Professors discuss options for Syria

Panelists dispute nature of conflict, potential solutions

By HENRY GENS
News Writer

Three preeminent Notre Dame faculty members debated the relative merits and consequences of American military and political intervention in Syria on Tuesday.

David Cortright, director of policy studies at the Kroc Institute for Peace Studies, moderated the panel discussion. Although a proposition by Russia earlier Tuesday all but mooted the question of immediate military intervention, the panel still engaged in a lively discussion of the United States' options with regard to Syria. Asher Kaufman, Mary Ellen O'Connell and Michael Desch presented three distinct views.

Experts say Russian compact is not the end

By TORI ROECK
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Syrian leader Bashar al-Assad agreed to destroy the troubled Middle Eastern country's chemical weapons Tuesday in a deal brokered by Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. Professor David Cortright of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, who moderated Tuesday's panel discussion on the United States' role in the Syrian crisis, said this development proves the use of force against Syria would have been the wrong decision for the United States.

"I hope what we learn from this is that diplomacy can be effective," said Cortright. "That solution to this turns out to be a diplomatic option, as much greater than it truly is," Desch said.

"I think the magnitude of the threat of international terrorism historically is very low, a lot lower than the probability of dying in a car crash or from domestic gun violence or other things like that," he said. "And yet, we tend to remain fixated on the possibility of another terrorist attack in a way that's out of sync with the real danger it presents to us."

Daniel Lindley, a Notre Dame political science associate professor and a fellow with the Kroc Institute, said he sees two major waves the memory of Sept. 11 still affects today's politics.

"First of all, we see it in the general sensitivity to terrorism. We still spend a lot of money trying to combat terrorism, in particular through intelligence programs," Lindley said. "Second, you see a huge amount of war weariness in

The Freedom Tower stands tall as a symbol of strength and a memorial to those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

Jenkins founds inclusion board

University President Fr. John Jenkins announced the creation of a President's Oversight Committee on Diversity and Inclusion in a letter sent via email to all faculty, staff and students Monday morning.

The email stated that the committee's purpose is to extend and deepen the diversity and inclusion of the campus community.

"With many colleges and universities across the nation, we believe that a diverse community offers a richer educational environment," Jenkins said in the email. "What is more, as a Catholic university, Notre Dame is part of one of the most ethnically and culturally diverse organizations in the world today, and we strive to reflect that diversity ever more in our community."

Jenkins said in the email that the committee was formed to "maintain ... focus and facilitate appropriate communication, coordination and accountability" on issues surrounding diversity and inclusion on campus.

Jenkins will chair the committee. Other members include Laura Carlson, vice president and associate provost and dean of the Graduate School; Ann Firth, chief of staff; Erin Hoffman Harding, vice president for student affairs; Bob McQuade, vice president for human resources; Dan Myers, vice president and associate provost; Hugh Page, vice president and associate provost for undergraduate affairs and dean of the First Year of Studies; Matt Storin, senior project specialist and Sarah Wake, director of the Office of Institutional Equity.

Committee members will regularly share information with the President's Leadership Council and the Deans' Council, according to the letter. They will also periodically update the University's Academic Council, staff Town Hall meetings and student government leaders.
Tuesday afternoon, junior engineering student Charmagne Solomon takes a picture of a model trolley in front of South Dining Hall for a project assigned in a photography class.

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Belles embark on job search at Fall Career Expo

By HANNAH RICHMOND
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Eager Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students filled the Joyce Center Fieldhouse on Tuesday with hopes of getting a job through the Fall Career Expo.

Stacie Jeffirs, director of the Career Crossings Office at Saint Mary’s, said the Fair provides an opportunity to talk with many potential employers in one location. Saint Mary’s students took full advantage of the more than 100 companies that were in attendance by going from table to table looking for “the perfect job,” Jeffirs said.

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Jeffirs said she advises students who attend for the Career Expo to “come up with your plan, follow up and follow through.” Before the Expo, students researched companies, modified their résumés, practiced what they wanted to say to employers and discussed appropriate attire.

The Career Crossings Office organizes a Junior Jumpstart and a Senior Kick-Off to help students prepare for the Expo and to search for jobs. The events included a panel of alumnae, interns and employers who spoke about their experiences in the professional world and offered “do’s and don’ts” for getting a job.

Junior accounting major Kelley Wright said the panel at Junior Jumpstart was very helpful.

“Everyone has their own tips and quirks that seem to work for them,” Wright said.

Senior psychology major Allie Gerths said the Career Crossings Office reviewed her résumé, what to wear and what to say while at the fair.

Gerths said she was encouraged when she saw Jeffirs and Career Crossings Office associate Kim Patton signing in students at the Expo.

“I loved that Career Crossings Office was at the Career Fair,” Gerths said. “It helped ease my nerves.”

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ND Career Fair connects students and hiring alumni

By JILLIAN FINKELSTEIN
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Hundreds of students dressed more formally than usual descended upon the Joyce Center for the annual Fall Career Expo on Tuesday.

This year, more than 165 companies from a wide array of industries were represented at the event. The Career Expo is one of the Career Center’s most notable offerings, resources such as mock interviews and resume reviews are available year-round. Workshops and events are also held frequently to provide venues for networking with employers and alumni in specific lines of work.

Senior Jasmine Young, a psychology major, said the Career Center helped her prepare her résumé for the Expo.

“You need to prepare, you need to come up with a career fair prep course they held and updated my résumé,” Young said.

Flanagan said beyond the Career Expo there are resources online to help students in their job searches.

“Up-to-date information can be found in GORISH. Organizations and companies that specifically want Notre Dame students will post information about job and internship openings throughout the year,” she said. “Students are encouraged to go online to discover not only who is coming, but also for which kind of openings they are actually recruiting.”

Flanagan said the Career Center will hold events this week in addition to the Expo.

The “Backstage Pass” program, specifically intended for first time attendees of the Internship Fair, will take place on Wednesday at 3 p.m.

“Career fairs are a great opportunity to actually meet face-to-face with the recruiters, many of whom bring young Notre Dame alumni back who are eager to share their experiences.”
— Hilary Flanagan
director of career services

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Police encourage students to have fun, responsibly

By JOANNA LAGEDROST
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Local police and University officials addressed off-campus safety and proper ways to enjoy college nightlife in Tuesday’s Student Safety Summit in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library.

Sgt. Tracy Skibins of the Notre Dame Security Police headed up the panel of law enforcement officers who offered safety tips to students and answered questions about what is acceptable in South Bend and how best to avoid trouble.

Included in the discussion were representatives from the Office of Campus Safety, the Notre Dame student body, the Indiana State Excise Police, various departments within the South Bend Police Department (SBPD) and Notre Dame Security Police Department (NDSP), the Mishawaka Police Department and an attorney from the South Bend Special Victims Unit.

NDSP’s assistant chief of safety services Keri Kei Shibata said NDSP works to help students stay safe but students also should contact NDSP when problems arise.

“NDSP tries to be a very service-oriented agency, but we rely on (students) to let us know when something does not seem right or when someone may be in trouble,” Shibata said.

Ron Teachman, chief of the South Bend Police Department, said students should not carry more money than they need when off campus. Additionally, carrying credit cards going when out is never a good idea.

“Do not let that become a weapon or purse,” Teachman said.

Bill Thompson from the South Bend Police Department echoed this sentiment.

“We want you to have the best four years in college,” Thompson said.

In reference to the recent off-campus armed robbery, Thompson said “it is an important reminder to travel in groups as a preventive measure.”

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Sgt. David Ruszkowski of the SBPD, who often deals with Notre Dame off-campus parties, said it is important to re-member that in the time of the criminal’s intent to take your belongings without physically harming you.

“Usually, people are not looking to harm you; they only want what you have,” Ruszkowski said.

Ruszkowski said he regularly encounters students who at-tempt to outrun law enforce-ment officers and is oftenExperienced students that in those situations they will be caught and will face harsher consequences.

“Do not run when the police radio,” he said.

Sgt. Alvin Taylor of the South Bend Police Department said community officers have long understood the need for taking re-ponsibility for mistakes. He said lying can only make things worse.

“If the police show up, and you’re in charge of the resi-dence, step forward and say, ‘I’m in charge of the resi-dence,” Taylor said.

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Experts

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agreement, not military strikes,” Cortright said. “Although… the threat of military strikes still in the background,” he said.

Cortright said the United States should realize that Russia could be a helpful ally in dealings with the Middle East.

“We can benefit from cooperat-ing with Russia,” he said. “Everyone was sort of bashful Russia these days, but as much as we may dis-agree with some of Mr. Putin’s policies, the fact of the matter is that Russia could be very important in solving some of these difficult challenges.

Another difficult challenge Russia could help solve is the nucle-ar problem in Iran, Cortright said.

“It’s very significant that Iran expressed support for the Russian deal right away; within four or five hours of when it was announced, the Iranian foreign ministry said, ‘We support this proposal’,” he said.

“Tears sent a very bad signal to the West… his two main patrons basically, ‘Here’s the deal.’ He really had no choice but to accept it.”

Cortright said although the chemical weapons deal negates the possibility of immediate United States military intervention in the region, Congress may pass a resolu-tion to discuss the use of force at a later date if Syria reneges on its promise.

“Senator [Harry] Reid made a speech just the other day… and that’s basically the veiled message that he’s making — that we need to keep the dream of most of military action still in the background, not take it off the table entirely,” Cortright said.

In the meantime, Cortright said he thinks it’s the United Nations’ job to make sure Syria sticks to its chemical weapons agreement.

“I feel that a long time that the U.N. should be front and center in this whole question,” he said. “The administration initially mishandled the U.N. but if it lets the first proposal they made to the U.N. was military action. There was no way Russia was going to support that, or Argentina, or China; several counties on the (Security) Council

said ‘no’ right away. So that was a mistake. But that’s why the Obama administration and the (Obama) administration and certainly the French, have said we need to get it to the point where the U.N. will be implemented.

Cortright said the U.N. is most likely to ensure Syria disposes of its chemical weapons.

“I’m sure we will insist upon on-the-ground monitoring to make sure this is really happen-ing, and that’s a role for the U.N.” he said. “The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) will oversee the experts. It’s an organization that was created through a U.N. process, although it’s an independent organization. But it reports to the U.N., so the U.N. working with the OPCW will need to play a key role in monitoring and implementing this resolution.”

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops also released two reports this week, one addressed to Congress and the Obama Administration and one addressed to the leaders of the G20 Summit.

Cortright said he believes the Church is happy that military in-tervention in Syria is off the table, but he doesn’t think that’s enough.

“I haven’t seen yet a statement from the bishops or the Vatican, but I suspect that everyone’s response is that it’s probably the reason that they’re prayers were probably an-swered,” he said.

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The Career Center’s Engineering Industry Day drew more than just corporate representatives to campus Tuesday, namely, engineering students from Saint Mary’s.

The Engineering Industry Day brought together 14 engi-neering companies and students together through a variety of events at the Joyce Athletic and Convention Center.

Azunne Anigbo, a chemistry major at Saint Mary’s and chemical engineer at Notre Dame, said taking to EID Fair helped advance her career goals.

“I went to the Industry Fair last year, and it was really good,” Anigbo said. “I had a lot of people [and] got an interview out of it.”

Saint Mary’s chemistry professor and engineering program administrator Dr. Toni Barstis said like the Notre Dame Career Expo, the EID Fair hosts companies looking to hire students in specific fields. The Fair gives students the opportunity to network with recruiters while researching and applying for positions.

Jenna Troppman, a Saint Mary’s math and Notre Dame civil engineering major, said she was pleased by the variety of businesses at the Fair and found some firms with which she would like to intern in the future.

“It was very enlightening, see-ing all the companies and all the different [things] that do and all the different locations,” Troppman said.

Barstis said the Saint Mary’s engineers met with career exploration sessions and the Fair from the Career Center on Thursday in order to prepare for the EID Fair. Flynn worked with the students to improve their resumés and interview skills.

By TABITHA RICKETTS
News Writer

“aromatic engineers aspire to impress at Industry Day”

Saint Mary’s junior Mary Kate Hussey, a chemistry and chemical engineering major, said working with Flynn prepared her for her future job search.

“I think that it really helps make you aware of what you need to do in the future in inter-views and other career fairs,” she said.

In addition to the Fair, Engineering Industry Day included aplenary session for minority en-gineers, a breakfast for chemical engineers, a civil engineering lunch and other, major-specific events. These activities enable students to meet engineering companies in a more intimate environment that provides am-ple opportunities for network-ing and learning more about a specific industry, Barstis said.

Haley Gordon, a chemistry and chemical engineering major, said most of the EID Fair students were during class times, which made it difficult for Saint Mary’s engineers to participate.

Chandler Rosenbaum, a math and me-chanical engineering major, and some other Saint Mary’s engineers attended the Fair. Rosenbaum said after attend-ing a event specific to her major Monday, she was excited about the EID Fair.

“I went to the Aerospace/
America. The opposition to a Syrian strike right now is unbeatable, because of Capitol Hill, and that’s partly because of the wars we were involved in after 9/11,” Lindley said the United States’ response to the attack in 2001 had major consequences, including becoming involved in two wars, humiliating some of the armed members of the Muslim world and “getting bogged down in Iraq and Afghanistan.”

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“...the tendency of the United States to expect others to accept our definition of the War on Terrorism, in particular, underlined the reputation of the United States globally, especially in the Arab world,” Belanger said. “You can see that right now with the nation dealing with a response to Syria and the use of chemical weapons.”

Belanger said he often wonders whether or not it is really possible to fight a war on terrorism.

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“I think the general proactivity has been to overreact, and I think it’s a function of the fact that we have had the Hussein event that was unexpected and surprising and certainly horrific in its consequences,” Desch said. “But not more horrific than other wars or other things that kill people or cause grievous injury.

“Inasmuch as we overreact, the general perception of the Bush administration was not one of realizing that a key objective of terrorism is symbolic, and the symbolic force of a terrorist attack is magnified when a target overreacts.”

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“One of the reasons for the surge in numbers of refugees is the influx of thousands of Islamists from neighboring countries and upheaval resulting from the internally displaced people and from the millions of refugees spreading beyond Syria’s borders.

“The military response in this case can be anything — over two million refugees outside of the boundaries of Syria are in neighboring countries,” Kaufman said. “The hosting countries need to provide them with basic needs — jobs, roofs over their heads — and in countries such as Lebanon, with an estimated 500,000 Syrian refugees and a native population of only four million, you can imagine the pressure on Lebanese resources to try and support these Syrian refugees.”

In contrast to Kaufman’s illustration of the Syrian conflict, O’Connell, a research professor of international dispute resolution and professor of law, focused on the need to uphold the integrity of international law in approaching a resolution for the Syrian conflict.

“The heart of the matter is that in the moment is the international legal norm against the use of chemical weapons,” O’Connell said. “It is binding regardless of the existence of a fully sovereign party to the Geneva gas protocol of 1925.”

Although she acknowledged Syria to be in clear violation of international norms against chemical weapons, O’Connell stressed the importance of legitimizing further intervention in Syria by acting in strict accordance with the United Nations Charter.

“If we start saying legitimizing is something other than what is commensurate with international legal, we are weakening the very system of norms that have banned the use of military force,” she said. “These principles, developed and reported on by a high-level [United Nations] panel, were brought together in the 2000 World Summit Outcome Document — to which the United States and every other member of the UN agreed — and it said that the Charter is sufficient to address the full range of threats to international peace and security.”

While Lindley and O’Connell discussed political frameworks for approaching the conflict in Syria, Desch, a professor of political science and international security at Notre Dame, said the solution to the Syrian problem would have to remain largely political in nature.

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Scientia Potentia Est

There are many Americans today who use a literal interpretation of the Bible to justify their beliefs on social issues, such as pre-marital sex, abortion, and, most relevant to today’s politics, gay marriage. The most relevant Bible passage is Ephesians 6:5; “Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable.”

Passages such as the above has become the basis for why anti-gay marriage advocates believe it is immoral for two men or women to have sex or marry. However, a closer examination of their argument shows why it cannot even hold (holy) water.

The issue with a literal interpretation of the Bible is that the Bible endorses many other practices that we as a society have come to abhor.

For example, the Bible endorses slavery: “Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear. Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ” (Ephesians 6:5), and, “Your male and female slaves are to come from the nations around you; from them you may buy slaves. You may also buy some of the temporary residents living among you and members of their clans born in your country, and they will become your property” (Leviticus 25:44-5).

The Bible endorses the idea of a man’s superiority over women: “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord,” (Ephesians 5:22-23). The Bible also endorses how people should work: “On six days work may be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest to the Lord. Anyone who does work on that day shall be put to death” (Exodus 35:2).

As one can see, a literal interpretation of the Bible produces countless other lifestyles and procedures that as a society today we would find weird, immoral and evil.

The reason for opposition to certain social issues based on a literal interpretation of the Bible, however, is largely political. After the Roe v. Wade ruling in 1973, members of the modern conservative movement saw an opportunity to define themselves based on social issues, such as opposing abortion and gay rights.

Social issues not only electrified the conservative base, but also stole away a large segment of conservative Democrats.

This strategy has proved effective, as the Republican party controlled the presidency the majority of terms since 1980 and was able to become more competitive in Congressional elections.

But if we are not to interpret the Bible literally, then how should we interpret it? One must realize that the Bible is a series of stories passed down from generation to generation over the course of centuries.

The writers of the Bible lived in very different times than we do today, when slavery, polygamy etc., were acceptable practices. This is reflected in the Bible’s content. One must look past the small details and dig deeper into the Bible by understanding the context it was written in and then examining the symbolism and main message the story works to convey.

Anyone who simply interprets the Bible literally will end up with a contradictory set of beliefs and not have as full an understanding of the main message the Bible conveys: God’s unending and unquestionable love for his creation (including gay people).

This leads me back to the idea of literally interpreting the Bible. Those who endorse it: Why don’t you also vigorously advocate for other policies based on a literal interpretation of the Bible, like slavery and polygamy? Why don’t you advocate to ban pre-marital sex (“Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be reserved, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous” Hebrews 13:4)? Why don’t you advocate for laws against people to get divorced, or remarried? (“Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery” Luke 16:18.)

The other question is that if people believe Leviticus 18:22 should be interpreted literally, then why shouldn’t you also interpret Leviticus 10:17 literally (“If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.”)?

Those who justify their opposition to gay marriage and other gay rights based on a literal interpretation of the Bible simply use the Bible as a shield to protect their misguided views against gay people.

Rather, the Bible should be interpreted using context for a greater understanding of God’s love for his people.

But most importantly, we should realize that cherry-picking a specific verse out of the Bible to justify a policy position is wrong, even when it is used to denigrate God’s creation.

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I distinctly remember my first meeting with my RA in my freshman year. There was a good 15-minute diatribe about the dangers of South Bend and how Notre Dame is a bubble that is hard to break out of. My RA and others told horror stories of people getting mugged, beaten up or taken advantage of from the outsiders who reside away from our campus. As a South Bend “townie,” I was particularly reminded of this iconic scene from The Lion King.

Mufasa: “Everything the light touches is our kingdom.”

Simba: “Woow ... And what about that shadowy place?”

Mufasa: “That is beyond our borders. ... You must never go there, Simba!”

In this scene, it is like Mufasa is speaking to every single student here. For the next four years, I continued to hear this sentiment in the same countless “thriving metropolis” jokes and complaints about the bipolar weather, or in references to the abounding crime and sketchiness.

For the most part, these trivialities never provoked more than an eye roll or fake laugh from me. However, I was overtaken with anger when a friend in my religious studies class at South Bend mentioned an explicit name and followed up his assessment with the comment that “the best part about South Bend was Notre Dame.”

When I discuss the matter with my South Bend friends, we all seem to reach the same conclusions. Liz Everett, a fellow “townie” and senior on campus shed some insight on the issue: “The extent of knowledge for the average ND student of South Bend is Eddy Street and Grape Road and not much else.”

The “story of South Bend” told from the very beginning of freshman year is sadly an incomplete one. How many students have been to a Silver Hawks game or the Potawatomi Park/Zoo? How many students have visited the art museum or seen a show at the Morris, downtown, or gone kayaking in the East Race waterway or run on the many trails around the city?

Moreover, South Bend gives Notre Dame students a unique opportunity to serve in a way that would be harder on any other college campuses. The community is small, the professors are approachable, and willing and open minds.

How many students have ventured off campus to the Robinson Center, which feeds and shelters the homeless and many others, or volunteered at the Robinson Center of South Bend, where I spent much of my time when I was younger, for tutoring and piano lessons? There are many other countless opportunities that need someone to lift the community, and there are many students on this campus that are willing to do so.

Michael Strock, another South Bend who was born and raised in the city, when asked to sum up the relationship between the two entities in one word replies, “Apprehensive.” (Notre Dame students) are aware of the existence of South Bend but are cautious and ignorant when it come to the true spirit of the city.

I will be the first to recognize the drudgeries I experienced growing up. There were many times I said to my grandparents, “I’m bored,” “there is nothing to do here” or “I can’t wait to get out.” I’ve complained countless times about the cold in the winter and the unbearable heat and humidity in the summer.

I also recognize that South Bend is not all sunshine and happiness and these bad things are a part of the reality. But there still remains something in this place that is not connected to the shimmer of the dome we adore.

There are residents of South Bend whose extent of Notre Dame knowledge is mere traffic on football Saturdays and a University they would never have the hope to attend. To them, Notre Dame is nowhere near the best part of the city. There are people like me who had never thought of the university seriously until high school.

Now, I am more thankful than ever for having grown up in both worlds. I am not here to make out South Bend to be something that it’s not. But like all stereotypes, while truth lies within them somewhere, they are often one-sided and incomplete, and no people or community deserves to be made into a mere perception of the truth.

I understand there are many students who successfully venture outside the bubble; I commend them. To those who haven’t, I charge you to do so. Go into the shadow lands, make a mark in a community and surprise yourself! By working in the community, learning the countless stories of the good people here and understanding the history of this place, South Bend becomes less of an apprehension and more of a reality.

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So you and your beau didn’t make it to ring by spring. Shocker.

Now that you don’t have to worry about nailing the Basilica for the perfect fall wedding, the real worries have set in.

Obviously, the most terrifying possibility is this scenario: You stroll into the dining hall to enjoy a nice pasta stir-fry and the comic section of the newspaper when you suddenly lock eyes with your most recent failed romantic endeavor.

Cue the awkward smile and friendly nod, hiding hurt feelings and general animosity.

Why don’t you forgo that encounter? Enjoy your pasta in peace by following some tips that previously-burned lovers came up with and just happened to leave behind for other ex-stricken Domers looking for an escape route.

**Dealing with the Aftermath:**

**Common interests**

In the case that for some unknown reason you decided to date someone who had anything in common with you, follow these simple steps:

- If you have the same class, drop the class.
- If you have the same major, drop the major.
- If you have the same interests, change your interests.
- If you have the same friends, make new ones.

The key to your personal happiness is redefining your personality. Uprooting your identity is a small price to pay to avoid your ex.

**Unexpected encounters**

In the case that for some unknown reason you decided to date someone who ever visits campus, follow these simple steps:

- Never go to the dining halls.
- Never go to Reckers or LaFortune past 10 p.m.
- Never go to the Library or Como.
- Never go to O’Shag, Debart or any other academic building.
- Never go to the Basilica.
- Never walk through any quad.

The safest policy is to never leave your dorm or your room. The only exception being personal hygiene, and even that is optional. You should live off of Easy Mac, Keurig coffee and Netflix. Or retreat to a pineapple under the sea.

This shouldn’t be too hard.

**The alternative to all this ridiculousness?**

I might not have any idea about regular dating advice, but here’s what to do if you want to continue enjoying your residential life. Deal with the possibility that you might see your ex.

- Your pasta stir-fry will taste just as good.

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**Preventive Measures:**

The first step to guaranteeing you will never see your ex relies on an extensive screening process. Be selective with your love interests and seek out some preliminary requirements before you fall head over heels.

**Location, location, location.**

If possible, long distance is the way to go. Girl lives in California? You’re golden. Boy studying abroad in Australia? Match made in heaven. In the case that Skype dates and care packages make you want to barf, there are some rules you should follow for on-campus dating:

- Don’t even think about dating someone in your brother or sister dorm.
- Never date someone on the same quad.
- Never date someone who eats at the same dining hall.
- If your beloved isn’t at least an eight-minute walk from you, ditch them.

**Strong foundation of apathy**

Make sure you have absolutely nothing in common.

- None of the same interests, none of the same activities, none of the same friends, none of the same political or religious views is our suggestion.

Not only will this strategy lead to a successful, healthy relationship, but it will also minimize the possibility that you will ever see each other after the inevitable breaking up.
By WILL NEAL
Scene Writer

"Bad news, everyone!"

For the second time since its inception, the beloved sci-fi animated comedy, "Futurama," has been cancelled.

While I’m sure most of you saw "Futurama" as just another ridiculous cartoon to overlook and let run its course, there are many out there (like myself) who have long-admired this show since its humble beginnings in 1999. But before a man named Matt Groening (The Great and Powerful) brought this show to life, there was another beloved series of his that paved the way for "Futurama."

Back in the late 1980’s, Groening was an aspiring cartoon artist and animator with a fascination with the American family. After pitching some fun characters and snagging a spot on the "Tracy Ullman Show," a primitive version of "The Simpsons" was born.

After gaining popularity with his "Simpsons" shorts and signing a deal with FOX, the iconic, dysfunctional and yellow family was reincarnated onto the small screen once more, and the rest is history.

Fast-forward to 1999, as Groening’s team is about to make history once more with another award-winning concept. "What I’ve done to the American family with ‘The Simpsons,’” says Groening, “we’re going to do to science fiction with ‘Futurama.’"

That year, the world was introduced to a pizza delivery boy with a go-nowhere life named Phillip J. Fry, who on New Years Eve is accidently (or not?) cryogenically frozen until he’s awoken in the year 3000 and the "world of tomorrow." Exploring the city of "New" New York (Why new? Because aliens annihilated the Old New York, of course), Fry realizes his terrible life of the past is no more, and the world and new faces in front of him means a new start. Now, toss in a purple-haired and one-eyed beauty (Leela), an alcoholic and loud-mouthed robot (Bender), a 150-year-old mad scientist (Professor Farnsworth), a lobster/crab monster with a PhD (Dr. Zoidberg), a Jamaican bureaucrat (Hermes) and a ditzy intern (Amy) and you’ve got yourself an animated force to be reckoned with: The Planet Express team.

With Fry, Leela and Bender working for an intergalactic delivery company in order to fund Professor Farnsworth’s crazy inventions, there’s been a lot of fun to be had over these past 13 years.

We’ve seen news-reporting monsters ("Prepare to exchange pleasantries!")...hypnotic toads, robotic after-life, giant Amazonian women/feminists, fossilized canines, Zapp Brannigan ("You want the rest of the champ-paggin?")...Harlem Globetrotters, a lot of aliens, plenty of time-traveling, a load of celebrities (well, the heads of celebrities) and Richard Nixon’s rise to becoming president of Earth.

But while there has always been a focus on comedic, out-of-control antics and storylines from the Fry and the gang, it’s the show’s intelligence, wit and heart that have really made "Futurama" the beloved animated series it’s become. The science is factual (mostly), Groening is memorable and at the core of the show is the romance between Fry and Leela — the first continuous romantic arc on an animated series.

It’s surprising and refreshing to find a cartoon that has the ability to be so deep. Episodes such as "Godfellas" have explored God, religion and the meaning of life, while storylines such as "Luck of the Fryish" and "The Sting" have shown audiences that the love of a family or the love between soul mates knows no bounds of time or space. Fans could agree that "Futurama" was something truly special.

In 2003, however, the show was cancelled on FOX, but the Planet Express team managed continued to live on with a series of new DVD releases.

After the success of these extended episodes, Comedy Central revived the series for another four seasons in 2008. Whole the new seasons featured several lack-luster plotlines, fans were joyous to see the return of their favorite interstellar travelers. Plus, four seasons after a five-year cancellation is nothing to shrug off. It stands as proof that these are characters that not only still keep audiences laughing, but also characters we still care for.

Thankfully, the series ended with "Meanwhile..." an episode that tied up the loose ends of Fry and Leela’s romance in a beautiful way. While "Futurama" faces another cancellation, there’s still a crossover with "The Simpsons" planned for next year. And who knows? Maybe another network will give this dysfunctional sci-fi crew another shot. Until then, let’s remember "Futurama" for what it was: a show with humor, heart, mind and a never-ending strive to reach for the stars.

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Old traditions can be made new again

The veteran Texans battle back to shock Chargers

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Even when the Houston Texans fell behind by three touchdowns on the road in the second half of their season opener, Matt Schaub and Andre Johnson remained confident they could roar right back.

Sure, the San Diego Chargers were off to a solid start for their new coach.

The veteran Texans know how to finish.

Randy Bullock kicked a 41-yard field goal as time expired, and Houston rallied from a 21-point deficit in the final game of the NFL’s opening weekend.

Philip Rivers threw four touchdown passes in a tantalizing start for the Chargers under McCoy, the offensive guru hired to revitalize a stagnant franchise. San Diego led 7-0 just 15 seconds in with a TD pass in its first play.

But Houston’s veteran toughguy took over: The Texans’ powerful defense shut out San Diego over the final 32 minutes, 52 seconds in with a Td pass in its first play. Rivers’ under-pressure throw was snagged by Cushing, who coolly nailed his first NFL field goal.

“I expected us to be in a dogfight,” Houston coach Gary Kubiak said. “I’m disappointed with the way we played early, but we did not give up. We were mature enough to hang in there and get the win, so we have to be mature enough to know that we didn’t play very well.”

San Diego’s fans got a taste of McCoy’s offense off the bat and they got an agonizing reminder of last season under fired coach Norv Turner, when the Chargers came within five halftime leads. In last year’s loss, San Diego blew a 24-0 halftime lead in its last Monday night game against McCoy’s Broncos last October.

“You lose this way, and it stings a little bit,” Rivers said. “It’s disappointing we didn’t finish the game, because we had control. You’ve got to play all four quarters to win.”

Ryan Mathews caught a 14-yard TD pass on San Diego’s first snap, while Eddie Royal made two TD catches and Vincent Brown had another for the Chargers during aauspicous start in the first three quarters for McCoy.

“The effort was there,” McCoy said. “They did a nice job. We just didn’t finish it. It comes down to not finishing a football game.”

Cushing came up big in his first game since missing most of last season with a knee injury and then signing a six-year, $55.6 million extension last week. Rivers’ under-pressure throw was snagged by Cushing, who got up from his diving catch and runobbled into the end zone. Schaub finally got the Texans in position for Bullock, a fifth-round draft pick last year who missed all of his first season with a groin injury.

The former LSU Grza award winner at Texas A&M didn’t miss, celebrating the kick with his new teammates and a vocal bunch of red-jerseyed fans who took over the sections behind Houston’s bench.

Schaub’s first pass was tipped into the air by Jarret Johnson, and 330-pound defensive tackle Tom Carter gathered it in. The San Diego crowd was still cheering the play to throw three TD passes — in the final game of the NFL’s opening weekend.

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After back-to-back conference wins this weekend, the Belles attempt to continue their streak against Olivet today at 7 p.m. in Olivet, Mich. Saint Mary’s (3-4, 2-1 MIAA) defeated Albion 3-1 on Friday and Alma 3-1 on Saturday to win their first conference matches of the season.

Olivet (2-6, 1-2 MIAA) had a tough in-conference schedule last weekend. The Comets lost 3-0 to both No. 2 Calvin on Friday and No. 5 Hope on Saturday. Belles coach Toni Elyea said playing ranked opponents is a good competitive opportunity.

“Olivet had some great competition playing the top-ranked teams last week,” Elyea said.

Elyea said Olivet sports some strong senior talent. Comets senior outside hitter Tina Westendorp leads Olivet with 65 kills through eight matches and averages 2.03 kills per set.

Senior right side hitter Stefanie Lang has spiked 45 kills and anchors the Comets’ defense at the net with her blocking ability.

“We know they will be strong at the net, as their numbers indicate that they have been blocking well,” Elyea said. “We know that is a strength of [Lang’s] on the right side, so our outsides will have to read the block and defense well in order to put points on the board.”

Olivet blocks an average of 2.02 hits per set, compared to 1.2 blocks per set for the Belles.

Belles hitters pack some punch to challenge the Comets’ blocking, however. Junior outside hitter Kati Schneider cruised past 100 kills when she recorded 16 against Alma (3-4, 0-3 MIAA). Schneider has crushed 105 kills on the season.

Sophomore outside hitter Katie Hecklinski and junior middle hitter Melanie Kuczek round out the Belles’ top three offensive players with 69 and 60 hits, respectively. Kuczek also leads the Belles with six single blocks and 15 assists.

Elyea said the most important focus for Saint Mary’s right now is improving every day in the gym. Elyea stressed the importance of both individual and team work ethic.

“We have been working very hard on what we need to do in order to be the best team we can be,” Elyea said. “Our Belles come into the gym every day with the intention to get better as individuals, so we can grow into the best team we can possibly be.”

The Belles take on Olivet today at 7 p.m. in Olivet, Mich.

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Sanders looks toward strong senior season

By KATIE HEIT
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In her Notre Dame career, senior Britney Sanders has gone from an inconsistent freshman to a junior in the No. 1 singles spot. Now, Sanders is looking toward the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy on her teammates and her program in her final season with the Irish.

“I want to be remembered as someone who worked hard every practice and fought for every match,” Sanders said. “I want to be a good role model for my teammates.”

Sanders may not be too far from her goal. Last season, Sanders was named the Big East Player of the year, an honor she said was her proudest moment at Notre Dame.

After a disappointing freshman season during which she didn’t see the court often, Sanders claimed the No. 4 singles spot as a sophomore and completed her climb to the top by taking the No. 1 singles spot for the majority of her junior season.

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Britney Sanders
Irish senior

Consistent compared to freshman year,” Sabacinski said of Sanders. “[Irish coach Jay Louderback] has done a great job working with her on her consistency. She’s staying focused through the entire match and giving her all in every play.”

Sabacinski said Sanders has become a strong role model for the entire squad.

“Seniors are always the role models of the team,” Sanders said. “I definitely think she has a future in tennis.”

In the meantime, Sanders said she values being part of the Notre Dame team for one last season.

“My teammates are so awesome and so special to me,” Sanders said. “We have become a family.”

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Irish senior Britney Sanders follows through on a backhand in Notre Dame’s 4-3 loss to Purdue at the Eck Tennis Pavilion on Feb. 15.
Bandy
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threw himself into it and that takes a lot of belief.”

Bandy agreed that the adjustment he made was mostly mental.

“The biggest thing was maintaining focus in matches,” Bandy said. “I worked on not letting a point here or there get to me and keeping calm on the court. As I did that, I matured as a player and that led me making that jump.”

Sachire said he is looking to Bandy not only to play well, but also to pass on those lessons of maturity to the team’s younger players this season.

“It’s not just that he has seniority,” Sachire said. “He’s had a lot of success on a high level. We want Ryan to continue to develop but also to be a mentor to the team in the locker room and show them what its mindset needs to be.”

Another lesson Bandy can share is success off the court. A three-time Big East Academic All-Star and a management consulting major, Bandy has also excelled in the classroom.

“It’s a matter of motivation and where you want to go,” Bandy said. “You have four years of college tennis, but then after that, what are you going to do? You need a good education, so now you have to be efficient and productive. Sometimes, you may not be able to do all the stuff you want to do, but you have to keep your priorities straight.”

Bandy’s sacrifices have paid off, as he will return to his hometown of Cincinnati to work in banking after he graduates.

But for now, he said his focus remains on the upcoming season.

“We’d love for him to take another step and really lead the team,” Sachire said. “He’s playing the best tennis at the end of his career, and we’d love for him to keep progressing and make a big jump.”

The Irish kick off their fall schedule Friday at the Olympia Fields Country Club Invitational in Olympia Fields, Ill.

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Yankees top Orioles
Associated Press

Baltimore — Alfonso Soriano hit two home runs, including a tiebreaking shot in the eighth inning, and the New York Yankees rallied past the Baltimore Orioles 7-5 Tuesday night to end a six-game losing streak at Camden Yards.

Mark Reynolds also homered for the Yankees, who won for the second time in six games to bolster their postseason hopes.

New York still trails Tampa Bay, Baltimore and Cleveland in the hunt for the final AL wild-card slot.

Chris Davis hit his major league-leading 49th home run for the Orioles and raised his RBI total to 126. Baltimore led 4-1 in the fifth inning before faltering.

Soriano and Reynolds launched the comeback with solo homers in the sixth off Baltimore starter Miguel Gonzalez.

Alex Rodriguez led off the eighth with a double against rookie Kevin Gausman (2-5) and Robinson Cano delivered an RBI single. Soriano followed with a two-run shot to center, his 15th homer in 43 games since New York reacquired him in a July 26 trade with the Chicago Cubs.

Successive doubles by Curtis Granderson and Reynolds off Francisco Rodriguez made it 7-4. Adam Warren (2-2) pitched a perfect seventh. Shawn Kelley gave up a sacrifice fly to Matt Wieters in the eighth and Mariano Rivera got four straight outs for his 650th career save.
Although Brown scored just one goal in the 2012 season, the forward has been helping the Irish for some time, Clark said.

“I think the only game he missed last year was the final of the Big East [Championship], and that was because he was injured,” Clark said. “So he maybe didn’t score as many goals, but he was a major, major player last year also.”

Brown, who spent six weeks of the summer studying abroad in the Notre Dame London program, said he made some adjustments to his game over the summer after playing informally with his cousin, who lives in London.

“It was a new experience, which helped kind of change my mind-set positionally,” Brown said. “And coming back, playing with the guys here, you really get into a groove before the season. I’m just really hungry to get something done this year.”

Brown, who is a marketing major, took classes in marketing and the history of the British Empire during his time in England. He said he enjoyed the opportunity to soak in the fanaticism that surrounds soccer in Europe.

“I took a weekend trip to Barcelona, and it was just amazing there,” Brown said. “The way that they love their FC Barcelona, their main team, is pretty crazy. If we had that [support] in America, [soccer] would be a lot more fun.”

Brown also said he enjoys watching international footballers and studying their play. He listed French international and current New York Red Bulls forward Thierry Henry and Barcelona forward Lionel Messi among his favorites.

“Hopefully I can see him play with the Red Bulls sometime,” Brown said of Henry, who he described as “clinical.” “That’d be a dream of mine, to see him play in person.”

But right now, Brown hopes he’s created a few more soccer fans.

“I made a lot of new friends [in the London program], a lot of people that I probably would not have known,” Brown said. “I got some people to come to the game [against UNC]. Hopefully they’ll come back for some more games.”

Brown’s teammates and coaches certainly hope he’ll create a few more highlights for Irish fans.

“I think it’s exciting that he’s playing well, and I just hope that this continues right through,” Clark said. “And I’m sure it will. I’m confident Leon’s going to have a good senior year.”

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Irish senior forward Leon Brown looks upfield through the rain during Notre Dame's 7-1 victory over Pitt on Oct. 5. Brown only scored one goal in the 2012 season.
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FOOTBALL

Balancing act

Irish coach Brian Kelly defends his strategy against Michigan

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It appears No. 21 Notre Dame was thinking outside of the box during its 41-30 loss to No. 11 Michigan on Saturday night.

When the Wolverines (2-0) loaded the box with eight men, the Irish (1-1) opted to throw over the defense instead of rushing the ball. Irish senior quarterback Tommy Rees threw the ball 51 times while Notre Dame only ran the ball 19 times.

During his weekly press conference Tuesday, Irish coach Brian Kelly defended the strategy Notre Dame used Saturday.

“If the box is plus-one and plus-two, there’s not much of a running game,” he said. “And then we got behind. We were down two scores. We had to speed the game up and throw the football.”

Rees finished 29-for-51 for 314 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions. The Irish ran for just 96 yards.

“Look, I want balance just like everybody else in America wants balance,” Kelly said. “But look, we have to throw the ball effectively when we are called upon to throw the ball and we have to run the ball effectively when we are called upon to run effectively.”

Kelly said if teams continue to stack the box to stop the stable Irish running backs, he will call on Rees to beat them.

“I would welcome it every single week,” he said. “I’m very confident that if you want to play us that way, we’re going to beat you, and that’s just fine with me.”

“I have absolutely no question in my mind that if you want to play us that way, with Tommy Rees, you will pay for it.”

Another rivalry?

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MEN’S SOCCER

Brown leads Irish offense

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The three goals scored by No. 4 Notre Dame so far this season have all had something in common: Each goal was struck by senior forward Leon Brown.

The Mattapan, Mass., product has scored three goals in three games for the Irish (1-0-2, 0-0-1 ACC), including the three games for the Irish (1-1) opted to throw over the defense instead of rushing the ball. Irish senior quarterback Tommy Rees threw the ball 51 times while Notre Dame only ran the ball 19 times.

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Brown senior forward Leon Brown heads the ball during Notre Dame’s 3-1 victory over Akron on Sept. 9, 2012.

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Bandy enters final season confident

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When the Irish played Louisville in the Big East Championship in April, senior Ryan Bandy was one of the key players who pushed the team to a 4-0 sweep over the Cardinals and to the conference crown.

Bandy won his doubles match with former Irish player Spencer Talmadge and then came back to take his singles match as well. For the Cincinnati native, the Big East title was the culmination of a season that saw him turn the corner and start consistently for the Irish.

Now, Bandy wants to continue that success and become a leader for the Irish on and off the court.

“I want to come out and work hard every day, that’s the most important thing,” Bandy said. “We have a great group of guys who have a chance to do something special, and I want to go out there and make the team better. Short term, I want to improve myself, but long term, you want to make the team go deep in the NCAA (Championship), in the ACC Tournament. It’s exciting.”

Bandy, however, wasn’t always a leader for Notre Dame. In his freshman and sophomore seasons, Bandy rarely played as one of the top six singles and was almost never included in the team’s doubles matches.

It wasn’t until the spring of his junior year that Bandy became a consistent starter for both singles and doubles. Last season, Bandy compiled an 8-4 record in singles matches and an 11-8 record in doubles.

Irish coach Ryan Sachire said the change in Bandy was mostly mental.

“He’s done an extraordinary job of developing his physical strength,” Sachire said of Bandy. “But, no question Ryan’s biggest development is in his self-belief and self-confidence. His freshman year, there were some doubts in his mind whether or not he could make an impact at this level. Something clicked last fall, and he really