault, critically examine the University's Title IX reporting process and reform the cross-campus

reporting process for students at neighboring schools — reflect an understanding of the benefits and drawbacks of current policies and can realistically take the momentum and discussion built by the previous three student government administrations and turn it into actions that benefit all students.

Their plan to deepen students' relationship with South Bend also builds on the progress made by previous administrations and utilizes existing structures and resources to make the city of South Bend not just a place where students go to perform service or dine out, but rather a place with a deep, symbiotic bond with the University and its students. While Robinson and Blais' vision to reroute Transpo bus lines to better accommodate students with jobs and internships in the City may be one of their loftier goals, their plan to advertise and unify resources for students to better engage with and work in South Bend can form the kind of relationship between the University and the City previous administrations have dreamed of creating.

Robinson's time and energy commitments to the football team certainly cause concern, but it is a concern the ticket has already anticipated and found a way to circumvent. Robinson, who will remain on campus for the summer during the team's training, vowed he would continue to work to develop student government projects while practicing and completing coursework. Next school year, Robinson said he would be able to minimize class commitments because he will have already completed his senior thesis and attained enough credits to graduate and thus be able to fully dedicate his time and attention to student government and football.

Further, Robinson's status as a high-profile student-athlete gives him a powerful and public voice, which his administration could harness into effectively leveraging the University administration to better respond to student demands and desires. Having a football player as the leader of student government could, for the first time in a long while, make more Notre Dame students excited about and engaged with student government as a platform for their ideas and passions.

While we believe the Robinson-Blais ticket presents the best vision and leadership for student government, the other two tickets also present compelling cases for their campaigns. The Bertolotti-Fenton ticket has more student government experience than the other tickets, and the candidates have effectively used that knowledge to craft a campaign platform that is clear, focused

and attainable. Transparency is one of the ticket's main concerns, and this is reflected in the individual timelines accompanying each of the promises on their platform.

However, Bertolotti and Fenton's campaign goals, while feasible and impactful, ignore some of the most pressing issues facing Notre Dame — issues such as diversity, mental health and sexual assault are treated only tangentially in their platform. A bimonthly newsletter, taxi standardization, football ticket changes and Senate reform are all good ideas the student body would benefit from, but they are not all that student government can and should be about.

Robinson and Blais could afford to look to their rival candidates for an example of a straightforward and accountable schedule and apply it to their own ideas. Many students believe student government does not do anything of importance, and staying accountable and in touch with students is the best way to combat this idea. We would like to see the elected ticket commit to those values while simultaneously pushing to solve the biggest, most important issues on campus.

The Alberigi-Cha ticket has certainly keyed in on one of the most important issues not only at Notre Dame, but on campuses across the nation: mental health. Yet their ideas for how to address this enormous and difficult topic lacked feasibility and focus. Their plan for a mental health app for smartphones would be beneficial to some, but the candidates failed to explain how this app could be developed in a timely, cost-effective way or advertised and integrated into the everyday schedule of a stressed-out student.

Furthermore, Alberigi and Cha have put the cart before the horse in calling for more students to visit the UCC, thus putting pressure on the administration to commit more resources to the center. This would inevitably lead to a scheduling crush that could potentially deny counseling and care for students with the most need. While we certainly would encourage any student dealing with any form of mental illness to utilize the resources available on campus and agree these resources should be further developed, it would be wiser to improve the resources first.

Ultimately, when students cast their votes and a winner is declared, Notre Dame students will be well served by any of the tickets. For their energy, experience and ability to connect with students and administrators alike, The Observer endorses Corey Robinson and Becca Blais for student body president and vice president.

**THE OBSERVER**  
encourages all students  
to participate in the  
2016 student government  
elections by voting Wednesday.



# hYpE Week: Wavy guest features

The "Waves" tracklist by Kanye West has proved a largely illegible work-in-progress, but when we squinted really hard and tilted our phone screens just right, we were able to make out some of the signatures. Here are our hopes on how the signees will — or, in some cases, prayers that they won't — contribute to "ONE of the greatest albums (of all time) not the greatest just one of ..."

## CHANCE THE RAPPER - ADAM RAMOS

EARLY THIS YEAR, KANYE GAVE A SHOUT OUT TO FELLOW CHICAGO ARTIST CHANCE THE RAPPER AT OTTAWA BLUESFEST. COMMENDING THE YOUNG RAPPER, KANYE ACCLAIMED CHANCE AS "ONE OF THE MOST TALENTED YOUNG NEW ARTISTS," AND ADDED, "STAY TUNED" — A POSSIBLE REFERENCE TO THE NOW CONFIRMED COLLABORATION ON KANYE'S HIGHLY ANTICIPATED UPCOMING ALBUM. ASIDE FROM A HOME CITY, BOTH ARTISTS SHARE QUITE A BIT, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF THEIR EQUALLY LUSH AND INTRICATE PRODUCTIONS. KANYE'S INFLUENCE IS ALSO EXTENSIVELY APPARENT IN THE SUBJECT MATTER CHANCE HAS MADE INTO A WINNING BRAND. KANYE'S DEPARTURE FROM THE MACHISMO-ORIENTED GANGSTA RAP, SO POPULAR DURING HIS EARLY CAREER, WAS A DEPARTURE TAKEN EVEN FURTHER ON CHANCE'S 2013 EMOTIONAL AND BRILLIANT "ACID RAP." SUCH CLEAR CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE TWO WINDY CITY RAPPERS MAKES THEIR COLLABORATION THAT MUCH MORE INTRIGUING. CHANCE'S RELAXED DELIVERY AND POIGNANT LYRICS COULD PAIR VERY NICELY WITH KANYE'S EXPERTLY CRAFTED BEATS AND EXPANSIVE HOOKS.

IN CHANCE'S LATEST SINGLE, THE DAZZLING "SOMEWHERE IN PARADISE," HE PROCLAIMS, "THEY SAY IM SAVING MY CITY, SAY IM STAYING FOR GOOD / THEY SCREAMING CHANO FOR MAYOR, IM THINKING MAYBE I SHOULD." WHILE POLITICS MAY BE A BIT OUT OF CHANCE'S DOMAIN, IF HE DOES END UP GAINING SOME EXPERIENCE IN OFFICE, HE MAY MAKE A PERFECT RUNNING MATE FOR KANYE'S 2020 TICKET — HEY IF THIS UPCOMING ELECTION HAS TAUGHT US ANYTHING, IT'S NEVER SAY NEVER.

## SWIZZ BEATZ - MATT McMAHON

THE FIRST SIGNATURE THAT POPPED OUT ON THE SECOND ITERATION OF THE TRACKLIST ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET OF PAPER, THE FIRST ONE POST-EDITS, WAS THE BLUE PEN SCRAWLED "SWIZZ IS HERE" STRETCHED ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE BOTTOM THIRD OF THE PAGE. THE KANYE-LABELLED "BEST RAP PRODUCER OF ALL TIME," SWIZZ BEATZ HAS CREATED HITS IN A VARIETY OF STYLES, INCLUDING THE HIGH OCTANE RAP OF DMX'S "PARTY UP (UP IN HERE)," THE SOUTHERN BLOWOUT OF TI'S "BRING EM OUT" AND THE POP PERFECTION OF BEYONCÉ'S "CHECK ON IT." SIGNATURES OF SWIZZ'S USUALLY FAST-PACED PRODUCTION ARE HORNS AND WHISTLES, HEAVY AND DELIBERATE PERCUSSION AND THE OCCASIONAL JAY Z SAMPLE, SO EXPECT SOMETHING POWERFUL BUT ACCESSIBLE IF HE'S WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES. HOPEFULLY, SWIZZ WAS ONLY IN THE STUDIO FOR THE "WAVES" SESSIONS IN HIS PRODUCER AND HOOKWRITER FORMS: AFTER THE MESS THAT WAS SWIZZ'S VERSE ON THE G.O.O.D. FRIDAY VERSION OF "LORD LORD LORD," FANS WOULD BE VERY AVERSE TO HEARING SWIZZ RAP ON A KANYE TRACK EVER AGAIN, OR ANY TRACK FOR THAT MATTER. IF SWIZZ DOES HAPPEN TO SHOW UP ON THE GUEST FEATURES SIDE OF THE ALBUM'S COLLABORATIONS, IT MUST BE A SIGN OF KANYE TRULY EMBRACING HIS BELIEF IN SELF-IMPROVEMENT AND SECOND CHANCES, MAYBE CONTRIBUTING TO POSSIBLE THEMES OF THE ALBUM AS A WHOLE.

## KYLIE JENNER - ERIN McAULIFFE

PERHAPS TO REALIGN HER OWN BRAND WITH HER BROTHER-IN-LAW'S, KYLIE WAS THE OG JOHN HANCOCK ON THE TRACK LIST. WEST'S "CAN'T TELL ME NOTHING" LYRICS "DON'T EVER FIX YOUR LIPS LIKE COLLAGEN" DIDN'T STAND IN THE WAY OF KYLIE'S COSMETICS EMPIRE (HER THREE-PIECE COLLECTION OF LIP KITS SOLD OUT IN ONE MINUTE AND WAS GOING FOR \$250 ON EBAY), BUT THE WORDS STILL STAND IN OPPOSITION TO "FAMILY BUSINESS." HOWEVER, THE DEFINITIVE "KYLIE WAS HERE" UNITES THE TWO IN SUPPORT OF EACH OTHER'S 2016 ENDEAVOURS.

## EARL SWEATSHIRT - JACK RIEDY

FROM PRECOCIOUS ODD FUTURE-TRASH TALKER TO INTRO-SPECTIVE POET, THE BE KOSITSILE'S CAREER HAS DRAMATICALLY EVOLVED DESPITE HIS YOUNG AGE. AT ONLY 21 YEARS OLD, THE ARTIST BETTER KNOWN AS EARL SWEATSHIRT HAS ELABORATED ON WHAT IT MEANS TO BE YOUNG, GIFTED AND BLACK THROUGH TWO STUDIO ALBUMS, A MIXTAPE, AN EP AND NUMEROUS GUEST VERSES. EARL IS YOUNG ENOUGH THAT KANYE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A DRIVING FORCE IN HIP-HOP. THOUGH HIS RAPPING IS MORE TECHNICALLY COMPLEX, HIS DETAILED ACCOUNTS OF BATTLING INNER TURMOIL AMIDST OUTSIDE PRES-SURE OWE A GREAT DEBT TO KANYE'S GROUNDBREAKING EMOTIONAL OPENNESS. WHEN EARL RAPS, "I JUST WANT MY TIME AND MY MIND INTACT, WHEN THEY BOTH GONE, YOU CAN'T BUY 'EM BACK," HE'S DEALING WITH THE SAME EXISTENTIAL ANGST THAT LED KANYE TO SAY, "I HAD A DREAM I COULD BUY MY WAY TO HEAVEN, WHEN I WOKE I SPENT THAT ON A NECKLACE." UNDER THE ALIAS "RANDOMBLACKDUDE," EARL IS A TALENTED PRODUCER AS WELL. HIS WARPED BEATS ARE MORE INFLUENCED BY CRATE-DIGGERS LIKE MADLIB AND J PILLA THAN THE POLISHED SHEEN OF LATTER-DAY KANYE. BEHIND THE BOARDS, HE SLOWS SAMPLES DOWN TO A GLACIAL CRAWL AND ADDS SUBTLY SWINGING DRUMS TO CREATE AN INSULAR ATMOSPHERE. EARL HAS CARVED OUT HIS OWN UNIQUE SPACE IN THE HIP-HOP LANDSCAPE. ONLY TIME WILL TELL IF BRINGING ON ONE OF HIS OWN ARTISTIC DESCENDANTS LEADS TO KANYE'S LATEST OPUS OR MERELY A FEEDBACK LOOP.

## A\$AP ROCKY - MIKO MALABUTE

LORD PRETTY BOY FLACKO HAS ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF THOSE RAPPERS WHO HAS HAD MORE BARK THAN BITE — HIS STEELY GAZE AND ALBUM COVERS CAN BE INTIMIDATING, AND HIS FAVORITE DEEP-VOICE EFFECT MAKES HIS MUSIC SEEM AS RECREATIONAL DRUG-FILLED AS YOUR FAVORITE MUSIC FESTIVAL. HOWEVER, A\$AP ROCKY REFERS TO HIMSELF AS THE "PRETTY BOY" FOR A REASON: BETWEEN HIS FORWARD-FASHION SENSE AND HIS SONG "FASHION KILLA" — MY PERSONAL FAVORITE SONG OF MINE BY HIS — HE IS AN INTERESTING HYBRID ARTIST WHO CAN ADD JUST THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF STREET CRED TO HIS EUROPEAN EXTRA-LONG SHIRT/DRESS.

## KIM/KOURTNEY/KHLOE KARDSHIAN - ERIN McAULIFFE

EVENTUALLY THE OTHER KARDASHIAN SISTERS (SANS KENDALL) JOINED IN ON THE PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITY — KM'S "NEVER LEFT" COMMENT CHANNIELED A POSSESSIVE GIRLFRIEND'S PASSIVE-AGGRESSIVE NOTE IN HER POPULAR HIGH SCHOOL BOYFRIEND'S YEARBOOK.

HOPEFULLY, KOURTNEY, KHLOE AND KM ONLY APPEAR ON "WAVES" IN LYRICAL MENTIONS; HOWEVER, I AM EQUALLY HOPEFUL THAT THE ALBUM WILL INSPIRE THE FAM TO REVIVE THEIR VACATION LIP-SYNC VIDEOS CIRCA-2012. FOR EXAMPLE, THIS LEOPARD PRINT-COVERED ODE TO THE NOTORIOUS B.I.G. (FEATURING DONKEYS AND LORD DISICK IN A PURPLE TURBAN/PO-RAG) FILMED ON A FAMILY VACATION TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC THAT PROVED AN INSPIRING IN MEMORIAM TO THE LATE RAPPER. OR, THIS "E.T." COVER THAT UNFORTUNATELY DOESN'T FEATURE KANYE'S VERSE — PERHAPS BECAUSE IT DOES FEATURE KM'S EX-HUSBAND KRIS HUMPHRIES.

THE FAMILY'S HYPE FOR "WAVES" SHOULD NOT CHANNEL KM'S 2012 SINGLE "JAM (TURN IT UP)": AN OVER-SATURATED PINK VIDEO THAT CHANNELS THE '80S WITH LIGHTNING EFFECTS AND LIP CLOSE-UPS. HOWEVER, THE LYRICS "THEY PLAYIN' MY JAM / TURN IT UP" CHANNEL THE FAM'S IMPENDING TWEETS AND KMOJIS.







SPORTS AUTHORITY

# Louisville ban is misplaced



**Ben Padanilam**  
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In a week filled with Super Bowl coverage, one shocking story in college sports didn't get the press that it deserved.

On Friday, the Louisville men's basketball program instituted a self-imposed ban from postseason play this season. This is amid allegations that Andre McGee, a former men's basketball staffer at the school, hired a former escort, Katina Powell, to bring dancers to strip and have sex with recruits and players at an on-campus dorm.

Certainly a self-imposed postseason ban is not unprecedented. We saw it last year with Syracuse, who did so amid accusations of academic misconduct within the program. The hope with these self-imposed bans is that the NCAA will see these preemptive moves as sufficient, or at least restrain it from levying further bans which would affect future regular and postseason play — such was the case for SMU's ban for this post-season — and discourage future recruits from decommitting.

But this case is different.

Syracuse's self-imposed ban occurred within what was essentially a lost season for the storied program. They were in no position to qualify for the NCAA tournament, ensuring that imposing a postseason was nothing but an empty gesture or threatening words that carried no sting.

This season's Louisville team, however, had national championship aspirations. Following a win over then-No. 2 North Carolina, the Cardinals were 18-4 prior to Friday's announcement. In a season defined by an unusual degree of parity, the Cardinals were right in the thick of the championship race, with that win over the Tar Heels to demonstrate as much.

And it was at this moment the school decided to essentially bring an end to the team's season.

I'm not here to say that the program doesn't deserve sanctions as harsh as a postseason ban. If these allegations are true, then the program deserves far more than it has handed to itself.

And that's why I believe the worst is yet to come.

There is only one reason Louisville athletic director

Tom Zurich would make this decision during this season of all seasons. There is only one reason school president Dr. James Ramsey would sign off on such a decision. There is only one reason Louisville wouldn't continue to fight these shocking allegations until the very end.

That reason is that, despite all of head coach Rick Pitino's grumblings to the contrary, Powell's accusations are credible enough for the NCAA to believe them. This decision is the school's way of entering a plea of guilty and hoping the NCAA finds its self-imposed punishments as sufficient.

And I hope it doesn't.

If the school is actually guilty of the actions Powell accuses them of, then even a ban that has much of an impact as this one does isn't enough to clean the slate. Pitino said Saturday he thought any punishment levied against the program should be financial in nature. But even that isn't enough.

The actions the program is accused of are reprehensible. A message needs to be sent to the program. Punishing the kids on this team during a season they have worked this hard for simply to avoid losing scholarships and recruits isn't fair to the players, especially when the core of the team is a pair of fifth-year, graduate transfers who only wanted to have a taste of the NCAA tournament in their final season of eligibility. The program should be held accountable for its actions, not this particular team. The school has turned them into the scapegoats for what it allowed to happen in the past, taking away their season to save the future.

But it is exactly the future that needs to be hit hardest. The allegation is that the program allowed dancers to have sex with recruits during the recruitment process. So why shouldn't recruitment be what takes the bulk of the damage of sanctions? That might not be what the program wants, but it's what it deserves.

The NCAA needs to send a message that this isn't acceptable, and the school shouldn't be allowed to circumvent that.

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NCAA W | UCONN 66, SOUTH CAROLINA 54

# Huskies run away with win over South Carolina

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Breanna Stewart had 25 points and 10 rebounds as No. 1 UConn again proved who rules the women's game, running past No. 2 South Carolina 66-54 on Monday night.

The Gamecocks had won their first 22 games and, in front of their first sold out crowd at 18,000-seat Colonial Life Arena, figured to give the three-time defending NCAA champion Huskies (23-0) their sternest test of the season.

Instead, Stewart and UConn led by 15 points in the second quarter and never let the Southeastern Conference champs get back in it.

Stewart was the main reason why, finishing with her ninth double-double this season to go with five blocks. The 6-foot-4 senior also played strong defense against South Carolina's inside stars in A'ja Wilson and Alaina Coates. The Gamecocks duo, averaging 28 points combined this season, ended with just about half that (15) in their first loss of the season.

UConn won its 60th straight game while ending South Carolina's 45-game home victory string — handing the Gamecocks their first loss here since falling to Texas A&M 50-48 on Feb. 10,

2013.

The Huskies also upped their record to 19-3 in No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdowns. It was their second consecutive such win over South Carolina, which lost 87-62 at UConn as the country's top team last February.

Morgan Tuck had 16 points and Moriah Jefferson 12 for UConn.

Wilson and Sarah Imovbioh had 13 points apiece to lead South Carolina.

UConn again showed quickly why it has no equal in the women's game. Stewart and Tuck each had six points as the Huskies opened up a 16-8 lead. They were still ahead 20-12 when Stewart hit for a 3-pointer and a driving layup to increase the margin.

UConn was eventually ahead by 15 points before the Gamecocks put forth a burst in the final four minutes of the second to cut the lead to 35-25 at the break.

South Carolina, though, lost its leading scorer in Wilson with 4:22 left in the second quarter as she injured her left leg. Wilson was jostling for a rebound she landed hard and was in obvious pain just off the court. Trainers worked on her lower leg before she was helped up and led to the locker room.

Wilson returned to the bench late in the third quarter, her lower leg heavily

taped, and played the final period.

It's the second game that South Carolina played without a key performer for a long stretch. Mitchell sustained a lower back bruise last Thursday night in a win over Kentucky. Mitchell, too, had to be helped off the court right before halftime. However, she returned to the bench for the second half and could've played. Coach Dawn Staley chose to sit her out.

**Tip ins**

UConn: The Huskies are 51-10 against teams ranked in the top 10 since the start of the 2008-09 season. ... Stewart has averaged 17 points and eight rebounds in her 19 games against opponents ranked in the top five.

South Carolina: Gamecocks Dawn Staley fell to 0-4 as a coach against UConn. She won both matchups against the Huskies as Virginia's dynamic point guard a quarter century ago. ... Alaina Coates came in averaging 17.3 points and 12.3 rebounds her past three game. She was held to one field goal for the game against UConn, although she did grab nine boards.

**Up next**

UConn plays at Temple on Sunday.

South Carolina plays Florida on Thursday night.

NCAA M | DUKE 72, LOUISVILLE 65

# Louisville falls to Duke

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Freshman Brandon Ingram had 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Duke beat No. 13 Louisville 72-65 on Monday night.

Grayson Allen scored 19 points and Luke Kennard had 11 for the Blue Devils (18-6, 7-4 Atlantic Coast Conference). They shot 50 percent in the second half and hit 10 of 12 free throws in the final 3:14 while beating a ranked opponent for the first time this season.

Donovan Mitchell scored 17 points and Quentin Snider, who fouled out with 2:01 left, added 12 for the Cardinals (19-5, 8-3), who shot 56 percent in the second half and erased a 15-point deficit but missed a chance to take sole possession of first place in the league.

The key stretch came when Louisville had the ball down 66-62 with about 2½ minutes left. Ray Spalding left a layup short off the iron, Duke's Marshall Plumlee grabbed the rebound and it was at least a two-possession game the rest of the way.

Ingram and Matt Jones both made two free throws on the next two possessions before freshman Derryck Thornton hit a jumper in the lane with the shot clock winding down to make it 70-62 with 33 seconds left.

Trey Lewis swished a 3-pointer with 24.5 seconds left to pull the Cardinals within five and Thornton missed two free throws with 22.5 seconds left, but Damion Lee missed a 3-pointer with about 10 seconds to play and Kennard iced it with two more free throws with 6.4 seconds

left.

Plumlee added 10 points for the Blue Devils, who opened a run of four games in 12 days against the top three teams in the ACC standings — all ranked 13th or better in the latest poll.

Lewis finished with 11 points, while Lee had 10 on 3-of-15 shooting in his return from a knee bruise that kept him out of the Boston College win on Saturday.

This was Louisville's first road game since announcing it would self-impose a postseason ban this year amid an ongoing investigation into a sex scandal involving escorts, and it coincided with coach Rick Pitino's first visit to Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Pitino fell to 1-4 against the Blue Devils, against whom he's had some classic matchups through the years — but none at Cameron.

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SMC BASKETBALL | HOPE 95, SMC 58

# Belles lose again to Hope after poor first half

By **ELIZABETH GREASON**  
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Despite winning the second half by a point, a poor start by Saint Mary's proved to be too much to overcome in Saturday's 95-58 loss to No. 4 Hope.

The Belles (1-21, 1-12 MIAA) weren't able to top 20 points in the first half, entering halftime down, 55-17. The team struggled throughout the half, failing to score its first points until almost eight minutes into the game. The Belles gained some momentum as the points started to come in the second quarter, but they trailed, 34-8, before they moved into double digits.

Saint Mary's shot just 20.7 percent from the field in the half, while Hope (21-0, 13-0) shot a high 66.7 percent mark from the field to build its large advantage. The Belles also struggled keeping care of the ball, giving up 20 points to the Flying Dutch on turnovers in the first 20 minutes.

After a difficult start to the game, the Belles showed themselves in a better light in the second half. After re-evaluating the team's approach on both sides of the ball, Saint Mary's showed massive improvements after halftime. Belles head coach Jennifer Henley said she felt a more aggressive offensive approach was key.

"We made some adjustments in our offense in the

second half that allowed us to attack better," Henley said.

Statistically, Saint Mary's played like a completely different team in the second half. The Belles had a 51.6 percent field goal percentage and was able to outscore Hope by one point, 41-40, in the second half.

Senior forward Krista Knapke earned her fifth double-double of the season, while her fellow senior captains, guard Maddie Kohler and forward Eleni Shea, joined her in double digits, scoring 13 and 11 points, respectively.

According to Henley, Hope's defense was the most difficult aspect to overcome, but the Belles made progress in breaking through it in the second half.

"Hope did a great job defensively in taking away our initial pass in our offensive sets," Henley said. "This forced us to run more of a spread offense and look for the one on one option more than we usually like to do."

According to Henley, the game was not all bad news for the Belles, especially considering their comeback against the conference leader.

"Hope is a great team," Henley said. "Give them credit. Not only are they the best in our division, but they are the fourth-ranked Division III team in the country. We have three games left, and we are looking to send our seniors off on



CAITLYN JORDAN | The Observer

*Saint Mary's freshman guard Erin Maloney attempts to drive past a defender during a 52-49 loss to Olivet on Jan. 23 at Angela Gym. Maloney had six points and four rebounds in the game.*

a great season."

The next contest for the Belles is the annual Pink Game. The game will benefit the Angel Wings Fund, which was created by former Alma coach Keisha Brown, who

lost her fourth battle with cancer in 2014, to benefit the children of those who have lost parent to breast cancer.

The Belles will be selling headbands and pink deserts at Wednesday's game

against Adrian, the proceeds of which will go toward the fund. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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**MEN'S TENNIS** | ILLINOIS 5, ND 2; ND 5, INDIANA 2; ND 7, BALL STATE 0

## Notre Dame splits weekend competitions

### Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame took two wins and a loss in a three-match weekend, falling at No. 12 Illinois on Friday, 5-2, and defeating Indiana, 5-2, and Ball State, 7-0, on Sunday at home.

Friday's trip was the second one to Champaign, Illinois, of the season for the Irish (4-4), who fell earlier in the season in a 4-0 decision to the Fighting Illini (5-1) on Jan. 22 at the ITA Kickoff Weekend.

Senior Alex Lawson and junior Eddy Covalschi put Notre Dame ahead early with a 6-1 win at No. 1 doubles, but the Illini rallied to take the Nos. 2 and 3 flights, 6-2 and 6-3 respectively, to secure the doubles point and take a 1-0 lead into the singles matches.

There, Notre Dame continued its slow start, dropping the first two singles matches to finish. Senior Quentin

Monaghan lost 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 singles to Illini sophomore Aleks Vukic, while Lawson fell 6-1, 6-4 in his match at No. 2 singles.

Junior Josh Hagar got the Irish on the board with a 6-2, 6-1 win at No. 5 singles, but by the time freshman Grayson Broadus won a 3-6, 7-6 (7-3), 1-0 (10-8) decision at No. 6 singles, the Irish had already fallen to Illinois for the second time this year.

Sunday's action was kinder to Notre Dame, as the Irish raced out winners in both of their contests.

The early match saw Notre Dame go up against another Big Ten foe, topping Indiana (4-3) by a 5-2 margin with wins at the top flights.

Covalschi and Lawson won again 6-1 at No. 1 doubles, while Broadus and Monaghan grabbed a 6-2 win at the No. 2 spot to seal the doubles point.

Monaghan rebounded from

his double-bagel loss Friday to win 6-1, 6-1 at No. 1 singles before Lawson won 7-5, 6-1 at No. 3 and Hagar took a 6-1, 6-3 decision to seal a Notre Dame win over the Hoosiers.

Ball State (2-3) proved to be an even more straightforward task for Notre Dame en route to a 2-1 day.

Covalschi and Lawson took their third win of the weekend at No. 1 doubles, 6-4, while the Irish rotated some players to get sophomores Brendon Kempin and Drew Dawson a shot at No. 3 doubles, which they took 6-4 to win the doubles point.

Lawson got Notre Dame off to a quick start with a 6-2, 6-0 win at No. 2 singles before senior Kenneth Sabacinski won 6-0, 6-0 at the No. 5 flight to put the Irish ahead, 3-0. Broadus secured the win with a 6-0, 6-1 match at the No. 3 court before wins by senior Nicolas Montoya, Monaghan and freshman Daniel Rayl



BECKI JEREN | The Observer

*Irish sophomore Brendon Kempin gets ready to hit a serve during a 5-2 win over Indiana at Eck Tennis Pavilion.*

finished off the sweep of the visiting Cardinals.

Back to .500, Notre Dame

will return to action Saturday, when it hosts Michigan at 4 p.m. at Eck Tennis Pavilion.



# marriage a debate

*After Obergefell: The Future of Marriage,  
Gay Rights, and Religious Freedom*

*Stephen Macedo , Princeton University*

*Ryan Anderson, Heritage Foundation*

*Tuesday, February 9*

*7 pm*

*DeBartolo 155*

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## FENCING | DUKE DUALS

# Notre Dame closes regular season in Durham

## Observer Staff Report

The Irish closed out their regular season with standout performances on both the men's and women's teams at the Duke Duals in Durham, North Carolina. The No. 2 men's team went 4-1 on the first day of the event, and the No. 2 women's team finished its undefeated regular season strong with a 5-0 sweep on day two.

While Notre Dame prevailed over No. 4 Penn State at the DeCicco Duals last weekend, the men's team fell 16-11 to the Nittany Lions in its first round of bouts on Saturday. Poor performances in the epee (3-6) and sabre (2-7) categories set the team back early.

The Irish recovered with four wins to follow: Notre Dame topped John Hopkins, 22-5, Brandeis, 25-2, and notched two more wins over conference opponents, beating No. 9 Duke, 16-11 and North Carolina, 25-2.

Sophomore Virgile Collineau led the foil squad with a 14-1 performance for the day, while sophomore sabre Jonah Shainberg finished

13-2. Both fencers went 3-0 against the host Blue Devils, which proved critical to win that ACC rivalry match.

The women's bouts began Sunday, and the Irish did not fail to live up to their undefeated record. They began with a 17-10 win over Duke, with perfect scores by senior Catherine Lee in foil and sophomore Francesca Russo and freshman Tara Hassett in sabre.

Russo and Hassett led the sabre squad which went 9-0 in the 24-3 Irish win over Brandeis, and the foilists went 9-0 against conference opponent North Carolina, who also fell to the Irish, 24-3.

Sophomore Erin Dietsche and freshman Elyssa Kleiner both had flawless 3-0 performances in the foil in Notre Dame's 16-11 win over No. 9 Penn State, while freshman epee Madeline Antekeier also went 3-0 when the Irish defeated No. 10 Temple, 17-10. These ACC matches were major victories for the women's team, which is just two points shy of taking Columbia's place as the No. 1 women's team in the



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*Irish sophomore Jonah Shainberg parries a blow in a match during the DeCicco Duals on Jan. 30 at the Castellan Family Fencing Center. Shainberg went 3-0 in sabre against Penn State in the Duals.*

country.

The ACC championships loom on the horizon to determine final rankings at the end of this month. It will be the first neutral-site

ACC championship that Notre Dame has hosted in any sport, to be held at the Castellan Family Fencing Center.

But in the interim, some

of the team is traveling to the Junior Olympic Fencing Championships for individual competition. The four-day meet begins Friday in Cleveland.



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*Senior attack Cortney Fortunato tries to get around a defender during Notre Dame's 10-8 loss to Louisville on April 19 at Arlotta Stadium. Fortunato had 56 goals in the 2015 season.*

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her 20th career hat trick.

Senior attack Rachel Sexton, who was second for Notre Dame with 37 goals a season before, joined Fortunato with a hat trick before halftime, and junior midfielder Casey Pearsall and senior attack Kiera McMullan had five- and four-point games respectively, showing the firepower of an offensive unit that's now in its third season together.

"They're vets. There's so much experience out there right now," Halfpenny said. "... They really have a good handle on the structure that they're in, yet bringing in their own individual creativity to the game."

Halfpenny said she was pleased with the way Notre Dame moved the ball around Saturday; the Irish logged assists on 15 of their 18 goals.

"We couldn't have been more excited about the pace of the ball, the speed at which it was moving, how many hands it was going through," Halfpenny said. "Obviously, we don't care how it gets in the back of the net, but when you see 15 helpers on 18 shots, that definitely shows that we're using our high-powered, motion-style offense with seven different weapons out

there."

Notre Dame's veteran qualities weren't only on display in attack Saturday, with three of the squad's captains — graduate student Barbara Sullivan and seniors Stephanie Peragallo and Brie Custis — working to limit Jacksonville to just 13 shots in a performance in which the Irish successfully cleared on 18 of 19 attempts.

The contributions from and chemistry among Notre Dame's team Saturday didn't only come from returning players, however, as three freshmen who played club lacrosse together in high school marked their Irish debuts with noteworthy performances: Attack Nikki Ortega scored and assisted twice for a four-point opener while Jenn Casadonte scored midway through the first half for her first collegiate point.

Goalie Samantha Giacalone, who was ranked as the top goalkeeper of this year's class by Inside Lacrosse, marked her first time in an Irish uniform with a five-save performance en route to the win.

Notre Dame returns to action Saturday at noon for its home opener when it hosts No. 16 Stanford, looking to avenge an early-season loss a year ago.

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Freshman guard Rex Pflueger attempts a layup during Notre Dame's 80-76 victory over North Carolina last Saturday. Pflueger had four points and three rebounds in the game.

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Notre Notre Dame finally grabbed its first double-digit lead of the contest when a layup by senior forward Zach Auguste with 5:11 to play gave Notre Dame some breathing room with a 69-58 lead. While Clemson pulled within five during the final seconds, the Irish did enough at the free-throw stripe down the stretch as part of a 21-of-25 performance from the line to secure the victory.

"We call it 'winning time,' that's what our players call it, the last 10 minutes of the game, we just try to make plays to win us the game, and we did that tonight," Beachem said.

Despite getting into foul trouble early with two fouls, Auguste had a team-high 19 points and eight rebounds in Monday's game and Brey praised his senior captain's play.

"He is playing so well, and he's

playing at the right time, playing great at the right time," Brey said. "What I loved about him [Monday] is he gets in foul trouble. It was never a distraction though. He knew he was gonna play the whole second half, he did, and he was a warrior for us. Some of the physical plays he made around the bucket I think broke Clemson's spirit a little bit."

"I wanted to come out aggressive [in the second half] and help the team any way possible, be that on the glass or defensive," Auguste said.

While Auguste led Notre Dame on the stat sheet, Monday's game was another one where each of the five starters hit double figures; Jackson scored 17 while Beachem finished with 15 on a 4-for-7 performance from deep. Sophomore forward Bonzie Colson dropped 11 and junior guard Steve Vasturia went for 10.

The story on the stat line, however, was Clemson redshirt junior forward Jaron Blossomgame, who became the first Tiger to score 30 points in two years when he hit the mark on a 13-for-19 performance from the field. The Irish, however, shut down the Tigers in the post, limiting their bigs to low outputs.

"I think we did a great job with our rotations," Auguste said. "I think we did a great job limiting the second-chance opportunities and making it hard for them to post up and play in the interior."

Like he did in Saturday night's win over the Tar Heels, Brey trusted freshman guard Rex Pflueger down the stretch, who stayed on the court with Notre Dame's quartet of upperclassman starters to see out the road victory.

Notre Dame's win marked the first time in the ACC slate the Tigers suffered a home loss and solidified the Irish as a contender for a double-bye to the quarterfinals in the conference tournament in March; the top four teams receive the privilege of starting tournament play on the third day. While Brey's team sits alone in fifth place, No. 13 Louisville's self-imposed tournament ban means the Irish are in the driver's seat.

"It's a huge goal for us," Beachem said of finishing in a top-four slot. "It's something we've talked about as players, but we've just got to take it one game at a time."

The Cardinals (19-5, 8-3), off a 72-65 road loss at Duke on Monday, come to Purcell Pavilion with Brey knowing the Irish offense will have to put in another strong shift to run their win streak to three.

"We're gonna have to play against a great defense," Brey said. "They're gonna press us and then they go back to zone. It's a great test for our ball-handling, taking care of the ball and our offensive efficiency against a great defensive team."

Tipoff with Louisville is slated for 4 p.m. Saturday as Notre Dame will look to snag a third successive victory to end a challenging four-game stretch that had the potential to make or break their season.

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## Irish keep momentum in road win

By ALEX CARSON  
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After Saturday's win over No. 9 North Carolina, Irish head coach Mike Brey pondered whether or not this Notre Dame squad was capable of hitting 10 3-pointers in a game like some of his previous teams had been able to.

He got an immediate response from his team Monday night in Greenville, South Carolina, as the Irish rode a 10-for-22 performance from deep to top Clemson, 89-83.

"For us to win the way we did and exert the energy we did against North Carolina on Saturday and turn around and grind this one out, I'm extremely proud of our group," Brey said. "I think we've grown so much in the area of toughness and edge in the last 48 hours."

If Notre Dame (17-7, 8-4 ACC) was trying to prove its coach wrong Monday, it started on the right foot as junior forward V.J. Beachem got things off to a quick start, knocking down a pair of 3-pointers on Notre Dame's first two field-goal attempts to give

the Irish an early 6-0 lead. Junior guard Demetrius Jackson hit a 3-pointer of his own a couple minutes later to give the Irish an 11-2 start — and a lead they would never surrender.

Clemson (14-10, 7-5), however, responded with a 10-2 run of its own to bring the game within one at 13-12, but the home team was unable to take the lead as Jackson's layup staved off the threat of the Tigers taking the lead.

When freshman forward Matt Ryan broke his shooting slump with the first of two 3-pointers to put Notre Dame up 18-14, it meant the Irish had already surpassed their 3-point total from Saturday on just seven attempts.

For the majority of the night, the game followed a consistent trend — the Irish would repeatedly pull out to a three-possession lead but could not push it to double digits before the Tigers pulled within a basket, never taking the lead in the game.

After having a handful of shots to do it throughout the night,

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Senior forward Zach Augustine reacts to a play during Notre Dame's 80-76 victory over North Carolina on Saturday at Purcell Pavilion. Augustine had 15 points and 10 rebounds in the game.

ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE | ND 18, JACKSONVILLE 5

## ND starts season with win over Jacksonville



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Senior attack Rachel Sexton pursues a player in possession during Notre Dame's 10-8 loss to Louisville on April 19 at Arlotta Stadium. Sexton totaled 37 goals in the 2015 season.

By ALEX CARSON  
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No. 7 Notre Dame got its season off on the right foot in the way one would expect it to, with its strong corps of upperclassmen leading the squad to an 18-5, season-opening victory at Jacksonville on Saturday.

From the start Saturday, things went according to plan for the Irish (1-0), as junior attack/midfielder Cortney Fortunato, Notre Dame's leading scorer in each of her first two seasons, put the visitors on the board fewer than four minutes into the game.

It set the tone for a dominant Irish victory over a Dolphins (0-1) squad that posted a 17-3 record last year and qualified for the NCAA tournament for the third consecutive season as the Atlantic Sun champion. Irish head coach Christine Halfpenny said the Irish saw some different things out of the home team in Jacksonville.

"It was awesome to get out there and to obviously play someone else other than ourselves, someone that was throwing things at us that — it's not your usual

look, they threw a zone at us," Halfpenny said. "It was a different zone than we've seen before, a little high-pressure right out of the gate, and they were scrappy; they challenged everything, physical."

As the first half neared its midway point, the score was tight — Notre Dame led just 3-2 with 16 minutes left in the half — but the Irish soon turned on the jets, scoring nine straight goals to lead 12-2 at halftime before starting the second stanza with another pair of goals, a run Halfpenny attributed to the way the Irish prepare for games.

"As soon as we got comfortable and got those first-game jitters out, we prepare each other so well top to bottom that we were prepared to play against that pressure because that's how we compete every day in practice," Halfpenny said.

Fortunato started the run by tallying her third goal of the afternoon and would notch another goal and four assists in the 11-0 streak, opening the season with an eight-point performance in a game where she recorded

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