ND reviews sexual assault policies

Survey reveals most students understand how to utilize the present system

By MEGAN DOYLE
Senior News Writer

Despite significant changes to Notre Dame’s sexual assault policies in the past two years, most students understand how to make a report of sexual harassment or sexual assault under the current system, according to a survey administered by the Office of Student Affairs last fall.

Vice president of Student Affairs Erin Hoffmann Harding and Deputy Title IX coordinator Dr. Bill Stackman released and discussed the results of the campus-wide survey last week with The Observer. While not every student completed every question, Harding estimated about 50 percent of the graduate and undergraduate student body responded to the October survey.

Of the students surveyed, more than 75 percent claimed they knew how to report incidents of sexual harassment, sexual misconduct or sexual assault to the University’s administration, and more than 80 percent claimed familiarity with the University’s policies related to these incidents.

But as Harding and Stackman reviewed the survey data and over 350 pages of additional comments from students, they said administrators did notice areas where their outreach related to sexual assault reporting needed to grow.

“Our campus is not perfect, and we all need to work very hard to make it better,” Harding said. “As an institution and a community, though, good net-works of support are in place and we have a solid process. One area we know we want to do more in is training and education. Done well, this will help us prevent incidents in the future.”

While more than 75 percent of undergraduates indicated the University responds effectively to these incidents, Harding said between 20 and 25 percent of the responders did not know the answer to those questions on the survey.

Harding said comments revealed two underlying trends perceived as both “unequivocally not true” and “incorrect.”

Despite significant changes to the University’s sexual assault and sexual misconduct policies, the sexual harassment policy and grievance procedures and the responsible use of information technologies policy.

As soon as the report is made, Harding described these perceptions as both “unequivocally not true” and “incorrect.”

Even this year, Harding said Title IX investigations into these reports have found both the accused to be both guilty and innocent in different situations.

The survey also revealed some barriers for both victims and third parties who might file a report of sexual harassment or assault, Harding said. The most significant barriers for victims

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CCAC conducts student survey

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI
As Editor

A recent survey by the Community Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) gathered information on local college students’ perceptions of South Bend, which CCAC said will be used “to improve the student experience in South Bend and increase the city’s ability to retain students after graduation.”

The data was collected from more than 3,500 students at Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, Holy Cross College, Bethel College, Indiana University South Bend, Ivy Tech Community College, Purdue College of Technology South Bend and Indiana University School of Medicine (South Bend).

On a scale of one to seven, students rated South Bend 3.64 as a city, the survey results stated. They gave a 4.17 when asked how well they feel they know South Bend and a 4.31 about whether they feel South Bend is a positive place to receive an education. The lowest number, 2.53, corresponds to whether students would consider living in South Bend follow-ing graduation.

Notre Dame student body president Alex Goccia said he thinks

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CSC celebrates thirty years of service to community

By CATHARINE OWERS
News Writer

The Center for Social Concerns (CSC) will celebrate its 30th anniversary with an open house tonight in Geddes Hall.

Rev. Paul Kollman, executive director of the CSC, said the Center seeks to assist students in fulfilling Notre Dame’s best ideals in what we see in our students and in the ways we relate to the community we seek to serve, locally, across the country and internationally,” Kollman said.

The Center was founded in April 1983 when the Volunteer Services Office and the Center for Experiential Learning combined, Kollman said. “We’ve engaged more and more students in different sorts of experiences,” he said. “We’ve sought to engage fac-ulty in their pedagogy, and we’ve

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Professor receives Sheedy award

Observer Staff Report

Julia Douthwaite, professor of French and francophone studies, will receive the 2013 Sheedy Excellence in Teaching Award, according to an email announcement from the College of Arts and Letters on Monday.

The award, named for former Arts and Letters Dean Fr. Charles Sheedy, honors a faculty member who has "demon-strated sustained excellence in teaching, informed by scholar-ship, over a wide range of courses," associate dean for Undergraduate Studies JoAnn
QUESTION OF THE DAY:
What is your greatest strength?

John Kearns
sophomore
“Pilates.”

Megan Talpash
sophomore
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Manzano named speaker

By ANGELA BUKUR
News Writer

Sonja Manzano, who plays Maria on "Sesame Street," will speak to 51 multicultural members of the Saint Mary's College Class of 2013 at the annual Multicultural Commencement Celebration on May 5.

The ceremony is hosted by the Office of Student Involvement and Multicultural Services (SIMS), which addresses the academic and personal needs of underrepresented students at the College, SIMS assistant director Graci Marsching said.

"The SIMS office decided to start the annual Multicultural Commencement Celebration because of the many wonderful, but misrepresented, women who are a part of our community at Saint Mary's," Marsching said.

According to a College press release, Manzano was raised in the South Bronx of New York City as a first-generation American of Latino descent. In her junior year of college at Carnegie Mellon University of Pittsburgh, she traveled back to New York to star in the original production of the off-Broadway show "Godspell."

Within a year, Manzano joined the production of "Sesame Street" and broke ground as one of the first Latino characters on national television, the release stated.

As a member of the "Sesame Street" writing team, Manzano won 15 Emmys and continues to create scripts for children's programs as well as other literary ventures.

"Some of the many reasons why we chose [Manzano] is because of her diverse background, many life achievements and influential striving toward women empowerment," Marsching said.

Manzano has received the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Award in Washington, D.C., the Hispanic Heritage Award for Education and an honorary doctorate in fine arts from Notre Dame. She was inducted into the Bronx Hall of Fame in 2004 and was voted one of the most influential Hispanics by People Magazine en Español, according to the release.

Senior class president Silvia Cuevas said Manzano is living up to her responsibility to encourage people not to let fear keep them from pursuing untrodden paths.

"Manzano is an example of someone who saw her ability and used it, full force," Cuevas said. "I hope the rest of my classmates are also eager to go above and beyond and that they won't allow fear or doubt to hinder them from doing so."

Marsching said the Multicultural Commencement Celebration is meant to demonstrate the College's special effort to celebrate the challenges underrepresented students overcome while at Saint Mary's.

"Manzano was the right choice for a speaker during the Multiethnic High School Celebration on Commencement Celebration is because of the many wonderful, but misrepresented, women who are a part of our community at Saint Mary's," Marsching said.

"It is frustrating to see that only half of my childhood friends spend 1 to 2 hours, 22 percent spend 3 to 5 hours and 11 percent spend 6 to 10 hours. The survey said 14 percent spend more than 10 hours per week in South Bend."

The survey said the top three reasons for students not residing in South Bend after graduation were employment, entertainment and safety. Timothy Sexton, Notre Dame's associate vice president for state, local public affairs, said the results seem consistent with his previous experiences at the University.

"On a daily basis, we hear about what people want in a 'cool' community — they want jobs, safety and a fun atmosphere," he said. "All those things come together to make a really nice community, and it's not a surprise [to me] that it was articulated in this survey."

Sexton reiterated Coccia's thoughts on engaging freshmen in the community, pointing to the bus tour guided by community leaders and the reality beyond campus.

"Part of the takeaway and action items from this survey is that we need to do more to open the lines of communication with our students, so we can get thorough student feedback ... about what it is that's going on in South Bend this increasingly cool place so they'll want to stay in the city," Coccia said.

Coccia also said the survey results concern economic development align with Notre Dame's focus on research and innovation.

"These results affirm the direction we've been taking ... in the last few years, with the University's research becoming a growing focus," he said. "A lot of the economic development comes from the research done on campus and cultivating that in the businesses that are expanding in our community. They're always looking to hire new people and bring in new innovation."
An annual Old2Gold sale raises funds

By NICOLE MCALEE
News Writer

Beginning next week, Notre Dame students can raise funds for more than 40 local charities by donating gently used furniture, clothing, books and other items to be sold in the annual Old2Gold sale.

Marty Ogren, associate director of warehouse, delivery and transportation, said the collection period for items is May 6 to May 20. There will be designated areas outside each residence hall for gently-used items in working condition. According to the Old2Gold website, the sale will take place the morning of June 15 in Notre Dame Stadium.

Although the sale is in its ninth year, it still requires months of planning, Ogren said.

“We have several meetings to coordinate the PR for the sale, both to students who donate items and to the public who come and purchase items [and] meetings to instruct our campus teams as to their many roles. ... This is a one-day event that we spend four months preparing for,” Ogren said.

Ogren said it is difficult to make a rough estimate of the number of items that have been donated over the past nine years.

“Tons of stuff would not be an exaggeration,” he said.

Ogren said last year’s sale raised $54,000 and the highest amount of money raised in the sale’s history was $73,000. The money the sale raises directly benefits the local community.

“One hundred percent of funds raised at the sale go to the agencies that volunteer to work the event,” Ogren said.

Each year, we support approximately 45 to 50 agencies. The agencies include Busy Hands of Michiana, Campfire River Bend Council and Hope Ministries, among others.”

Ogren said donating items is more sustainable than throwing them out, Ogren said.

“Over the years, tons of items have been redistributed instead of ending up in a landfill,” he said.

Ogren said Old2Gold is an important fundraiser for local agencies that volunteer at the sale.

“This sale gives local agencies the opportunity to earn funds for their groups,” he said. "For some of these agencies, this is the only fundraiser they participate in and have come to depend on our event to accomplish their good works.”

The sale also benefits the families that shop for items, Ogren said.

“Because our prices are so low, many families are able to purchase items they otherwise would not be able to afford,” he said. “(It’s) really a win-win.”

Ogren said the contributions of Notre Dame students are what make the Old2Gold sale successful every year. “This is a huge project and event,” Ogren said. “It requires a lot of work and coordination, but it helps so many people who really need our help. If it wasn’t for the generosity of the Notre Dame student body, this would not be possible.”

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DellaNeva said in the email. Creativity and innovation in the learning process are also factors in the selection process.

Douthwaite holds a primary appointment in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, according to the email. Her areas of interest include the French Enlightenment, the French Revolution and French-English relations in the 18th and 19th centuries. The Seattle, Wash., native has received grants from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Lilly Foundation.

The award will be formally presented to Douthwaite at a ceremony Dec. 12, 2013, at 3:30 p.m. in the McKenna Hall Auditorium.
sought to produce research that looks at the effects of our programs on the students who involve themselves and the communities we seek to serve.”

John Guimond, the CSC’s director of communications, said the Center runs approximately six seminars per semester, with about 1,000 students who participate each year.

“The Appalachian Seminar is the most popular, with about 400 students who participate each year,” Guimond said.

In addition to seminars, Guimond said the Center works with all colleges in the University to develop community-based learning courses.

“We have a number of people here at the CSC to work with faculty to develop pedagogy from their courses to make connections to community partners,” he said.

The Center also consults with community organizations to find areas of need when creating community-based learning courses, Guimond said. “It’s really trying to figure out what the community needs and is matching that need to the given class,” he said.

Annie Cahill Kelly, the CSC’s director of community partnership and service learning, said community-based learning has been an important part of the Center’s history.

“For about 28 of the 30 years, there’s been a very intentional relationship with the local community, working to make connections,” Kelly said.

Kelly said although once humanities-centric, the community-based learning courses are now available to students in many disciplines.

“My memory is that it was more theology, arts and letter classes that had such offerings. Those who had connections to the Center were pioneers of such courses,” she said. “Now, today, it’s business, it’s science, it’s engineering, it’s architecture. It’s all the colleges, not just humanities.”

Kelly said the Center has grown in terms of numbers of faculty and students engaged, and many of the Center’s programs have reached national and international levels.

“One of the programs allow for greater numbers of students to participate and therefore have greater effects in terms of communities that are reached,” she said. “The ways that students are able to interact and engage with local communities— I think those ways are deepened and more intentional.”

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include not being comfortable discussing the details of the incident, fear of getting in trouble for being a victim of violence, University policy and fear their reputations would be damaged, based on 50 to 60 percent of respondents.

For those third-party reporters to 70 percent of respondents reported similar barriers preventing them from understanding the risks of respecting the wishes of a victim who does not want to report, preferring to stay out of it and fear being involved in a legal position.

The University policy, a person incapacitated by drugs or alcohol is incapable of giving consent.

As the administration continues its outreach and education, including half staff training in the future, Harding and Stackman said these barriers and issues of consent will be given strong consideration.

The Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Research culminated the survey via email in October. Harding said the survey was primarily “an ongoing piece of our education as a campus community.”

The questions were also developed in response to an investigation in fall 2010 at Notre Dame by the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) in the Department of Education.

“When the report was released, we were in the beginning stages of our education as a campus community,” Harding said.

The survey also asked several questions in relation to what constitutes consent to participate in a sexual activity. Harding said over 90 percent of students understood the terms of consent and responded to the question correctly.

Some confusion also arose around the terms of consent with respect to contraception as well, Harding said. In University policy, a person incapacitated by drugs or alcohol is incapable of giving consent.

“I feel best about the individual work we are doing to support students as part of the system, and I think we have a lot of really great features.”

Erin Hoffmann Harding vice president of Student Affairs

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I woke up this morning tired and rather hesitant to go to class when it suddenly hit me: this is my last week of school as a Notre Dame student. As I came to this realization, I jumped out of bed, quickly got dressed, grabbed my book bag and walked to class.

The thought of my college experience coming to an end scares me. I had unconsciously been avoiding it throughout the semester until I had to inevitably face it yesterday.

So, trying to keep my mind off the fear and melancholy of graduating from Notre Dame while walking to class, I decided to reflect on what has happened, what is yet to come and what will shape and will continue to shape the people I have met here along the way. Having completed my four amazing years at Notre Dame. I have learned about myself, about others and about the ways I can truly contribute to and impact the world.

From class discussions to a semester abroad, I have definitely gotten to know myself better throughout my college years — what I like and dislike, with whom and where I am most comfortable and also who I am and who I want to become. Although I still constantly vacillate between different career paths, my Notre Dame education and extracurricular life has helped me get out of my comfort zone, enjoy new opportunities and get to know a new side of me I had yet to discover.

In addition, my four years have surprisingly taught me more about where I come from (Puerto Rico) — its past and its future.

Before arriving at Notre Dame, I never imagined I would learn so much about my first home while living and studying in my new, second home. Nevertheless, being at Notre Dame has made me more aware of where I am from and the influence and impact my culture and background have on myself as a student and as a friend.

Most importantly, being at Notre Dame has awakened in me a sentiment of constant action, change and inquiry about myself and those around me. I have become fascinated by interactions between different cultures, religions and points of view.

What had originally felt like a sad reality of college almost being over turned into an optimistic and hopeful future as I finished reflecting and finally arrived to class. I am and will always be grateful for my four amazing years at Notre Dame. I am sure the experiences I have had and the people I have met here along the way have shaped and will continue to shape me as I embark on a new and different life adventure.

Happy last week of school to everyone — especially to us seniors! Let’s enjoy every minute of it.

Maria Fernandez
Scene Writer

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It feels natural

(Note the issue is not about the morality of homo-sexuality; rather, it is about homosexuality being part of Nature’s design.)

"For non-believers, homosexuality also clearly defies the laws of nature," Mr. Carter Boyd says ("Somewhere Over the Rainbow," April 10). I must have missed something, because this point is not so clear to me.

Consider this:
One of the things that distinguish humans from other animals is humans have souls and animals do not. This is a widely-accepted theory. This theory states humans can and do meditate on the moral- ity and righteousness of their actions, while animals cannot. Animals act wholeheartedly, as nature made them.

For example, both humans and animals have a nat- ural inclination for killing and eliminating their com- petitors. While animals just kill that which threatens them, humans refrain from killing because they are aware of the moral implications of the action.

You may ask what this has to do with homosexuality. Homosexuality is a behavior that has been found in more than 1,000 species, including Homo sapiens. How is it a sin against nature? As established above, animals have no souls, which means they act just as nature made them. It follows then that homosexuality must be a natural orientation. Animals do not think about the moral implications of their doings — they simply do. Similarly, animals do not think about the moral implications of having sexual relations with the same sex. They simply have sex ... because it is part of their nature.

Moreover, Mr. Boyd, you have argued heterosexual- ity has survived this long because it is the only natural sexual orientation. I must admit I fail to understand this point and must request that you clarify. There have been many organisms that have gone extinct and this does not mean they were unnatural. Dinosaurs once existed and I do not think one can argue they were not natural beings since they did not survive.

Also, I do not see how the survival of heterosexuality relates to homosexuality, because as far as I am aware, homosexuality has also survived in humans and more than 1,000 other animals. Indeed, just because humanity has survived because of heterosexuality, it does not instantly reveal that anything that is not heterosexual is unnatural.

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Patrick Ntwari
freshman
Keough Hall
April 29

The institution of marriage

Joshua Whitaker ("Keep your ‘traditional marriage,’” April 15) faults The Observer for failing to guide the debate on marriage to the legal institution of marriage, rather than Catholicism’s sweeping disregard for homo-sexual love.

He then goes on to offer neither a discussion of the legal institution of marriage nor of homosexual love, but rants about the problems of the Catholic view of marriage and the oppression of the gay community by society. Neither of these positions enlightens the debate nor solves the problem. As a Catholic priest, my views on marriage are shaped by Catholic teaching and by my attempts to un- derstand the meaning of marriage as an institution.

To this end, I found the book, "What is Marriage? Man and Woman: A Defense," by Sherif Gergis, Ryan T. Anderson and Robert P. George most illuminating. They argue marriage has three essential elements that cannot be applied to any other situation except to the relation- ship between man and woman. They discuss compre- hensive union of body, mind and heart, union of pursuit of common goods directed at procreation and the raising of family, and a commitment to exclusivity and perma- nence. If Mr. Whitaker thinks about these three elements, he will find no matter how hard he tries to argue for gay and lesbian marriage, these three elements are not and cannot be present in their totality except in the relation- ship between a man and a woman. Furthermore, it seems the most outstanding characteristic embodied in these three elements is com complementarity.

Complementarity says to me that marriage is a rela- tionship in which two people are able to give of them- selves to each other totally, and, through giving, are able to establish favorable conditions for the forming of fami- lies and the raising of children. Complementarity says there is a unity of purpose in pursuit of common goods; this unity of purpose comes as a result of both persons seeking the same thing — a shared life and the establish- ment of a family.

As a priest, I live in a community of religious life whose members vow poverty, obedience and chastity. Aside from these vows, it is rather difficult to get a group of men to live together with a common purpose and a truly shared life. Really sharing in all responsibilities and deci- sions on an equal level seems possible only between a man and a woman bound together in marriage.

And in a complementary relationship there is a desire and likelihood for a permanent and exclusive relation- ship. Sometimes these relationships end in divorce, but where there is genuine mutuality in the relationship, the possibility of permanence and exclusivity is present.

This is not to say relationships of two men and two women cannot be valid relationships in and of them- selves and open to the same legal process as marriages are. It is just to equate them to marriage, and to demand this right equally for all relationships seems to be some- what far fetched and liable to destroy what society has for ages regarded as a bedrock for the formation of good society.

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April 29

I speak for the fish

Ashley Casper
The Digital Universe

A biocide is occurring amongst society today. The victims of this don’t have a voice and don’t deserve their fate. This tale is in comparison to the movie, Lovelace is saved from this fate, but for elongated pain as their airways are constricted and choke to death. Just as the character Lovelace defies the laws of nature,” Mr. Carter Boyd says ("Somewhere Over the Rainbow," April 10). I must have missed something, because this point is not so clear to me.

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By TESSA DeMERS
Scene Writer

What would you do if you ran into your accounting professor at Club Fever? Or your art history professor in Las Vegas? It isn’t as uncommon as you might think to run into teachers outside of their classroom or office hours.

When you take your first step into a classroom at the beginning of a semester and look at your professor standing at the front of the room, getting ready to begin his or her lecture about whatever class you got yourself into this time, you always make judgments. Maybe the teacher immediately clicks with you, telling jokes that seem to indicate a shared sense of humor, or maybe showing pictures of fluffy puppies that just happen to be your go-to procrastination Google search. However, it’s often the case that your professor jumps right into coursework and you don’t have a lot of opportunities to see him or her as more than an intimidating figure at the front of the classroom, spouting endless information at you, always much faster than you can write. Sometimes, this can lead to fear of going to office hours if you have problems. Personally, I have had at least one professor every semester who has intimidated me so much that I was too scared to ask for help, even though I was riding the struggle bus all semester long. I would finally break down and go in near the end of the semester, only to realize professors are not as scary as I had previously assumed. They genuinely want to help you understand and learn and are usually really cool people who are willing to chat with you about nearly anything.

My goal with the following pictures is to show that professors are people, too. Knowing this might help you get rid of the fears that haunt many of us at the beginning of each semester and jump right to the part where you realize your teachers are actually awesome. I want to help you take advantage of the opportunities you have, get to know your teachers and maybe even end up with better grades!

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1. It may not quite be a moonwalk, but economics professor James Sullivan and his wife Kara Kane rock a Michael Jackson look for a costume party.
2. Philosophy professor Michael Rea shops with his adorable children, juggling the bags and banalities of normal-people errands.
3. Psychology professor Anre Venter poses as Santa Claus with senior Brian Becker at a St. Jude Children's Research Hospital fundraiser. All I want for Christmas is an A!
4. Economics professor Abigail Wozniak makes a face, but I don’t think she’s really all that sad. She has simply learned that her sad face makes her son David smile. Say “cheese!”
5. Professors Eric Sims and Nelson Mark display a flag at a Department of Economics football tailgate. Go Economics! Beat Recession!
6. Physics professor and aspiring professional-billiard player Justin Crepp touches the famous Notre Dame stadium sign. His personal motto might be “Shoot Like a Champion Today.”
7. Professor Danielle Joyner, a professor of Medieval art history, sports a pink wig in Las Vegas. As she would say in class, “What happens in Gothic stays in Gothic!”
Winter
By MEGHAN THOMASSEN
Managing Editor

Every day in London is like a master class for fashion. In the morning I walk across the Thames River and through Trafalgar Square, the London equivalent of Times Square. I arrived in London with a fairly-relaxed wardrobe: lots of cotton shirts in blues and blacks and a few dresses I thought were cute.

But once I hit the streets, I realized how woefully uneducated I was in the language of the London look. And now that I face my return trip home, I have to reflect on how my lessons will translate in America and at Notre Dame.

Disclaimer: Everything you see people wearing in London should be taken with a grain of salt. Do not take crazy-moustache guy, plaid overalls or bright-green hair punk rocker too seriously, unless, of course, you want to make a drastic change in your appearance.

This should be more of a lesson to those of us Notre Dame students who are tired of looking like we walked out of a college catalogue for jeans and Urban Outfitters shirts but don’t feel the need to go out decked entirely in tweed. (It’s a thing, I promise.) So, I hope you brought your pens and paper, because I’ve been taking notes.

Winter
These were probably the most valuable ideas I came across while in London, since I spend the majority of my time in South Bend wrapped up against the cold and wind. Unlike Americans, Londoners usually deal with the cold without having to resort to the igloo-esque North Face, down-to-the-ankle coats.

The wind on the bridge to class can be just as biting as South Quad in January, but as I tromped along I saw men and women making their way wrapped fashionably in many layers of Irish sweaters, pea coats and Burberry scarves. Since snow isn’t really a problem for this town, women were able to wear their favorite ankle-boot high heels while men stole the shoe with perfectly chocolatey-leather shoes.

Layers will always be in style, and it seems like Londoners have it down to a science. I learned to wear a camisole and long-sleeved shirt underneath whatever sweater I wore, then a shell underneath my pea coat.

Then I added a bit of color with a warm scarf and found a bright hat to bring a touch of color to the otherwise London-gray arrangement. I think this will be fairly-easy to recreate, although I probably need to add cute knee-high snow boots to the ensemble for South Bend next winter.

Spring
To be honest, spring didn’t look that different than winter here in London. The skies were dark and cold and spat rain unexpectedly throughout the day. I had to stick to my black water-proof boots like a koala sticks to a eucalyptus tree, which didn’t give me too many options for what to wear.

I took notes on the way to class again, however, and noticed how Londoners paired sleek leggings with the boots and then wore a chic sweater dress or pleated shorts. I firmly oppose the leggings-as-pants movement, so it was a relief to see the London fashion elite agreeing with me.

Granted, you will see plenty of leggings as substitutes for pants around the city, but never without sufficient coverage from an oversized men’s dress shirt or vintage sweater. Overall, Londoners are modest, especially when it comes to showing skin. Strapless doesn’t seem to be a thing here, but off-the-shoulder chiffon tops are a must, especially once the weather gets nicer.

Summer
Summer has just barely, maybe arrived here in London, but you probably couldn’t tell from the way people are dressing. The wind is still chilly and the sun only comes out in the afternoon, so no one has broken out the short shorts and tank tops yet.

I have observed, however, the sheer genius of the sundresses London women wear. Cutouts, floral prints, ’50s silhouettes— these dresses seriously run the gamut. And the men have impressed me with the importance of the dress-shirt-and-tie combination.

Without jackets to cover up their coordination, I can now appreciate how much the right tie can complement a simple shirt. Extra points for a bow tie. I’ve transitioned to a pair of black-cloth, lace-up shoes that I bought for my Easter trip to Rome, which instantly makes me feel more like Audrey Hepburn as soon as I put them on.

It’s gotten too warm for my scarves, so to add personality to my mostly-neutral wardrobe, I throw a purple or white cash-gigan over a dress and ditch the tights. Of course, all these are extremely conservative alterations; I’m limited by my plain closet (and thinning wallet).

Another thing Londoners do right is their shopping. You won’t see cheap stores on London’s main shopping strips, like Oxford Street or Regent Street. Things are sold here for value and quality, so Londoners slowly build an eclectic wardrobe according to their personality. I much prefer the London approach to shopping and dressing and plan on making these significant purchases slowly but surely as I transition from college student to college graduate. Hope this gave you a little taste of the London look. Cheers!

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Greetings from London: What to Wear
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Scene Writer

As finals week rears its ugly head, you know it’s time for you to start spending some quality time with the books. The information jumps from the page like a wild beast, one you’ve never seen before that threatens to overtake you. In other words, all that procrastinating has caught up to you and you have to prepare yourself a picnic basket full of insect repellent with lots of books and random stuff so no parasitic fellow student tries to infringe on your study space. Replace a sleeping bag with a big, comfy sweatshirt, perfect for a midnight nap. Replace a campfire with a cozy blanket to keep you warm when the air conditioning gets you a little chilly. Replace canned food with snacks from the Huddle. Replace water with caffeine. Instead of a flashlight and batteries, bring all the power cords you could use. Replace insect repellent with a portable lamp. If you’re brave enough, venture into the book archives in the basement, and if you walk far enough you will find several extremely-isolated tables. You have absolutely nothing to look at besides stacks of books and your laptop screen, so get off Facebook and finish that paper.

Study Spot #3: The Room with a View. Alright, more like the desk with a view, but if you’re lucky enough to score one of the upper-floor solo desks with a breathtaking campus view, you had better be studying instead of watching movies and tweeting.

Study Spot #4: The Fishbowl Booth. This is the lap of luxury. These booths are comfortable, they have outlets and the high walls are like shields from the rest of the room. As you venture out into the Hesburgh Wilderness, remember, every adventure must eventually end. This, too, shall pass.

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Storieslines abound in NHL playoffs

**1. The Return of Sidney Crosby**

Love him or hate him, there is no denying Crosby is the best player on the planet. Despite missing the final 12 games of the Penguins’ regular season with a broken jaw, Crosby still finished tied for third in the NHL in points.

He is practicing now, though it’s uncertain if he will play Wednesday’s series opener against the New York Islanders or in the series at all. If No. 1 seed Pittsburgh defeats the Islanders in the East, it’s hard to tell what type of momentum they have entering the postseason. The Penguins lost only once in regulation in their last 13 games but enter the playoffs on a three-game losing streak — with two shootouts and a regulation loss in their last three games. Meanwhile, the Wild struggled down the stretch, going under .500 in their last 10 games, but won in a must-win regular-season finale to make the playoffs.

If either of them is going to make a run, it will be tough sledding early, as New York and Minnesota play No. 1 seeds Pittsburgh and Chicago, respectively.

Speaking of the Blackhawks...

**4. Can Chicago turn regular-season dominance into playoff success?**

The Blackhawks tore through the NHL in the opening months, earning a point in their first 24 games, an NHL record to start a season. The Blackhawks didn’t falter much down the stretch, either, and managed to win the Presidents’ Trophy with the best regular-season record in the NHL. But unlike Minnesota, which had to win its final game to sneak into the playoffs, Chicago hasn’t faced much pressure this year due to its hot start. And three of the last four Presidents’ Trophy winners were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs.

**5. Toronto is back in the playoffs**

The Maple Leafs were the only franchise in the entire NHL not to make the playoffs since the 2004-2005 lockout until they broke through this season, earning the No. 5 seed in the Eastern Conference. Now, the hockey-crazed citizens of Toronto can go nuts once again to see their team back in the postseason.

The Leafs’ first-round series should be quite a treat, as No. 4 vs. No. 5 series often are. Adding to the excitement is their opponent: the Boston Bruins. Original Six matchups are always fun to watch and the atmosphere will only be revved up more in the playoffs. So, there you have it. Sit back, relax and get ready for an intense May and June on the ice.

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Nets topple Bulls to stave off elimination

Associated Press

The Nets’ first season in Brooklyn goes on, with another victory needed to set up the biggest game here yet. Brook Lopez had 28 points and 10 rebounds, Deron Williams added 23 points and 10 assists, and the Nets beat Chicago 110-91 on Monday night, cutting the Bulls’ lead to 3-2 in their first-round playoff series.

Andray Blatche scored 10 of his 13 points in the fourth quarter and Gerald Wallace had consecutive baskets down the stretch as the Nets finally pulled away in a game they led most of the way, but never by too much.

“We came out very aggressive, as we have the past few games. I think the difference was just we sustained it for essentially a full 48 minutes tonight,” Lopez said.

Two days after rallying for a 142-134 triple-overtime victory, the Bulls were outscored 15-1 down the stretch and failed to set up a second-round series with Miami. Instead they will host Game 6 on Wednesday.

Nate Robinson had 20 points and eight assists starting in place of point guard Kirk Hinrich, who bruised his left calf in Saturday’s game.

Robinson scored 29 of his 34 points in the third quarter Saturday in a game the Nets led by 14 late in regulation. Coming off his big game and agitating at opposing fans even when he’s struggling, Robinson was loudly booed during introductions, and each time he touched the ball early on. He made a jumper with 4:17 remaining to cut Brooklyn’s lead to 95-90, but there would be no charge this time. Lopez converted a three-point play, and after a free throw by Jimmy Butler, Wallace nailed a 3-pointer, then came up with a steal and dunk to give the Nets a 103-91 advantage with 2 minutes to go.

The Nets finished it off with ease, extending their first season in Brooklyn after moving from New Jersey. They would host a Game 7 here on Saturday.

Butler scored 18 points for the Bulls, who were out-rebounded 44-33 and gave up 24 second-chance points.

“That’s the difference in the game, the rebounding,” Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau said. “If you defend fairly well and then you give a team a second and a third crack at it, it’s hard to win like that.”

Only eight NBA teams have overcome a 3-1 deficit, but the Nets remained confident after Saturday’s collapse, feeling they had outplayed the Bulls for long stretches during the series. They have led by double digits in four of the five games.

“I believed that we would respond,” Nets interim coach P.J. Carlesimo said. “We’ve bounced back all year too well, and as disheartening a loss as that was on Saturday, there’s still been enough good minutes in this series. Neither of us are getting away from each other.”

But they need two more wins against a Bulls franchise that is 12-0 all-time when holding a 3-1 lead.

The Nets ran off seven straight points late in the first quarter, five from Lopez, to turn a 17-17 tie into a 24-17 lead.

Brooklyn got eight second-quarter points from Kris Humphries, then opened its lead in the final period. The Nets led 51-40 at the half.

The Bulls had the lead in double digits a few times in the third quarter but never built on it. The Nets were 4-12 in the first half, 6-6 in the second when holding a 3-1 lead.

Butler made a 3-pointer to open the fourth quarter and make it a one-point game, but Chicago never could grab the lead in the final period.

The Nets improved to 6-0 all-time in Game 5 at home. They have never lost a series when holding home-court advantage.
WASHINGTON — With the simplest of sentences, NBA veteran Jason Collins set aside years of worry and silence to become the first active player in one of four major U.S. professional sports leagues to come out as gay.

In a first-person article posted Monday on Sports Illustrated's website, Collins begins: “I’m a 34-year-old NBA center. I’m black. And I’m gay.”

Collins has played for six teams in 12 seasons, most recently as a reserve with the Washington Wizards after a midseason trade from the Boston Celtics. He is now a free agent and wants to keep playing in the NBA.

“I didn’t set out to be the first openly gay athlete playing in a major American team sport. But since I am, I’m happy to start the conversation. I wish I wasn’t the kid in the classroom raising his hand and saying, ‘I’m different,’” Collins writes. “If I had my way, someone else would have already done this. Nobody has, which is why I’m raising my hand.”

Saying he had “endured years of misery and gone to enormous lengths to live a lie,” Collins immediately explained his decision to come out, for his announcement from the White House — President Barack Obama called him — along with former President Bill Clinton, the NBA, current and former teammates, a sponsor, and athletes in other sports.

“I’m not a gay, closeted athlete who’s afraid of the label and due to answer questions and draw attention to myself,” Collins said. “I’m not afraid of the label. And Jason’s going to help. He’s going to help give people courage to come out,” said Billie Jean King, a member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame who confirmed she was gay after being outed in the early 1980s.

“I guarantee you he’s going to feel much lighter, much freer. The truth does set you free,” King said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

The Wizards, whose season ended April 17, issued a statement from President Ernie Grunfeld Tuesday saying: “I am proud of Jason and support his decision to live his life proudly and openly. He has been a leader on and off the court and an outstanding teammate throughout his NBA career. Those qualities will continue to serve him both as a player and as a positive role model for others of all sexual orientations.”

Collins’ coach with the Celtics, Doc Rivers, drew a comparison between Monday’s announcement and Jackie Robinson’s role when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, breaking the color barrier in Major League Baseball.

“I am extremely happy and proud of Jason Collins. He’s a pro’s pro. He is the consummate professional and he is one of my favorite ‘team’ players I have ever coached,” Rivers said. “If you have learned anything from Jackie Robinson, it is that teammates are always the first to accept, it will be society who has to learn to tolerate.”

Collins says he quietly made a statement for gay rights even while keeping his sexual orientation a secret. He wore No. 98 with the Celtics and with Wizards — 98 was year that Matthew Shepard, a gay college student in Wyoming, was killed, and the Trevor Project, a suicide prevention organization, was founded.

According to the General Social Survey, the public has grown increasingly accepting of gay relationships since the late 1980s. That survey found in 1987 that 76 percent of Americans thought sexual relationships between people of the same sex was morally wrong. That fell to 43 percent by 2012.

“I’m glad I’m coming out in 2013 rather than 2003. The climate has shifted; public opinion has shifted,” Collins writes. “And yet we still have so much more work to do... to truly understand the fear and shame. That’s the main thing. That’s the main thing. That’s the main thing.”

The topic made waves during Super Bowl week when one player, San Francisco 49ers corner back Chris Culliver, said he wouldn’t welcome a gay member of his team. At the time, Ayanbadejo estimated that at least half of the NFL’s players would agree with what Culliver said, at least privately.

But since Monday, more players have come out. Washington Capitals forward Joel Ward said.

Living in the nation’s capital last month while the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments about same-sex marriage had an effect on Collins, who says “the strain of hiding my sexuality became almost unbearable” at that time.

“Less than three miles from my apartment, nine jurors argued about my happiness and my future. Here was my chance to be shocked: That guy is gay? But I’ve always been an aggressive player, even in high school. Am I physical to prove that being gay doesn’t make you soft? Who knows? That’s something for a psychologist to unravel.”

As for what response other NBA players will have to his revelation, Collins writes: “The simple answer is, I have no idea.”

“Openness may not be completely disarming prejudice, but it’s a good place to start. It all comes down to education. I’ll sit down with any player who’s uneasy about my coming out,” he says in his account, adding: “Still, if I’m up against an intolerant player, I’ll let a pretty hard pick on him. And then move on.”

On Monday, there was an outpouring of positive sentiments. In texts to the AP, Wizards guard Garrett Temple wrote, “I was surprised. I didn’t know and I was right next to him in the locker room. It definitely took a lot of courage for him to come out. He was a great team mate,” and Ronke Beal Bradley Beal wrote: “I didn’t know about it! I don’t think anyone did! I am proud of his decision to come out and express the way he feels and I’m supportive of that!”

Washington Wizards center Jason Collins, right, battles with Chicago guard Kirk Hinrich for a rebound. Collins came out as the first openly gay athlete in the four major American sports leagues Monday.
Rowing team finds success at MARCA regatta

Men’s and Women’s Ultimate teams finish seasons at regional championships

Special to The Observer

Men’s Crew

This past weekend, Notre Dame hosted its first regatta of the season in the MACRA Regatta against many of the best crew teams in the Midwest. Although the regatta was cancelled on Saturday due to scheduling conflicts with the Indiana, conditions at the original venue caused a last-minute change in location. Thanks to the hard work of the regatta organizers, the competition went off without a hitch.

The first novice 8+ boat took second place in its morning heat, moving on to the finals in the afternoon. In the finals, the novices raced to a fifth-place finish in what was their most successful regatta of the spring thus far. In the second novice 8+ event, the Notre Dame boat also finished in fifth. For the Irish varsity, the day started out with the 4+ boat taking second in their heat, qualifying the boat for finals. The varsity 8+ boat also had a heat in the morning, and it raced the first kilometer before cruising to a third-place finish, also qualifying for finals.

In the afternoon, the Irish entered two boats in finals-only events. In the lightweight varsity 4+ event, the Irish crew raced to a fourth-place finish placing them second overall in a heat, and the Irish boat attempted a late charge but fell short, and the boat finished fifth overall. In the varsity 8+ final, the Irish crew was unable to hang with the leader, and also finished in fifth place.

Men’s Ultimate

The Irish traveled to Rockford, Ill., over the weekend to compete in the Great Lakes Regional Tournament. Notre Dame entered the tournament seeded sixth but needed to claim a win in the opening round to advance to the national tournament in May. The games to play Sunday. The Irish entered the tournament with its top competitors, Northwestern. Like Northwestern, Michigan was one of the region’s top teams and presented itself as a worthy adversary to Notre Dame. The game began with strong offensive and defensive points, and cheering fans, players and alumni filled the sidelines of both teams. The Irish ladies fought hard but were unable to pull out the win as Michigan gained control and claimed the victory.

The team’s last game Sunday was against Purdue. Several players stepped up and turned in great performances for the Irish, including senior Erin Riley. Riley’s last game for Notre Dame may have been her best, as she not only matched several discs off the air for points, but also threw the disc for assists. But after the exhausting loss to Michigan, the Irish showed their fatigue in their eighth game of the weekend, falling to the Boilermakers, 13-10. Although Notre Dame didn’t reach its goal of advancing to the national tournament, it finished fourth in its region with a season record of 33-7, a great improvement over years past.

The players agreed that this year’s squad played with better chemistry than they had ever experienced, which, aside from bringing great success on the field, also brought the players closer together. The team attributed much of this cohesion to its seniors: captains Taylor and Taylor, as well as Riley, Kari Chen, Kasey Coonan, Annie Flood, Kelly Gilmour, Allie Hawkins, Courtney Jonson, Derlin Lynch, Andrea Palazzolo and Elizabeth Villafuerte.

All of these wonderful young women have been instrumental over the last four years in guiding the team in community and growth. These ladies have been more than just friends and teammates—they have been amazing role models as both players and people, inspiring the younger players to carry on their legacy through a love for the sport and each other.
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Meanwhile, Cincinnati will tee off at 8 A.M. with place St. John's, the Irish between the team and third differential dividing the into the overall team lead. helping power the Bulls consecutive rounds of 70

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Braves snap losing streak

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves, who began the night with the most home runs in the majors, showed they can win playing small ball.

Now Washington’s Stephen Strasburg must show his right arm is completely healthy. Andrelton Simmons hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the seventh inning, then made an eye-popping play to start the ninth as Atlanta beat the Nationals 3-2 on Monday night and ended their four-game losing streak.

“We battled and did the little things right,” said Simmons, the second-year shortstop. “We got the bunt down. We got the sacri- fly fly to get the run in.”

Washington manager Davey Johnson said Strasburg, who
momentum to move past the loss entering tonight’s game. Junior pitcher Laura Winter, who

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Braves shortstop Andrelton Simmons throws out a runner from the ground during Atlanta’s 3-2 victory over Washington on Monday.

Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez said Strasburg, who

Strasburg insisted he “felt good” but struggled with his
ing small ball.

“Sometimes you’ve got to impro-

Rafael Soriano (1-1). Laird moved up on pinch-hitter Tyler Pastonicky’s sacrifice bunt and was held at first on Jordan Schafer’s single. Simmons’ fly ball to right al-

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winning percentage would still be disappointing if it were a batting average.
Friday’s 12-2 win over Connecticut was promising enough; a 17-hit game will always be welcomed by a team that’s developed a knack for hitting the ball straight into fielders’ gloves. But it was the come-from-behind win Saturday that really should encourage Irish fans.

Despite what you hear on sports radio, I think it’s very rare for athletes and teams to give up on a season and “mail in” the rest of their games. But it’s plenty easy to lose focus, especially when things just aren’t going your way. There’s no denying it takes a good deal of mental fortitude to hold on for two error-aided, go-ahead runs just live up to it.

As Irish coach Mik Aoki said over the weekend, the Irish have done too much of in the past season and a half. Another Tuesday tedium wouldn’t be bad enough for the win-loss record, but Notre Dame really doesn’t want to tempt a return of the recently-exorcised doldrums.

There are three more weekend series left on the Big East calendar, which make three more opportunities for the Irish to pull themselves up from sixth-place in the conference standings, or at least finish with a winning record in the Big East. Remaining conference opponents St. John’s and Cincinnati currently inhabiting the bottom half of the Big East standings, and while USF is 29-15 with just two conference losses, the Bulls do not exactly schedule world-beaters for their out-of-conference match-ups. Despite the struggles the Irish faced at the beginning of the conference season, Louisville is the only Big East team ranked above the Notre Dame.

The current tear at the plate for Irish batters comes as a result of Aoki’s charge to be aggressive with each at bat and to score first in each game, an attitude he said his players will need to keep up in the regular season. "Outside of the typical baseball things — pitch it well, defend it, get timely hitting — I just think it’s still us being the aggressor, us being the ones to try to dictate the action and the tempo of the game,” he said. "I think that as long as we do that and as long as we stay in that mode, we’re a very good team.”

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Mancini

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Irish coach Mik Aoki said the one-two punch of Jagielo and Mancini has been crucial to his squad’s recent success, especially with Mancini finally showing his power as an All-American candidate.

“When Eric and Trey are both going good at the same time, I mean, I’d pity the pitching coach that has to face that duo,” he said. “I know that I certainly wouldn’t want to be that guy. So it’s nice to see Trey get going, it’s nice to see him using the entire field. That was a real big pick-me-up.”

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Sophomore outfielders Connor Biggio and Mac Hudgins celebrate during the Irish’s 12-2 victory over Connecticut on Friday.

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McNamara will take the mound against the Irish today at Theunissen Stadium in Mount Pleasant, Mich., where the first pitch is scheduled for 4:05 p.m.

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**Observer Staff Report**

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**Power trip**

**Irish enter match-up with Eagles riding hot bats**

**By MARY GREEN**

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