Class Council tickets announce platforms

**Elections for sophomore, junior and senior Class Councils held today online**

By JACK ROONEY, EMILY McCONVILLE and CHRISTIAN MYERS

News Writers

The election committee of the Judicial Council approved six tickets to run for Class Councils. The tickets for Senior Class Council and Junior Class Council will run unopposed, and four tickets will campaign for Sophomore Class Council. Elections take place Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., according to the Judicial Council.

**Senior Class Council**

Martin Walsh, Briggs Hoyt, Devin Nagendran and Robert Reed hope to utilize their collective experience to create a memorable senior year for their class by organizing events to bring its members together.

“For next year, our main goal is to plan memorable class events that are rooted in unity and service,” Walsh, the ticket’s presidential candidate, said. “It is our hope that these events not only promote class unity but also foster a stronger class growth as we journey through our final year here at Notre Dame.”

**Professor gives ‘last lecture’**

By KEVIN SONG

Online Editor

For students, making service work a high priority can be difficult if cultivating a promising career takes precedence, but professor of finance Carl Ackermann thinks it doesn’t have to be.

Ackermann delivered the first talk of this year’s student government-sponsored Last Lecture series.

**GRC sponsors LGBTQ session**

By LESLEY STEVENSON

News Writer

LGBTQ 101, a program initiated this semester by the Gender Relations Center (GRC), will kick off Wednesday and offer local students and educators an opportunity to learn about issues related to gender and sexual identity in an inclusive Catholic environment, the GRC’s assistant director for LGBTQ student concerns Maureen Doyle said.

“Through participating in LGBTQ 101, we hope individuals throughout campus feel better equipped to join the conversation around the needs and concerns of LGBTQ students here, while recognizing our call as a

**Oxford professor charts human development**

By TORI ROECK

Associate News Editor

In a talk Tuesday at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, Frances Stewart, professor emeritus of development economics at the University of Oxford, described the history of human development from the 1950s onward.

Thinkers from developed countries created the concept of foreign aid in the 1950s, and this aid promoted industrialization and an increase in developing countries’ gross domestic product (GDP), Stewart said.

"There were indeed a growth increase and an investment increase, so the objective in that sense was fulfilled," she said. "But it threw up its own problems, and that’s the next process in the cycle. The problems were that unemployment began to increase and it hadn’t been an issue before."
Being in the cast for “Legally Blonde: The Musical,” what excites you most about opening night?

Elizabeth Curtin
Senior
McGlinn Hall
“Making the audience laugh.”

Sarah Cahalan
Senior
Howard Hall
“To share my incredible dance skills with the greater Notre Dame populace.”

Joe Binzer
Senior
Off campus
“(Joe is speechless about opening night.)”

Anthony Murphy
Sophomore
Off campus
“The quick change in ‘Ohmigod You Guys.’”

Brian Scully
Senior
Siegfried Hall
“Finally getting to share what I love with an audience.”

Chris Siemann
Junior
Dillon Hall
“The joy.”

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Wednesday

LGBTQ101
LaFortune McNeil Room
5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Interactive presentation.

Thursday

Zen Meditation
102 Coleman-Morse Center
6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Open to students and faculty of all faiths.

Play: Clybourn Park
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Race and generational issues in Chicago.

Friday

Akash Sharma
Memorial LaFortune Ballroom
12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Celebrate the life of former Ph.D. student.

Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
8 p.m. - 9 p.m. Winter concert.

Saturday

Men’s Tennis
Eck Tennis Pavilion
12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Free admission.

Sunday

Film: Mary Poppins
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
1 p.m.

Women’s Basketball
Purcell Pavilion
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. The Irish take on the Duke Blue Devils.

The pit orchestra directed by junior Emma Kusters rehearses for “Legally Blonde: The Musical,” The musical opens Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall and shows through Saturday.
**SMC dedicates trees for victims of violence, cancer**

By HALEIGH EHMSEN  
News Writer

Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO), Stand Up to Cancer and Campus Ministry co-sponsored the dedication of two trees Tuesday evening in the Student Center Atrium to provide support for those affected by sexual violence, stalking, relationship violence and cancer.

Connie Adams, director of BAVO, said the idea for the tree dedication originally came from a student. She said the two goals of the service aligned with core tenants of BAVO’s mission of awareness and healing.

“(One goal is) to raise awareness of the issues of violence and abuse and their prevalence in our communities,” Adams said. “(The second) is to provide a space for healing for those who have been impacted to know that they aren’t alone and to break the silence which often surrounds these issues.”

Adams said the dedication of the two trees held important symbolism, as each tree represents different struggles. One is for victims of sexual violence, stalking and relationship violence, and the other is for victims of cancer, she said.

“Trees are a symbol of life and hope, both important aspects to an individual’s healing journey as well as our community’s commitment to prevent violence from happening,” Adams said.

Director of Campus Ministry Judy Fean said the trees would provide a visual sign of support for students.

“In the Student Center Atrium, they are in front of Mary, with the sign of living water to show there is hope and prayer in community,” Fean said.

Adams said the tree dedication combined different areas of campus life, BAVO, Stand Up to Cancer and Campus Ministry but united them in faith.

“While there are significant differences when understanding cancer and violence, hope and healing are common themes,” Adams said. “It is also common for both families of survivors and victims to help one another, a sense of peace and openness to be changed by God’s love.”

During the service, students were invited to tie ribbons onto the branches in remembrance of loved ones affected by sexual violence, stalking, relationship violence and cancer, Fean said.

Anyone who was unable to attend the service is still able to participate by tying a ribbon on either tree at his or her convenience, Adams said.

“I encourage students, faculty, staff and alumnae unable to attend the dedication to write and tie a ribbon on the respective tree for someone impacted by violence and/or cancer,” Adams said.

**Club emphasizes green initiatives**

By CHRISTIAN MYERS  
News Writer

As Kermit the Frog famously said, it’s not easy being green.

Nevertheless, a new group is working to push Notre Dame toward a green, sustainable future.

Juniors Katie Otterbeck and Garrett Blad started the “We Are 9” campaign in the fall with the overall goal of making Notre Dame a fossil fuel-free campus, Otterbeck said.

Otterbeck said the idea grew out of their shared involvement in the sustainability club Greenc and desire to do even more.

“We wanted to bring a more goal-oriented campaign to campus,” Otterbeck said.

Blad said the name “We Are 9” is drawn from United Nations projections about the global population in 2050 and the need to protect the environment for the people of that future.

“We’re trying to emphasize the human element and show the connection between the issues of justice and climate change,” he said. “We stand in solidarity with the nine billion people that will be on Earth by 2050.”

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Blad said the campaign is currently circulating a petition on their website that asks University President Fr. John Jenkins to sign the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment, which has already been signed by more than 650 college and university presidents nationwide.

Otterbeck said the online petition also presents the goals of the campaign and represents student support for those goals.

The group hopes to be able to submit the petition to the Office of the President by the end of the semester as a sign of student support for moving the campus toward carbon neutrality, Blad said.

Blad said another “We Are 9” project was a promotional video for the new group featuring 15 professors and student leaders from around campus. He said the group filmed in the fall and screened the video at their official campaign launch Feb. 7 in the LaFortune Student Center.

Otterbeck said the majority of the campaign’s efforts thus far have been devoted to bringing together various groups and individuals in the Notre Dame community concerned about sustainability.

“We are gaining momentum all the time,” he said.

The “We Are 9” campaign has identified three “standpoints” that they use in their appeals to the University and members of the campus community, Otterbeck said. Preventing climate change is compelled by human compassion, Catholic identity and competition with other top-tier institutions, she said.

Otterbeck said her personal involvement stems from service work she performed in Africa while in high school, which involved teaching the students and teachers how to compost and recycle.

“My experience in East Africa made me realize my passion for sustainability and environmental concerns,” she said. “I want to work toward sustainability issues because I recognize the enormity of climate change as a problem around the world, a human crisis.”

Catholic Social Teaching calls members of the Church and Catholic institutions like Notre Dame to protect the natural environment as a gift from God, Otterbeck said.

Notre Dame has fallen behind most other high-profile universities in terms of sustainability and environmental consciousness, Otterbeck said. She said implementing the measures advocated by “We Are 9” would eliminate that disparity.

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Blad said carbon neutrality is a realistic goal for any university of Notre Dame’s caliber.

“(Carbon neutrality) is relatively feasible on a college campus with the endowment we have, but we still burn coal on campus,” he said. “It is not a priority, so students should take it upon themselves.”

Blad said the next “We Are 9” event would be a screening of the documentary “Chasing Ice,” and the opening event was in the Andrew Auditorium of Geddes Hall.

Otterbeck said more information and the online petition could be found on the group’s website: http://blogs.nd.edu/we-are-nine/

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Media critic examines advertising and gender

By ABI HOVERMAN

News Writer

Although many Americans believe advertising images do not impact them, Dr. Jean Kilbourne argues that the impact comes from repeated, subconscious and instant exposure. This inundation shapes cultural norms, especially with regard to acceptable forms of female beauty and behavior, she said in her talk “The Naked Truth: Advertising’s Image of Gender,” on Tuesday night in DeBartolo Hall.

“They stay with us and we process them, and we process them subconsciously,” Kilbourne said. “To a great extent, advertising tells us who we are and how we should be.”

Kilbourne, an author and filmmaker, spoke as part of the Gender Relations Center’s (GRC) “Love Your Body Week.”

She said Americans view an average of 3,000 ads every day and spend two years watching television commercials in their lifetimes. She said it is impossible to completely ignore this constant messaging, which creates a toxic cultural environment that sacrifices health for corporate profit.

“What they’re selling us is image,” Kilbourne said. “… People are willing to spend a lot more money to buy that image while at the same time they believe they aren’t influenced by advertising.”

Having studied advertising since the late 1960s, Kilbourne said that American advertising has created an unrealistic ideal for female beauty, telling women and girls that they must spend incredible time and money to achieve the impossible standards portrayed in advertisements by unhealthily thin and often airbrushed models.

“What this does is it creates the idea that there is something wrong with [women who see the advertisements] … and creates the image that women can be perfectly thin and beautiful if we try hard enough,” Kilbourne said.

Citing multiple examples of computer-manipulated photos, Kilbourne said these artificial and constructed pictures damage women’s self-esteem and also cause men to have unrealistic expectations for females.

“Failure is inevitable because success is based on absolute flawlessness,” she said. “No one looks like this, including her … yet real women and girls measure themselves against these ideals everyday.”

Kilbourne said if an eating disorder meant having a disordered attitude toward one’s body or food, 65 percent of America would qualify. She said an obsession with becoming thinner and thinner prevents women to value themselves for anything but their bodies and teaches girls that they will be judged in life for how they look and what they wear, not what they accomplish.

“One a deeper level, the obsession with thinness is about cutting girls down to size,” she said. “Girls are taught to aspire to become nothing.”

With damaging ads running in teen magazines targeted at audiences as young as 12, she said the image of the ideal woman causes a girl’s self-esteem to plummet in adolescence.

“Girls are getting the messages so young that they need to be thin and perfect looking and hot and sexy, and there is no way they can succeed,” she said. “Part of this wall [of self-esteem] is this terrible emphasis of physical perfection.”

Kilbourne said objectifying women by showing only a body part like legs or a stomach or by transforming a woman into a beer bottle can lead to violence.

“It is part of a cultural climate in which women are seen as things, as objects … which is almost always the first step of being violent against someone,” Kilbourne said. “It is a chilling but logical result of this kind of objectification.”

Kilbourne said many ads also show women in victimized, passive positions that glorify battery, murder and submission. She said these advertisements are dangerous in the U.S., where one-third of female murder victims are killed by their romantic partners.

Kilbourne said objectification of male bodies has become increasingly common, although men often assume poses of power, dominance and violence that contrast with the passive rag-doll positions of females. She said male models often receive computer-enhanced muscles instead of the waifish look for female models.

“It’s a perverse kind of equality, and it’s not okay; it’s not ever okay to be objectified,” she said. “… It’s not okay; it’s not ever okay to be objectified.”

According to Kilbourne, the body language in advertisements has grown increasingly graphic and pornographic. She said ads have more frequently portrayed young girls sexually, but she said an APA study suggests that girls exposed to sexual images at a young age have higher chances of developing eating disorders, depression and low self-esteem.

“Girls learn from a very young age that their sexual behavior affects them,” Kilbourne said. “… Girls learn to turn themselves into objects. When the culture offers women and girls only one way to be sexy, it can hardly be portrayed as a choice to choose it.”

When asked how she stays hopeful despite advertisements growing worse since she started her work decades ago, Kilbourne said society must work together for change. She said after seeing one of her documentaries, “Killing Me Softly,” to the British Parliament, a politician introduced legislation to label Photoshopped images and to enforce a minimum body mass index for models.

“The big thing that’s changed is I’m no longer alone, which I was when I started talking out about it,” she said. “What’s at stake for all of us … is the ability to have authentic and freely-chosen lives and relationships, and we all deserve that.”

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Students walk to support women’s center

By EMILIE KEFALAS

Sunday afternoon, more than 30 Saint Mary’s students participated in the St. Margaret’s House annual Winter Walk, a fundraiser organized to benefit the women’s care and day center, professor of social work Jennifer Bauwens-Byers said. “The Winter Walk is a way to increase awareness about the needs of the women who come to St. Margaret’s House,” Bauwens-Byers said. “St. Margaret’s House provides a safe place during the day to women and children. This is place for them to learn new skills and to also get a hot meal.”

Members of the South Bend community support St. Margaret’s House by walking a mile around the city, according to the center’s website. “Every winter, we walk in solidarity with women and children whose everyday means of transportation is their feet, in any kind of weather,” the website said.

The event kicked off at 2:30 p.m. at the County City Building and was followed by a reception at St. Margaret’s House in downtown South Bend. Students were enthusiastic to get involved and take part in a worthy cause in spite of the cold, Social Work Club president and senior Corinna Martinez said. “I thought we had a good number of girls willing to participate,” Martinez said. “It was exciting to see SMC students outside the club happy and energetic about the walk even though it was cold.”

Junior Macy Genenbacher said she experienced warmth and positive energy as she walked the one-mile loop Sunday afternoon. “I was motivated to continue the walk by the members of St. Margaret’s House who cheered us along the whole way and expressed their gratitude towards all of the supporters who help them improve their quality of life,” she said. Though not a social work major, Genenbacher said she made the decision to participate after being inspired to promote and support the services of St. Margaret’s House. “My decision to participate was based on wanting to raise awareness about the good works that St. Margaret’s House is doing in the South Bend community, and to help them continue and expand that work,” she said. “It was so great to see how many people came together for such a great cause. Seeing everyone walk in solidarity for the women and children of our community was so amazing.”

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We hope to build on past successful events of Junior Class Council as well as allow the sophomore class to be a whole to be more integral in determining the types of events we plan,” Walsh said. The ticket’s main goal is to connect classes in a way that promote senior class camaraderie and integrate the South Bend community. He said they hope to plan a class Silver Hawks game and social events that showcase the South Bend music scene.

Junior Class Council

Zach Waterson, Michael Flitotsos, Andrew Stoker and Miranda Herrera

Zach Waterson, Michael Flitotsos, Andrew Stoker and Miranda Herrera plan to center their Junior Class Council administration on collaboration, communication and quality.

“Junior Class Council is in a unique position, as many of our group members will be gone during at least part of our term,” Waterson said. “Our goal is to envision events, projects and resources that strengthen the unity of the class of 2016 and ensure that our classmates feel connected, even across continents.”

Waterson said the ticket wanted to focus on collaboration.

“We want to extend the Junior Class Council’s presence in event programming on campus,” Waterson said. “For example, we want to collaborate with next year’s Sophomore Class Council for the second annual Great Gatsby dance, hopefully cementing it as a tradition.”

Sophomore Class Council

Thomas Davis, Grace Maxwell, Benjamin Cote and Joanie Hogan

As class officers, Thomas Davis, Grace Maxwell, Benjamin Cote and Joanie Hogan would like to link to a bridge between sophomores and other people and organizations on campus.

“We see our place as more of a bridge for people who have ideas, but they can’t get them to the right people,” Green said. “We see our place as trying to be that bridge between either the administration, the judicial council, upperclassmen, pretty much anything that needs to hear these ideas.”

Green said he and his ticket want to help people with specific ideas bring them to fruition, as well as organize events that connect the different classes.

“One thing is that we don’t have as many events that link with other classes, and so I’d try to work with some of the upperclassmen to try to build a broader community instead of just the sophomore class,” he said.

Andrew Gals, Michaela McInerney, Vincent Vanguever and Daniel Barabasi

The ticket of Andrew Gals, Michaela McInerney, Vincent Vanguever and Daniel Barabasi is attempting to ensure student government hears the voices of rising sophomores next year.

“We believe that the sophomore executive board should be the first line of communication between the sophomore class and the University,” Gals said. “We will make sure every complaint or suggestion about residential, academic, social or spiritual life is heard.

“If we cannot directly solve it, we will consult the student body president and vice president, and we will make sure you are heard.”

Galo said the ticket would also promote social outreach projects in South Bend and the social aspects of campus life. A specific initiative of the group would be making the Great Gatsby dance an annual event.

Editor’s Note: Barabasi is a Scene staff writer for The Observer.

Andrew Green, Ned Vogel, Francesca Mancuso and Matt Barratt

Current freshmen class officers Andrew Green, Ned Vogel, Francesca Mancuso and Matt Barratt want to continue their work by encouraging community in the sophomore class.

“What class council’s all about is getting unity and community for the entire class, and so what we really want to do is push for that more, by doing all the different events that we did this year but more off campus next year and focusing in on the service aspect and the social aspect — making sure that everyone feels like they’re included in this class,” Green said.

The ticket’s ideas include a class trip to Cedar Point, a class website to include events and employment resources, organizing events with the Career Center and other events like a battle of the bands.

Noemi Ventilla, Michael Markel, Neil Joseph and Eva Niklinska

As class officers, Noemi Ventilla, Michael Markel, Neil Joseph and Eva Niklinska would like to increase the connections between the Sophomore Class Council, other student government organizations and the student body.

“We would set up office hours or hold monthly town hall meetings where stu- dents could voice their opinions, ask questions, volunteer their help or make suggestions to the Sophomore Class Council,” Ventilla said. “We want the sophomore class to be familiar enough with us to feel comfortable sharing their ideas and needs.”

Ventilla said the other students on her ticket, all of whom currently serve on Freshman Class Council, would like to establish service events in South Bend and organize free skates and a dance marathon.

“We would like to first receive feedback from the sophomore class as to their interest,” she said.

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LGBTQ

Catholic community to create an environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive for all of our students,” Doyle said. Christine Caron Gebhardt, director of the GRC, said that LGBTQ 101 would offer participants a chance to ask questions and “learn strategies to care and support all of our students as part of our Catholic mission.”

“Ultimately, we want to promote a healthy dialogue on our campus as we engage with the complexity of issues related to sexuality and identities,” she said.

Doyle said the monthly two-hour LGBTQ 101 sessions would welcome students, faculty and staff from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross. She said each session will offer “a basic understanding and greater awareness” of the LGBTQ community.

“The presentation includes an overview of the Catholic Church’s teachings on sexual orientation and gender identity and a look at common myths and misunderstandings about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender identities,” Doyle said.

Sophomore Bryan Rickets, a FIRE starter at the GRC, said even students who do not identify as members of the LGBTQ community should participate in one of the presentations.

“The sessions are intended for those who have little experience with the LGBTQ community but would like to learn more about the lives of its members,” Rickets said. “Anyone who attends should come away with a better understanding of sexual orientation, gender identity and how it relates to them, especially if they are part of the LGBTQ community.”

Rickets said incorporating Catholic teaching would expand the message of inclusion that LGBTQ 101 hopes to spread.

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Christine Caron Gebhardt, director of the GRC

“Too often, this call is forgotten when people are different than we are and we fail to respect their common human dignity. Understanding and embracing our differences is the key to this acceptance, and the LGBTQ 101 program is intended to introduce LGBTQ terminol- ogy and experiences to those who have not had them but who recognize the importance of a personal or Catholic call to respect and love.”

Wednesday’s session will take place in the McNeill Room from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Doyle said.

“Participants will walk away from the two-hour presenta- tion with a wealth of information, provided in a way that is sure to be both engaging and educational,” she said.

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... Poverty began to be recognized that it wasn't automatically going away.

In the 1970s, movements came about that questioned the objectives and process of this early form of aid, Stewart said. Some economists argued that GDP per capita is not a good indicator for development because it does not take into account important aspects of life, she said.

"It neglected income distribution, so you could find that countries with similar growth had very different income distributions," she said... It neglected public goods and externalities. It neglected employment, and it ignored important features of life beyond income, like health, education, food and so forth.

The dependency movement also began in Latin America to fight the dependency that results in underdeveloped countries after receiving such aid, which led to the formation of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), Stewart said.

"The biggest impact was the dependency movement because it influenced OPEC in particular and because of the big oil cost rise that resulted, first in 1973 and then again in the early 80s," she said. "This in turn is the source of the debt problem of many developing countries because of the big rising oil prices in the early 70s. Countries immediately went into deficit."

Stewart said the two major movements that influence development today — the basic needs approach and economic Amartya Sen's capabilities approach — began in the 1970s in response to questions about the objectives and process of GDP-focused development.

"The basic needs approach was in part a sort of political reaction that seemed to speak more to politics to say to people, 'Surely, everybody should have their basic needs met, their fundamental needs,' rather than say that they should have redistribution of growth," she said... "[Sen's] argument is that the law of development is to enhance people's potential to be and do, and beings and doings are capabilities — only the ones they have reason to value, and the reason to value is a very important phrase."

In 1990, Sen helped create the Human Development Index (HDI) that judges health, education and income to rank countries into tiers of human development, Stewart said.

"What are the characteristics of success?" she said. "There aren't that many universal characteristics. Some do it through good growth, like Singapore and South Korea. Some have very good distribution of income. Some have well-spent social expenditures. But there are some general traits, and one is giving priority to girls and women. That is the one factor that does seem to be universally shared by successful countries. ... In the end, becoming a high share of social expenditures seems to be a main correlation of success."

Even still, Stewart said the HDI does not solve the problem of quantifying human development.

"I said I was going to measure human development in terms of the human development index, but one major issue is that it's not a good measure of human development because it's got those three components," she said... "The measure of a full life are much bigger than that."
Making new friends

Allie Tollaksen
Associate Scene Editor

When we get to Notre Dame, we’re told in some sort of knowing, dramatic voice to “look around” at the students in our halls and classes. “These people,” we’re told, “will be your friends forever. They’ll be in your wedding party.”

Hearing that news at Frosh O, my heart was not warmed. Instead, it set me off on a path of anxiety that these four years repre-
sent our last chance to ever make friends in this world. Let it be known I have made won-
derful, lasting friendships here, but to think this short stint in the collegiate world marks the end of friendship-making as I know it is a little scary and premature in the real world.

I’m not the only one—20-somethings are constantly lamenting their apprehension and confusion in the midst of post-colle-
gegate friendship. To meet new friends in the adult world is a mysterious part of the great unknown before us, along with car mainte-
nance and how bank accounts work.

However, my anxiety and sense of overall doom were put to rest a few days ago. In the midst of Junior Parents Weekend (JPW), while we juniors had the opportunity to show our parents exactly what we do on this fine campus and introduce them to our friends, I realized my parents form genuine friendships themselves.

I can’t exactly say I didn’t see it coming. My close friend, Keri, and I were continu-
ingly discovering the similarities between our parents for months leading up to JPW, and were thoroughly amused by the prospect of our parents meeting. Our moms were both animal lovers, taking in pets from near and far and saving poor creatures from oncom-
ing traffic much to their daughter’s horror. Our fathers were both hilarious men named Terry, and we thought, was going to be interesting.

What Keri and I didn’t see coming was the joy and hilarity that would ensue. As soon as we did our generic introductions, the par-
ents hit it of instantly. Our moms laughed and high-fived over shared experiences despite having met that day; our dads, the Terrys, listened to the tales of animal rescue, exchanged knowing glances and enjoyed great conversation. Keri and I sat back in astonishment as our two worlds, home and high school, came together almost seamlessly.

Throughout the weekend, I was able to introduce my parents to many of my friends and their parents. Bonds continued to form. By the end, my mom left with plans to not only come back and visit me, but to reunite with the great people she met over the weekend. Hearing about these newly made connections was not surprising in some ways. After all, these people had one thing for certain in common—they are fantastic, caring parents.

Still, watching these bonds form was not only amusing and adorable, but reassured me that no matter what age, there’s always space for more friends.

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The left’s intolerant ‘tolerance’

Mark Gianfalla
Hedging Gamma Omicron Pi

Confusing title? Tolerance should be a less confusing concept, but some would never know based on the political left’s misuse of the term. “Homophobe” and “racist” are two terms that have been frequently thrown about in reference to people who have different opinions from those on the left. Believe in the sanctity of traditional heterosexual marriage! The left calls you a homophobe. Don’t agree with President Obama’s crippling policies? The left accuses you of being a racist, and just plain unaccept- ing of America’s first African-American president.

The Democratic Party and those who fall politically left often brag about being the “accepting” party and being “tolerant” of others, yet they are the ones attacking people with differing views. Senator Tim Scott recently got attacked by the increasingly liberal National Association for the Advancement of Colored People simply for being politically conservative. The group has taken such a far-left stance in recent years that they are apparently only interested in advancing liberal colored people. They went as far as to call Scott a “ventriloquist dummy” for not following liberal agenda.

This sad misuse of authority has isolated the once highly benevolent organization and has continued the rift of intolerance among the politically liberal and their sycophants. Does anyone remember Phil Robertson? The Duck Commander from A&E’s “Duck Dynasty” got attacked by the liberal media for admitting his religious beliefs in support of traditional marriage. The party of “tolerance” did not do much to tolerate Robertson’s religious beliefs. In fact, A&E even fired Mr. Robertson for his religious beliefs, and those in the liberal organization GLAAD vocally called for his termi- nation from the hit TV show. Does that sound like tolerance to you? The most frightening example of the Democratic Party’s intolerance is that of New York Governor Andrew Cuomo’s statements re- garding conservatives. The far-left governor said during a radio show this past month that extreme con- servatives have “no place in New York.” He described these “extreme conservatives” as people who are “right-to-life, pro-assault weapon, anti-gay.” I am not sure what he means by anti-gay, but I would as- sume that he is referring to those who are defenders of traditional marriage, people who are usually not “anti-gay.” Cuomo, like many of his liberal colleagues, incorrectly makes the jump from supporting traditional marriage to being homo- phobic and scare of gay people. If Cuomo wants pro-life residents and those that support traditional mar- riage to leave New York, then whom are the Democrats being tolerant of?

Since the election of Obama and the passing of Obamacare, religious groups have seen less and less toler- ance from first White House without a Creche. Many Catholic organiza- tions, Notre Dame included, have been faced with mandates ordering them to go against their religious beliefs in order to comply with lib- eral policies. If Obama were the tolerant president that he claims to be, then he would be supportive of religious liberties and tolerant of those liberties and beliefs that build the religions themselves. Not to mention, Obama blamed his race as a factor that leads to his disapproval in an interview with Bill O’Reilly earlier this month. I think it is safe to say that the main factor that leads to his disapproval is his disastrous foreign policy, frivolous spending and wreck of a healthcare law, but who’s to say?

And what is with the war on the wealthy that the Democratic Party has been supporting? If America is the land of opportunity, then those who seize the opportunity and become successful should be held up to emulate, not taxed into ruin. Those who are successful should be an inspiration to others. If you are studying finance and a resident of Morrissey Manor, He can be reached at mgianfal@nd.edu

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Keenan Revue: an abomination

To the students of Notre Dame,
Every year this happens. Every year, the most despicable group of boys at this once renowned university feel it is their right to disturb the status quo and make Notre Dame feel like one big joke. Sometimes I lie awake at night haunted by my memories of Gregory, the Mermaid of St. Joseph’s Lake. The horror. I feel it is my personal and sacred duty to speak out against this mon- strosity that threatens the very integrity of this campus.

I am talking about, as you all may have guessed, THE KEENAN REVUE. Now THE KEENAN REVUE is taking place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Stepan Center. I don’t know why anyone would want to go to the Stepan Center at 7 p.m. this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. First of all, why would anyone want to go to the Stepan Center and have to encounter flashbacks of DomerFest, Statistics exams and DomerFest? I am sure all of you are very busy at 7 p.m. this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, much too busy to trek all the way to the Stepan Center and see THE KEENAN REVUE.

Besides, this year The-Hall-That-Must-Not-Be-Named has decided to have this year’s theme be IT’S NOT REVUE, IT’S ME: A BREAKUP REVUE. What kind of pun is that?! I guess they think there are plenty of jokes and mate- rial about relationships at these fine institutions. Well, I’ll tell you one thing: they’re wrong. The gender relations here are top notch; just ask the Gender Relations Center! Besides, my girlfriend and I have been dating since our eighth-grade private-school days. That’s normal and healthy, isn’t it? THE KEENAN REVUE is worse than Harry Potter. It’s worse than The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. It’s worse than Breaking Bad! It’s just as sinful and immoral as that show, but instead of five seasons of sin, it’s been 38 years of sin! Terrible skits, live animals, rock ‘n’ roll and hip gyrations by those dancers that remind me of Elvis Presley, Satan himself. It’s enough to make you sick to your stomach.

Anyway, I’ve had it with THE KEENAN REVUE and this public service an- nouncement should dispel the rest of this campus from heading to THE KEENAN REVUE at 7 p.m. this Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Why go to a free show? It’s practically socialism. Thanks a lot, Obama.

Yours,
Seamus

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By MATT McMAHON
Scene Writer

Last Wednesday, an account on the video game streaming website Twitch.tv started an experiment in which viewers could play Pokémon Red. The popular Nintendo game was being streamed live on the site and users could contribute to playing by typing commands in the accompanying chat. Since gaining coverage on Reddit.com, Huffington Post and similar sites, the experiment has exploded, amassing over 11 million views in six days and upwards of 100,000 viewers simultaneously watching what is essentially a crowd-sourced play of the popular GameBoy game.

Watching the stream, named “Twitch Plays Pokémon,” is at the same time hilarious, frustrating, gratifying, horrifying and rewarding. Thousands of users provide input together at a dizzying pace, navigating about 30 seconds lag time from the chat to stream, forcing the game into somewhat of barely controlled chaos. The game’s coder implemented a system balancing “democracy” and “Anarchy,” weighing users’ input concurrently on separate and voted-based trials.

There have been heroics, heartbreaks and everything in between — including numerous in-jokes generated by the outlandish and unfortunate gameplay resulting from controlling the stream in this manner. The party’s Pidgeot became a legend after single-handedly powering through many battles with under 10 percent health and that much sweeter.

Often in the rapidly scrolling feed accompanying the stream, you see flashes of people exclaiming how they now know what being in congress must feel like, or how much sweeter.

Many people have come to compare the play through to the old theorem that postulates if you give a million monkeys a million typewriters to hit random keys for an infinite amount of time, almost surely one will eventually type a given text, such as the complete works of William Shakespeare. Whether this experiment is directly relatable or not, at times it certainly does feel as wild, unpredictable and coherent as a monkey slapping a keyboard.

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By ALLIE TOLLAKSEN
Associate Scene Editor

While “House of Cards” fans settled down and dug into the show’s second season this Valentine’s Day and “Orange is the New Black” enthusiasts impatiently awaited a batch of new episodes, it’s become clear that online-on- demand quality and content.

Now, the company is back with 10 new pilots available, with five unique pilots available, you can find a new favorite show to cheer for between “House of Cards” binges.

Netflix isn’t the only online streaming service, however, now putting out original content. Online giant Amazon is back to the television (or more likely, computer) screens.

Chris Carter. Taking place during post-disaster chaos in a route for approximately 12 hours, due to the precision of the inherent struggle of man in a society at odds with itself. At one point, when trying to cut a tree that would allow for access to the fourth gym, two different potential strategies developed in real time. The House Strat butted heads with Zonal Predicting; the former was more short-sighted and not as scientific while the latter was broader and more overarching.

In the accompanying chat. Since gaining coverage on various points, including when they could not get past a route for approximately 12 hours, due to the precision needed to navigate the unforgiving, narrow path. The game, therefore, can tend to wane in interest.

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Amaz on launches promising pilots

Though some pilots clearly stand out more than others, the best part of Amazon’s “premieres” is that they’re available on-demand and for free. Though Amazon’s streaming style prevents the infamous “binge” that Netflix permits, with free unique pilots available, you can have a dynamic binge of your own, and just maybe you’ll find a new favorite show to cheer for between “House of Cards” binges.
I don’t watch a lot of television. This isn’t something I’m bragging about; it’s just a fact. I don’t even have some admirable, moral reason for not watching TV; I’m just bad at it. My attention span doesn’t really work for the length of shows, and I’m far too much of a commitment-phobe to keep up with a series. Instead, I stick with mostly episodic comedy (read: cartoons), exciting pilots (see below) or anything from the “Law & Order” franchise because it’s on at any waking hour of the day.

When I moved into Farley my freshman year, I brought with me a wonderful gift from my parents—a huge Sony television. Seriously, it’s enormous. How big? I have no idea. People measure TVs in inches, right? It’s a lot of inches. Though I didn’t watch much television to begin with, I was excited to have an especially large TV to call my own. It was fancy, flat-screened and a marker of my emergence into adulthood. I carried it up to my miniscule dorm room with all the pride of a college freshman. But when it did, the only thing my room—the Kardashians.” It got to the point that the Sony became the “Law & Order” franchise because it’s on at any waking hour of the day.

Atari isn’t technically the first at-home gaming system. There’s no better way to experience a Nintendo 64 than to cross a busy street. The game is great because if you don’t watch something good, you’ll be on the verge of a panic attack in mere seconds. Stress, you can plug in your Atari, throw on “ Frogger” and be on the verge of a panic attack in mere seconds. The special effects in this game are top notch (read: absolutely absurd), and enjoy the indescribable bliss you feel upon seeing the words “Finish Him!” on your television screen.

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Accepting the end of eras

Once every two years, NBC breaks Bob Costas out of liquid nitrogen so he can anchor the network’s Olympic coverage. They must trust him in liquid nitrogen—he never ages and his hair never changes.

Costas has hosted in prime-time for nine Olympics, but this year, due to a pink-eye infection, Costas temporarily turned over his hosting duties to Matt Lauer and Meredith Vieira.

I freaked out because it is just not the Olympics without Bob Costas. Costas’ Olympic broadcast career started with the 1992 Games in Barcelona, so for as long as I have been alive, Costas has been the face of the Olympics.

Thankfully, Costas has returned to his post, but his absence spurred reporters to ask NBC executives about succession plans for when their prime-time host retires.

Succession plans? For Bob Costas? I freaked out again.

Even people who are not fans of Costas’ reporting style have probably grown accustomed to hearing his Olympic broadcasts because they don’t remember or have never known anything else. It’s comfortable and familiar to see Costas interviewing athletes in the NBC Olympic studio, and it will always be that way. It will always be Costas.

Right, just like Derek Jeter will always be the captain of the New York Yankees. The most recent wave of sports retirements marks the first time I have been acutely aware that my favorite athletes growing up won’t actually play sports anymore.

I grew up in Chicago, so it was hard to wrap my mind around Brian Urlacher’s retirement from the Bears. Urlacher debuted for the Bears when I was eight, so when he announced his retirement after the 2012 season, I could hardly believe I was living through the end of an era.

“Yeah, okay, Dad, I wish Hank Aaron was still playing baseball too,” I would say.

No one would complain if we could continue watching Aaron play ball, but my dad’s wish didn’t mean as much to me because I had never seen him play. This ongoing “end of an era” business, though, belongs to me and my generation.

I would not really like to own it, but it didn’t come with a receipt.

A good bit of sadness comes with watching one’s childhood heroes retire. It’s a quiet reminder—especially to college students observing such a transition probably for the first time—that growing up happens in all aspects of life, including sports.

Time to call Peter Pan, because I am not on board for that.

But maybe the process isn’t entirely a bad thing. Maybe the way I watch sports just needs to evolve.

As a kid, a lot of my favorite athletes were my favorites because I wanted to grow up and be just like them. Well, sports can’t really serve that purpose for me anymore.

But I will keep watching sports so I can cheer on my Chicago teams and, during the Olympics, my country. I will keep watching because it’s fun to cheer with friends and get wrapped up in the excitement of a game. I will keep watching so I can see historic and courageous moments.

The transition might not be pleasant, but I think I can adjust to being a grown-up sports fan.

Alternatively, I will petition Costas and NBC to share their liquid nitrogen with my favorite athletes so they can still play forever.

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NFC to interview prospects

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — NFL teams will spend this week’s annual scouting combine trying to get answers out of college prospects.

The week will need to try and treat carefully.

A year ago, three players contended they were awkwardly out of their element at the combine that seemed to reference sexual orientation. Two weeks ago, the final defensive end Michael Sam and NFL hopeful publicly announced he was gay.

Questions are sure to be a hot topic this week in Indianapolis.

“Lots of people want to know what the rules are and whether they’re different in the NFL, and they’re really not,” said Camille Olson, an attorney with the discrimination litigation practice group of Seyfarth Shaw. “It’s pretty clear, it’s black-letter law. An employer is not able to take into consideration for any employment purpose someone’s sexual orientation. If the answer is, ‘Lockers rooms are different,’ you still can’t ask questions on that topic.”

The NFL has reiterated that point after college tight end Nick Kasa claimed that one team asked him if he liked “girls” during last year’s combine. Within a week, running back La’Von Bell and receiver Denard Robinson both said they were asked similar questions.

All three were drafted.

NFL officials responded with an investigation but found there was no violation of either federal or state laws or of NFL protocol.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello told The Associated Press last week in an email that the league has sent a memo to all teams reminding them of those standards.

Personal questions, like the ones Kasa, Bell and Robinson were asked, could take on new significance now as Sam attempts to become the first openly gay player in the NFL Publicly. Sam has received widespread support, from his former teammates and coaches to President Obama.

“Longtime NFL executive Bill Polian doesn’t believe Sam’s announcement should change the way he interfaced with league scouts and decision makers.”

“I’ve always taken the position that a person’s sexual orientation is none of my business,” said Polian, architect of the Colts’ Super Bowl team and the Bills’ four straight AFC championship teams.

“We always had a position (with the Colts) that a player has familial obligations, so it would be reasonable to ask if he do have a steady partner, do you have any children or siblings that you have to support. Those are perfectly legitimate questions to find out what the guy’s facing in the personal space. But a person’s sexual orientation is none of my business, and I always made it clear to everybody we had it was none of their business, either.”

Olson said she considers questions about familial obligations to be inappropriate but not necessarily illegal.

Still, some wonder how Sam, the reigning SEC defensive player of the year, would be treated in NFL locker rooms and whether teams may try to get those answers this week, especially in light of how things reportedly played out in the Dolphins locker room because of Sam and his teammates last year.

Any team that takes Sam in May’s draft will be under a white-horse imperative to look after Sam, according to Polian, now an ESPN analyst, said that something Sam and his team must be prepared for.

Miami offensive line in flux

Associated Press

Pending free agency and a racially charged bullying scandal could add up to a completely overhauled Miami Dolphins offensive line— and some players looking for a job.

Several Miami linemen are at the center of the NFL-ordered report detailing harassment in the Dolphins locker room, including Richie Incognito, Jonathan Martin, John Jerry and Mike Pouncey. The report released last Friday said Jerry and Pouncey followed Incognito’s lead in harassing Martin about not being black enough, threatening to rape his sister and calling him a long list of slurs.

Incognito and Jerry, the team’s starting guards, are free agents. Pouncey and Martin, the starting center and left tackle, are under contract although their future with the team is unclear. Miami offensive line coach Jim Turner’s future may be in doubt if the report said he took part in some of the bullying.

Whether Turner or any of the three starters embroiled in the scandal will face punishment from the NFL remains unclear. Former Dolphins offensive line coach Bill Parcells said the Associated Press in an email Monday the league will comment on the report “at the appropriate time.”

Steve Beuerlein, a former NFL Pro Bowl quarterback and TV analyst for CBS, said if the Dolphins have to make wholesale changes to the offensive line it would be “a huge adjustment.”

“How quickly they develop would depend on whether the guys they go after and how much money they’re willing to spend,” Beuerlein said. “I have to a good offensive line coach for NFL, you need two standout linemen and then you have to have three smart versatile guys that can move from position to position.”

“If they do that they can adjust pretty quick. But they’ll have to find the right type of guys.”

Beuerlein knows about playing behind poor offensive lines.

He was sacked a league-high 62 times in 2000 while playing for the Carolina Panthers, prompting the organization to invest millions and spend top draft picks on that position in the years that followed.

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Irish compete at Junior Olympics

Observer Staff Report

The Irish sent four male fencers to the United States Fencing Association National Junior Olympics last weekend, a four-day competition held in Portland, Ore.


All three epeeists made it through pool play with 5-1 records. Le Meur, the No. 25 seed, defeated Austin Spickes 15-11 in the single-elimination round before breezing through his match with Matthew Comes, winning 15-6. Le Meur then fell to Nicholas Campbell-Kruger 15-13, finishing in 23rd place.

Sutter entered the elimination portion with the No. 18 seed, out-touching Justin Swicegood 15-9 and James Salem 15-8 to start the elimination round. However, he was defeated in the next round by eventual champion Ace Eldeib 15-11.

McGrath had the highest seed of the three, earning the No. 16 seed in pool play. He breezed through his first two elimination bouts, defeating Zachary Landzerg 15-8 and Bryn Hammarberg 15-3. He then won a close match over Jake Raynis 15-12. In the round of 16, McGrath quickly eliminated Zach Kravitz 15-4, but had to battle with Campbell-Kruger, narrowly pulling out a 15-14 victory. After winning his semifinal bout, 15-11, over Dante Centeno, McGrath fell to Eldeib 15-10 in the championship bout.

In sabre, Hallsten went 3-1 in pool play, entering elimination with the No. 70 seed. He seemed to flip on a switch, knife through the competition until the quarterfinals, where he lost to Karol Metryka 15-11.

The Irish will be back in action for the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships, held at home at the Castellan Family Fencing Center on March 1 and 2.

Irish sabreur John Hallsten, left, battles at the DeCicco Duals on Feb. 9. Hallsten lost in the quarterfinals of the USFA National Junior Olympics this weekend.

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Applications are available at admissions.nd.edu/tourguide thru Friday, March 7th.
No late applications will be accepted

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Football

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Tuitt battled injury and weight issues at the outset of the 2013 season. At his current size (Notre Dame listed Tuitt at 6-foot-6, 312 pounds this season) Mayock said Tuitt has probably grown into a five-technique defensive lineman (the defensive end in a 3-4 formation).

“I think Tuitt, if he went somewhere between 25 and 50, it wouldn’t surprise me,” Mayock said.

Zack Martin

On the offensive line, Mayock slots Martin as the No. 4 tackle in the draft. Mayock said he believes Martin will be drafted somewhere around No. 20 overall.

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“Troy Niklas, who elected to forego his senior season and enter the Draft, ranks behind fellow tight ends Eric Ebron (North Carolina), Austin Seferian-Jenkins (Washington) and Jace Amaro (Texas Tech), according to Mayock. In 2013, Niklas had 32 receptions for 498 yards and five touchdowns.

“If he commits to becoming a good in-line blocker, he could be the best blocking tight end in the NFL in two or three years,” Mayock said.

“Chris Watt

Watt started 11 games at left guard in his graduate-student season, missing the games against Navy and Rutgers, respectively, due to a knee injury. Mayock said he thinks Watt can be a starting left guard and pegged him as a third-round pick.

“Bennett Jackson

Cornerback Bennett Jackson finished fourth on the team with 64 tackles and tallied a pair of interceptions in his senior season. Mayock projected Jackson as a mid-to-late-round draftee, somewhere near the fifth round.

“I see Bennett Jackson as a corner with some length,” Mayock said. “He’s gotta get stronger. He’s got some pretty good movement skills but he’s not an elite speed guy so he’s gotta use his length to compete on the outside.”

George Atkinson

Junior running back George Atkinson elected to forego his senior season and enter the draft following the Pinstripe Bowl. Atkinson finished second on the squad with 93 carries and 555 rushing yards. He also served as the primary kick-returner in each of his three seasons at Notre Dame. Mayock said Atkinson “is draftable if only as a kick-returner.”

The Combine begins Saturday with the offensive linemen, tight ends and kickers, continues Sunday with running backs, quarterbacks and receivers, Monday with linebackers and defensive linemen and Tuesday with defensive backs.

MEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING

ND dives for ACC Championship

Observer Staff Report

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Halfpenny said Saturday: “I saw some great leadership in her, putting up two back-to-back incredible games on offense and a stellar shooting effort again.”

While her coach was pleased with her performance, Gargan maintained that winning was the only goal that mattered to her.

“Losing a conference game is never something we take lightly; every game we play in the ACC has implications, so it’s upsetting to lose like we did on Saturday,” Gargan said.

“It’s always nice to play well as an individual when your team plays well as a whole, but scoring points doesn’t really matter if we don’t get to add a win to our record.”

Although Gargan was upset with the loss, she said the mistakes are very fixable.

“Moving forward, we have to make sure that we pay attention to detail and make sure that we stay fundamentally sound,” Gargan said. “If we focus on simple pieces of the game, like draw controls and ground ball pick-ups, our play will improve, mostly because we’ll be able to control possession. Luckily, much of what needs fixing is in our control. We’ll focus on those things to improve our play in other games.”

The Irish are loaded with young talent, including the top freshman recruit in the country in Cortney Fortunato, but lack experience. On such a young team, Gargan said she uses her status as an upperclassman to make sure the team stays loose and has fun.

“As much as possible, I try to have fun while playing,” Gargan said. “Much of what we do requires us to be very focused, but I like to offer that reminder, especially to our younger players, that we don’t have to be totally serious all the time. A smile every once in a while is always a good thing.”

Gargan will try to bring that attitude Saturday, when the Irish host Stony Brook at 8 p.m.

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Happy Birthday: Strategy, coordination and planning will help you reach your destination if you keep your emotions under control. Don't put up with laziness or inconsistency on your part or on the part of anyone else. Equality will be the determining factor when it comes to partnerships. Go directly to the source and head for the finish line. Your numbers are 2, 10, 24, 26, 33, 40, 45.

ARIET (March 21-April 19): Stay in line. Don't ask or look for trouble. Meddling will lead to an argument. Protect your reputation and show compassion for those around you. It's better to be safe than sorry.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Chase your dreams. Plan a vacation, sign up for a class or indulge in something that will help build your confidence. Put romance at the top of your list and make plans to socialize or engage in a one-on-one evening of fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Jump into action at work and establish a position that will raise your profile. Don't feel the need to overspend when what's required is dedication, hard work and concern for others. Push your way to the forefront using class, dignity and self-confidence.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Frustration is likely if you are dealing with a friend, child or partner who is trying to guilt you into something. Think before you act and you will avoid making a mistake. An unusual offer will enhance your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look for a chance to show off your skills. You will draw scrutiny if you make an unusual choice. A money deal or move to a better location will require sufficient legwork before you set your plans in motion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Self-reliance is your best bet. Don't count on anyone at home to agree with your plans or help you out. Talk to the people who share your concern or interest and move forward. Equality in any partnership you form will be a must.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Trust in your judgment and your abilities. Develop your ideas and don't be afraid to be a little different. Travel plans should be made but not executed until a later date. Romance will help improve your relationship with someone you think is special.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Check out what everyone around you is doing before making a move. Emotional matters at home can be resolved if you are willing to make a couple of changes. Listen to what others say, but don't let them drive you crazy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't be daunted by what others do or say. Any negativity you come up against can be ignored. Go it alone and you will reach your goal. Lean toward a conservative deal and question anyone who think is special.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get involved in something that will enhance who you are and what you can do. Don't feel the need to pay for others or to take on that burden doesn't belong to you. Concentrate on getting things done on your own.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put your ideas out there and get involved in the organizations, causes or events where you can use your expertise and talents. What you have to bring to the table will also be your calling card for new opportunities and adventures. Romance will be highlighted.

Birthday Baby: You are inquisitive, entertaining and caring. You fight for your rights.
FOOTBALL

MAYOCK EVALUATES IRISH DRAFT PROSPECTS
By MIKE MONACO
Sports Editor

NFL Draft. Four former Irish players — tight end Troy Niklas, guard Mike McGlinchey, defensive tackle Louis Nix — checked in in the top five of their respective positions.

Louis Nix and Stephon Tuitt

Mayock said Nix is “a prototypical nose tackle” who possesses solid short-area quickness for a player his size. Nix missed five of the last six games in 2013 due to a knee injury and Mayock said he didn’t consistently play at a high level. “When you put all the compositions of Louis Nix together — when he’s healthy, when he’s in shape, when he plays with leverage and doesn’t stand up — when you put all that together, he’s a top-20 pick.”

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GARGAN EMERGES WITH HOT START
By ALEX WILCOX
Sports Writer

Notre Dame’s entrance into the ACC got off to a rocky start with Saturday’s 15-10 loss to Boston College. But one bright spot in the game, and throughout the young season, was junior midfielder Caitlin Gargan.

The Rocky Point, N.Y., native has scored six goals and tallied five assists through Notre Dame’s first two games. While she hoped for a strong start to the year and knew she was a capable scorer, even Gargan was surprised by her hot start for the Irish (1-1, 0-1 ACC).

“I didn’t expect to start the season off like this,” Gargan said. “Hopefully, I can make it a habit for the rest of the season and carry it through to May.”

Last season, Gargan had 24 points and was the fourth-highest scorer on the team with 19 goals. She leads the team in points this year and is on pace to shatter last year’s mark. But even with all her personal success, Gargan credits her teammates as the reason for her offensive prowess.

“One thing I can point to is a lot of help from the rest of the attackers I play with,” Gargan said. “A lot of work is done to get the ball in a scoring position. Our offense tries to work as a unit and have a lot of players get touches on the ball each possession. I think my teammates have helped to put me in a position to find success and score early this season.”

Irish coach Christine Halfpenny sees Gargan’s unique scoring ability as a form of leadership for her team. Even after the loss to Boston College, Halfpenny praised Gargan for her four-goal, two-assist performance, which followed two goals and three assists in the season-opening 25-1 win over Cincinnati on Feb. 12.

 “[I saw] a lot of good things,” Halfpenny said.}

YESTERDAY’S SCOREBOARD

ND Women’s Golf at Central District Invite
8th place

TODAY’S EVENTS
Men’s Basketball at Miami
9 p.m.