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Saving the best for last

Fighting Irish win on Senior Day for the first time since 2007; students storm the field



JAMES DOAN/The Observer

Students storm the field and celebrate Senior Day following Notre Dame's win over the Utah Utes. The Fighting Irish shocked the No. 14 ranked squad in their visit to South Bend, sending off the Class of 2011 in style.

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

With cold gusts, intermittent rain and a No. 14 ranked opponent in the house, you could forgive Notre Dame seniors for not expecting more than participating in the traditional marshmallow toss during halftime of their final home game as students.

But then, the unthinkable

happened.

Notre Dame upset Utah 28-3, giving the Irish its first Senior Day win since 2007, and the senior class, along with much of the student body, stormed the field.

Senior Nick Mancinelli said the amount of people combined with the excitement of running onto the field contributed to one particularly thrilling moment Saturday.

"I remember trying to get

on the field and at one point I was moving without either of my feet touching the ground," he said.

As a member of the Notre Dame class with the most football losses, Mancinelli had low expectations going into Saturday's game. But he said the win was the perfect way to cap off his last experience as a member of the student section.

"I went into the game very

cynical," he said. "I thought we would be slaughtered. This is the first time in my four years where we won as an underdog."

Mancinelli said ending his time as a member of the student section on such a high note makes up for many of the losses during the past four seasons. He also said the positive atmosphere of the

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Students continue peace tradition

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Editor

There is nothing "structurally special" about senior Bridget Flores' off-campus house, but she knew she wanted to live there since her freshman year.

It wasn't the house itself, but all it represented — community, social justice, intellectual discussion — that attracted Flores to the house located just a few blocks from campus.

Flores and three other students live in what is traditionally known as the "Peace House," which is passed down each year to students who are interested in social justice and international issues, and usually have a supplementary major or minor in peace studies.

"Traditionally the house is not like any other college house — at least not any other traditional college house," Flores said.

Flores and her roommates try to bridge the gap between the classroom and students' social lives, as well as the gap between the Notre Dame and South Bend communities.

The most notable way they do this is by inviting professors into their home for Friday dinners

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Apple Store opens in Mishawaka mall

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

For the many students who own MacBooks, iPhones and other Apple products, the brand-new Apple Store at University Park Mall will be a welcome addition to the South Bend area and Notre Dame community.

The store, which opened at 10 a.m. Saturday, is only the second Apple Store to open in Indiana, joining the technology giant's Indianapolis retail location.

The new location will provide students with a geographically closer option for purchasing and repairing Apple products than the Chicago location, which was previously the closest Apple Store to Notre Dame.

Several students said they believed the arrival of an Apple Store in the South Bend area was inevitable, if late in coming.

"I personally think it was long overdue," sophomore Kristin Ruekert said. "I can't

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STUDENTS PROTEST UNIVERSITY'S INVESTMENTS



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Students said the University did not provide evidence that HEI Hotels & Resorts was a "good" company. They protested outside Eddy Street Commons and around campus Friday.

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Q: What was your best birthday present ever?

Rachel: Skydiving or my unicycle.

Q: How many piercings or tattoos do you have?

Rachel: Two tats and 16 piercings. I used to have 18, but I let two close up.

Q: Would you survive an alien attack?

Rachel: Heck yes, and then I would make friends with all of them.

Q: What mythological creature are you?

Rachel: A unicorn, but not a girly one. A black one.

Q: If you weren’t a person, what would you be?

Rachel: A banana slug.

Q: What word in the dictionary are you?

Rachel: Cockchafer: a type of scarab beetle.

ICE BREAKER

Monday Meltdown



Rachel Chisausky

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Know someone chill for Monday’s Icebreaker? E-mail obsphoto@gmail.com



GRANT TOBIN/The Observer

Students and visitors receive gifts from the newly installed Coke vending machine in LaFortune Friday afternoon. These included two-liter bottles, tickets to the Notre Dame vs. Utah game, hats and even a bouquet of roses.

OFFBEAT

Quidditch cup tournament meets in New York City

NEW YORK — More than 40 broomstick-riding teams are competing in the two-day Quidditch world cup tournament in New York City.

Long a fictional fixture of the Harry Potter novels and movies about teenage wizards, the sport features players who fly on broomsticks. But in real life, the rules have been adapted to a ground game for “muggles” — humans without magical powers.

Teams from around the world that competed in a Manhattan park Saturday with rules sim-

ilar to the sport created by J.K. Rowling in her books. The matches call for chasers, beaters, keepers, seekers and a snitch. Goals must be score and the snitch caught.

Thief enters home but leaves behind money

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — Alaska State Troopers say a thief removed a safe from a west Fairbanks home but took only a fraction of the cash inside.

The safe contained \$100,000 but was found in the back yard of the victim’s home with just \$20,000 missing. The theft occurred Friday.

Troopers spokeswoman Megan Peters tells the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner that the safe measured only about a cubic foot and was relatively lightweight.

She says there were no signs that anyone had broken into the house.

Troopers have identified a suspect.

They have not specified the neighborhood where the safe was taken. Peters says they don’t want to tell potential thieves where there’s a safe with \$80,000 in it.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The fair trade retailer **Ten Thousand Villages** returns to campus today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This year’s sale of international handicrafts will take place in the **Hesburgh Library Atrium** throughout International Education Week (IEW).

Notre Dame art and design students who traveled to Nepal over the summer will be selling fair trade handicrafts they helped design. These fair trade items will be sold in the **Dooley Room in La Fortune** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today until Friday.

A **Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Demonstration** will be held in the **Rolfs Sports Recreation Center** today at 5:30 p.m. This event on self defense is free.

At 6:30 p.m. today, the documentary film “**Streetball**” will be presented in the **Geddes Hall Center for Social Concerns**. This story following eight South African homeless men is free and will be followed by a question and answer session after the screening.

Women’s basketball will be in the **Purcell Pavilion** at the **Joyce Center** at 7:00 p.m. tonight. Tickets for **Notre Dame vs. Morehead State** cost \$5 to \$8.

Tomorrow, **Dr. Raúl Plascencia Villanueva** of **Challenges to the Rule of Human Rights in Mexico** discuss civil and human rights obstacles in **Room 1130 Eck Hall of Law** at 5 p.m.

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

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Saint Mary's to host Hunger Banquet

By KRYSTINA HARCOURT
News Writer

The Saint Mary's College Student Diversity Board (SDB) will host a Hunger Banquet sometime before Christmas break, but students can begin helping now.

The event is meant to remind students that hunger is a major concern around the world, Kelly Reidenbach, vice president of SDB, said.

On the day of the event, students are asked to donate a meal swipe — one meal at the College's Noble Family Dining Hall — to an organization that provides food for the underprivileged and to participate in an experiment that helps demonstrate the global wage gaps between classes.

Reidenbach said the entire process for participating in the event is very simple.

"It is just like swiping for a meal in the dining hall except the money that would normally go to Sodexo will be donated to an organization that helps fight hunger," she said.

A table will be set up in the Student Center Atrium on the days prior to the event so students can sign up with their identification number.

After donating a meal, students are then encouraged to attend an exercise hosted by SDB instead of going to the dining hall to eat.

Students will be divided into different economic classes and each group will be served dinner according to their class, Reidenbach said.

A slide show will be shown and a few professors will give short talks on topics dealing with the event.

"The Hunger Banquet is a great way to provide an opportunity for open discussion as well as an opportunity to educate students and community members and bring awareness of an issue that affects millions of individuals worldwide," Reidenbach said. "Many people do not realize that hunger is not only a world issue, but also an issue in the United States and even the South Bend community."

The Board strives to fulfill one of its main purposes through the event — to provide opportunities for discussion on issues relat[ed] to various socio-economic backgrounds among other topics of diversity, according to Reidenbach.

The Board has been working with Oxfam International, an international relief and development organization that works with colleges to create solutions to poverty, hunger and injustice. The Board received supplies and ideas from the organization to make the event possible.

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Students work with Nepali artisans

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Eleven years ago, industrial design professor Ann-Marie Conrado decided to leave the corporate grind and travel the world.

"I started out in St. Petersburg and a year later I ended up in Hong Kong," Conrado said.

The country that stuck with her the most, however, was Nepal. After Conrado's trip around the world, she returned to Nepal to teach English for six months.

"After teaching [in Nepal], I was frustrated by the education system. Students there are naturally resourceful and their education beats it out of them," Conrado said.

Conrado decided she needed to do more than just teach English and in 2004, she started Hope Initiative, a non-profit organization dedicated to educational reform in Nepal.

So far, Hope Initiative has opened a computer technology center, where Nepali people can teach themselves how to operate and use computer technology. Hope Initiative also operates an orphanage where 10 children currently live.

Since Conrado joined the design faculty at Notre Dame, she brought her passion for Nepal to the University and shared it with her students.

"I wanted a way to combine the values we cherish in the classroom and bring them into the field," Conrado said.

With that vision, Conrado decided to combine the work of her charity with her passion for design.



Photo courtesy of Ann-Marie Conrado
Students in the Hope Initiative work with local artisans to create new fair trade items during their annual trip to Nepal.

Now, every summer, a group of Notre Dame students spend 10 weeks working with local designers and becoming immersed in Nepal's culture.

Senior Andrew McBride traveled to Nepal last summer and hopes to return again.

"It was awesome," McBride said. "The coolest part for me was there, they all refer to each other as brother and sister. Everyone in the community is like a member of an extended family."

The students and Conrado spend their time in Nepal helping local artisans work on designing new fair trade products that they can sell.

In Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal, local low-income artisans work to create hand-crafted goods that are indigenous to the region.

The artisans, 89 percent of which are women, work for the Association for Craft Producers, which is in charge of quality control. They produce all the raw materials and finish the products to give them uniformity, Conrado said.

"It brings grassroots producers to the global market," Conrado said.

The Notre Dame students use their design background to work with local artisans to develop new products. They can design, prototype and produce a product in one location.

"I want to change the students prospective," Conrado said. "It's not about changing the world of design, but about changing the design of the world."

Hope Initiative will host a sale this week in the LaFortune Student Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every day. Students designed many of the products being sold and all the proceeds will go toward ongoing projects in Nepal.

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Seniors

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game contrasted to previous games this year.

"There was something noticeably different about this game," Mancinelli said. The entire student body was excited. It reminded me of what Notre Dame football is about. You become jaded after loss after loss. It became fun again."

Senior Kaitie McCabe also said the combination of a final win and rushing the field made up for a lot of the difficulties the class experienced as Fighting Irish fans.

"I think it was probably the most perfect way we could have ended our four years of Notre Dame football," she said. "Despite the rain and everything, it was a great time. Rushing the field was one of the coolest things I have done."

"Even though we were the losing-est class during our four years, we rallied and won."

McCabe said the mood of the student section felt much more upbeat for their Senior Day than it had for other games this season, contributing to the excitement of the day.

"Especially during this season, we were really upset. But for this game everyone was talking about how they bled for this team," she said. "We were fighting for the win. It was almost as if we hadn't lost a lot of the games we did this season."

Sophomore Ethan Bailey, a member of the Notre Dame Band, said he could hear the crowd's enthusiasm over the band's music.

"During the game there didn't seem to be downtime," he said. "Everyone seemed to be actively cheering during the game."

Bailey said ending the season on such a high note was not only great for the Notre Dame student body, but especially the seniors.

"You didn't want to end the season on a bad note. The last home game leaves an impression for the rest of the year," he said. "It was excit-

ing for the seniors too. It was nice to see them get excited for a game and end their four years like that."

Senior Anna Katter said the halftime marshmallow toss, a Senior Day tradition, was a seemingly light-hearted moment that conveyed the bond the campus of Notre Dame possesses.

"It was really hilarious to tape [the marshmallows] to your body. It was fun to whip them out at halftime," she said. "They were disgust-

ing, but it was great to see a sea of white. It was yet another example of unity and family of our senior class."

Katter said rushing the field also reminded her of the close-knit nature of her class.

"It was really cool to just run into people. There was just a sense that everyone was thrilled that we won and

were seniors," she said. "It was great to see people you didn't normally associate with. It was just a sense of fun. We were all there bonded and united on the field."

Bailey said being on the field before the rush was equally as exhilarating because members of the band are used to select number of students being on the turf after games.

"It was really awesome to see everyone trying to climb over from the student section," he said. "It was funny having friends come up to me

after the game on the field. That has never happened before."

McCabe said despite the excitement of being on the field, the throngs of students still had respect for the sentimentality

of the experience.

"Everyone was really excited to rush the field, but when the Alma Mater came on, it was a reflective moment," she said. "Everyone stopped amidst the chaos."

Now, in addition to being the losing-est class in history, seniors can add another notch to their belt:

"Not many seniors can say the best game was the last game of their four years," Mancinelli said.

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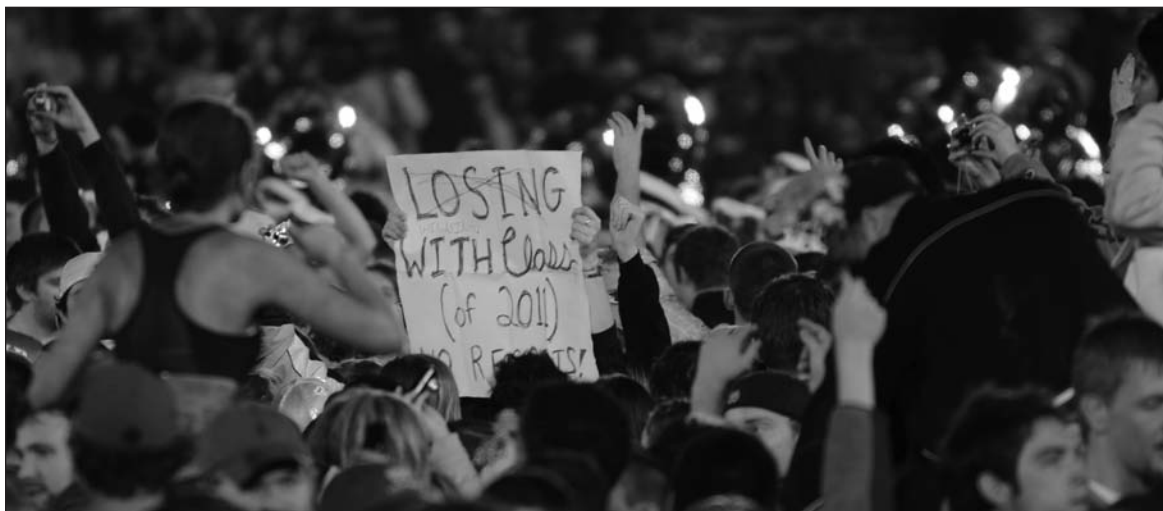
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Nick Mancinelli
senior



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Leprechaun David Zimmer acknowledges the student section as the rain pours down. The Fighting Irish defeated the Utah Utes Saturday, 28-3.



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Students sit on each others shoulders and hold up Class of 2011 signs after the Notre Dame victory. Fans stormed the field following the game.

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The Peace House is traditionally passed down to students interested in social justice and international issues. Students living in the house typically are majoring or minoring in Peace Studies.

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and discussion with students.

“Everybody that is able to bring something to share to eat [will] and we’ll just eat and talk and hang out,” Flores said. “The professor will give a talk and then students can ask questions.”

The dinners are open to anyone who is interested and about 20 to 50 students typically attend, Flores said.

Allert Brown-Gort, associate director for the Institute for Latino Studies, gave a talk on immigration issues at the Peace House earlier this year.

Brown-Gort had not heard of the Peace House before attending, but said it was nothing like he expected.

“I thought it was kind of going to be like a co-op. [I thought,] if that’s the case, it will really be five or six people, we’re going to sit down and eat something and we’ll talk for a little while and someone will take out the guitar ... That sort of thing,” he said. “But no, it was packed. There were a lot of people. And it really was a good conversation.”

Brown-Gort said the atmosphere was very casual during dinner, with everyone in attendance contributing an item.

“They had a couple big pots of stuff, of rice and kind of a curry. And then just about everybody brought stuff,” Brown-Gort, who brought cookies to the dinner, said.

While Brown-Gort said it was similar to the classroom in that he facilitated discussion, he said people were more open to sharing opinions and comments regarding immigration.

“It’s more of a discussion because no body feels like they’re going to be graded on it,” he said.

Since Brown-Gort spoke at the Peace House in September, he has kept in touch with students he met there and had productive discussions.

“We’ve been able to get together a few times and I’ve loaned them some books and had some discussions. Just sort of kicked around ideas for papers,” he said. “It’s nice because that relationship can go on.”

Not only does the Peace House bring together intellectual and social lives of Notre Dame students, those who live there are also united by a common purpose.

Senior David Rivera, another

resident of the Peace House, said he and his housemates are involved in different activities, but share a common goal of social justice.

“It’s someone with a labor issue, Core Council, Progressive Student Alliance and the more service side of the Center for Social Concerns,” he said. “It’s really bringing together people who are working on these social justice causes under one roof.”

The Peace House also tries to give back in simpler ways, such as using as little energy as possible, Flores said.

“We do compost. We waited as long as possible to turn on our heat. We bike and walk whenever we can instead of drive,” she said.

Rivera said he and his housemates often get pointed out as being an unusual example of off-campus living, but said the Peace House’s initiatives would not be difficult for other students to do as well.

“It’s things people can do within their own home,” he said. “It’s very much opening your home to the community and what your passion is about.”

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believe the closest one before was in Chicago.”

Sophomore Meredith Angell expressed similar views on the store’s recent opening and the services it will be able to offer to Notre Dame students.

“I’m surprised there wasn’t already an Apple Store around here because so many students have Apple computers,” Angell, a Mac owner, said. “I’m excited because I’ll be able to go there to get my computer fixed or ask questions about any problems I have.”

Although the Office of Information Technologies provides vendor authorized warranty repairs on Apple, Dell and IBM/Lenovo computers, according to its website, some students were unaware Apple computers were included in OIT’s repair expertise.

“I didn’t even know I could take my Mac to OIT to get it fixed if needed,” Angell said. “Now that there’s an Apple Store nearby, I would definitely take it there if anything happens.”

Sophomore Maddie Smierciak said having an Apple Store close to campus was a factor in deciding which computer to buy prior to her freshman year.

“When I bought a computer, I looked into whether or not South Bend had an Apple Store, and I was initially apprehensive about buying a Mac because there wasn’t one,” Smierciak said. “It makes me happy that the store opened because it gives me confidence that there is someone certified to handle Apple products nearby if anything happened.”

The convenience of the new location in case of technological emergencies was also important to sophomore Mac owner Colleen Bailey.

“I think the Apple Store will be a handy resource in case my computer breaks in the future,” Bailey said.

Although the store is located a few miles from campus,

Ruekert said the off-campus location of the Apple Store may hinder some students from bringing their computers there for repairs.

“Students that don’t have cars probably won’t bring their computers on the bus with them to the mall,” Ruekert said. “I’m guessing a lot of students will still take their Apple computers to OIT if they have problems.”

Sophomore Mac owner Tylor Gauger said he thought OIT’s Apple repair customer numbers would not change much as a result of the new store opening nearby.

“I think it’s a good thing for the South Bend community, but I don’t think it will play a huge role for students because a lot of people will still take their computers to the well-learned Mac specialists at OIT for free,” Gauger said. “It would make more of a difference for purchasing Apple products.”

Although she does not own an Apple computer, sophomore Betsy McGovern said she is interested in purchasing other Apple products from the new store location in the future.

“I would definitely rather buy a new iPod there than have to wait to get one when I go back home,” McGovern said. “It will be way more convenient for people to get their iPods fixed there as well.”

Smierciak also noted the prevalence of iPod-related issues among students and the fact that iPod repair locations were few and far between before the new store opened.




“OIT can’t really fix your iPod if it breaks, and it’s a common problem for a lot of students,” Smierciak said. “The new store will be awesome for students who have iPod problems.”

The “Go Irish Jobs” section of the Notre Dame Career Center website is currently advertising job openings for students at the Mishawaka Apple Store location and at locations across the country.

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Apple employees wait to help customers in the newly launched site. The store opened in the University Park Mall Saturday.

American Indians prove victorious on Capitol Hill



Jefferson Keel, lt. governor of the Chickasaw Nation, participated in a meeting with American Indian leaders on Capitol Hill last year.

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — American Indians have won some key victories on Capitol Hill this year and should capitalize on them to start solving some of the problems that have plagued tribal communities for decades, said the leader of the oldest and largest Indian organization in the nation.

Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians, said tribal leaders should keep the momentum going following success such as the Tribal Law and Order Act, recently signed into law by President Barack Obama, and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, reauthorized as part of the larger health care reform passed by Congress.

He also cited a \$680 million settlement the government has offered to American Indians who were denied farm loans to settle a 1999 lawsuit.

“We have to realize we have an opportunity to really make a difference in Indian Country right now,” said Keel, who also serves as the lieutenant governor of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma.

Keel and other leaders from throughout Indian Country are gathering in Albuquerque this week for the organization’s annual conference. They will be focused on raising awareness among Congress’ new members of the challenges faced by tribal communities.

“I hope we can sit down and develop a strategy that will enable us to not only talk about those issues but carry them forward, to visit with our congressmen and our local law enforcement and other agencies and our communities so they can help us really step forward and alleviate some of our frustrations,” Keel said.

The National Congress of American Indians was founded in 1944 in response to assimilation policies being imposed on tribes by the federal government. Today, the group monitors federal policy and court actions and coordinates efforts to inform federal decisions that affect tribal interests.

Issues on the agenda for the weeklong conference include

law enforcement, violence against women, teen suicide, drug abuse, education, health care, energy development and water rights.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, Democratic Sen. Byron Dorgan of North Dakota and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson will be among those addressing the conference.

It was Dorgan who championed the Tribal Law and Order Act, which aims to give tribes more authority to combat crime on their reservations.

The act makes federal law enforcement agencies more accountable by having them collect data on crimes committed in Indian Country, and by requiring the U.S. Department of Justice to maintain criminal data on cases that U.S. attorneys decline to prosecute for various reasons, including a lack of evidence. Some say federal officials decline to prosecute more than 50 percent of violent crimes on reservations.

In another key victory this year, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act was made permanent. The law clears the way for more preventative health care, boosts mental health resources and addresses recruiting and retaining physicians and other care providers throughout Indian Country.

Tribal leaders have many questions about how both laws will be implemented, but Keel said one of the major challenges will be finding the resources for implementation given the federal government’s budget woes and a general desire among Americans and some members of Congress to rein in spending.

Keel also acknowledged that voters’ feelings toward Congress and the Obama administration were “pretty negative” leading up to the midterm elections.

“For Indian Country, we’re not partisan,” he said. “The issues that face us are Indian issues, and they affect our tribal governments and our tribal communities so we have to work with Congress. We have friends on both sides of the aisle, friends that are Republican as well as Democrat.”

Donor options considered

Live-donor liver transplants have saved lives, but remains controversial

Associated Press

Live-donor liver transplantation is a lifesaving option for many suffering from end-stage liver disease but also a controversial procedure that raises questions about when it’s appropriate to put a healthy person at risk to save another.

The procedure, in which a segment of the liver is taken from a healthy donor and transplanted into the ailing recipient, is possible because of the liver’s ability to regenerate. In weeks, both the old liver and the transplanted liver begin to grow back to a normal size, providing long-term function for both donor and patient.

The first such successful transplantations, beginning in 1989, involved taking liver grafts from adult donors for transplantation into sick children, a procedure with fewer risks to the donor because only about 25 percent of the liver is needed. As pediatric living-donor liver transplantation grew more widely accepted, the technique was modified for use in adult patients, with up to 60 percent of the donor’s liver taken.

Through 1996, just six adult-to-adult live-donor liver transplants had been performed in the United States, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), which manages the nation’s organ transplant system. Five years later, that number had grown to 412. Today, more than 2,800 adult-to-adult procedures have been performed in the United States.

In all of those, UNOS reports, four donors have died due to complications of the surgery or immediately following surgery. Though rare, these deaths raise the most serious question surrounding live-donor liver transplants: When is it OK to operate on an otherwise healthy person?

The death of donor Mike Hurewitz at New York’s Mount Sinai Hospital in 2002 brought

widespread scrutiny of adult live-donor liver transplants, resulting in risk-benefit studies and an examination of screening procedures for donors. Hurewitz developed a bacterial stomach infection and died three days after donating part of his liver to his brother. Reviews blamed poor post-surgical care, and the state temporarily halted the hospital’s live donation program until corrective measures were put in place.

The other donor deaths were: in 1999 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill hospital, where the donor suffered a series of complications, including kidney failure, pancreatitis, a bile leak and infection; this past May at the Lahey Clinic in Massachusetts, where the donor died during surgery after a vein was detached from the vena cava, causing an uncontrollable hemorrhage; and in August at the University of Colorado hospital, where the donor suffered cardiac arrest, possibly due to a combination of surgical stress and other factors.

UNOS provides transplant centers with guidelines to ensure donors are appropriately evaluated. Potential donors undergo a thorough medical and mental examination prior to signing a written consent agreement, and they must have an independent advocate to represent their interests alone.

Still, there are no standardized procedures, and actual tests to ensure the donor’s mental and physical health may vary among transplant centers, said Dr. Connie Davis, chair of the living donor committee for UNOS who stressed that, ultimately, “Every donor, heaven forbid, they have the right to say no. They don’t have to do this.”

Katrina Bramstedt, a transplant ethicist who also serves as a donor advocate, said that while the ethical questions surrounding living donation are valid, risk-benefit analyses show that the procedure

should continue. “Yes, occasionally something goes wrong, but that’s going to happen in any surgical procedure,” she said. “Generally, the donors are well-informed and very well-screened and they’re healthy and ready to go.”

After Hurewitz’s death, the National Institutes of Health implemented a seven-year study of adult living-donor liver transplants to weigh risks to donors and benefits to recipients. Study results found a 20-25 percent chance of donors experiencing some type of complication, the most common being bile leaks, collection of fluid around the lung and infections. Most were considered minor, said Dr. Carl Berg, the director of hepatology at the University of Virginia, who served as a co-chair of the federal research team. The research found a 50 percent reduction in deaths among the sick patients receiving the live-donor livers, Berg said. Without the live-donor livers, those patients most likely would have remained on the cadaver transplant list — some growing more ill as they awaited a transplant, some dying before a transplant ever happened.

The back-to-back deaths in Colorado and Massachusetts this year shook the transplant community and prompted centers to re-examine their programs, Berg said. However, he added that so long as the benefits of the surgery outweigh the risks of death or complication — and until more Americans decide to become organ donors at death — adult living-donor liver transplants will continue.

“Is it safe?” he asked. “I would give half my liver to my brother in an instant, and I know as much as could be known about the risks. I would still gladly do that as opposed to having him wait for a deceased donor because I know the benefit is there, and I believe [for donors] that the quantified risk is small.”

Black colleges increase online programs

PHILADELPHIA — When Michael Hill needed a doctoral program with the flexibility to let him continue working full-time as a Lincoln University administrator, he chose an online degree from another institution.

With such firsthand experience, Hill is now trying to start an online program at Lincoln. It’s one of many historically black colleges and universities that has yet to enter a booming cybereducation market that could be particularly lucrative for black colleges.

Blacks comprised about 12 percent of total enrollment in higher education in 2007 but were 21 percent of students at for-profit institutions — many of which are online, according to an American Council on Education report released this year.

Tom Joyner, a syndicated radio host with a largely black audience, also sees the market’s potential. The longtime historical black college and university booster and philanthropist has invested about \$7 million to start

HBCUsOnline.com, an educational services venture run by his son.

“My father noticed very early on that a lot of the students doing the online education boom were members of his listening audience,” said Tom Joyner Jr. “Those listeners could be better served by HBCUs.”

While black colleges only enroll about 11 percent of all black students, their traditions and legacies still resonate in the African-American community. It makes sense that those schools would want to recapture students from for-profits like the University of Phoenix, said Richard Garrett, managing director of the consulting firm Eduventures.

“This is, to us, an expected and logical trend,” Garrett said. “It’s ambitious, the timing is right. There’s a lot of opportunity there.”

The Sloan Consortium for online education estimates about one-third of the country’s 4,500 universities offer online degrees. But only about 10 percent of the

nation’s 105 historically black colleges do, according to the White House Initiative on historical black institutions. (Larger percentages offer online courses without degrees.)

“In order to keep pace and add institutional versatility, we should be in this space,” said John Wilson Jr., executive director of the White House Initiative.

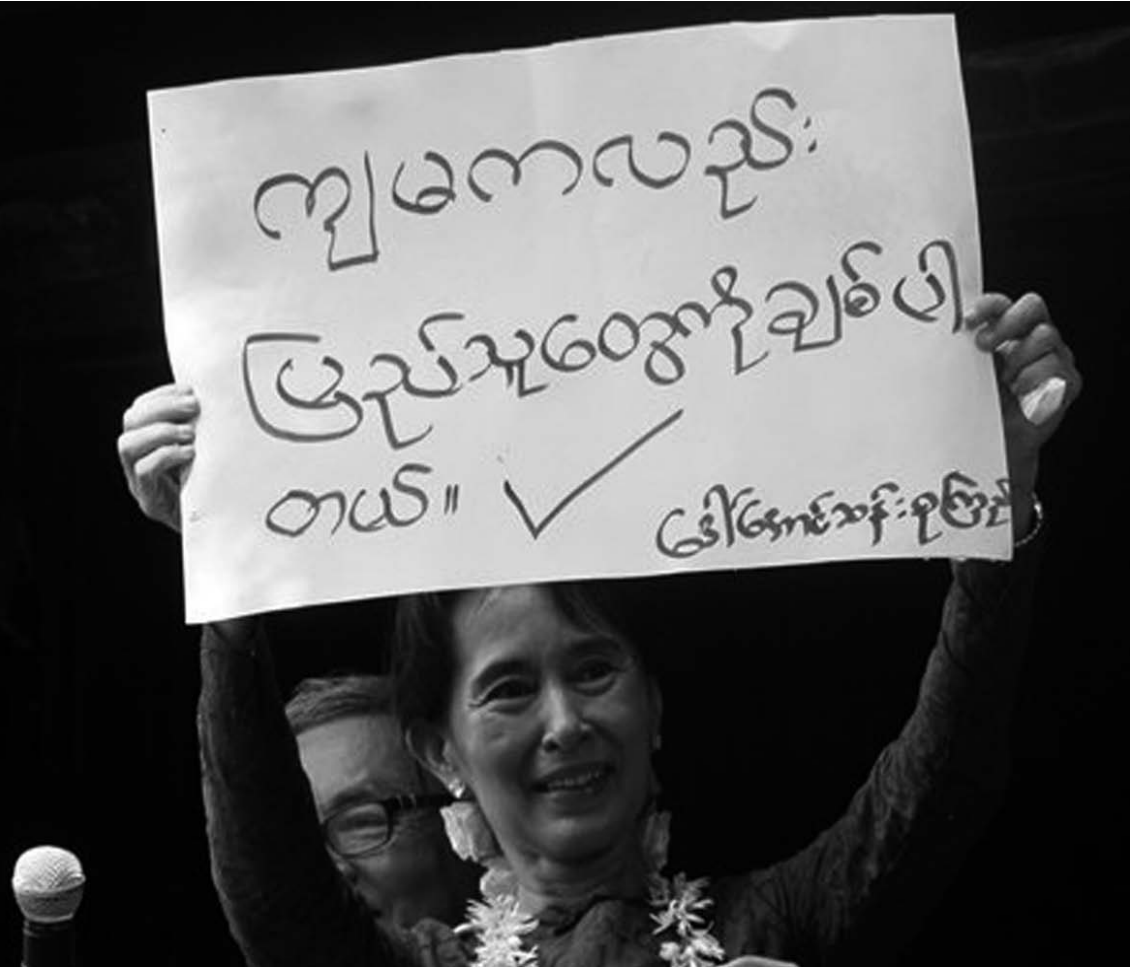
Part of the problem is money: Black colleges generally have small endowments and are largely tuition-dependent. Many don’t have the technological infrastructure to support online education, said Marybeth Gasman, an HBCU expert at the University of Pennsylvania.

The schools also have struggled with low retention and graduation rates, partly because of students’ financial backgrounds. Some officials worry that online student dropouts could further drag down those rates, possibly affecting accreditation, said Ezell Brown, CEO of Education Online Services, another company working to put black colleges online.

MYANMAR

Suu Kyi calls for liberty

Recently freed from house arrest, democracy leader presses on



Myanmar's pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who was recently freed from seven years of house arrest, displays a placard that reads, "I also Love the People."

YANGON — Myanmar's democracy heroine Aung San Suu Kyi is vowing to press ahead in her decades-long fight for political liberty while also calling for compromise with other political parties and the ruling junta after taking her own first steps back to freedom.

Suu Kyi, who was freed from house arrest Saturday amid a divided political landscape and days after widely criticized elections, made clear she faces a precarious position: maneuvering between the expectations of the country's pro-democracy movement and the realities of dealing with a clique of secretive generals who have kept her locked up for much of the past two decades.

"I've always believed in compromise," the Nobel Peace laureate told reporters Sunday in the dilapidated offices of her party, the National League for Democracy, with its rough concrete floor and battered wooden furniture. "I am for national reconciliation. I am for dialogue. Whatever authority I have, I will use it to that end ... I hope the people will support me."

This Southeast Asian nation, once known as Burma, has been ruled by the military since 1962, leaving it isolated from much of the international community and battered by poverty. The junta has an abysmal human rights record, holding thousands of political prisoners and waging brutal military campaigns against ethnic minorities.

In recent years, though, it has also become an increasingly important regional trading hub, and its natural gas reserves and hydroelectric possibilities have brought it close to energy-hungry China and India.

Earlier Sunday, Suu Kyi spoke to a rapturous crowd of

as many as 10,000 people who jammed the street in front of the office. While the speech was technically illegal — any gathering of more than a handful of people needs government permission in Myanmar — the authorities made no arrests.

Deeply charismatic, the 65-year-old Suu Kyi is by far the country's most popular politician, a popularity the junta clearly fears. Dozens of secret police officers were on hand Sunday to record her comments and photograph those in attendance.

"I believe in human rights and I believe in the rule of law. I will always fight for these things," she told the crowd. "I want to work with all democratic forces and I need the support of the people."

But she also urged her followers to work for national reconciliation.

"If we want to get what we want, we have to do it in the right way; otherwise we will not achieve our goal however noble or correct it may be," she cautioned.

Later, Suu Kyi told reporters her message to junta leader Gen. Than Shwe was, "Let's speak to each other directly." The two last met in secret talks in 2002 at the encouragement of the United Nations.

If her comments might appear surprisingly measured for a woman who has become an international symbol of democratic reform, she has long said she was willing to negotiate, even with the junta.

The top-ranking U.S. diplomat in Myanmar, Charge d'Affaires Larry Dinger, was among a group of diplomats who met her Sunday and also met her while she was under house arrest.

"She's made clear to us that she's a pragmatic politician who wants to find pragmatic

solutions to this country's problems," he said.

Energized as Suu Kyi's supporters are, she faces a military determined to cling to the power it has wielded for decades, and any collision between the two could well land Suu Kyi right back from where she emerged this weekend — house arrest and isolation.

"It could be a little bit of a cat and mouse game," said Trevor Wilson, former Australian ambassador to Myanmar and now a visiting fellow at the Australian National University in Canberra. "The regime may wait for her to make a tactical error and crack down on her again."

Suu Kyi's most recent term kept her under house arrest for seven years, though she has been jailed or under house arrest for more than 15 of the last 21 years.

In that time, she was unable to see her husband, the British scholar Michael Aris, before he died of cancer, and has never met her grandchildren. She has not seen her two sons for almost 10 years.

But she insisted Sunday her time in detention — in a crumbling lakeside family villa where she had a small staff — was far easier than most prisoners here face. Human rights groups say the government holds more than 2,200 political prisoners.

"Honestly, throughout these years of detention, they have treated me well. But they have not acted according to the rule of law, and that I will always fight against," she told reporters.

She said she "kept myself pretty much on an even keel" during her detention, but added for years she had only the radio for company. "I'd like to listen to human voices," she said.

SAUDI ARABIA

Train will shuttle Muslims between cities during hajj



Muslims beginning the annual hajj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia have a new way to avoid the crowds: an elevated light-rail.

Associated Press

MINA — Saudi Arabia has unveiled an elevated light-rail that will shuttle some Muslims beginning the hajj Sunday between Islam's holy sites, part of plans to turn the ancient city of Mecca into a modern metropolis and ease crowding during the annual pilgrimage.

The four-day Islamic pilgrimage draws around 2.5 million worshippers each year, and the large numbers present authorities with a challenge in preventing stampedes, fires in pilgrim encampments and the spread of disease.

Dubbed the Mecca Metro, the new 11-mile (18-kilometer) light-railway is to begin shuttling pilgrims between holy sites Monday, although it's reserved for Saudis and citizens of other Gulf nations until it becomes fully operational next year.

The train is just part of a bold plan to transform Mecca into a modern, high-tech city and increase the number of pilgrims it can host annually from the current 10 million to around 50 million by 2020.

"We are trying to make Mecca the first city in the world that realizes the desires of its residents and visitors throughout the year by using the best urban planning, the smartest technology to ensure the trip of the pilgrim is safe, easy, and enjoyable," Mecca mayor Ossama al-Bar told The Associated Press.

He said the 10-year plan devised last year also envisions new roads, an improved health care and labs to keep track of viruses green initiatives and a new broadband communication network to enable pilgrims to stay connected. Religious entertainment, including cultural events to explain the history of Islam and Mecca, is also in the works.

Another step was taken Sunday, when officials signed a \$7 billion deal to develop the nearest airport in the city of Jiddah, boosting its capacity to 30 million travelers a year.

"It is a huge project. But it started and we hope God willing it will be finished within the designed period," al-Bar said in his makeshift office in the heart of a tent city accom-

modating thousands of pilgrims at Mina.

The first phase of the Mecca Metro project will transport pilgrims between Mina, Mount Arafat and Muzdalifa — three stops during the pilgrims' journey that trace the steps of the Prophet Muhammad and Abraham. Muslims believe Abraham built the ancient structure in Mecca's Grand Mosque known as the Kaaba.

The lime green cars zoom along an elevated rail, passing over the permanent white tents where hundreds of thousands of pilgrims spend the night on the way to the major sites. There are 12 trains now, each with a capacity of 3,000 people, said train operator Ahmed Hosny. It will begin a limited service Monday, operating at around 33 percent of its expected capacity.

The \$2 billion train, which does not stop at holy sites in Mecca itself, was constructed by a Chinese company.

During the tests Sunday, a recorded message in Arabic and English warned passengers to "mind the gap," borrowing the much-loved phrase from London's metro, known as The Tube.

Officials say next year it will be at full capacity, serving around 500,000 pilgrims and disposing of thousands of buses that shuttle the pilgrims between rituals and crowd the streets and pollute the air.

During the hajj, pilgrims seek forgiveness for their sins and meditate on their faith, while tracing the steps of the Prophet Muhammad and also Abraham, who Muslims believe built the ancient structure in Mecca's Grand Mosque known as the Kaaba.

Over several days, the pilgrims will circle the Kabaa, reenact the desperate search by Abraham's wife for water for her son Ishmael, and perform the symbolic act of stoning the devil.

Saudi Arabia has for years carried out development and construction projects to expand and improve the spaces used by the millions of pilgrims from around the world who are performing the hajj — one of Islam's main pillars required of every able-bodied Muslim once in their lifetime.

INSIDE COLUMN

Love thee, Notre Dame

"Let's drive down Notre Dame Ave.," my mom said when we arrived on campus for Frosh-O a little over two years ago. "I want you to see it."

It was the end of August, and it was hot. We had just driven the long 12 hours from my home in New Jersey, and I was not in the mood to sappily gaze at the Dome and listen to the fight song that my mom had set off from her Notre Dame key-chain.

"It's beautiful," I said.

It really was beautiful: the way the sun glinted off the curves of the Golden Dome, the way the trees framed Main Building, making it seem like we were driving right into a painting.

"That's all you have to say?" my mom asked. "Don't you feel something? Don't you feel at home?"

My uncle had gone to Notre Dame, so my mom has always felt a connection here, but I did not grow up living and breathing the school. I never wore a Notre Dame cheerleader costume for Halloween, and the only game I had been to before coming here was the '07 Navy loss.

I had never experienced that "feeling" before.

This became even more evident in my First Year University seminar, when our professor asked us to write a reflection on the meaning of home. Other classmates talked about Notre Dame as their second home, a place that felt comfortable the moment they walked onto campus.

I did not read my reflection out loud. I wanted to love Notre Dame the same way my classmates did. But for me, Notre Dame was just a college — a place to meet new people and learn new things. I did not see Notre Dame as a family.

The more time I spent here, the more I came to love Notre Dame. It was not until my junior year, however, not until Declan Sullivan's beautiful Mass of Remembrance and Saturday's win against Utah, that I truly understood what it means to be part of the Notre Dame family.

Two weeks ago, we gathered at the Basilica to celebrate the life of Declan Sullivan. That night, as the campus community swayed together, finding strength even amidst deep mourning, the Alma Mater was not just the Alma Mater.

That night, I felt something more.

For more reasons than one, we needed Saturday to happen. As we rushed onto the field, Notre Dame fans everywhere got their boost of morale. The seniors got their long-awaited moments of glory. Declan's spirit was embodied in the blissful faces of thousands of students. And again, we came together as a family, in a way that only happens at Notre Dame, in a way I am so grateful I can finally understand.

I was once skeptical, but will not be again. Going through the good and the bad, and always finding reasons to celebrate: Nothing more defines a family.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unwanted overtures

This is an open letter to the self-declared "King of Controversy" Mark Easley and any one else who supports "Annexing SMC," (Nov. 10). Here is our response to your kind offer to rid us of our burden of general uselessness: as if. Don't suppose that any self-respecting "Saint Mary's chick" as we're so condescendingly referred to would ever even consider such self important drivel.

Inevitable? Notre Dame is inevitably going to annex Saint Mary's? Right. I forgot, because those sinister Sisters of the Holy Cross (who are just waiting to line their "coffers" with tons of cash) have turned down numerous lucrative offers for their land because they're just waiting for Notre Dame to make an offer — that's us, just a bunch of girls on an expensive tract of land waiting for a Notre Dame dude to deign to send a glance our

way.

Easley, dearest, you should have learned by now that you can't buy a pretty girl like old SMC to get her to really like you (even if you do have that impressive 4 billion burning a hole in your pocket), or throw around big words like "hubris" and "draconian" — and you definitely shouldn't insult her intelligence like you have.

Despite our small size and draconian learning style we like it that way. We like that after we're done supporting each and every Notre Dame team, without asking anything in return — not even your respect, apparently, since we're so generally and casually abused daily — we can come back to a place where people don't hit each other over the head with their own awesomeness. From the Viewpoints or comics in The Observer to the classic "M-R-S degree" joke, we've taken

it in stride for years and we'll keep on keepin' on ... and on, and on, and on, because there is no way you're getting your grubby hands on our campus. So I guess you'll have to solve your recruiting problem some other way than dangling a bigger (some would say better) lady buffet as bait.

Here's the bright side — you won't have to worry about that terribly long walk!

Hate on me as much as you like, because that's the Notre Dame spirit I've heard so much about — ganging up on a group of girls. So thanks for the favor — but no thanks. And if you meant the article as a joke ... you didn't write it well enough.

Claire Eckerson
junior
Le Mans Hall
Nov. 11

Saint Mary's can stand alone

Dear Mark Easley,

In response to your "Annex SMC" article (Nov. 10), as Saint Mary's College students, we are not interested in merging with Notre Dame despite the "benefits" that you list. If you even knew a few of the intelligent women that attend Saint Mary's College then you would quickly realize that many Saint Mary's students are extremely proud to be Belles and have never possessed the desire to apply to Notre Dame, much less be "annexed" by your University!

Unquestionably, the "oppressive thumb of draconian single-sex education" that you speak of is something we cherish. Our single-sex education is not something that we feel impedes our learning in any way. Instead, the opportunity to learn in an empowering environment encourages open discussion and increased participation. We do not consider our education to be draconian in any way; in fact, I think it

is more appropriate to say that your view towards women is draconian.

Furthermore, a mergence between the two schools would not result in simply a "minor name change," but rather the loss of a proud identity that we refuse to sacrifice. In 1971 it was proposed that Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College merge. When the plan fell through, Fr. Hesburgh said to Saint Mary's College, "I get the impression you're in favor of the marriage, but two things are missing. Number one, you don't want to take our name, and number two, you don't want to live with us." Fr. Hesburgh was absolutely correct: No matter how many Notre Dame men propose to Saint Mary's women, we as a whole are not interested in taking the Notre Dame name nor its residence halls. The current relationship between the two schools is unique and a tradition in itself; why fix something that isn't broken?

We clearly know where we stand in

terms of priorities; merging with Notre Dame is not one of them. Contrary to your belief, we are not a territory of land begging to be bought out by our "superior" brother school. We are, however, a national liberal arts college that has produced thousands of successful graduates just as your university has. We "lovely ladies across the lakes" do have much to offer to the world, and we will proudly offer that with our Saint Mary's College degrees.

Signed,

Lindsay Ellis
sophomore
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Dani Haydell
sophomore
Le Mans Hall
Alyssa Vinluan
sophomore
Le Mans Hall
Nov. 10

EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All charming people have something to conceal, usually their total dependence on the appreciation of others."

Cyril Connolly
English writer

Submit a Letter
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"But men must know, that in this theatre of man's life it is reserved only for God and angels to be lookers on."

Francis Bacon
English philosopher

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dearest Shlee ...

Will you go to the SYR with me?
With Love,

James Denué
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Nov. 14

UWIRE

Courts shouldn't decide on violence

It has always been the responsibility of adults to shield children from that which might not be appropriate for them, but in the age of accessible technology it has become increasingly difficult. So then, what happens when one of the most popular forms of technology among children — video games — raises questions about violence? You get a case in the United States Supreme Court.

More specifically, you get Entertainment Merchants Association v. Schwarzenegger. The case deals with whether it should be illegal to sell violent video games to children, but it's not as simple as it sounds. It highlights First Amendment rights and how to determine what makes a video game “unacceptably” violent.

The hearing took place on Nov. 2, with Supreme Court Justices grilling both California Deputy Attorney General Zackery Morazzini, the attorney arguing against video games, and Paul Smith, who is representing the video game industry's perspective.

The issue with making it illegal to sell video games to children seems hardly debatable. But the reality is that such a ruling would impinge on developers' First Amendment rights, forcing them to self-censor and speculate whether their games might provoke a federal case.

From the looks of everything, it seems pretty clear as to what the big deal is: California is concerned for the psyches of children — a completely noble and understandable aim — and worries that playing violent video games will lead them down some twisted path of degeneracy.

The video game industry, on the other hand, insists that video games are no more damaging than any other form of violent media and that they deserve full protection from the First Amendment, just like any other art form. This battle has been raging for over a decade, but there has remained one thing stopping states like California from attacking video games.

Plain and simple, lawyers who don't play video games are trying to talk about them. And not just talk, but make hugely important decisions about their future. Either way, it's clear in the transcript of the hearing that not only does Morazzini have limited understanding of the real level of violence in video games, but the justices are also not experts.

That's to be expected to some degree, but when your argument is based off of a hypothetical game in which you can torture babies and “Postal 2,” a 1997 game that was truly horrid, you don't have much. To be frank, while you can do some pretty twisted things in a small handful of games, it doesn't come close to infanticide.

Additionally, “Postal 2,” which seems to be the only name California ever uses in its cases against video games, is nothing like any game made today. Since video games have become a respected medium of art and entertainment, people have formed standards. Developers, by and large, aren't just in it for the shock value anymore.

The Supreme Court now has the power to change video games forever with one ruling. Here's hoping they see that video games should be protected by the First Amendment.

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Jason Krell

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'Long live Bowie'

It is an incontrovertible truth that David Bowie is the greatest singer that the world has ever known and will ever know. It is also an objective fact that Brooks Smith has quite an abysmal taste of music.

In his recent article “David Bowie is Dumb,” (Nov. 11) our Mr. Smith commits the logical fallacy known as *reductio ad Eno* — that is, denigrating a beloved artist on the grounds of association with the musician Brian Eno. Bowie's Berlin phase, during which he worked extensively with Eno, was anything but unprolific. During this phase Bowie churned out some of his greatest music. The album “Heroes” is innovative and catchy, and features Bowie at his most creative. His following “disco” phase, as Mr. Smith refers to it, is as edgy as anything Bowie has created and embodies the spirit of the '80s! Any fanbase shared by Bowie and Coldplay is an unfortunate coincidence!

The article groundlessly posits a false dichotomy of artistic self-promotion — indeed, a “pompous theatrical flair” — and profuse musical talent.

Bowie's eccentric styles and intelligently crafted characters throughout his career contribute to his greatness rather than mask any deficiency. (Nor is Bowie's commendable acting career indicative of anything but genius!) Brooks Smith wishes he could wear platform shoes and a kimono to work. Fashion, one might say, only adds to fame.

Bowie's intuitive feel for the strange and his penchant for shocking novelty have enabled him to continuously adapt his music to the times. He was not, as Mr. Smith alleges, merely associated with the glam rock fad of the early '70s. He founded it. The “Ziggy Stardust” album of 1972, in its own right and in tandem with its successor “Aladdin Sane,” constitutes the greatest musical achievement that the world has ever seen (or heard)!

Brooks Smith has no idea what he's talking about! Long live Bowie!

Matt Boutilier

senior
Duncan Hall
Nov. 11

NDSP, try to be nice ...

We always enjoy coming back for football weekends, but especially visiting the Grotto one more time before hitting the road on Sunday. As we pulled up to the east security gate at 9:45 a.m., the guard asked me where my wife and I were headed. I said “We are heading to the Grotto,” with a nice smile. His reply: “Well, make it quick.”

Really? Do we now have a time limit for alums to be on campus? Should I pray quicker? Maybe speed read through my Hail Mary's? Or should I

just skip the prayers for the non-life threatening situations?

You know, with alumni contributions down \$120 million over the last reporting cycle, you might want to show a little courtesy to those who support this university.

And yes, we prayed for you too.

Daniel Carlsen

alumnus
Class of 1980
Nov. 14

EDITORIAL CARTOON



You know better than they do.
You know you know better.

Tell them how it is.
Weigh in with a Letter to the Editor.



By ANKUR CHAWLA
Scene Writer

This alien sci-fi film may go down in history as one of the worst movies ever, with the likes of “Killer Clowns From Outer Space,” “Lawnmower 2: Beyond Cyberspace” and “The Incredibly Strange Creatures Who Stopped Living and Became Mixed-Up Zombies!!?”

Despite great special effects and stunning cinematography, nothing could compensate for the poor acting and even worse plot. Moviegoers may actually wish or think they were abducted by evil extraterrestrials while watching “Skyline.”

The movie starts with wide and spinning camera shots of the city of Los Angeles, with sudden streaks of blue lights waking up the clearly hung-over main characters. They are attracted to the light like freshmen to the fro-yo machines at the dining halls. The first character to look out the window steps onto a porch and is sucked in by the light, apparently abducted by the aliens.

Right after this scene, a completely useless flashback to a day earlier tries to establish the characters and provide a background to the rest of the film. But don’t look too much into the “character development” as none of it is ever mentioned again and even the protagonist, Jarrod (Eric Balfour), has as much depth as the reflecting pool in front of Touchdown Jesus. What’s worse is after merely showing a few minutes of party scenes, the movie essentially replays the opening sequence of spinning shots and cool camera angles. Once again, the streaks of light appear and the main characters exhaustedly roll out of bed and go towards the light.

So much of the film is time filler and repeated scenes and sequences. For instance, at least seven seconds are used as the core characters are in a car waiting for a gate to slowly open, not to mention that every door they come across is locked and they must yell at each other to open the door. The biggest problem

with this recurring theme is it takes time away from what could have been a thought provoking plot with dynamic characters. Instead, this movie is nothing more than a brainless thriller to find out if Jarrod will live or die at the end, and how or if the humans will find a way to stop the virtually indestructible UFOs from eating people.

A few bright spots exist in this movie, as Donald Faison (Turk from “Scrubs”)



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plays Terry, a successful actor, who is hilarious and interesting. It is a shame that his role was limited in the movie — had he been the star it may have been considerably better. In addition, the special effects were very well done and the story had a good base to go from but never The main characters escaped unscathed too easily, like the good guys never getting hit by bullets in older westerns.

“Skyline” is almost a comically bad movie, so if that’s your thing, by all means see it. I, however, was incredibly disappointed with the awful plot, or lack there of, and hope to spare you from a similar experience. “Skyline” barely deserves to be on the Sci-Fi Channel, and certainly would barely deserve your time.

Skyline
Rogue Pictures

Director: Colin and Greg Strauss
Starring: Eric Balfour, Donald Faison, Scottie Thompson



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Instrumental Listening



by Julia Steiner

- 1 ☒ “Lumos! (Hedwig’s Theme)” - John Williams
- 2 ☒ “Pet Sounds” - The Beach Boys
- 3 ☒ “Instrumental” - The Microphones
- 4 ☒ “La Femme D’Argent” - Air
- 5 ☒ “Avril 14th” - Aphex Twin
- 6 ☒ “Hot House” - Dizzy Gillespie
- 7 ☒ “Oh Little Brain” - STS9
- 8 ☒ “Intro” - The xx
- 9 ☒ “Greyhoundredux” - MGMT
- 10 ☒ “Hunting Bears” - Radiohead
- 11 ☒ “Crips” - Ratatat
- 12 ☒ “Movement II: Sleeping Invader” - Sufjan Stevens

*In the midst of the
pre-Thanksgiving exam crunch,
the last thing any of us need is
more words to hear, memorize,
think about or process in any
way. Luckily, all of the songs in
this playlist are instrumental —
there really are no words.
So, feel free to take a study break
and fill in the blanks.*

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NOTRE DAME *style spotter*



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By COURTNEY COX
Scene Writer

Name: Caitlin Pulte

Spotted: On the field in
Notre Dame Stadium

Caitlin is dressed for the final game of the season in a sequin headband and stickers that match the smile that can only come after an Irish victory.

The most stylish part of her outfit, however, is Notre Dame pride. That's something that never goes out of style.

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There is nothing more exhilarating than attention to detail. What do I mean by this? Exhibit A: East Entrance to Hesburgh Library one dreary fall afternoon. A high heel-

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*Scene
Writer*

clad fashion devotee, laden with a satchel full of books, left arm cradling a mass of notebooks and her faithful agenda, with her right hand clutching her mid-day caffeine fix (a large latte), approaches the doors which will lead to a long evening of research and study. As she looks up, approaching from said library's interior appears one of her male collegiate counterparts. Thank goodness, she thinks, a gallant knight come to open the doors for me to the temple of knowledge! Alas, 'tis not to be. Said young man opens said door in question, exits hurriedly, ignoring this damsel in distress, and strides away.

Exhibit B: A few seconds later, this same fashion devotee stares at said doors attempting to find an imaginative solution to their opening which does not involve the phrase "Open Sesame." A second member of the opposite gender appears. Noting the distress with which his fairytale counterpart is eyeing these challenging portals, he smiles and holds the door open, allowing for the disappearance of the damsel in distress and the appearance of a wide-eyed, grateful princess prepared to render the appropriate thank you to what she now perceives as her knight in shining Armani. Where this fairy tale leads will obviously depend on the results of their first shopping excursion together, but that tale, dear readers, is for another time. The crux of this story lies in the ability of an unexpected detail to

change our day for the better. And that is precisely what patterned hosiery has been doing since the invention of nylon in 1935.

On the other side of the pond, the incorporation of every different kind of stocking into one's daily outfit is accomplished with an unbridled fearlessness. Europeans devote whole stores to hosiery: in these boutiques you can find stockings in every color imaginable (one of my friends once bought a shocking teal variety in Paris' sixth arrondissement) and every pattern — fishnets, ribbed, checked, even floral!

With the advent of cooler weather, our wardrobes often seem to become dull and monotonous. You may feel as though you wear the same pants or dress ad nauseum. However, with an eye-catching pair of hose, the same dress can become part of a whole new outfit. Pairing a bright red hose with a black dress can instantly make your look pop. You can also match the color of your hosiery to your accessories, making that purple bag you've been dying to wear finally work with your final fashion presentation.

While some may think fishnets are questionable attire, Italian women have been wearing them to the office for forever (proof of this lies in any 1960s cinematic endeavor involving the great Sophia Loren). Add a pair to a knee length skirt and comfortable heels, or even better, wear them underneath a pair of pants with flats. The different textures will create a canvas that rivals any Picasso. Moreover, stockings take up negligible room in the small spaces allotted for closets in our time-honored housing institutions: the dorms. Forever 21 offers a wide variety for just \$3.50 a pair. Details, you've never looked better!



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Freshman Emily Nash's feet model fishnets.



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PGA TOUR

Hometown Appleby holds on down under

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Stuart Appleby received hardly any fanfare at the Australian Masters until he slipped on the gold jacket that a year ago belonged to Tiger Woods.

He wasn't among the five faces on promotional posters around Melbourne, nor was he invited to the gala dinner. And even though none of the others had more wins this year — and none had ever shot a 59 to win a PGA Tour event — that was fine with him.

“I noticed it, but it was not even close to annoying me,” Appleby said Sunday after closing with a 6-under 65 for a one-shot victory. “I have an ego, no doubt about it. But it wasn't like, ‘Oh, they haven't got me up there?’ It's the Tiger Woods show, and the others. You know what? It didn't play out that way.”

The only entertainment value from Woods came in his final hour, when he made two eagles over the final four holes and shot 65 to match his best score of the year. He still ended a full year without winning, as he finished in fourth place as the defending champion.

“I didn't play good enough,” Woods said. “I didn't make enough putts. That's what happens.”

Appleby was as golden as the winner's jacket he wore.

He rallied from a seven-shot deficit in the final round, stayed

in the game by making a 30-foot par putt on the 16th, pulled ahead with a 25-foot birdie on the 17th and two-putted for birdie on the final hole.

Adam Bland, who had a three-shot lead going into the final round, was the last one with a chance to catch him. Bland hit 6-iron to 10 feet on the par-5 18th, but missed the eagle putt that would have forced a play-off.

Appleby already had reason to celebrate this year, winning The Greenbrier Classic with a 59 on the last day. This might have been even sweeter. It has been nine years since he won on home soil, dating to the 2001 Australian Open.

It wasn't from a lack of effort, or attention.

“We play around the world for big money and big tournaments and big fancy ratings and everything like that,” he said. “But you come home to Australia, and it's real. That's probably hurt me too many times, really wanting to win.”

Not many would have given him much of a chance going into the final round seven shots behind. With four birdies on the front nine, he got back into the game, then holed the two long putts to finally win the third leg of the Australian Slam. He previously won the Australian PGA and the Australian Open.

Appleby finished at 10-under 274 and won for the 12th time worldwide.

About his only mistake was

nearly missing the trophy presentation. Coming out of the bathroom, he saw what looked to be the closing ceremony on a big video screen, then heard his name announced as the winner and sprinted under the grandstands and onto the 18th green. Another big gallery — the Sunday attendance approached 18,000 — stuck around to watch him.

Appleby thanked them, realizing that they weren't all there to watch him.

Woods was not quite the same character they saw a year ago at Kingston Heath, when record crowds topped 100,000 for the four rounds and the world's No. 1 player — at the time, anyway — delivered a memorable performance with a wire-to-wire win.

That was his 82nd victory around the world. It remains his last.

Twelve days later, Woods was in a car accident outside his Florida home and soon after came revelations of extramarital affairs. He sat out for nearly months, struggled through the year with his game, was divorced from his wife and is still piecing his game together with a brand new swing.

It remains a work in progress. He didn't show up on the leaderboard at Victoria Golf Club until the final hour.

The culprit all week was putting, and Woods replaced his reliable Scotty Cameron putter with a Nike Method version,



Stuart Appleby waves to the crowd during the trophy presentation after Sunday's final round at the Australian Masters.

which he uses at home in practice. It was the second time this year he swapped out putters, also doing it for three rounds at the British Open. Both times, he attributed the switch to slow greens. It wasn't terribly effective either time.

Woods missed two par putts inside 4 feet on the front nine and fell as many as 12 shots behind. He played the final six holes in 6 under, highlighted by the eagle putts on the par-4 15th and a 15-footer on the par-5 18th that brought the only fist

pump of the week.

“It would have been nice if I had gotten off to that start,” Woods said.

He finished three shots back at 7-under 277, the closest he has been to the winner all year. He also was three behind Graeme McDowell at Pebble Beach in the U.S. Open.

Woods now gets two weeks at home — including Thanksgiving, where his troubles all began — before finishing out the year in California for his Chevron World Challenge.

NFL

Garrett sparks Cowboys to victory in head coaching debut

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jason Garrett's first game as the Dallas Cowboys coach was lights out.

Jon Kitna passed for 327 yards and three touchdowns and the Dallas Cowboys looked revitalized with Garrett running the team in a 33-20 victory that served as a reality check for the New York Giants on Sunday.

Kitna had TD passes of 13 yards to rookie Dez Bryant, 71 to halfback Felix Jones and 24 to Miles Austin as Dallas (2-7) snapped a five-game losing streak in its first game since Garrett replaced Wade Phillips.

Rookie cornerback Bryan McCann scored on a team-record 101-yard interception return in a game highlighted by big plays and

two third-quarter power failures that delayed the game for 11 minutes.

Eli Manning threw two touchdown passes for the Giants (6-3), who had a five-game winning steak snapped.

Dallas gained 427 yards against the NFL's top-ranked defense and forced three turnovers in avoiding its first six-game losing streak since a run at the end of 2000 and the start of 2001.

It had to make owner Jerry Jones think that he waited too long before firing Phillips on Monday or that Garrett was saving all his good plays for when he took over.

The bottom line was Dallas finally looked a little like a talented team instead of one which always found ways to lose.

Coming off a near perfect 41-7

thrashing of Seattle, the Giants made way too many mistakes and the pundits who have been calling them the best team in the NFC need to guess again.

Kitna, who took over as the starter after Tony Romo broke his collarbone against the Giants on Oct. 25, finished 13 of 22 with a meaningless interception.

Besides the plays, there were power outages.

There were two in the third quarter lasting a total of 11 minutes, with the second one turning the \$1.6 billion New Meadowlands Stadium into total darkness for about 10 to 15 seconds.

When the lights were on — sometimes not totally — there were plenty of highlights.

The first outage lasted three minutes and came after Kitna

misfired on the opening play of the second half. Two plays later with the lights dimmed in the Cowboys end of the field, the veteran quarterback found Jones on a screen on the left side and the halfback scampered 71 yards untouched for a 26-6 lead.

Manning answered with a 5-yard touchdown pass to Mario Manningham to cap an eight-play, 58-yard march that was delayed eight minutes by the second outage, one that took out every light in the stadium.

Fans clicked pictures in the darkness and when the lights came back on there was a fight in one end of the stands involving several people.

Kitna, who had not won a game since 2007, needed only six plays to move the Cowboys 85 yards on their next possession. He capped

the drive with the TD pass to Austin, which came a play after finding Roy Williams for 27 yards on a third-and-22.

A 35-yard touchdown pass from Manning to tight end Kevin Boss got the Giants within 33-20 in the third quarter.

New York appeared to cut the margin to less than a touchdown midway through the fourth quarter when Manning and Hakeem Nicks connected on a 48-yard scoring pass down the right sideline, but the play was called back by a questionable holding penalty against guard Kevin Boothe, who was playing his first game of the season.

The Cowboys made big play after big play in this game with none changing the momentum more than McCann's interception in the second quarter.

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Lois: "How would you like me to make your life a living hell?"

Ace: "Well, I'm not really ready for a relationship, Lois, but thank you for asking. Hey, maybe I'll give you a call sometime. Your number's still 911? All righty then."

-Ace Ventura

"And you want to be my latex salesman."

-Seinfeld

Andy: "There's an old saying in show business: The show must go wrong. Everything always goes wrong, and you just have to deal with it."

-Parks and Recreation

Michael Scott: "Guess what? I have flaws. What are they? Oh I donno, I sing in the shower? Sometimes I spend too much time volunteering. Occasionally I'll hit somebody with my car. So sue me-- no, don't sue me. That is opposite the point I'm trying to make."

-The Office

Pam: "There is a master key and a spare key for the office. Dwight has them both. When I asked, 'what if you die, Dwight? How will we get into the office?' He said, 'if I'm dead, you guys have been dead for weeks.'"

-The Office

Luke: "I think I found a place where I can sell this organ. Can you drive me to the black market?"

-Modern Family

Brindock

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do when they worked together. “We went in with the determination to play hard and go undefeated to get ready for the tournament next weekend. As a team we played awesome,” Brindock said. “We had confidence in each other and we carried poise on the court. Our chemistry was very strong, and it greatly helped us take over against Rutgers and Seton Hall. We enjoyed playing with one another and had fun playing the sport we all love.” The Irish took down the Scarlet Knights 3-0 (25-18, 25-8, 25-12) Saturday morning to lead the all-time series 18-0 (16-0 in regular-season conference matches) over Rutgers. Eight block assists and five kills from senior middle blocker Kellie Sciacca highlighted the win as Notre Dame recorded 11 of the weekend’s 14 aces.

Junior libero Frenchy Silva made a match-high 17 digs and two aces in the match, including one during the second set to put the Irish lead to 10-5. McHugh put up nine kills, seven digs and two aces while Eppink added in five kills of her own off of eight errorless swings. Fifth-seeded Notre Dame will face fourth-seeded Villanova in the Big East Tournament quarterfinals at 10 a.m. on Nov. 19 at Pittsburgh’s Fitzgerald’s Fieldhouse as they work to build off its two-match win streak. “I see these wins as a new beginning. It is a great booster for the upcoming weekend,” Brindock said. “As a team, after this successful weekend, we feel strong and completely together. We are all in to take on the challenge this next weekend to be undefeated and earn the title of Big East Champions.”

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NFL

Brady, Patriots outgun Roethlisberger, Steelers

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Tom Brady maintained his mastery of the Steelers, throwing three touchdown passes to tight end Rob Gronkowski and scoring once himself, and the Patriots bounced back from an embarrassing 20-point loss by beating the Steelers 39-26 on Sunday night. No NFL team wins more on its home field than Pittsburgh, but no opposing player wins there like Brady, who has won six of seven overall against the Steelers and four of five at Heinz Field. He was 30 of 43 for 350 yards with no sacks or interceptions, and now has 14 career TD throws and three interceptions against the Steelers. The Patriots and AFC East-rival Jets are tied for the conference’s top record at 7-2. Pittsburgh (6-3), its normally dominating defense shredded by Brady during its second home-field loss this season, drops back into a first-place tie with Baltimore in the AFC North. The Steelers played most of the game without wide receiver Hines Ward (neck), whose streak of 186 consecutive games with a reception ended. Brady threw only one incomple-tion during a 70-yard drive on New England’s first possession that ended with his 19-yard TD throw to Gronkowski, a rookie who played his high school senior season in Pittsburgh. New England started the second half with a near-identical 78-yard drive that Brady finished off with a 9-yard throw to Gronkowski, making it 17-3 and silencing a partisan crowd of 64,359 that rarely sees a rival quarterback being so effective and efficient. Except Brady, of course. As good as ever against Pittsburgh, he was more emotional than usual — screaming during huddles, yelling at linemen for penalties — perhaps reflecting his unhappiness at losing 34-14 the week before at Cleveland. Brady, who has averaged 373 yards in his last three starts against Pittsburgh, found

Gronkowski for a third time on a 25-yarder that upped it to 36-18 and emptied out whatever fans hadn’t already left. Brady methodically led drive after drive by throwing underneath Pittsburgh’s two-deep zone defense. The quick throws — welcome back, Wes Welker — confused the Steelers’ defense and negated Pittsburgh’s oft-successful blitzing schemes. Welker, whose production has been nearly cut in half since last season and reduced even more since Randy Moss’ departure, made eight catches for 89 yards. Gronkowski had five for 72 yards. BenJarvus Green-Ellis ran for 87 yards, the most against Pittsburgh’s defense this season. James Sanders effectively ended it with a 32-yard touchdown return of an interception with 8½ minutes remaining on a throw by Roethlisberger that was tipped by Patrick Chung — though there were three more touchdowns, two by Pittsburgh. When it comes to winning, the Patriots and Steelers are the pinnacles of the NFL. The Patriots’ .632 winning percentage since free agency began in 1993 is the NFL’s best, and the Steelers are second at .627. Brady’s .767 winning percentage coming in led all quarterbacks, and Roethlisberger’s .700 was second. Think how much better the Steelers’ record would be if they didn’t meet up with Brady. The Steelers, unable to solve New England’s defense for most of three quarters while trailing 17-3, took advantage of a 38-yard pass interference penalty on Brandon Meriweather to advance to the Patriots 8 late in the third quarter. But Roethlisberger threw incomplete on second and third down, and Jeff Reed missed a chip-shot 26-yard field goal — his seventh miss of the season. The Steelers, clearly deflated, then allowed Brady to throw 45 yards to Brandon Tate on New England’s second play from scrimmage, and Brady ended the 80-yard drive with a 3-yard TD run on a quarterback draw that made it 23-3.

Clark

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“I thought it was a game with two very good teams and possibly demonstrated the Big East as one of the strongest soccer conferences in the country,” Clark said. The Cardinals opened scoring early into the second half and got the lead they managed to keep all game. In the 72nd minute, Irish freshman forward Harrison Shipp netted a goal that was deeded offsides by the referees following the play. Replay later revealed that the goal was robbed from the Irish at the error of the referee. “They got the goal that counted, obviously. That was disappointing,” Clark said. “You must accept the referee’s decision. We’ve moved on. We can’t dwell on the past. These things happen in sports and you just move on.” Overall, the Cardinals had 15 shots against the Irish with five on goal, while Notre Dame matched the five shots on goal and but fell short on total shots with 11. Senior forward Steven Perry and junior midfielder Brendan King doubled-up with shots on goal. Senior midfielder Jeb Brovsky had a couple of shots, but was taken out for a portion of the game due to a leg injury, but reentered the game with 20 minutes left. “I think he’ll be ready to practice on Tuesday,” Clark



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Irish junior midfielder Michael Rose plays a long ball during Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over Marquette Nov. 7 in Alumni Stadium.

said. Clark stressed that he wants the team to make one adjustment to their team’s performance, a lesson they got with the loss to Louisville. “I think we played a strong 80 minutes, but a soccer game lasts 90 minutes,” Clark said. “I think we didn’t chase the game perhaps as well as we could have. With 10 minutes left to go, I think we could have done that a little better. We lost a little bit of our discipline at that time, it was up to our discipline and passion to tie the game up. I think that’s something we can work on before the NCAAs.” With the loss behind them, the Irish will prepare for their next test, the first round of the NCAA tourna-

ment. “This weekend was very good for preparing us for the NCAA tournament. We learned a lot about ourselves in the game,” Bobby Clark said. “We know we’re a very good team. Now it’s a matter of still growing. That’s the key to our season, and I hope we’ll still have four weeks left to continue the team’s development.” The time and place of Notre Dame’s first round game of the tournament is pending on tomorrow’s NCAA men’s soccer selection. ESPNU will reveal the 48 teams and the tournament bracket by 5 p.m. Monday.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

IU breezes past Wright St.

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Verdel Jones’ offense is back. The three-week injury layoff that left Indiana coach Tom Crean worried? Forget about it. Jones scored 27 points, one point off his career high, on 11-of-14 shooting to pace Indiana to a 67-44 victory over Wright State on Sunday night. That was a big turnaround from the season-opening win two days earlier against Florida Gulf Coast, when Jones totaled seven points on 3-for-10 shooting. “I could tell I was back this morning in walk through,” he said. “My legs felt good. My ankle felt strong. I felt a lot better all around.” A sprained ankle sidelined Jones for nearly three weeks of practice. He missed both exhibition games. Against Wright State he showed the form that enabled him to average 14.9 points last season and earn All-Big Ten honors. “Verdel finished,” Crean said. “It’s a great confidence builder for him. When you miss practice time like he did, it can really set you back. We’re getting the whole season ready in that time, and he missed most of it. But he played like a veteran — with room for improvement.” That’s what Wright State coach Billy Donlon was worried about before the game. “It wasn’t like this was his first game back. He’s really good. He’s a gamer,” Donlon

said. Christian Watford added 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Hoosiers. Indiana (2-0) held Wright State to 19 first-half points, the Hoosiers best defensive showing in Crean’s three-year Indiana run. “I was proud of our defensive effort,” Crean said. “Our offense wasn’t in the flow at the start, and we never got our heads down. We played at a high level on the defensive end. For this team to defend that way for 40 minutes gives us something to build on.” The Hoosiers’ defense fueled the offense as the game went on. Indiana’s 60-percent shooting was the best of the Crean era, as was its 40-20 rebound advantage. “Our guys figured out how to win a grind-it-out game” he said. “That will be very beneficial for us down the road.” Wright State (0-1) held Indiana to four points for the first nine minutes but only led by five. That was a blown opportunity, Donlon said. “When you’re on the road and have a decent defensive game plan, you’ve got to build a little lead so when they do go on a little run in the first half in their building, it’s to get back in the game and not to take over the game. “Give them credit. That’s their defense doing a terrific job against our offense.” Wright State senior guard Vaughn Duggins, who went to high school at Pendleton

Heights in Indiana, finished with a team-high 15 points. “We weren’t here to sight-see,” he said. “We came here to play, and we came out at the start and we showed that. We have to sustain the constant effort of a 40-minute game.” After totaling six turnovers and making just 2-of-6 shots in the first eight minutes, Indiana finally found its rhythm behind Jones. A 15-1 run gave the Hoosiers a 19-10 lead and control of the game. Duggins, who scored nine of the Raiders’ first 15 points, went out with his second foul with 8:40 left. The Hoosiers capitalized seconds later when Jones hit a jumper, then had a steal and a layup. With foul trouble depleting Wright State’s thin bench, Duggins returned. Indiana pushed ahead 28-16. Duggins hit a 3-pointer before Hoosier freshman guard Victor Oladipo ended the half with a steal and a layup for a 30-19 score. Indiana shot 58.8 percent from the field in the first half while holding Wright State to 26.1 percent. The Hoosiers grabbed 22 rebounds to the Raiders’ five. Indiana went up 37-21 two minutes into the second half. Wright State cut it to 39-30 with 11 minutes left before the Hoosiers pulled away for good. Indiana won the teams’ only other meeting in the first round of the 1993 NCAA tournament.

Shawel

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ished the race in 31:18.36 for 35th place. Freshman Martin Grady was not far behind at 40th place in 31:22.08. Junior Joe Miller and senior Mat Abernethy rounded out the Irish line-up in 31:43.98 and 33:24.02 to take 57th and 139th place.

“The team’s next step is to be competitive as possible at nationals. We’ve got a young team, so any experience we pick up this time around will help us for when we’re back at nationals next year,” Rae said.

The women were led by freshman Alexa Aragon, who completed the six-kilometer race in 21:25.22 to take 22nd place earning all-region. As with the men, a small gap existed between the first and second runner when junior Rachel Velarde crossed the line just seconds later at 21:43.83 for 41st.

“I did not achieve my goal I had coming into this race, but it was probably my best race of the season,” Velarde said.

The next three runners for the Irish piled in neatly back to back,

with senior Erica Watson taking 45th in 21:47.16 and freshmen Kelly Curran and Meg Ryan taking 48th and 51st in 21:48.56 and 21:50.73.

Rounding out the line-up were sophomore Rebecca Tracy and senior Molly Hirt, who finished the race in 22:10.81 and 22:43.22 to earn 69th and 102nd place.

While they may not have advanced to Nationals, the women nonetheless have a fun memory to carry forward from this weekend.

“The best part of the experience was having the entire team on the sidelines wearing kilts and being the loudest cheerers out there. They gave us so much momentum during the race, and I can’t thank them enough for that,” Velarde said.

The men have a week to prepare before the NCAA Championship next Monday, Nov. 22 at Terre Haute, Indiana at noon. The women’s team concluded their fall season at regionals and now begins preparation for the indoor track season, which begins December 3 at Notre Dame’s Blue and Gold Meet.

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Kenney

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broke another personal record as she finished with a run in the 22-minute range for the first time ever. Her final time of 22:53.3 granted her 34th place finish overall. Kenney’s day received All-Region honors at the conclusion of the race.

“Julia ran a very tough race, and I was so excited to see her finish in the top 35 and receive All-Region recognition,” Bauters said. “I definitely see bigger things happening for her next year.”

Junior Joanne Almond, the second-place finisher on Saint Mary’s squad, also had a personal record with a time of 23:33.1. Sophomore Emma Baker finished 73rd, running a 23:44.7. Senior Catie Salyer took 102nd overall, finishing with a time of 24:11.2. Sam Wassel, a senior, ran well enough to put the Belles to finish ahead of Adrian and Alma in the team standings; Wassel finished 153rd overall in 25:08.5.

Sophomore Angela Nebesny and senior Clare McVey finished sixth and seventh for Saint Mary’s at 25:16.9 and 25:27.7, respectively.

Bauters pointed out the tremendous contribution her seniors made to the team this season.

“Our senior class has really helped develop the atmosphere that we are looking for in our program,” Bauters said. “Their contributions to our success as a team are huge, and we definitely have some holes to fill next fall. It’s a very special group and I’m going to miss them all. It’s going to be really hard to see them go.”

Although the season is now over, Bauters said she is happy with the success of her team this year, and is optimistic for the 2011 season.

“Overall, I am very pleased with the season,” Bauters said. “I think we broke through some serious barriers this season, and many of the girls see what their potential can be for next year.”

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MEN’S SOCCER

Irish fall to Louisville in Big East semifinals

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The Irish campaign for a Big East Championship ended Friday with a 1-0 loss against the No. 1 Louisville Cardinals, in the tournament’s semifinal event, sending the Irish back to South Bend to prepare for the NCAA tournament.

“Louisville had a fantastic season this year,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said. “I think we were the better side. We possibly outplayed them in a many parts of the game. Having said that, we must also congratulate them.”

The Irish, sporting a second seed placement in the blue division, fell to the Cardinals

boasting not only a top seed in the red division, but also the top spot on the national ranks.

They’re a well organized team, and they work very hard as a team. They’re well coached,” Clark said. “Their biggest asset is that they play well together as a team. “They attack as a team, they defend as a team.”

In the first half of the game, the teams proved evenly matched as they headed off the field, each team scoreless. Louisville outshot Notre Dame 2-1 in the first half of the contest, but the Irish had two shots on goal to the Cardinal’s one.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish sweep twice over weekend

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Two straight sweeps and 31 kills from junior outside hitter Kristen Dealy marked the end of the regular conference season for the Irish as they defeated Rutgers and Seton Hall over the weekend to put them at (17-11 overall, 10-4 Big East) as they head into the Big East tournament next weekend.

“We are really excited because this weekend’s games are a springboard for the upcoming Big East tournament,” Dealy, a co-captain of the squad, said.

A number of other Notre Dame players looked ahead to the Big East tournament, including freshman outside hitter Andrea McHugh, who has earned five Big East weekly honors this season.

“It feels really good to end the conference on two solid wins,” she said. “As a team and coaching staff we have really been focusing on finishing strong and building each and every day as a team so we can perform our best in the Big East tournament.”

Dealy complimented her 31 kills, 20 of which came Sunday at Seton Hall, with 9 digs on Saturday at Rutgers and 15 on Sunday for one of her best hitting weekends this season. She averaged 5.17 kills/set and 4.00 digs/set across six sets, but still brought her success back to the efforts of her teammates.

“I am really impressed with the selflessness of each player and the cohesiveness with



Irish senior middle blocker Kellie Sciacca jumps for a block against Northern Iowa Nov. 7 in the Purcell Pavilion.

which we played,” Dealy said. “This is essential for the tournament, because we clearly have the talent to be very successful, we just need an all out effort from the entire team all at once, which I think we saw this weekend.”

Notre Dame saw strong hitting from all sides of the court this weekend as the team hit .377 against the Scarlet Knights and .267 over Seton Hall, including 14 aces from six Irish players.

Sunday’s 3-0 win (25-23, 25-20, 25-17) almost wasn’t a sweep when hitting errors on the Notre Dame side gave the Pirates five free points and putting the Irish down 7-5. The two teams traded runs until Seton Hall broke out with a pair of three-point runs. An ace from Dealy tied the set at 20-20 and two kills from freshman middle blocker Sam Brown brought them to set

point at 24-21. A Dealy kill closed the set.

The Irish fell behind in the second set but back-to-back Dealy kills and an ace at 17-12 propelled them to another win before taking down the Pirates again in the third.

Freshman outside hitter Andrea McHugh recorded 10 kills and 10 digs at Seton Hall to chip in on offense while sophomore middle blocker Hilary Eppink had six kills, while five more Irish players recorded a kill in the match.

Freshman setter Maggie Brindock had a career weekend with 25 assist, five digs and four blocks Sunday after posting 25 assists, three aces and eight blocks at Rutgers. Similar to Dealy’s outlook, Brindock said she felt that the weekend was really a display of what the Irish players could

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penalty kill as well.”

The Wolverines responded to the Irish victory with a five-goal performance on Saturday night. Michigan rode three second-period goals to take the lead for good. Notre Dame led 2-1 after one period on goals from Tynan and Lee, but two goals in the span of a minute for Michigan and a late goal from Hagelin were too much for the Irish. Senior defender and captain Joe Lavin also lit the lamp in the game for the Irish. Jackson said the fluky nature of some of the goals for Michigan lessened his concern about the game’s result.

“They were strange circum-

stances,” Jackson said. “Give Michigan credit, because you have to be a talented team to take advantage of some good bounces, but there were some strange goals on Saturday. I felt bad for [sophomore goaltender] Mike Johnson. I thought he played very well in the game, and some of the goals he gave up, I don’t know if anyone could have stopped them. It was a little disheartening.”

The loss on Saturday ended a five game road trip for Jackson’s team, as the Irish went 2-2-1 on the tough stretch. They will be back in action Friday at the Joyce Center against Michigan State in CCHA action.

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Bentley earns bronze at Penn St.

By MICHAEL TODISCO
Sports Writer

Notre Dame traveled to Happy Valley this weekend to compete in the Garret Open where junior Reggie Bentley brought home a bronze medal for the Irish. The event featured top fencing squads from across the country including Penn State, University of Pennsylvania and Princeton.

The women’s portion of the tournament took place Saturday. Irish freshman Lian Osier finished first for the Notre Dame women in the sabre. Osier fell in the medal

round to Monika Aksamit from Penn State and finished fourth in the event.

Many of the top Notre Dame women did not compete in the tournament. Juniors Beatriz Almeida, Courtney Hurley, and Ewa Nelip competed in the World Championships in Paris hosted by the International Fencing federation.

Bentley claimed bronze in the foil event with a win over Penn State’s Michael El-Saleh. Irish coach Janusz Bednarski was pleased with Bentley’s performance.

“He was able to beat a Penn State fencer, which is very good news for us because we are always in competition with them,” Bednarski said. “To get a win there is a great achievement.”

Senior Gregory Schoolcraft also competed in a medal match for the Irish. He fell in the epee bronze medal match to Princeton’s Edward Kelley.

Overall, Bednarski drew positive results from the competition they faced.

“We fenced pretty strong in this event, and are pleased to come away with a bronze medal,” Bednarski said.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish participate in NCAA Midwest Regional

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

After a week of tapering in preparation, the Irish joined more than 30 teams this weekend for the NCAA Midwest Regional Saturday. The men placed third, finishing behind Wisconsin and Indiana, and the women took sixth.

The race, hosted at the Katke-Cousins Golf Course in Rochester, Mich., set the tone for the NCAA Championship next weekend.

“The team ran really well and we were pleased with how we placed. Coming into the meet we knew that a top-three finish would get us to Nationals, and that’s exactly what ended up happening,” Rae said.

Senior Dan Jackson continued his season-long streak, finishing at the top of the Irish line-up. Jackson came in at fourth place of over two hundred runners in the 10-kilometer race, coming in at 30:31.11. Only seconds later came sophomore Jeremy Rae, who took

16th place in 30:42.01, and junior Jordan Carlson, who crossed the line in 30:51.30 for 22nd place. All three earned all-region honors.

“I had never run a 10-kilometer race before, so I really did not know what to expect. Jordan Carlson and I had just planned on running together for as long as possible and beating as many Indiana, Ohio State or Michigan State guys as we could,” Rae said.

Junior Johnathan Shawel fin-

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Juniors Johnathan Shawel and Jordan Carlson run amidst the pack during the Notre Dame Invitational Oct. 1

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dynamic offense took the field with good field position, and was able to drive on several long runs by senior quarterback Simone Bigi. But after reaching the red zone, the Pasquerilla West offense stalled, and three incomplete passes from Bigi gave the ball right back to the Ducks.

Bishop and Howard capitalized by opening up their spread offense that led the league in scoring this year. Bishop found senior wide receiver Kaitlin Robinson for a 27-yard heave down the sideline followed up by a long pass to sophomore wide receiver Laura Coletti for another 20 yards. On the very next play, Bishop was flushed from the pocket, then took off and weaved through defenders for the game's only score.

"Their defenders were crowding the middle to take away the pass to the center, so I wheeled outside and was able to find the end zone," said Bishop, who finished with 149 passing yards.

The Purple Weasels couldn't get their offense going for the remainder of the half, but not for a lack of trying. Pasquerilla West threw everything at Howard, running halfback passes, reverses, option passes and even a hook-and-ladder, but to no avail, as its next two drives ended in a punt and a turnover on downs.

"Their offense came at us with all sorts of looks, but our defense was really able to adapt to everything," Bishop said.

Pasquerilla West's defense stepped up in a big way as well, as Howard seemed primed to break the game open before halftime. One pass from Bishop was intercepted in the end zone, and Robinson was tackled just short of the goal line on the last play of the half, keeping the game in reach.

"Our offense never really clicked, but our defense was able to step up and keep us in it," Purple Weasel captain Libby Koerbel said.

Pasquerilla West appeared to tie the game late in the second half, when Bigi found sophomore wide receiver Alice Yerokun in the flat. Yerokun scampered 41 yards to the goal line, but the play was called back on a flag-guarding call.

"They called flag-guarding on the play, that's a tough call for us," Koerbel said. "I don't think it was a good call, but at least they called it both ways."

Pasquerilla West turned the ball over three plays later, and Howard ran out the clock and celebrated as champions for the second year in a row.

For Koerbel and Pasquerilla West, it was another missed chance against the same Howard squad.

"I'm really proud of our guys, we had a great year," Koerbel said. "But right now it feels awful."

On the other sideline, Howard received their trophy and was able to reflect on another perfect season.

"Hats off to Pasquerilla West, they gave us everything we could handle today," Bishop said. "To win again is just the perfect ending to our four years."

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Gring

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don't really know if I was or not."

When the ball came down, it appeared as if the pass would be intercepted in the endzone, but Gring wrestled the ball away from a Big Red defender for the catch and the score.

"I think it bounced off my thigh pad and I was able to catch it," Gring said.

For Spinelli, who had tears running down his face during the post-game celebration, that single play erased some of his lingering ghosts from the past.

"My last pass in high school was an interception and now to have my last pass of the season be a touchdown in the championship game, in Notre Dame Stadium, this is amazing," Spinelli said. "I knew I wouldn't be able to play football for Notre Dame but to play and win in the Stadium is pretty special."

Both sophomore wide receiver playmakers for Dillon and Sorin were kept relatively quiet on the day offensively. Sorin wide receiver and linebacker Ryan Robinson had only four catches while Dillon (6-1) wide receiver and defensive

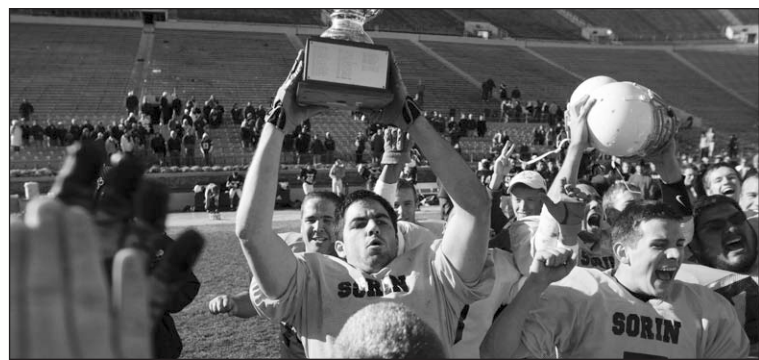
back Will Salvi managed only one catch.

Both, however, made their marks on defense. Salvi intercepted a Spinelli pass in the end zone and Robinson continuously disrupted the Dillon offense by batting down balls and getting to the quarterback. The Observer Editor-in-Chief and Sorin defensive lineman Matthew Gamber had seven tackles for the Otters.

After a first half that saw four total turnovers, three by Sorin and one by Dillon, the second half was just as defensively oriented.

Sorin only managed 42 total yards of offense in the second half and did not get a first down until the fourth quarter. Their only sustained drive of the second half saw three first downs two on consecutive completions to senior wide receiver Jon Beckerle but was halted inside Dillon territory. A false start penalty and a sack by Dillon freshman David Kenney derailed the drive and forced the Otters into a turnover on downs.

After the stop on fourth down, the Big Red took over from their own 38-yard line. As Dillon moved the ball into Sorin territory, it faced a fourth and four from the Sorin 46-yard line. Dillon freshman quarterback Kevin Fink eluded the pass rush and



GRANT TOBIN/The Observer

The Otters hoist the Interhall Football Championship trophy after their 7-6 overtime win in Notre Dame Stadium Sunday.

found sophomore running back Terry Howard over the middle for a 16-yard gain. Three plays later, the Big Red lined up for a game-winning 38-yard field goal.

The potential game-winner, however, fell just short of the uprights and the contest headed to overtime with the game still tied at zero.

Dillon got the ball first to open the overtime period. On a fourth down from the two, the Big Red opted not to kick the field goal but rather go for a touchdown. Senior captain and running back Jordan Smith plunged into the end zone to give Dillon the lead. The extra point, however, sailed wide left and the lead stayed at 6-0.

After Sorin's touchdown, sophomore kicker Connor Wathen booted the game-winning extra point, giving Sorin the championship. Wathen could be seen after the game holding the game ball.

"It was a great team win today. Matt [Gring] made his first catch of the year and Connor [Wathen] won the game for us," Browder said. "But we couldn't have done it without [former Sorin rector] Fr. Jim. This feeling is unbelievable. We've been working for this moment for four years and it's finally here. It's incredible."

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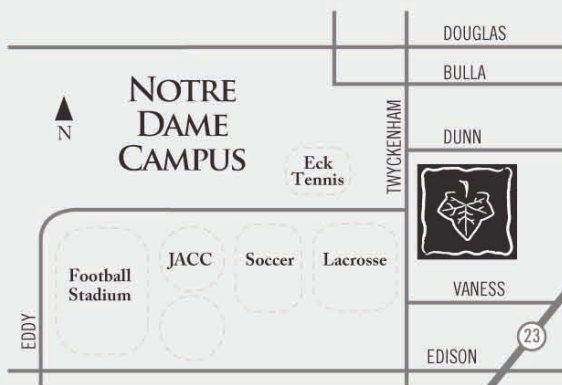
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HOCKEY

Irish, Wolverines split pair

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

The freshman-laden No. 11 Notre Dame team got its first taste of a bitter rivalry with No. 9 Michigan this weekend, splitting a pair of games on the road at hostile Yost Arena. The Irish won 3-1 on Friday night before dropping a 5-3 decision on Saturday to the Wolverines.

“I thought the kids played well this weekend,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “Friday was a really solid game, and Saturday was a real tough game emotionally for us because the kids played very hard.”

This year’s edition of the rivalry between the Irish (7-3-1, 5-2-1-1 CCHA) and Wolverines (6-3-3, 5-2-1-0 CCHA) got underway Friday as the teams traded goals in a sloppy, disjointed first period. Sophomore left wing Nick Larson scored first for the Irish three minutes into the period, and the Wolverines wasted no time in equalizing the score, as left wing Carl Hagelin netted nine seconds later. The rest of the first period passed without either team adding to the score. Jackson said his concern about the Irish adjusting to the intensity of elite teams early on in games was on display on Friday.

“It’s happened to us two or three times now,” Jackson said.



YUE WU/The Observer

Irish freshman right wing David Gerths skates after the puck during Notre Dame’s 3-2 win over Western Michigan Oct. 29.

“We need to do a better job of recognizing the situation going into a road environment. We can’t play too loose offensively, obviously there needs to be some creativity, but there needs to be smart creativity on the offensive end.”

The game settled down in the second period and both teams put together a strong defensive period. The game remained scoreless going into the third period.

In the third period, the Irish pulled ahead for good on goals from freshman defender Kevin Lind and senior wing Calle Ridderwall. The go-ahead goal from Lind—the first of his

career — came less than two minutes into the period.

Jackson said he was pleased with the play of many of his freshmen standouts over the weekend.

“The freshmen are learning how to prepare themselves to play,” Jackson said. “[Freshman wing] Jeff Costello moved up this weekend to one of our top lines. [Freshmen] Anders Lee and T.J. Tynan continue to play on the top lines. Mike Voran is showing his ability to play more minutes. They’re getting chances to play on the power play and on the

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forward in 2009 but had been playing defense in 2010.

“I had been worried for a while but we were still tying games and not losing them, so I was a little reluctant to make any changes,” he said. “I’m never one that wants to lose but I think it could have been a blessing. Certainly pushing Lauren up front and putting [junior defender] Molly Campbell in the back has seemed to re-energize the front line.”

The substitution paid off, as Fowlkes scored three goals and had two assists over the weekend to shake fourth-seeded Notre Dame out of its offensive doldrums. The pair of victories was especially pleasing for Waldrum, as they came on the heels of an unexpected upset loss.

“It was a huge weekend. As difficult as the four teams were, I was really, really pleased with how we handled it,” he said. “I thought we were good Friday night against New Mexico, but maybe played our best game we’ve played all year [against USC.]”

It took the Irish some time to shake off the rust against the Lobos, but junior forward Melissa Henderson’s penalty-kick goal twenty minutes into the game gave Notre Dame a 1-0 halftime lead. Fowlkes broke out in the second half, scoring twice in fifteen minutes to put the game away. The Irish dominated the stat sheet, firing 20 shots to New Mexico’s seven.

Sunday’s game was all Notre Dame from the starting whistle right down to the final horn.

Senior forward Rose Augustin ripped a shot past Trojan goalkeeper Shelby Church from 22 yards away seven minutes into the contest, followed sixty seconds later by Fowlkes’ third of the weekend.

“The early start with Rose’s goal and for Lauren to come back a couple of minutes later – to get those two so quick was exactly what we needed,” Waldrum said. “It was a great start. I thought the kids played well really all game.”

Henderson scored in the second half on an assist from Fowlkes, and the two displayed some nifty passing in earning a double assist late in the game on a goal for freshman forward Adriana Leon. The chances were plenty for the Irish in both games against two defensively sound teams.

“One of the most pleasing things to me was that we played two really good teams and created a lot of chances in both games,” Waldrum said. “I think the kids were really ready to play.”

The victory sets up a third-round clash with No. 1-seeded North Carolina, Notre Dame’s traditional postseason nemesis. The game will take place this weekend, tentatively scheduled for 5 p.m. pending approval from the NCAA Division I Women’s Soccer committee.

The team will have a full week of practice to prepare for the next round.

“We’ve got to just keep doing the things that we do well,” Waldrum said. “We can go to Carolina and get a win.”

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ed it to be in the first half,” McGraw said. “I thought the press was good, the pressure was good. We scrambled well — we really did a nice job.”

With the loss of 2010 graduates Ashley Barlow and Melissa Lechlitner, McGraw has changed her team’s offense in response to the different personnel on the team. No longer a squad that relies heavily on perimeter shooting, the Irish have a balanced attack that starts at the top with sophomore guard Skylar Diggins.

“We have so many weapons, and we have so many people who can score,” McGraw said. “That makes us really hard to guard when you think you’re going to shut down one person and then another gets hot.”

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 2000-01 national championship team, the Irish honored Ruth Riley and the members of the squad during a halftime ceremony

that brought Irish fans to their feet. Riley’s number 00 was retired before the start of the game, as her jersey was added to the Ring of Honor at Purcell Pavilion.

“It was amazing — well deserved,” McGraw said. “We are so blessed to have her as a representative of Notre Dame and of our program. She was an outstanding person as well as a player. She has made her mark and left an amazing legacy for everybody at Notre Dame. It was a proud moment for everybody in the arena.”

Notre Dame’s 36 steals breaks the previous mark of 29, while the 49 forced turnovers eclipses a 30-year-old record of 48 turnovers set in 1980.

“We’ve been going defense day in and day out,” Novosel said. “One of our points of emphasis is just defense and intensity. Once it starts, it’s really contagious and everyone gets up to pressure, and then it’s just an exciting feeling.”

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Irish senior forward Devereax Peters absorbs contact and attempts a layup during Notre Dame’s 99-48 victory over New Hampshire Friday in the Purcell Pavilion. Peters had a career high of 23 points.

Brey

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point in the process.

“I think Ben has set a great tone, letting the game come to him,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “That’s a big step forward for him. That’s why he’s become a better shooter. I think he’s truly playing like a fifth-year senior guard, and his tempo’s better.”

Hansbrough was 9-15 from beyond the arch over the weekend and led the team in both points and minutes in both games.

Notre Dame had to change gears against Liberty Sunday, beating the Flames 72-51 in a slow-paced game. Senior Tyrone Nash had 16 points and nine rebounds, shooting 12-15 from the free throw line and causing foul trouble for much of Liberty’s front court.

“When their team fouls up early, we try to use that as a weapon, and it really paid off today,” Nash said. “I worked on it all summer. When I was home, I just wanted to lay around and watch T.V. and rest, and my dad would say, ‘Go to the gym and shoot some free throws, Ty.’ I knew to help out my teammates this year, I would have to be able to knock them down from the free throw line, because they’re going to put me there and I’m just trying to convert.”

Liberty started out the game on top, scoring the first four points, and kept itself in contention until the last five minutes of the first half, when Notre Dame went on a 16-3 scoring run, taking a 19-point lead at half. The Flames never came within 15 points after that point.

“We played two games, and

you couldn’t have two more drastic styles of play and drastic styles of game, which I hope will be good for us,” Brey said. “I like the fact that I had to play some key guys more minutes, more like it’s going to be. I thought our three guys of the bench in the second half really gave us a good lift, and we have to keep developing that. They really helped us in the second half, giving us a lift.”

Brey said freshman guard Eric Atkins also impressed him over the weekend. Atkins scored 19 points and recorded seven assists over the weekend, but Brey praised his demeanor on the court.

“For a young guy, [Atkins’] focus is excellent,” Brey said. “He is really sharp, picked out system up. He continues to come in and run our team. I have never seen him trying to get his stuff. Even when he’s playing and running the blue team, and there’re less weapons that he’s playing with, he stays in character. Not a lot of guys any year can do that.”

But Atkins’ said the unselfishness comes easily.

“It’s actually very easy to not search for my shot,” Atkins said. “With all the great shooters we have and all the great finishers, when I get into the lane I always try to look for them. I will grow into [hunting my shot], but for right now I’m just more of a facilitator and that’s OK with me. I pride myself on it. I want to have a lot of assists every game.”

Atkins, Hansbrough and the Irish will be back in action Wednesday when they take on Chicago State at 7:30 p.m. in the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles finish 15th in final meet

By KATHARINE MACK
Sports Writer

Although the Belles’ season came to an end Saturday afternoon at Regionals, the race concluded a one of the most successful seasons in program history.

“It was a pretty good day yesterday,” Belles coach Jackie Bauters said. “Everyone ran fairly well, although we were hoping for some faster times.

The race started very fast, so I was pleased that they held on as well as they did. We also finished 15th, which was one of our team goals.”

The Belles improved from a 17th place finish in the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional last year to a 15th place finish this year with a score of 407. The field comprised of 34 squads, which included numerous top-25 programs.

“The field was packed. We have some really tough competition in the Great Lakes,” Bauters said.

Among these were MIAA foes No. 10 Hope, who finished second, and No. 7 Calvin, the winner of the Regional. The Belles did finish ahead of MIAA conferences foes Adrian and Alma Saturday.

Sophomore Julia Kenney

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Senior guard Ben Hansbrough drives through the lane in Notre Dame’s 72-51 win over Liberty Sunday in the Purcell Pavilion.

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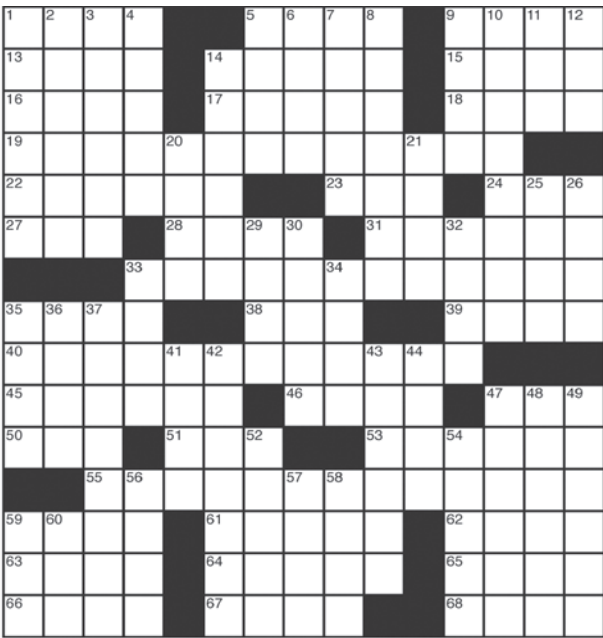
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Happy Birthday: Take time to figure out the best way to approach any situation that will influence your life personally, professionally and financially. There is great potential if you make the right choices. Change will bring with it opportunity and an interesting new way to utilize your skills. Think outside the box. Your numbers are 8, 12, 22, 28, 30, 39, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep a low profile and budget carefully. You don't want to end up paying too much for something that won't benefit you in the future. Investments may appear to be better than they are. Don't make a move because someone is putting pressure on you. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Lend a hand or offer your services to a cause you believe in. Mix business with pleasure and you will find your way to a lucrative future. A partnership will turn out to be beneficial to you both personally and financially. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be careful what you say and do. Someone is likely to disagree with you and that can lead to a confrontation that will make you look bad. Expect a last-minute change of plans but do not let it cost you. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let things go to your head or you will invite opposition. You'll have to walk a fine line if you want to keep the peace and make your point clear. Change will be necessary; make way for new beginnings. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look on the bright side and prepare to enjoy what the day has to offer. Spend time with friends, family, your children or your lover. Make today count. Be inventive, proactive and productive. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take criticism that's offered and learn from what's being said. There is no point getting your dander up or retaliating with a negative response. Push for perfection and you will be happy with the results you get.★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Rethink what's important before you take out your frustration on others. You may feel depressed but it's important to interact with positive people who offer a different perspective on the dilemmas that challenge you. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Speak freely and you will raise issues that need to be dealt with. Don't worry about showing emotion or striking a nerve that will make others react. If you don't make waves, you haven't done your job. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may feel worried, frustrated and angry about what's going on in your home, with friends or in your community, but making a scene will not solve the problem. Compromise and being willing to meet halfway are the fastest routes to resolution. ★★

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Birthday Baby: You are progressive and independent. You strive to do and be your best. You are a leader who will take action in order to maintain balance.

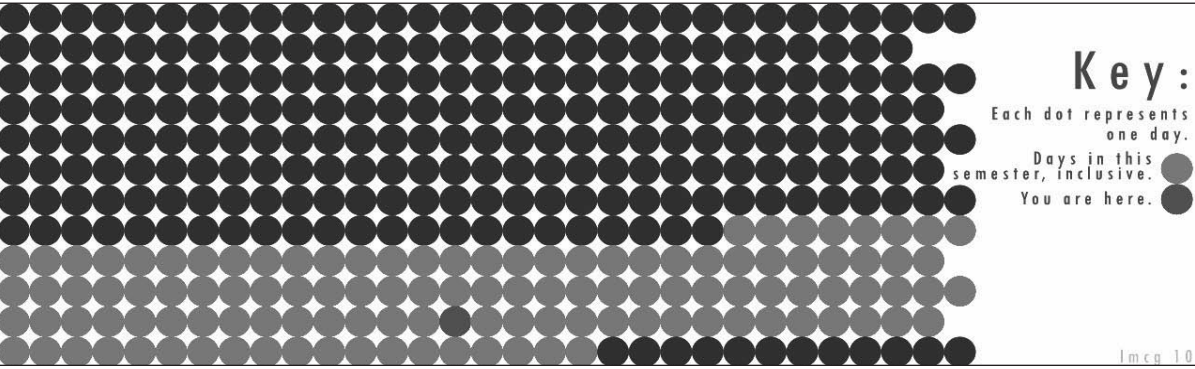
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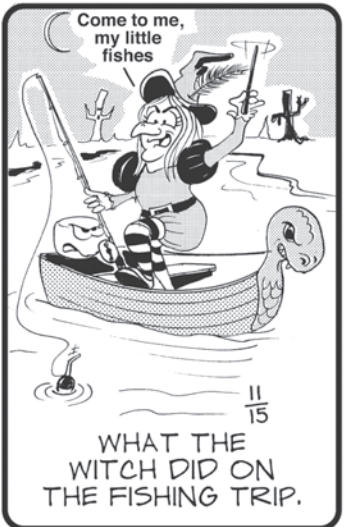
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Saturday's Jumbles: TEASE CHEEK THWART KERNEL
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Otters, Ducks achieve Stadium glory

No. 2 Sorin upsets No. 1 Dillon to take interhall crown

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Sports Writer

When Sorin senior captain and running back Michael Browder was doused with ice cold water by his teammates, he could only utter three words: "I'm so cold!" But his ice-cold fingers still held onto the championship trophy after No. 2 Sorin defeated No. 1 Dillon, 7-6 in overtime in Notre Dame Stadium on Sunday.

Sorin (6-1) senior wide receiver Matt Gring caught his first pass of the year from sophomore quarterback Ted Spinelli in overtime on a third-and-goal from the 17-yard line for the only Otter touchdown of the game.

"Ted must have thought I was open," Gring said. "But I

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GRANT TOBIN/The Observer
Sorin senior quarterback Michael Browder sheds a Dillon tackler during the Otters' 7-6 overtime win.



MICHAEL BURKE/The Observer
Howard celebrates after its 7-0 victory over Pasquerilla West Sunday in Notre Dame Stadium.

Howard prevails as favorite in title matchup

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

Two high-powered teams ran out of the tunnel on Sunday, but in the end it was No. 1 Howard that held on for a 7-0 win over No. 2 Pasquerilla West and a second straight Interhall championship in Notre Dame Stadium.

The Ducks (7-0) came out with the ball first and tried to set the tone with a series of short passes, including several to freshman center Amelia Vojt. The stout Pasquerilla West (6-1) defense stepped up though, and knocked a fourth-down pass by Howard senior quarterback Kayla Bishop to the turf.

The Purple Weasels'

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish beat Georgia Southern, Liberty in impressive fashion

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

After two decisive victories over the weekend over Georgia Southern and Liberty, many were quick to praise the Irish squad. But it was the opposing coaches who were the most complimentary.

"It's obvious that the Fighting Irish are extremely experienced and have poise and savvy and unselfishness," Liberty coach

Dale Layer said after the game. "When you have that combination, they don't beat themselves, they look for the proper shot most of the time. They outsize us at every position, and when you outsize and out-experience at every position, good things typically happen for you. I like their team, I like its spirit, I like its unselfishness, I like its ability to create for others. They've got a chance to be an extremely good team in the Big East."

Georgia Southern coach

Charlton Young went even further.

"They came out and did what an old, savvy, veteran team is supposed to do to a bunch of young whipper-snappers," Young said. "They're good. They're huge, they shoot the ball, and they're well-coached. Their size is going to be a match-up problem not only for a Southern Conference team but for a Big East team. I'll be shocked if they're not in the NCAA tournament."

Notre Dame picked up its first win of the season Friday against Georgia Southern, defeating the inexperienced Eagles 98-61. The Irish started out fast, going on a 30-3 run to start the game.

"With this team, we talk about no matter who we play we're going to come out," Irish senior guard Ben Hansbrough said. "We talked about how extremely focused we want to be on the defensive end. Obviously we have some extremely offensively talented people, and we just want to

continue to improve on the defensive end and with rebounding. We came out really focused and we just wanted to throw the first punch — the first punch was a K.O."

Ten of Notre Dame's 12 active players recorded double-digit playing time, and all twelve recorded a rebound against Georgia Southern. Hansbrough was the top scorer with 20 points and scored his 1,000th career

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

ND advances in NCAAs

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

A simple tactical change sparked a formerly struggling No. 7/10 Notre Dame offense to a pair of wins in the NCAA tournament this weekend. The Irish defeated New Mexico 3-0 Friday night in the first round before blowing out No. 22 Southern California 4-0 Sunday afternoon.

Irish (17-2-2) coach Randy Waldrum had seen his team uncharacteristically struggle to find the back of the net in the second half of the Big East season before they fell at home to Connecticut in the tournament quarterfinals 2-0. The loss prompted Waldrum to move senior Lauren Fowlkes up to an attacking position. Fowlkes played

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer
Irish senior midfielder Lauren Fowlkes delivers a cross during Notre Dame's 4-0 win over USC Sunday in Alumni Stadium.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Peters dominates paint in win over Wildcats

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

The Irish kicked off the season in record-breaking style on Friday afternoon, forcing 49 turnovers and 36 steals en route to a 99-48 victory over New Hampshire. Senior forward Devereaux Peters led the squad on both ends of the floor, scoring a career-high 23 points while adding two blocks in just 16 minutes of action.

"I think overall Devereaux was just outstanding today, and it's just so great to have her back," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I mean we needed the rebounding. She

did a great job on the boards as well as scoring, and I'm really, really happy with that."

Peters and junior guard Natalie Novosel, who finished with 11 points and a team-high seven steals, led the Irish on a 28-0 run that kept the Wildcats scoreless for 9:44. Notre Dame was tenacious on the defensive end, as McGraw used a full-court press in the first half to prevent the New Hampshire guards from setting up their offense.

"I felt we got off to a great start, and I thought our defense was where we want-

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Notre Dame 28, Utah 3

Senior honors

Seniors earn victory on Senior Day; freshman Tommy Rees throws three touchdowns

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Senior receiver Duval Kamara pulled in two touchdown catches. Senior safety Harrison Smith intercepted a first quarter pass. Senior linebacker Brian Smith led the Irish with 10 tackles.

Throughout all of Notre Dame's 28-3 victory over Utah Saturday, seniors led the way, just as they have for the past 11 months.

"It's not a moment. It's the culmination of what we've been working on since December," Irish coach Brian Kelly said. "You don't just pull these out of a hat. You don't just wake up one day and go, 'Oh, let's rise up today.' It's the consistency of approach on a day-to-day basis and how we go to work every day."

Notre Dame's rout dropped the Utes to No. 23 in the BCS standings and marked the team's first win over a ranked opponent since a 41-17 victory over No. 19 Penn State in 2006.

"Through the last three weeks, we certainly have had a great deal of adversity that we've had to overcome together as a group," Kelly said. "In those times, to steal a quote from [former Irish] coach [Ara] Parseghian, 'Adversity elicits traits sometimes that we didn't think we ever had.'"

One such example of those traits could be in freshman quarterback Tommy Rees, who threw for 129 yards and three touchdowns in his first career start, including two third quarter strikes to Kamara to put the game out of reach.

"[The] seniors have done an unbelievable job all year, whether it be preparing us, keeping us focused — especially in the past two weeks" Rees said. "You know, to send them off with a win is truly special."

Notre Dame (5-5) relied on a productive running game to move down the field, as sophomore running back Cierre Wood tallied 71 yards on the ground while junior Jonas Gray averaged 14.7 yards on three carries. Rather than spread the



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Junior receiver Michael Floyd, right, celebrates with his teammates after catching a touchdown pass from freshman quarterback Tommy Rees in the second quarter during Notre Dame's 28-3 victory over No. 14 Utah.

field, Kelly said the game plan focused on getting the game to the fourth quarter with the running attack while putting Rees in situations to succeed.

"I wasn't going to put this game on T o m m y Rees. I was going to take shots when we had opportunities because he's an accurate thrower of the football," Kelly said. "But it was all going to be predicated on our ability to get this thing into the fourth quarter and have a presence on defense as well."

The Irish turned in their most complete defensive performance of the season, yielding a field goal on Utah's first possession of the game and then

holding an explosive offense scoreless for more than 50 minutes. Despite coming off a 42-7 rout at the hands of TCU, Utah headed into Saturday's matchup averaging 41 points per game.

"I don't think we ever had control of the line of scrimmage," Utes coach Kyle Whittingham said. "[Notre Dame has] big, physical guys, and they've got 245-pound inside linebackers that will come up and smack you. The front does a nice job with their technique and staying square."

In addition to Brian Smith's 10 tackles, sophomore linebacker Manti Te'o added nine tackles and one sack as the Irish held the Utes to just 265 yards of total offense.

"It feels great," Brian Smith said. "I've been a part of Senior Days where we lost, and the seniors went out with a look on their faces — it just broke my heart. I'm glad that [this senior class] didn't go out that way. It was a collective effort from the seniors all the way down to the freshman. It just feels great to

get a win."

Notre Dame struggled on offense to start the game, failing to convert a first down on its first three possessions of the game. With the first quarter winding down and neither team taking control of the tempo, junior cornerback Robert Blanton blocked a Utah punt, scooped up the loose ball and ran it in for a 7-3 lead.

After watching tape, Blanton said that special teams coordinator Mike Elston hoped to take advantage of the small splits on the Utah line with pressure from the outside on punt return.

"I think any time you block a punt in the game, I think we've all seen enough games, they generally lead to real good things for you down the road," Kelly said. "That was a big play for us, but it was a point of emphasis as well."

The Irish seized the momentum and kept building on it, as Rees and the offense connected for three more scores, including a three-yard pass to junior receiver Michael Floyd to give

the team a 14-3 lead heading into halftime.

The special teams unit made its impact felt again in the second half, as freshman wide receiver Austin Collinsworth forced a fumble on the opening kick that was recovered by the Irish. On the ensuing play, Rees found a wide open Kamara in the corner of the end zone to extend the lead to 21-3.

With two games remaining against Army and USC, the Irish need one more win to become eligible for a bowl game. With a victory over a ranked opponent under their belts, Kelly said that his players are moving in the right direction.

"You play it hard for four quarters," Kelly said. "You get it to the fourth quarter and you close. My career has been built on closing games out and building the mentality of that football team. That's what we had to make sure we got done."

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player of the game

Tommy Rees
Irish quarterback

Rees may have only thrown for 129 yards, but he completed 65 percent of his passes and three touchdowns.

stat of the game

156.8 yards

The Irish defense held the Utah offense 156.8 yards under its yards per game average, as the Utes only gained 265 yards.

play of the game

Robert Blanton's six-yard blocked punt return for a touchdown

Notre Dame's first touchdown came on Blanton's momentum-changer, giving the Irish the lead for good.

quote of the game

"We should give our fans what they want, and show them that we appreciate their support."

Manti Te'o
sophomore linebacker

report card

- A
- quarterbacks: Tommy Rees did exactly what was asked of him, completing 13 of his 20 passing attempts, and never putting the ball near a Utah defender. Three touchdowns don't hurt either.
- A
- running backs: With the exception of a few missed blocks, the running backs didn't miss a step, even without Armando Allen, averaging more than 5.5 yards per carry.
- A
- receivers: Rees connected with six different receivers, even if he only had 13 completions. Michael Floyd and Duval Kamara both gave Rees big windows on all three of their touchdown catches.
- B+
- offensive line: Utah sacked Rees twice, and made two other tackles in the backfield, but the offensive line did an excellent job of protecting a freshman quarterback and sophomore running back.
- A
- defensive line: Ian Williams had been the anchor of the defense all season, but Sean Cwynar and Hafis Williams filled in admirably to fill the void, allowing the rest of the defense to swarm the ball.
- A
- linebackers: Utah's lack of a productive running game Saturday was largely due to the aggressive play of the linebackers, led by Brian Smith and Manti Te'o, combining for 19 tackles.
- A
- defensive backs: Utah attempted four fourth down conversions, and on three of those, an Irish defensive back either broke up the pass, or stopped the Utes short of the first down.
- A+
- special teams: Robert Blanton's punt block return for a touchdown changed the dynamic of the game, and Ben Turk consistently put the Utes in poor field position.
- A
- coaching: Lacking his starting quarterback and three starters at the skill positions, Brian Kelly devised a gameplan that worked to perfection. Bob Diaco's defense performed excellently as well.
- 3.96
- overall: For a team coming off two disappointing losses, and missing numerous players, Notre Dame could not have played a more complete game.

adding up the numbers

- Of the 36 seniors, 21 saw playing time Saturday, including walk-ons Brian Castello, Patrick Coughlin, Dan Franco and Michael Garcia. 21
- Notre Dame snapped a 45-game streak in which Utah scored more than three points, a streak stretching back to Sept. 22, 2007. 45
- The Irish defense rushed Utes quarterback Jordan Wynn eight times, a season high. The previous high was five against Western Michigan. 8
- Michael Floyd's touchdown reception was his 25th in only 27 career games. He now ranks third on the all-time Irish receiving list. 25
- Notre Dame has received the opening kickoff in all 10 games this season 10
- Senior safety Harrison Smith intercepted Wynn in the first quarter. The pick was Smith's third of the season, and of his career. 3
- Freshman quarterback Tommy Rees completed 13 passes for 129 yards, yielding an average of 9.9 yards per completion. 9.9
- Utah ran 69 plays, compared to Notre Dame's 49, but the Irish averaged 5.2 yards per play, compared to the Utes' 3.8 49



Senior running back Robert Hughes gained 5.2 yards per carry during Notre Dame's 28-3 win over No. 14 Utah Saturday. Hughes and the rest of the senior class led Notre Dame to its first win on Senior Day in three years. JAMES DOAN/The Observer

Seniors set tone; others take note

Saturday's celebration started slowly. Fittingly, the seniors set the tone, and everyone else followed suit.

First, the yellow-coated ushers opened one stairwell for the Class of 2011 to run down to the field.

Then, a junior dressed as a cow leapt out of the stands near the 10-yard line. As he crossed the painted sideline to reach the playing field, an usher and two members of the Indiana State Police tore his costumed head off to prevent him from going further.

If the cow had waited 60 seconds, he could have joined the juniors in the lowest rows of Section 30, who convinced the ushers they were seniors, and took to the field in rowdy, hat-waving fashion.

The rest of the junior class followed without hesitation. Before long, wave after wave of underclassmen found their way to the corner of the end zone.

For the previous three hours, the seniors on the playing field led Notre Dame in its rout over Utah. Apparently, unbeknownst to the rest of the world, these seniors had been leading the Irish for a few weeks now.

"I don't want to get too philosophical other than to say that our seniors really provided great leadership over the past few weeks, and it was evident even in our bye week," Irish coach Brian Kelly said. "That's a time where generally at 4-5, seniors check out."

All season long, the Irish appeared to lack leaders on the field. By naming captains on a game-by-game basis, it can be argued Kelly robbed the team of designated leadership.

But, when a team loses two games it expected to win, someone within the team must step up, designation or no designation. Apparently, these seniors did so. They set the tone.

Then junior cornerback Robert Blanton provided proof that the proper tone can yield results, giving Notre Dame both the lead and the momentum with his blocked punt and subsequent return for a touchdown.

Sophomore running back Cierre Wood started to evade tacklers once he sensed a hint of Utah discouragement.

Freshman quarterback Tommy Rees shook off his initial jitters in his first career start once he had a lead to work with. Each of his three touchdown passes was thrown with precision accuracy, and the Irish, freshman through seniors, were rolling.

"It was a collective effort from the seniors all the way down to the freshman," said senior linebacker Brian Smith, who led the Irish with 10 tackles to close his career at Notre Dame Stadium. "It just feels great to get a win today."

The tone set by the seniors resonated most loudly with the freshmen. In addition to Rees' performance, Bennett Jackson energized the crowd with 53 return yards on only two kickoffs, including a run to the Notre Dame 44-yard line to open the game. Austin Collinsworth and Daniel Smith collaborated to force and recover a fumble, respectively, on the opening kickoff of the second half. Even when junior linebacker Darius Fleming left the game with a concussion after only a handful



Douglas Farmer
Sports Editor

of plays, freshman Prince Shembo filled in with five tackles, two quarterback hurries and one sack.

"[Getting the seniors a win] was our number one goal," Rees said. "The seniors have done an unbelievable job all year. Whether it be preparing us, keeping us focused, especially in the last two weeks. To send them off with a win is truly special."

There it is again — the seniors set the tone for the rest of the Irish, same as the Class of 2011 as a whole, breaking past the ushers first, only to wait for the rest of the student body to join them.

In reality, the past four years have included more disappointment than satisfaction for this team's 36 seniors. Yet, by leading the way to Notre Dame's biggest win since a victory over No. 3 Michigan in 2005, they set the stage for the coming years. Last week, senior receiver Duval Kamara — two touchdown receptions Saturday — said the strife of the past will be worthwhile, once Notre Dame reaches a national championship, and he can say he "was part of building that."

Notre Dame took a big step toward that lofty goal Saturday. The seniors, the same ones who have suffered through a career 20-26 regular season record, provided the beginning push which led to that big step.

As senior safety Harrison Smith said after recording his third career interception: "Leaving [Notre Dame Stadium] with a win is like turning the page."

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Rees' efficiency carries Irish in win



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Irish freshman quarterback Tommy Rees turns to hand the ball off to senior running back Robert Hughes. In his first career start, Rees completed 13-of-20 passes for 129 yards and three touchdowns.

By CHRIS ALLEN
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In his 11 months on campus, Irish freshman quarterback Tommy Rees has undoubtedly heard all the names of Notre Dame's quarterbacking legends — Bertelli, Lujack, Theismann, Montana and Quinn. Of all those names, and the many others, none accomplished Rees' feat of throwing three touchdown passes in his first career start Saturday. "You know, in the beginning running out there you get [butterflies], but all positive butterflies," Rees said. "You're anxious to play, and once the first series comes, they're all gone." Rees turned in an efficient performance in his starting debut, throwing for 129 yards on 13-of-20 passing. Though the statistics did not compare with Rees' 400-yard plus performance in relief of injured starter Dayne Crist during Notre Dame's 28-27 loss to Tulsa on Oct. 30, Irish coach Brian Kelly said Rees did a good job within the designed game plan in beating No. 14 Utah 28-3. "Tommy is a young man that really understands the game of football," Kelly said. "Whether you're in the spread and five wides or you're running tackle pull or power, which we

ran probably more times than I think we've run power here in a long time, he can handle the adjustments that are made. We felt the game plan was such that he could handle what we gave them." Rees and the rest of the Notre Dame offense got off to a slow start, as an early stop on fourth down and a battered-down pass highlighted a first quarter in which Notre Dame struggled to move the ball. Rees said he needed some time to get acclimated to the game. "Obviously the first couple of drives weren't that great for us offensively, so it kind of just happened that way," Rees said. "Just going with the pace of the game, and things started clicking there. That blocked punt for a touchdown really helped the offense out because we were struggling, and jump-started the whole sideline and the team. From that point on we started rolling." Notre Dame's — and subsequently Rees' — success offensively was built around a consistent running game and a passing game that gave Rees a number of high percentage throws in order to minimize turnovers. Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said Notre Dame's game plan put Rees in position to succeed. "I think they did a nice job with the

freshman quarterback ... Gave him not too much on his plate. Enough to move the football and get the points they needed to win the football game," Whittingham said. "They did a great job of putting him in situations to succeed. They didn't ask a bunch of throws of him down the field. When they did, they did a nice job." Rees' rare forays into the vertical passing game resulted in two touchdowns to senior wide receiver Duval Kamara, as the senior caught Rees' second and third touchdowns of the day. Rees said he has built a rapport with Kamara in practice all season. "Throughout the bulk of the season I've been working with Duval," Rees said. "So we have a good chemistry and connection, and he's worked extremely hard to put himself in this position." After his stellar debut, the freshman will move forward in the starting quarterback role and prepare for his second start. But he will not soon forget his debut. "I couldn't be happier," Rees said. "Getting the win is the most important thing. To send the seniors off I'm ecstatic."

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Senior Day victory brings Notre Dame relief

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Saturday's 28-3 victory over Utah represented the first Notre Dame win on Senior Day since 2007, when Notre Dame beat Duke 28-7. With the win, the Irish improve to 92-24-4 all time in Senior Day games. "The team needed [a win] badly," senior cornerback Gary Gray said. "But mostly for the seniors because it is our last chance playing in [Notre Dame Stadium]. Since I've been here we haven't beaten a ranked team. Just for the seniors to go out with a win is great." The Utes — who came into the game ranked No. 14 — represented the highest-ranked opponent the Irish

have beaten in a Senior Day game since the 1987 season, when they disposed of No. 10 Alabama. The win also moved the all-time mark for Notre Dame in Senior Day games against ranked opponents to 16-11. **Blanton's big play** Junior cornerback Robert Blanton's blocked punt and subsequent touchdown in the first quarter was the first blocked punt for Notre Dame since the Hawaii Bowl in 2008. The last Irish player to return a blocked punt for a touchdown was Toryan Smith, who did so in a Nov. 15, 2008 game against Navy. "We worked really hard this week on getting a punt," Irish coach Brian Kelly said. "That was something we talked about, let's get one."

The touchdown was not the first of Blanton's career, however, as he returned an interception to the end zone in a 2008 game against Purdue. **Duval finds the end zone** Senior wide receiver Duval Kamara, who set Notre Dame freshman records for catches and touchdown catches in 2007 but has struggled to find consistent production since, recorded two touchdowns in his final game at Notre Dame Stadium. Kamara's 26-yard reception in the early moments of the second half was his first touchdown since 2009 against Washington State. When he grabbed a 12-yard pass minutes later, he completed a multiple-touchdown effort for the second time in his

career. Kamara had previously hauled in two touchdowns against Navy in 2007. "It felt amazing [to catch two TD passes]," Kamara said. "I haven't been in the end zone in a while in this stadium." Kamara's heavy playing time was partly the result of an injury to freshman wide receiver TJ Jones, who had been playing ahead of Kamara for a majority of the season. "[Jones] got injured during the week. It was pretty physical the last ten days of practice," Kelly said. "He's a tough kid, but he got banged up a little bit. We just didn't think he could go. We wanted to make sure that he's healthy moving forward."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
ND	7	7	14	0	28
UTAH	3	0	0	0	3

First quarter

Notre Dame 0, Utah 3
Joe Phillips 46-yard field goal with 8:31 remaining.
Drive: 9 plays, 24 yards, 4:39 elapsed.

Notre Dame 7, Utah 3
Robert Blanton six-yard blocked punt return (David Ruffer kick) with 2:01 remaining.

Second quarter

Notre Dame 14, Utah 3
Michael Floyd three-yard pass from Tommy Rees (Ruffer kick) with 12:25 remaining.
Drive: 3 plays, 61 yards, 1:43 elapsed.

Third quarter

Notre Dame 21, Utah 3
Duval Kamara 26-yard pass from Rees (Ruffer kick) with 14:47 remaining.
Drive: 1 plays, 26 yard, 0:13 elapsed.

Notre Dame 28, Utah 3
Kamara 12-yard pass from Rees (Ruffer kick) with 9:09 remaining.
Drive: 5 plays, 63 yards, 2:17 elapsed.

statistics

Rushing Yards

ND	127
UTAH	71

Passing Yards

ND	129
UTAH	194

Penalty Yards

ND	45
UTAH	70

Time of Possession

ND	25:25
UTAH	34:35

Time of Possession

ND	0
UTAH	2



passing

Rees	13-20-129	Wynn	24-39-194
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rushing

Wood	19-80	Asiata	13-48
Gray	3-44	Wide	8-21
Hughes	4-21	Dunn	4-14
Rees	2- -7	Wynn	3- -3

receiving

Floyd	4-39	Smithson	4-44
Kamara	2-38	Brooks	4-33
Wood	2-25	Christopher	4-32
Eifert	2-15	Moeai	1-25
Hughes	2-7	Asiata	4-23
Toma	1-5	Wide	5-17
		Moala	1-11
		Matthews	1-9



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Senior Day upset

Facing a top-20 opponent for the second time this season, the Irish performed much better against No. 14 Utah than they did earlier in the season against Stanford.

Seniors led the way for Notre Dame during its 28-3 victory Saturday. Senior linebacker Brian Smith led the team with 10 tackles while senior receiver Duval Kamara pulled in his first two touchdowns in more than a year. Senior running back Robert Hughes also added in 28 total yards.

Freshman quarterback Tommy Rees also connected with junior receiver Michael Floyd for a touchdown in the second quarter.

Junior cornerback Robert Blanton started the Irish scoring with a blocked punt return for a touchdown in the first quarter.



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Clockwise from top: Irish coach Brian Kelly talks with quarterback Tommy Rees; receiver Michael Floyd pulls in a pass from Rees; cornerback Robert Blanton, 12, celebrates with teammates after his blocked punt return for a touchdown; defensive end Kapron Lewis-Moore deflects a pass; running back Cierre Wood finds a hole for a gain.