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## Shirt Project benefits ND, charity

By SAM STRYKER  
News Editor

Far away from the runways of Milan and the boutiques of Paris, Notre Dame will host a fashion event of its own Friday at The Shirt Unveiling.

The festivities, which begin at 4 p.m. at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, will reveal the 22nd installment of the signature Notre Dame clothing item. The event will feature Irish coach Brian Kelly, the Glee Club, the Notre Dame cheerleaders and other student groups.

Junior Lauren Marzouca, president of The Shirt Project 2011, said the group hopes to sell 20,000 Shirts over the weekend and more than 150,000 overall. Despite the huge sales, she said most students are not aware of the goals The Shirt Project helps fund.

"I know that so many peo-

ple are unaware, and it's such a profitable and amazing thing that I think it is extremely necessary to get the point across," Marzouca said.

Half of the revenue from the sales goes to The Shirt Charity Fund, which aids students with extraordinary medical conditions, Marzouca said.

"By paying medical bills on behalf of the students, The Shirt Charity Fund allows Notre Dame students to continue their education and recuperation without the fear of not being able to return the next semester because of financial limitations," she said.

The other half is donated to student clubs, organizations and residence halls.

Marzouca said \$100,000 is designated for The Rector Fund, where rectors can request money for students

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## Candlelight tradition returns

By EMILY SCHRANK  
News Writer

As students, alumni and their families gear up for the annual Blue-Gold Game Saturday, they can also look forward to the return of a beloved football weekend tradition — candlelight dinner in the campus dining halls.

Marc Poklinkowski, general manager of South Dining Hall, said candlelight dinners have been a staple accompanying Notre Dame football weekends for at least 25 years.

"Since there is such a rich tradition with Notre Dame football, the managers of the dining hall wanted to tie in an event to make it special for

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## Students wear class rings to show pride, 'solidarity'

By NICOLE TOCZAUER  
News Writer

Notre Dame's legendary 'ring by spring' tradition has invaded campus once again, though not in the usual sense of the phrase, as sophomores recently received information to order Notre Dame class

rings.

But the shamrock-embellished ring is much more than a piece of jewelry. According to Notre Dame's official class ring website, only alumni and juniors and seniors who have earned at least 60 credit hours are eligible to purchase the ring.

Graduate students are

required to complete 50 percent of their work before they qualify to purchase a ring. The website said it verifies all orders to confirm customer eligibility.

Junior Drew Davis said he wears his Notre Dame class ring with pride because it simultaneously represents love for his family and

school.

"My dad showed me his class ring when I got into Notre Dame, except his was from Tennessee," Davis said. "I also bought a high school class ring, so I got a college one too. This is how I show my solidarity."

Davis said when he was younger he noticed how his

uncle's fellow college alumni easily recognized him when he wore his class ring. Davis wanted to experience that same sense of camaraderie with fellow Notre Dame graduates.

"I wanted to have people recognize it and say, 'Oh,

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## Judge expunges record

Observer Staff Report

A St. Joseph County judge expunged the record Thursday of a former Notre Dame student who was accused of rape in 2009.

Patrick Augustyn, now 22, was accused of raping a female student in his dorm room in the early hours of Feb. 23, 2009, according to court documents.

Augustyn was charged with one count of rape, a Class B felony, in the St. Joseph County

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## Professors reflect on budget deficit

By KRISTEN DURBIN  
News Writer

President Barack Obama presented his plan to cut \$4 trillion from the nation's budget deficit over the next 12 years Wednesday, but American Studies professor Bob Schmuhl said party polarization will continue to be an obstacle in alleviating the country's economic woes.

"Brinksmanship has certainly replaced bipartisanship in Washington," Schmuhl said. "The conundrum is that Democrats don't really want to make spending cuts, and Republicans don't really want to raise taxes. Given that, getting to an agreement that satisfies both sides is probably

beyond difficult."

Top members of Congress narrowly avoided a partial government shutdown last week by agreeing to a deal that would cut \$38 billion in federal spending for the remainder of the 2011 fiscal year. Both the House and Senate approved the budget deal Thursday, sending it to Obama for final approval.

But this short-term agreement will not achieve the country's long-term debt goals, which includes the attainment of a national legal debt ceiling of \$14.29 trillion in May, Nelson Mark, professor of economics, said.

Mark said while both Obama's plan and Congress' deal promise to slash federal spending, the overall budget



Representatives of Congress discuss a federal budget deal that was proposed last week. Congress passed the resolution Thursday.

deficit will still be nearly insurmountable in the near future.

"Most of the budget is nondiscretionary spending, so even if you cut out all discretionary spending, that still

wouldn't balance the budget," he said. "Then you have to go after entitlements. If you're not willing to do that, you have to

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT COLOR DO YOU HOPE “THE SHIRT” IS THIS YEAR?



Andy Heck

sophomore  
Keough

“Navy Blue with a touch of gold. Maybe some gray to mellow it out.”



Kevin Broderick

freshman  
Keough

“Green and gold plaid.”



Victor Hernandez

freshman  
Keough

“Navy blue with some green and gold pride.”



Becky Sees

junior  
Lewis

“As long as it’s not yellow again.”



Amanda Rahie

junior  
Lewis

“Not orange.”



Elena Rodriguez

sophomore  
Pangborn

“Dark blue.”

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email [obsphoto@gmail.com](mailto:obsphoto@gmail.com)



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South Bend Director of Public Works, Gary Gilot, center, speaks at IBM’s “Building a Smarter Planet for Future Leaders” informational session held at the Joyce Center Thursday evening. The event was aimed at preparing students for future jobs.

## OFFBEAT

### Thief steals pill bottle of beans

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — A pharmacist in south-eastern Mississippi says some drug store burglar got a surprise when they broke into his business to steal the pain medication Lortab — the pills had been replaced with beans.

Pharmacist Mac Clark works at Fred’s Drug Store in Pascagoula and told WLOX TV the store has broken into several times in the past six months, and each time the burglars got Lortab. He decided he needed a decoy.

He put kidney beans in a large Lortab bottle. Around 6 a.m.

Wednesday, the burglars came back. The only thing stolen was the Lortab bottle filled with beans.

Investigators believe the burglar cut him or herself during the break-in because they found a trail of blood leading away from the building.

### Police seek lobster robber

ROCHESTER, N.H. — Police in Rochester, N.H., would like to get their claws on a woman accused of shoplifting 14 live lobsters.

Authorities released a surveillance photo Monday that shows the woman pushing a shopping cart near the front

of the Milton Road Market Basket grocery store.

Police tell the Foster’s Daily Democrat that the woman entered the store Friday afternoon and asked for a selection of lobster from the clerk in the seafood department.

Store employees say the woman received the lobsters and then left the store without paying. She left in a blue van with a partial license plate “222.”

Police Capt. Paul Callaghan says the 14 lifted lobsters amounted to about 16 pounds of seafood.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

WSND-FM will host its “50 Year Birthday Party” today from 12 to 4 p.m. on South Quad in front of O’Shaughnessy Hall. WSND will provide cake, refreshments and music. The event is free.

The Class of 2012 presents the final day of The Bald and the Beautiful today from 4 to 8:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center. Students can shave their heads to fundraise for The St. Baldrick’s Foundation, donate eight inches of their hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths or buy colored hair extensions to benefit the Memorial Hospital of South Bend.

“The Shirt” Unveiling Ceremony will take place today at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. Festivities begin at 4 p.m. and “The Shirt” will be unveiled at 5:45 p.m. The ceremony will feature refreshments, a chance to win prizes and appearances by Coach Kelly, the Notre Dame Marching Band, The Undertones and other campus organizations. The event is free.

The Third Annual Mechantronic Blue and Gold Football Game will take place today from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Stepan Center. The game will be played by semi-autonomous ibots that senior mechanical engineering students created as their final projects. The event is free.

Notre Dame Habitat for Humanity will host Shack City on South Quad from 7 p.m. today until 7 a.m. tomorrow. Participants will build shacks out of boxes and sleep outside in them in order to raise awareness about homelessness. Participation costs \$10 and interested students must register at [habitat.nd.edu](http://habitat.nd.edu)

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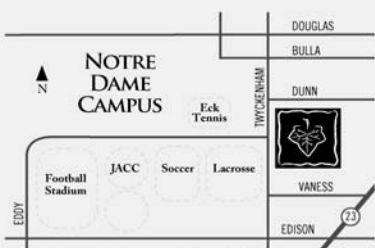
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# Shepard speaks against hate

By ANNA BOARINI  
News Writer

Judy Shepard, the mother of Matthew Shepard, a Wyoming resident who was murdered in an anti-gay hate crime 12 years ago, spoke at DeBartolo Hall Thursday night as part of Core Council's StANd Against Hate Week.

Core Council member Brandon Buchanan said the message they want to spread focuses on combating hate, not engaging in a religious or political debate.

"This is not a political or ideological stance," he said. "It is saying that hate is not okay for anything and asking what are we going to do about it."

Buchanan said the week's events, including Shepard's speech, allow members of the community to come together at events and engage in open dialogue to provide individuals with the tools to create a better campus community for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) students. These events also help students become better allies for the cause.

Shepard became an anti-hate and gay rights activist in the wake of her son's murder.



ASHLEY DACY/The Observer

Judy Shepard spoke Thursday night about her son, Matthew, who was murdered 12 years ago in a hate crime.

"I love and miss him more than I can express," Shepard said. "He was my son, my first born, but more than that he was my friend."

Matthew Shepard was murdered in Laramie, Wyo., but his parents lived in Saudi Arabia at the time of his death. When they were informed of his hospitalization, they rushed home to see their son.

"It was an eternity of not knowing if Matt was even still alive," Shepard said. "All I could see was Matt alone on the prairie and tied to a fence post for 18 hours."

When Shepard and her husband arrived at their son's side in Fort Collins, Colo., she could not recognize the figure lying in the hospital bed.

"I wasn't even sure it that was Matt," she said. "But as I approached him, I could tell that this was my precious son."

Shepard said she recognized her son's blue eyes, one of which was partially open, and a bump on his ear.

"[But] the twinkle of life wasn't there anymore," she said.

Matthew died two days after his family and friends came to Colorado to be with him.

"Matt is no longer with us because two men learned that it is okay to hate," Shepard said. "Society condones or is at least indifferent to violence against people that are different."

Shepard now uses Matt's story to combat hate against all minorities. She said ignorance among the greater community prevents the gay community from achieving full equality.

Although she blames her son's murderers for his death, she also blames society.

"Do I blame the young men who killed Matt? Of course I do," she said. "But I blame

society equally for creating an environment that made them think it was ok to do that. We as a society need to atone."

Shepard said American society wrongly treats the gay community like second-class citizens.

"This is about civil rights, pure and simple. We deny them things we have no right to deny them," she said.

*"Matt is no longer with us because two men learned that it is okay to hate. Society condones or is at least indifferent to violence against people that are different."*

Judy Shepard  
activist

Shepard said she wants to promote acceptance rather than just tolerance of diversity.

"It's just not that hard," she said. "This is about humanity and being kind. You tolerate bad hair — you don't tolerate people.

You accept them."

In order to promote the end of hate crimes against the gay community and minorities in general, Shepard said everyone must work to remedy this issue by speaking with state representatives and voting.

She said it is not a matter of liking gay people or not. Rather, it is a matter of respecting people for who they are and affording them the civil rights they deserve, especially the right to marriage.

*"Educate, educate, educate. Bring light where you see darkness, bring freedom where there is fear because you are who you are and you love who you love."*

Judy Shepard  
activist

"You don't like gay people getting married? You don't like gay weddings? Then don't have one," Shepard said. "I'm not asking you to become their new best friend, I am asking you to grant them equal rights."

Overall, Shepard said the problem of hate could be changed through education and acceptance.

"Educate, educate, educate," Shepard said. "Bring light where you see darkness, bring freedom where there is fear because you are who you are and you love who you love."

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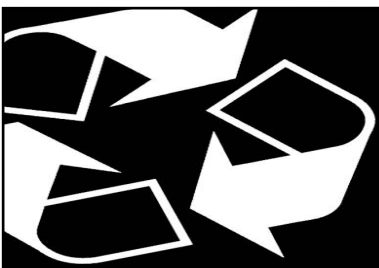


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# GMAT, MCAT change format

By CASEY KENNY  
News Writer

Students planning to take the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) in the near future will have to adjust to proposed changes to both tests.

The GMAT, which is used for admission to graduate business schools, will soon introduce a new section designed to test advanced reasoning skills, while the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) has announced possible changes to the MCAT.

Such changes will likely have a significant effect on student preparation for these exams, including the test preparation companies that draw business from these students.

“Preparing will now be more of a project as the test is now more challenging and competitive,” Andrew Mitchell, the director of pre-business programs for Kaplan Test Prep, said. “We expect to see challenges similar to those encountered in business school and in one’s business career.”

The Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC) will launch the updated version of the GMAT on June 2, 2012. The revised test is designed to measure a test-taker’s ability to evaluate information from a range of different sources and formats to better reflect the challenges in today’s information-rich environment, according to the official GMAC website.

The website said the overall length of the test, as well as the current verbal and math sections, will remain unchanged. A new, separately scored integrated reasoning section will replace one of the existing two 30-minute writing sections and will require test-takers to “analyze information from multiple sources, interpret information presented graphically, and discern relationships between data points.”

Admissions officers and test prep companies will follow the latest version of the GMAT closely, Mitchell said.

“Time will tell how business

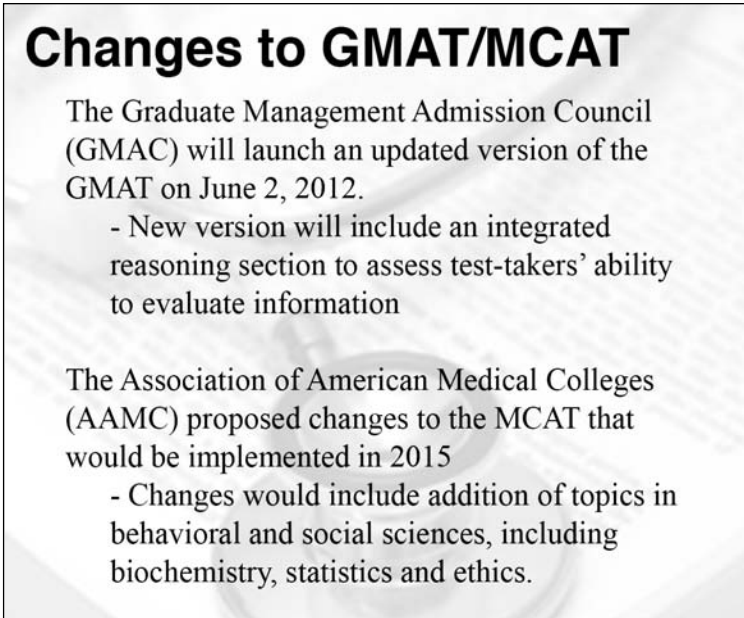
## Changes to GMAT/MCAT

The Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC) will launch an updated version of the GMAT on June 2, 2012.

- New version will include an integrated reasoning section to assess test-takers’ ability to evaluate information

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) proposed changes to the MCAT that would be implemented in 2015

- Changes would include addition of topics in behavioral and social sciences, including biochemistry, statistics and ethics.



LAUREN KALINOSKI | Observer Graphic

schools will evaluate the new GMAT, and at the end of the day, they are looking for an objective measure of how people will perform in business school,” Mitchell said.

The AAMC recently released preliminary recommendations for changes to the MCAT which, if accepted, would likely be implemented in 2015.

The MCAT currently tests students on their scientific knowledge, including general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology and physics.

According to the AAMC’s website, the proposed changes reflect an effort to increase student readiness for the field of medicine and involve adding material on behavioral and social sciences principles, including topics such as cellular and molecular biology, biochemistry, research methods and statistics and expanding the current verbal reasoning section to incorporate ethics, philosophy, cross-cultural studies and population health. The current writing sample would be eliminated.

These recommended changes would extend the MCAT’s duration from the current 5.5 hours to more than 7 hours. They will also affect undergraduate student preparation for the exam and may require curriculum adjustments in order to adequately prepare students for

additional test material.

Notre Dame is carefully reviewing the possible MCAT changes and the challenges they may present, Kathleen Kolberg, assistant dean of Undergraduate Studies at the Center for Health Advising, said.

“We have not made any changes but are looking at the detailed reports to decide how best to respond,” Kolberg said. “We are very serious about getting students into medical school and will attack this in the most serious way.”

Test preparation programs and services are also evaluating AAMC’s recommendations, Dr. Jeff Koetje said.

“These preliminary recommendations present certain challenges for test takers,” said Dr. Koetje, director of academics for Kaplan Test Prep’s pre-health programs. “They are unique to the new format and concern the new time requirements as well as the new content.”

“We know pre-med students are dedicated to becoming doctors, and they will take on these challenges,” Dr. Koetje said. “Students need the support of their universities and advisors, and Kaplan is prepared to support as we are working on plans to adjust the curriculum.”

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# Group raises awareness of human trafficking

By BRIDGET FEENEY  
News Writer

Saint Mary’s students are committed to promoting social justice, but one special group of students has incorporated that commitment into the academic lives of its members.

Sophomore Cailin Crowe is a student in Dr. Jan Pilarski’s course “Christians in the World,” a step towards fulfillment of the justice studies minor, which requires students to perform either community service or start a campaign on campus raising awareness for a social issue.

Crowe opted to enlighten the Saint Mary’s community about the realities of human trafficking throughout the semester.

“The issue of human trafficking isn’t getting enough attention. This is an issue that is a very serious and pressing matter,” Crowe said.

Human trafficking, or modern-day slavery, is a global issue that involves the coerced labor of people, usually women or young children, for sexual or commercial purposes, Crowe said. Victims are often smuggled across international borders and may work without pay or fair working conditions.

Pilarski, director of the Justice Education Program, supported Crowe’s decision to make the issue more widely understood on campus.

“Human trafficking is an issue few people are familiar with,” Pilarski said. “There seemed to be great potential to educate the campus about a relatively unknown problem with this project.”

Pilarski said her class is a learning-based experience in order to teach students how to apply classroom knowledge to their extracurricular activities.

“The students in this class are studying the intersection of faith, justice and action this semester,” she said. “We use the praxis cycle in our course, which connects experience, social analysis and action.”

The class project aims to help students understand the importance of working for

social justice in our society through the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, Crowe said.

“This class looks into Catholic Social Thought and how crucial it is for us to apply what we learn in class to real life,” Crowe said.

Crowe and her classmates have created several events and projects to spread awareness about human trafficking.

The class held a Tuesday showing of the documentary “The Dark Side of Chocolate,” which discusses the ways chocolate companies like Nestlé and Hershey’s work with African cocoa plantation owners who use child trafficking to produce cocoa for those companies.

Crowe said the students also sent postcards to U.S. Rep. Joe Donnelly that included shocking, little-known statistics of human trafficking and petitioned Donnelly to fight against human trafficking in Indiana and the United States.

Crowe said the students are also negotiating with Dining Services to have fair trade chocolate sold at Cyber Café next semester to help the student body make socially responsible consumer choices.

“So far, we have gotten a really good response,” Crowe said. “People seem genuinely interested in starting something on campus to end human trafficking.”

Despite the group’s initial success, Crowe said the group still wants to accomplish more, especially with involvement of the South Bend community in their efforts. By next fall, the group hopes to have an organized club on campus.

“We all have a responsibility to help these people,” Crowe said. “Our choices as consumers can affect the livelihoods of children and others around the world.”

Students interested in joining the club or obtaining more information should contact Crowe at ccrowe01@saintmarys.edu

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# Kwok promotes interfaith dialogue

By ABIGAIL FORNEY  
News Writer

International theologian Dr. Kwok Pui Lan delivered the 26th annual Madeleva Lecture, titled “The Future of Interfaith Dialogue,” Thursday in the Carroll Auditorium of Saint Mary’s College. The lecture was sponsored by the Center for Spirituality.

Kwok, a professor of Christian Theology and Spirituality at Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., discussed the development of interfaith dialogue through a refocusing of the approaches to interfaith issues of religious communities and politicians in a post-secular world.

She also addressed the role of colonization and missionary movements in forging interfaith relations and the impact of women on interfaith discussions.

“As women, we need to tes-

tify,” Kwok said. “Since I was a teenager, I heard the Gospel differently.”

Kwok said interfaith dialogue is a crucial component in achieving world peace, but that the goal is impossible to achieve if the world does not recognize the religious beliefs of people in Third World countries.

She said faith must be integrated into people’s daily lives.

“Faith can never be separated from other parts of life,” Kwok said.

Diminishing the influence of Christianity and recognizing the other six major world religions — Judaism, Islam, Confucianism, Buddhism, Hinduism and Shintuism — is crucial to fostering constructive interfaith dialogue, Kwok said.

She said members of each faith must recognize that the major questions change from, “How can we talk with people previously termed ‘heathens?’” to “How are we going

to work with our religious neighbors in [the] midst of poverty, war and violence?”

Kwok added that current general attitudes about interfaith dialogue indicate a positive transition. She said the common phrase, “I am spiritual, but not religious,” constitutes a step in the right direction.

This current shift has allowed people to embrace new ways of thinking, such as combining Christianity with Buddhist meditation or Confucian theology. Some people even identify themselves as “recycled Christians,” using only the Christian practices they find useful, Kwok said.

She said interfaith dialogue faces a challenge in dealing with the various existing religious hierarchical structures, which makes it difficult to determine who has the power to speak for whom in the discussion.

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District Courts on Aug. 19, 2009. Augustyn was arrested on campus Aug. 26, 2009, and The Observer reported he was no longer enrolled at the University on Aug. 31, 2009.

The rape charge against Augustyn was dismissed in April 2010 because the alleged victim said he may have “had a reasonable belief that consent was given,” according to court documents.

At the time of the alleged rape, both Augustyn and the female student were under the influence of alcohol after attending an off-campus party.

According to court documents, a “no-contact” order between Augustyn and the female student was terminated when the charges were dropped.

Expunging the record means no information about the charges or dismissal will exist on Augustyn’s public criminal record.

The order for expungement demands that all files, photographs and records regarding the case will be removed from the sheriff’s office, local and campus police departments, the prosecutor’s office and the clerk’s office.

Court documents also show that no information about the case will be retained by the state.

# Shirt

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who otherwise could not afford things integral to the Notre Dame experience, like purchasing a class ring or textbooks.

The Shirt Project began in 1990 to unify the student body in the first game of the season against Michigan, and Marzouca said the second year of the project began the tradition of using money from the Shirt for donations.

Marzouca said The Shirt Project's Financial Management Board (FMB) oversees all the proceeds from the shirt sales and their distribution, which includes the support of student memorial funds.

"FMB also officially establishes Memorial Funds in the name of deceased students," she said. "Most recently, we established a memorial in the name of Declan Sullivan."

Marzouca said the organization normally begins work in the early winter but altered the design process this year, which takes four to five weeks to complete.

"This year, the entire com-

mittee was able to help design The Shirt 2011," she said. "In past years, however, usually the graphic designer comes up with the graphic, and the rest of the committee asks for modifications and critiques until the entire committee is pleased with the final product."

Marzouca said last year's Shirt was second only to 2006's edition in terms of over-all sales.

"It sold over 150,000 shirts, making a profit of [about] \$600,000," she

said. "To date, The Shirt Project has raised roughly \$7 million."

What many students don't know, Marzouca said, the significance of The Shirt Project.

"The Shirt Project sells more of one single designed clothing item than any other service or company in the United States," she said.

Marzouca said the organization tries to vary the color of The Shirt every year,

examining recent seasons for inspiration.

"We usually consider color from the most recent years, from the seniors' freshman-year fall to their senior fall, and try not to repeat so that each of their Shirts from their four years here will be very unique," she said.

From 2002 to 2004, The Shirt remained green.

Marzouca said The Shirt Project noticed a drop in sales and student support by the third year. She added that student reaction is also considered in the design process.

"We like to hear what colors are most popular, and if students and fans understand how the quote ties in to the new football season," Marzouca said. "We take what we've heard from the previous year and then we weigh it heavily when deciding what color to chose and which picture and quote will be most applicable."

Over time, the image depicted on The Shirt has shifted from symbols associated with the University to illustrations related to the football team, Marzouca said.

"Many of the older Shirts

*"In more recent years, we have focused more on the fans, the stadium, football players themselves, golden helmets, cheerleaders and the leprechaun."*

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The Shirt Project**

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# Candle

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the students," he said.

Poklinkowski said managers and unit chefs from both North and South Dining Halls meet during the summer to develop candlelight dinner menus for the upcoming football season.

"We look at the previous year's usage reports to what worked well and what didn't," he said. "Then we consider new recipes to use to replace the items that weren't very popular or just didn't work very well logistically."

The cooks enjoy the challenge of formulating and cooking new recipes each year, Poklinkowski said.

"Our floor chefs do a great job of planning out the logistics in the kitchen to maximize what we can produce with each piece of cooking equipment," he said.

Student reaction to the wide variety of dishes served at candlelight dinners has been overwhelmingly positive throughout the years.

"Some students have learned to get to the dining halls very quickly after the game to beat the crowd," he said. "Others wait it out and come later after the craziness settles down."

On a typical football Saturday, South Dining Hall

usually serves about 1,700 people during the hour following the conclusion of the game, Poklinkowski said.

Although the dining halls host other special events throughout the year, such as Christmas Dinner and the Lenten Buffet, candlelight dinners only take place

during home football game weekends, Poklinkowski said.

"They're definitely our busiest Saturday dinners of the year," he said.

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# Rings

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you're a Domer," he said.

The website indicates the recognizable ring was originally sold as a Class or University Badge until 1931, when the University officially created the Notre Dame class ring. But the Official Graduation Insignia of students and alumni underwent several changes over the years.

The website said other ring designs were manufactured, and technological advancements have allowed for finer detailing. If alumni who graduated prior to 1972 still want a ring reminiscent of their Notre Dame days, the "Old Style - pre '72" cut is still available.

But some graduates do not feel a need to wear a class ring. Senior Katie Valko said her decision not to purchase the Notre Dame ring was

largely influenced by practicality and her previous attitude toward school memorabilia.

"My choice not to buy one was probably influenced by not buying a high school ring. I never felt like I was missing out," she said. "Plus, I don't really wear a lot of rings."

Valko said she preferred to show her spirit in other ways.

"To my surprise, my mom was really on board with the ring idea, but I can flaunt my Domerness in other ways," Valko said. "I have the pendant necklace we got freshman year, which I'll wear to interviews and Notre Dame events."

If a student chooses to purchase a ring, it is traditionally worn with the school name

and cross facing the student until graduation, the website said. After commencement, graduates may turn the ring "to face the world."

Although Davis still has two semesters left at Notre Dame, he said he will remember his time at the University when he wears his ring after graduation.

"It's an all-encompassing memento of my life here. I live by the Dome, which is on the

ring," he said. "You can't walk anywhere on campus without seeing the monogram, and I'll think of all my friends here when I look at it."

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**Drew Davis  
junior**

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used the Golden Dome, Touchdown Jesus, and iconic coaches and traditional Notre Dame themes," she said. "In more recent years, we have focused more on the fans, the stadium, football players themselves, golden helmets, cheerleaders and the leprechaun."

In choosing a theme for The Shirt, Marzouca said the committee tries to draw from the tradition of the University.

"We usually try to use a quote that ties in important Notre Dame themes and lyrics," she said.

Though she did not reveal The Shirt's color or the quote

for this year, Marzouca said members of the Project are extremely pleased with their final product.

"We worked really hard to stress unique Notre Dame traditions while still giving The Shirt 2011 a modern spin that incorporates feedback from students, alumni and fans," she said. "Each year the committee strives to come up with an original design that mirrors the eager anticipation of the upcoming football season. We feel that this year we've appropriately captured these emotions."

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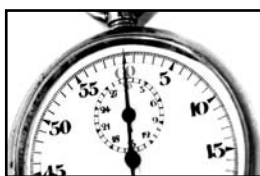
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# Budget

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raise taxes, simple as that.”

The ongoing debate over funding reform for entitlement programs like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security has become the point of increased party polarization because it directly relates to tax reform, Mark said.

“The Republican right wing wants to privatize Social Security and Medicare while protecting corporate profits and tax cuts for the wealthy,” he said. “People are living longer now, but less people are working who can support the Social Security system, which creates a problem as the Baby Boomer generation reaches retirement age.”

Schmuhl said the entitlement debate represents a long-term economic issue that will challenge the polarized political climate of the country in years to come.

“It’s relatively easy to deal with the economic problems in the short term, but that carries you just so far,” he said. “At some point, the people in Washington are going to have to deal with [entitlements] directly. The question, of course, is whether or not this can be done with a divided government.”

Mark said America’s fiercely opposing political parties “draw strength from the mandate of their constituents” and magnify the wants and needs of those supporters, especially in relation to the changing economic climate of the country and the world.

“We just went through a severe recession crisis, so maybe, economically, the world is a scarier place than it used to be,” he said. “Geopolitical volatility, like the current

unrest in the Middle East, makes it hard for working people in the heartland to see what they can do to control their own fates.”

Both Schmuhl and Mark said the politically charged budget debates in states like Wisconsin and Indiana are reflective of the general politics of the nation.

“What’s happening in Washington is not all that different from what we see in Indiana or Wisconsin with their state legislators,” Schmuhl said.

“I was looking for a bigger backlash against the new Wisconsin politics,” Mark said.

“If there isn’t a backlash in the near future, then at the national level, I think we’re headed for a right-wing Tea P a r t y , Republican-dominated agenda that will emphasize privatization of some federal programs.”

Schmuhl said this extreme political polarization cannot go on forever, but it will have a significant impact on the 2012 presidential election.

“It’s hard to see a resolution of these problems going into a presidential election year,” he said. “Every proposal or decision from now until November 2012 will be viewed through the lens of electoral politics.”

Mark said the current focus on the country’s short- and long-term budget problems is constructive, but significantly more effort and cooperation will be crucial to solving these problems in the future.

“We need a tipping point because the problems need to be fixed, but a quick fix isn’t going to happen,” he said. “Hopefully thoughtful, useful ideas will help fix this in the long run, otherwise we might end up in a situation like that of Greece or Argentina.”

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**Bob Schmuhl**  
American Studies professor

# Federal jury convicts Jacques

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — A federal jury on Thursday convicted a 26-year-old white man of burning down a predominantly black church in Springfield in the hours after Barack Obama was elected president in 2008, a crime prosecutors say was fueled by racist anger.

The all-white, 12-member jury, which had been deadlocked on Wednesday, convicted Michael Jacques of conspiracy against civil rights, destruction of religious property and using fire to commit a felony. Jacques faces 10 to 60 years in prison when he is sentenced on Sept. 15 in U.S. District Court.

Jacques and two friends were charged with burning down the Macedonia Church of God in Christ in the early morning hours of Nov. 5, 2008. The church, which is near all three men’s homes, was under construction at the time and no one was inside. A few firefighters, however, suffered minor injuries battling the blaze.

All three men confessed to the crime and implicated each other. But Jacques later recanted his confession, saying authorities wore him down during a nearly seven-hour interrogation as he suffered withdrawal from addictions to Percocet painkillers and cigarettes.

Prosecutors said during closing arguments that Jacques’ racism reached the “boiling point” when Obama was elected. They said he often used racial epithets, expressed anger that minorities were “taking over” the country and once set a dog on a black person.

Jacques’ mother and sister testified that he wasn’t a racist, saying the proof came in his love for his

biracial nephew and in a former relationship with a Puerto Rican girlfriend.

Relatives of Jacques and a few jurors cried when the verdict was announced at about 4:30 p.m. Jacques, who had been free on bond during the three-week trial, was ordered to report to federal marshals at noon Friday because Judge Michael Ponsor revoked his bail after the verdict.

Jacques insisted on his innocence while leaving the courthouse.

“They got it all wrong. I am not a racist,” Jacques said.

His attorney, Lori Levinson, said she was disappointed with the verdict and plans to appeal to the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston.

The lead prosecutor in the case, Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul Smyth, said the government was pleased that all three men who started the fire now stand convicted. Benjamin Haskell was sentenced to nine years in prison in November after pleading guilty. Thomas Gleason pleaded guilty last year and awaits sentencing after testifying in Jacques’ trial for the prosecution.

Smyth said that when the church was burning down that night, law enforcement officials hoped it was not an arson related to the election. “In the few days that followed, our worst fears were confirmed,” he said.

Asked about Jacques saying the jury got it wrong and an appeal being planned, Smyth said, “The jury’s verdict speaks for itself.”

Smyth said it was too early to say how long a prison sentence he will recommend to the judge. But he said federal sentencing guidelines call for about 15 years in prison, based on Jacques’ convictions.

Jurors began deliberations on Tuesday and told Ponsor on Wednesday that they were deadlocked on two of the charges. But the judge told them it was too early for a hung jury and asked them to start discussions fresh on Thursday morning. The convictions came after the seven women and five men asked the judge several questions, including requesting that the judge better define reasonable doubt and aiding and abetting.

“Some of the jurors are having a hard time with the definition of reasonable doubt,” jurors said in a note to Ponsor at about 1:30 p.m. Thursday.

Ponsor said he could not define the terms beyond what he already told them in his instructions to the jury.

The congregation continues to worship at its long-time home on King Street. After the fire, it decided to rebuild on the same site and the new building is nearing completion.

The church’s leader, Bishop Bryant Robinson Jr., could not be reached Thursday. No one answered his home phone and a message saying the new church was on fire.

Robinson testified during Jacques’ trial that he and others were excited when Obama was elected as the country’s first black president. But he got a phone call from his brother at about 3:30 the next morning saying the new church was on fire.

Robinson said he spent the next several hours at the church watching it — and the congregation’s dreams — burn to the ground.

No congregation members were at the courthouse Thursday, and jurors left without commenting.

# Fort Sumter re-enactors ‘surrender’ on 150th anniversary

Associated Press

FORT SUMTER NATIONAL MONUMENT, S.C. — Re-enactors played “Yankee Doodle” as they took away the Union flag and recreated Fort Sumter’s surrender to Confederate attackers 150 years ago Thursday, winding down a somber commemoration of America’s plunge into the Civil War.

Some 100 Union defenders, haggard from the 34 hours of Confederate artillery bombardment, gave up the battle-scarred fort in Charleston Harbor on April 14, 1861, a singular event marking the outset of the nation’s bloodiest war.

Hundreds watched a 15-minute surrender reenactment as those playing Union forces marched away with a flag bearing 33 stars, including those of states splintering away in secession. The nationally watched reenactment began before dawn Tuesday with the first shots of mock bombardment as an authentic coastal mortar sounded out and Confederate cannons ringing the harbor joined in.

“These were the first shots of a civil war that would stretch across four years of tremendous sacrifice,” President Barack Obama

said Tuesday in a proclamation on the start of sesquicentennial events commemorating battles to come. “The meaning of freedom and the very soul of our Nation were contested in the hills of Gettysburg and the roads of Antietam, the fields of Manassas and the woods of the Wilderness.”

The war, over four bloody years to follow, claimed more than 600,000 lives.

“When the guns fell silent and the fate of our Nation was secured, blue and gray would unite under one flag and the institution of slavery would be forever abolished from our land,” the president said.

The state’s Palmetto Guard was the first Confederate unit to occupy Sumter after the Union surrender of 1861.

The Confederate flag would fly over the fort nearly four years until Sumter was abandoned in early 1865 after Union Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman captured Columbia about 120 miles away, flanking the Confederates and forcing them to withdraw from Charleston.

Rick Hatcher, the historian at Fort Sumter, told visitors who arrived on the last tour boat of the day that the surrender was “one



Union re-enactors march out of Fort Sumter National Monument in South Carolina. Union and Confederate re-enactors commemorated the fort’s surrender Thursday.

of the most historic and significant days in the history of this fort.”

The only casualty of the bombardment, which rained shells on Fort Sumter nearly without pause for 34 hours, was a Confederate

officer’s horse. But two Union soldiers died as the result of a cannon misfiring during a salute marking the surrender ceremonies. The two men are considered by many the first casualties

of the war and there is a memorial in their honor in a corner of the Sumter parade ground.

There will be an event to honor the soldiers Saturday while other events here conclude Sunday.

# Dam threatens Midwest town

Associated Press

BURLINGTON, N.D. — The Des Lacs River in northwest North Dakota began a slow drop on Thursday, but authorities continued to monitor a weak and leaky dam protecting a neighborhood of about 30 homes.

Water levels had fallen more than a foot and the river had retreated from overflowed banks by about 3 feet compared to a day earlier, state and local officials said. Water behind the troubled Burlington Dam No. 1 was down by about a half-foot, said Todd Sando, North Dakota's state engineer.

"The good news is the dam is still there and it's holding steady," Sando said Thursday afternoon.

Flooding fears had eased elsewhere in North Dakota. A 30-mile stretch of Interstate 29 reopened north of Fargo after being closed by overland flooding, and to Fargo's west, officials said Valley City appeared poised to escape flooding from the Sheyenne River after raising its levees.

In Burlington, the strength of the 77-year-old dam has been suspect for decades but this year's flooding has spurred a need to either repair the dam or intentionally breach it by next spring, Sando said. "We're not going to leave it the way it is," he said.

The dam was built in the 1930s for irrigation and to provide water to homesteaders. Officials said the reservoir behind it no longer serves either

purpose. Sando said draining the reservoir through a planned breach would relieve the pressure, but areas nearby might still be susceptible in flood years.

For now, authorities are watching the ailing structure with remote video cameras, fearing that any attempt to shore up the dam — or even walk across it — could cause it to collapse.

Fire Chief Karter Lesmann said authorities went door-to-door to about 30 homes on Wednesday night to warn residents that the dirt-and-rock dam could wash out. About one-fourth of the 200 people in immediate danger left, he said.

"We told them all to leave last night," Lesmann said Thursday. "We're not going to tell them again."

# FAA chief addresses sleeping controllers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Publicly fuming, the FAA chief collected Thursday the resignation of the head of the U.S. air traffic system, doubled controller staffing at more than two dozen airports and ordered a sweeping review of the entire system that ensures planes fly safely, as the government sought to reassure the public that air travel is safe despite at least four instances of controllers sleeping on the job.

But present and former controllers told The Associated Press that grueling work schedules and the design of the job itself — sitting in a dark room at night waiting for pilots to call — have made taking naps on the job necessary, even if unauthorized by the FAA. One whistle-blower complained to the Transportation Department that cots can be found in one radar center, most often with controllers asleep in them.

The National Transportation Safety Board warned FAA after a deadly 2006 air crash that controllers' schedules were creating unsafe situations in which they were going into work after only a few hours of sleep. But little had changed until this week when Federal Aviation Administrator Randy Babbitt said he was immediately adding a second controller on overnight shifts at 26 airports and a radar facility that had been staffed with a lone controller. Presumably the second controller provides a margin of safety if the first falls asleep.

Babbitt's order came hours after the pilot of a plane transporting a critically ill passenger was unable to raise the single controller working at 2 a.m. Wednesday in the tower of the Reno-Tahoe International Airport in Nevada. The FAA said the controller, who was out of communication for 16 minutes, was sleeping. Controllers at a regional radar facility in California assisted the plane, which landed safely.

Hank Krakowski, the head of the agency's Air Traffic Organization, resigned Thursday and a replacement search was under way, Babbitt said.

"Over the last few weeks we have seen examples of unprofessional conduct on the part of a few individuals that have rightly caused the traveling public to question our ability to ensure their safety," Babbitt said in a statement Thursday. "This conduct must stop immediately."

President Barack Obama backed up his administrator, telling ABC News in an interview, "We've got it under control."

"What we also have to look at is air traffic control systems," Obama acknowledged. "Do we have enough backup, do we

have enough people, are they getting enough rest time?"

The president added: "It starts with individual responsibility. And those individuals, they let a lot of people down when they fell asleep on the job."

Babbitt and National Air Traffic Controllers Association President Paul Rinaldi met privately Thursday with lawmakers on Capitol Hill to assure them that FAA is on top of the problem.

"We take our responsibilities very seriously and believe staffing levels and fatigue are at the root of the problem," Rinaldi said in a statement. "We will continue to work with the FAA and through our professional standards workgroup to provide the highest level of professionalism and safety."

The first disclosure that a controller had fallen asleep when he was supposed to be directing air traffic was on March 23. That was when two airliners landed at Washington's Reagan National Airport without assistance from the tower after pilots' repeated attempts to reach the lone air traffic supervisor on duty failed. The supervisor later acknowledged to investigators that he had fallen asleep.

Dozing off at one's post is unusual, but not unheard of, said seven current and retired controllers interviewed by the AP. Six of them acknowledged briefly falling asleep while working alone at night at least once in their careers. The controllers asked not to be identified because they didn't want to jeopardize their jobs or the jobs of colleagues.

Much more common is taking a nap on purpose, they said. When more than one controller is assigned to the "midnight" shift, which usually runs from about 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., one controller will work two positions while the other one sleeps and then they switch off, controllers said.

The arrangements sometimes allow controllers to sleep as much as three or four hours out of an eight-hour shift, they said.

FAA regulations forbid sleeping at work, even during breaks. Controllers who are caught can be suspended or fired. But at most air traffic facilities the sleeping swaps are tolerated as long as they don't affect safety, controllers said.

"We've been in denial about this problem forever so you have widespread abuse of a system," said Bill Voss, a former controller and president of the Flight Safety Foundation in Alexandria, Va. "We could have a far better system if we just admitted what is going on and put some structure around it."

A whistle-blower complaint recently filed with DOT's inspector general's office said such arrangements are the norm at night at an FAA radar center near Islip, N.Y., that handles high-altitude air traffic, one of the busiest facilities of its kind in the nation.

"Sleeping on the midnight shifts is so commonplace the controllers keep inflatable beds and blankets at the facility," the complaint said. "If you take a stroll at 2 a.m., you will see beds set up underneath the desks. More than likely there will be a controller in that bed, asleep."

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## Light from loss

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's family has lost three members this school year.

That's probably not what you were expecting to read when you tore your eyes away from your dining hall lunch and glanced over at this column a moment ago. Unfortunately, the topic isn't light-hearted or humorous. It is, however, crucial.

We don't like to think about it. We often look the other way simply because we do not know how to cope with events whose meanings we cannot fully understand. It's important that we discuss these losses, however, because there is much to be learned from each tragedy.

From the loss of Lizzy Seeberg in September, I learned that although our community is extremely blessed, we are not immune to hardship. As Fr. Tom Doyle asserted at the memorial Mass for Declan Sullivan about a month later, "It is too easy, but also dishonest to assume that this place and this community has enjoyed only good fortune. We have experienced anguish, distress, persecution and famine."

Lizzy's sudden passing drove home the age-old lesson that none of us are guaranteed tomorrow, and it helped me begin to understand that life is for the living. Our time is limited. There is no use in spending it in restless, dissatisfied pursuit of something better. This sad event highlights the value of what we have in this exact moment — because that is all there is.

In October, we lost Declan Sullivan. I re-watch his memorial Mass from time to time because in the Mass's enormous sadness, I find great strength.

On the night of the memorial Mass, amidst the crowd gathered outside the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the men of Fisher Hall united in solidarity. As they walked across campus, arms around each other, I learned what is meant by the phrase "the Notre Dame Family."

Today I Googled that phrase. I was simply looking to see if "family" needed capitalizing, but what I found was infinitely more meaningful.

"I work at an institution that is over 150 years old; it has a tremendous sense of pride, power and influence," Anne Stricherz blogged. "Tradition and family ties run strong, but we do not describe ourselves as a 'family' ... The Notre Dame family, a term that is never used lightly, is true. In our crazy world, it is a blessed reality."

Our most recent loss was only two weeks ago. It, too, has a lesson to teach. The passing of Sean Valero should start a chain of action.

Most of us passionately express our love for our school. Although this is wonderful, it also makes it easy to forget the conflicts many students face. Sean's death should remind us that everyone has a story and a struggle and that it's important to see those of other people.

How much do you truly know about the girl you eat lunch with after philosophy class? The guy you befriended on your trip to Appalachia? Your roommate?

Maybe, by learning about and supporting one another, we will find healing from our wounds. It is in strength garnered from each other that the true meaning of the phrase "the Notre Dame family" becomes apparent.

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## Remember what you play for

It seems the sun has come out at just the right time for Notre Dame students to compete for a cause.

Last weekend, hundreds of students ran in the Holy Half Marathon to support three local charities — Keenan Hall hosted their inaugural Keenan Klassic basketball tournament in memory of sophomore Sean Valero, interhall lacrosse teams participated in the Playing For Peace tournament for accord in Sudan and remaining teams in the Bookstore Basketball tournament continued to support the Jumpball charity, which benefits Jamaican children, with their play on the court.

The action continues this weekend as Notre Dame Special Olympics will host the first intercollegiate match in the history of Special Olympics when it takes on Northwestern on the soccer pitch at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Suffice to say, the only thing Notre Dame students like more than social activism and sports is the combination of the two.

As a Catholic university, Notre Dame's Mission Statement challenges students "to create a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice."

Our concern for this common good is not limited to the classroom or the service seminars we may participate in. The good we can achieve is magnified by the presence Notre Dame possesses outside the realm of social leadership.

By harnessing the Notre Dame name — and Notre Dame athletics — to bring awareness to areas of social concern, students are able to create an amazing response to the call to a common good, be it through basketball, lacrosse or running.

Sometimes, however, the message gets lost in the competition. We train for weeks for a half marathon, or we come up with a creative basketball team name, or we persuade

our friends to arrive early at a soccer match for free giveaways — and the very purpose of the event fails to resonate in the excitement of the athletic event.

Yet we run, we play and we participate primarily to make the world a better place around us. The fun of doing so is icing on the cake.

Pausing to reflect on why we participate in these charitable athletic activities is not enough. It is admirable to give up a day for charity, regardless of the form of giving, but we have to realize that while the basketball game may end with a winner, and that there ultimately is an end to the Holy Half, there is no finish line to poverty, no final buzzer for war. These problems are among the most persistent opponents we face in the game of life.

The students of Notre Dame must remember to remain active with the charities, foundations and causes they support with their athletic talent (or lack thereof). It is good to play a game for peace, but it is truly great to follow up afterwards. The Playing for Peace lacrosse tournament last weekend, a continuation of a similar three-on-three basketball tournament in the fall, is a perfect example.

The follow-up does not need to be athletic — it just needs to be there. If you ran in the Holy Half, look to volunteer at the Center for the Homeless in South Bend. If you attend this weekend's soccer match, perhaps in the coming weeks and months you will involve yourself with Best Buddies. The game may end, but the problems do not.

Most importantly, participate. Train for the Holy Half Marathon; come up with a crazy outfit for Bookstore Basketball. But don't forget — you aren't playing for yourself. You're playing for a cause that began long before tipoff and won't end with the final basket.

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### OBSERVER POLL

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A man thinks that by mouthing hard words he understands hard things."

Herman Melville  
U.S. novelist



## Objectivity

I only barely remember medical school.

My one memory is of a skeleton — a ghastly colossus that towered over me, its eyes empty, its teeth bared in a deathly grin. Its arms, still gripped by sinew, were open, as though in expectation of my embrace. It radiated malice. And hunger.

It was only a mural, but it scared the crap out of me.

Of course, I could not have been more than a year old. It is only in hindsight that I realize that what I was seeing was an anatomical diagram — a painting not of a skeleton but rather of the human skeletal system. It was, in fact, one of several such stylized representations of the human body, drawn from the work of the Renaissance anatomist Andreas Vesalius, that decorated the foyer of the Medical College of Wisconsin. His paintings of the digestive system, the circulatory system, the respiratory system and others honored the roots of medicine in the many centuries of scientific labor that had brought humanity from darkness into light. Each



Dan Sportiello

Bound  
Variables

painting was a celebration not of death, as I thought as a child, but of life, of the human ability to abstract from her childish reactions to the world — to bring those reactions under the harsh light of introspection and thus to understand herself objectively for the first time. This distinctive sort of introspection, made possible by what Christine Korsgaard calls “the reflective structure of the mind,” is what she argues is the source of not only practical reasons but also theoretical reasons, of not only the endorsement of certain inclinations as right but also the endorsement of certain impressions as true.

“If we fall into doubt,” she argues, “about whether we really ought to believe what we find ourselves inclined to believe — that is, if we fall into doubt about whether our beliefs are true — we cannot dispel the doubt by comparing our beliefs to the world to see whether they are true. We have no access to the world except through the verdicts of the understanding itself, just as we have no access to the good except through the verdicts of the various points of view from which we make judgments of goodness. The only point of view from which we can assess the normativity of the understanding is therefore that of the understanding itself.”

It is this process of reflective endorsement, this distinctive sort of introspection, that makes objectivity out of mere

subjectivity — makes, that is, knowledge out of mere impression. While any animal reacts to sense impressions in its environment, only a rational animal reflects upon these sense impressions and, in endorsing some and rejecting others, constructs out of them a theory — constructs, in other words, a set of reasons to believe. The paintings in my mother’s school glorified the rise of medical science, and in so doing, glorified this essential mark of a human being: that she is a rational animal, one capable of taking up the reflective perspective, or, in the terminology of Simon Blackburn’s, of “splitting” the input and the output [so] that the reaction can be seen sufficiently clearly for what it is.”

It was just this that my mother — taking me to class, even as she was pregnant with my sister — was learning to do. To learn to practice medicine is to learn to see one’s patients, and by extension oneself, not just as a subject but also as an object, not just as a person but also as a machine, the components ordered in a way that, while complex, can be understood and thus repaired when damaged. There is not, in this, anything obviously moral, though this is not to say that it did not require the cultivation of a number of virtues, one first among them: Like any medical student, my mother studied and worked during the eight years of medical school and residency without meaningful sleep. During this time, she

not only managed to somehow stay alive herself but also to save the lives of others.

I find this almost incomprehensible. I too can function without sleep, but only if “function” means something quite minimal. I lose the ability to really understand much of anything — to say nothing of the ability to interact politely with my fellow human beings. Without sleep, the valence — moral and otherwise — of my world shifts dramatically: I can no longer abstract from my reactions to the world, can no longer pry apart the factual input from the normative output as Blackburn demands. Whatever hostility, suspicion, fear or unbridled glee I feel colors the world that I experience and its inhabitants. The third-person perspective is closed to me. I have no cognition but only impressions, no volition but only inclinations. In Kantian terms, I lose my rationality — my humanity — and become a mere animal. While I am fairly awake while writing this — the coffee helps — I live in the fear that, by the time it is read, I will have lost myself again.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Getting that hour of our lives back

Dear Man-Behind-the-Curtain-Who-Controls-Campus-Clocks,  
Since March 13, I have been approximately one hour early to every single class. This is odd.

I inspired the white rabbit from “Alice in Wonderland,” the one with the giant pocket watch that frantically utters, “I’m late. I’m late. For a very important date.” Yes, I’m a member of Always Late Anonymous.

My tardiness could be counted as one of my leading characteristics. But, Man Behind the Curtain, you’re single-handedly ruining my street cred. My O’Shaughnessy street cred. And that hurts. O’Shag street cred is probably the only street cred I have, both locally and generally.

What’s at the root of all this angst, pain and identity crisis? Day Light Savings time. It never started.

In my beloved O’Shag, my hood, my block, we are perpetually one hour early. Because our clocks never “sprung forward.” Most of campus probably forgot about Day Light Savings time, considering it started almost one month ago.

But Arts and Letters cannot forget. Because everyday we live with the fact that we were left behind in a disorienting wrinkle in time.

At first, I thought seizing our clocks was a joke: “Harhar, Arts and Letters majors are so slow and out of step with the times.” If you’re trying to say that the humanities are antiquated and out of touch, we’ve fielded that snarky comment before. But April Fools Day passed almost two weeks ago.

And really — our clocks? For a month?! Really?! The prank was already lame (and inconvenient). But at this point, that horse is dead. Put down the stick.

Outside of a sad sense of humor, I can’t imagine why you’d deny the frequenters of O’Shag the correct time. Did you forget about us? If so, this is a friendly reminder that we’re still here. Behind you. One hour behind you.

I don’t know if you’ve stolen our precious hour out of a pathetic sense of humor or blatant insensitivity to the fact that we exist. But, I kindly request that you restore order to O’Shag.

Give us our hour! Or give us death! And by that I mean, prepare yourself to deal with the fury that mostly consists of angst and annoyance. But it is the fury of a community that is articulate, thoughtful and underappreciated.

You don’t want to take this fight to the streets. Because we will rep our O’Shag hood. The fight will get loquacious.

Consider yourself kindly petitioned, adequately warned and mildly threatened.

Sincerely,  
Jess Shaffer  
O’Shag Enthusiast

Jess Shaffer  
senior  
Farley Hall  
April 13

## Just a mistake ...

I would like to extend a “high five” to my classmate Fr. Tom Doyle and the Office of Residence Life. The University of Notre Dame prepared me for life in so many ways and I lived out most of my dream from 1985-1989 as a proud resident of Dillon Hall. But for years, The Office of Residence Life has handed out punishments that focused more on judgment and less on growth. Those passing judgment on the University’s “soft” punishment of Michael Floyd should bear in mind how they would want to be treated if they were in his shoes. I was in his shoes in 1988. I, along with my classmate, created and sold the original Catholics vs. Convicts t-shirt. Yes, I was warned to stop by the Office of Residence Life. But I made a mistake just like Michael Floyd did and sold thousands of shirts on October 15, 1988.

I had written head Basketball Coach Digger Phelps every year since I was in second grade telling him of my dream to play for The Irish. I finally made it as a walk-on my senior year in 1988. But my t-shirt transgression was too much for Res Life to handle and I was promptly booted from the team 13 days later. The harshness of that decision robbed me of my chance to live out my dream at Notre Dame. Keeping dreams alive for college students is a great way to go. Michael Floyd, when you see Fr. Tom, give him a high five for me and make us proud you get to live out your dream.

Patrick Walsh  
alumnus  
Class of 1989  
April 12

### EDITORIAL CARTOON



# ST. BALDRICK'S DAY: SHAVE FOR A CURE

By COURTNEY ECKERLE  
Scene Writer

The idea is pretty daunting. It takes a lot of confidence for ladies and gents to rock the Natalie Portman “V for Vendetta” or Bruce Willis look. It’s normal to want to switch up your look, but the bald-headed birthday suit is definitely a hard core move. For St. Baldrick’s participants, it definitely makes a statement — that you care.

It wasn’t just the ladies giving up long locks this year. Jonathan Schommer, a sophomore from Knott Hall, shaved his dreadlocks for St. Baldrick’s on Thursday. He invested two years into his dreadlocks, and the experience was the he first time he had cut his hair since his senior prom.

“It’s just hair,” he said. “I’m doing this because I think this cause is really great and I really believe in standing in solidarity with others, and this is just a little way to do it.”

Schommer’s main reason in making the change was his grandmother, who died of ovarian cancer when he was five.

“I was really close to her, so cancer has always been a part of my

life,” he said.

His friends were also a big part of his project, with 81 attending the Facebook event he created to help raise money. The ones who showed up on the special day got a special prize — each got to cut off a dread.

“A lot of people always joke that they are going to cut them off, so I figured I would give them the experience.”

Although a part of Schommer’s look for two years, he said losing his dreads wasn’t so bad.

“The most nerve-wracking part was having people constantly ask if I was ready for it,” he said. “The anticipation was the worst part.”

The best part? Schommer raised around \$170 and received a new ‘do that — if possible — makes an even bigger statement than the dreadlocks. He also loves his look.

“I think it’s great that I now have hair shorter than my roommate who is in Air Force ROTC,” Schommer said.

Take note of and maybe give a ‘hey there’ whistle to one of these bold and bald beauties like Jonathan Schommer. Caring and confidence is way sexier than any hairdo could ever be.

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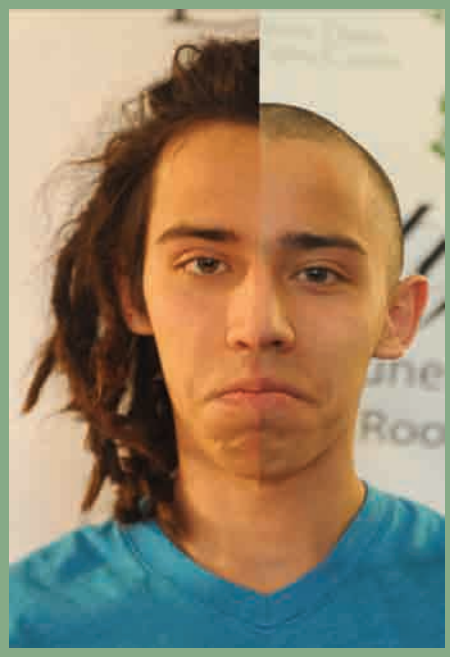
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# Opera comes to Notre Dame and sells out

By **CLAIRE STEPHENS**  
Scene Writer

A tale of two lovers both sought by others but only craving each other has made its way to the Decio Mainstage. Opera Notre Dame's production of "Le Nozze di Figaro" ("The Marriage of Figaro") took audiences by storm last night when it opened to a full house in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Figaro (Zach Angus/Dan Crupi) tries to marry his love Susanna (Bridget Mullins/Lindsay Schwartz), despite the opposition of other suitors. The powerful Count Almaviva (Stephen Lancaster) chases Susanna, old Marcellina (Paulette Curtis/Lauren Desrosiers) chases Figaro and the teenage Cherubino (Jessica Gorski/Lina Delmastro) chases any and every girl. In the end, however, true love conquers all.

Director Mark Beudert said this year's production took a lot of planning but consisted of less time than usual on the actual stage.

"It is much more elaborate... and we had a very short time in the theater — just three rehearsal days before opening night," Beudert said.

The cast consists of mostly Notre Dame undergraduates, with some faculty, staff and Saint Mary's students on board.

"[It's amazing that a] college would dare to attempt one of the most diffi-

cult works in the repertoire, almost complete, in the original, with undergraduates," Beudert said. "I am proud to say that the performance experience will be very satisfying for each of our four sold-out houses."

Sam Osborn, who plays Barbarina in the Thursday and Sunday casts, said he enrolled in an opera workshop this fall and a production this spring to prepare for the role.

"My responsibilities as a performer have included weekly rehearsals, a paper, translating every word of Italian, learning all of the Italian pronunciation, learning the music and staging," Osborn said.

Senior Margartet Jumonville, who plays the Countess, said "Le Nozze" is one of her favorite operas and getting the chance to act as the Countess was an exciting learning experience.

"I've definitely put so much of myself in this role, and, over the course of this year, the Countess has

taught me more than I could have imagined," she said.

Crupi sought to make the play relevant to the student body by pointing out themes young adults can relate to.

"Mozart and Da Ponte aren't around to adapt the text to the present day — we have to make it relatable," Crupi says. "But I think that the casts have been doing a remarkable job in making it an accessible show ... the show is about love, lust, betrayal, jealousy and ultimately, forgiveness — and I think everyone is doing a wonderful job in making this an accessible, entertaining and fun production."

Senior Kate Mullaney has worked hard to make this production its best and appreciates getting the opportunity to sing "Le Nozze."

"I'm so glad it's happening my senior year — so many of us are seniors, and it really feels like a fitting culmi-



nation of everything we've done in the voice program for four years," she said. "Since I'm not pursuing voice, this is a last hurrah for me, and it couldn't be more fitting or special."

The Decio Mainstage Theater, which holds 360, sold out for all four nights of performance by Tuesday afternoon.

The production is conducted by Maestro John Apeitos and stage managed by Terry Dawson. Melissa Bialko manages the costumes. The cast alternates roles between a Thursday/Saturday group and a Friday/Sunday shift. The opera is sung in Italian and projected in English. For more information about the casts, see the Facebook event group, "Opera Notre Dame presents Le Nozze di Figaro."

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## On campus

**What:** Opera Notre Dame presents "Le Nozze di Figaro"

**Where:** Decio Mainstage Theater, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

**When:** Thursday, April 14-Sunday, April 17, 7 p.m.

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By **TROY MATHEW**  
Scene Writer

I am, admittedly, a Matthew McConaughey hater. His cheesy smile, annoying surfer drawl and propensity for asinine romantic comedies have always rubbed me the wrong way. This is part of the reason I had to be dragged to see "The Lincoln Lawyer."

As the movie started, I tried to look on the bright side. At least the movie was lacking the equally-horrible Kate Hudson, who is McConaughey's frequent partner-in-crime in crappy movies. I was soon shocked, however. Outrageously unfaithful to his rom-com past, McConaughey took the screen playing a street-savvy, cunning young lawyer — and playing it well.

Throughout this complex and suspenseful, albeit formulaic, legal thriller, McConaughey carries the film. He plays Mick Haller, a charismatic defense attorney who is not afraid to bend some rules to get his often-shady

clients off the hook. However, his latest client, the wealthy Louis Roulet (Phillippe), provides an unexpected twist. Roulet is charged with the murder of a prostitute and claims the gold-digging prostitute framed him in order to get his money.

Roulet's guilt soon becomes apparent, and his string of murders becomes heavily involved with Haller's past cases and personal life. Haller then faces danger from his high-powered client and his family. Roulet's mother, played by the terrifying-looking Frances Fisher, provides a menacing maternal presence. I think half the movie's budget went toward her face-work and Botox.

In an attempt to not give away too much, I'll just say that Haller essentially ends up defending himself for the murder of his friend. This complex web of court cases and past murders is cause for a riveting movie and provides many opportunities for plot twists. However, this multi-faceted

plot also creates a lack of focus. McConaughey's character is consulting with past clients, buying guns and pulling deals with biker gangs, all of which detracts from the central plot concerning the main plot case.

The physical appearance of the characters contributes to the storyline as well. Haller, as he slaves over legal documents and possible evidence, looks more haggard than anything I've ever seen. The bags under his eyes droop, as he slugs back another whiskey. This horrible visual effect adds greatly to the desperation of the legal case, and — at least for me — made me very anxious for Haller to get some sleep and sober up.

The film also raises thought-provoking ethical questions for defense attorneys. Haller is constantly looked down upon by other attorneys for freeing criminals, but he is more concerned with an innocent client. The thought of sending an innocent man to prison haunts Haller throughout the

film. The ending is a just reflection of the plot, which includes entirely too much.

Although "The Lincoln Lawyer" is an overly-ambitious, formulaic legal-thriller, the performances are stellar and there isn't a dull moment.

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## Lincoln Lawyer Lionsgate

**Director:** Brad Furman

**Starring:** Matthew

McConaughey, Ryan Phillippe,  
Marisa Tomei



NHL

Lightning's St. Louis eager to even series with Pens

Associated Press

Tampa Bay Lightning forward Martin St. Louis won't have any trouble adjusting his playoff game face.

Three broken teeth and a fat lip took care of that.

Following a late-night trip to the dentist during which he endured two root canals, St. Louis was at practice Thursday vowing to even the score a day after a series-opening 3-0 loss to the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Rather than seeking payback against Penguins defenseman Zbynek Michalek, who's errant stick cracked St. Louis across the face, the diminutive forward was more focused on providing the Lightning's high-powered offense a spark in Game 2 of the first-round series at Pittsburgh on Friday.

"I've moved on," said St. Louis, who was initially livid — to the point of yelling at the officials at the bench — that no penalty was called against Michalek after the

two collided in the corner mid-way through the second period. "It's an emotional game, you know. At a certain point in time, you get to a boiling point I guess."

He'd rather take out his frustrations by helping solve Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury, who was at his acrobatic self in making 32 saves to stymie a Tampa Bay offense that finished the regular season second in the East with 247 goals.

"I'm not going to let my emotions get the better of me and hurt my team," St. Louis said. "We've talked among ourselves. We know what we have to rectify. And I know we'll come out and play a strong game."

The Lightning had their chances, but lacked finish during a game in which Fleury foiled Ryan Malone despite having his back to the play, and then made a diving arm save to stop Vincent Lecavalier in close.

Lightning coach Guy Boucher was more concerned about

guarding his team from frustration.

"There were enough scoring chances," Boucher said. "We know we're encountering an amazing goaltender, who can win a game by himself. But we also know there's a lot of instances where our guys weren't in the right place to make something happen."

With Fleury holding down the fort, the Penguins finally broke through as Alex Kovalev and Arron Asham scored 18 seconds apart during a three-goal third period in their first playoff game in their new home. As welcome as the victory was, the Penguins are aware they can't rely on Fleury alone.

"I don't think we shut them down," defenseman Ben Lovejoy said. "They had some good chances and Marc was awesome back there."

Penguins coach Dan Bylsma was concerned with how his defenders had difficulty containing the speedy and creative

Lightning forwards, who controlled much of the play in the first period.

"We're aware that they're a dangerous team," Bylsma said. "We still feel like we have to improve and get better at our game and prove we're a good team in this type of (playoff) setting."

The Penguins opened the playoffs the way they ended the regular season, adopting a defensive-first, opportunistic approach. The transformation was necessary after the team played the final half of the season without Sidney Crosby (concussion), and then lost Evgeni Malkin to a season-ending knee injury in February.

Pittsburgh's defense made up the difference, allowing 199 goals to finish fourth in the East.

After watching Game 1 from the coaching box, Crosby continued practicing with the team Thursday, but he's not been cleared for contact and there's no timetable on a return.

The Penguins have also adopt-

ed a physical style, which was apparent 90 seconds into Game 1 when defenseman Brooks Orpik rocked Lightning forward Steven Stamkos with a heavy hit in the corner.

"That was one of the biggest hits I've ever seen, especially against a player of that guy's caliber," Lovejoy said. "That really set the tone for our team."

Stamkos, after his playoff debut, shrugged off questions about the hit, and chalked it up as a learning experience.

"Although you want to perform right away," he said, "I think I can take a lot of things I can learn from that game that I can apply for the rest of the series."

Stamkos isn't alone. Eight other teammates made their playoff debuts. But St. Louis, who won the Stanley Cup with the Lightning in 2004, isn't worried about the team's lack of experience.

"Well, the first one's under their belt," he said "So, they know what to expect."

NFL

NFL players and owners head back to court for mediation

Associated Press

The NFL and its locked-out players launched a second round of mediation Thursday, this time under a court order to try and figure out a solution to their labor dispute.

Commissioner Roger Goodell, Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson and New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft were among those on hand for the closed-door session at the federal courthouse in Minneapolis.

NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith was joined by attorneys, linebackers Ben Leber and Mike Vrabel, as well as Hall of Fame defensive end Carl Eller. Smith greeted reporters as he approached the building, but he didn't respond to questions. Asked about his hope for the session as he hustled to the entrance, Vrabel smiled and joked that he just hoped he wasn't late.

The meeting stretched late into the afternoon and the two sides brought in sandwiches.

It was the first time the two sides have sat down to talk since March 11, when the old collective bargaining agreement expired, the union was dissolved to clear the way for a court fight and the NFL wound up with its first work stoppage since the monthlong strike in 1987.

With the lockout at 33 days and counting and the 2011 season in peril, U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur Boylan is overseeing this round of mediation. Sixteen days of mediated sessions in Washington failed to secure a new labor pact.

League officials, led by executive vice president Jeff Pash, met with Boylan for about five hours Wednesday. Lawyers for the players met with Boylan for about four hours Tuesday.

Goodell declined to comment as the group entered the courthouse. Pash said: "The only way we're going to get this whole set of issues resolved is by negotiating."

Eller said he was hopeful of progress.

"I'm a fan, too. We would like to ease their minds," Eller said.

Goodell stepped away from the session to join a teleconference with 5,300 Cleveland Browns season-ticket holders for 20 minutes. He would not characterize the negotiations, which are supposed to remain confidential, but did reiterate the importance of the sides getting together.

"I can tell you that it's a positive step when the parties are talking," he said. "We saw the March 11 proposal as responsive to issues raised by the players and there are many attractive elements in it. ... Our entire focus is on getting a deal done."

Goodell said the league hopes to release its schedule for next season within the next 10 days and plans to play "a full season." Goodell also said there are no plans to use replacement players as the league did in 1987 and that the Super Bowl in Indianapolis could be pushed back one week or the two-week gap after the conference championships could be shortened to one if necessary.

But Goodell's main message to fans was to assure them they would see the Browns play next season.

"We're going to make sure we have football, and more of it," he said.

Goodell held a similar session Wednesday with Dolphins season-ticket holders. During that call, he stressed the league's goal of keeping player costs under control and, in response to a question about financial transparency, said the NFL's disclosure has been "extraordinary." He insisted the players know "the revenue down to the penny," a reference to the union's push for the league to open the books.

"We want them to be informed," Goodell said. "We want to make sure they understand why we have the issues that we need to address."

The mediation is the first positive step in the dispute in more than a month, but the league and



Head of NFL Players Association DeMaurice Smith attends the second round of mediation between players and owners Thursday.

players still must agree on how to divide more than \$9 billion in annual revenue.

The owners initially wanted to double the money they get off the top for expenses from about \$1 billion to about \$2 billion, but that number dropped during the last round of mediation

Other major issues included benefits for retired players and the NFL's desire to stretch the regular season from 16 to 18

games. The NFL also wants to cut almost 60 percent of guaranteed pay for first-round draft picks, lock them in for five years and divert the savings to veterans' salaries and benefits.

More than \$525 million went to first-rounders in guaranteed payments in 2010. The league wants to decrease that figure by \$300 million, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

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## NHL

# Gionta scores twice to push Habs past Bruins

Associated Press

BOSTON — Carey Price saw the puck much better Thursday night than he did a year ago from the Montreal bench.

The Canadiens goalie posted his third postseason shutout after starting just one of his team's 19 playoff games last season, Brian Gionta scored twice and Montreal opened the series with a 2-0 win over the Boston Bruins.

"If we were able to write down on paper how we would have wanted to start the series this would have been it," Price said.

The tall netminder stopped 31 shots, few of them challenging and most with no Bruins in the slot to block his view.

"You need to take away his vision," Boston coach Claude Julien said. "We were all around the net but we weren't in front."

Game 2 of the best-of-seven series is Saturday night in Boston.

Price was a spectator for most of last year's playoffs, watching Jaroslav Halak carry the Canadiens to the Eastern Conference finals where they lost to the Philadelphia Flyers. But Halak was traded to the St. Louis Blues in June and Price regained the starting job he had lost at mid-season last year.

This season, he started 70 games.

"He was our most valuable player in the regular season and he gave us a chance to win every night," Montreal coach Jacques Martin said.

Price finished third in the NHL with eight shutouts, seventh with a .923 save percentage and 10th with a 2.35 goals against average. His eight shutouts ranked third. But Bruins goalie Tim Thomas was the best in the league with a 2.00 goals against average, a .938 save percentage and a .718 winning percentage and second with nine shutouts.

But Thomas couldn't do much to stop Gionta's goal at 2:44 of the first period on a pass from Scott Gomez from the left boards. Gionta and Mathieu Darche both got behind the Bruins defense with Darche directly in front of Thomas and Gionta on the right side of the crease. Darche let the puck go by and Gionta put it in between Thomas' left side and the post.

"I didn't know there was a guy at the back door," Thomas said. "I was playing the guy in front and it looked like he was the one that was going to pick it off, and by the time I realized that it got through him and over to Gionta he made a quick shot. If he holds it a half second more I can get over there."

Gomez also assisted on Gionta's other goal at 16:42 of the third period.

"Anytime in the playoffs you can take one on the road and it's the first one, that's big," Gomez said.

The game was played cleanly without any fights between the teams that had several physical confrontations during the regular season.

In Boston's 8-6 win at home on Feb. 9 there were 45 penalties for 182 minutes. On March 8 in Montreal, the Canadiens won 4-1, a victory overshadowed by Zdeno Chara's hard hit that drove Max Pacioretty into a stanchion between the team's benches. Pacioretty suffered a severe concussion and a cracked vertebra. Chara was penalized but not suspended by the NHL and Montreal police announced an investigation.

The Bruins dominated play for most of the last two periods, but it

was a disappointing playoff start after a disastrous end to their postseason last year. They won the first three games over the Flyers in the Eastern Conference semifinals. But Philadelphia forced a seventh game in which it rallied from a 3-0 deficit to a 4-3 victory.

One of the Bruins best stretches Thursday came after killing a penalty midway through the second period. They fired numerous shots at Price, several stopped by Montreal players before reaching the net.

At 11:45 of the period, Patrice Bergeron had a clear shot from 15 feet on the left but put it into Price's midsection.

Price's outstanding performance was a major change from his last two games in Boston in which he allowed 13 goals. He let in all of Boston's goals in the 8-6 loss 9 and five in a 7-0 loss on March 24.

"Things that happen in the regular season don't necessarily happen in the playoffs because it costs a lot more," Price said. "Teams are playing differently."

He also was the losing goalie in all four games in the opening playoff round in 2009 when Boston swept Montreal, but he was sharp on Thursday.

"He's a great player and will come up big when we need and that's why everybody on the team believes in him," Gionta said.

The Bruins may have lost home ice advantage in the series but it's just one defeat.

"Who said it was frustrating?" Chara said. "I think we did a lot of good things. We just couldn't score a goal."

## Sabers 1, Flyers 0

Ryan Miller stopped a shot from his knees and with six players in the crease. He saved one with Buffalo down two men. Any way Philadelphia tried to attack him, Miller never buckled.

He was perfect in net and the Sabres took quick control of the series.

Miller stopped 35 shots for his second career postseason shutout and Patrick Kaleta scored to lift the Buffalo Sabres to a win over the Philadelphia Flyers in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference playoff series Thursday night.

"It's important to establish that we can skate with these guys," Miller said. "We like where we're at, but that team over there has a lot of fight, and we'll have to be ready for them."

Miller stopped every shot under all types of pressure and carried the Sabres to the clutch opening win. The teams have met eight times in the postseason and the Game 1 winner won the series each time.

Kaleta snapped the scoreless tie early in the third period when he powered a rebound past rookie Sergei Bobrovsky.

No team was more resilient in last year's playoffs than the Flyers. They trailed Boston 3-0 in the East semifinals before taking the series and playing until a Game 6 loss to Chicago in the Stanley Cup finals.

Game 2 is Saturday in Philadelphia.

The Sabres - 10 points out of a playoffs spot on Jan. 17 - cracked the scoreless tie 5:56 into the third period on Kaleta's second career postseason goal.

Buffalo won a fight for the puck along the boards and dumped it across the zone to Marc-Andre Gagnani. He fired a slapper from the top of the circle and Kaleta knocked in the rebound from the low slot for the 1-0 lead.

Kaleta, denied earlier in the game on a rebound, was healthy enough to play at a perfect time after missing most of the last month of the season with a bruised knee.

Miller was flawless from there and the Sabres - the hottest team in the Eastern Conference since Jan. 1 - kept rolling in the postseason.

Once a rowdy and devastating home-ice advantage, Philadelphia continues to struggle at the Wells Fargo Center. The Flyers dropped six straight games at home before snapping that streak in the season finale. They now have a Game 1 loss after dropping Game 6 of the Stanley Cup finals here last season.

Miller was the reason for their latest loss.

"I tried to stay contained, stay cool," Miller said. "I know, in the first period, that it didn't always look that way. But I knew I'd get some help around me."

The Flyers attacked the net with a barrage of shots that went nowhere except straight into Miller. The former MVP of the Olympics stopped Kimmo Timonen on a slapper midway through the second period when the Flyers held a 5-on-3 edge.

Flyers coach Peter Laviolette called timeout when the Flyers had 34 seconds of a two-man power play.

They came up empty on a power play that has failed them down the stretch.

"It's a momentum killer," Flyers defenseman Matt Carle said. "I think it was the turning point."

It wasn't the only wasted opportunity. The Flyers went 0 for 5 on the power play and missed 11 shots.

The Sabres stuffed the crease and the puck had no chance of finding the back of the net. With the aid of the stout defense, Miller stopped 16 shots in the second period.

"Bob was good. Ryan was even better," Flyers center Danny Briere said. "There will be nights like that. If we keep playing like we did tonight, we'll be in good shape."



Canadiens left wing Mathieu Darche celebrates a goal by teammate Brian Gionta during their 2-0 first round win over the Bruins Thursday.

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# Prosecutors weigh options after Bonds trial

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — After years of investigation, three weeks of trial and millions of dollars spent pursuing Barry Bonds, federal prosecutors were back where they started Thursday — deciding whether to try to prove the home run king's records were built with steroids and lies.

On Wednesday, the jury that was to finally decide whether Bonds deceived a grand jury in 2003 when he denied knowingly using performance-enhancing drugs instead left the issue deeply unresolved.

The panel of eight women and four men convicted Bonds of obstructing justice but deadlocked on the three charges at the heart of the government's perjury case, including two counts of lying about the use of steroids and human growth hormone. U.S. District Judge Susan Illston declared a mistrial on those three charges.

Now, prosecutors must weigh whether to spend still more money, and staff time, conducting another trial. They typically take into account a hung jury's vote when making such a call, but legal analysts warn that the Bonds trial was very different from the typical criminal case and the usual practices don't apply to such a high-profile defendant.

What's more, the jury's vote on the deadlocked counts were inconsistent. A majority of jurors voted to acquit Bonds on the drug-related charges while voting 11-1 to convict him of lying about never receiving injections from anyone but his doctor.

Further, the judge who would preside over the new trial has been showing impatience with a case that reaches back to Dec. 4, 2003. That's the day Bonds testified

before a grand jury investigating an international sports doping ring centered at the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, also known as BALCO.

Amid the confusion and frustration of Wednesday's muddled verdict, Illston sharply cut off Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Parrella's argument that the government need not decide immediately about a new trial.

"The trial is over and we don't need any more speeches," she said.

It wasn't the first time she displayed displeasure with the prosecution during the trial — and the more than three years Bonds has been under indictment.

But the judge did agree that prosecutors could decide later about a new trial. She set a May 20 hearing to discuss that issue and to schedule a sentencing date for Bonds.

An obvious calculation will be whether it's worth the effort.

Vermont Law School professor Michael McCann and others who followed the trial said it's impossible to put an exact dollar figure on the government's expenditure in pursuit of Bonds. The government doesn't do its accounting on a per-defendant basis. Still, it's clear the figure is substantial, he said.

"The government has spent millions of dollars and hours and is being questioned over whether that time and money could have been better spent elsewhere," said McCann, who specializes in sports law. "There's also a fatigue factor setting in."

Indeed, outside pressure is mounting. Rep. Jack Kingston of Georgia recently questioned at a congressional hearing whether top BALCO investigator Jeff Novitzky was motivated by trying to bring down a celebrity.

"What bothers me is that you've got a very powerful federal government that has the money and time and resources to ruin someone's reputation," Kingston told The Associated Press after the verdict. "Why did it take eight years to get to this point on Barry Bonds? And with all the problems we've got, why are we sitting here at the end of an eight-year investigation?"

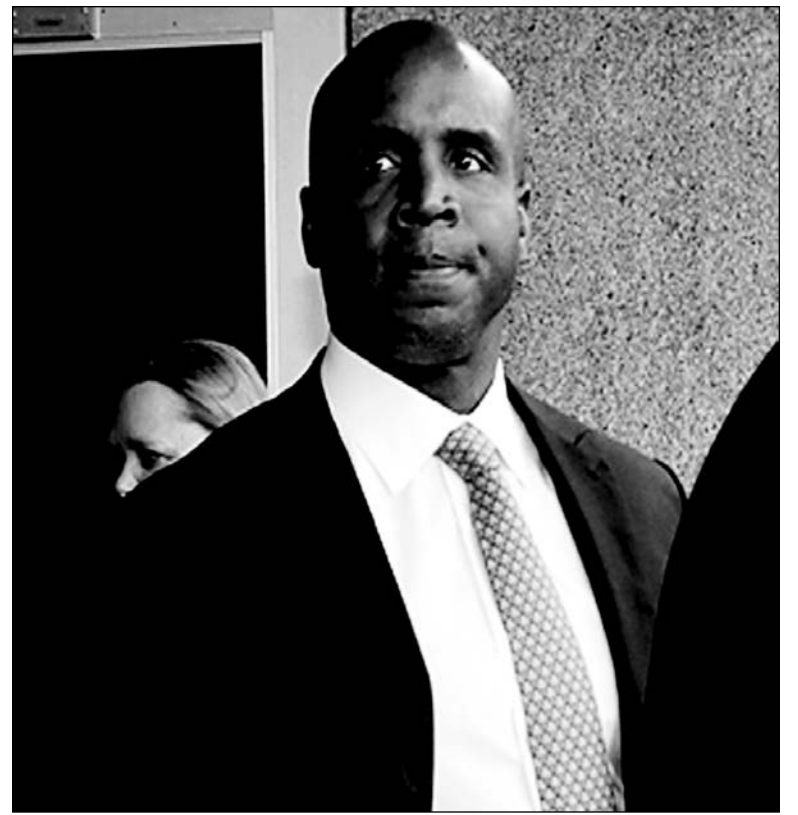
Analysts and observers are split over the wisdom of a retrial, with U.S. Attorney Melinda Haag only saying in a written statement that a decision would be made as soon as possible.

"A retrial is warranted," said Stanford University law professor William Gould, who as chair of the National Labor Relations Board cast the decisive vote to end the baseball strike of the 1990s. "At a minimum, they should retry Bonds on his injection testimony."

Gould said that the "the government was fighting with one hand behind its back" because Bonds' former personal trainer Greg Anderson refused to testify. Prosecutors allege Anderson supplied Bonds with performance-enhancing drugs, but the judge excluded that evidence from the trial because the trainer wouldn't take the witness stand. Anderson spent the duration of the trial in prison on contempt charges and his lawyer Mark Geragos said he will never testify against Bonds.

"The government will be satisfied with the one felony conviction," said defense attorney William Keane, "especially given the hurdle they had to overcome because of Anderson."

Keane represented former track coach Trevor Graham, who was charged with three counts of lying to BALCO investigators. After a trial in



Former MLB all-star Barry Bonds exits the courtroom after being convicted of obstruction of justice Wednesday in San Francisco.

front of Illston, a jury found Graham guilty on one charge but deadlocked on two others. Illston declared a mistrial on those two charges, which prosecutors dropped in July 2008 after Graham agreed not to appeal his conviction.

Keane said he doubted the government would offer Bonds a similar deal — or that Bonds would agree to such an arrangement.

"There's been too much baggage," Keane said.

Bonds attorney Dennis Riordan is already contesting the obstruction charge. Riordan on Wednesday asked Illston to toss out the guilty verdict on several grounds. The judge will rule on the request later, after both sides submit legal arguments.

At least eight of the 12 jurors said prosecutors failed

to show that Bonds knew he was taking steroids and human growth hormone. Prosecutors must also wrestle with jurors who pointed to credibility gaps with a trio of key government witnesses — Bonds' ex-business partner Steve Hoskins and ex-mistress Kimberly Bell, both of whom came off as somewhat bitter, and Bonds' personal shopper, Kathy Hoskins, who is Steve's sister.

Jury foreman Fred Jacob of Marin City said it would take more evidence than prosecutors presented to convict Bonds on those remaining charges.

"This cost the citizens a lot of money to bring him to court," Jacob said. "They're going to have to even do more homework than they already did."

## ND WOMEN'S GOLF

## Irish squad feels confident approaching Collegiate Classic

By LAURA COLETTI

Sports Writer

Senior captain Katie Conway and the Irish have been rigorously training all week and will travel to Palm Harbor, Fla., Sunday with their sights set on bringing home the 2011 Big East tournament title.

The Irish placed eighth in their last outing, the highly competitive Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic. Freshman standout Nicole Zhang finished in a team-best 15th place in the individual field.

"The team is feeling really confident going into Big East this week," Conway said. "At the University of Georgia's

tournament, we beat a lot of top-25 teams."

The team will be striving for a balanced attack in order to score consistently, Conway said.

"Each of us has delivered at key moments in the season, and we are looking to build off of those experiences in the championship," she said. "We're favored to win, which can add an extra element of pressure, but we've been prepar-

ing all season for this and we know we're ready."

The eight teams in the field were paired on a random-draw basis, with Notre Dame drawing a No. 2 seed. The Irish will tee off against No. 1 Seton Hall and No. 3 Georgetown on Sunday morning. Rutgers, Louisville, St. John's and Cincinnati round out the field.

The three-day tournament consists of three 18-hole

*"The team is feeling really confident going into Big East this week. At the University of Georgia tournament, we beat a lot of top-25 teams."*

**Katie Conway**  
senior captain

rounds. Each team's lineup consists of five golfers, with the top four scores from each round counting towards the team's score for each day of play.

"Our biggest rival is Louisville," Conway said. "[The Cardinals have] won the past two years and have been playing well recently. While we are ranked higher, we're going to all need to play well and come together as a team to earn back the title of reigning Big East champion. Our goal is not only to win, but to score as low as we can to build some more momentum and confidence as we look toward NCAA regionals."

Notre Dame finished third

in a seven-team field in the 2010 Big East championships. They have captured the title three times in the past 10 years, most recently in 2009.

Conway and fellow senior So-Hyun Park will be looking to finish their Big East careers on a high note.

"For So-Hyun and I, this is our final Big East tournament," Conway said. "We are the only ones on the team with a Big East championship ring, and we want our underclassmen to have rings, too. We want to finish off our play at Notre Dame in the same way we started."

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish face Big East opponent



Irish sophomore outfielder Kelsey Thornton slides safely into second base during Notre Dame's 8-0 victory over Loyola at Melissa Cook Stadium Apr. 13.

By JACK YUSKO  
Sports Writer

After a full week of games, the Irish will play three more this weekend against Big East opponent Louisville. Notre Dame comes into the series with a 12 game winning streak and an undefeated 5-0 record in conference play.

The Irish (29-7) have Thursday and Friday to practice before a doubleheader Saturday and a single game Sunday. Freshman pitcher Laura Winters said that the team has been using this opportunity to hone their skills.

"Our focus has just been on keeping the fundamentals strong and not getting overwhelmed," Winters said. "We need to keep up the game we have been playing and not worry about anything else."

Louisville (31-11) just had a 12 game winning streak broken, is

9-2 in conference play and looks to bring some of the stiffest competition the Irish have seen. However, the players are determined to treat this game like any other, regardless of Louisville's performance or record.

"All we have to do is go into the game thinking Louisville will have their best game and that we need to bring our best as well," Winters said.

With Big East standings on the line, these games become even more crucial for rankings and important to the players themselves. Notre Dame has fewer conference wins than Louisville, and this series has the potential to make or break the Irish goal of winning the Big East.

The players are treating this weekend as an opportunity to make a statement about their play and competitiveness for the postseason.

"Playing our game will be very important," Winters said. "If they

aren't as strong of a team as we expect, we need to come out and bury them. If they are, we will be prepared to fight it out."

The Irish will be participating in more than just this three game series against Louisville, as the team is hosting Strike Out Cancer, an event that raises both money and awareness for cancer patients.

The event is especially poignant this year as the squad will stand beside Irish coach Deanna Gumpf's five year old daughter, Tatum, who was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia last summer. Money raised will be donated to the pediatric oncology wing of the South Bend Memorial Children's Hospital.

Notre Dame hosts Louisville Saturday at noon and 2 p.m. and again Sunday at noon.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles return home to take on Adrian

By MATT UNGER  
Sports Writer

Following a 2-1 road trip, Saint Mary's will try to continue its recent winning ways with its first home match in ten days against Adrian College.

The Belles (10-6, 3-2 MIAA) are winners of eight of their past 11 matches, due in large part to their strong singles play. This strength was evident in their last match against Alma College April 12. After losing two of three doubles matches, the Belles dominated singles play, with all six players tallying wins. In addition, the Belles singles' players did not lose a single set to Alma.

Saturday's opponent, Adrian College (5-9, 2-4), is headed in the opposite direction than the Belles in the standings after dropping three straight contests in conference play, including an 8-1 road defeat to MIAA foe Calvin College Thursday.

However, Bulldogs' junior Sarah Brooks, who normally plays No. 5 singles, will pose a challenge with her 8-6 record, as she leads Adrian in singles wins. Brooks' likely opponent will be Belles' senior Kate Grabarek.

Brooks has also been domi-

nant in No. 3 doubles play when paired with sophomore partner Jordenne Ferenczi, as the duo holds a 9-2 record, which includes the Bulldogs' only match win against Calvin.

However, the Belles' No. 3 doubles tandem of senior Jessica Kosinski and freshman Mary Catherine Faller has been their most consistent doubles' pair in what has been the team's overall weakness. The pair is 6-1 on the season.

The Bulldogs' weaknesses this season have been magnified in No. 1 and No. 2 singles and doubles play, as the squad is a mere 12-44 in those categories. In No. 1 singles play, Saint Mary's senior Jillian Hurley will take on Adrian senior Katelyn Simcina, while Kosinski will face Adrian junior Shelby Kruszewski in No. 2 singles.

With a win against the Bulldogs, The Belles will guarantee themselves a winning regular season record for the second straight season. Following Saturday's match, the team only has three matches remaining before the MIAA tournament commences on Friday, April 29.

Play begins Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Saint Mary's tennis courts.

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SMC GOLF

Saint Mary's seeks tournament berth

By JACK HEFFERON  
Sports Writer

No. 9 Saint Mary's will need to repeat history if it hopes to win an MIAA playoff berth and automatically qualify for another NCAA tournament.

The Belles competed Thursday in Marshall, Mich. in the first round of the MIAA NCAA qualifier, a tournament in which they have a history of success. Last year, they overcame a deficit after shooting a first round 333, winning the tournament by eight strokes over Olivet College. That win automatically qualified Saint Mary's for the NCAA championships, where it posted an impressive fourth place finish.

This year, the Belles once again find themselves in an early deficit in the tournament. With another opening score of 333, they sit in second place, twelve strokes behind first round leader Olivet. While Saint Mary's script may be setting itself up in the same fairy tale fashion, Belles senior captain Mary Kate Boyce said she would rather not play the underdog again.

"Everyone played just about average today," Boyce said. "But in a qualifier like this, that's not going to be good enough. There was a little wind out there, but conditions were fine, and now we'll have to play from behind."

Part of the reason for the Comets' successful 321 first

round was their familiarity with the course. The nearly 7,000-yard host site, The Medalist Golf Club, has been Olivet's home course for years. Boyce, however, refused to accept "home-field advantage" as an excuse.


"It's their home course, but we've played there a couple of times, as well," Boyce said. "We both played pretty consistently today, they were just consistently a little better."

Despite the seemingly bleak outlook, there were several bright spots for the Belles. One such highlight was the outstanding play of junior Natalie Matuszak. Her 9-over-par 81 was the second best individual score in the entire tournament.

Even more promising for the Belles is the fact that they will return to their home course, Blackthorne Golf Club, for the final two rounds of the qualifier from April 29-30. With a familiar eighteen holes ahead and another two weeks to prepare, the Belles believe they have an opportunity to take the lead and qualify for the NCAA championships once again.

"I like our chances to rally at home," Boyce said. "We need to get after it in practice, and then we need to get a lead on that first day. Everyone's going to have to cut out a few more strokes, but I think that we have a great shot if we can get that good start."

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**Irish senior Connor Alan-Lee chips a shot during Notre Dame's victory in the Battle at the Warren Apr. 12.**

# Kubinski

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excited," Kubinski said. "They are looking forward to it."

The Irish are coming off of their only tournament victory of the spring Tuesday as they won the Battle at the Warren, played at Notre Dame's own Warren Golf Course.

Kubinski described his team's eight stroke victory as its best golf of the spring. "We've been trying all season to get back to the level we were at in the fall, and this was definitely a huge step in the right direction," Kubinski said.

The win was especially important for the Irish given the loss of No. 1 golfer Tom Usher, who broke his hand earlier this week while weightlifting. Kubinski tapped senior Connor Alan-Lee to replace Usher in the group of five who will be competing at the Big East championship. Kubinski's vote of confidence in Alan-Lee as the lone senior in the

top five reflects both Alan-Lee's strong recent performances and the need for leadership at the upcoming meet. Kubinski, however, said he is not worried about his team's relative inexperience.

"I'll take talent over experience any day of the week," Kubinski said. "And I feel that we're definitely the most talented team in the tournament."

Notre Dame, in addition to Alan-Lee, will send juniors Max Scodro and Chris Walker, sophomore Paul McNamara and freshman Niall Platt into the tournament, which

counts only the top four scores for each team. The Irish rank almost a full 50 spots above Louisville, the next highest Big East team, and Kubinski said their biggest competition will be themselves.

"If we play well, we will win," Kubinski said. "There's not a doubt in my mind."

The Big East championship will begin Saturday at the Innisbrook Resort in Palm Harbor, Fla.

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*"If we play well, we will win. There's not a doubt in my mind."*

**Jim Kubinski**  
Irish coach

## WOMEN'S ROWING

# Team travels to Invitational

By CORY BERNARD  
Sports Writer

After his team's varsity eight-boats raced poorly in their last regatta, Irish coach Martin Stone verbalized his disappointment to the squad.

If Notre Dame was looking for an easy victory to get back on track, it will not find it Saturday.

In addition to the Irish, a handful of nationally-ranked teams will be competing in the Lake Natoma Invitational in Gold River, Calif., Saturday and Sunday. The event is co-hosted by Sacramento State and California at the Sacramento State Aquatic Center. The Golden Bears have finished first at the last two Lake Natoma Invitationals.

Notre Dame will face No. 4 California and Oregon State Saturday morning before facing

off against No. 5 Stanford and Sacramento State later that afternoon. Sunday morning race times depend on Saturday results.

Stone said he expects tough competition from each of the schools the Irish will face.

"With Cal and Stanford, we expect a good race," he said.

"Also, Oregon State is a very strong program and Sacramento State will be on their home course."

Notre Dame's squad will be making the program's first appearance at the invitational. Other top teams competing in Gold River include No. 6 Brown and No. 10 Wisconsin. The Irish faced the Badgers during their

first event of the season at the Head of the Rock Regatta in October. Overall, Wisconsin topped Notre Dame that fall day.

Stone said his team is ready to race and excited to be included in such a competitive field.

"We're very excited, so we'll see how it goes," he said. "I think we prepared well, and we're excited to get into Lake Natoma."

Tennessee and Central Florida round out the nine-team field, which boasts competitors from every region of the country.

Competition is set to start Saturday in Gold River.

*"I think we prepared well, and we're excited to get into Lake Natoma."*

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## SMC SOFTBALL

# Belles look for second MIAA win

By KATIE HEIT  
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Saint Mary's, having recently broken a four-game losing streak against Franklin, will now try to keep up the momentum as it takes on Olivet College in a doubleheader Saturday.

Though the Belles are just 1-5 in MIAA conference play, coach Erin Sullivan said she has confidence in her squad.

"We need to hit the way we did in game two on Tuesday," Sullivan said. "The team had a lot of confidence and came back with a fire I haven't seen since we played Adrian on Saturday and won."

Sullivan said she anticipates a strong effort from the Comets, who need a win

against Saint Mary's to secure their first conference victory.

"They always play hard and know they are in a must-win situation for our conference," Sullivan said. "Olivet is scrappy and never goes down without a fight."

The Belles have won their last four contests against Olivet, including two close contents against the Comets in 2010. Saint Mary's won that pair of matchups 5-4 and 8-5.

Sullivan said she is looking for her team to play up to the potential she has seen both early on in the season and in the Belles' comeback game against Franklin April 12.

"My goal is to see them play 14 innings of softball,"

Sullivan said. "Not just seven, or 10, or even 13. I want to see the same team I saw come back from a bad loss in our first game on Tuesday, the one that dug deep and believed in themselves."

Sullivan said she is eager to see her team prove that they have the drive that other teams lack.

"It's not about the pitching and hitting at this point of the season," Sullivan said. "It's about who wants it more. I believe in them and I know how badly they want to win."

The Belles will take the field against Olivet at home Saturday at 1 p.m.

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## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Irish gear up for Marquette

By MEGAN FINNERAN  
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Last weekend the No. 22 Irish learned the importance of playing a match all the way through, as Northwestern overcame Notre Dame's initial 3-0 lead by taking the final four singles matches to win 4-3 overall. This weekend, Notre Dame will try to learn from its mistakes as the team prepares to face Marquette.

"Northwestern was a tough match to lose because we were up and we lost all three set matches," junior Kristy Frilling said. "We know we can beat these [upcoming] teams and I think our best tennis is ahead of us."

The Golden Eagles (17-7) are in the midst of a seven-match winning streak, with their No. 1 doubles pair of

seniors Rachael Hush and Christina Ruiz carrying 11 straight wins and a 21-3 record overall. Junior Irish duo Frilling and Shannon Mathews will try to end that streak, as the pair has turned in 13 consecutive wins.

Despite a lower season winning percentage, the Irish have seen more success than the Golden Eagles in all three matches this year against common opponents.

The Irish (11-9) beat Wisconsin and Indiana by the score of 6-1, both of which defeated the Golden Eagles in dual-meet competition. The final commonality, USF, came out on top against both teams, but the 5-2 win over the Irish was less impressive than the 7-0 sweep of the Golden Eagles.

Frilling said her team knows just how vital the last few contests of the reg-

ular season are as the Irish head into postseason play.

"These last regular season matches are important for us as we head into [the]conference [championships]," Frilling said. "I think we are all really excited for the Big East and NAAs, and we all just need to keep working hard."

Notre Dame will look to No. 5 Frilling at the No. 1 singles spot, No. 64 Mathews at the No. 2 and No. 95 freshman Jennifer Kellner at the No. 3 slot. Kellner contributed one of only two singles wins last week against Northwestern when she defeated sophomore Kate Turvy 6-3, 6-1.

The Irish will take on the Golden Eagles Sunday in Milwaukee, Wisc., at 10 a.m.

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a little bit of an edge but they are an up-and-coming team that has given some top programs a scare.”

Notre Dame’s 12-7 loss to the No. 13 Orange was preceded by a 15-4 domination of Villanova Friday. Over the weekend, four different Irish players scored in both contests, including senior attack Ansley Stewart, who chipped in four goals and two assists across the pair of games.

Junior attack Maggie Tamasisit also extended her point streak to 30 games, making her just the fifth player in program history to reach the 30-game plateau.

“Her best asset is field vision. She can see plays develop ahead of time and is able to set teammates up,” Coyne said of Tamasisit. “She’s also very sneaky around the cage for goals.”

Tamasisit, however, is not the only one with a streak.

Connecticut junior attack M.E. Lapham carries a 34-game goal streak into Saturday’s game against the Irish. In those 34 games, Lapham has scored nearly 100 goals, making her a dangerous threat. Huskies freshman attack Lauren Kahn has been impressive as well, tallying 31 goals and 10 assists. The potent duo has accounted for 41 percent of Connecticut’s points, posing a challenge to nearly

every conference foe it has faced.

“We played really well defensively against Syracuse, especially in the second half,” Coyne said. “We’ve made some adjustments but we’ll use a similar scheme [tomorrow].”

Building a stone wall in front of Lapham and Kahn will be senior defender Jackie Doherty and sophomore goalie Ellie Hilling. Doherty, a preseason All-American and All-Big East selection, leads the Irish with 34 ground balls and 28 caused turnovers while

Hilling is coming off a career-best performance. In the loss to Syracuse, Hilling, who has played all but 12 minutes this season, made a career-high 14 saves.

With only four Big East games remaining, each conference game

gains importance as teams vie for one of just four spots in the conference tournament. The Irish currently sit in fourth place, just half a game in front of fifth-place Louisville.

“It’s a huge game. We want to be in the tournament. It’s not an option not to [make the tournament],” Coyne said. “We also want to finish the season with 10 or more wins again.”

With vital conference seeding on the line, familiar foes Notre Dame and Connecticut will meet at Arlotta Stadium tomorrow at noon.

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Tracy Coyne  
Irish coach



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Irish sophomore midfielder Pat Cotter sheds a defender during Notre Dame’s 7-6 win over Georgetown at home Apr. 10.

## St. John’s

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Randall said. “You have a whole week to prepare. There is really no reason to take a day lightly.”

For the Irish, preparation leading up to each game consists mainly of fine-tuning their own play rather than adjusting to the opposition’s, and this week has been no exception.

“We certainly prepare for the other team but we do not concentrate on the other team, we concentrate on our team, and we will continue to do that,” Corrigan said. “If we are worried about beating St. John’s today, then we are making a mistake. We need to worry about what is on our plate today, and that is correcting the things we need to correct with ourselves and working on becoming a better team.”

Already one of the nation’s top teams, Notre Dame’s attention to detail is sure to make it even more formidable in the final games of the regular season and likely deep into the postseason.

The Irish are focusing especially on perfecting an offense that has shown flashes of brilliance but which has, at times, failed to impress.

“Offensively, we have just got to be more efficient,” Corrigan said. “We have had a combination of too many empty possessions and too many turnovers – [it] is making it hard on our offense. I think we have made some progress and I think we have a lot of potential offensively, but we have got to start finishing our opportunities and just be a little bit smarter with the ball.”

Even Notre Dame’s strpmg defense, which ranks second nationally with an average of only 6.13 goals surrendered per game, is called on to improve every week.

“Defensively, there is always room for improvement,” Randall said. “We gave up six goals last week, and I know a lot of teams would be happy with that, but we watched film and we realized that there are definitely still a lot of things that we can do better.”

The anchor of the Notre Dame

defense, sophomore goalie John Kemp was named Big East Player of the Week for his performance against Georgetown last weekend, a game in which he recorded 12 saves. Kemp has filled in admirably for graduated All-American Scott Rodgers and ranks second in the nation in save percentage (.626) and third in goals against average (6.13).

“Last year we had Scotty, who was really good, so it is just really nice knowing that there has not been a drop off at all,” Randall said. “John is extremely calm. He is definitely not rattled at all — it is just great to have someone so confident in net.”

With all the pieces in place, the Irish should continue to improve as a team, Randall said.

“I just think as we play more together we will just continue to grow and understand each other, and that will help us become a better team,” he said.

The Irish look to continue moving in the right direction when they face off against St. John’s Saturday at 7 p.m.

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# Dupra

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The Saturday and Sunday games will feature senior right-handers Cole Johnson and Todd Miller on the hill for Notre Dame. Though none of the three weekend starters have a standout record, they all carry ERAs of below four into the weekend, an indication of the consistent pitching the Irish have put together.

“The pitching has been great all season, pretty much,” senior third baseman Greg Sherry said. “They’ve done a great job and it’s been nice.”

The staff will face its toughest test of the conference slate thus far in a Mountaineer lineup that enters the weekend with a .312 team batting average, a mark that dwarfs Notre Dame’s .243 team mark. The Mountaineers (20-14, 6-3) feature strong hitting from one through nine in the lineup, with seven hitters in their regular lineup hitting over .300 on the season. Designated hitter Jeremy Gum, who represents one of the top bats in the entire conference, anchors the West Virginia bats. The senior is

batting .364 on the year and has clubbed three homeruns and a triple, in addition to 11 doubles — a mark good enough for third in the conference.

The Mountaineers’ strong offensive history suggests Notre Dame will likely have to improve upon its early-season offensive struggles. However, the offense, which has averaged four runs per game, broke out in Notre Dame’s last contest for a 14-run outburst Sunday against Connecticut. Sherry said the offense is rounding into form.

“The hitters are starting to get their timing, we’ve been working hard,” he said. “Coach Aoki has been preaching living in the right-centerfield gap. It’s helped us the last two or three weeks and made us better hitters. I think we’re going to get it rolling, we’re starting to play confidently. If the pitching continues at the level [it’s] at, we’re going to be tough to beat.”

First pitch is slated for Friday at 7 p.m. in a game to be televised nationally on ESPNU. Play will resume on Saturday at 4:05 p.m. and the series finale is set for Sunday at 1:05 p.m.

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senior third baseman



### Marketing and the Common Good: A Symposium April 18-19, 2011

The Department of Marketing will host a Symposium on Marketing and the Common Good, on April 18-19, beginning at 8:30 AM, in the Oak Room on the Notre Dame campus.

The Symposium will explore the tendency of marketing to ramify far beyond simple economic exchange, into the realms of ethics and moral economy, into issues of public policy, and into practices of accommodation and resistance to consumer culture.

Discussion will build upon the research tradition of the Mendoza College Department of Marketing, which is to discover fundamental insights into marketplace behavior and to apply those insights in the service of more enlightened managerial practice, consumption and public policy initiatives.

The event will feature presentations by faculty members and marketing practitioners, and will examine such topics as consumer sentiment, sustainability, cultures of consumption, distribution of firearms, slotting fees, organ donation, globalization, truth telling in marketing, normative concerns, and managerial viewpoints of marketing in society. A marketing perspective of *Caritas in Veritate* will also be considered. Presentations will be cogent, and discussion time ample, to encourage a participatory atmosphere among all in attendance.

All members of the university are invited to attend, and the event is open to the public. Presentation times and titles will be available at [http://business.nd.edu/Marketing/Marketing\\_and\\_the\\_Common\\_Good\\_Symposium/](http://business.nd.edu/Marketing/Marketing_and_the_Common_Good_Symposium/), and will be posted on flyers around campus. The Symposium is staged under the umbrella of the Notre Dame Forum, and funded by the Mendoza College of Business.







MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Scott announces decision to enter NBA draft

Observer Staff Report

Irish senior forward Carleton Scott announced his declaration for the NBA Draft Wednesday night after the 2011 men's basketball awards' banquet. Scott has one year of eligibility remaining, and did not sign a contract with an agent, so he can remove himself from the draft after pre-draft workouts and return for his final sea-

son of eligibility. If Scott is to return to the Irish, he must declare such before May 8.

"I declared last week but I'm not going to sign an agent," Scott told IrishIllustrated.com. "We'll just see how the process works out and then go from there."

The last Irish player to declare early for the draft was Luke Harangody, who declared after his junior sea-

son only to rescind his declaration and return for his final season. Scott said that he plans to talk to Harangody to discuss the former Irish star's thought process.

"I called [Harangody]," Scott said to Irish Illustrated. "I haven't talked to him. I've tried to talk to him just to pick his brain and see how he went through the whole process."

Scott also talked to Irish

coach Mike Brey before making the decision.

"I talked to coach and got his blessing on it," Scott said. "He thought it was a pretty good idea just seeing how that option goes."

Brey downplayed Scott's decision.

"I think it's an official way to get feedback on status," Brey said. "It opens up the channels to officially be able to get the feedback instead of

trying to do it, if he doesn't put his name out there through an agent and through a third party. We've been very good at circumventing that."

Scott averaged 11.2 points, 7.4 rebounds, and 1.9 blocks per game in Notre Dame's 2010-2011 season as part of a senior-heavy rotation that carried the Irish to a No. 2 seed in the NCAA tournament.

MEN'S BASEBALL

# Climbing the mountain

*Pitching staff to be tested against WV*

By CHRIS ALLEN  
Sports Writer

Something will have to give in Notre Dame's weekend series with West Virginia as the Big East's top offense goes head-to-head with the stalwart Irish pitching staff in a three-game set.

Notre Dame (13-16-1, 4-5) enters the game with one of the top pitching staffs in the Big East, but will be put to the test against the Mountaineer lineup. The Irish lead the conference in fewest walks, wild pitches and hit batters and rank third in ERA with a miniscule 2.92 staff mark. Senior captain and right-hander Brian Dupra will start in the weekend opener, as he does every week, against undefeated West Virginia left-hander Marshall Thompson.

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Irish sophomore infielder Frank DeSico attempts to turn a double play during Notre Dame's 14-4 win over Connecticut Apr. 10.

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MEN'S GOLF

# Irish to tee off against Hoyas

By CONOR KELLY  
Sports Writer

One year ago the Irish finished second to Georgetown in a playoff at the Big East championship in Palm Harbor, Fla. The loss has served as a motivating factor for Notre Dame all year, its goal being to return to the Big East championship for another shot at the title.

It seems only appropriate then that the Irish have been paired with the Hoyas for the first round in this year's tournament. While the pairings are random, coach Jim Kubinski said he thinks the matchup is good for his team.

"When I found out and told the guys that we were paired with Georgetown on the first day, they all were pretty

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

# Squad faces familiar foes

By MATT DEFRANKS  
Sports Writer

On the heels of a disappointing loss to Big East rival Syracuse, the Irish will look to bounce back tomorrow against a familiar opponent: Connecticut.

The Huskies (6-5, 0-3 Big East) and the Irish have met 12 times during the Notre Dame lacrosse program's brief 14-year history. The Irish have claimed victory over Connecticut 10 times, making the Huskies the most-defeated foe by the Irish.

"Both schools are going after top talent that fit the Universities," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "We have

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Irish senior midfielder Kaitlin Keena runs past a defender during Notre Dame's 14-11 loss to Northwestern Feb. 19.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

# No. 2 Irish look to defend perfect record

By JOSEPH MONARDO  
Sports Writer

Having emerged unscathed from hotly-contested home games against Big East opponents in their two most recent outings, the Irish will have to defend their undefeated record once again when they welcome St. John's to Arlotta Stadium.

On Saturday, No. 2 Notre Dame (8-0, 3-0 Big East) will host St. John's (4-6, 2-1 Big East) under the lights in the stadium's second-ever night game. Though the Red Storm carry a losing record into the matchup, the Irish coaching staff realizes that its opponent will nevertheless present a challenge.

"St. John's is like so many teams out there right now — they have got a lot of good players, they are very well coached, and they play extremely hard," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "The challenge does not change for us. We are going to play another good team that is dangerous and very capable of beating us."

Taking their coach's lead, the Irish are doing all they can to ensure they do not overlook St. John's and show up ready to play come game time.

"Every team has a lot of talented guys, so I know it is cliché, but every game you could easily lose," junior defense Kevin

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# IRISH INSIDER

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2011 — BLUE-GOLD GAME — THE OBSERVER

WHO  
WILL  
IT BE

DAYNE CRIST?  
TOMMY REES?  
ANDREW HENDRIX?  
EVERETT GOLSON?



## COMMENTARY

# ND will win, but it does not matter

This weekend thousands of Notre Dame fans and alumni will descend upon campus to watch a football game. Thousands of Notre Dame fans, alumni, students and even those who despise the Irish will post tens of thousands of messages on forums about a football game.

Thousands will forget one crucial fact about this weekend's game: It doesn't matter. At all.

Yes, the 82nd annual Blue-Gold Game will give promising early enrollees and underclassmen opportunities to shine in front of the coaching staff. Yes, this spring football game could shed some light on the pecking order of Irish quarterbacks for next season. And yes, Saturday's performance could sway some recruits toward the Golden Dome.

But really, this game doesn't matter.

If it mattered, Irish coach Brian Kelly would not wear a microphone for the entire game to better serve the broadcast.

If it mattered, the four quarterbacks would not wear headsets, again tapped by Versus for the armchair quarterbacks.

If it mattered, Kelly would not promise to primarily use two quarterbacks – two who have never taken a snap in college – and that they would be the leading rushers on the day.

“Dayne [Crist] and Tommy [Rees] won't get a lot of work,” Kelly said following Wednesday's practice. “This is going to be [early enrollee Everett] Golson versus [freshman Andrew] Hendrix really, relative to the offense. They're going to do everything ... You'll see the quarterbacks as probably the biggest end of the running game. They'll run the ball quite a bit.”

If it mattered, Kelly would never consider utilizing a huddle for most of the game, a concept even he finds laughable.

“We will huddle. That's when 11 guys get together on the offensive side of the ball,” he said sarcastically. “They relive the last play.”

The microphones and huddles will likely lead to some easy misconceptions from any Irish fans watching. Following last year's Blue-Gold Game, few Irish fans had any idea

who early enrollee quarterback Tommy Rees was. Instead, the name on their minds was that of then-sophomore walk-on Nate Montana, the progeny of the one and only Joe Montana.

That April afternoon, Nate threw for 223 yards on 18 completions in 30 attempts, with three touchdowns and only one interception.

In the 12-game 2010 season, Nate threw for a measly 116 yards and no touchdowns with one interception. He has since transferred to the University of Montana.

Indeed, some aspects of Saturday will be worth noting. Senior offensive lineman Taylor Dever, junior linebacker Manti Te'o and junior defensive lineman Kapron Lewis-Moore could truly assert themselves as team leaders, as precedent-setters, plain and simply as the faces all Irish fans recognize.

In a more tangible vein, two youngsters last spring separated themselves from the pack in the eyes of their coaches, earning crucial roles come fall.

Then-freshman running back Cierre Wood tallied 111 yards and two touchdowns on only 10 carries, and early enrollee receiver TJ Jones added four catches for 56 yards and a touchdown.

This weekend, current early enrollee defensive end Aaron Lynch could tally a few sacks and leap up the depth chart, while another standout performance from Jones could seal him a starting spot.

So do note the stand-out performances like Montana's, Wood's and Jones', but do not expect any specific results to inherently follow.

Allow a smile at the promising plays and highlights, but do not bother remembering the inevitable fumbles, blown coverages, missed tackles and boneheaded mistakes. None of those mishaps will matter longer than they take to occur in the first place.

Of the 14 games – yes, that is assuming a bowl game appearance – Notre Dame will play over the next nine months, 13 will have lasting effects. In those 13, the Irish could go 13-0 or 0-13, 1-12 or 12-1 and 6-7 or 7-6.

In this one, since none of what happens on the field will really matter, at least Notre Dame will win. And in all honesty, what else matters?

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## FOOTBALL RECRUITING

## Over 40 recruits to visit campus

By DOUGLAS FARMER  
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Having already extended more than 100 scholarship offers, Irish coach Brian Kelly will expect more than 40 recruits of the class of 2012 in town this weekend, Irish recruiting analyst Mike Frank said.

“[Notre Dame has] been doing a very good job of identifying the top players in the country,” said Frank, who runs the ESPN-affiliated website [irishsportsdaily.com](http://irishsportsdaily.com). “When coach Kelly got in here, he wanted to make sure they got the offers out.”

Leading the onslaught of recruits is running back Ronald Darby. Darby, who has recorded a 4.31 time in the 40-yard dash and has received offers from more than 40 BCS-conference schools.

“If he's not the fastest player in the country, he's certainly one of the top two or three,” Frank said of the Maryland native. “He played running back in high school, but he can play a number of positions, running back, wide receiver or cornerback.”

While Kelly and his coaching staff pursue Darby as a cornerback, another possible defensive back has their eye as well. Texan Nicky Baratti has visited Notre Dame once already — during Junior Day

in February — but will be back in town this weekend for another taste of campus.

“Notre Dame is recruiting him for safety, but he also plays quarterback,” Frank said. “Right now, he's trying to decide whether he wants to play quarterback or defensive back. He's got a lot of big-time schools after him.”

Joining the two high-profile defensive backs this weekend will be two big-name linemen: Andrus Peat and Tommy Schutt, who is from Glen Ellyn, Ill., and will raise many eyebrows at 6-foot-3 and 305 lbs. Meanwhile, Peat, hailing from Tempe, Ariz., checks in at 6-foot-6 and 280 lbs.

“[Peat] fits exactly what they're looking for at tackle,” Frank said. “He's a guy that moves very, very well and has real good size. ... He's a guy that is exactly what they're looking for. He is very high on their list with players they would like to land.”

Among the defensive backs, linemen and 30-some other recruits, two top-of-the-line receivers will also be on campus this weekend, Justin Ferguson from Pembroke Pines, Fla., and Amarah Darboh of West Des Moines, Iowa. Ferguson's appearance in Indiana impressed Frank.

“Just to get guys from California and Florida to come up here and take a look,” Frank said. “Usually if they

can get them on campus, they'll have a good shot once the recruiting season rolls around.”

As for Darboh, Frank said the raw prospect has a very high ceiling.

“He's a little raw as far as being polished, but you just don't see his size and his speed together very often,” he said. “For a player to have both is certainly a plus.”

With so many recruits in town, along with at least a dozen members of the class of 2011, Frank said the Irish fans will be in the spotlight more than usual.

“[The recruits are] looking for fan support,” he said. “How excited and crazy are the fans about their football team?”

“It's a good way for these prospects to get to know Notre Dame's players — to actually come and hang out with Notre Dame's players ... whether they feel like they fit in well with the players and the team and enjoy hanging out with them.”

*For more on Notre Dame recruiting, check out Mike Frank's [irishsportsdaily.com](http://irishsportsdaily.com). Email Mike at [mikefrank18@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mikefrank18@sbcglobal.net) and tell him The Observer sent you.*

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Irish freshman quarterback Tommy Rees rolls out to throw a pass during Notre Dame's 20-16 victory over USC Nov. 27. Rees played minimally in last year's Blue-Gold Game.

Follow the game LIVE as we blog from the press box at Notre Dame Stadium.

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# Quarterback battle heats up and stays hot

By ALLAN JOSEPH  
Sports Editor

In each of the past three years, Notre Dame has known who would take the first snap of the season long before that snap was taken. This year, however, no one knows.

"I'd love to have one guy," Irish coach Brian Kelly said following Wednesday's practice. "I don't think that's going to be the case."

Even the coach closest to the quarterbacks doesn't know who the leader will be.

"Any of the four guys could be the guy," offensive coordinator Charley Molnar said.

Four quarterbacks are currently vying for the No. 1 spot on the depth chart. In most cases, the gunslingers have different strengths, styles, and weaknesses.

"We're preparing four packages for four guys right now," Kelly said. "We're really taking our system and tweaking it toward the strengths and weaknesses of the four quarterbacks that we have."

But make no mistake, this is not about finding the next Notre Dame Heisman Trophy winner. This is not about preparing anyone for the National Football League. This is about one singular goal — the only goal Kelly has.

"We want to win a championship," Kelly said. "This is really about getting the quarterbacks in a position to win a championship."

## The competitors

Heading into the 2010 season, senior-to-be Dayne Crist had quite a bit of job security — much more than he had coming out of the season. Anointed the starter well before the season opener, Crist performed incon-

sistently before a knee injury ended his campaign early during a 28-27 loss to Tulsa. A five-star recruit out of high school, Crist is the most physically gifted of the gunslingers — but he believes that his experience with the system is his best asset, especially compared to last spring.

"It's really like night and day," Crist said. "We look back and say 'man, we look bad.' This spring it's about taking it to the next level."

Kelly agrees that Crist's comprehension of the offense is nearly unmatched.

"Dayne probably knows the offense as well as anybody and makes good decisions," Kelly said.

When Crist went down, then-freshman Tommy Rees took over under center. Undersized and inexperienced, Rees led the Irish to a 4-0 close to the season, including a signature victory over rival USC in Los Angeles. While the other quarterbacks may be significantly bigger, stronger, and faster than Rees, he has one attribute that stands out about all of the others.

"Tommy is efficient," Kelly said. "You start to think about him getting beat out, [but] he's 4-0 as a starter. He wins."

Aside from Rees, another winner stands out. While the winning instinct of early enrollee Everett Golson has yet to be tested, his athletic ability has already been on full display in Golson's short time on campus. "Everett's got some unique abilities that no one else on the football team has," Molnar said.

Yet Golson is still far behind the other quarterbacks, who have each had at least a year to digest the Kelly system.

"I'm not sure [Golson] knows what he's doing all the time, but I'm not going to overcoach him either because he's got a natural



MAGGIE O'BRIEN/The Observer

From left, freshman quarterback Andrew Hendrix, 12, junior quarterback Dayne Crist, and freshman quarterback Tommy Rees throw passes Mar. 26 in the Loftus Sports Center.

gift for making plays," Kelly said.

Finally, freshman Andrew Hendrix has shown a unique ability to be a jack-of-all-trades. Simultaneously mobile and strong-armed, Hendrix may be the prototypical dual-threat quarterback.

"Andrew is a great combination of probably all four quarterbacks," Molnar said.

While the four are competing for the most visible spot on arguably the most visible football team in America, the on-field rivalry has only served to bring the quarterbacks together.

"We're all going to push each other and make each other better," Crist said. "At the end of the day, it's our team, and it's not about one person."

## Eyes on the prize

With four quarterbacks competing for the starting job, Kelly and his coaching staff have a difficult decision to make. In search of more information to help them make that decision, Kelly brought a new tool to practice — the "Helmet Cam."

"We want to be able to evaluate all the things they do," Kelly said. "We have to look at every part of their decision-making. What Helmet Cam allows us to do is track the eyes of the quarterback through his progression."

The Helmet Cam is merely a small unit attached to the signal-caller's helmet. Its dividends, however, can be huge.

"Eye control is so important," Molnar said early in spring practice. "We'll be able to really see, as long as the camera coordinates where their eyes are, and it should — we're paying a lot of money for it — we can see if [the quarterbacks'] eyes are going to the proper place."

The four quarterbacks realize the benefits to the small camera as well.

"It serves as a great teaching tool," Crist said. "Being able to

move a safety is going to be huge for us."

## Decision time

Despite the time poured into the quarterback competition during the spring, Kelly is no closer to naming a starter after the Blue-Gold Game than he was before spring practice started.

"There's no way we would leave the spring game — unless something dramatic happens —

where we would say we found a starter," he said. "I'd rather make it tough on us now in the spring and make it easier as we move closer to the season."

Molnar would not commit to a further timetable,

though he did imply that a starter would be named well in advance of the season opener against South Florida.

"I think it's going to be as we go through summer camp and someone clearly delineates himself as the No. 1 quarterback," he said.

The Blue-Gold Game, however, will be a key evaluation point for the younger quarterbacks — mainly Hendrix and Golson, who

will play about 75% of the game — and won't wear red no-contact jerseys, thus getting their first taste of live-hitting college football.

"For the guys who are in competition now, it's serious business. They're going to go out, and they're going to get hit," Molnar said. "We're going to see how they respond to the physicalness of the game of college football."

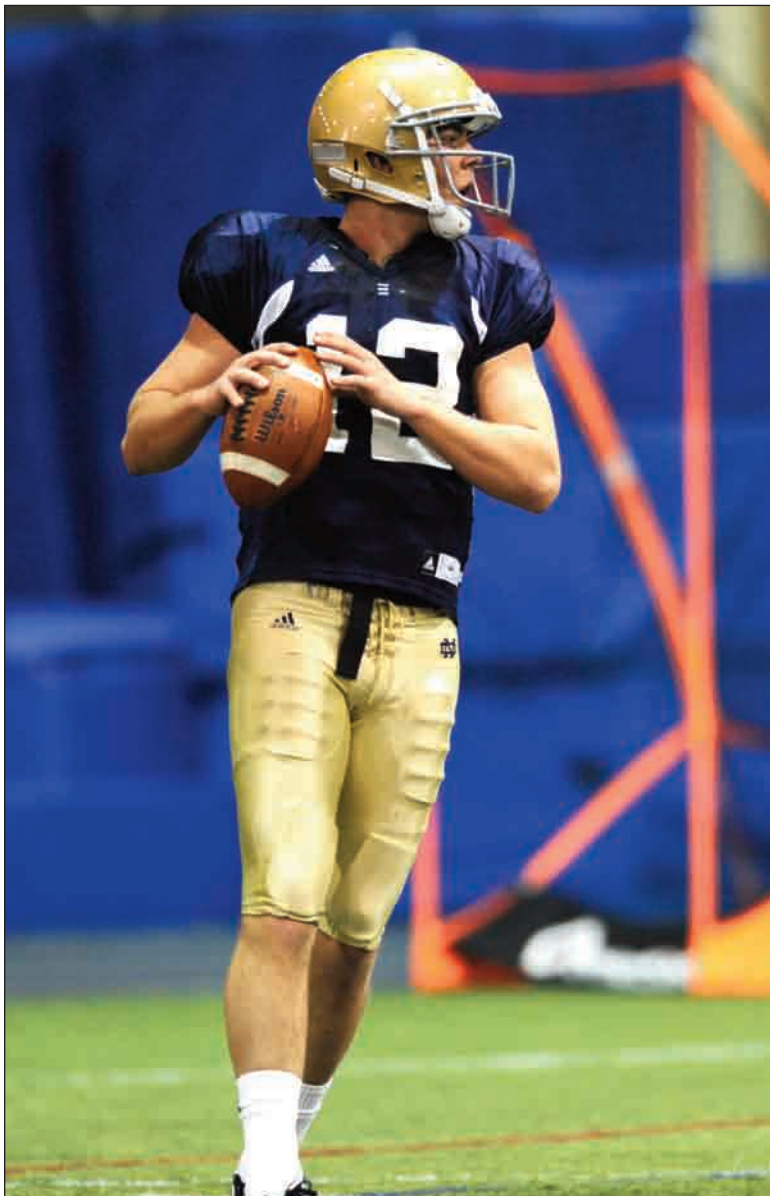
Kelly put the offensive focus squarely on Hendrix and Golson, who will be running their full offensive packages Saturday.

"This is going to be Golson vs. Hendrix," Kelly said. "They're going to run the ball, they're going to throw the ball, and we'll get a really good feel from both of those guys, because we know the other two guys can win football games."

While the depth chart is fluid, the coaches' ultimate criteria for the starting spot in the fall is simple and unchanging.

"At the end of the day, we're going to say, 'This is the guy that gives us the best chance to win,'" Molnar said. "It could be a freshman or it could be an upperclassman. Whoever that guy is, dual-threat or pro-style quarterback, that guy will be our guy."

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Andrew Hendrix looks to throw at a practice. The freshman signal caller is one of four players competing for the starting job.



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Early enrollee quarterback Everett Golson throws a pass Wednesday.



# Blue-Gold Game

## Projected depth chart 2011

**Editor’s Note:** These depth charts are based on spring practice observations by Observer beat writers Douglas Farmer, Chris Masoud, Allan Joseph and Andrew Owens.

**Theo Riddick**  
Junior  
**Daniel Smith**  
Sophomore



**Tyler Eifert**  
Junior  
**Mike Ragone**  
Graduate Student



**Zack Martin**  
Junior  
**Tate Nichols**  
Sophomore



**Andrew Nuss**  
Graduate Student  
**Brad Carrico**  
Freshman



**Braxton Cave**  
Senior  
**Mike Golic, Jr.**  
Senior



**Trevor Robinson**  
Senior  
**Chris Watt**  
Junior



**Taylor Dever**  
Graduate Student  
**Lane Clelland**  
Senior



**TJ Jones**  
Sophomore  
**Robby Toma**  
Junior



**John Goodman**  
Senior  
**Luke Massa**  
Sophomore



**Dayne Crist**  
Senior  
**Tommy Rees**  
Sophomore



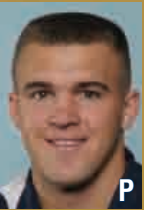
**Cierre Wood**  
Junior  
**Jonas Gray**  
Senior



**David Ruffer**  
Graduate Student  
**Nick Tausch**  
Junior



**Ben Turk**  
Junior  
**Kyle Brindza**  
Freshman



# What to watch

### OFFENSE

Saturday’s scrimmage will feature a number of position battles across the gridiron. Juniors John Goodman and Theo Riddick have emerged as the two leaders at the wideout position but sophomore Luke Massa should have an opportunity to open some eyes. Freshman wide receiver Daniel Smith is listed as doubtful as he recovers from a Grade 1 hamstring injury. Sophomore Robby Toma factored into the receiver rotation towards the end of last season and should split time with freshman TJ Jones at the slot position. A strong showing from Mike Golic, Jr., could help the junior’s case for playing time in the fall, especially after a quality spring season. Also in the trenches, early enrollee Brad Carrico will lineup for the first time in Notre Dame Stadium at the guard position. Saturday’s exhibition will do little to decide the position battle Irish fans are most eager to see play out. Junior Dayne Crist and freshman Tommy Rees will take their fair share of snaps, but Kelly has indicated early enrollee Everett Golson and freshman Andrew Hendrix will see the most time on the field. Expect the playbook to be opened wide, especially for a versatile talent like Golson.

### DEFENSE

Manti Te’o, the unquestioned leader of the defensive unit, is expected to return after a season-ending lingering injury. The rest of the deep linebacking corps, including Danny Spond, David Posluszny and Dan Fox look to show some significant playing time as well — their performance will be a key factor in determining if they can get into playing shape. He has already dropped over 50 pounds and could easily develop into a run-stopping force up the middle. Manti Te’o may very well reload as Lo Wood steps into the void left by Manti Te’o. Jackson, who is new to the cornerback position. A strong showing from Manti Te’o will be a key factor in the depth of the Notre Dame secondary.



**Gary Gray**  
Graduate Student  
**Lo Wood**  
Sophomore



**Prince Shembo**  
Sophomore  
**Steve Filer**  
Senior



**Jamoris Slaughter**  
Senior  
**Dan McCarthy**  
Senior



**Ethan Johnson**  
Senior  
**Sean Cwynar**  
Junior



**Carlo Calabrese**  
Junior  
**Dan Fox**  
Junior



**Hafis Williams**  
Senior  
**Louis Nix**  
Sophomore



**Manti Te'o**  
Junior  
**David Posluszny**  
Senior



**Kapron Lewis-Moore**  
Senior  
**Aaron Lynch**  
Freshman



**Darius Fleming**  
Senior  
**Danny Spond**  
Sophomore



**Harrison Smith**  
Graduate Student  
**Zeke Motta**  
Junior



**Robert Blanton**  
Senior  
**Bennett Jackson**  
Sophomore

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## SPECIAL TEAMS

Special teams will not be a big part of the Blue-Gold Game, as spring games traditionally have restrictions on punt and kickoff coverage to reduce injuries. Expect to see stalwart kicker David Ruffer a few times — every Irish fan knows what to expect out of Ruffer. Nick Tausch should also share some of the placekicking duties Saturday. There will be an interesting battle to watch at the punting position. Ben Turk is now entering his third year of punting, but freshman punter/kicker Kyle Brindza has quite a bit of leg strength and could push Turk on the depth chart if the junior-to-be struggles. While the extent of the return game is somewhat unclear, Bennett Jackson will factor prominently in Notre Dame's 2011 return efforts. The two most explosive players on the team, receiver Theo Riddick and running back Cierre Wood, could also see some time returning kicks in 2011, though Irish coach Brian Kelly may limit their duties to prevent injuries as Wood is the leader of an already-depleted running back unit and will be heavily utilized on offense.



# Early enrollees eagerly await Stadium debut

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Individually, each of them hails from a different state, plays a different position on the field and dominated the competition in high school, but together the five early enrollees are already making an impact during their first month of organized football at Notre Dame.

While many Irish fans eagerly await the debut of the enrollees in Notre Dame Stadium in Saturday's annual Blue-Gold scrimmage, the feeling is mutual.

"It's going to be a great feeling when I walk out of the tunnel since I've been a Notre Dame fan all my life," early enrollee kicker Kyle Brindza said. "I've been in pressure situations in high school, so I'm able to cope with the pressure pretty well. It's going to be a blast to walk out of that tunnel, but it's not going to faze me too much."

A football and soccer stand-out in high school and a native of Canton, Mich., Brindza was

recruited by Michigan following his junior year. Brindza said once Notre Dame showed interest, the decision to graduate a semester early and leave his home state was an easy one.

"There was no way I could take another school's offer over Notre Dame," Brindza said. "It's such an amazing school, growing up a Notre Dame fan. My grandpa graduated here. I was so blessed that I was able to even get an offer to come here."

Brindza, who will compete for playing time at two positions behind senior kicker David Ruffer and sophomore punter Ben Turk, said the tougher decision was giving up a future in competitive soccer. However, the kicker has taken up Ruffer as a mentor on and off the field and has no misgivings over the sacrifice.

"It's tough here only playing one sport when in high school I was playing two sports all year round," Brindza said. "It's a pretty big transition, but I'm glad I took the leap in. I live with no regrets, and I don't regret quitting soccer to play

football because I love it here."

Early enrollee Ishaq Williams has also found mentors in juniors Darius Felming and Steve Filer. Williams, an outside linebacker and native of Brooklyn, N.Y., said the veteran linebackers have given him advice in his pursuit of the ball, his technique and his quarterback reads.

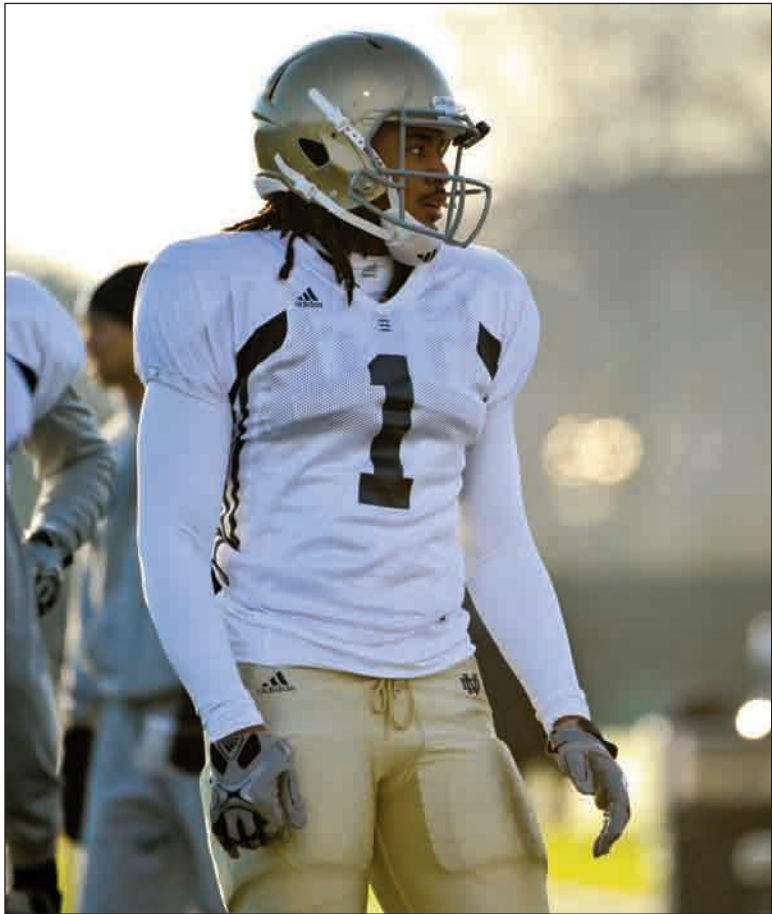
"Darius and Filer are great guys," Williams said. "I don't think I would be able to make the strides that I have made without them. They're the players I look to tell me what to do. They've been there to help me with this process."

The early enrollment process can be a daunting one for any freshman, let alone five 18-year-olds representing a handful of students in the nation that sacrificed a final semester of high school to compete at the Division I level. That adjustment to college can be especially difficult in the classroom, where Williams said he has made strides to grasp new material.

"I didn't feel comfortable, but I didn't feel like I made a mistake [enrolling early]," Williams said. "I didn't want to stay in New York to just get lazier and not work as hard. I just wanted to get into the swing of things and establish myself at this level."

While Brindza and early enrollee Everett Golson said first year composition has been a particularly difficult class, each has been using the available resources to succeed. Pleased with the progress each of the five has made on the field, Irish coach Brian Kelly is more proud of their accomplishments as students.

"They get thrown into a very competitive environment, almost more so than football when it comes to academics, and they are fighting their tails off," Kelly said. "I think that's what I'm most proud of for the five guys."



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**Early enrollee Ishaq Williams says that while he faced challenges entering school early, he does not regret his choice.**

Golson, a native of Myrtle Beach, S.C., has put in additional work inside the classrooms of the Guglielmino Athletics Complex, where he studies film with his fellow quarterbacks. A versatile athlete, Golson said he

has received advice from quarterbacks, wide receivers and running backs this spring.

"We could be up sometimes [at] 8, 9 o'clock at night just watching film, and

those guys are really into it just helping me," Golson said. "Everybody's just focused on one goal, and that's winning a national championship."

Golson added that the majority of his education has been

nonverbal, as he has taken cues from Crist and Rees on the field to develop the leadership skills of the quarterback position.

"I'm learning a lot," Golson said. "Most things I've learned are not really from the playbook, but the intangibles: how to carry yourself, being that leader on the field and just a lot of stuff from those guys that is not from talking to [them]."

In the trenches, early enrollees Brad Carrico and Aaron Lynch have also made progress on different sides of the ball. Carrico made the switch from a defensive end to an offensive tackle during his senior year of high school in Dublin, Ohio, while Lynch is transitioning from a high school to a Division I end.

"I was always bigger than everybody, bigger than the offensive linemen, so I guess I had an advantage over everybody," Lynch said, "But here I'm smaller than all the offensive linemen. You can't just use your bull rush. We go over all the techniques and the moves because you have to use those at this level. You can't run over someone here."

A native of Cape Coral, Fla., Lynch committed to Notre Dame following a visit from defensive coordinator Bob Diaco in early January. Lynch and Williams competed together in the 2011 U.S. Army All-American Bowl, and Irish fans will see them on the field together again this Saturday.

"We have a great relationship because we room together," Lynch said. "Sometimes we'll go over plays together, and on the field he's a cat [linebacker], so he's right next to me sometimes when we're in a dime or nickel [package]."

Kelly indicated the spring scrimmage will do less to determine starting positions in the fall than performance over the course of the training season.

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**Early enrollee offensive lineman Brad Carrico adjusts his helmet during practice Wednesday.**

## Number Changes

### Bennett Jackson

Old Number: 86      New Number: 2

### Louis Nix

Old Number: 67      New Number: 9

### Tommy Rees

Old Number: 13      New Number: 11

### Robby Toma

Old Number: 19      New Number: 9

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## Old faces, new places

### Austin Collinsworth

Old Position: Wide Receiver

New Position: Safety

### Bennett Jackson

Old Position: Wide Receiver

New Position: Cornerback

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# Kelly's first year marked by highs and lows

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In a tumultuous 2010 season that featured extreme highs, like a signature victory over archrival USC, and extreme lows, including two of the program's worst losses in history, the Irish underwent a transition led by first-year coach Brian Kelly few could have imagined.

The excitement of a new coach led to one of the most highly anticipated season openers in recent memory as the Irish hosted in-state rival Purdue at Notre Dame Stadium to kickoff the Kelly era.

The result was a 23-12 Irish victory — by no means a perfect performance, but one that displayed a commitment to the fundamentals lacking in years past.

Kelly was not the only new face of the team — junior signal caller Dayne Crist started for the Irish for the first time after Jimmy Clausen headed to the NFL. Crist was efficient and managed the game well, completing 19-of-26 passes and throwing for 205 yards and a touchdown in his debut.

Kelly's honeymoon period quickly evaporated during the final three games in September though — all losses, two of them in heartbreaking fashion.

In the second game of the year, Michigan sophomore quarterback Denard Robinson shredded the Notre Dame defense for 502 yards of total offense in a 28-24 Wolverines victory.

With 3:41 remaining and Notre Dame backed up against its own end zone, the sun poked out of the clouds

and gave the Irish a glimmer of hope, albeit a short-lived one. Crist, who had reentered the game following an eye injury in the first half, connected with junior tight end Kyle Rudolph, who scampered down the field 96 yards to put the Irish on top.

Robinson, however, stole the last-minute heroics as he ran in for a two-yard score with 27 seconds left to finish a 12-play, 72-yard drive.

The Irish lost in similar fashion the next week at Michigan State. The team gave up a fourth-quarter lead, allowing the Spartans to force overtime. Following a converted field goal by senior kicker David Ruffer in the first half of overtime, the Irish defense did its job, forcing a loss of four yards in three plays. Spartans coach Mark Dantonio made the signature decision of his team's 11-1 regular season by calling for a fake field goal rather than attempting a 46-yard kick. Punter Aaron Bates found tight end Charlie Gantt, who went in for the easy touchdown and Michigan State victory, dropping Notre Dame to 1-2.

The Irish came home to face eventual Orange Bowl qualifier Stanford, and were embarrassed in a 37-14 rout in front of the home crowd. The Cardinals gained 404 yards on the Irish, leading ESPN analyst Kirk Herbstreit to refer to the Notre Dame unit as a "high school defense."

Notre Dame responded with a three-game winning streak to improve to 4-3 on the season, just past the midway point. The streak began with the team's first win at Boston College since 1998, and concluded with home victories



The Irish celebrate a touchdown during Notre Dame's 20-16 victory over USC Nov. 27. The win was the first over USC in nine years.

against Pittsburgh and Western Michigan.

No one could have expected what transpired next. The winning streak came to a screeching halt the next week when Notre Dame played Navy on the road. The Midshipmen only passed the ball twice the entire game, but they did not need to — they imposed their will on the Irish defense with 367 rushing yards. The 35-17 loss was the most lopsided defeat Notre Dame suffered in the series since 1963. It was also the program's third loss to

Navy in four games.

The Irish sunk even further the next weekend while hosting Tulsa.

The Golden Hurricane upset Notre Dame 28-27, dropping the Irish to 4-5 on the season and putting any hopes of earning a postseason berth in jeopardy. The Irish were dealt a devastating blow during the game when Crist suffered a season-ending knee injury for the second consecutive season, putting freshman Tommy Rees in the spotlight for the final three regular-season games.

The following week, the team played in an historic neutral-site game against Army at Yankee Stadium. Once again, the Irish defense held the opponent to only a field goal as Notre Dame won, 27-3.

The top moment of the 2010 season occurred in the regular season finale when the Irish traveled across the country for a battle with archrival USC. The Trojans had defeated Notre Dame eight consecutive times by an average of 24.5 points per game.

In weather that resembled South Bend, Ind., rather than Los Angeles, the Irish put together a seven-play, 77-yard game-winning drive capped off by a five-yard touchdown run by senior Robert Hughes.

With a 7-5 record, Notre Dame earned a berth in the Sun Bowl against former rival Miami. The Irish rolled to victory to conclude an 8-5 inaugural season for Kelly and provide momentum for the 2011 campaign.

After such a strong finish to 2010, Saturday's Blue-Gold game will only whet fans' appetites for Sept. 3 when Notre Dame hosts South Florida.

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## 2011 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 3	vs. South Florida	3:30
Sept. 10	at Michigan	8:00
Sept. 17	vs. Michigan State	3:30
Sept. 24	at Pittsburgh	TBA
Oct. 1	at Purdue	TBA
Oct. 8	vs. Air Force	3:30
Oct. 22	vs. USC	7:30
Oct. 29	vs. Navy	3:30
Nov. 5	at Wake Forest	TBA
Nov. 12	vs. Maryland (Washington, D.C.)	7:30
Nov. 19	vs. Boston College	4:00
Nov. 26	at Stanford	TBA

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# Spring renewal

Notre Dame began spring practice Wednesday, March 23 at 8 a.m. Since then, the Irish have practiced early in the morning on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and midday on Saturdays. Practices were conducted both indoors in the Loftus Sports Center and outdoors at the LaBar Practice Fields. Saturday's Blue-Gold Game is the culmination of spring practice and serves as a prelude to the 2011 campaign.



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