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By JACK ROONEY
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Senior Keenan Hall President Kristian Hila said the honor was a tangible confirmation of the work Keenan puts into all of its campus events, especially the Keenan Revue and Muddy Sunday.

“It’s one of those things where it’s so nice to be recognized for being able to put on events that the whole campus enjoys,” Hila said. “We have a difficult task of having successful events that we need to maintain every year, so it’s nice being recognized for that. It takes a lot of time and hard work to put together two great events.”

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Passarell West Hall
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Farley Hall
“Thick cabin socks.”

Tom Wintering
senior
Keenan Hall

Jen Gallic
senior
Walsh Hall
“Mismatched socks.”

Toni Schreier
sophomore
McGillan Hall
“Crew socks.”

The Irish take on the Duke Blue Devils.

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A Nerf gun-wielding student “human” leads a team in a fight for their lives against “zombies” in the spring game of “Humans vs. Zombies,” a modified tag game played on college campuses across the country.
SMC receives endowment to fund grants

By KATHRYN MARSHALL
News Writer

The Katherine Terry Dooley '28 Endowment, a fund initiated by the family of a Saint Mary's College graduate who felt passionately about justice issues, supports social justice-themed projects proposed by the College's students, philosophy professor Adrienne Lyles-Chockley said.

"The Dooley Fund was created to support innovative projects by Saint Mary's students that address issues of peace and justice and involve the broader campus community," Lyles-Chockley said. "It aims to encourage and support women in developing their intellectual vigor, promoting the essential dignity of each human and cultivating their social responsibility."

The grants enable students with a passion for social justice to develop responses to social problems, Lyles-Chockley said.

"We are looking for projects that are able to clearly articulate social justice and provide thoughtful, original ideas for combating injustice," Adrienne Lyles-Chockley, professor of philosophy, said. "Students are encouraged to reflect on the systemic causes of injustice and be able to clearly articulate project ideas designed to promote social justice."

In the past, the fund has initiated the development of campus projects in South Bend, including a creative writing workshop with the homeless and the development of campus programs focused on inequalities in local education systems, Lyles-Chockley said.

"Social justice is a normative concept and ideal that includes fairness, equity, responsibility and integrity. It is also very closely related to human rights, human dignity and social welfare," she said. "The Dooley [grant program] aims to empower students to explore these concepts and to incorporate awareness and action in the wider community."

"The mission of the Justice Education Program is to empower Saint Mary's students to make the world a more just and peaceful place," she said. "By teaching students to think in systemic and comprehensive ways, the program enables students to understand, analyze and reflect on the experiences of the marginalized and disenfranchised."

Empowerment is also a theme of the Dooley Grant program. It allows students to become more aware of issues in the community while developing means to address the injustices, Lyles-Chockley said.

By EMMA BORNE
News Writer

Notre Dame's Snite Museum of Art, in conjunction with the Department of Art, Art History and Design, invited artist Patrick Dougherty to speak about his stickwork sculptures Tuesday evening.

Dougherty said he began a career in business before he realized that was not what he was meant to do. He said he now creates large sculptures out of sticks. He realized his true calling.

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Forum discusses impact of oil pipelines

By ALEX CAO
News Writer

Film, Television and Theater professor Gary Sieber moderated the 2014 Reilly Center Forum “Life Amongst the ‘Tar Sands’ Oil Pipelines: Impacts on Rural Communities and the Environment,” which featured four panelists sharing their experiences with tar sands oil Tuesday in the Eck Visitor’s Center.

“Few people likely realize that tar sands pipelines run through Michiana,” Sieber said. “In fact, the largest on-land spill occurred around here just four years ago.”

“Pipeline 6B, owned by Enbridge Inc., spilled over a million gallons of tar sands oil into the Kalamazoo River,” Sieber said. “We’ve had court cases between landowners and Enbridge.”

A panelist in Tuesday night’s forum in the Eck Visitor’s Center discusses the impact of oil pipeline spills.

Michigan State University professor Steve Hamilton worked on the scene when the spill happened, and said cleaning up such spills from tar sands pipelines like Pipeline 6B and the planned Keystone XL Pipeline could bear huge environmental costs.

“Pipeline 6B, which runs through Kalamazoo County, is one of the largest tar sands pipelines in the world—carrying 1.8 million gallons of oil per day. This massive pipeline has been problematic for years, including multiple spills, residents and communities along the pipeline. When the pipeline ruptured in 2010, it caused an oil spill of over 843,000 gallons of oil, which was the largest spill in Michigan history,” Sieber said.

“The fact of the matter is that Enbridge and companies like Enbridge are suddenly going to start living up to the values they profess all the time. Our only hope is a regulatory system with some serious teeth.”

Maurice said. “This is one of the most profitable companies in all of Canada ... and I think they could probably spend a little more money to make sure things are done safely and correctly ... but they won’t unless residents raise up and take advantage of the political apparatus.”

Beth Wallace, a Michigan native who worked for the National Wildlife Federation, said the numerous defects in pipelines carrying derivatives from tar sands, like Line 6B, pose a clear and present threat to her home’s environment.

Oakland University professor Jeffrey Insko also lives near Line 6B. He said increased regulation and more effective leadership will be the first step to solving problems along the pipeline.

“First, we need a serious overhaul of federal regulations,” Insko said. “The fact that the oil industry is not being regulated properly is itself environmentally damaging.”

The Harvard conference really helps to make a difference in the world because it brings attention to a lot of issues in relevance,” Penler said. “I actually want to work in international development and global health, so conferences could be something that influences the rest of my life,” Penler said.

Nicole O’Toole, a junior political science major and business minor, said she learned about international law and can apply many of the things she learned at the conference to her studies.

“I have studied international law, and my education at Saint Mary’s because a lot of things that I have studied will help me make a difference in the world, O’Toole said. “We met so many people from so many different countries. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity.”

Senior Ariane Umutoni said she learned how to put herself in others’ shoes. “I think this conference helped me see how people see their own self versus other people’s opinions and beliefs,” Umutoni said. “From now I think I will focus more on listening. Everything has another story.”

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very outgoing. “We want to make sure we reach out to any people that are having any difficulties and any residents that are having problems. We want to create that environment that allows them to come up and talk to any of us. We truly try to embody [Keenan Hall’s] motto of ‘being brothers in Christ.’”

Hall Presidents’ Council co-chairs seniors Brendan Moran and Cristin Pacifco, who presented Keenan with the award, said events like multicultural nights and a new freshman “knight-ceremony” on the Main Building steps contributed to Keenan’s designation as Hall of the Year.

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Ryan Hall president junior Tatum Snyder said the honor came from the friendship of the women in her dorm. “For the girls in our community and the work we’ve done, this is just a great honor,” Snyder said. “Our big thing this year is that we are more than just a dorm and more than just a community, we’re actually friends. And I think … we really expressed how good of friends everyone in the dorm is. I think the friendships led to this award.

Moran said the selection committee for Hall of the Year bases its judgment on two components, Rockne submissions and 10-minute Hall of the Year final presentations.

“[Rockne] exhibited excellent programming initiatives that were very well-attended,” he said. “They also showed great collaboration with various student groups and organizations and other residence halls that created fun events to meet the needs of their residents.

Ryan Hall president junior Tatum Snyder said the honor was well-deserved.

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“[If the Court rules for Hobby Lobby and Congress disagrees with that result, it has the authority to revise RFRA and, say, exclude business corporations from the Act’s coverage],” Garnett said.

Garnett said while the Constitution, as the Court has interpreted it, “almost certainly does not entitle Hobby Lobby to an exemption,” RFRA was enacted by Congress precisely for the purpose of providing more generous accommodations to religious objectors than the Constitution requires. Accommodating religion by statute is more flexible, he said, but if the Court rules in favor of Hobby Lobby, Congress has the chance to respond and change the final outcome.

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My Nonna is 86 years old, has survived a stroke, a heart attack and triple bypass surgery. As a child, riding my blue Schwinn bike behind him around Lake Michigan and going to our favorite park, Petripping Springs, were our favorite activities. After pushing me on the swings, we would gather sticks and stand on the bridge over Pike River. We dropped the sticks from the bridge and ran to the other side so we could watch them flow down the river.

My Nonna will be 84 next month and has survived breast cancer, three knee replacements, a heart attack and triple bypass surgery and takes care of my Nonno. She is the sweetest lady and can put a smile on anyone’s face, not to mention she is the best cook in the whole world, the Queen of the kitchen—WONDERFUL food! She never likes to eat alone, so I am lucky to have to my Nonna always tells me tesoro, which means treasure in Italian. My Nonno, an avid reader of the Kenosha News newspaper, is always telling me stories of the news he read that day in the paper. They came to America from Montecatini Terme, Italy, in 1956 and have taught me so many important life lessons.

This is for my heroes, to give them and the Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame community a place to express gratitude to those who have helped me become who I am today. It is to make your heroes proud, by giving them a part of the things you treasure most in life: the gifts God has given you.

My hero taught me to love nature and to find my passions in life. He is the wisest man I know, and even though he isn’t strong enough to go on bike rides and to the park anymore, I can feel his love and strength in every big squeeze he gives me.

My other hero taught me to be strong and to love with my whole heart. I hope one day to be half the woman she is.

Riding my blue bike around the Saint Mary’s lake, my memories with my Nonno are brought to the present. Eating pasta in the dining hall and going to Regina Hall, home of the queens, I remember how my Nonna will always be the Queen of the kitchen.

For two people who have taught me everything, a few hundred words in black and white will never be enough to show how much they are loved. But it is so much more than that — it is giving them a part of something I love: writing for The Observer.

I want to share this with my heroes. They will always have a piece of The Observer, a story to read in the morning and talk about, a piece of something I love and treasure.

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Crimea has recently found itself at the epicenter of one of the largest international crises since the Cold War. In fact, the nascent political earthquake in Crimea seems to be a result of residual Cold War tectonics. Many Western powers have felt compelled to intercede in the shaky events occurring in Crimea, at once trying to mitigate Russia’s forceful geopolitical actions in Crimea and making sure that the Ukrainian government remains aligned with NATO nations, certainly justifiable actions for any reasonable nations.

However, the Western nations began to understand the Cold War principle of containment when it comes to the issue of Crimea. The past half-century has shown the West cannot and should not force regions into a Western political alignment. In the case of Crimea, the Western powers have limited themselves to rhetoric and economic sanctions. Nonetheless, their distaste for Crimean self-determination is disconcerting. The right to self-determination has been one of the fundamental aspects of international law since 1945, and the people of Crimea have determined they would like to be a part of Russia.

The Crimean situation is absurdly complex, but a timeline of events in Crimea following the Ukrainian Revolution is a good starting point for understanding the political forces at play. Russian troops began filtering into Crimea around Feb. 23, and during the next week pro-Russian military forces began establishing control of key buildings in Crimean cities. On Feb. 27, the Crimean parliament was stormed by 60 Russian gunmen. Later that day, while still under military occupation, the parliament announced they had replaced the Crimean Prime Minister with pro-Russian Sergei Aksyonov; the parliament also announced it would be holding a referendum on the future of Crimea. Ukraine and other Western nations, spoke out against this move, denouncing it as unconstitutional and as a breach of international law.

The vote, nonetheless, took place, and 97 percent of the voters voted to join the Russian Federation. Eighty-three percent Crimeans voted in the referendum monitored by 135 international observers from 23 countries, most of whom acknowledged the legitimacy and democratic nature of the vote. This referendum result was not, as some have claimed, a recent product of the deluge of propaganda from Russian TV stations in the time before the election; even in 2008 a poll conducted by the Razumkov Centre determined 63.8 percent of Crimeans would like for Crimea to “secede from Ukraine and join Russia.”

Clearly, these polls vastly complicate the situation. While the United States and the European Union trade economic and political blows with Russia on an international stage, the people of Crimea are having their true will ignored. The situation surrounding the recent vote is questionable, especially the Russian military incursion, but the Western powers’ main concerns prove invalid when viewed from the lens of history.

The US and the EU claim the Crimean vote is against the constitution of Ukraine. From a general point of view, this is a groundless claim. The fundamental component of international law is the right of self-determination, an aspect the West supported when it came to Kosovo, Croatia and Slovenia. Crimea was under the direct control of Moscow from 1783 to 1991, first as a region of Russia, then as a province of the Ukrainian Soviet in the USSR. When the USSR collapsed in 1991, Crimea remained a relatively autonomous part of Ukraine, establishing a constitution and the post of president. However, after the Crimean president held a referendum where a majority of Crimeans voted for loosened ties with Ukraine and stronger ties with Russia, the Ukrainian parliament declared the Crimean constitution and the post of the president of Crimea invalid. Crimea was forced to write a new constitution, which was ratified by the Ukrainian parliament in 1998. Gary Brecher, a military columnist, summarized the situation: “So when the interim Ukrainian government today talks about the Crimean parliament’s lack of legislative power — when it comes to appointing a Prime Minister, and when it comes to calling a referendum — there is an argument that this power was taken from Crimeans by Kiev in an underhand, undemocratic, if not entirely illegitimate manner back in 1995.”

Given the containment mentality of the Western nations, even the Russian military incursion into Crimea begins to appear more justifiable. It is not clear that Ukraine, backed by the US and the EU, would have even forced a Crimea referendum to occur, if that referendum meant the Crimea would secede and join Russia. Thus, the recent turmoil in Kiev gave Russia the perfect opportunity to secure the rights of a group of people who had long been ignored, by securing that land militarily. It does not matter if Putin viewed this move as a land grab or nationalistic unification, the fact of the matter is this is 2014, not 1962, and the Crimean people deserve the right to decide their future without further international, geo-political turmoil, caused by Russia or the West.

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Making learning serve justice

Robert Alvarez
Meno a Nog

I was hanging out one Friday night with a friend of mine when the conversation took one of those serendipitous turns in conversation when things cease being flippant and light-hearted and you begin to share things that matter. This particular conversation turned into a conversation about wealth, business and society. I have a very skeptical view of wealth and the business world, something I usually try to guard in these conversations, lest I say something that would offend my friends on this predominately business-minded campus. My friend, however, an econ major, opened the conversation with, “You know, it’s pretty screwed up that we even have a business school here at Notre Dame.”

Finally, someone who agrees with me.

Let me begin with a few disclaimers. There is nothing wrong with finance, accounting, information technology, entrepreneurship, marketing or management studies. All are worthy disciplines in which one can find fulfilling work. The problem is Notre Dame claims in its mission statement that the aim of its undergraduate education is, “to create a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice.” The Mendoza College of Business does not accomplish this goal, and neither does the core curriculum, nor the science curriculum, nor the arts and letters curriculum nor even the curriculum of my own beloved Program in Political Philosophy. Mendoza’s mission is engagement with issues of social justice a prerequisite. Notre Dame does deserve credit for even having this as its mission statement in the first place. A cursory look at the mission statements of other top universities yields no singular statement that is as rooted in concern for neighbor. It is something that makes Notre Dame unique. It is something that makes Notre Dame Catholic. If one would trace the origin of this mission, one would readily find it in the social teaching of the Catholic Church, something that has a long tradition in the Church and direct roots in the Gospel. To both the days of Jesus and our modern world, the Gospel prescribes a way of life built on a love of neighbor that stands in direct opposition to the self-interest at the heart of modern economic thought and political science. Notre Dame’s mission statement pays lip service to this legacy, but its undergraduate curriculum is hardly reflective of it. Notre Dame’s mission is one that frequently extols that it seeks to produce leaders who, “serve society through business,” but if one digs beyond the website headlines and looks at the actual curriculum, the only required courses that ostensibly address this mission are the paltry one-credit business ethics course and the paltry one-credit business ethics in-class case studies, all of which are hardly life-changing. This isn’t unique to Mendoza, however; there is a thread of thought in the University that explicitly demands students to engage with societal issues as a constitutive part of their curriculum. The fact of the matter is that the majority Notre Dame’s curriculums are deliberately designed to help people make money. That is the reason why students come to Mendoza over other business schools, not for heightened ethics.

The one place at Notre Dame I’ve seen “learning become service to justice” is at the Center for Social Concerns. The CSC is an amazing resource for education in this regard, but even the current curricular structure at Notre Dame unfortunately forces the individual student to approach the CSC. This is a problem. Notre Dame prides itself on academic distinction and excellence, good, service and love of neighbor a central part of their intellectual formation! Such a university would truly fulfill Fr. Sorin’s vision of a school that would be “one of the most powerful means of doing good in this country.” What is preventing us from making these changes? Nothing, besides our own comfort. The type of Catholicism practiced by the majority of Americans today is a docile Catholicism. It doesn’t shake us. It doesn’t move us. It is compartmentalized to our private “spiritual” lives and ordered to stay there. It isn’t allowed to seep out of its box and actually affect how we live our lives. A level of comfort is achieved by this, as it allows us to have both God and Cesar, us switching masks as is appropriate. This is the comfort that must be abandoned.

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Retrospective contemplation

Lukas O’Donnell
Morning in America

It is often said that history has a way of repeating itself. Since all people throughout history have pos- sessed an underlying consistency of human nature, it can be expected that we too will make mistakes sim- ilar to our predecessors. For centu- ries, countries have been fighting back and forth over landmasses, from Napoleon in France to Hitler in Germany, but the global map has been largely unchanged since the beginning of the modern era. Different peoples have disagreed over the allocation and production of goods, such as the silk of the past and the oil of today. These dis- agreements and shortcomings seem to inevitably repeat themselves. But what if instead of making the same mistakes as our forefathers, we as Americans looked back to our his- tory to see what we were warned of?

One must look back no further than Ronald Reagan’s 1986 speech “A Time for Choosing” to see that a bad version of the American future looks like this, how eerily similar to our present situation it is and how the ideas within it can guide America back onto the course of prosperity.

Reagan began the speech by not- ing that the issues at hand trans- scended party lines. This could not hold true today. Often, in today’s world of instant gridlock politics, it appears as if constituents must choose sides in the political battle and the politi- cians fight instead of finding a way together. Instead, politicians from both sides of the aisle must come together for a common goal: to make America the greatest country it can be.

Reagan then spoke about several of the specific problems confronting America during his time. The federal government spent 17 million dollars per day more than it took in, and had 1.5 times more debt than that of all the other nations of the world. Today, our debt is at $18 trillion dollars. Today, we spend roughly 3.5 billion more dollars per day than we take in, and the federal debt is 1.5 times more than in 1986. If Reagan was worried about the numbers back then, just imagine what he would say if he saw them now.

We can see that the problems Reagan mentioned are becoming even more exaggerated. We, the American people, have the most to lose, but we are not doing enough to change our course. Reagan said, “We are at war with the most dangerous enemy that perhaps this country has ever faced.” During his time in the midst of the Cold War, the enemy was the geopolitical foe of the Soviet Union. Now, in modern America, we face the greatest threat from within; withering into a land of mediocrity. If we were to lose sight of our freedom, both America and the world would be worse off— as Reagan said, “If we lose freedom here, there is nowhere else to escape to; this is the last stand of freedom on earth.”

Then and now, the question is this: do we want the representative government the founding fathers entrusted us with, or do we want to abandon the ideas of the American Revolution and allow an intellectual elite to run our lives at will? It is something that makes Notre Dame's curriculums not even the curriculum of its own beloved Program in Political Philosophy. Notre Dame's mission is to engage with issues of social justice a prerequisite. Notre Dame does deserve credit for even having this as its mission statement in the first place. A cursory look at the mission statements of other top universities yields no singular statement that is as rooted in concern for neighbor. It is something that makes Notre Dame unique. It is something that makes Notre Dame Catholic. If one would trace the origin of this mission, one would readily find it in the social teaching of the Catholic Church, something that has a long tradition in the Church and direct roots in the Gospel. To both the days of Jesus and our modern world, the Gospel prescribes a way of life built on a love of neighbor that stands in direct opposition to the self-interest at the heart of modern economic thought and political science. Notre Dame’s mission statement pays lip service to this legacy, but its undergraduate curriculum is hardly reflective of it. Notre Dame’s mission is one that frequently extols that it seeks to produce leaders who, “serve society through business,” but if one digs beyond the website headlines and looks at the actual curriculum, the only required courses that ostensibly address this mission are the paltry one-credit business ethics course and the paltry one-credit business ethics in-class case studies, all of which are hardly life-changing. This isn’t unique to Mendoza, however; there is a thread of thought in the University that explicitly demands students to engage with societal issues as a constitutive part of their curriculum. The fact of the matter is that the majority Notre Dame’s curriculums are deliberately designed to help people make money. That is the reason why students come to Mendoza over other business schools, not for heightened ethics.

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The fact is that music festivals are expanding — both in genres and popularity. The lineup features alternative, indie, rap and electronic groups. With this wide range of music comes a wide range of those interested in attending.

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By ERIN McAULIFFE Scene Writer

No, I’m not talking about the infamous nightclub where your roommates spend their Thursday nights. I’m talking about the new single released by the Black Keys on March 24. “Fever” is the first new release by the band since it won three Grammy Awards for 2011’s “El Camino” and with it comes the announcement of a new album, “Turn Blue,” set to release this May.

“Fever” has come as a shock to a number of fans because of how drastically different it is from previous works by the Black Keys. The days of the raw, grimy blues of “Thickfreakness” and “The Big Come Up” are long gone, replaced with funky synthesizer melodies and bouncing bass beats. Hipsters everywhere are lamenting the switch to such a modern sound, and some with good reason.

I’ll be the first to admit that when I originally heard “Fever,” I was shocked and not too happy. The best word I could find to describe it was “pleasant.” It was just a very middle-of-the-road piece.

But I was frustrated. How could a band that has pumped out successful record after record for over a decade produce something so mediocore? After a few more listens, it hit me. Within the overall context of the Black Keys and the direction they have been heading in since 2005’s “Brothers,” “Fever” makes sense.

For the past few years, the Black Keys have gradually shifted from the grungy garage blues that built them up to a cleaner, smoother sound with big riffs and an arena rock sound. While I acknowledge this was not what I would have originally hoped for, I think that the Black Keys have successfully moved forward as a band with “Fever.” It isn’t the type of song that will make someone fall in love with the Black Keys, but it’s still a decent quality piece to add to their repertoire.

However, I am not using “Fever” as a barometer for the rest of the band’s upcoming album, “Turn Blue.” The Black Keys are diligent with their records and have always put their best foot forward. If “Turn Blue” is half as fun as previous album “El Camino” was, then I’m going to be jamming to this countless times over the next year or two.

Those who have voiced complaints about the lack of guitar on “Fever” need not worry: In a very recent interview with Zane Low, guitarist and singer Dan Auerbach said he’s “never done such a long guitar solo” as the one he’s done for a track on “Turn Blue.”

The essential elements of the Black Keys, the funky bass, the rocking guitars and the coolest lyrics to come out of Akron, Ohio, are all still there; they have just been modernized. As awesome as it would seem to have every album these guys push out sounds like “Attack and Release,” a band needs to update and evolve, and the Black Keys are no exception.

The Black Keys definitely know what they are doing, and I have full confidence that “Turn Blue” is going to be a solid jam.

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Selling-out to sellout? Lollapalooza’s 2014 lineup was announced last Wednesday, featuring 130 bands that will play August 1-3 during the festival’s 10th year in Chicago’s Grant Park. The lineup was met with both teen girls buying flower crowns online while simultaneously tweeting their “This lineup is so great, I can’t even” approval and the cynics wishing the festival would go back to its “glory days” as the grungy rock festival it was in the 90s.

The infusion of alternative and electronic music into the mainstream over the past years has spiked interest in music festivals to an all-time high. The lines between pop, indie and electronic music are becoming more blurred (although “Blurred Lines” does not fit this trend as it is definitively a pop song and an awful one at that).

Lorde is an example of an artist who has recently colluded indie and pop music with success, despite her lyrically expressed doubts, and has subsequently become music scene royalty. She will be taking her dark, bewitching performance style to the main stage at Lollapalooza.

With the spike in popularity music festivals have seen in the past few years, they are able to book obscure amounts of acts people want to see. There has been an expanse in the amount, diversity and popularity of bands featured at festivals.

Festivals were a place to wander around during the day to hear some unknown bands that may make it big in the next few years and grant you a claim to “being hip.” At night you could head over to the main stage to catch a few headliners that were staples on your iPod nano. However, with lineups like the one Lollapalooza just released, your mainstream tastes can be satisfied all day, and you may find it difficult to pull away from these well-known bands to scope out the yet-to-be-discovered talents.

The headliner’s at this year’s festival includes Kings of Leon, Calvin Harris, Eminem, Skrillex, Kings of Leon, Arctic Monkeys and OutKast. Five of the six have already played the festival, with Kings of Leon headlining in 2009 and Eminem in 2011. OutKast has never played the festival before, and this summer marks the decade-long awaited reunion of Big Boi and Andre 3000.

Although the headliners don’t stand out from other festivals, or even previous Lollapalooza festivals, the packed lineup is diverse enough to appeal to many different tastes — proven true by the fact that it has sold already sold out all 100,000 tickets.

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Back in 2007, the show “South Park” aired an episode titled “With Apologies to Jesse Jackson,” where an ill-fat-ed and painfully awkward mistake by character Randy Marsh forces him to be subjected to a ironic spell of “reverse racism,” in which people have come down harshly upon him and alienated him following his non-malicious use of a racial slur. As Marsh traverses through the course of the episode, he is met with hateful opposition from atypical rednecks, whom have taken offense to Marsh’s gross — and again, inadvertent — slandering of an entire race. As they menacingly put it to the socially star-crossed Marsh, “We don’t take kindly to social ignorance.” Meanwhile, Eric Cartman shows his own ignorance throughout the episode’s story arc by proclaiming all of the recent hostilities and happenings as a “race war,” the show’s interpretation of Reverend Jesse Jackson demands an utterly outrageous apology from Marsh and the entire town of South Park simply cannot express their indignation.

In music criticism, one common complaint is “it all sounds the same.” A band’s new record may boast a plethora of great songs, but if the songs don’t present a new style or direction for the band, the album may get trashed anyway. The “more of the same” is often a product of this. When a band crafts an exciting, innovative first record and follows it up with one of similar sound and quality, the latter lacks the key freshness and impact of the first. Recent examples of such include Cults’ “Static” and Sleigh Bells’ “Born to Die.”

Some artists are spared this criticism due to the strength of their existing sound. Records like “Bloom” by Beach House, “Trouble Will Find Me” by The National, and “Atmosphere” by Real Estate didn’t bring anything new to the table, but the unexaggerated beauty of the bands’ discographies have earned them a lasting respect from critics. This dichotomy of good-same vs. bad-same is especially problematic for albums that present a lack of a new direction for the band a reason to condemn the new record? If so, the single “Palace” by The Antlers is an atmospheric alt band whose compositions are part gorgeous soundscape, part indie-rock anthem. Their dark, intensely emotional concept album “Hospice” garnered them a devoted following; their following record “Bursted Apart” was nearly as well received as a set of brilliantly constructed vignettes. Since then, The Antlers have released the “Undersea EP,” a set of four lovely, sprawling ambient rock tracks.

“Palace” sounds like it could have been snatched out of either “Bursted Apart” or “Undersea.” It is yet another unabashedly beautiful atmospheric rock track, carried by smooth horns, an elegant piano and lead singer Peter Silberman’s silky falsetto. However, the track is taken from The Antlers’ new record “Familial” to be released this June. The next question is an obvious: is the single’s lack of a new direction for the band a reason to condemn the new record?

The answer, in this case, is no. Though the song echoes much of The Antlers’ recent work, it also adds an expansion. "Hospice” created atmospheres out of minimalistic elements out of a few synthesizers and guitars. “Burster Apart” found The Antlers filling the space by expanding instrumentation to ensemble-like groups (see the jazzy numbers “Tiptoe” and “Putting the Dog to Sleep” for a few good examples). “Undersea” expanded the breadth of The Antlers’ atmospheric sound even more by deepening synaptic patterns. “Palace” finds the Antlers going even further, pushing the sonic boundaries by adding even more to the picture — three or four melodies simultaneous while layer upon layer of atmospheric space is stretched behind. If “Palace” is any indication, “Familial” will be to The Antlers as “Hurry Up, We’re Dreaming” was to M83 — the maximalist opus of an already-renowned band. “Familial” is out July 17.
Baseball serves up full plate

Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — A pathologist will likely testify first when Oscar Pistorius’ defense team starts calling witnesses at his murder trial next week, the double-amputee athlete’s lawyer said Tuesday.

Brian Webber told The Associated Press in an email that “it is likely” that the defense will call Prof. Jan Botha as its first witness on Monday, after four weeks of prosecution-led testimony and a week’s adjournment.

Pistorius is expected to testify to explain why he killed girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp on Valentine’s Day last year by shooting her multiple times through a toilet door.

The Olympic runner says he shot Steenkamp by mistake thinking she was a dangerous intruder who had broken into his home. He says he then called police.

Webber wrote to the AP.

Pistorius could go to prison for 25 years to life if convicted of premeditated murder for Steenkamp’s shooting death.

Pistorius’ testimony will likely be crucial, with the athlete under intense scrutiny to explain why he shot four times through a toilet cubicle door without knowing, in his version of events, that Steenkamp was on the other side and the location of his girlfriend.

Althought some legal experts say Pistorius taking the stand is a risk for his defense, they say he has little choice because he has admitted killing Steenkamp unlawfully and will need to explain his reasons.

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Pistorous Trial

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Sports Writer

In the pantheon of American sports, baseball certainly can’t lay claim to being the most action packed. Games dawdle along over summer days and nights, players stand around for seconds and minutes between innings, and fans do half-time and it’s the only sport I can think of where walking is applauded.

However, baseball, is, undoubtedly, the gastronomical king of the American sports (sorry Kobayashi, shurping hot dogs doesn’t quite qualify here). And when the umpire yells “Batter up,” on opening day celebrations across the country this week, plenty of fans will belly up to the nearest concession stand to get a fix of hot dogs, peanuts and more.

One report estimated that roughly 20 million hot dogs are consumed in major league stadiums in a given year. And while a decline in ticket sales and a lingering recession have caused many fans to tighten their arteries, there are still plenty of new, gut-busting stadium foods this season for the fan who thinks they have just a little too much room in their arteries.

In Arizona, for instance, the Diamondbacks introduced the D-Bat Dog on their opening day. An 18-inch corn dog stuffed with cheese, bacon and onion, the dog costs merely 25 dollars, several weeks off your life and most of your dignity.

Sometimes, and especially for small-market teams, the food can be more of a draw on the in-field action itself. The Tampa Bay Rays, who traditionally play their games in front of a crowd of empty green seats, have solved that problem through their food itself.

Enter a full four-pound bacon cheeseburger, served on a bun roughly the size of The Observer you’re holding in your hands. Any fan who can finish the colossal burger (and a pound of fries, for good measure) will be rewarded with two regular seconds tickets and a shirt. Some of these concession monsters are more inspired. After their off-season signing of Shin-Soo Choo, the Texas Rangers unveiled the Choozonguus, a 24-inch long Asian beef sand-wich. And at Miller Park in Milwaukee, fans stay true to their Wisconsin sensibilities: Miller is the only MLB park where more sausages are sold than hot dogs.

The food doesn’t merely stay outside the lines, either. Baseball is a sport that can be played while chewing gum, splitting sunflower seeds or stuffing jaws full of tobacco (ingestion not recommended). When one batter steps up to the plate, another one reads himself to be next at the dish.

Pitchers may bring the high cheese, but if the batter knocks it out of the park, he might just have a little too much hot dog in his jog around the bases. At least you have the scenery to eat at as you go, Manny. There’s snow cones and sliders, and the occasional can of corn.

An afternoon at a major league park is the definition of summer to many, and it takes on the relaxed pace of an old-fashioned barbeque. It’s the perfect combination of pastimes for a country we’re told regularly is over-weight; after all, what could be more American than watching someone work out while enjoying an 18-inch corn dog in pursuit of a Derek Jeter-like physique can be left to those making millions – but we amateurs can always chase a square bat the prosecution’s claim that Steenkamp screamed during the gunshots that killed her and so Pistorius must have known who he was firing at with his 9 mm pistol.

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NCAA Basketball

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Freshman midfielder Anika Sproull has been a dominant force for Kalamazoo so far with a team-high 18 of the team’s 38 goals. She notched six goals in the win over Aurora and six more in a 13-12 loss to Thiel, also adding 25 draw controls.

For Saint Mary’s, fresh- man midfielder Aubrey Golombieski has led the of- fensive unit with a more con- tinuous effort at the team’s 25 goals. She has also contributed 20 ground balls and 25 draw controls, as well as 18 ground balls by a large margin. The next highest scorer is freshman defender Jackie Loesch, with five goals.

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Freshman midfielder Anika Sproull has been a dominant force for Kalamazoo so far with a team-high 18 of the team’s 38 goals. She notched six goals in the win over Aurora and six more in a 13-12 loss to Thiel, also adding 25 draw controls.

For Saint Mary’s, fresh- man midfielder Aubrey Golombieski has led the of- fensive unit with a more con- tinuous effort at the team’s 25 goals. She has also contributed 20 ground balls and 25 draw controls, as well as 18 ground balls by a large margin. The next highest scorer is freshman defender Jackie Loesch, with five goals.

“I am looking forward to seeing our offense compete on Wednesday,” she said. “We continue to gain confidence in that end of the field, and we’re hoping to see a couple players score their first goals of the season.

Long also said the team needs to focus on achiev- ing simple goals if they want to win, such as minimizing turnovers, successfully tran- sitioning through the midfield ball securing more ground balls than Kalamazoo. This season, the Belles have had 124 turnovers compared to their opponents’ 87, and they have a 100 to 74 disadvantage in ground balls.

Saint Mary’s will travel to Kalamazoo to play the Hornets on Sunday at 7 p.m. at MacKenzie Field.

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Saint Mary’s is focused on improvement as it tries to overcome early-season struggles and get its first win Saturday against conference opponent Kalamazoo.

Their scheduled Sunday game against Illinois Tech was postponed due to unplayable field conditions, and the Belles (0-6, 0-0 MIAA) have now had a week and a half since their last game, a lopsided 20-3 loss to Concordia on March 22. Belles coach Amy Long said improving weather and field conditions have allowed them to begin practicing outside during this stretch, which has had a positive impact on the players.

“Every opportunity we had to practice outside was the best opportunity for them to grow and get better,” said Long. “We have enough opportunities now to allow them to get back to practicing the way they want to.”

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In their first matchup, the Belles were held to just two hits by sophomores designated hitter Jillian Busfield and outfielder Sarah Callis. Busfield re- corded the only score for the Belles, reaching the plate on an eight-game winning streak. Other than that unearned run, the Lady Reds’ pitching was relent- less,-retiring the first eight Saint Mary’s batters and striking out five overall be- tween freshmen pitchers Makenzie Walker and Jessica Kirby.

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The Belles turned their attention back to the sixth inning as Busfield scored their first of three consecu- tive runs in the inning off a give away hit by Burke. However, Carthage put an end to their comeback by scoring four consecutive runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to put the game away.

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Belles drop doubleheader

Observer Staff Report

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Chardonae Fuqua fouled Achonwa, who immediately collapsed to the court floor and grabbed her knee in pain.

After being attended to by the team trainer, Achonwa got up without assistance and encouraged her teammates to finish out the game strong, before heading to the locker room. Achonwa had 19 points and 15 rebounds when she left and finished the game as the leading-rebounder for both teams. It was her eighth double double of the season.

At the time, the Irish were leading the Lady Bears, 75-64, and they finished the game on a 13-5 run to secure the victory. Achonwa returned to the bench in warm-ups before the final buzzer and thanked the fans for their support after the win. She was named to the all-region team during the post-game ceremony, alongside senior guard Kayla McBride and sophomore guard Jewell Loyd.

Achonwa was also named third team All-American to go with her second team all-ACC honors.

She ranks third in the country in field goal percentage and sixth in program history. Achonwa underwent an MRI exam Tuesday, which revealed the tear in her left knee. She is scheduled to have surgery and there is no timetable for her recovery.

“Natalie has been an extremely valuable contributor to our success, not only this season but throughout her career, and that won’t change,” McGraw said in an official press release. “While she may not be in uniform, her voice will be heard loud and clear in the locker room, on the bench and in the huddle. I know that our team is going to continue to feed off her energy, passion and leadership as we head into the Final Four.”

In Achonwa’s absence, the Irish will most likely look to senior forward Ariel Braker and freshman forward Taya Reimer to fill in during the Final Four. Reimer averages 7.4 points on less than 19 minutes per game, while Braker has started every game for the Irish this year and is fourth in rebounds on the team.

The Irish will play No. 9 Maryland in the semifinals Sunday. The Terrapins (28-6, 12-4) defeated No. 4 Louisville on Louisville’s home floor Tuesday night to clinch their first Final Four berth since 2006.

The Terrapins and the Irish have already squared off once this year, on Jan. 27, at the Comcast Center in College Park, Md. The Irish prevailed, 87-83, in their narrowest victory of the year to date, after leading by as many as 22 points.

Loyd led the Irish with a career-high 31 points, while Maryland senior guard and All-American Alyssa Thomas scored 29 and added 12 rebounds. In the game, Achonwa was limited to seven points and three rebounds.

The Irish will take on the Terrapins with a berth to the national championship game on the line at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn.
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three-hit effort from senior catcher Forrest Johnson (3-for-4, three RBI). Sophomore shortstop Lane Richards went 2-for-4 with three RBI. Sophomore right-hander second baseman Cavan Biggio. Richards also drove in a run with a two-out single.

Senior third baseman Michael Morman got the Crusaders (9-12, 1-2 Horizon) on the board in the fourth with a two-out single that brought in senior center fielder Chris Manning. Manning was aboard thanks to a tailing triple down the right-field line.

Richards brought in two more with a chopper over Morman’s head and into left field that scored sophomore left fielder Zak Kutsulis and Johnson. Junior right fielder Robert Youngdahl scored on a bases loaded fielder’s choice. The Irish took an 8-1 lead after a two-run fifth inning that featured two hits and a Crusader error and plated a ninth run on a sacrifice fly in the sixth. Notre Dame added two insurance runs in the eighth.

“The end of the day, Emilee Koerner is our best power hitter, leads us in extra-base hits, leads us in RBIs,” Gumpf said. “Every game means so much right now,” Gumpf said. “I’m proud of the way she wanted the ball and attacked hitters.” The Irish will take on Michigan State today at home. “Every game means so much right now,” Gumpf said. “Especially as many as we have had taken from us.”

First pitch against Michigan State is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. today at Melissa Cook Stadium.

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Gumpf to move junior center-fielder Emilee Koerner, the team’s leader in home runs and RBI, into the third spot. “At the end of the day, Emilee Koerner is our best power hitter, leads us in extra-base hits, leads us in RBIs,” Gumpf said. “When Karley is on base, we tend to hit really well, and that has been the trend all year ... I felt like, ‘why not?’”

Wester rewarded the vote of confidence by reaching base five times, going 4-4 with a walk, two steals and two runs scored. It was the first four-hit game of her career and fell just one short of the program record.

She was hardly alone. Juniors second baseman Jenna Simon, third baseman Katey Haus and catcher Cassidy Whidden as well as sophomore first baseman Micaela Arizmendi and senior shortstop Chloe Saganowich each recorded a multi-hit game.

“We had great run support,” Gumpf said. The No. 23 Irish (21-7) jumped on Cardinal starter Nicole Steinbach (7-6) right away. In the first inning, four singles, two walks and an error plated four runs. RBI singles by Arizmendi and Saganowich tacked on two more in the third. In the sixth, Whidden smoked a line-drive home run off the bleachers in left field to score two more and bring the score to 9-1.

By the time Ball State got any traction against Winter, it was too late. Junior designated player Hanne Stuedemann hit a solo home run in the fifth inning, and sophomore shortstop Selena Reyna and senior leftfielder Jennifer Gilbert hit another solo shot and a two-run home run in the sixth, respectively. But the veteran Winter grooved back in quickly, shutting the door on six of the last nine hits she faced to dissolve any trace of a Cardinal comeback.

“The way they (Winter’s) pitches were moving today that she was ready to go,” Gumpf said. “I’m proud of the way she wanted the ball and attacked hitters.” The Irish junior centerfielder Emilee Koerner bunts during Notre Dame’s 11-4 victory over Ball State on Tuesday. Koerner leads the Irish in home runs and RBI.

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**Belles fall to Indiana Wesleyan**

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary’s fell in a tough 8-1 loss to Indiana Wesleyan on Tuesday. The Belles (6-4, 2-0 MIAA) dropped all three of their double matches. The unbeaten sophomore pair of Margaret Faller and Andrea Fetters succumbed to their first loss in a close match that ended in a 8-6 decision.

Senior Mary Catherine Faller and junior Kayle Sexton also lost 8-2 at No. 1 doubles, while the junior pairing of Audrey Kiever and Shannon Elliot suffered an identical loss in the No. 2 slot.

The Belles faced similar challenges in singles, with Indiana Wesleyan taking five out of the six matches. It was Kiever who remained resilient for the Belles winning 6-4, 6-4 in No. 6 singles.

Elliot also gained some late momentum in her singles match losing out in a close second set tiebreaker 7-5 after dropping the first set 6-1. However, momentum didn’t last as Fetters was defeated 7-6, 6-2 at No. 4 singles. Both Sexton and junior Jackie Kjolhede were defeated in straight sets 6-0, 6-0 at two and three singles. Faller also lost her No. 1 singles match 6-1, 6-1.

Saint Mary’s hopes to bounce back when it returns to conference competition Wednesday against Albion at 4 p.m.
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Winter leads Irish to victory over Ball State

By EVAN ANDERSON
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Backed by a season-high 18 hits from her offense, senior pitcher Laura Winter earned a program-record 97th win as Notre Dame knocked off Ball State, 11-4 on Tuesday.

Winter (14-3, 3-3 ACC) was incorrectly credited with the win in the last Irish victory after pitching a scoreless fifth inning to close out Eastern Michigan on March 26. That gave Winter the chance to earn the record by pitching wire to wire, an opportunity the CLASS Award winner said she appreciated. Despite a strong wind blowing out from home plate that made defense difficult for both teams and brought the long ball into play, Winter kept the Cardinals (18-12) to just four runs. She also struck out 13 on the day with striking out 13 on the day with just three walks and just 60 pitches.

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Winter pitched after finding out just last night where she would be continuing her playing career professionally. She was selected seventh overall by the Akron Racers at the National Fast Pitch Draft in Nashville, Tenn. last night, becoming the first Irish selection since Stephanie Brown was selected 11th in 2007. Winter said it was exciting to be able to share those accomplishments with her teammates.

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Achonwa benched with injury

Observer Staff Report

In a significant blow to No. 2 Notre Dame’s NCAA title hopes, Irish coach Muffet McGraw said that senior forward Natalie Achonwa will not play for the remainder of the season after tearing her ACL in the second half of Notre Dame’s 88-69 win over Baylor in the Elite Eight.

This means that Achonwa, a captain for the Irish (36-0, 16-0 ACC), will miss out on the team’s fourth-straight Final Four. The Irish seniors are one of only six classes in NCAA history to appear in four-straight Final Fours. Achonwa sustained the injury with 4:51 to go in Monday’s game while going up for a layup.

Baylor sophomore forward Notre Dame beat Valparaiso for the second time in less than a week behind six one-run innings from junior right-hander Scott Kerrigan in an 11-1 win Tuesday night.

In his first start since Feb. 23, Kerrigan (1-1) went six innings, allowing one run on three hits while striking out three.

“I felt really good,” Kerrigan said. “Just got over it mentally and just put the work in and I got it back I think.”

Irish coach Mick Aoki said he lifted Kerrigan after six innings and just 60 pitches to keep him available for this weekend and to get other relief pitchers some work.

The Irish offense exploded for 13 hits, led by a