

## Colour Me

**By: Ms. Trinca**

On Thursday, March 22, students of Notre Dame's ACCE & Harmony Club hosted and organized the screening of Colour Me for all grades 10, 11 and some grade 12 students. This assembly is one of many initiatives that assist us in advancing Ontario's Ministry of Education's Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy as well as responding to school and system goals of providing a Catholic Community of Culture and Caring.



The film addressed many issues of diversity and social justice; challenging students to break the box of stereotypes. Approximately 900 students over two screenings were so acutely attentive to this message that a pin dropped would have been heard in the cafeteria. This powerful message resonated with ND students as was reflected in the very intelligent and insightful commentary and questions that our students posed to the director Sherien Barsoum and to motivational speaker, Anthony McLean who was featured in the film as well as one of our former students, Summer Ruddock-Ellis. Many students were so energized by this experience that they chose to continue the discussion after school in the library.

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# Culture

The Notre Dame community embraces the Gospel value of Respect for others and recognizes the human dignity of all people notwithstanding race, creed, colour, socio/economic status, gender, physical/developmental/emotional differences. Congratulations to those who find strength in the teachings of our Lord Jesus to combat all forms of prejudice and to resist the temptation of stereotyping.

Perhaps we have become one step closer to the day when all people will be judged by the "content of their character".



## Notre Dame's First Annual Girls Night!

"Leading in the light of Christ"...

**By: Ms. Galvao & Ms. Ferracci**

On March 3rd 2012, Notre Dame held its first annual Girls Night. The amount of support and dedication that went into planning Girl's Night was incredible! Girls Night gave the opportunity for grade ten girls to come together after school and bond. Approximately 100 girls attended the event; this does not include the huge representation of ND staff.

Several leadership groups and sessions were held in order to make the girls feel more comfortable. Activities that the girls participated in included: Anti-Gossip Sessions, Nails and Hair, "Chicks can Fix", Textile Art, Picture Frame Crafts, and Drama Games. Furthermore, the textile art will be sewn together in order to create a quilt as a memento of the evening.

To commence the evening, the girls participated in a liturgy that emphasized the importance of mending relationships. Through parables and the word of God, Jesus demonstrates to us the importance of empathy and compassion.





Evidently, young girls are constantly exposed to negative forms of female relationships via the media. For example, shows such as: Gossip Girl, and Pretty Little Liars, continuously send out negative images and poor examples of female interaction. Girl's Night enabled students to see what constitutes healthy relationships. The girls also had the chance to hear from a guest speaker who came on behalf of the Brampton Women's Shelter. All the proceeds went to women who are subject to abuse and poverty on a regular basis. Students were extremely touched by some of the stories that they heard.

There was also representation from the Catholic Family Services of Women's Co-operative. Also, a big thanks goes out to Notre Dame's hospitality team. A delicious meal was provided for students and staff. For dessert, students were able to "decorate their own cupcake". Sadly, the delicious cupcakes went fast!

Lastly, students did not leave empty handed. Each received a T-Shirt and Swag Bag with items from community sponsors. Such items included: Blitstex, State Farm, Nail and Spa & L'Occidental. Girls night will continue to be an annual event!!!! A huge thanks goes out to all staff members that participated.

## ND's Got Talent!

By: Ms. Ferracci & Ms. Richards



Grace Harradine is an example of the amount of talent we have here at Notre Dame. Grace volunteers at the Brampton Civic Hospital as a music healer. She absolutely loves playing the violin for patients. During her presentation in Careers class she stated, "playing at the hospital has given me a passion and love for the music...I not only play for patients, but I play for myself. Showing up at the hospital to play for the sick was my number one duty as a healer".

As part of Grace's culminating task, she performed two classical pieces: "Beauty and the Beast" and "Pavane". Ms. Ferracci's class was breathtaken by Grace's talent and poise.

"This program employs music in order to help ease the pain of the patients, reduce anxiety and depression levels" said Grace. Grace continued to express how "playing for patients gave her a sense of awareness and that ultimately happiness comes from within".

There are so many students at Notre Dame that are authentic examples of Catholic role models. They dedicate so much of their time to helping out those in need. This month Notre Dame Students' are conscientious of the virtue of love. There are countless acts of kindness here at Notre Dame. Feel free to submit any acts of kindness





# Culture

## Top 15 Problems Of First World Countries

By: Lamar Edwards

1. McDonalds gave me 3 barbeque sauces for my 20 piece nuggets, so now I have to ration them.
2. There is garbage on my desk, but my garbage can is full
3. I took such a long shower this morning that the hot water ran out
4. I had too much to eat and now I'm tired, maybe I'll leave work early and take a nap
5. All the dishes in the dishwasher are dirty, so I have to eat my waffles on toilet paper
6. My computer at work still uses Internet Explorer 6
7. The string on my tea bag fell into the water
8. My cushy desk job blocked Youtube, so now I can't watch funny cat videos
9. I missed USPS on Saturday, so now I have to pick up my package at the post office on Monday
10. My local deli sliced my meat at 1 rather than 1 ½. Now my sandwich is too big
11. When my dishwasher is running, I have to turn the TV up to loud
12. I have a queasy stomach and I can't eat for fear of vomiting. The Tylenol isn't working either.
13. Its 23 degrees outside. I can't decide whether to turn on the A/C or open the windows
14. I think my son is not working out enough.
15. The restaurant didn't have Coke, so I had to order Pepsi.



## An Anniversary To Remember

Celebrating 60 Years of the Queen's Reign

By: Kate Reid

From 1952 to 2012, Queen Elizabeth II has been the queen of England and the Head of State of Canada. Marking this 60 year long reign, countries who are considered a part of the Commonwealth have been hosting Diamond Jubilee festivities in their own countries. New Zealand, the Caribbean, Australia, and even countries such as Zambia and Mozambique are part of the event.

There have been only two Diamond Jubilees in British history. The first was held for Queen Victoria in 1897 and the second is taking place now for Queen Elizabeth. This fact makes Queen Elizabeth II the second longest reigning monarch in British history. In fact, a Diamond Jubilee formerly referred to a celebration of the 75th anniversary of an occasion or person. However, this was changed in 1879 as a result of the public unrest caused by Queen Victoria's withdrawal from publicity after her husband's death. Ever since, it has marked 60 years rather than 75.

Canada may be having one of the most extravagant celebrations for the event outside the United Kingdom. Kevin S. MacLeod was selected to organize the celebrations as head of the Diamond Jubilee Committee.



With \$7.5 million set aside for the event, much forethought was put into the event. Even as much as 5 years of planning and preliminary setup have gone on behind-the-scenes for the festivities.

Beginning on Accession Day, or February 6th, the largest part of the Canadian celebration has been the creation of the Diamond Jubilee Award. This award was bestowed by the government to "recognize and celebrate Canadians who also demonstrate a dedication to service." Some controversy has sprung up about the decision from Bloc Quebecois and Republicans who

also demonstrate a dedication to service.” Some controversy has sprung up about the decision from Bloc Quebecois and Republicans who believed the celebrations to be diverting important money and effectively wasting the money allocated to it.

Despite this, the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages Richard Moore has a favourable outlook on the Jubilee. “I am extremely pleased that a new piece of Canadian heritage is being created to mark such a historic and auspicious occasion,” said the Minister in interview when asked about his portrait being created for the event.

An Ontarian artist has been in the process of creating a portrait of Her Majesty that will be unveiled at some point during Jubilee Week. “I know that Canadians eagerly await this new work and are looking forward to celebrating Her Majesty’s Diamond Jubilee,” says Moore.

In the hopes of many more Diamond Jubilees to come for the Commonwealth, celebrations will occur until February 13th.





# World News

## Nicaragua Social Justice Team 2012

**By: Ann Nadakal and Megan Donohugh-Stanford**

For the Notre Dame Nicaragua Social Justice Team, much of this year has been dedicated to fundraising and hard work. It was a year of firsts for us, and thanks to the support of the Notre Dame Community, Notre Dame's first ever Spanish Night was a success. Due to this, along with the aid of the St. Edmund Campion community, Notre Dame's Nicaraguan Social Justice Team was able to embark on a life changing 11 day journey, living and working in solidarity with the people of Nicaragua. It was a chance for us to experience the world from a different perspective; to try and broaden our horizons and experience the lives of many people who live with so much less than we have; to try and understand the political and economic struggles that Nicaraguans are going through because of the influence of big corporations and western countries who have taken advantage of its land, its resources, and its wonderful people.

Our team faced new experiences as soon as we stepped off the plane. Upon arriving at Casa Canadiense we learned about Nicaraguan history and travelled to the city of Managua. We also learned about corporations who take advantage of Nicaraguan workers and met with individuals who were poisoned by Nemagon, a pesticide used on Banana plantations by companies. We also had the opportunity to meet with a worker from free trade zones (aka sweatshops). We learned of the hardships and injustices



these workers faced. The exploitation of these people shocked us and brought about a desire for change. Those initial days left quite an impact, as none of us had actually ever experienced such poverty. It was also extremely difficult to see the striking disparity between the rich and the poor, in some cases directly across the street from one another.



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We were struck by how so few days could have such a ginormous impact on our lives. In addition to that, we were compelled to examine the things in our lives that we take for granted. For example, none of our houses had a working shower. Some of us even had to go to the washroom outside. We were able realize that it is not the material things that make up the wonders in our life but rather our family and our relationships. The team was able to grow comfortable with each other as well as with the families we lived in.



Upon leaving Niquinohomo, the students grounded themselves on the Volcano Mumbacho, and returned to Managua. From there we visited the beautiful city of Leon and saw previous projects from students from Robert F. Hall, St. Augustine, and St. Edmund Campion, enabling us to see the impact the projects had on the community. We also visited the Managua dump and were inspired by Yamelit Perez, who lived most of her life in the dump and is now an active community leader. We were shocked by the amount of families living in the dump and were moved by Ms. Perez' story. The journey ended far too quickly for the entire team. Yet, every single one of us found ourselves leaving Nicaragua knowing how we want to live our lives; as children of change.

*For more information on how you can be a part of next year's Nicaragua Social Justice Team, see Mr. Sammut or Ms. Mather.*



# Sports

## Déjà-blue!

### Giants sneak past Pats to cinch 4th Super Bowl!

**By: Daniel Perez**

For a few brief seconds, as Tom Brady's last second Hail Mary pass fluttered through Lucas Oil Stadium, it seemed like the whole world collectively held its breath. Then, in mixed shouts of exasperation, joy, anger and ecstasy, all that air was simultaneously released. The Patriots last gasp had failed, and the Giants were once again crowned "Super Bowl Champs".

On February 5th 2012, 166.8 million people were treated to another epic battle between New York and New England, in a game that seemed oddly similar to their Super Bowl 42 matchup. Like the February 4th matchup in 2008, the game began almost at a slow pace with the Giants and Pats going blow for blow on the scoreboard. Tom Brady was called on an intentional grounding penalty in his own endzone on the Patriots' opening drive which resulted in a safety. The game later featured touchdowns from game MVP Eli Manning on a pass to wide receiver Victor Cruz for the "Big Blue", there were also two Tom Brady passes, first to Danny Woodhead and then Aaron Hernandez. Two field goals from Giants kicker Lawrence Tynes, and one from Patriot Stephen Gostkowski left the game at 17-14. This game was suddenly blown wide open by an amazing clutch catch from Giant receiver Mario Manningham in an acrobatic sideline catch that will surely be remembered as one of the greatest



Ahmad Bradshaw (44) stumbles in for the game-winning touchdown to seal the Giant victory 21-17.

plays in Super Bowl history, even contesting David Tyree's miracle play in 2008. The story of the game however, was the questionable decision by the Patriots to not call their final timeout on the Giant's final series. Instead the Patriots let them score in hopes of having more time for a potential game winning drive of their own. This led a confused Ahmad Bradshaw to stumble into the endzone with 57 seconds left in the game after not being able to stop himself from falling backwards for the score. Although his quarterback Eli Manning, who completed 30 of 40 passes in the game for 296 yards and 1 touchdown, initially urged his teammate,

"Don't score! Don't score!", his teammates understood what had happened and were content with taking the sure points.

With this victory, the Giants join the ranks of the Steelers, Cowboys, 49'ers and the Packers as one of only five teams to win four or more championships, a title that the Patriots would have also achieved, had they managed to win.



# Sports

## Playing Soccer For The Greater Good!

**By: Lamar Edwards**

Everyone here knows about the intramural soccer going on in Notre Dame, but what you probably don't know is that they don't play just for fun.

In the intramural soccer, the players had to pay to play in this international sport. All the money went towards Attawapiskat. This was done for a great cause to help their community.

Now about the soccer in general, these teams are competing for a prize. First of all, the winning team gets a pizza party and a chance to play against the teachers in the student vs. teachers soccer game. They are playing really hard for that opportunity.

So far, our top scorer is none other than Paul Billowski. He is currently leading with 27 goals and 5 assists! Great job, Paul!

Players, keep up the good work.

Here are the top 3 scorers!

Player	Goals
Paul	25
Kadell	11
Leo	11



# Sports

## Get Ready For The Badminton Team!

**By: Lamar Edwards**

You may think you know all the sport teams we have here at Notre Dame. Well, guess what? You're wrong. We have the basketball, track and field, soccer, and volleyball. However, you may not know that we still have the awesome badminton team.

Last year, our junior girl's badminton team battled it out at ROPSAA. This year, our badminton team is practicing harder than ever in order to make sure we become unstoppable. Perhaps our school can become the new ROPSAA champions.

With Ms. Tran as the coach, these Knights can be the most unstoppable badminton team Notre Dame has ever had.

However, we're going to need your help, so come to some of the games in order to show your support. We need to know that Notre Dame has our back. We need your spirit to come out on top.

Notre Dame Badminton is looking for a good season and is determined to win!

