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ND Theatre Presents: MAMMA MIA!



"When All Is Said And Done," Notre Dame's production of *MAMMA MIA!* was filled with laughs, incredible talent, and a story that put smiles on the faces of all in attendance. The production took place on November 14, 15, and 16, starring Lauren Gunn, Lindsay Goldschmidt, Alexandra Battisti, Olivia Nast, Alex Murray, MiMi Mordan, and a host of ensemble members.

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Fall Fling and Spirit Day

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Teacher Feature: Yay or Nay

Eva Kraus '20

Welcome to the first page of the newest section of *The Gates*: Teacher Feature! Here is where the faculty and staff's opinions on student life, personal interests, and any other creative ideas they come up with will reside. For now, the editorial board and I have reached out with surveys and other ideas for the first issue or two, however, Faculty and Staff, we'd like to hear from you! What would you like to see in the paper?

For this issue: pop culture trends. Earlier this school year we sent out a survey to the faculty and staff asking them about 10 different fashion, lifestyle, and culture trends. Here's what they had to say! (The rest are to follow in further issues.)

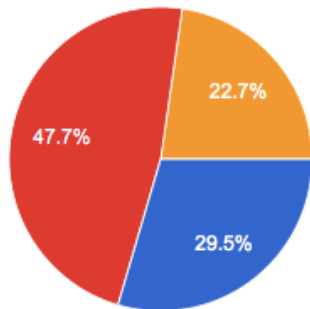
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Fidget Spinners

44 responses

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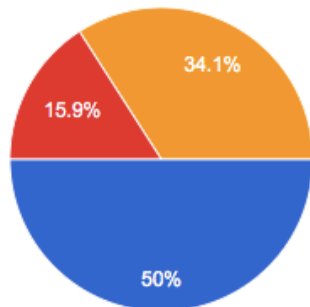
- Yay
- Nay
- Ambivalent



I'm too antsy to use them • They were very popular a few years ago • Gerny! • I'd type a more robust response, but it's hard to type and fidget-spin simultaneously • They don't annoy me; they're just lame. • If it helps with stress, it can be a good thing. • I would find them annoying if students had them in my class; but I have to say that once I'm holding one, I have a hard time putting it down! • Too distracting and annoying. • While I know that they are maddening to some, I found that my students who need that kind of tactile/active outlet really benefitted from fidget spinners. • My ambivalence concerning Fidget Spinners ended when, on ND's trip to France in the summer of 2017, the homily at Mass (it was Trinity Sunday) centered on the Fidget Spinner as a great metaphor for the Trinity. • Mine is a favorite because it is also a triple highlighter!

Popsockets

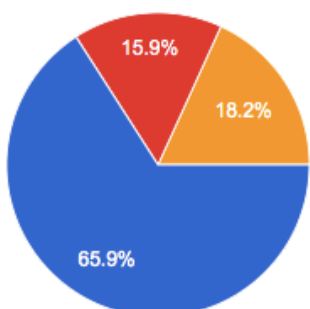
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I bought one for my aunt (aged 64) so she could play games on her iPad. • LOVE my Popsocket!! Wouldn't be without it! • Useful! Also, a tool for equality. Many of our phones were designed for the average male hand, not the average human hand. That means women are often straining to use their devices; things like popsockets help. • Not a necessity, but not harmful, either. • They seem helpful. • I have no idea what that is • I love my popsocket!!! It allows me to carry my phone easily without the risk of dropping it. • I use one... so I have to like it! • Can be functional!

Hydroflasks

44 responses



Maybe not that brand per se, but in favor of refillable bottles. • There has to be a better method for toting water in an eco-conscious way. And there are dozens of them in the lost and found, because apparently students don't love them all that much either. • Water bottles— total yay. Not one for following the crowd though. • SO LOUD when they fall over in class. • Hydration is great and the bottles are nice, but I feel like there's just a lot of hype about them for very little reason. Are they just status symbols? • A new water bottle every year is a silly trend. Kind of the antithesis of sustainability. • IMHO, they are overpriced and, when knocked over, the loudest noise in the known universe. • Sounds like the world is going to end when they fall on the floor! • I don't have one. I get my water bottles from Shutterfly so that I can have pics of my grandchildren. • No particular feelings—other than the fact that they are left all over my room. • I own five of them! • Much better than Swell! • Gotta stay hydrated... • Love anything that cuts down on recycling.

*Some comments have been edited for length

Fall Fling



Spirit Day: Seniors for the Win!



MAMMA MIA

Continued from cover

Lauren Gunn, who played Donna Sheridan, dazzled the crowd in her rendition of “The Winner Takes It All,” while her daughter, Sophie Sheridan, performed by Lindsay Goldschmidt, stole the hearts of the audience in the search for her father. The hilarious duo of Tanya and Rosie, played by Alexandra Battisti and Olivia Nast, caused the audience to erupt with laughter from their performances of “Chiquitita,” “Does Your Mother Know,” and “Take A Chance On Me.” Alex Murray and MiMi Mordan starred as Sophie’s best friends, Ali and Lisa, who come to Kalokairi for her wedding. Special recognition to the cast members of *MAMMA MIA!* who are members of Notre Dame’s class of 2020: Alexandra Battisti, Kathleen Bradley, Mikayla Dever, Lindsay Goldschmidt, Courtney

Good, Lauren Gunn, Grace Jackson, Emily Massa, Alexandra Murray, Olivia Nast, and Sophie Sheffer.

Mary-Katharine
Pontarelli '20



NY Fashion Week Recap and Highlights

Michael Kors 40s-inspired collection

A trip with his husband to Ellis Island to recapture his ancestors' immigrant history led Kors to model his Spring 2020 collection on the 1940s, with many red, white, and blue ensembles, plus lots of navy, anchors, plaid, stripes, florals, polka dots, gingham, and metallic pieces. The final ensemble: a stunning navy dress with silver sparkles, worn by Gigi Hadid.

Gabriela Hearst, The Row, Lela Rose

The Row included a neutral palette with pops of blue, while Hearst featured a diverse color palette of reds, blues, oranges, yellows, purples, greens, and to contrast, many black and white ensembles. Rose showcased a light pastel color palette with pastel blues, pinks and also displayed reds, darker blues, yellow, white, black, and orange.

Tommy Hilfiger X Zendaya

Hilfiger and Zendaya's collection included a sleek color palette of black, white, maroon, silver, and grey, incorporating many animal skin and polka dot ensembles. Diverse models distinguished this lineup.

Trends

Blazers: Tibi offered some great blazers for her Spring 2020 line, including black leather and green cashmere. She attended the show wearing a blazer herself!

Collars (Tory Burch Spring 2020, Marc Jacobs Spring 2020): Tory's collection included embroidery, contrasting colors, florals, leather, and striped collars. Marc showed off creative, colorful collars with flowers, scalloped edges, plaid, leather, stars, and sequins.

Tote bags (Dion Lee Spring 2020, Rosie Assoulin Spring 2020): Lee's ensembles included an array of totes in brown and black leather, snake skin, and popping orange. The totes were fun, trendy and innovative, featuring straw material, and bright colors.

Nicole Gunn '22

Service Opportunity at Project HOME

Project H.O.M.E. is a non-profit organization that works to provide Housing, Opportunity, Medical Care, and Education to people experiencing homelessness or that are below the poverty line. Every summer, the program offers one to two week sessions where high school students can learn about poverty in Pennsylvania and interact with people working in the organization, as well as those residing there. Multiple ND students completed the program and the various activities that went with it, such as meeting with leaders from each committee, hosting bingo at different shelters, and creating a project advocating for an issue we notice and discussing how we could go out into the world to solve it. The program is extremely hands-on and reflective, and a great opportunity to become more educated on the city so close to us.

Hannah Jackson '21

iCan Shine Bike Camp

This past June, students participated in the iCan Shine Bike Camp, held in our very own Aimee Willard Gym. The iCan Shine camp is a five-day camp where volunteers from both the ND middle school and high school help children with mental and physical disabilities learn how to ride a two-wheel bike. This camp is a lot of fun, counts for service hours, and it is also a great way to branch out and help children reach a big milestone in their lives.

Charlotte Lignowski '22



Anarchy in the Amazon

Stretching over 2 million square miles in northern South America, the Amazon is the largest rainforest on Earth, and is home to millions of species of plants and animals—making it the most biodiverse region in the world. The land plays an immense role in the South American economy, but more importantly in our planet's ecosystem. This is because, similar to all rainforests, the Amazon acts as a giant vacuum, absorbing all the carbon dioxide humans put out into the atmosphere, and, through photosynthesis, produces breathable oxygen. The ridding of CO₂ is so important because too much buildup of the gas traps unwanted heat, causing global warming and a rise in sea levels.

The territory of the forest enters the borders of Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana. Traditionally, local farmers start fires in an attempt to clear land for agricultural purposes, but no burning has come close to the magnitude of the most recent one, which began back in January of this year. 2.5 million acres have already been destroyed, and the flames persisted through the rainfall, which was hoped to prevent further damage. Environmental organizations have set up funding systems, activists across the globe are spreading awareness, and firefighters from all over Europe have been sent to Brazil to work long, dangerous shifts there.

But what can be done from 4,000 miles away? The World Wildlife Foundation, established 60 years ago, is dedicated to wilderness preservation and the reduction of negative human impact on the environment. The group's current focus is providing South America with what the region needs, in order to put an end to the biggest fire in the world—to save the biggest rainforest in the world. On their website, <https://www.worldwildlife.org>, the organization offers ways to donate to the “WWF Emergency Fund for Amazon” as well as simple tips on how to become a more eco-friendly individual.

Meghan Gallary '21



Photo Credit: Bryn O'Hara '21

Una Anécdota de la Señora Fink

I am a morning person. Since the weather has changed this Fall and it's cold and dark, I decided to join yoga classes from 6 to 7 am twice a week. That gives me plenty of time to shower, get dressed, have coffee, and a bite before heading to school.

A couple of weeks ago, I arrived at yoga class at 6:02 am. To my surprise, the front door was locked and the class had already commenced. Instead of going home, I knocked and knocked at the door determined to be heard. The studio is on the second floor of a brick building. After a couple of minutes of knocking, I started to scream to my instructor, “Let me in, Let me in Abby! I will huff and I will puff and I will blow the studio down!” Abby heard me and ran as fast as she could to open the door to let me in.

Lesson learned: Let your voice be heard.

Señora Fink, Faculty



Boston Leadership Conference

This summer, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur held a leadership conference in Boston for students from schools affiliated with the order. Catherine Crowe, Emma Keller, Ella Donahue, Maddy Fitzhenry, Rhea Agrawal, Paige Riley, and I all attended the conference chaperoned by Ms. Tully and Mrs. Slattery. We stayed at Emmanuel College in the heart of Boston and were able to explore the area while we were there. We got to see some of the city's iconic sites, including Boston Common, Quincy Market, and, my personal favorite, Newberry Street. The conference also included tickets to a rainy but fun Red Sox game. At the conference, we did leadership activities ranging from personality quizzes to team building games, but our favorite part was being able to meet high schoolers from other Notre Dame schools. I was surprised by how similar our ND was to schools in Ohio and as far as California. We had a lot of the same traditions, values, and overall experiences in our school communities, and we all formed friendships with the students there. All of us were sad to leave and to have to say goodbye to our new friends, but we knew that Boston was an experience we would never forget.

Isabella Langley '21



Summer Trip to Costa Rica

Over the summer, nine freshmen and ten juniors traveled to Costa Rica for a service trip. The girls and their teachers spent a week in Costa Rica learning about the culture, trying new food, and helping to better the communities that they visited. The girls gained a better perspective of the culture from learning how to make pottery, how to cook tortillas, how to speak some phrases in Spanish,

and how to perform a traditional Costa Rican dance. They also got their hands dirty working alongside town residents as they assisted with digging out dirt for sidewalks, mixing and laying concrete, building a ramp for those in wheelchairs, painting fences and trash cans, setting up signs for sea turtle conservation, and planting over 300 trees. The trip also allowed the girls to have daring experiences through a zip-lining trip over waterfalls and a surfing lesson. Costa Rica gave lasting memories, new friendships, and impacted the girls, the teachers, and those the girls worked alongside with. The trip is running again this upcoming summer, and is a great opportunity to step out of your comfort zone and experience something new.

Madison Frank '22



France Trip

From June 3rd to June 12th, Notre Dame's 2019 Enrichment Trip to France included eight amazing days of exploration and learning. From Paris to Monaco, this trip allowed students to truly immerse themselves in French culture. High School students enjoyed the beauty of cities across the south of France, including Grasse, the perfume capital of the world, Aix-en-Provence, "The City of a Thousand Fountains," and the gorgeous coastal city of Nice. Student travelers were also guided through the breathtaking nation of Monaco. Here, students spent the day admiring the glorious architecture as well as shopping in the designer stores on every corner. Finally, the group capped their France experience with two exhilarating days spent in the capital city, Paris. While exploring, two students even happened to run into star YouTuber and model, Ellie Thumann, who happily agreed to take photos with them. The air of uniqueness and beauty invigorated each destination as travelers

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strolled through noble estates packed with a rich history, bustling marketplaces, and cobblestone roads illuminated by street lamps. This experience captured the spirit of global exploration, giving students a lasting glimpse of life abroad.

Brigitte Lubker '20, Kiera Chambers '21



Clubs to Join at ND

As the 2019-2020 school year is in full swing, there are so many new club opportunities here at ND. If you're looking to get involved in any clubs or activities, don't be afraid to join one of the new groups offered this semester!

Crayola Color Recycle Project

So much plastic is wasted in the world that it endangers our oceans and ends up sitting in landfills for years. The Crayola Color and ReCycle Project takes all used Crayola markers and reuses them to prevent further plastic pollution. In this club, students pack and send boxes of markers back to Crayola for them repurpose. Saving the environment is now so accessible. Contact Ms. Gal for more information.

Snack and Scrip

The club is offered to both middle school and high school students and meets on the first Tuesday of the month. The purpose of the club is to build a friendship through sharing thoughts, reflecting on the Scriptures you read, and, of course, enjoying snacks.

Gastronomy Club

Gastronomy Club meets once a month and every member must bake a fun treat to share with their fellow members. It is a great chance to try some new delicious food, and show off your baking skills.

Puzzle Club

This club, which is run by Mr. Verdi, meets every Friday, and is a fun way to spend community time. Member Allie Lynch says, "I like puzzle club because it is a great time to destress and have fun with my friends. I like the challenge that each puzzle poses me".

Handbell Choir

Enjoy an awesome time bonding with others and making new friends. You also learn to play the handbells, which is a very entertaining instrument to play. The club meets every Friday in C102.

Math Games Club

If you like math, Math Games Club is perfect for you! You can hang out with friends while playing fun games that involve math. Math games is exclusively offered to middle schoolers. (When you get to high school, you can join Mathletes.) This club meets in room 109.

Speak UP Club

Take a stand against bullying and promote kindness in your school community by joining the Speak Up Club. Members of this club remind the student body about the importance of creating an environment of acceptance and understanding. Meetings take place in the guidance suite once a month with Ms. O'Toole.

Classics Club

This club meets once a month in room 10A and is run by Dr. Klause. The club focuses on the culture of ancient Rome, learning about it and making art projects. They also learn about ancient Roman holidays. If you are interested in Rome this club is perfect for you!

*Rachel Swan '23, Michaela Swartz '23,
Nicole Gunn '22, Eva Kraus '20*

Fall Sports Recap

Meghan O'Meara '20

Soccer Wins Five

This year Soccer set the goal of winning five games, to improve on their record of four wins from last year. They had a blow early in the season, with a 0-4 loss to Agnes Irwin. However, they soon began to see some wins against Abington Friends, The Hill School, and Merion Mercy with the help of stellar scoring by Izzy Casale '21 and support of a strong defensive line including goalie Megan Mackey '21. Finally, the rematch between Agnes Irwin saw Notre Dame prevailing with a 1-0 win, securing their season-long goal of winning five games.



Tennis Nets A Strong Season

Tennis had a strong season with two wins against Marple Newton and Ridley and close matches against Penn Charter, Cardinal O'Hara, and Shipley. At the Interac Championship Tournament, Notre Dame saw wins against teams they had lost to in the regular season.

Volleyball Takes 7th Consecutive PAISAA Championship

Volleyball had another stellar season with an impressive 18-3 record. The team was led by captains Maddie Donaphon and Riley Shaak, who both made school history this year. Shaak was the first to reach 1,000 kills and Donaphon was the first to reach 1,000 digs in Notre Dame athletic history. The team had a tough loss against Germantown, resulting in Notre Dame and GA tying the INTER-AC League. Notre Dame swept the PAISAA playoffs winning the first three matches and securing their 7th year win.

Meghan O'Meara '20

Cross Country Places Second at InterAc

The varsity cross country team had a great season, finishing second at the InterAc Championship. Lindsey Smith '20 and Therese Trainer '23, ran lifetime PR's this season both running sub 20:00 minute 5k's. These times earned them spots on the First Team all Inter-Ac along with Cara Stevenson '22. Anne Stevenson '20 broke her lifetime PR this season running a sub 25:00 5k. Allision Tegler '20 had her best season yet running a sub 30:00 minute 5k. Sophia Andrisanni '21 won the JV race at Inter-Ac.

Field Hockey Has Another Impressive Year

The team had 17 wins this season, and fought hard against school rivals Episcopal Academy, The Hill School, and Germantown Academy. The team fell short in a 0-1 overtime loss to EA, ending their playoff run. There were a lot of strong senior players on the team, including Vivi Trumbour '20, who was the leading scorer for the season.

Crew Launches Fall Season

The team attended the Navy Day Regatta, Head of the Schuylkill Regatta, Frostbite Regatta, and the Bill Braxton regatta. The girls are training hard over the winter!

Grace Wolter '21

Congratulations to the 17 seniors who have committed to playing their sport in college:

Madeline Donaphon, Riley Shaak, Allie Lynch, Emily Graeff, Mia Leonhardt, Megan Mitchell, Vivienne Trumbour, Grace Bleckley, Mikayla Dever, Riley Gillin, Georgie Gorelick, Whitney MacMillan, Morgan O'Brien, Caroline Adams, Grace Jackson, Madison Kolessar, and Kayleigh Olszewski.

