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A Time to Heal

Students, staff gather to discuss how to foster a healing community for victims of sexual assault

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Members of the Notre Dame community questioned what it takes to become a community of healing for victims of assault during "A Time to Heal" dinner Thursday.

Paul Kollman, the acting executive director of the Center for Social Concerns, said the healing process is messy, unpredictable and rarely linear.

He said four simple terms can describe the healing process: surviving, remembering, voicing and waiting.

Kollman said surviving was

not something to be taken for granted because to survive a trauma like sexual assault is to be violated at the very core. He said it is often the end of the world that existed before the assault.

"Sometimes surviving can be self-administered, sometimes not," Kollman said. "What is supposed to have been the most loving, free and intimate of physical interaction becomes abusive, violent and un-free."

However, Kollman said the work of a healing community cannot focus on just surviving.

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LAUREN FRITZ | The Observer

Students at "A Time to Heal Dinner" listen to advice regarding how to become a healing community for victims of sexual assault Thursday.

People's Choice Awards president offers life lessons

By BROOKE KOVANDA
News Writer

A Notre Dame alumnus and president of the People's Choice Awards shared tips and advice about making it in the pop culture industry during a lecture Thursday.

Fred Nelson highlighted 25 lessons he learned during his career and used examples from celebrities to prove his point in his lecture, "Popular Culture is Not an Oxymoron." Nelson has previously worked at entertainment outlets such as "E! News," "Time," "Esquire" and ABC's "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?"

For example, Nelson said he

learned how to "Fake It 'Til You Make It" based on Ellen DeGeneres' 1995 acceptance speech for the People's Choice Award's favorite female performer in a new television series.

He said DeGeneres seemed uncomfortable with accepting the award, but gave the speech anyway. Around the same time, he was the assistant publisher of "Marketing for Worth" magazine and knew little about personal finance, and found inspiration in DeGeneres' speech.

"I thought, 'You know what? I can fake it,'" he said. "And I did."

Nelson said he learned to

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ALEX PARTAK/The Observer

Notre Dame graduate Fred Nelson talks about his career in the entertainment industry to students during a lecture Thursday.

Artist opens exhibit at Saint Mary's

By MADELINE MILES
News Writer

Local artist Janet Johnson discussed her icon exhibit on display at the Cushwa-Leighton Library at Saint Mary's on Thursday.

The exhibit features portraits of Christ and the saints painted in traditional icon style.

Johnson, a former teacher of the year at the Elkhart Area Career Center and mentor to 27 award-winning students in the National Skills/USA design competition, said she turned to painting as a way of achieving deeper spirituality and relaxation.

"I came to doing icons to give me a state of relaxation and meditation," she said. "It gives me time for prayers and thoughtfulness. Growing up in a Catholic church, being surrounded by ornate imagery, going to Mass every day of the week ... had a very big impact on my life."

Even though painting icons is a way to relax, it does have its difficulties.

"Icons are very difficult because they have to be perfect," Lynn Edison, a fellow painter and friend of Johnson's, said.

Doni Hoevel, another friend, said the challenge of painting icons does not lie in the need to be creative.

"Icons don't require a lot of creativity — it's basically

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ND alumnus uses comics to promote change



MARINA KOZACK | Observer Graphic

By AUBREY BUTTS
News Writer

Marvel comic books editor and Notre Dame alumnus Bill Rosemann knows that with great power comes great responsibility.

"One person can change the world, and by the way, that person is you," he said in a lecture at the Jordan Hall of Science on Thursday.

Marvel employees have made it their responsibility since the 1960s not only to entertain their readers, but also to teach them an important message about overcoming personal struggles and making a positive change, Rosemann said.

"It's not about the costumes or the masks," he said. "Our comics are about saying that one person with problems, choosing to use their gifts to do

good, can make a difference."

While the costumes, masks and fights draw readers into the world of the comic, Rosemann said these elements pale in comparison to the person underneath the powers and masks.

"The powers and costumes are extensions rather than disguises," he said. "It's about the person under the costume, and these are the people readers continually identify with and the reasons they return to the comics over and over again."

Rosemann said Spider-man was an example of this connection. The reader not only cares about the hero Spider-man, but the common man Peter Parker.

"The costumes and names grab your attention, but you

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CORRECTIONS

An article in the Nov. 2 edition of The Observer misrepresented which artists did ofrendas at the Día de los Muertos event. There were two ofrendas displayed at the event. The ofrenda of ladders covered in black feathers was designed by artist Ana Teresa Fernandez. The other ofrenda of flowers and human skulls and bones was created by Kellogg Institute faculty and staff members. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS WEEKEND?



Paolo Garcia

senior
off campus

"Going to Asian Allure on Friday and Saturday nights at Washington Hall."



Jolynn Hoang

sophomore
Ryan

"Performing in Asian Allure!"



Gabe de Vela

junior
Keenan

"I want to get people Asian Allured."



Leon Zhou

senior
Stanford

"Going to Asian Allure."



Hoang Ho-Pham

sophomore
Pasquerilla East

"Dancing in the best show of the year, Asian Allure!"



Chase Riddle

senior
Keenan

"Watching all five SUB showings of Harry Potter 7."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com



TOM LA/The Observer

The Indian Association of Notre Dame rehearses their performance for Asian Allure. The show will run tonight at 7 p.m. and Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by visiting or calling the LaFortune Box office.

OFFBEAT

Town hopes to cash in on Wild West collection

HARRISBURG (Pennsylvania) — Desperate to rid itself of more than 8,000 Wild West-like artifacts and to climb out of a \$300 million debt crisis, Harrisburg has allowed appraisers and auction houses into a storage space where the bits of Americana have been gathering dust for years.

Nearly all of the artifacts were collected by former Mayor Stephen Reed, who dreamed of building a Wild West museum in Harrisburg that never materialized. The seven-term mayor left office last year.

Reed began buying the artifacts with tax dollars more than five years ago. Two city

auctions of some of the artifacts in 2007 and 2008 have netted \$1.66 million.

Harrisburg spokesman Robert Philbin said about nine companies have taken a recent look at the artifacts and gave the city hope some of the \$8 million to \$15 million Reed spent to buy them will be recouped.

The city is looking for an appraiser and an auction service to help generate the most money for the cash-strapped city. Bids will be accepted until November 9.

Man is given cash, snake after using ATM

MADRID — A Spanish vi-man innocently attempted to take out cash out of an ATM, only to discover a snake

slithering out of the cash-dispensing slot along with the money.

The ATM's security camera captured the wayward snake. The tape shows the snake —which got stuck in the ATM slot as it was poised to exit its nest of cash — peering out of the machine. Someone even tried to poke it with a stick. The snake, which looks to be at least a foot long, lashed out at the stick with its tongue.

But in this animal tale, all ends well: The bank customer got his money, and the snake was freed by police, who took it in a box to an animal shelter.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Today from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Geddes Coffee House, the Higgins Labor Studies Program will present a talk called "A Proud History: The United Auto Workers in South Bend." The speaker will be Joe Taylor, president of the UAW Local 5. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

Today, there will be a colloquium called "Generalized Additive Partial Linear Models with High-Dimensional Covariates" from 4 to 5 p.m. in Room 127 of the Hayes-Healy Center. The colloquium will be given by Hua Liang of the University of Rochester Medical Center and is sponsored by the Department of Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics.

The film "Another Earth" will be shown tonight at 6:30 p.m. and again at 9:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Following the film, there will be a discussion with one of the film's stars and Notre Dame alumnus, William Mapother, class of 1987. Tickets are \$3.

There will be a talk called "Run From the Earthquake, Fall into the Abyss: A Léogane Paradox" on Monday at 6 p.m. in Room 104 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The talk, which is sponsored by the Haiti Program and the Haiti Working Group, will be given by Professor Karen Richman of the Institute for Latino Studies, Anthropology Department and Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, email detailed information about an event to obsnews.nd@gmail.com

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Alumnus launches ND website

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By DAN BROMBACH
News Writer

Small hobbies can grow into huge successes. In September, Notre Dame graduate Jeff Paone launched his self-developed website "Today in ND History."

What started out as a small hobby known only by his friends and family soon grew into a popular Notre Dame history outlet.

"When I started off, it was pretty much just my friends and family visiting the site," Paone said. "Now, by word of mouth, I have several hundred regular followers."

The site highlights famous athletes, influential individuals and memorable moments from Notre Dame history in a series of daily blog-style posts, Paone said.

It also focuses on special events, like the Nov. 2 post commemorating the "Game of the Century" when the Fighting Irish defeated the heavily favored Ohio State Buckeyes in a 1935 football game.

While it may seem like an easy task to discuss special events in Notre Dame history, Paone said selecting what to write about can be tricky, especially on days when there are a variety of topics to choose from.

"Sometimes, especially during the fall, there are multiple important events that all occurred on the same day," he said. "I try to select the topics that are most interesting to me, but at the same time I try to get a variety of different topics as well."

Although he does have a long list of potential topics compiled, Paone said there are many topics he has not yet discovered.

"So far, I have over 400 potential events," Paone said. "But because it's just me doing this, I have a limited pool of resources to draw from, and so I'm sure that there are topics that I simply don't know about yet."

An additional obstacle Paone faces is the issue of copyrighted and trademarked material. The site, although highlighting Notre Dame history, is not offi-

cially endorsed or sponsored by the University.

"Not being endorsed by Notre Dame affects my operation mostly in that I have to be careful about copyrighted and trademarked material when choosing what images I can show on the website," Paone said. "If I can find a YouTube video or something like that, I'll use it because it's already out in the public domain."

Despite having to run the site on his own and keep legal issues in check, Paone said his time commitment to maintaining "Today in ND History" is fairly modest.

"I typically spend about an hour a day working on the site," he said. "Right now, it's really just a hobby of mine."

Paone said he hopes to continue expanding the website and one day partner with the Notre Dame archives.

"[I plan to do this] until I run out of events," he said.

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Professor examines blogging

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

Blogs are a positive medium from which students can learn, Assistant Director of Graduate Studies in Theology Todd Walatka said in a workshop Thursday.

The workshop, "Enhancing Discussion Through Student Blogs," highlighted the pros, cons and logistics of student blogging.

Walatka said he introduced the idea of blogging to his Foundations of Theology class last fall after reading about student blogging on ... a blog.

"I was trying to come up with some way to have students write regularly for the class, but in a way that was more effective than a common reflection paper," he said.

The main goal of student blogging is to generate conversations before and during class, he said.

Student blogs also allow him to easily address any information students misunderstand in the reading, Walatka said.

"They're reading and then formulating thoughts about

the text, so it's not passive learning," he said. "I think one of the main benefits is [the blog] is due 36 hours before class. I read every single [student blog] before class to see if they misunderstood something and address that in class. If one has a strong post, I can point it out."

Students also receive assignments through the blog.

Freshman Arthur Laciak, a student in Walatka's class, said every Tuesday they read from the Bible and respond to a prompt in

200 to 400 words.

"We format our posts on our Wordpress blog," he said. "Then we write two comments on some of our group members' blogs."

Walatka said he hopes the blog posts will teach students to write in a concise manner.

"I hope they've improved their ability to engage [with] text and one another at a sophisticated [level], he said. "In the blog, they write 200 to 400 words, so it has to be to the point. I hope there are certain skills that they learn by blogging that carry on past the class."

Since its introduction to the Foundations of Theology class, the trend has spread. Other Theology courses now incorporate blogs into their course syllabi and Walatka said he hopes the use of blogging in classes will continue to grow.

"I hope something like this catches on," he said. "Blogging happens to be a technology that positively supports the engagement of materials before class for the students and professor. It is effective in reaching these goals."

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"I was trying to come up with some way to have students write regularly for the class, but in a way that was more effective than a common reflection paper."

Todd Walatka
theology professor

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Instead, the community must consider the process of remembering.

"Of course being a healing community means moving beyond surviving and to remembering," Kollman said.

He said this remembering is part of why surviving a sexual trauma is never really over. The memories are always there, just under the surface, Kollman said.

"Memory is an ongoing editorial process, by which we bring aspects of our past into our present awareness," he said. "It seems common that people who undergo sexual violence have involuntary moments of remembering what happened to them, so the ghost structures of previous damage haunts the imagination."

While Kollman stressed that remembering is an important part of the healing process, as well is voicing what happened.

"Healing almost invariably involves voicing, or telling what one has undergone," he said.

This process usually begins with the survivor as the first audience, through journaling or self-reflection, Kollman said. The second audience may be a peer or counselor.

"We need peers, who by the grace of God had gifts for such welcoming listening," he said. "Learning to be people ... of a helpful sort, patient [and] non-judgmental ... learning to be those kinds of people is the work of a lifetime."

Lastly, Kollman discussed waiting and how healing takes time.

"As communities composed of people who have suffered sexual violence, we need to learn to be patient with those whose healing is underway, but not as instant as we in our temptation might want."

Dr. Rita Donley, the associate director of the University Coun-

seling Center, said trust is also a major component of a healing community.

"[In a healing community], believe what you hear," she said. "We don't want to believe this could happen to us, our roommates, our siblings, our friends. [Instead], we engage in blaming the victim, because we want to push that pain away."

Donley said often times victims themselves push their pain away by concealing their experience.

"Often, people don't come forward right away and they try their best to just shove it away and go back to being a student, athlete, anything they can to just shove it away," she said.

Yet the victim continues to question the experience with five questions.

"What happened to me? How did this happen to me? Why did this happen to me? Why did I act the way I did and how will I act the next time I feel the way I feel?" she said.

Sometimes victims enter into a state of self-blame, she said.

"There is a reason people engage in self-blame," she said. "When you are the victim of trauma, it is the ultimate experience of being out of control."

Donley said to become a true community of healing, members must suspend judgment by not labeling survivors of sexual trauma, being patient and being there to witness their support.

She also said instead of addressing self-destructive behavior as bad, students should express concern for their friend and reaffirm that they stand behind them in their struggles.

"I have been privileged as a psychologist to be at the beginning of a patient's journey and many steps along the way," she said. "While I see pain, I see amazing resilience, strength, courage, beyond anything I have ever seen."

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Marvel

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care about Spider-man because you care about Peter Parker and his struggles, whether it be dealing with his boss or showing his feelings to Mary Jane," he said. "Every Spider-man story is a Peter Parker story."

Besides dedicating itself to creating authentic and identifiable characters, Rosemann said Marvel also embodies the dominant aspects of the comic books industry and society itself.

"The comic books industry is many fields coming together at once," he said. "It's never been just about art. Instead, it's this glorious American collision of art, commerce and history."

Rosemann said the dichotomy between Professor

X and Magneto in the "X-Men" series illustrates an intersection between commerce and American social history.

"Professor X enters the picture and assures [the characters] that their perceived curses are actually gifts they can use to save the world, while Magneto emphasizes survival over morality for the mutants," Rosemann said. "Who do these two actually represent? Think Martin Luther King, Jr. who advocated peace, and Malcolm X, who supported survival over

all."

Rosemann also said the source material, or the social circumstances surrounding the comic, helps explain the lasting appeal of comics.

Marvel's latest endeavor, "Ultimate Marvel," plays on changing the traditional circumstances of comics, and encourages readers

to think beyond the usual comic book realm.

In "Ultimate Spider-man," Marvel takes the traditional Spider-man story line and changes its social context.

"In the Ultimate Spider-Man, Peter Parker dies and Miles Morales, a half-black, half-Hispanic teenager becomes the new Spider-Man," Rosemann said. "After launching the story, we received hate mail, [but there] can be a Spider-man that is not white."

"While remaining true to the original characters, Marvel comics always reflects what is going on in the world."

Rosemann said he encourages Notre Dame students to respond to the constantly changing aspects in their world in a positive way.

"Use your brains to do good," Rosemann said. "Just as the characters confront questions over and over again, we must also ask ourselves how to face the challenges unexpectedly thrown at us in our personal lives and how to strike a balance between our personal and social responsibilities."

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"[The comic book industry has] never been just about art. Instead, it's this glorious American collision of art, commerce and history."

Bill Rosemann
editor
Marvel Comics

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"Razzle Dazzle 'Em" from Ricky Martin and learned to "Be a Prodigy While You Can" from Neil Patrick Harris.

The 25 lessons he presented included advice he wishes he had heard as an

undergraduate, he said.

"Change your mind — switch careers, jobs, cities," he said. "You have every right to change your mind multiple times."

He also said perseverance and the ability to adapt in any situation are two keys to achieving any goal in life.

"If nothing else, think for yourself," he said. "All that

you're learning now, everything you're going to do in your job, try to suck the marrow out of all the experiences."

The lecture was co-sponsored by the Department of Film, Television and Theatre and the College of Arts and Letters.

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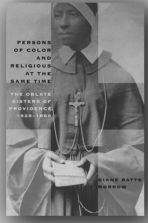
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Shannen Dee Williams, Rutgers University
Commentator: Diane Batts Morrow, University of Georgia



Friday, Nov. 4

CUSHWA CENTER LECTURE
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Diane Batts Morrow, University of Georgia

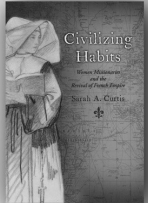


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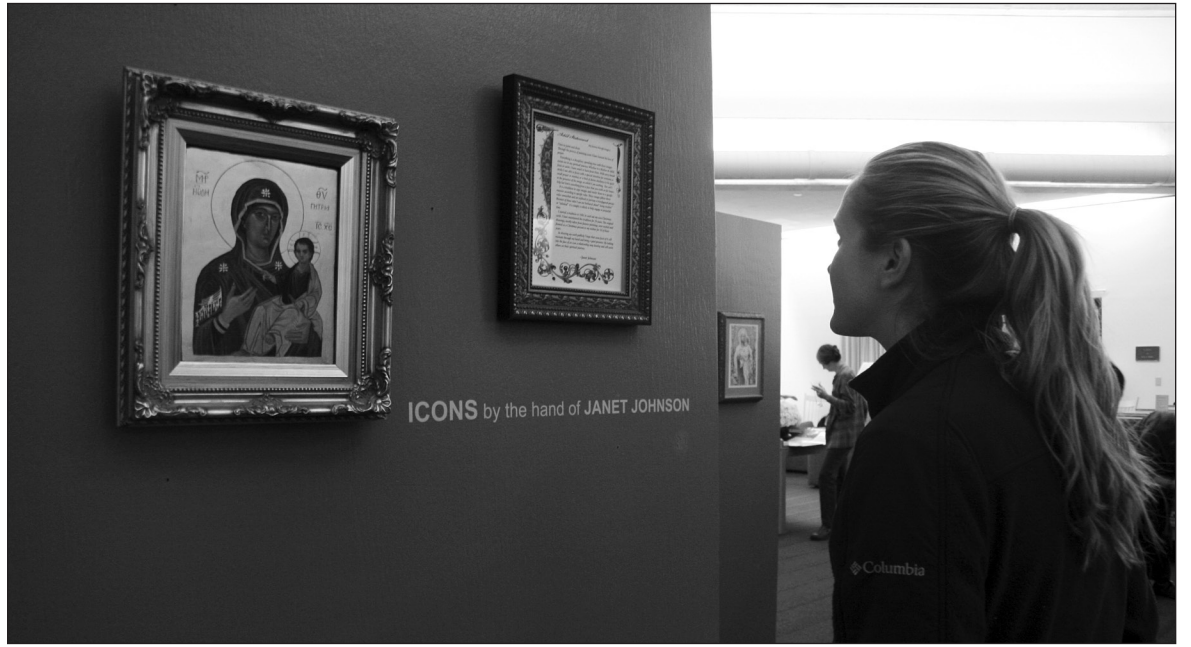
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Commentators: Angelyn Dries, O.S.F., St. Louis University and Thomas Kselman, University of Notre Dame



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Saint Mary's senior Aly Payne views the icon exhibit in Cushwa-Leighton Library. The exhibit is open to the public through Dec. 22.

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repetition from the icons in the past," Hoevel said. "It's very difficult to repeat something so perfectly."

Johnson said a lot of time is spent on technique because each icon is painted with 80 to 100 layers of paint.

"Every brushstroke has a prayer," she said.

In her artist's statement, Johnson said she takes a spiritual lesson away from each of her paintings.

"Whether it is Mother and Child, Jesus or a saint, I have much to learn from [the icons]," she said in her statement. "With every brush stroke I am able to focus with a special intention for someone, a small prayer or mantra or

a kind of divine obedience to be quiet in the presence of the image on which I am working."

Johnson said she is not the only one who can learn from the icons.

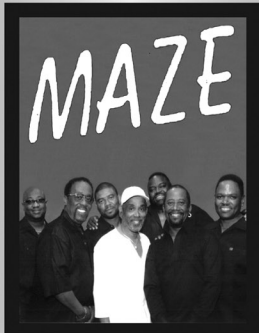
"By looking into the face of an icon, a relationship may develop and will assist others on their spiritual journey."

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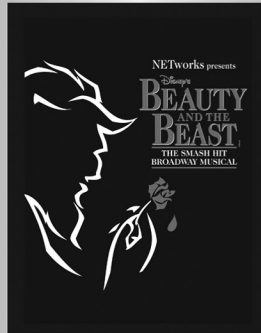
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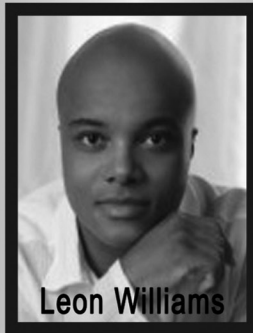
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Economy poised for job gains in October

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Employers likely added only enough jobs in October to keep the unemployment rate from rising, reflecting their cautious outlook in the sluggish economy.

Economists predict employers added a net total of 100,000 jobs last month, according to a survey by FactSet. That's just enough to keep up with population growth.

More than twice that number is needed to lower the unemployment rate, which is projected to stay at 9.1 percent for the fourth straight month.

Many employers are hesitant to step up hiring until they see steady demand from consumers.

Healthier consumer spending was the key reason the economy expanded at an annual pace of 2.5 percent in the July-September quarter, the best quarterly growth in a year. Growth in consumer spending tripled from the spring, despite renewed recession fears and wide fluctuations in the stock market.

But economists worry that the summer spending gains can't be sustained. For one thing, Americans spent more in the third quarter even though they earned less. And they used their savings to make up the difference.

Without more jobs and higher wages, consumers are likely to pare spending in the months ahead. Consumer spending is important because it accounts for 70 percent of economic activity.

The economy generated an average of 96,000 jobs per month in the third quarter, the same as in the preceding three months. That's down from 166,000 in the first three months of this year.

A raft of data Thursday of-

ferred a mixed picture for the economy and hiring.

The number of people applying for unemployment benefits dropped below 400,000 for only the third time this year, the government said. Still, applications would need to fall below 375,000 to signal sustained job gains. They haven't been at that level since February.

Services companies, which employ about 90 percent of the work force, hired more in October after cutting jobs in the previous month, according to a survey by the Institute for Supply Management. Overall growth for the service sector was mostly unchanged from September's slow pace.

Companies ordered more factory goods in September for a third straight month. The gain occurred largely because businesses spent more on industrial machinery, computers and software. It's a sign that in the sluggish economy, many companies are investing in equipment but not in new hires.

Businesses are getting more out of their existing work forces while paying less to employ them. Worker productivity rose in the July-September quarter by the most in a year and a half. At the same time, labor costs fell.

Higher productivity is generally a good thing. It can raise standards of living by enabling companies to pay workers more without raising their prices and increasing inflation. But without strong and sustained customer demand, companies are unlikely to hire.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said Wednesday that growth is likely to be "frustratingly slow," after the Fed sharply lowered its economic projections for the next two years.

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Cain struggles to overcome allegations controversy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican presidential hopeful Herman Cain struggled to overcome the storm of controversy from sexual harassment accusations on Thursday as the threat of a damaging written statement by one of his accusers and his own shifting explanations left his efforts and even his candidacy in doubt.

"This will not deter me" in the race for the White House, Cain declared, repeatedly denying the allegations in interviews on conservative media outlets.

"Did you tell a woman she looked good?" radio host Sean Hannity asked. "That dress looks hot?"

"Nope."
"Any flirtation that you can think of?"

"Nope," Cain said firmly.

At the same time, he and aides tried to demonstrate a campaign returning to normalcy or even benefiting from the controversy.

Cain, a career businessman, held private meetings in New York during the day, including one on foreign policy with former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

And campaign spokesman J.D. Gordon said donors had sent in \$1.2 million since news of the allegations first surfaced, far above the customary amount for several days.

In a personal note, Cain said his wife, Gloria, was "still 200 percent supportive of me in this whole race, 200 percent supportive of me as her husband, because I haven't done anything."

The furor erupted at a time when Cain had vaulted to the top of public opinion polls as a leading conservative challenger to former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney for the Republican nomination — adding spice to a race already as unpredictable as any in recent memory.

Since it was reported late Sunday that at least two women had complained about Cain when they worked at the National Restaurant Association — and had received financial settlements — Cain has said consistently he never sexually harassed anyone. But his answers to other pertinent questions have changed. In one instance, he first denied knowing of any settlements with former employees, then said he recalled one, explaining he had been aware of an "agreement" but not a "settlement."

On Wednesday, Cain said he believed a political consultant on his 2004 Senate campaign who now is helping presidential rival Rick Perry had leaked the information. But he backed off on the day after. "If he didn't ask me about this and he was my general political consultant, then he didn't do his job," Cain said, referring to Curt Anderson. "I am almost certain that I did" tell him about an allegation.

Anderson denied leaking the information and said he first saw the accusations in the Politico report that started the week's events.

Texas Gov. Perry, who fell in opinion polls as Cain rose, also repeated denials that his cam-

paign had anything to do with the reports. He said on CNN, "This is over, it's gone, it's done with and I'm pressing on."

Media coverage continued. Politico, citing anonymous sources, reported that one of the women contended that Cain made a sexual overture to her and invited her to his hotel room during a National Restaurant Association event in the late 1990s. The report said the woman was livid and complained to a member of the group's board later that night.

The publication cited multiple sources, including an acquaintance of the woman and a person who attended the restaurant association meeting at which the woman lodged her complaint.

In a television interview on Thursday with Fox News Channel, Mark Block, Cain's chief of staff, first stood by his accusation that consultant Anderson first leaked details, then he reversed course. "Until we get all the facts, I'm just going to say we accept what Mr. Anderson said."

It was unclear when all the facts might emerge.

Joel Bennett, an attorney for one of the women alleging sexual harassment, said he was seeking permission from the National Restaurant Association to release a statement on her behalf. Under an agreement stemming from her accusation in 1999, the woman agreed not to speak publicly about the episode she said occurred when she worked for the trade group and Cain was its president.

Asked whether he would like

his former employer to agree to the request, Cain sidestepped.

"That's totally their decision," he said on Hannity's program. "I can't ask them to do that because that would create a legal liability that I don't want to be responsible for." Sue Hensley, a spokeswoman for the restaurant group, said its lawyers were reviewing the draft statement and would respond on Friday.

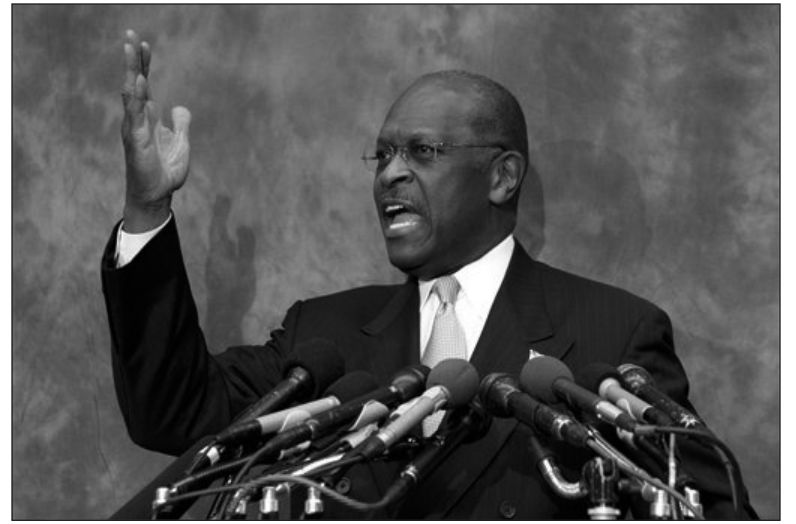
Cain specifically denied allegations by a third woman who told The Associated Press this week that she had considered filing a workplace complaint against him alleging aggressive and unwanted behavior, including a private invitation to his corporate apartment.

He criticized a pollster who did work for the restaurant as-

sociation when he worked there as politically hostile to him. The pollster, Chris Wilson, said in an interview with AP this week that he witnessed Cain making inappropriate comments and gestures toward a different young woman who worked for the group. He said the event occurred at a dinner in a hotel in Arlington, Va., in the late 1990s.

Cain's presidential rivals generally steered clear of the controversy, preferring to let it play out without offering an opinion on the charges.

"The voters won't find surprises with me. My policy positions have been nothing if not consistent," Rep. Michele Bachmann told Fox News while campaigning in Iowa on Thursday. "I'm not going to comment. It's up to the voters."



Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain speaks at the Congressional Health Caucus Thought Leaders Series on Wednesday.



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Senate GOP blocks Obama infrastructure plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Republicans in the Senate Thursday dealt President Barack Obama the third in a string of defeats on his stimulus-style jobs agenda, blocking a \$60 billion measure for building and repairing infrastructure like roads and rail lines.

Supporters of the failed measure said it would have created tens of thousands of construction jobs and lifted the still-struggling economy. But Republicans unanimously opposed it for its tax surcharge on the wealthy and spending totals they said were too high.

The 51-49 vote fell well short of the 60 votes required under Senate procedures to start work on the bill. Every Republican opposed the president, as did Democrat Ben Nelson of Nebraska and former Democrat Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., who still aligns with the party.

Obama's loss was anything but a surprise, but the White House and its Democratic allies continue to press popular ideas from Obama's poll-tested jobs package in what Republicans say is nothing more than a bare-knuckle attempt to gain a political edge by invoking the mantra of jobs but doing little to seek compromise.

"The truth is, Democrats are more interested in building a campaign message than in rebuilding roads and bridges," said Senate GOP Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. "And frankly, the American people deserve a lot better than that."

Obama ripped Republicans in an unusually tough statement issued by the White House.

"The American people deserve to know why their Re-

publican representatives in Washington refuse to put some of the workers hit hardest by the economic downturn back on the job rebuilding America," Obama said. "It's time for Republicans in Congress to put country ahead of party and listen to the people they were elected to serve. It's time for them to do their job and focus on Americans' jobs."

After Republicans blocked Obama's infrastructure plan, the president's Democratic allies immediately killed a competing GOP infrastructure plan that would have extended existing highway and transit spending programs and paid for the spending with a \$40 billion cut in unspent funding for other domestic programs. The White House opposed the measure over its spending cuts and provisions that would block recent clean air rules and make it harder for the administration to issue new rules.

Obama unveiled his \$447 billion jobs plan in September and has launched a campaign-style effort — featuring multiple rallies in states crucial to his re-election bid — to try to get it passed. In votes last month, Republicans blocked the entire \$447 billion jobs package and a subsequent attempt by Democrats to pass a \$35 billion piece of it aimed at preventing layoffs of teachers and firefighters.

Another political flash point is the way Democrats have sought to pay for Obama's jobs measures — a surcharge on income exceeding \$1 million. The idea enjoys wide backing in opinion polls but is stoutly opposed by Republicans, who say it would hit small business owners and therefore threaten job growth.

With the demise of Thursday's measure, an announcement could come as early as Friday on what's the next piece of Obama's jobs agenda to break out for a stand-alone vote. Democratic aides say the next measure would be legislation to provide a \$4,800 tax credit for hiring an unemployed veteran and increasing the tax credit for hiring a veteran with a service-related disability to up to \$9,600.

Republicans back the idea of the veterans hiring tax credit.

Thursday's legislation would have provided an immediate \$50 billion investment in roads, bridges, airports and

transit systems. It also called for a \$10 billion bank to leverage private and public capital for longer-term infrastructure projects.

The measure would be financed by a 0.7 percent surcharge on income over \$1 million.

After Obama's full \$447 billion jobs bill was filibustered to death last month, the White House immediately announced it would seek votes on component pieces. That's a way to exert political pressure on Republicans sensitive about their own jobs agenda, which so far has centered on relaxing regulations and boosting offshore

oil exploration and drilling.

Obama last week uncorked a "We Can't Wait" initiative that relies on executive authority rather than legislation from a bitterly divided Congress to help homeowners refinance "underwater" homes and give borrowers relief from their student loans.

Meanwhile, House GOP leaders are casting blame on the Senate for failing to act on 15 "forgotten" jobs bills, including a measure to repeal a law requiring federal, state and many local governments to withhold 3 percent of their payments to contractors until their taxes are paid.



Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, right, leads fellow Republicans on the floor in the Senate on Thursday. Republicans are attempting to bring down Obama's stimulus-style jobs agenda.

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Dow increases after Greek vote is scrapped

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 208 points Thursday after Greece scrapped a referendum on unpopular budget cuts and the European Central Bank unexpectedly cut interest rates. It was the second straight day of big gains in the stock market.

The European Central Bank surprised markets by cutting its benchmark interest rate a quarter of a percentage point, to 1.25 percent. The bank had increased its key rate twice this year, but that was before Mario Draghi took over as head of the bank this week. The announcement sent stocks higher as investors hoped that lowering borrowing costs would help prevent a recession in Europe.

Buying intensified in the early afternoon after Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou abandoned his effort to put package of austerity measures to a public vote. A "no" vote could have caused chaos in the European financial system by leading to a messy default on Greece's debt.

Investors and other European nations were shocked by Papandreou's announcement Monday that he would call a referendum on a financial rescue package worked out just

last week after months of negotiations between Greece and its international lenders.

The Dow lost 573 points the first two days of this week as investors feared that Europe's plan to preserve its currency union was in jeopardy. Markets in the U.S. and Europe have been highly sensitive to headlines out of Europe as leaders there try to avoid a financial calamity. Investors have become fatigued as various efforts to resolve the situation seem to continually run into trouble.

"Today it looks like a deal in Europe is more likely and that's making the market positive, but who knows what people will think tomorrow," said Uri Landesman, president of Platinum Partners.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 208.43 points, or 1.8 percent, to 12,044.47. The average closed above 12,000 for only the third time since the start of August. The Dow last closed above that level on Friday. Even with the gain of 386 points over the last two days, the Dow is still 1.5 percent below where it closed on Friday.

The S&P 500 rose 23.25, or 1.9 percent, to 1,261.15. The Nasdaq composite added 57.99, or 2.2 percent, to 2,697.97.

INSIDE COLUMN

Hanging up the one-piece

Around this time one year ago, the questions began.

“What are you doing next summer? Internship? Research project? I’m interning in Washington, D.C. to help pass immigration legislature. What about you?”

As a sophomore, I laughed. Internships were meant for the summer after junior year, I thought to myself. I was perfectly content to return to my summer job of three years as a lifeguard on Long Island.

“Oh, you’re lifeguarding again? That will be ... fun.”

After I overheard a freshman bragging about the job she secured at J.P. Morgan, I soon realized the majority of Notre Dame students did not share my view of internships. But that did not faze me. I was not yet ready to give up my summers. At 19-years-old, I was still a teenager. I could not imagine being a “real person,” perhaps taking a train into New York City at 7 a.m. five days a week and only seeing the sun and ocean on weekends.

No, I was definitely not ready for that. So I called the director of the pool I had worked at, told him I was returning for another summer and dug out my old one-piece bathing suits. In May, as my classmates left for the daily grind of working life in cities all over the globe, I headed home to Long Island. And I had a blast.

I spent my workdays in the sun, guarding a pool where parents generally enrolled their children in weekly swimming lessons from the ages of 3 to 8. Needless to say, we did not have a single save in the four years I worked there. I spent every one of my off days, and usually parts of my workdays, at the beach. What I lost in professional experience, I more than made up for in tan.

Unfortunately, I’m now a junior. It’s time to hang up the one-piece.

My old mantra of “I’ll get an internship the summer before senior year” has been haunting me ever since I returned to South Bend. Although I have certainly tried, I can no longer justify spending my summer days playing games of “All Fishies Under” in the deep end and making string bracelets with 12-year-olds.

The idea of an internship does not particularly frighten me. But the end of my summers? The end of the lazy days spent relaxing in the sun, and swimming in the pool and ocean? That is utterly terrifying. I have only one reassuring factor that is keeping me from hyperventilating when I think about the coming summer. Although I am applying to internships in different areas, I refuse to concede on one criterion — the location must be within an hour’s drive of the ocean. Nine months in a landlocked state is far too long already, and I don’t think I could handle another three.

Maybe I’ll even bring the one-piece along for old time’s sake.

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Melissa Flanagan

News Writer

Making South Bend a community

One of the best things about Notre Dame is that everything a student could possibly need is on campus. But it is also one of the worst because it separates us from the city that is our home — South Bend.

The tension between Notre Dame students and South Bend residents isn’t new. The Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) met recently in downtown South Bend, bringing representatives from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross College together with city, county and police officials. Some residents of South Bend expressed their frustration at having Notre Dame students disturbing their neighborhoods. Paired with the recent upswing in off-campus crime, it is worth asking what can be done to resolve the tension.

We know that the community we live in isn’t perfect, but neither are we.

Students lead different lifestyles than families. Families develop strong ties within their neighborhoods; they react defensively to Notre Dame students in South Bend because that is where their children learn to walk, ride bikes and eventually drive their own cars.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame students flit from dorm to apartment to house, do their best to make ends meet, are most active on weekend nights and have had poor relationships with law enforcement in the past. How can a community reconcile these two demographics?

Let’s start with identifying the biggest problems.

A major concern for Notre Dame students is off-campus safety. At the CCAC meeting, student body president Pat McCormick broached the subject of off-campus safety with the coalition members. Everyone agreed that more needed to be done to keep students safe off campus.

Just a week ago, a burglar stole several laptops, iPods, game stations and cash from a student home on N. St. Peter St. What is even more alarming, though, is that the burglar also drove away with a resident’s black SUV. This robbery marked the sixth targeting student residences in only four months.

The result of this? Students avoid South Bend and rely heavily on campus resources. Having a Starbucks, a Burger King and even a FedEx Office within one building certainly makes life easier, but what we gain in convenience we lose in community. Remember when a trip to your hometown grocery store included catching up with your second-grade teacher, or making conversation in the produce aisle? We patronize imported franchises while independent businesses struggle in South Bend.

Meanwhile, South Bend residents notice a trend in students overtaking and disrespecting a neighborhood during the year. The parties, noise and short-term residency clash with a family

lifestyle. For a University that strives for a family-like community, Notre Dame students can’t seem to extend the same compassion and camaraderie to South Bend residents. And for the amount of complaints we have about Notre Dame being a disconnected bubble, Notre Dame students rarely attempt to burst it.

Both students and residents have legitimate concerns, and a lot can be done to alleviate these two problems if we work together. The solution lies in long-term relationship building.

The University currently has a few initiatives that work on facilitating relationships between off campus students and their neighbors. The Off-Campus Council distributes a leaflet called the “Good Neighbor Guide,” which seeks to educate students on how to mitigate risk of conflict in their adopted neighborhoods. CommUniversity Day, which takes place each spring, also allows Notre Dame students to volunteer for a day in the South Bend community.

These initiatives, while commendable, are too few and far between to foster long-lasting relationships between residents of South Bend and the Notre Dame community. Integrating two communities doesn’t happen overnight; it’s a day-by-day process.

To students who live off campus: knock on your neighbor’s door and say hello. The same can be said to South Bend residents. A good relationship with your neighbor means that you look out for one another. A nonexistent relationship indicates a lack of interest and conscientiousness.

Yes, it will be awkward. Yes, you may feel uncomfortable. But going on your first interview is going to be the same way — scary, stilted, but in the end rewarding.

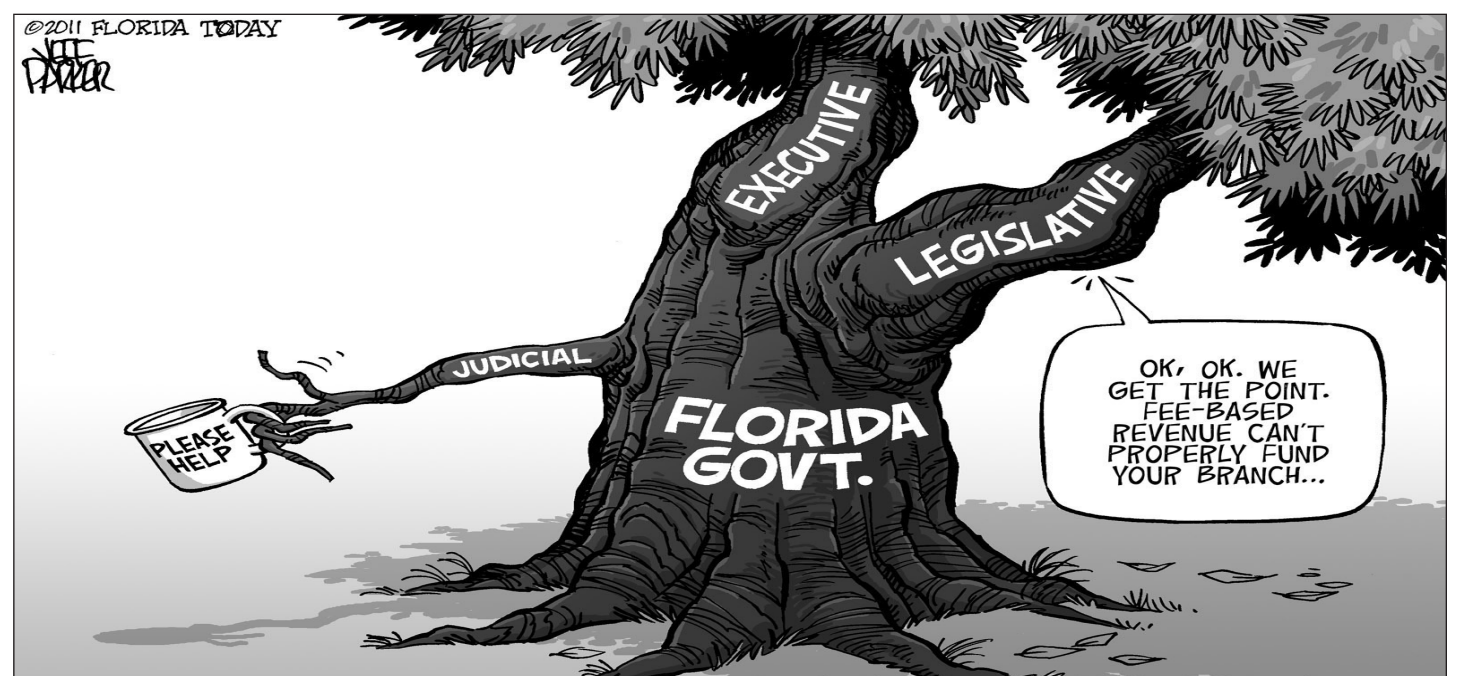
To the residents: not all of us are disrespectful party-goers who make excessive noise every night of the week. We may be young, but we are willing to learn — that is why we came here in the first place. Some of us are also a long way from home, and would love even just a friendly smile or wave that would make us feel like we belong.

Only a few individuals are committing the crimes against South Bend’s residences. These people are not representative of the South Bend community as a whole. Many of the community members at the CCAC meeting were right in saying that students must be more vigilant, aware of their surroundings and exercise caution off-campus, but responsibility is shared between the community of South Bend and those students who choose to make South Bend their community.

Our neighbors think that students ruin a neighborhood’s history and character instead of building, enhancing and adding to it. Let’s prove them wrong. Go to that house next door, ring the doorbell and say hello. Who knows, maybe your neighbors will surprise you. We guarantee you’ll surprise them.

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WEEKLY POLL

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TWIZZLERS	█	12	6%
TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES : 195			

Obama to GOP: 'Show me YOUR jobs'

The actual start of the presidential election season begins today — exactly one year from now countdowns to the weekend before the 2012 election. While GOP presidential hopefuls have campaigned for months to replace President Obama, the president just recently shifted mode into campaign mode while promoting his new jobs initiatives. In just 366 days, both campaigns will more than likely begin a grueling all-day, all-night final marathon effort to climax their campaigns in the critical swing states. Most importantly, one political camp will probably know the election's outcome a few days early based on their sophisticated internal polling that deciphers political trends.

On this day in 2008, the Obama campaign knew it had won over GOP nominee John McCain. On this day in 1980, Ronald Reagan's landslide victory over incumbent President Jimmy Carter was unknown because they had only debated once that week. However, that weekend polling revealed that Reagan was trending up and by Monday before the election, both Carter and Reagan knew the election's outcome. On this day in 1984, Reagan embarked upon his whistle-stop marathon train ride through Ohio to solidify a pivotal piece of his winning

electoral strategy. Chances are that one year from today both sides will know which campaign's efforts were successful.

While each election's dynamics vary, the path for President Obama mirrors Harry Truman's 1948 run against the "Do nothing" Congress. Rightfully so, Obama can pound against an obstructionist GOP by emphasizing programs to keep police on the streets, teachers in the classrooms and increase construction and manufacturing jobs for infrastructure projects. He can pointedly note that his tax proposal only affects about 350,000 of the wealthiest Americans and only averages about \$350 per initiative. Those powerful compelling arguments, when offered succinctly, counter the GOP stand against all tax increases. However, Obama needs to also eliminate a major GOP claim that overregulation stifles job creation.

Two-time Pulitzer Prize winner and acclaimed historian Arthur Schlesinger, a member of President John F. Kennedy's administration who also extensively studied President Franklin D. Roosevelt's White House tenure, noted that politics is a learning profession. Schlesinger saw life as a walk through history, and if alive today might be appalled at our disregard of the similarities between today's economic conditions and FDR's struggle to invest in infrastructure projects to overcome the Great Depression. The GOP in the 1930s — like today

— claimed the deficit was too large, government too big, taxes too high, regulation too overbearing while opposing governmental spending as a means to put people back to work. In reality, governmental spending for World War II, not typical free-market policies, eventually pulled our economy out of the Depression while FDR won 46 of 48 states in 1936.

With those historical lessons tucked into our back pockets, fast forward into today's uber-partisan political climate with our 24-7 news cycle. Entering his third year in office, Obama — just like FDR — faced growing dissatisfaction for how slowly the economy was rebounding. Obama — just like FDR — is fighting against today's equivalent of Herbert Hoover's "cut government, cut the deficit" supporters. Today, Obama simply must acknowledge that politics and his administration are indeed learning professions, then discredit a major GOP one-note mantra, "Cut government regulation."

Obama should emphasize just how badly the prior administration's deregulation policy damaged our economy. Voters cannot visualize how the stimulus policies kept our economy from diving over a cliff. Voters only remember the promises that bailouts and stimulus programs would reduce unemployment below 8 percent. Make the American public imagine just how badly our economy was wrecked by deregulation if after three

years of extraordinary efforts our economy is still struggling to barely chug along. Then announce a 6-month postponement of federal reporting procedures for businesses that do not have a history of recent violations and a moratorium on federal regulations that do not affect fairness, safety or health.

Voters will not visualize a fight over regulations. They only understand that some regulations are necessary but others can sometimes be burdensome. Obama can establish his playing field while defining his terms of the rhetoric. Then the president can turn to the GOP and say, "You have half a year to show me your jobs. I have always been open to GOP policies that stimulate the economy. If we see job growth, as you so vociferously claim, I'll continue this moratorium. I'll even go one further. I'll work with you to permanently change regulations that do not affect fairness, safety or health. So, show me your jobs!"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Men of ND Calendar

Dear Notre Dame students,

The finest ladies on campus are resurrecting the illustrious Men of ND Calendar for 2012-13 AND WE WANT YOU! We need the best, brightest, most interesting men across campus to grace the pages (and if you're lucky the cover) of the hottest commodity to hit the Irish merchandise market next year. As part of our massive recruitment process we need YOU to nominate your classmates (and yourselves if you're male) for the interview process! Ladies, don't be shy — nominate your favorite guy friends as well.

This a charitable event! The project is co-sponsored by MAV (Men Against Violence), and all the proceeds of the calendar will be donated to the SOS Rape Crisis Center.

We're looking for men with accomplishments in service, academics, athletics, student government or any other endeavors who aren't camera shy. No prior modeling experience is required.

Nominate as many men as you want — the more the merrier! Only freshmen, sophomores and juniors need apply, as the calendar will not be released until the fall of 2012.

Search "Farley Hall's Men of ND Calendar" on Facebook or dig through those emails from your hall president for more information.

May the best men win.

Kelsie Corrison and Wendy Hatch
sophomores
Farley Hall
Nov. 2

My Asian home at ND

With Asian Allure this Friday, Nov. 4, and Saturday, Nov. 5, I know the chaos of Asian Allure is coming down on everyone participating in the annual cultural show. Even with all the craziness this past week, I couldn't be happier being a part of Asian Allure 2011: Timeless. Coming from a town where Asian diversity is rare, I always grew up as "the Asian." It never bothered me because I didn't think my "Asian-ness" was such a big deal. Sure, my family had many Filipino traditions, but I sparingly invited my friends over for Filipino dinner. I wasn't ashamed of being Filipino, I just didn't think my Filipino ways were interesting enough to fully share with everyone.

Coming to Notre Dame, my first weeks freshman year were a blur, but one unforgettable memory of those couple of weeks was meeting so many Asians. I wasn't used to being surrounded by so many people my age who didn't think eating a large roasted pig (called lechon) was weird or who understood all the little Filipino phrases that my parents continuously spoke at home. Now, one year later, I call my Asian friends my second family, full of "ate's" (big sisters) and "kuya's" (big brothers) and "ading's" (little sister/brother).

That is why I love contributing to Asian Allure. The Asian community has given me so much this past year, and I don't know where I would be without my large ND Asian family. Everyone has worked so hard putting together this year's show, Timeless, and I could not be more proud of them. To our director, "Kuya" Mike: From late nights at LaFun to your constant running all over the place, thank you so much for your leadership. I know this is cliché to say, but this show would not "timeless" without you. To everyone else (from performers to backstage crew to managing to choreographers, etc.): We have a great thing going on here. I know it's been a long road, but the end result is fantastic. Now let's all break a leg (but not literally)!

Trixie Amorado
sophomore
Badin Hall
Nov. 3

Date to the Dillon dance?

Hello ladies. Look at your man, now back to this, now back to your man, now back to this. Sadly, he isn't handsome and charming like the men I am speaking for (unless he lives in Dillon, in which case you are a lucky lady indeed). But for all you ladies who do not have the great fortune of having a Dillon man, I bring good news. Dillon Hall will be having a dance next Friday night, Nov. 11, and you and a friend are invited to the greatest night of your lives. Two men are seeking dates. One is tall dark and handsome, and really, really ridiculously good looking (in fact, you might even say male model caliber). The other is not so tall, not so dark, but does he get the fire started both on and off the dance floor. Ladies, if you and a friend are interested in having one of the most epic Friday nights of your semester, nay, your college career, then email sfitzge@nd.edu. You will not be disappointed.

Sean Fitzgerald and Brian Scope
sophomores
Dillon Hall
Nov. 3

Photography issues noted

In response to "Lauren Studios under fire" (Nov. 1), as not only the Editor-in-Chief of the Notre Dame Yearbook, but a fellow senior, I understand the concerns voiced in Matt Jensen's letter, and I hope that I may have the opportunity to make a few clarifications and clear up any issues that have arisen.

While it may seem unfair to charge a sitting fee, it is common practice to do so, especially when there is no charge for the yearbook itself. One would be hard-pressed to find a studio that does not charge a sitting fee for this type of portrait, let alone one that charges the reasonable rates set by Lauren Studios. The sitting fee also includes retouching of the yearbook pose. While I also agree that the prices of the photos are rather high, they are on par with the prices set by other studios. Unfortunately, this cost is in the nature of professional photography studios.

I myself waited nearly an hour past my scheduled appointment time and then felt very rushed during my session for fear of being late to class. Apparently more students than anticipated elected to make wardrobe changes during the longer sittings, putting the photographers behind schedule. This scheduling issue, as well as the other issues raised, will be addressed directly with the president of Lauren Studios when I meet with him later in the month, and he has already promised to address the problems. We regret that students were inconvenienced.

Concerning proofs. No student will be charged for unreturned proofs. It has been brought to my attention that the section of the brochure stating the fee was meant to be eliminated, but this correction was not made.

Notre Dame has had a relationship with Lauren Studios for 35 years, and it is my understanding that the administration of the company has a history of accommodating to the needs of Notre Dame students, and I expect that this will continue. I openly invite any student who has further concerns to contact me directly at dome@nd.edu.

Caitlin Kinser
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Nov. 3

Asian Allure Presents "Timeless"

By **CLAIRE STEPHENS**
Scene Writer

Lions, pandas and Pokémon, oh my! This Friday and Saturday get a taste of Asian culture with the annual Asian Allure show.

Asian Allure is the biggest Asian cultural event of the year at Notre Dame, featuring modern and traditional performances from the various Asian cultural clubs on campus, Pfresh and members of the Asian and Asian American communities. It is presented by the Asian American Association and co-sponsored by the Asian Pacific Alumni, the International Student Services and Activities and the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture.

This year's theme is "Timeless" and focuses on how far the Asian community at Notre Dame has come. Junior Michael Mercurio spearheaded an oral history project on Asians and Asian Americans at Notre Dame this past summer with a team of student volunteers who interviewed ND alumni all across the globe. This year's skits were inspired by their stories.

New to the program this year is an exhibit on the history of Asians and Asian Americans at Notre Dame, which will be open for viewing before and after the show at Washington Hall.

Each of the clubs participating will contribute diverse performances from coun-

tries all over Asia and each has a unique vision for this year's acts.

The Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) will perform both a traditional dance and a Lion dance. Junior choreographer Theresa Lai said the traditional dance showcases the Vietnamese culture and heritage through both visual props and song.

"The song lyrics are about the timeless love of a man and woman who are from North and South Vietnam, wishing their countries were united," Lai said.

The Lion Dance is an important part of Vietnamese celebrations, said junior Eric Diep, another choreographer.

"We chose it because people just love to see it. It relates the show's theme because the Lion Dance never gets old. It's good every year," Diep said.

A Pokémon skit represents the spirit of Japan Club. Club members said Pokémon serves as one of the most timeless animations/games for our generation because it focuses on the timeless themes of fun and friendship.

K-Pop, a division of the Korean Student Association, has always been about showcasing modernity within Korean culture. K-Pop choreographers senior Julia Ro and junior Carrie Ko said Korean pop music fuses timeless Korean style with newer Western flair and always promises fun and a great performance.

Asians, Asian Americas and many

other cultures are represented in hip-hop group Project Fresh. Their set, called "Hip Hop Incorporated," is a dance set in a fictional "hip-hop tower." The set includes dances from different styles and eras, including classical, jazz and funk. Two of the choreographers, seniors Kevin Park and Amanda Costanzo, envision their piece as a show of timeless quality and evolution of expression through dance.

The Chinese Culture Society (CCS) will call their piece Panda-monium, sophomore Michael Dai said.

"Our dance shows off the delicate charm of the fan paired with the unwavering defiance of the flag," Dai said. "We hope to display the beauty of an ancient and timeless Chinese tradition and the wonders of the wrist."

The Indian Association of Notre Dame's dance will exhibit three different timeless dances from three areas of India — Garba from Gujarat, Bhangra from Punjab and Bollywood from modern Bollywood films. The country of India consists of 28 different states and 30 official languages. The common element tying each subculture together is the tradition of celebration and love for the Motherland.

This year's fashion show will have two parts — modern and traditional. Flourish Boutique will supply all the modern clothes and some of the traditional clothes. The traditional portion is about appreciating the traditional style of all Asian cul-

tures as well as the styles of their modern day counterparts. This segment of the show particularly focuses on the theme of Timelessness, said senior Adrienne Tsen. The Filipino American Student Organization is performing Modern Tinikling, a contemporary take on the traditional folk dance, sophomore Chris Ayala said.

"We chose this dance because it is one of the most timeless Filipino dances. Even with contemporary changes, the same traditional cultural richness is present," Ayala said.

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On campus

What: Asian Allure, "Timeless"

Where: Washington Hall

When: Friday, Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

& Saturday, Nov. 5 at 4 p.m.

How Much: \$7 in advance, \$10 at door



By **LAUREN CHVAL**
Scene Writer

After I finished "Sorcerer's Stone," fully immersed in Harry's world, I immediately began to seek out the second book. It proved a little harder than I imagined, because apparently every fifth grader in my school was on the waiting list at the library and my mother wanted to wait until Christmas to buy it for me. Christmas came early though, and the book was in my hands before any fifth grader had even reached chapter two.

To me, the second adventure was just as magical as the first. It wasn't like some bad movie sequel where the feeling you get the first time just isn't there — everything I loved was back, and the new things J.K. Rowling introduced rang true to me as well. There was more danger this time, and a threat that Hogwarts would be closed — a possibility that disturbed my 8-year-old mind as much as it did Harry's.

But the biggest change between the first and the second books was the introduction of a new major character — little Ginny Weasley. The tale of how Ginny navigated that year would probably be even more interesting than Harry's, as she was at the center of it all rather than circling the pe-

rimeter, trying to solve the mystery.

We rarely hear a thing from Ginny, though, because every time Harry is in the room she's dropping things and turning bright red. Between that and her horrible singing valentine, it is easy to pity Ginny throughout "Chamber of Secrets." I didn't, though.

I hated her.

Considering Ginny would eventually become one of my — if not my absolute — favorite characters, it is odd that we got off to such a horrible start.

I hated her for being shy and weak and I hated her nothing personality. She was related to Fred and George — how could she be so bland? Ron always had funny one-liners, and even Percy had a big personality, even if it was somewhat unpleasant. How could this girl have come from the Weasleys?

Rowling's other main female character, Hermione, was quite the opposite. She was bossy and obnoxious, always 10 steps ahead of the boys in every area. She was first in their class, brightest of her age but still not above taking chances with her two best friends. Hermione was a good example for girls. I wanted to be Hermione.

But I was Ginny.

It's possible that I hated Ginny so much because she hit a little too close

to home. I was also painfully shy and awkward around my peers. I, too, often developed over-the-top crushes on boys who would never return them (do boys even return crushes at 8?). I realized — as Ginny told Tom Riddle that she feels overshadowed by her brothers and is terrified of the possibility that she'll never live up to them — that I also had a brother problem. I was facing the probability that I would never live up to my brother, who was two years younger but twice as smart. Only in first grade, he was playing chess by himself while the other kids were eating paste. His teachers encouraged my parents to let him skip a grade. If he was surpassing me in first grade when I was supposed to have a huge two-year head start, how were the rest of our lives going to go?

So much as I fancied myself Hermione with my frizzy hair and messed up front teeth, the introduction of Ginny shot a lot of holes in that theory and pointed out my flaws quite glaringly. Harry Potter was supposed to be my escape. Harry was supposed to take me away from my problems, not shove them in front of me.

I didn't process all these feelings so neatly at 8. I just established in my mind that I hated Ginny and that was that. She had no self-esteem and neither did I — she probably would have

hated me too if given the chance.

Twelve years later, I've gathered just enough maturity to see that Ginny's journey through the books was probably one of the most helpful aspects for me. We grew up together, Ginny and I. In a few years, she backed away from her family enough to make friends and go through a couple boyfriends. She developed the Fred-and-George sense of humor that I had always hoped she had in her.

Ginny is independent and strong, and she might not have arrived at that point if Rowling hadn't allowed her the grace of being a terrified 11-year-old. She emerged, sometime around the fourth book, a confident and mischievous young woman, but was all the more relatable because of where she came from.

I still get awkward at times, although much less often now. It happens the most around boys, who still sometimes don't return my crushes. My brother is most definitely still smarter than me. Luckily, somewhere in high school, I emerged sarcastic and funny and smart (enough) in my own right. I don't have Ginny to thank for it. But I do thank Rowling for gently letting me know that everyone is allowed a little bit of a grace period.

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THE GOOD

By PATRICK McMANUS
Scene Writer

“Tower Heist,” a film that was supposed to be a funny “Ocean’s 11,” had more potential than any other recent comedy. Helmed by “Rush Hour” director Brett Ratner and featuring a star-studded cast, “Tower Heist” is the story of a group of luxury apartment building employees who lose their pensions in a Ponzi scheme orchestrated by one of the building’s residents (Alan Alda).

Their plan to steal their money back is very much a story of our times, influenced by the growing disparity and animosity between the haves and have-nots. “Tower Heist” provides the same sort of satisfaction “Inglourious Basterds” does. Hitler wasn’t killed by American commandos and the 99% aren’t breaking into penthouses and taking back what’s theirs, but it is nice to think about.

“Tower Heist” starts off slow, but there are a lot of laughs to be had throughout. Ben Stiller’s performance seems more “Night at the Museum” than “Zoolander” but it’s offset by Eddie Murphy, who is closer to “Beverly Hills Cop” than “Haunted Mansion.”

There are only a few fleet-

ing moments in the film that showcase Murphy and Stiller operating in their classic personas, but those moments are hysterical. Matthew Broderick and Michael Peña also turn in solid performances. The sleeper comedy star is Casey Affleck, who manages to find the perfect tone to deliver the hilarity of a comedy movie and the intensity of an action flick. Gabourey Sidibe of “Precious” also stars.

It isn’t a brilliant movie, but “Tower Heist” is definitely entertaining and in the end, a timely, well-acted and silly story is all the movie-going public really needs.

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“Tower Heist”
Universal Pictures

Starring: Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy, Casey Affleck, Alan Alda
Director: Brett Ratner



TOWER HEIST

THE GOOD AND THE BAD



THE BAD

By TROY MATHEW
Scene Writer

“Tower Heist” tries to get laughs while creating a story in which the working-class underdogs triumph over the greedy Wall Street executive. It fails.

The comedy centers around the employees of a luxury, Central Park condominium, who are shocked to discover their swindling billionaire boss (Alan Alda) has stolen their pensions. Former building manager Josh Kovacs (Ben Stiller) and local thief Slide (Eddie Murphy) assemble a group of rag-tag building employees to steal their boss’ hidden fortune. The group of thieves endures numerous mishaps in their quest to retrieve the stolen money.

“Tower Heist” has pretenses of timeliness, premiering at a point in history when corporate greed is under heavy scrutiny. However, the characters inspire no sympathy. Even Lester (Stephen Henderson), the jolly doorman turned despondent suicide survivor, lacks development and fails to inspire pity for the victims of the Ponzi scheme.

The movie keeps it together until the execution of the actual heist, at which point the plot falls to pieces. The challenges the characters face during the

heist and the solutions they propose are too ridiculous. Suspension of disbelief is one thing, but this movie demands the audience completely turn off their brain.

“Tower Heist” is pretty formulaic in its approach to the heist story — including the obligatory elevator shaft sequence. However, unlike more successful versions of the heist story, the team trying to steal the fortune is not at all convincing. They have relatively few skills that qualify them for such a demanding job. On top of that, they’re dumb. The most laughable example of their behavior is that the group expects \$20 million to fit inside a safe the size of a mini-fridge.

The film’s major characters fail to inspire significant laughs, and the film’s minor characters fail to inspire significant sympathy. “Tower Heist,” despite a star-studded cast, is lacking in brains. The film, however, is not boring and is worth seeing if you appreciate less-than-mindless entertainment.

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UNDERGROUND RAPPER BRINGS UNIQUE STYLE TO CAMPUS

By KEVIN NOONAN
Scene Writer

Things are about to get weird. Maybe not weird, weird might be the wrong word. Let’s go with unique. Things are about to get unique, as student favorite, Irish-heritage fanatic and undoubtedly unique underground rapper Macklemore and his partner Ryan Lewis come to campus Saturday at Legends.

The Seattle-born rapper, formally named Sean Haggerty, may not ring bells with some students, but anyone who has walked around campus on game day mornings has probably heard the rapper’s “Irish Celebration” blasting from a dorm room. This song, like many of Macklemore’s, was produced by Lewis.

Macklemore calls the Irish-influenced ballad a “drinking song,” and it certainly evokes a certain sense of Irish pride. However, he’s far from a typical rapper when it comes to subjects like substance abuse.

One of the things that makes Mackl-

emore so unique is that he brings a sense of social conscience to his music. His song “Otherside,” which features an eerie sample of the Red Hot Chili Peppers song of the same title, shares his experience of losing a friend to a codeine-cough syrup addiction, as well as his criticism of the rap culture’s promotion of drugs to its young and impressionable audience.

His critiques do not stop at drugs, as he sings about the problem of out-of-control consumerism in his single “Wings.” Much like “Otherside,” “Wings” blends powerful lyrics with fantastic production.

Macklemore’s latest single, “Make the Money,” issues a critique on the greed in the music business specifically, as well as society’s tendency to do things for the money in general.

But as comfortable as Macklemore is with rapping about substance abuse, death and greed, he is just as at ease in lighthearted songs. “Irish Celebration” is a fairly relaxed glorification of Irish-American heritage.

Another of his recent singles, “Can’t

Hold Us,” shows off some of his better rapping skills while remaining fast-paced and upbeat. It has a catchy enough chorus to compete with any mainstream pop song.

One of his odder songs, “And We Danced,” is a tongue-in-cheek dance-pop song with a bit of self-deprecating humor. In the recently-released video, he even dresses up as David Bowie’s “Ziggy Stardust.”

Macklemore is currently experiencing something of a career comeback. He first released an EP in 2000 as Professor Macklemore to little success. But in 2005 he dropped the Professor, and released his first official full-length album, “The Language of My World.”

Haggerty then dropped off the musical map until 2009. For four long years he wasted away in substance abuse, ranging from OxyContin, alcohol and Percocet to even the codeine-cough syrup that claimed the life of his friend.

But by 2009 he had begun to clean up his act, leading to his resurgence

as not only an artist with a unique style, but also with a unique message. In 2009 he released “The Unplanned Mixtape.” He teamed up with Lewis to release the “VS. Redux” E.P. in 2010 and has continued to release singles throughout 2011.

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On campus

What: Macklemore with Ryan Lewis

Where: Legends

When: Saturday, Nov. 5 at 10 p.m.

How Much: Free

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Ending cheap shots

One of the most highly discussed matters in professional sports right now is player safety, and rightfully so. Perhaps in no two sports are you most likely to be at risk for head injury than football and hockey.



Sam Gans
Sports Writer

The psychological effects inherited from these two sports can be devastating. One of Notre Dame's own, Dave Duerson, committed suicide this past February. Duerson was a successful man who graduated with honors in economics from Notre Dame and became a high-quality businessman after 11 strong seasons in the NFL. But, as a Boston University study of his brain determined after his death, he suffered from a neurodegenerative disease, likely from concussions.

Duerson's death hit close to home at Notre Dame. And while his death made waves around the NFL community, the NHL was also dealt a particularly hard blow in recent months.

New York Rangers forward Derek Boogaard died in May, the cause of death ruled to be accidental from a mixture of alcohol and oxycodone. Two more passed away in August. Winnipeg Jets center Rick Rypien, who was known to be battling depression, committed suicide. Two weeks later, recently retired Wade Belak, who also had depression, died in what has yet to be determined an accidental death or suicide. All three took on the "enforcer" role in their playing days, routinely getting into fights and engaging in skirmishes.

How much the impact of their tough-guy roles played in their deaths is unknown. But it's clear that the NHL is now taking greater action to prevent hits to the head.

Former Detroit Red Wings star Brendan Shanahan was promoted to NHL vice president for player safety this offseason and is now the man chiefly in charge of ruling on suspensions. Shanahan has done a remarkable job in his new role, cracking down on violence in the game. Perhaps even better, when ruling on each suspension, Shanahan releases a video to explain to the fans what he saw and why he made the ruling that he did. The NFL could take note.

That said, perhaps he's gone to too much of an extreme, or at least too quickly. Only five players in the entire league earned

suspensions of five games or more in 2010-2011, with Trevor Gillies of the New York Islanders receiving a suspension of more than five games on two separate occasions.

Ironically, Rypien was one of them, when he grabbed a Minnesota Wild fan during a game. There was also an automatic 10-game suspension for Pittsburgh Penguins forward Eric Godard for leaving the bench area during an on-ice incident. That means only three players were awarded suspensions of five games or longer for actual hits on the ice throughout the entire season.

It's been one month into this season and there have already been seven such rulings. Most notable was Columbus Blue Jackets defenseman James Wisniewski's suspension. Wisniewski, one of the biggest free-agent signings in the entire league this offseason with a 6-year, \$33 million deal, received a 12-game suspension. The suspension included eight regular season games for a late hit to the head of the Minnesota Wild's Cal Clutterbuck. He was fined more than \$500,000. And no, I did not accidentally add an extra '0' to that number.

The Wisniewski hit was dirty. Very dirty. Add the fact that he's been suspended before and he should have received a stiff penalty. But, given the NHL's leniency in recent years, to come out with an eight-game suspension and a fine that would make Mark Cuban cringe seems rough. Five or six games would have seemed appropriate.

Now, as a Columbus fan, the suspension directly affected my team, as the Blue Jackets went 0-7-1 in Wisniewski's absence (they are 2-2 and he has four points since his return), so there's some bias.

However, it's not just Wisniewski, but the other six long suspensions as well, that are confusing.

As mentioned, the NHL was too lenient in the past. Suspensions of one and two games should have been three or four. But now, it's too far the other way. If they want to eventually reach suspensions of this length, fine, but make it a gradual change that's fair and allows the players to adjust after years of light rulings.

I commend the NHL and Shanahan for no longer tolerating cheap shots like before, especially in light of the recent deaths. But they don't need to go over-the-top, either. There's a balance and they should try to find it.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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NFL

Giants to face NFL's worst pass defense

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — With the lowest-rated pass defense in the NFL and one of the league's top quarterbacks coming to town, it could be a busy Sunday for the New England Patriots' secondary.

New England (5-2) hosts the New York Giants (5-2) on Sunday and the Patriots know to expect a lot of passes from Eli Manning.

Knowing the pass is coming hasn't helped the Patriots defense so far.

"In this game you have to find a weakness and right now, our weakness is our pass defense," nose tackle Vince Wilfork said Thursday. "We understand that but a one-dimensional team shouldn't be able to beat us."

New England is allowing 323 passing yards per game, the worst average in the league. The Patriots also rank last in total defense, allowing 424 yards.

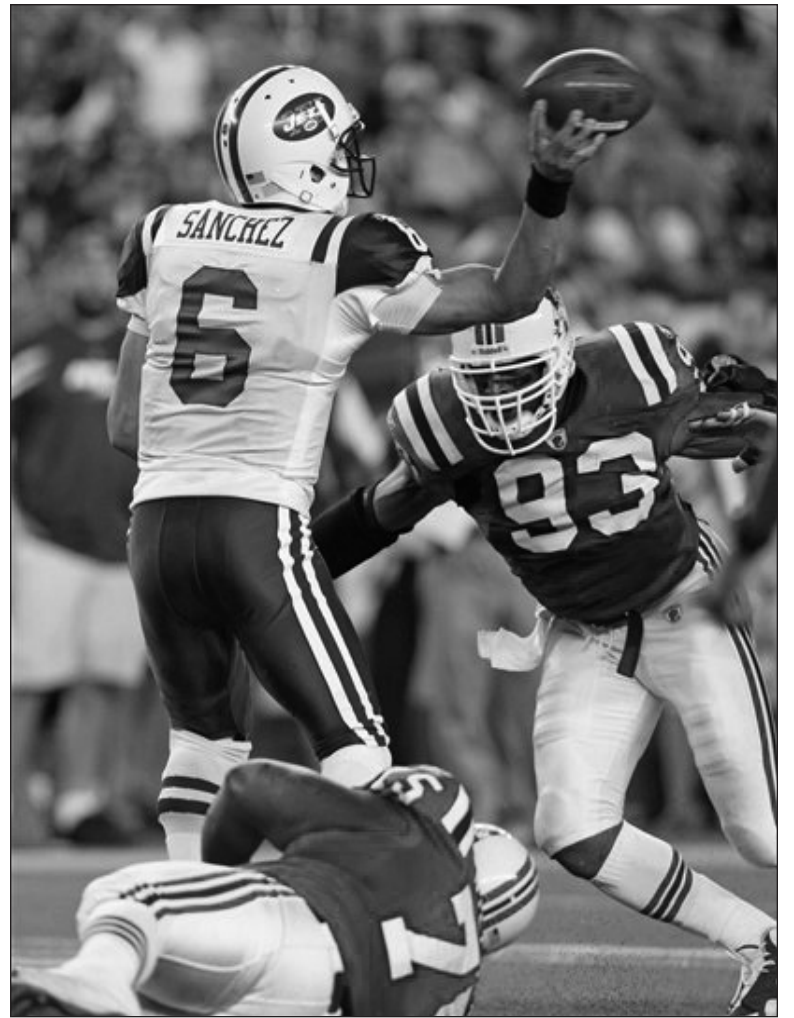
Considering what happened last week in a loss at Pittsburgh and who New England faces this week, the Patriots' defensive backs know they will be targeted.

"It's not a lack of focus or anything throughout the week. I think we practice pretty hard and are a competitive group of guys. We've just got to execute better," cornerback Kyle Arrington said. "We do a great job throughout the week of practice as far as our focus and our commitment goes."

"We just have to bring it with us on Sundays."

Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger threw 50 times last week against New England, completing 36 passes for 365 yards and two touchdowns in a 25-17 win.

And that was without star receiver Hines Ward, who sat out with an ankle injury and said this week that he didn't feel he needed to push his recovery for the Patriots' beleaguered secondary. Cornerback Devin McCourty said he hadn't heard Ward's comments and didn't consider them relevant because the Patriots are done with Pittsburgh for now.



Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez throws under pressure from Patriots defensive end Andre Carter (93) and nose tackle Vince Wilfork on Oct. 9.

"We really don't worry about what everybody else says. We're just trying to get better and we're trying to do it as soon as possible," McCourty said. "We're going to have that urgency at practice to get better — trying to make sure it keeps coming over on Sundays, not just for a week, not for two weeks but that we can be consistent stringing each game together."

Now the Patriots have to try and stop Manning, who trails only Aaron Rodgers of Green Bay and New England's own Tom Brady in NFL quarterback ratings.

Manning has completed almost 65 percent of his passes for 2,127 yards and 13 touchdowns with just five interceptions. And with running back Ahmad Bradshaw's status for Sunday uncertain because of a broken bone in his foot, Manning could be throwing the ball even more than usual on

Sunday. Wilfork said New England's defensive line can help the secondary by strengthening the pass rush and shutting down the run, forcing Manning into longer and more difficult passes.

"It works hand in hand. It's not track where you can out and throw a shot put or run a 100-yard dash and win a medal by yourself. You win together," Wilfork said. "I don't want none of our DBs to think that it's their fault."

The defensive woes have only cost the Patriots two games. New England's offense has been strong enough to compensate, but stalled the last two contests. After scoring 30 or more points in the first five games, New England has totaled just 37 in the last two.

That isn't likely to be enough against Manning unless the defense manages to shut him down.

"I wish there was a way we could just press a button or something," McCourty said. "But it's just hard work and I think time, putting the extra effort into it, watching film together — doing all that stuff I think will pay off for us."

"It's not a lack of focus or anything throughout the week. We've just got to execute better."

Kyle Arrington
Patriots cornerback

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Today, at a small group meeting, I was sitting with my friends talking, and randomly a guy runs by. Dressed as a dinosaur. In a church. My friends and I played Rock, Paper, Scissor to decide who got to post this story. MLIA

Today, I sat down my best friend for an important talk. I said, "I have Metatasilphobia". She then became teary-eyed, hugged me and said, "Are you going to make it?" I then said, "Daniela, it's a fear of toes." She then showed me her toes. MLIA

Today, I won a game of scrabble by using the word 'win.' MLIA.

Today, I typed in "unicorns are" into Google and Yahoo. Yahoo's suggestion, "unicorns are cool," while true, was not nearly as awesome as Google's "Unicorns are weaponized ponies." You win again Google! MLIA

Today, I saw a llama running down the street. The llama was quickly followed by a teen yelling, "Wait Alex! Don't go, I love you!" HisLIA

Today, a guy stood up during my lecture, ripped his shirt off to reveal a Superman costume, yelled "What, a baby in a burning building?!" and ran out. MLIA.

Today, I answered the phone, "Buddy the elf, whats your favorite color?" the person answers, "Blue" and hung up. Well played, random guy. Well played. MLIA

Today, my professor was teaching the class how to draw family trees to trace genetic disorders. Who's family tree did she use as an example? Sirius Black. MLIA

Today my friend was telling me a story of a conversation that she had with her dad. She asked if she could go get her hair cut, and he said, "I don't care what you do." She proceeded with "I am going to go rob a bank now." His response? "I will visit you in jail." MLIA

Today my brother (who is 9) told me he had the most amazing poem in the world and he wanted to sing it to me. It went 'Roses are red, my name is Dave, this poem doesn't make any sense, microwave.' I have faith in him. MLIA.

Seniors

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like to play at home.”

In order to end the season on a high note, the Irish must first take down the Pirates (14-11, 5-4) on Saturday and the Scarlet Knights (8-19, 1-9) on Sunday. Brown said despite Seton Hall's inconsistencies this season, they will present a challenge for Notre Dame. In particular, she mentioned Pirates senior opposite side hitter Meghan Matusiak and freshman setter Shelby Manthorpe.

“We've both been inconsistent — some really good matches, but then uncharacteristically poor ones,” Brown said of the Irish and the Pirates. “They are a pretty talented team. They have a very good opposite side hitter and overall they're pretty balanced in their attack.

“They depend a little more on their outside and right side than their middle, so they're not quite as balanced as what we have, but that's one of the things they've been able to use. Also, their freshman setter does a good job of finding the hot hitter.”

Through the ups and downs of the season, Brown said senior outside hitter Kristen Dealy has been a rock for her



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Irish freshman blocker Hilary Eppink, left, and freshman hitter Toni Alugbue attempt to block a ball Oct. 2 against Louisville.

team. Still recovering from offseason surgery, Brown said Dealy is hitting her peak at the right moment.

“[Dealy] has definitely helped stabilize the team,” Brown said. “Because of the shoulder, we knew she would get stronger as the season went on. She has seen more and more of her power coming back each match. She's

hitting shots we haven't been used to seeing from her just in time for our last weekend.”

Notre Dame's match against Seton Hall begins at 2 p.m. Saturday. The Irish will play Rutgers on Sunday at 1 p.m.

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Wildcats

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Irish and the Wildcats were tied with nine shots. In the second half, Notre Dame stood out offensively with seven shots to the Wildcats' one, but was unable to convert a goal.

“We absolutely killed them in the second half, but unfortunately, the game is two halves,” Clark said. “We had really one lapse defensively in that first period, it was I think their only serious shot and they put it in the net. That was their counting goal. I was very proud of the way the team played in the second half. We put on a good performance with everything except scoring a goal.”

Villanova's goalkeeper, John Fogarty, had six saves and its defenders presented a tough wall despite Notre Dame's strong second half.

“For the amount of [good] play we had, in the second half, we should have had more [goals],” Clark said. “To be

fair, they defended well, they stuck to their guns, and their goalkeeper had a couple of good saves.”

The Irish have two weeks of practice to prepare for a potential first round game of the NCAA tournament.

“I think we'll do a little bit tomorrow, give them the weekend, then we'll work really hard next week,” Clark said.

Now that they are out of the Big East tournament, Notre Dame's chances of getting one of the coveted 48 spots for the NCAA tournament look good for the Irish with their No. 32 ranking in the NCAA

“It'll be a week from Monday where we'll have to sweat it out ... We'll have to light a candle at the Grotto, maybe a couple of candles at the Grotto.”

Bobby Clark
Irish Coach

RPI, but nothing is guaranteed. “It'll be a week from Monday where we'll have to sweat it out,” Clark said. “We'll have to light a candle at the grotto, maybe a couple of candles at the grotto.”

The Irish will wait until Nov. 14 to find out if their season continues with an NCAA tournament berth.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish travel south to face in-state rival Purdue

Observer Staff Report

Coming off a convincing dual-meet victory over conference foe Pittsburgh, the Irish head to West Lafayette,

Ind. on Friday to face in-state rival Purdue.

In their meet against the Panthers (1-2) on Oct. 28, the Irish (3-1) won 13 of a possible 16 events on their way

to a 185-115 victory. Notre Dame freshmen earned seven of the first-place finishes. Emma Reaney led the rookies with victories in both the 200 breast and 200 individual medley.

Purdue (1-0) defeated Miami (Ohio) 175-117 on Oct. 21 in its only meet of the sea-

son, taking first in 15 of 16 events.

Notre Dame will look to avenge last season's close loss to the Boilermakers. Purdue overtook the Irish 155-145 at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Friday's meet against the Boilermakers will begin at 5 p.m.

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going as far as we can,” Bramanti said.

To beat undefeated Cavanaugh (6-0), Lyons will have to put points on the board, which it has done all season, averaging just under 14 points per game.

However, Bramanti said the Lyonites will not only need to score, but also reach the end zone first in order to avoid an uphill battle the rest of the game.

“We want to go out there and take care of our offense early so we don't have to play catch up at halftime,” Bramanti said. “It's nice not to have to catch up or gain the lead.”

Scoring against the Chaos will be difficult, as they have only allowed nine points all season. Cavanaugh is hoping its shutdown defense and past experience in the playoffs will propel it to victory, senior captain Maggie Fahrenbach said.

“We have experience so hopefully that will help us,”

Fahrenbach said. “But we don't have a lot of experience late in the playoffs, so we are hoping to make it further.”

While many view the Chaos as favorites in the playoffs because of their top seed, Fahrenbach said she doesn't see it that way.

“Because it is the playoffs, every team goes in with a clean slate,” Fahrenbach said.

In addition to the matchup of the Chaos defense and Lyonite offense, the game's result will also rest on

the battle between two senior quarterbacks. Kat Rodriguez has been Lyons' main offensive threat all season, while Rebecca Cink has led Cavanaugh's offensive production with 10 passing touchdowns this year.

With the winner one step closer to playing in Notre Dame Stadium, Cavanaugh and Lyons will square off in the first round of the playoffs Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish find success during final fall competition



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Irish junior Blas Moros hits a backhand in the NAPA Valley USTA/ITA Invitational on Sept. 23.

By WALKER CAREY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame successfully opened up the final weekend of its fall schedule with a dual match victory over Minnesota on Thursday as part of the Gopher Invitational on the Gophers' home court.

Seniors Niall Fitzgerald and Sam Keeton, junior Blas Moros and sophomores Greg Andrews and Billy Pecor won matches for the Irish. Notre Dame won five of eight matches, but Irish coach Bobby Bayliss believes with a little luck they could have won more.

"Today was an overall great effort," Bayliss said. "It is always nice when you can win more matches than the other team. I think that if we had a little more luck we could have won possibly one or two more, so it was a very competitive day."

The Irish suffered a couple of injuries, as senior Casey Watt felt the effects of a lingering foot injury and junior Spencer Talmadge slightly pulled his groin during practice.

"[Watt and Talmadge] were hurting a little bit," Bayliss said. "We are definitely hop-

ing that they are minor injuries. The trainer will check them out and hopefully we will have them for the remainder of the weekend."

Topping Minnesota was no small feat, as the Golden Gophers finished last season ranked 23rd and Bayliss believes they are destined for another Top-25 finish.

"Minnesota is definitely a quality team," Bayliss said. "They were very successful last season and they should continue on that [success] this season. Having four out of our top five beat four out of their top five was very impressive."

The Irish will continue play in the Gopher Invitational today against an unfamiliar foe, Nebraska.

"It will be interesting to play Nebraska, as we have never played them before," Bayliss said. "I know they are pretty good and made the NCAA tournament last year, so it should be another competitive day. I think we are all pretty excited."

The Irish will continue play in the Gopher Invitational in Minneapolis through Sunday.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Seniors advance in New York

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The Irish ended the first day of the ITA National Indoor Championships with mixed results, as senior doubles partners Kristy Frilling and Shannon Mathews moved on to the semifinal round before Frilling was eliminated from the singles main draw in the round of 32.

The Irish duo, the No. 3 seed in the women's doubles draw, defeated the Georgia tandem of senior Chelsey Gullickson and sophomore Lilly Kimbell, 8-2.

"We came out and played really well," Mathews said. "They won the first game but we went on to win the next six games. We really came out aggressive and I think it was really good that we stayed aggressive for the entire match. We played our game and kept our strategy and we adjusted really well, so all around it was a really good match."

This is the second tournament for Gullickson and Kimbell as doubles partners. Despite their inexperience playing together, the Bulldogs still posed a formidable threat; ninth-ranked Gullickson was the NCAA singles

champion her sophomore year and competed in the 2010 U.S. Open as an amateur.

"We knew a little bit about Gullickson from playing her before and that kind of thing, and a couple of our teammates have played a different teammate from Georgia but we hadn't, so they were unfamiliar to us," Mathews said. "We went in and adjusted really well. We didn't know much about one of the girls, but we did a good job adjusting and sticking to our game plan."

Frilling did not enjoy the same outcome in her match against freshman Zoe Scandalis of USC. Frilling dropped the first set 6-4, but fought Scandalis to a 3-3 tie in the second set before Scandalis took the next three games to win the match and move on to the round of 16.

"[Kristy] battled really well against a great player from USC," Mathews said. "[Scandalis] won their regional as a freshman, so she's a great competitor and it was a really good match for both of them."

Frilling and Mathews will face Duke freshmen Ester Goldfeld and Beatrice Capra in their second match.

"We were able to see a little of their match this morning against Oklahoma, but they're pretty unfamiliar to us," Mathews said. "We're going to keep playing our game and keep being aggressive and going for those volleys and sticking with our game plan no matter who we play."

While the opportunity to compete against some of the toughest competition in the country is exciting, Mathews said that playing at the site of the U.S. Open was also an experience in and of itself.

"It was awesome. Yesterday we ... got to practice on the courts and the indoor facilities," Mathews said. "We were able to get a tour of the courts and all the facilities here at the U.S. Open, which was a great experience, and then we went for the players and coaches banquet. Being on the courts and the facilities was just a great honor and experience."

Frilling and Mathews will play their quarterfinal match at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. on Friday.

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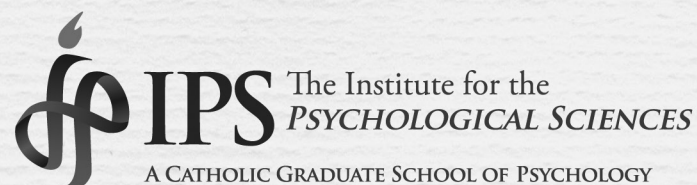


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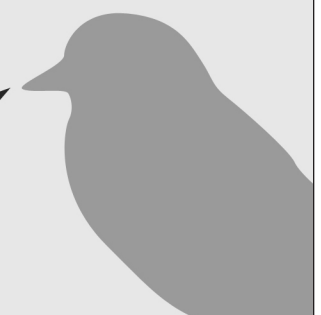
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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Wildcats look to strike against Ducks, end streak

Purple Weasels feel confident about facing the Whirlwind; Farley to depend on defense against Shamrocks

By **BRIAN HARTNETT**
Sports Writer

No. 2 seed Ryan will look to ride the momentum from a dominant regular season, while No. 7 seed Howard will try to pull off the upset and move closer to a third straight championship in a first-round playoff clash Sunday.

Ryan (6-0) comes into the playoffs after an unprecedentedly strong regular season, in which the Wildcats finished first in the Gold Division and racked up an incredible 115-point differential. The Wildcats have achieved success largely through an explosive offense that accounted for 190 points in six games.

Ryan senior captain and running back Brianna Curtis said the team plans to stick to the plays that have worked for them all year.

"We plan to keep doing what we've been doing," Curtis said. "We will keep practicing our plays and work on covering and pulling flags as efficiently as possible."

Regardless of the playoff outcome, Curtis said this year has been a great one for the Wildcats, who did not even qualify for last year's playoffs.

"We're proud of ourselves for working so hard during the regular season," Curtis said. "This team is a lot more experienced, being led by mostly upperclassmen, and it shows."

Meanwhile, Howard (2-4) comes into the playoffs after an up-and-down season that culminated with a tight loss to No. 1 seed Cavanaugh. However, the Ducks possess experience, with several team members having won two interhall championships.

"We've been here before, so I don't think that we'll have the nerves that some of the other teams have," senior receiver and captain Jenny Gassner said.

To be successful, the Ducks will need a strong performance from their offense, which was shut out three times this season.

"It has been difficult to score, but we've seen a lot of good offensive drives and good completions in the last few games," Gassner said. "We just need to work on playing with more intensity and giving a little more energy in our passing plays."

Howard plans to counter the strong Ryan attack with its stout defense, which has kept the team competitive throughout the season.

"We have a lot of good, strong players on defense and have been very successful in putting pressure on the quarterback with our defensive line," Gassner said.

Ryan and Howard will face off at 6 p.m. Sunday at LaBar Fields.

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Welsh Fam vs. PW

By **JONATHAN WARREN**
Sports Writer

Welsh Family and Pasquerilla West, the No. 4 and No. 5 seeds, will face off in what could be a close game Sunday. Though Pasquerilla West is the lower seed, the team doesn't think it's an underdog.

"We're excited for the playoffs and we're ready to keep winning," Pasquerilla West senior captain and safety Alison Lindeen said. "I think it's expected that we'll make it into the second round. We're expecting to win that first game."

Having been to the Stadium for the championship game the past two years, the Purple Weasels (4-2) bring confidence and experience to this year's playoffs. Lindeen said the Purple Weasels have played enough teams to be prepared for whatever Welsh Family brings.

"We're prepared to see a lot of different things on offense and defense," Lindeen said. "Our defense has some things it can adjust if Welsh Family shows certain schemes."

Lindeen said she thinks junior quarterback Kirsten Danna will have a big game Sunday.

While the Purple Weasels will rely on some of their big playmakers for success, Welsh Family (4-2) is developing a plan to stop them.

"[Pasquerilla West is] al-



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Pasquerilla West junior quarterback Kirsten Danna passes downfield against Breen-Phillips on Oct. 9.

ways a good team, especially on offense," Welsh Family senior captain and receiver Charlotte Seasily said. "It will be a challenge to play them, so hopefully we bring the intensity."

Seasily said the Whirlwind are hoping to limit their mistakes and advance to the semifinals.

"We need to play mistake-free football on both sides of the ball [to win Sunday]," Seasily said.

Seasily said the team's road to the playoffs has made them more prepared for Pasquerilla West.

"We've definitely had some ups and downs this season," Seasily said. "We've learned from our wins and our losses, and I think it's made us a more well-rounded team going into the playoffs."

The Whirlwind will look to make adjustments on defense in practice this week due to injuries. The defense will look to the leadership of senior lineman Erin Byrne, who recorded the game-winning sack against Lyons last week, to contain Pasquerilla West.

The Whirlwind and Purple Weasels will meet Sunday at 6 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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McGlinn vs. Farley

By **NICK BOYLE**
Sports Writer

Quarterfinal play kicks off Sunday when No. 3 seed Farley takes on No. 6 seed McGlinn.

Farley (5-1) is coming off a strong regular season where the Finest relied on a stiff defense and consistent offense to win games.

Coming into the playoffs, the Finest will depend on a defense that only allowed 12 total points this season.

"Defensively, we just have to keep up with what we've been doing all season," senior captain and cornerback Analise Althoff said. "We're playing with a lot of confidence and aggression right now. We go into games expecting to force three-and-outs and turnovers."

Althoff said this confidence will motivate the team Sunday when they take on McGlinn.

"We only had one loss on the season, but it was a very

humbling experience for us," Althoff said. "This has made us even hungrier for a playoff win on Sunday. If we can come out focused and confident, I think we will have a good chance at winning."

On the other side of the ball, McGlinn (4-2) is coming off a strong season in which the Shamrocks relied on an explosive offense coupled with a strong defense to win games. Though McGlinn lost its final game of the season, senior captain and quarterback Lauren Miller said the Shamrocks are carrying good momentum into the playoffs.

"Even though our last game was a loss, we still improved a lot over the course of the year," Miller said. "We've been getting better as we've been playing more and more. We're very pleased with the way our season has gone so far."

Miller said the key to the Shamrocks' success has been a consistent defensive unit that has carried the team in many close games.

"The strength of our team has been our defensive play. They've kept us in and helped us win many games," Miller said. "It's really a testament to our veteran leadership and the ability of our younger players to pick up the system. We hope they can come out strong on Sunday."

Farley and McGlinn face off Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar fields with a semi-final place on the line.

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Cavanaugh vs. Lyons

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Sports Writer

Lyons overcame challenges to qualify for the playoffs, but as the No. 8 seed, it now faces its toughest test yet — a top-seeded and undefeated Cavanaugh squad determined to advance to the second round.

Because the Lyonites (3-3) have not reached the postseason in recent years, they were excited to make the playoffs, freshman captain Christina Bramanti said. But the team isn't satisfied with just getting there.

"Since we have made it this far, we definitely want to keep

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Big Red and Juggerknotts face off as playoffs begin

Otters look to defend championship, face Vermin; Knights to face Dawgs for first time this season

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

A pair of teams riding two-game winning streaks square off in the first round of the playoffs when No. 4 Knott takes on No. 5 Dillon this Sunday.

The Juggerknotts (3-1) clinched their first trip to the playoffs since 2009 last Sunday with a 13-0 win over Morrissey. Heading into the postseason, Knott realizes the increased importance and intensity of each game, senior captain Dan Shaffer said.

"At this point there are no bad teams," Shaffer said. "So we need to come out every single game as if it's the championship so that we hopefully do get to the championship."

"There's a lot more hype and tension since the games mean a lot more [than in the regular season]. The atmosphere is a lot different. It seems a lot more official and a lot more tense."

Despite the differences between the playoffs and the regular season, the Juggerknotts plan to stick with what earned them the No. 4 seed while correcting their recent fumbling trend.

"Ball security is definitely a big thing [for us]," Shaffer said. "That will kill you [in the playoffs]. We put the ball on the ground five or six times against Morrissey."

While Knott clinched a playoff spot in Sunday's season finale, Dillon (3-1) closed out its regular season on Oct. 9. The Big Red are aware of the challenges that could arise from the long layoff, but are not overly worried.

"[The layoff] will probably show a little bit for the first few drives, but we've had a lot of practice and we've scrimmaged a few times," junior captain Will Salvi said. "I don't think it will be too bad. We'll be a little rusty [at first]."

Dillon is familiar with playoff football, having lost in the last year's championship game to Sorin. Although they are the No. 5 seed, the Big Red feel they can still make a deep playoff run.

"It doesn't matter what seed you are," Salvi said. "You need to be able to beat anyone if you want to win the championship. Our mentality is that if you beat everyone, you'll win the championship."

Dillon and Knott try to keep their championship hopes alive Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Riehle Fields.

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Sorin vs. Carroll

By JAMES SOUTHARD
Sports Writer

Gold Division rivals Sorin and Carroll begin their quests for playoff glory this weekend in what is sure to be a closely fought battle.

Sorin (3-0-1), the defending interhall champion, looks to protect its title after winning it all in Notre Dame Stadium last year. This year's Sorin squad is a different sort of beast, but it is certainly still a team poised to make a deep playoff run, junior captain Ted Spinelli said.

"We lost a lot of senior leadership, but a lot of kids have stepped up," Spinelli said. "We've established a different environment that I like, and I like our chances moving forward."

Senior linebacker Brett Leahy and junior athlete Ryan Robinson will lead a well-balanced team into the first round.

"Last year, our offense was all about passing, but this year we've tried to include more of a running game to establish more balance," Spinelli said. "As for our defense, it's definitely a team strength. We've got some athletic guys who really get after the ball."

Carroll (2-1-1) made the playoffs last fall, but lost in the first round. The Vermin tied Sorin earlier this year, 14-14, but the Vermin realize this game will likely be determined by which team executes better.

"We've seen them, and they've seen us, and really, it's all about sharpening our execution now," junior captain Keith Marrero said.

Carroll made the playoffs behind several new standouts, including freshman receiver Greg Florio, but the season's success has come due to team effort, Marrero said.

"We relied pretty heavily on defense, and throughout the year, our defense has done well adjusting to our different opponents," Marrero said. While Carroll's results may not indicate major flaws, the team recognizes it must cut back on its errors in fundamentals to have a chance at winning the championship.

"We definitely have had issues with mental mistakes," Marrero said. "They haven't proven extremely costly yet, but nonetheless, we'd like to eliminate those entirely."

Sorin and Carroll will meet for the second time this Sunday at Riehle Fields at 1 p.m., but this time, the loser goes home.

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Siegfried vs. Stanford

By SCOTT FRANO
Sports Writer

In what seems on the surface to be a mismatch, No. 1 Siegfried will face No. 8 Stanford in the first round of the interhall playoffs Sunday.

Siegfried (4-0) made it through the regular season undefeated to take the top seed, while Stanford (2-2) lost its last game and made the playoffs on a tiebreaker.

Siegfried's final win of the regular season was a 6-3 struggle against a Duncan team that finished 1-3. Ramblers senior captain and linebacker John Aversa knows his team cannot overlook anyone.

"We played hard. We had some mistakes, but we played hard," Aversa said. "It would be nice to come out a little sharper, but Duncan played well. We ended up getting the 'W' and that's what we were looking for."

As the top seed and with the added weight of Siegfried's historic interhall success, the Ramblers might feel extra pressure, but Aversa said his team will not be affected by it.

"We have a lot of new guys on our team, and a lot of guys who weren't here last year," Aversa said. "It seems like we play with a new group every year. So I wouldn't say there's any added pressure there."

Stanford comes into the game fresh off a 19-6 loss to rival Keen-

an that nearly knocked them out of the playoffs. Junior captain and running back Paul Babiak said the emotional roller coaster could help his team.

"We were pretty down after losing because we knew if we had won we would definitely have been in," Babiak said. "Monday morning when the playoff brackets came out, we were pretty ecstatic to get in. We knew there was still a chance but we all thought our season was over."

Last year, the two squads met in the first round of the playoffs with then-No.5 Siegfried defeating then-No.4 Stanford, 28-3.

Stanford will try to flip the script on Siegfried at 1 p.m. Sunday at Riehle Fields.

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Keenan vs. Alumni

By BRENDAN BELL
Sports Writer

No. 2 Keenan will face No. 7 Alumni this weekend in a first-round playoff game, as both teams try to take the first step in reaching the championship at Notre Dame Stadium.

For the Knights (4-0), the regular season proved to be a success led by junior quarterback Andrew McDonough and junior receiver Nate Carr. Preparing for Alumni (2-2), Keenan hopes to improve its cohesiveness as a team.

"Before our game against Stanford last week, we hadn't played in four weeks," senior captain Erik Blackwood said. "We want to get back to playing like the begin-



JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Knott's Jake Coleman dodges Alumni's Barrick Bollman on Oct. 9. Both teams are competing in the quarterfinals.

ning of the season, collaborating and working together ... We're set on playing in the Stadium. Anything else is a failure."

The Knights will face an unfamiliar opponent this weekend in the Dawgs. "We don't know what to expect, as we haven't seen or played against them before," Blackwood said. "We've just been working hard at practice and picking up the tempo in preparation."

As the No. 7 seed, Alumni is looking to pull the upset this weekend. The Dawgs have lost two games this season, but their record doesn't indicate their quality of play so far, senior captain Dan Dansdill said.

"We've been close, but no cigar a lot this year," Dansdill said. "We're looking to pull it all together this weekend and I think

we can do that."

Freshman quarterback Tyler Barron and sophomore receiver Jeff Kraemer lead Alumni. Knowing that Keenan's strength is in the passing game, Dansdill plans on pressuring the quarterback.

"We're going to come in aggressive and put pressure on their quarterback," Dansdill said. "Hopefully he will make some bad decisions."

The season is on the line this weekend, as both teams hope the playoff push goes further than the first round.

"Close doesn't cut it in the playoffs," Dansdill said.

Keenan and Alumni are set to play 2 p.m. Sunday at Riehle Fields.

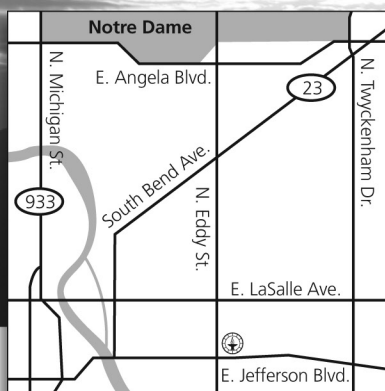
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weekend we actually know what we [have,] top to bottom, because Costello's a big cog to this team from a physical perspective. He scores goals [and] he's an intense player that makes us a better team," Jackson said. "So having him back is going to give me a better idea of exactly what we do have."

Opposing the Irish is a Northern Michigan squad that was just swept at Western Michigan. Though the Wildcats (4-3-1, 1-2-1-0) are coming off a pair of losses, they will be returning to the Upper Peninsula and the friendly confines of the Berry Events Center where they are 3-0-1 on the season, including a win and tie on Oct. 21 and 22 against defending national runner-up Michigan.

A unique difference in the rink at Northern Michigan compared to many others in college hockey is the Olympic-sized ice sheet, which is

about 10 feet wider than most rinks. The Irish practiced this week on the Olympic-sized practice rink attached to the Compton Family Ice Arena to help prepare.

The size of the rink is just one of the factors Jackson thinks the Wildcats use to create a strong home-ice advantage.

"You get last [line] change [at home], which is a big advantage in my opinion, but the fact [is] they play on an Olympic-ice sheet so they're built for that. Their team as far as a transition game, they play a pro-style, but they're really good on transition and [Wildcat coach] Walt [Kyle is] a good coach. He's going to get them going at home probably even better than on the road."

Senior forward Justin Florek, who has five goals and four assists through eight games, leads the Wildcats in points and senior forward Tyler Gron was a preseason second-team all-CCHA selection. Northern Michigan also utilizes two goaltenders, with senior Reid Ellingson and sophomore Jared Coreau

each having started four games on the season.

"[The Wildcats are] a good hockey team, watching them on film," Jackson said. "They almost swept Michigan up there and that's not an easy thing to do for anybody, so they're pretty well-balanced. They look like they're deeper than they were last year offensively and they're solid in the back end and they've got two good goalies, not just one."

After going 15-19-5 last season, the Wildcats appear to be a better team this year, which has not gone unnoticed by the Irish.

"They've improved since last year," Irish sophomore center T.J. Tynan said. "They have some pretty good forwards. It's going to be a tough task for us this weekend."

The Irish travel to Northern Michigan for a two-game series Friday and Saturday against the Wildcats. Faceoff for both games is scheduled for 7:35 p.m.

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Irish sophomore right wing Bryan Rust skates during a 5-2 win over RPI on Oct. 21. The Irish start a two-game series Friday.

MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish prepare for long-time rival

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

Coming off three straight victories, the Irish will travel to Purdue and Valparaiso this weekend for a pair of in-state but out-of-conference matchups.

Buoyed by last weekend's defeat of Pittsburgh in which his young team dominated the Panthers, Irish coach Tim Welsh said

more good things are in store for Notre Dame.

"What was exciting about last weekend, quite simply, is that we got better," Welsh said. "Our times improved dramatically from the first weekend to the second. It was a very positive experience, especially considering that's the site of the Big East championship. But the second week on the road is always harder than the first."

For a team that includes 12 freshmen swimmers and four freshmen divers, the young season has been a learning process, but the team is growing up quickly. Athletes like freshman Michael Kreft, who registered two individual victories on the diving platform last week, and freshman John Williamson, winner of the 200 fly last weekend, are already making their mark for the Irish.

"The freshmen are coming along," Welsh said. "You're starting to see a lot more of them up on the score sheet winning events."

The talented cadre of first-years meshes with a group of upperclassmen that led the way in the beginning of the year. Sophomore Frank Dyer, the reigning Big East Player of the Week, has already won three races on the year and posted times among the fastest in the country for freestyle.

On Friday, the Irish head to West Lafayette for a meet with the Boilermakers who are undefeated through two meets. Though

not a conference foe, Purdue will test the Irish and give them a better idea of their championship aspirations this season.

"Purdue is a step up for us. They've been a great program for a long time," Welsh said. "The last few times we've swam at Purdue, we've stubbed our toes and not performed well. We really like to measure ourselves against them."

Tim Welsh
Irish coach

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On Saturday, Welsh hopes to expand his roster and get a look at the depth of his team against Valparaiso. The Crusaders have not won a meet this year, and the Irish hope there will be ample opportunity to put in athletes who have not seen the pool much this fall.

"We'd like to see some guys against Valparaiso that we haven't seen yet," Welsh said. "It will be a good chance to see how much depth this team has."

Tim Welsh
Irish coach

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For Welsh, part of the allure of swimming against Valparaiso is its antiquated facilities. The pool has just six lanes and there is no warm-up area.

"You don't see many places like that anymore," Welsh said. "It's the way that swimming used to be, and it's neat for the kids to see that."

The Irish begin their competition this weekend against Purdue at 6 p.m. Friday.

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Sophomore defender Kecia Morway passes upfield in a 3-1 victory against Villanova on Oct. 16. The Irish begin the Big East semifinals Friday.

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Sept. 30, when the Cardinals fell 1-0.

Louisville sophomore forward Christine Exeter leads the Cardinals with 13 goals on the season. Exeter scored nine goals during Louisville's current seven-game winning streak.

Waldrum said Notre Dame has been preparing all week to match Louisville's intensity.

"Louisville is a very defensive team and looks to sit in and con-

gest teams and counterattack when you're attacking," he said. "We pretty much dominated all the stats and had all the possession [versus Louisville]. We worked on breaking down the defense that's going to be packed in."

"Just not having made it last year, we have two classes that have never been here, and we're excited to be back again and to prove ourselves."

Jessica Schuveiller
senior co-captain

Waldrum said the regular season is enough time for freshmen to gain experience and play a critical role in the postseason. Freshman forward Lauren Bohaboy and freshmen defenders Taylor Schneider and Sammy Sco-

field, he said, will play a part in this semifinal matchup.

Even though they won the national championship last season,

the Irish were eliminated after one game in the Big East quarterfinals last year. Last season marked just the second time in 16 years the Irish did not compete in the Big East semifinals.

"Just not having made it last year, we have two classes that have never been here and we're excited to be back again and to prove ourselves," Schuveiller said. "[We are] making a statement because we've been doing really well toward the end of the season."

The Irish are 13-1 in the Big East semifinals all-time. With a win, Notre Dame will play either Georgetown or No. 24 West Virginia in the Big East championship game.

The Irish will face Louisville at Dick Dlesk Stadium in Morgantown, W. Va., Friday at 3 p.m.

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ROWING

Irish face Hoosiers in Indianapolis

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

As the weather gets colder, Notre Dame's fall season continues to wind down. It will face in-state rival Indiana in its penultimate race of the fall season in Indianapolis on Sunday.

The Irish are coming off of a strong showing at the Head of the Charles race two weeks ago, where they were led by junior Abby Meyers at coxswain. Sophomore Molly Bruggeman led at stroke, sophomore Olivia Kacsits at the third seat, senior Erin McConnell at the second seat and sophomore Courtney Gaberino at bow.

The team finished with a time of 18:40.01 and a fifth-place finish.

Bruggeman said Indiana will provide a formidable test to the momentum the Irish have gained in recent weeks. "The pieces are very similar

to what we have been doing in practice and it's another opportunity to go fast," Bruggeman said. "This weekend is a great opportunity to get to race a team that we know performs well and that we will see later in the spring season."

The Hoosiers also had a strong performance in their last race. They finished eighth in a 49-crew race field at the Princeton Chase last weekend.

Bruggeman said the race will show a lot about the team's improvement and is a good launching point for the spring season.

"This race is also to see how well we have developed over the course of the fall in

comparison to another program," Bruggeman said. "With the results of this race, we will be able to build off our strengths and continue to conquer our weaknesses as we move our training indoors for the winter and continue to

look ahead to the spring." The race will take place Sunday in Indianapolis. The time of the race has yet to be announced.

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Molly Bruggeman
sophomore rower

SMC SWIMMING

Belles face challenging weekend

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

There will be no rest for weary Belles this weekend as Saint Mary's takes on a strong conference foe and a Division I opponent, all with a bus ride and less than 16 hours in between.

The Belles (0-1, 0-1 MIAA) are set to face Hope (2-1, 2-0) in a conference dual meet at home at 7 p.m. tonight, then make the quick turnaround to get to their dual meet against Valparaiso (0-4) at 11 a.m. Saturday. Despite the lack of recovery time, Belles coach Mark Benishek said this is not a split squad situation — the team needs every swimmer in the pool.

"We're all swimming," Benishek said. "We don't have as much depth as other teams in our conference have, so we definitely have to swim everybody, whether we're traveling or at home."

Benishek said that the races between Flying Dutch senior co-captain Sarah Sohn and Belles senior Audrey Dalrymple should

be some of the most exciting of the night.

"She's a really, really good distance swimmer and [individual medley] swimmer," Benishek said of Sohn. "Audrey Dalrymple, one of our senior captains, went head-to-head with her in (the) conference, and she was touched out at the end in that race for the 400-m [individual medley], so there'll probably be some of that good competition for her at the meet on Friday."

Saturday will be the first time Valparaiso and Saint Mary's have met for a dual meet, but Benishek said the Belles are not intimidated by the Crusaders' Division I status.

"We've seen them at invitationals and stuff like that, but this will be the first time head-to-head," Benishek said. "I think what it comes down to is just some of the talent they have on their team. They're still respectably within our reach, and they're within the range of a lot of the talent we have in our conference."

"They do attend some of the

large invitationals that we host in our conference — we'll see them again at the Calvin Invite — but I think talent-wise and (the) size of the roster, I think they're a pretty good match-up for us this coming Saturday, and I think it could be a pretty close meet from what I've seen so far."

While the Belles will barely have time to dry off between their two meets, Valparaiso hasn't seen action since the Indiana Intercollegiate Oct. 15. Still, Benishek said he is confident that his team won't shrink from the Crusaders.

"I think we have a strong group of girls here and I think they are definitely steps beyond where they were last year, so we're looking for some good things this weekend," Benishek said.

The Belles take to the water against the Flying Dutch at Rolfs Aquatic Center 7 p.m. tonight and challenge the Crusaders at Valparaiso's Athletics-Recreation Center at 11 a.m. Saturday.

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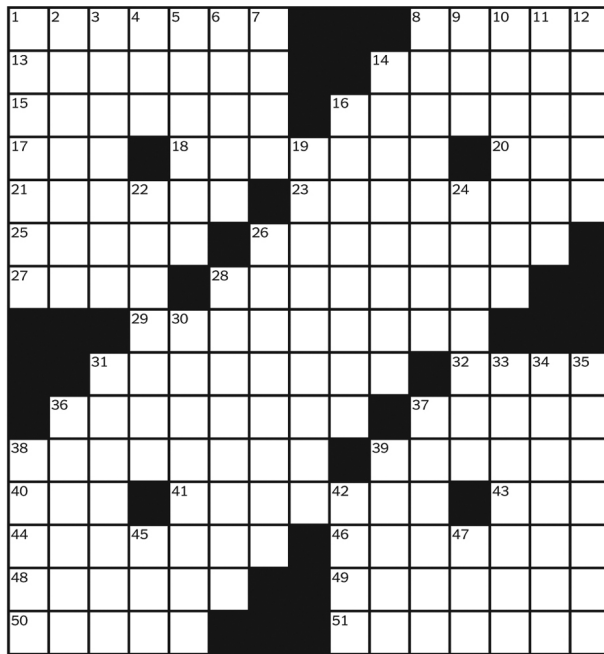
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8 Where many beads are formed
13 Pretty good result for a golf round
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15 Coyote, say, to a Western rancher
16 Subject of the 2001 book subtitled "The Shock of the Century"
17 Stumble
18 Like many resorts
20 Expression of praise
21 Clouds
23 Toppers popular with jazzmen
25 1958 Pulitzer-winning novelist and family
26 His character had the signature line "Book 'em, Danno"
27 Territory on a Risk board
28 Like stools and many benches
29 Event for many a dashing young man
31 Having been overexposed to the sun, maybe
32 Unrefined sort
36 Officially starts work
37 "Nature's lay idiot, I taught thee to love" penner
38 Sea food
39 Points of view?
40 "Chariots of Fire" co-star
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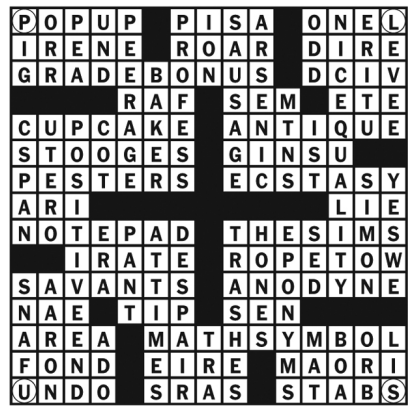


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31 Muleta material
33 Four years as governor, say
34 Like most apartments
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36 Danes featured in films
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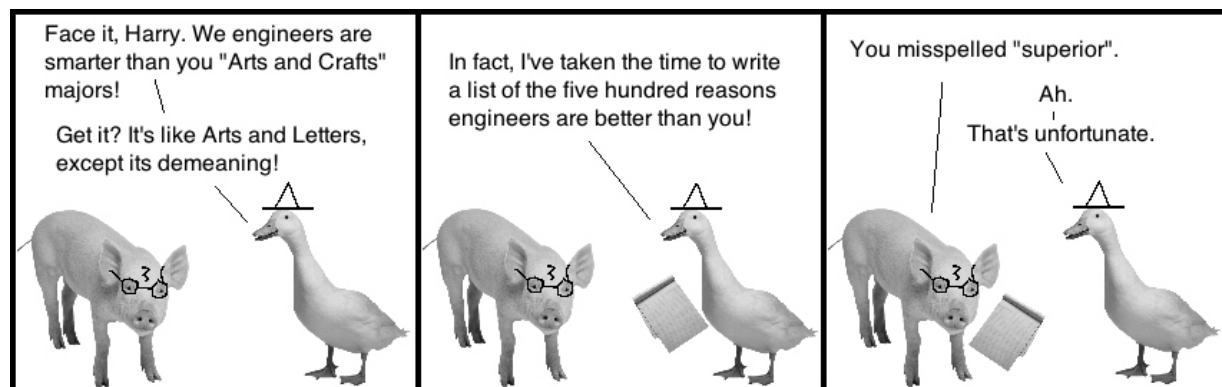
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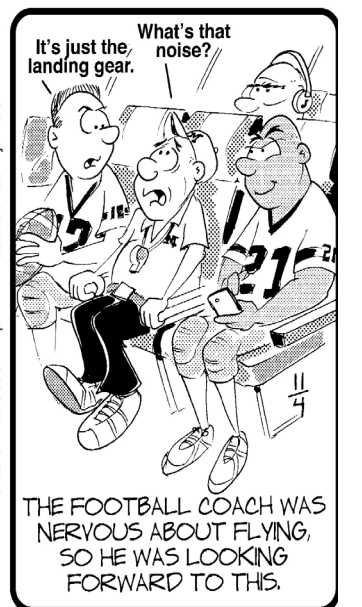
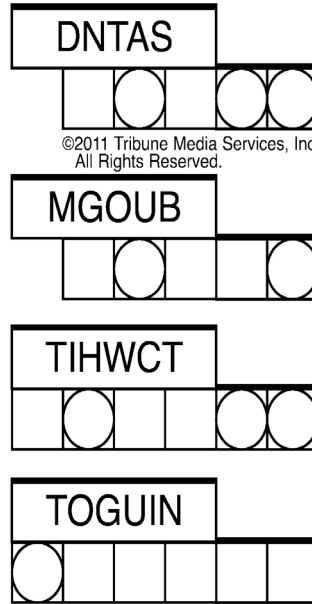
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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Championship chase



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Senior midfielder Molly Campbell battles for control of the ball against Villanova on Oct. 16 in a 3-1 victory for the Irish. Notre Dame will face Louisville in the Big East semifinals Friday.

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

Coming off an upset of top-ranked Marquette, Notre Dame advanced to the Big East semifinals, where it will meet Louisville on Friday.

No. 20 Marquette defeated Notre Dame (10-6-3, 6-3-2 Big East) in September, but recent moves on the Irish depth chart sparked Notre Dame in its 1-0 Big East quarterfinal victory Sunday over the Golden Eagles. The Irish are hoping to have a similar fortune against Louisville (11-5-3, 7-1-2 Big East), a team that defeated them Sept. 16.

"Anytime that you can get another shot to beat an opponent, it's always good," Irish senior midfielder and co-captain Jessica Schuveiller said. "We're a different team now, and we've grown from experiences this season. We're looking forward to playing them [Friday]."

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he agrees that this is an improved Irish team.

"I think we're playing well at the right time of the year," he said. "We've kind of quietly turned the corner, and we've scored some goals and [record-

ed] some shutouts. The team's confidence has [increased] after a big win, especially doing it on the road against a very good Marquette team."

Notre Dame's 1-0 loss to the Cardinals earlier this season capped a frustrating eight days for the Irish. Notre Dame outshot the Cardinals 20-10 (5-5 SOG) and were awarded six corners to Louisville's three, but the Irish were unable to finish.

Shifting Schuveiller from defense to midfield and inserting several freshmen into the Irish backfield has proved beneficial for Notre Dame's defense. The Irish had recorded just one shutout in seven games prior to playing Louisville. They have shut out five additional Big East opponents since their Louisville matchup.

"I think you go back and look at our lineup. We've kind of changed our lineup," Waldrum said. "The biggest difference is we [have] settled into what our personnel is going to be. Earlier in the season we were still trying to find our way and settle into the lineup."

Louisville's lone conference loss came against Marquette on

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish finish season on home court

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

After weathering a disappointing conference loss and a freak snowstorm, the Irish are looking forward to playing their final Big East games in the friendly confines of Purcell Pavilion.

Last weekend, Notre Dame (13-9, 5-4 Big East) fell to Connecticut in five sets before salvaging their trip East with a 3-1 victory over St. Johns. In between, the team bus had to navigate the same storm that left over 2 million East Coast residents without power.

Irish coach Debbie Brown said her team is relieved to be finishing the regular season at home against Seton Hall and Rutgers.

"I think [playing on our home court] helps for sure, especially knowing that it's our last home weekend," she said. "We want to finish strong for our seniors, and it's nice finishing our season here. It's nice not having to sit on planes and in airports — and driving through a blizzard. The last couple games we've had a good crowd, so hopefully the atmosphere will be great — that's the reason most teams

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MEN'S SOCCER

After loss to Nova, Clark hopes for at-large bid

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Villanova only needed one goal to advance to the second round of the Big East tournament in its 1-0 shutout against Notre Dame at Alumni Stadium on Thursday. The Irish will run a full week of practice and hope for an at-large bid to

the NCAA tournament, which begins Nov. 17.

"Soccer is a funny game," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "You can get goals easily some days, like against Seton Hall [on Tuesday], but there are other days [when] they don't come so easily. We just have to hope that we can get an at-large bid. Hopefully our sea-

son isn't over — I still feel like we've got a little bit left."

Thursday's loss for No. 18 Notre Dame (9-5-4) marked the first time that the Wildcats won a postseason game in program history. They will move on to face No. 5 South Florida, one of the tournament's two top seeds of the Big East Tournament.

Villanova opened scoring on the day with 11 minutes remaining in the first half as Wildcat freshman forward Aaron Dennis sent a shot from nine yards short of the goal off a pass from sophomore forward Dylan Renna.

At the end of the half, the

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HOCKEY

Costello returns from injury, renews squad

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

Following a road sweep against Bowling Green last weekend, the No. 4/6 Irish will look to duplicate the feat this weekend when they travel to Marquette, Mich., to take on No. 17 Northern Michigan.

Notre Dame (5-2-0, 3-1-0-0 CCHA) hopes to receive a boost from the return of sophomore left wing Jeff Costello. He will play for the first time since a 5-3 win at Minnesota-Duluth on Oct. 8 after suffering an undisclosed injury.

Irish coach Jeff Jackson is looking forward to seeing his complete lineup hit the ice.

"This may be the first

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Sophomore center Anders Lee protects the puck against RPI on Oct. 21 in the Compton Family Ice Arena opener. The Irish will face off against Northern Michigan on Friday in Marquette, Mich.