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Alumna raises funds to film on campus

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Nearly 20 years after the Notre Dame women's swim team bus accident, University of Notre Dame officials approved filming on campus for a movie commemorating the event.

The film, "Two Miles From Home," is a way for survivor Haley Scott DeMaria to reflect on the event.

"The one thing that jumps out at me is how young we were, and how long the rest of our lives are," she said. "I now have lived with this [accident] longer than I didn't."



DeMaria

The accident, which occurred Jan. 24, 1992, took the lives of two of DeMaria's teammates and left her severely injured.

Despite having been told she would never walk again, DeMaria regained some sensations in her legs one week after the event and was able to walk with the help of a cane one month later.

She returned to Notre Dame in the spring of 1992, began swimming again with some difficulty and eventually won a 50-meter heat Oct. 29, 1993, a University press release stated.

In February, the University gave permission to the producers to film the motion picture.

DeMaria said the project, based on her 2008 book, "What Though The Odds: Haley Scott's Journey of Faith and Triumph," will still happen, but she is unsure when.

"I'm now working on key pieces of information that investors and studios would need if they decide to partner with us," she said. "The timeline is up in the air ... That is the nature of the movie industry. It could happen within the year, or it could be three years."

DeMaria said the original plan was to fund the movie independently.

"Now, I've learned that it's not that easy to raise the money," she said.

This past summer, DeMaria took a more active role in putting together a funding plan for the film.

"This is such a personal story," she said. "If I can't do it right and with integrity, I wouldn't do it."

DeMaria worked with screenwriter Dan Waterhouse to get

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Sigourney Weaver to teach, speak at Saint Mary's



Photo courtesy of Saint Mary's College

Academy Award nominated actress Sigourney Weaver will visit Saint Mary's on Monday.

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY
News Writer

Academy Award nominated actress Sigourney Weaver's film, "Abduction," comes out Friday, and she was recently in California working on a new movie role. Come Monday, however, she'll stop at Saint Mary's College to teach a class and speak with students.

At the start of her visit, Weaver will teach a master class to a select group of theatre majors.

"We're going to work on the process of what the audition is,

[and] what's important at an audition," Weaver told The Observer. "We're [also] going to work on some very rudimentary things — breathing, confidence, how to come into a room — basic stuff, but I think very useful."

Weaver said she has collected acting advice throughout her career.

"I went to drama school and didn't learn very much," she said. "In the 30 years since, I've now put together little bags of what I think is important."

Weaver's husband, off-Broad-

way director Jim Simpson, will also help teach the class.

Although she and her husband are not teachers, Weaver said getting feedback from people immersed in the field can be helpful.

"We're not teachers, but we're in the game," she said. "So, I think it will be useful for the students to talk to us about this stuff."

One key to success in any field, Weaver said, is having confidence even when you truly

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Mendoza MBA named military-friendly school

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

G.I. Jobs magazine named the Mendoza College of Business MBA program a military friendly school for the third year in a row.

Director of Admissions for the MBA program Brian Lohr said Mendoza has a history of supporting the armed forces and vice versa.

"If you go look at headstones in Holy Cross cemetery, you'll see chaplains from the Civil War," he said.

Schools are ranked by the programs available, the financial commitment to veterans

and enlisted students, the success in recruiting military students and the school's academic accreditations, G.I. Jobs magazine's website stated.

The last three classes for the MBA program have averaged about 10 percent former military members, with all branches of the military represented, Lohr said.

"These students are tremendous leaders, coming from tremendous leadership experiences ... They're leaders in class, and they are working hard to prepare themselves for their next phase in life,"

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Professor researches tango

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

It may take two to tango, but it only takes one passionate professor to study the dance.

A Fulbright grant recipient, Notre Dame professor Maria Rosa Olivera-Williams is currently conducting field research on the cultural aspects of tango in Argentina and Uruguay.

Olivera-Williams said her research will help finish the manuscript of her book, "The Rhythms of Modernization: Tango, Ruin, and Historical Memory in the Río de la Plata Countries," by 2012.

"I question how did tango ... become the embodiment



Photo courtesy of College of Arts & Letters

Notre Dame professor Maria Rosa Olivera-Williams researches the cultural aspects of tango in Argentina and Uruguay.

of modernization and a strong national symbol of Argentina and Uruguay," Olivera-Williams said.

Her field research is the important final step in her years

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW DO YOU SPEND FOOTBALL AWAY WEEKENDS?



Natalia Cuevas

sophomore
Lyons

"I try to get work done while watching the game."



Caitlin Alli

senior
off campus

"Order Chinese with my roommates."



Kelsey Burke

senior
off campus

"I watch the game with friends."



Alberto Ortiz

sophomore
Zahm

"Sleeping, hydrating and watching the game."



Ilse Zenteno

sophomore
Pascrilla West

"Studying like everyone else should be."



Chris Matthew

senior
Stanford

"Watching Adventure Time!"

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



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Atalia Omer, assistant professor of Religion, Conflict and Peace Studies for the Kroc Institute, speaks at the "Past, Present and Future of Religious Freedoms" roundtable discussion at McKenna Hall on Thursday.

OFFBEAT

Politicians advocate for speed limits, tunnels for koalas

AUSTRALIA — Special koala tunnels and tougher road speed limits would help avoid one of the leading causes of death of Australia's iconic marsupial, lawmakers said Thursday.

No-one knows how many koalas are left in the wild, but the numbers are slowly falling and road deaths are the second biggest cause.

An inquiry by the upper house Senate urged national and state government to take action to nurture the furry marsupial.

"The committee is pleased that the koala may not yet be eligible for listing as threatened. The committee believes that to have such a

significant Australian icon included on the threatened species list would be national shame," its acting chairman Doug Cameron said.

Some areas of dense koala populations have special koala-proof fences around major roads, and tunnels which allow the animals to cross safely underneath.

The Senate inquiry recommended local governments introduce lower speed limits around known koala areas, install koala-proof fencing on major roads, and build more tunnels and bridges to allow koalas to cross roads safely.

Kangaroo attacks man

GREEN CAMP, Ohio — An 80-year-old man is in fair

condition after a kangaroo attacked him for 15 minutes at an exotic-animal farm in Ohio.

The Columbus Dispatch reports that the Marion County sheriff's office received a 911 call from a woman saying her father-in-law was hurt. The injury happened at Kokas Exotics in Green Camp.

The farm owner's son said the man was attacked by a 6-foot-tall, 200-pound male kangaroo. According to news reports, the attack came at breeding time when males can be aggressive.

The son says the kangaroo will be euthanized.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

There will be a philosophy colloquium entitled "Toward a Theory of Being" today in Malloy Hall Room 202 from 3 to 5 p.m. The speaker will be professor Lorenz Puntel of the University of Munich.

The Notre Dame Workshop on Ancient Philosophy will co-sponsor a Classics Colloquium entitled "Socratic Religion" today from 4 to 5:30 p.m in O'Shaughnessy Hall Room 303. The speaker will be professor Mark McPheran of Simon Fraser University.

The film "East is East/West is West" will be shown tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3 for students.

The Latino Freshman Retreat sponsored by Campus Ministry starts today and concludes Sunday. The retreat focuses on issues of specific interest to first-year Latino students while building community and new friendship in a faith-filled context. The retreat is at Sacred Heart Parish Center.

The 2011 Domer Run is tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Registration is at 8 a.m. at Legends and the race begins at 9 a.m. The race is a fun run to benefit local cancer education and awareness programs. All participants receive a T-shirt and a complimentary breakfast. Registration can be done online via RecRegister or at the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center.

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Seniors approach theses with passion



Senior Michael Rodio will perform a full length concert for his senior piano performance thesis.

By AUBREY BUTTS
News Writer

Senior Michael Rodio began his career at Notre Dame as a biology major.

Now, Rodio is preparing for his senior thesis as a piano performance major.

“I would rather spend four hours a day at the piano bench than a lab bench,” Rodio said.

Having a passion for his subject has driven his preparation for his thesis performance, Rodio said.

“Do a thesis because you personally need to do it, not because you feel like you have to,” Rodio said. “It sounds trite, but if you love something, your work will be great, no matter how difficult it is.”

Rodio will perform a full-length recital as his thesis. He said the show will last about an hour.

“My performance will include pieces ranging from a Hayden sonata to Gershwin’s ‘Rhapsody in Blue,’” Rodio said. “Most students [in the major] perform recitals at different points in their undergraduate career. While it’s technically part of the major, it is always something I have

wanted to do.”

Like Rodio, senior Eileen Gillespie used her passions to develop her American Studies thesis, inspired by a student government project she participated in.

“Last year, I found out about eND Hunger, a group on campus that works with the West Side Food Security Council to increase food security on the West Side of South Bend,” Gillespie said. “I joined this group and really started to learn about food deserts and the disparities that exist in food availability and quality among different neighborhoods.”

Her experience with eND Hunger prompted Gillespie to research the relationship between food security and social class for her senior thesis.

“The most challenging thing so far has just been navigating the research process as a whole,” Gillespie said. “I’ve done plenty of research papers for classes, but this is the first time that I am doing something of this caliber.”

Gillespie described her research experience as more “hands-on” than previous college projects.

“We each chose our own topic, and we actually have to go out and collect our data,” she said. “It’s not just something where you sit in the library and research information.”

Gillespie’s post-graduation plans also influenced her thesis topic.

“I think I want to eventually work in the food industry, either with nutrition or with food policy, and my thesis topic relates quite well to that,” she said. “I hope to be better prepared for this field by the time I am done writing.”

Senior Kevin DeLaMontaigne, another American Studies major, also said he hopes to draw examples from the local community for his thesis.

DeLaMontaigne will examine the way homophobic language affects the social power structures in schools today. He became interested in the topic after reading several books on the subject for his classes.

Now, he is waiting for paperwork to process before he can take the next steps.

“Ideally, I would like to spend time in a school and observe children who have been affected by this issue,” said DeLaMontaigne. “However, until my UROP [Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program] application goes through, I have been limited to reading, internet research and examining the roles of gay-straight alliances.”

Constructing a senior thesis paper is daunting, he said, but ultimately rewarding.

“At the end of the year, I just think it will be really cool to be able to say I wrote a 50-page paper,” DeLaMontaigne said.

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Friendly

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Lohr said. “They are exactly the kind of students you want to have.”

While all branches of the military are represented in the class, Lohr said the most represented branch is the Army.

One way the Mendoza College of Business attracts so many military students is with the Yellow Ribbon Program, which is used in conjunction with the G.I. Bill to help pay for veterans to go to graduate school, he said.

The Yellow Ribbon program allows veterans to take the highest in-state tuition of any college in Indiana and apply it to the university of their choice, he said.

“When the Yellow Ribbon Program is used in conjunction with the G.I. Bill and our fellowship support, it makes for an attractive financial package,” Lohr said.

However, Lohr said the Yellow

low Ribbon Program did not change military student enrollment that much since its introduction in 2009.

“We didn’t really see that big of a jump, but we were committed to [helping our veterans in various ways] before Yellow Ribbon,” Lohr said.


One of the ways Notre Dame is committed to all the students in the two-year MBA program is through a career coach, Lohr said. Students are assigned a career coach for their time at the University.

“This helps them take their past work experience and shape that in a way that will be able to work in the private industry or whatever they want to go into,” Lohr said.

Lohr said the program has been successful.

“Last year we had quite a few military students end up on Wall Street,” he said. “That is a pretty significant transition and speaks to the work the career coaches do with them.”

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SMC Quidditch Club sorts teams for season

By CECILIA GLOVER
News Writer

Saint Mary's students may have been assigned a dorm when they first arrived at the College, but some received a new home last weekend when members of the Saint Mary's Quidditch Club were sorted into their respective houses.

"The 55 girls in the club were split into four groups, representing the four houses at Hogwarts," club president Leah Richman said, referring to the school in the "Harry Potter" book series.

"Many people think Quidditch and 'Harry Potter' [are] dorky, but for us it's just something we love."

Abby Altman
secretary
Saint Mary's Quidditch Club

Richman said the club tries to keep the magic of the books alive at every meeting.

"We try to incorporate as much of the magic found in the books into playing the game," she said. "We used a sorting hat to pick the teams — an element that is really involved in the sorting process at Hogwarts."

The club is a way for students who love "Harry Potter" to incorporate their passion for magic and wizardry into a real life experience, Richman said.

Vice President Abida Coric said Saint Mary's alumna Al-

lie Hensley stumbled across the International Quidditch Association (IQA) on the Internet her junior year, and put the idea into practice last year.

Hensley discovered hundreds of teams worldwide were involved in the IQA.

Although the Quidditch club does not usually compete against other schools, Richman said they will participate in a tournament hosted by Ball State and Purdue University Oct. 8 to 9.

Richman said she hopes to make the sport a community experience this year. The club will play matches at the Health Win Retirement Center and local elementary schools.

Secretary Abby Altman said this club is the result of "Harry Potter" love.

"We have a lot of big dreams for the club," Altman said. "Many people think Quidditch and 'Harry Potter' [are] dorky, but for us it's just something we love."



COURTNEY ECKERLE/ The Observer

The Quidditch Club enjoys a round of the Harry Potter-inspired game on the campus of Saint Mary's College.

Richman said she hopes the Quidditch Club will be a way for girls to embrace their individuality, especially freshmen.

"There are many freshmen on the team, and we know it is hard adjusting to that first year, so we want this club to be an outlet for them — a place where they can be who

they are."

The Quidditch Club will have its first match Sunday at 3 p.m. on Library Green, and will host a "Halloween Hullabaloo" on Oct. 30 with themed food, drinks and a wizard rock band.

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Georgia execution sparks outrage

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Minutes before he was put to death, Troy Davis asked his supporters to “continue to fight this fight” — but will they, and how?

The Georgia inmate’s case outraged hundreds of thousands of people around the world who found the evidence against him weak, and opponents of the death penalty hope their anger provokes a backlash against capital punishment. Some activists say a fitting legacy of the case would be laws that bar death sentences for those, like Davis, whose convictions are based on eyewitness testimony.

With Davis gone, however, the loose coalition of groups who pushed for his freedom may simply crumble. Much may depend not on the death penalty’s most strident opponents, but on less politically active people who were drawn into the debate by Davis’ two-decade struggle.

That includes Melvin Middleton, who believes capital punishment can be appropriate. After learning more details about Davis’ case, he decided to show up at a downtown Atlanta rally opposing the execution.

“If you’re going to take someone’s life, you better be damn sure you are making the right decision,” he said. “I don’t know if he’s guilty or not, but he’s not proven guilty.”

Davis was executed late Wednesday for the 1989 murder of off-duty Savannah police officer Mark MacPhail. Defense attorneys said several key witnesses disputed their testimony and other people claimed that another man confessed to the crime, but state and federal courts repeatedly upheld the conviction.

Davis maintained his innocence even as he was strapped to a gurney in the death chamber, where he told the MacPhail family to “look deeper into this case so that you really can finally see the truth.”

Prosecutors and MacPhail’s relatives say they have no doubt that justice was done, but among Davis’ supporters, frustration runs deep.

“We did not want to lose Troy Davis as a casualty of this war, but I do think that his execution in a real sense will only add momentum to the movement of those of us who understand that the state really cannot be trusted with the ultimate punishment,” said the Rev. Raphael Warnock, who spoke on Davis’ behalf at a pardons board hearing this week.

Already, there are calls for lasting changes to the capital punishment system from Davis’ advocates. Former President Jimmy Carter said he hopes “this tragedy will spur us as a nation toward the total rejection of capital punishment.” Filmmaker Michael Moore posted a statement on

his website calling for a boycott of Georgia.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, who visited Davis on death row, said he will push for a national ban on capital punishment in cases that rely on eyewitness testimony. Maryland passed such a law in 2009.

“We must not only mourn what happened to Troy Davis but take strong measures so that it does not happen again,” Sharpton said.

The Davis execution comes at a time when death penalty decisions are under increased scrutiny. The number of executions has dropped by half over the last decade, from 98 in 1999 to 46 in 2010. Illinois abolished capital punishment in March and several other states, including California and Connecticut, are expected to consider similar proposals next year.

More than 3,200 U.S. inmates were on death row at the beginning of 2011, according to the Death Penalty Information Center.

Public support for capital punishment remains strong, according to several polls. This month, a CBS/NY Times poll found that 60 percent of those surveyed supported the death penalty for people convicted of murder, with 27 percent opposed and 13 percent unsure. Past two decades have shown slightly higher support, though Gallup found Americans to be closely divided when asked to choose between the death penalty and life imprisonment with no chance of parole.

Laura Moya of Amnesty International said she expects the Davis execution to be used to rally repeal movements across the country.

“I don’t know if he’s guilty or not, but he’s not proven guilty.”

Melvin Middleton
protestor

Tango

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of research about modernization in Latin America and the cultural phenomenon of tango, she said.

“I have been studying and writing on modernization in Latin America for many years,” she said. “I became passionate about tango in 2002, when I saw people in Buenos Aires, [Argentina] and Montevideo, [Uruguay] who were demanding justice for the disappeared and for all the crimes of the 1970s and 1980s dictatorships tightly embraced in tango figures in the streets and parks.”

Olivera-Williams said the research she is doing in Montevideo and the research she plans to do in Buenos Aires is significant because it allows her to experience the culture of different communities firsthand.

“I am re-entering the Uruguayan culture and this experience will make a huge difference in my writing,” she said. “I am in the best place of [Montevideo], very close to [where] I was born and raised.”

Olivera-Williams’ unique contribution to the existing scholarly work on the subject of tango is studying tango as a cultural ruin.

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Maria Rosa Olivera-Williams
professor

“Since its origins, tango brought to the present of its displaced creators — Italian immigrants and rural migrants — images and sounds from the past, a past to which they could not return and did not want to return,” she said. “The present time of modernization in the lyrics, music and dance of tango is seen in its vulnerability, paradoxically at a time when debates on Latin American modernity and nation building played out.”

Olivera-Williams is currently living in Montevideo and her research is based at the Universidad de Montevideo. She will also give lectures about her research at the Universidad de Montevideo and The Artigas Institute, which prepares future high school teachers. She was also invited to deliver a lecture at the Universidad de Chile in Santiago, Chile.

Olivera-Williams said to receive a Fulbright grant, a professor must have a strong proposal and demonstrate how the grant will make an important difference in his or her research and final product.

“This award lets me know that the scholars who read and evaluated my project felt the importance of it and shared my passion,” she said.

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don’t.

“People aren’t concerned with whether you are confident or not, but they want you to look [it],” she said. “Not arrogant, but just [comfortable] in your skin.”

The key to achieving this confidence is imagining yourself in the situation before it happens, she said.

“Pretend to be confident ... Visualize what [an] interview [would] be like if [you] were really confident, and ... imagine it going a certain way,” Weaver said. “You’re at ease, you’re smiling, you’re generous, you’re just yourself. Picture it going that way, and there’s probably a bigger likelihood of it going that way because you’ve actually — with the neurons in your brain — tried to map out how you would love it to go. Everyone needs a rehearsal.”

Weaver said she is not the only well-known actor to use this method of preparation.

“I worked with Gene Hackman,” she said. “[In “Heartbreakers”], he was to play ... this guy who is falling all over himself chain-smoking. “He fake-smoked so well. I said, ‘Man, you must have been a smoker for half your life,’ and he said, ‘Never smoked.’ I said, ‘But you’re just so good at it,’ and he said, ‘You know, the first day, I just come in and I pretend to be confident.’”

Another key to success in any field, Weaver said, is to love the job you have.

“You only want to get a job at a place where you’re going to have a good time and feel like yourself,” she said.

Weaver said it’s difficult for her to choose her favorite film she has acted in because she often chooses projects based on how much fun they will be. However, she narrowed down her favorites to “Ghostbusters” and “Galaxy Quest.”

Weaver said there are very few roles she regrets turning down, but the roles she has taken — especially her roles in “Prayers for Bobby,” “Gorillas in the Mist” and “The Year of Living Dangerously” — were very rewarding.

“I’ve been lucky because I’ve been blessed with such a wonderful career, so it’s hard to pick just one [project that’s the most rewarding],” she said.

But rewards often bring challenges. “The business is always changing, and the biggest challenge for all of us in the business — whether we are actors or not — is to continue to work to provide very good stories for the audience, whether they’re at Pixar or in 3-D, on television or in the theater,” Weaver said. “It’s just getting a little harder to make sure the story is as strong as it needs to be to captivate the audience.”

Yet Weaver continues to work on captivating the audience.

“I’m about to play a professor of queer theory in a movie out in California. She’s a lesbian professor, runs the department ... quite fierce and also very funny.”

In the midst of a busy schedule, Weaver said she is excited for her visit to Saint Mary’s.

“I’m looking forward to working with the students, meeting them and just having a few hours to play around with them,” she said. “I think it will be fun.”

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Wall Street finishes poorly



A specialist works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday. Wall Street had one of its worst finishes of the year Thursday, with the Dow Jones losing 391 points.

Associated Press

Investors began giving in to fears Thursday that a global recession is already under way, and stock markets shuddered around the world. Selling started in Asia, picked up speed in Europe and sent Wall Street near its worst finish of the year.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 391 points and at one point was down more than 500, a return to the volatility that gripped the market this summer.

One financial indicator after another showed that investors are losing hope that the global economy can keep growing. The price of oil and metals such as copper, which depend on economic demand, fell sharply. Traders bought Treasury bonds and the dollar for safety.

FedEx, a company that ships so many goods it is considered a barometer of the U.S. economy, had to lower its earnings forecast for the year because customers are putting off purchases of electronics and other gadgets from China.

The Dow fell 391.01 points, or 3.5 percent, and closed at 10,733.83. The selling was not just steep but broad: Nineteen stocks on the New York Stock Exchange fell for every one that rose. At one point, the Dow was down more than 500 points.

“Markets rely on confidence and certainty. Right now there is neither,” said John Canally, an economic strategist at LPL Financial, an investment firm in Boston.

It was the second consecutive rout in the stock market since Wednesday afternoon, when the Federal Reserve announced a change in strategy for fighting the economic slowdown — a bid to lower long-term interest rates and get people and companies to spend more money.

Economic news was bad around the world. A closely watched survey in Europe indicated a recession could be on the way there, and a manufacturing survey suggested a slowdown in China, which has been one of the hottest economies.

“The probability of going back into recession is higher now than at any point in the

recovery,” said Tim Quinlan, an economist at Wells Fargo. He put his odds of a recession at 35 percent.

Christine Lagarde, the head of the International Monetary Fund, said the world economy was “entering a dangerous phase.” She told an annual meeting of the IMF and World Bank that nations need credible plans to get their debt under control.

In the United States, investors poured money into American government debt, which they see as less risky than stocks even as the nation wrestles with how to tame its long-term budget problems.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note hit 1.71 percent — the lowest since the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis started keeping daily records half a century ago.

It was 3.66 percent as recently as February, when the economic forecast was brighter. Yields fall as investors buy bonds and send their prices higher. Small yields are a sign that investors are just looking for a safe place to park their cash.

“They want to get their money back,” said Guy LeBas, chief fixed income strategist at Janney Capital Markets. “How much they earn is secondary.” Besides U.S. bonds, investors bought American dollars. The dollar rose to an eight-month high against the euro because of fears that Europe, staggered by debt, will bear the worst of a global downturn.

The Dow almost matched its lowest close of the year, 10,719 on Aug. 10. The stock market was seized by volatility last month, and at one point the Dow strung together four consecutive days of 400-point moves up or down.

In a sign of what a rocky year it has been for the stock market, Thursday’s decline isn’t even close to the biggest in 2011. The Dow fell 634 points on Aug. 8, 519 points on Aug.

10 and 512 points on Aug. 4.

It would have to fall 485 more points to reach the traditional definition of a bear market — a 20 percent decline. The Dow was at 12,810 on April 29.

The Standard & Poor’s 500 index, a broader measure of the stock market, and the Nasdaq composite, which is more heavily weighted with technology stocks, both fell more than 3 percent for the day.

To get the economy going, President Barack Obama has proposed a \$447 billion package of tax cuts, public works projects and benefits for the unemployed, but it faces major opposition in the Republican-controlled House.

While the market was falling Thursday, the president stood in front of an aging bridge that connects Ohio and Kentucky. He exhorted Republicans: “Help us put this country back to work. Pass this jobs bill right away.”

Top Republicans in Congress accused Obama of trying to score political points. If Congress fails to pass the jobs bill, it would leave the Fed

action this week as the only major new initiative designed to help the economy.

The Fed announced Wednesday that it would shuffle \$400 billion of its own holdings in hopes of reducing interest rates on long-term loans. The plan is known as Operation Twist, a nod to a similar approach taken by the Fed during the time of Chubby Checker in the early 1960s.

The central bank hopes that if people and businesses are able to borrow money more cheaply, they will spend throughout the economy and give it a lift.

Still, the Fed announcement troubled investors because it came with a bleak assessment of the future. The Fed said it sees “significant downside risks to the economic outlook,” including volatility in overseas markets.

Movie

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the project translated from book to screen.

“He’s a great fit because he understands the University,” DeMaria said.

Waterhouse, who is also the film’s director, said he hopes this story will teach viewers how to live life.

“The big word for me is ‘perseverance,’” he said. “[DeMaria] had everything going against her. She lost her friends, her swimming. It teaches you to not look at things the way they immediately appear, but to look ahead to what they can be.”

The film should mean the most to Notre Dame students and alumni, DeMaria said.

“I hope they appreciate the enthusiasm of the community,” she said. “Moments of trial are what make Notre Dame what it is. I saw the memorial masses [for Sept. 11 and football team videographer Declan Sullivan]. I wasn’t able to go to the masses for my teammates. I was able to glimpse something from my own life [while watching these].

“Those are things I didn’t fully appreciate as a student. This should teach you to go back to the fundamentals. Notre Dame is such a wonderful place of

faith, healing and community, and it’s like this for every student — whether they know it or not, whether they like it or not.”

The transition from DeMaria’s book to screenplay took almost an entire year, Waterhouse said.

“I knew this was a huge personal story and that the University would be shown in a different light than it’s normally seen,” he said.

The most difficult part was writing dialogue that fit the characters, especially because DeMaria’s book doesn’t have much dialogue.

“I had to create it by knowing how people react to a tragedy,” he said.

Waterhouse used interviews with many members of the Notre Dame family, as well as interviews with the coaches and DeMaria’s family.

“It’s interesting to read dialogue and hear, or not hear, the person’s voice. Dan was good about going back and letting me read scenes,” DeMaria said.

Satisfied with the screenplay, DeMaria said she looks forward to filming, even though the timeline has not yet been established.

“The University will always be involved,” she said. “[University support] will never go away, no matter what else changes.”

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Divided Congress clashes over disaster aid distribution

Associated Press

With the economy sputtering, Congress' unusual difficulty in delivering disaster aid or even keeping the government from shutting down is a discouraging sign for action as a bitterly divided Washington looks ahead to critical debate on President Barack Obama's jobs plan and efforts by a "supercommittee" to slash deficits.

Republicans controlling the House scrambled Thursday to resurrect a \$3.7 billion disaster aid package after an embarrassing loss the previous day. Instead of reaching out to Democrats, House GOP leaders looked to persuade wayward tea party Republicans to change their votes and help approve the assistance.

The battling came as the stock market absorbed fresh losses and pessimism about the economy deepened. The arguing was reminiscent of the poisonous atmosphere of this summer rather than lawmak-

ers' more recent promises to work together to find common ground where possible.

Obama hardly sounded conciliatory as he pressed for action on his jobs bill at an Ohio River bridge that links Republican House Speaker John Boehner's home state of Ohio with Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell's Kentucky. Echoing Ronald Reagan at the Berlin Wall, Obama intoned, "Mr. Boehner, Mr. McConnell, help us rebuild this bridge."

In Washington, Wednesday's embarrassing 230-195 defeat of the disaster aid bill in the GOP-majority House exposed divisions within the Republican Party that demonstrated the tenuous grip that Boehner has on the chamber. Forty-eight Republicans opposed the measure, chiefly because it would permit spending at the rate approved in last month's debt pact between Boehner and Obama, a level that is unpopular with tea party lawmakers.

GOP leaders said they hoped

to win a vote on a largely identical measure by convincing wayward Republicans that the alternative was to give Democrats a better deal by adding more disaster aid or decoupling it from \$1.5 billion in spending cuts.

"What we voted on yesterday was the best deal Republicans could get and it can only go downhill from here," said Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y. "So we should try to revote again on the same bill we had yesterday, vote on it again, pass it this time, or if not we'll have to make concessions that would help the Democrats."

Democrats appeared poised to again oppose the legislation if, as expected, the \$1.5 billion in accompanying spending cuts would come from an Energy Department loan program that helps automobile and parts manufacturers retool their plants to build fuel efficient vehicles.

House leaders say they are considering taking \$100 million from a loan guarantee program



Member of Congress evaluate the damage at Joplin High School on Thursday morning, which was destroyed in the May 2011 tornadoes.

for renewable energy projects approved under the 2009 stimulus law. Congress set aside \$2.4 billion in case some of the loans went bad, such as a \$528 million loan to now-bankrupt Solyndra Inc., a California-based solar panel maker effusively praised by Obama.

An Energy Department official said the reserve fund has at least \$100 million in it. The program expires on Sept. 30.

Time is running short. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said Thursday that the government's main disaster aid account is "running on fumes" and could be tapped out as early as early next week. She called on Congress to quickly resolve the problem or risk delays in getting disaster projects approved.

"I'm hopeful that Congress will work this out in the next couple of days," Napolitano told The Associated Press as she flew to Joplin, Mo., to view tornado damage. "We have stretched this as far as it can go. We are scraping the bottom of the barrel."

As of Thursday morning, there was just \$212 million in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's disaster relief fund. The failed House measure contains \$3.7 billion. A rival Senate measure muscled through that chamber last week by Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., with the help of 10 Republicans, would provide \$6.9 billion.

Republicans hope that if the House passes the measure Senate Democrats will have little choice but to accept it.

The drama and battling over disaster aid and stopgap spending is unusual. Such measures usually pass routinely since the alternative is shutting down much of the government and denying help to victims of floods, hurricanes and other disasters.

The current imbroglio illustrates the difficulty lawmakers are sure to have when trying to address tougher problems. The toughest task confronts the so-called supercommittee, which is supposed to come up with at least \$1.2 trillion in deficit savings over the coming decade to implement the August budget and debt pact.

The panel had its third public meeting Thursday, again exposing differences between Republicans and Democrats on taxes. The panel has until Thanksgiving to produce legislation — and there's no sign yet of much progress toward agreement.

The chaos in the House contrasted with an unusually productive week in the Senate, which was on track Thursday to approve legislation to help American workers who fall victim to foreign competition. The move to renew expired portions of the Trade Adjustment Assistance program, which provides retraining and financial support for workers adversely affected by trade, sets the stage for Obama to submit trade agreements with South Korea, Colombia and Panama.



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INSIDE COLUMN

Capital punishment

Troy Davis' execution on Wednesday, Sept. 21, brought the debate on capital punishment back to the forefront of legal issues, as people around the world protested against the execution of a man they believed to be innocent.

Daniel Azic

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In 1989, Davis was convicted of murdering Mark MacPhail, an undercover police officer, when MacPhail was breaking up a fight that arose in a Burger King parking lot. During Davis' 1991 trial, several witnesses testified that he was the shooter. Davis was convicted of murder and was sentenced to death.

However, after the trial, seven of the nine witnesses recanted or contradicted their original testimony. A number of the witnesses also stated in sworn affidavits that police had coerced them into testifying against Davis.

One of the other two witnesses was Sylvester Coles. Coles was the primary alternate suspect in the case. This brings into question the sincerity of Coles' testimony. Counting Coles, reasonable doubt remains amongst eight out of the nine witnesses. In addition to this, nine individuals have signed affidavits implicating Coles as the murderer. In 2010, the final court hearing for the case was upheld and an appeal to the Supreme Court was rejected.

Nearly one million people signed petitions urging the Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles to moderate the severity of Davis' punishment. Despite this wave of support, the petition was denied.

Davis' case is a perfect example of the faults in our system of capital punishment. Although Davis was not able to prove his innocence in his appeals, he was able to cast doubt and uncertainty onto his conviction. This uncertainty put Georgia's justice system in risk of making an irreversible mistake, as more evidence could arise in the future. Between 1973 and 2005, 123 people in 25 states were released from death row due to the emergence of new evidence proving their innocence. Although this is only a small percentage of the number of people who have been on death row, it still highlights the fact that our lengthy system of appeals is not foolproof. If evidence proving Davis' innocence does emerge in the coming years, the justice system would have made a monumental mistake and public confidence in them would weaken.

And here lies the main problem I, and so many others, have with the death penalty. Why risk the chance of killing an innocent man when you could keep him locked up in prison for the rest of his life?

Many argue that it is not cost effective, however, that argument has proven to be on loose grounds given the high costs of appeal cases. For example, Urban Institute reports that in Maryland, death penalty cases cost three times more than non-death penalty cases at around \$3 million for a single case.

Others argue that the death penalty deters murdering. Yet, over 65 percent of the world's countries have abolished the death penalty. It seems odd that proven deterrent is being abolished more and more across the globe. Such a developed nation as the United States should not continue to practice such an archaic law.

Although Davis' case is one of grief and sorrow, it is significant in increasing awareness of and opposition toward our capital punishment system. Hopefully the millions of people who have been disturbed by Davis' execution will act on their grief and push legislation to make a change.

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Do good

When you're finished reading this editorial, take a walk. Walk past the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, through Irish Green and down Eddy Street. Cross South Bend Avenue, and just as Club 23 comes into view on your right, turn left.

You're standing in front of Perley Elementary School.

Perley is a microcosm of education in modern America. The performance statistics are startling. In the 2003-04 school year, only 24 percent of Perley's students met Indiana standardized testing requirements. Since then, the numbers have improved steadily, but not dramatically. In 2008-09, the most recent time frame for which performance data is public, 44.6 percent passed.

While this improvement is a step in the right direction, four out of 10 is not good. Perley students perform nearly 20 percent below the state average on these tests, and the Indiana average is middle-of-the-road compared to other states. But 60 percent is not good enough. Not in Indiana, not in Alabama, not anywhere. Suffice it to say, America has an education problem.

The American educational system has long been envied around the world. Recently, however, our priorities have shifted to domestic security, economic prosperity and international turmoil. Discussion of education reform often emits more heat than light, and the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 has been widely criticized.

Education experts say the government must provide ways for schools to improve instead of simply punishing schools that perform poorly on standardized tests or throwing money at the problem. Accountability needs to be the main priority. While federal funding for education increased nearly 30 percent since the Act, test scores from 2000 to 2003 are nearly identical to those three years after the implementation.

Something needs to be done.

This week, Notre Dame announced that its annual Forum will be titled "Reimagining School: To Nurture the Soul of a Nation." The University will host events throughout the year to discuss the problems — and the solutions — in American schools. In an email to the student body last week, University President Fr. John Jenkins quoted Notre Dame's founder, Fr.

Edward Sorin. In an 1842 letter to the Congregation of Holy Cross in France, Sorin proclaimed that Notre Dame would become "one of the most powerful means for good in this country."

This statement emboldens us to act when met with challenges.

When you walk back to Notre Dame, you will rejoin a vast majority of students who matriculated from top-performing public and private high schools across the country. In this environment, it is easy to sit in our comfortable ivory tower. Yet because of the Notre Dame mission to "do good," many of us feel an insatiable urge to help. We volunteer at schools like Perley here in South Bend, we sign up for summer service projects aimed at helping schoolchildren and we give up two years of our lives after graduation to work with Teach for America or the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE).

But something more needs to be done. Why should we do it?

Two reasons, really.

First, because as the statistics from Perley illustrate, something more needs to be done. Second, because we can.

The Forum begins Monday with a keynote speech by former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, younger brother of the president that signed the No Child Left Behind Act. Bush is now CEO of the Foundation for Education Excellence, a think tank working to prepare American schoolchildren for success in a competitive global economy. After his address Monday, four of the leading American voices on education will convene Wednesday to discuss ways to meet education's extraordinary challenges.

Assuming you're back from your walk by Monday, go to the Forum.

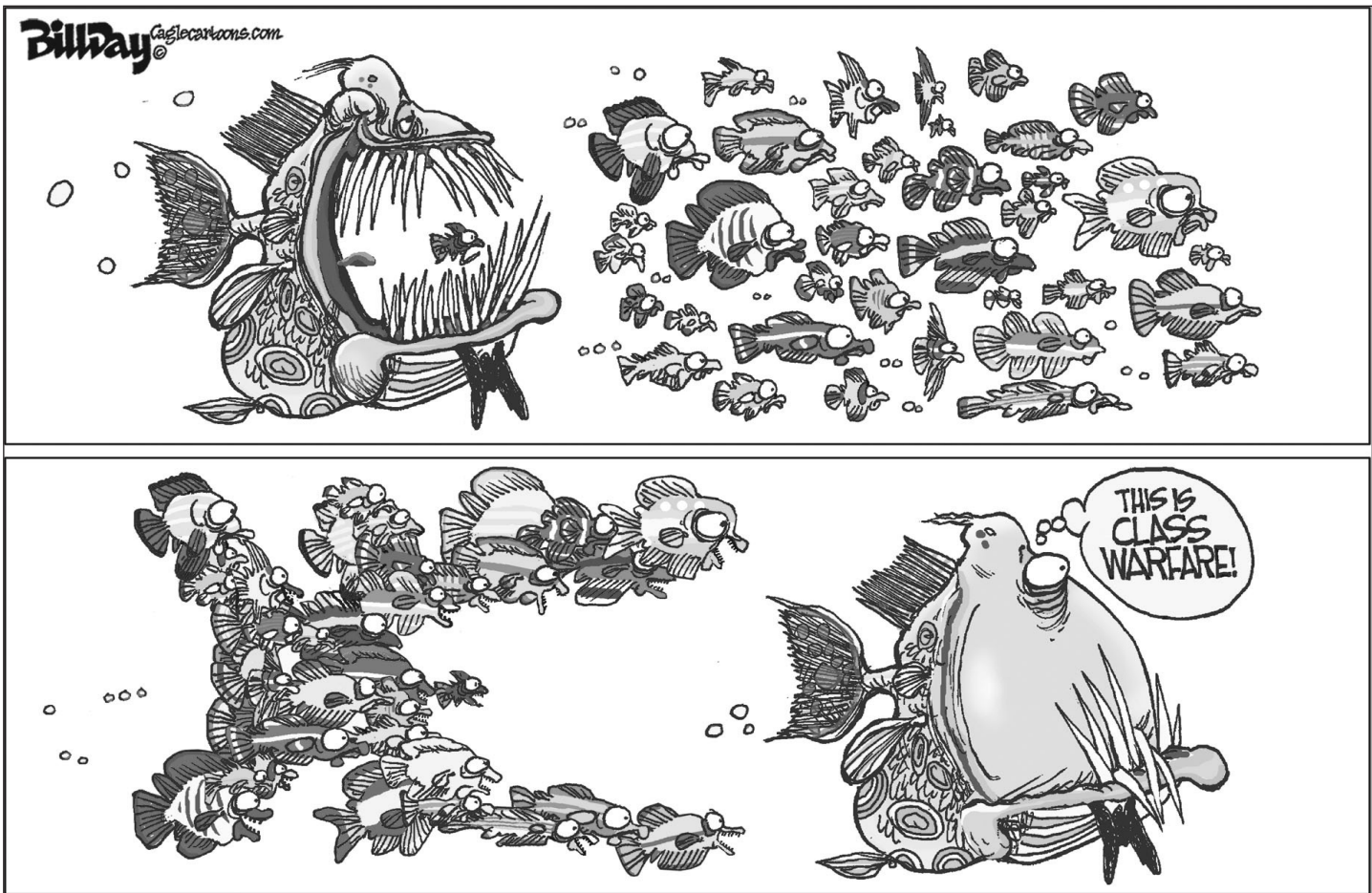
Ask questions. Make your voice heard. Listen. Learn.

Start talking about these issues with friends around campus. Talk to professors, and find out what you can do to help. Go over to Perley, and tutor local children. Sign up for ACE.

Education is the foundation of our country's future. and our system is crumbling before our eyes. It is too big of a risk to do nothing.

Do what Father Sorin asked of you — do good.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

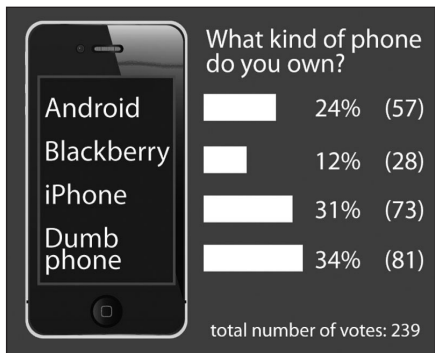
"Follow your passion. Stay true to yourself. Never follow someone else's path unless you're in the woods and you're lost and you see a path. By all means, you should follow that."

Ellen DeGeneres
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WEEKLY POLL RESULTS



Flat over fair

I hate taking issue with my fellow conservatives. With so much damage being caused by our liberal counterparts, it is dumb to spend time bickering amongst ourselves about details. However, it is important we put up a united front when it comes to solving our nation's problems.

The Fair Tax is a popular conservative proposal to solve our unfair and broken tax code. There are many ways to cheat the current system, if you can find the loopholes in the code.

The Fair Tax involves the elimination of federal income taxes in favor of a high national sales tax. The idea is to more equally distribute the tax burden among all Americans because all of us have to consume goods and services, regardless of our financial status. The theory is sound, however, I think it really overlooks major realities on the ground that not only would create the same problems we are having now, but could even be worse.

Basic reform of our current system is not enough to truly equate the tax burden faced by all citizens of all financial classes. The current progressive system makes only the top half of all Americans essentially pay all of the taxes. That would mean that I pay for myself and some random person I don't even know.

But it gets worse. Most of the tax burden (over four-fifths) is paid by the very wealthy. Now that doesn't seem too bad if you are not personally wealthy. The common saying is "they can afford to pay

more."

The problem is the "super-rich" people are usually in charge of large and small businesses that create jobs for everyone else. If we don't reward and incentivize people to invest, then jobs don't get created and we lose our edge to others overseas who will step up.

People also predicate that taxes are the only way we can achieve some type of social welfare in our self-centered and greed-filled capitalist society. This is fundamentally untrue because the wealthy are also patrons of many social causes that improve the lives of the downtrodden. It is one thing to be able to volunteer to build a house for Habitat for Humanity. It is a whole other thing to buy the materials to build the house.

The wealthy also donate to religious organizations that seek to fulfill social welfare services in the community. These organizations operate at much higher efficiencies than the government could ever hope to achieve. We need a fairer tax system so the rich can afford to be more generous through non-governmental means. This doesn't just mean donating to good causes, but investing in new companies and creating new jobs and opportunities in for-profit ventures.

A Fair Tax rightfully assumes that current tax code heavily burdens those in the top half and especially the top 1 percent of Americans. Imagine either how much more the government could provide if we had every person pay (socialist approach) or how much less everybody would have to pay if everyone contributed (conservative approach). Either way it is better than what we have and certainly more fair.

Taxing consumption ensures that everyone pays in a "fair" share of the

national tax revenue based on how much they can afford to consume. The super wealthy will still buy their expensive cars, planes and boats and as a result will have to pay more in taxes for those items. The poor who only have to pay for food, medical care and housing will pay in much less.

While in theory it seems like a fair system, I have my doubts that it would be the same story in practice. This is quite a radical reform that must first be asked several questions.

The first is how would we implement a national sales tax and eliminate the income tax? In Europe, countries already have national sales taxes (VAT or Value Added Tax) on top of the taxes they already have. How would we ensure greedy politicians would not just impose the national sales tax and leave it at that?

Another question is how they will address the significant artificial price inflation on all goods that will result? In my experience, any government meddling in the market usually carries negative consequences or inefficiencies.

Finally there are no guarantees that the tax code will not be manipulated to lessen the tax burden on poorer Americans. We would trade one corrupted tax code for another with all types of loop holes and breaks for special interests.

I believe the Flat Tax is the only practical solution to honest and productive tax reform and easiest to convince the American people that it's a simple and good idea. The Flat Tax is as basic as it gets. As a taxpayer, I calculate how much income I made over a period (12 months, six months, three months) and I take a set percentage of that and send it into the Internal Revenue Service. No cheating,

no breaks, no complicated paperwork.

The system is also highly adjustable. It can incorporate a progressive scale such as the bottom rate pays 15 percent and the top rate pays 20 percent. The IRS can also collect on a schedule that is efficient, instead of once per year.

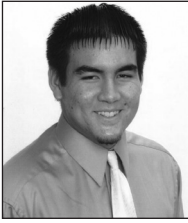
Estimates show that even at lower rates for everyone, a Flat Tax would bring in significantly more money to the U.S. Treasury because more people are paying in and the tax burden is being shared among all citizens.

It is also objectively fair. Someone that is unemployed will pay in their 15 percent just like everyone else but since they made no money over the period, they pay no taxes. A person working as a day clerk at a gas station with a modest salary will only pay a modest amount in taxes. For a billionaire who made significant income over the period, their percentage of taxes owed is going to be a very large sum of money.

Whoever makes more pays in more, and who ever doesn't make as much, doesn't pay in as much. That is the definition of fair, but in this case, everyone pays into the system and has equal access to public services as opposed to just some paying into the system, but everyone having equal access to services. With everyone having a little "skin in the game," Flat Tax proponents claim people will take their role in our country's politics more seriously, which probably is a good thing.

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Mark Easley

Elephant in the Room

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reasons why you should return my bike

On Wednesday, Sept. 21, my bike was stolen. While true that I didn't lock it properly, that still gives nobody a right to steal it. I'm hoping it was more "borrowed without permission" by a student late for class, and I can sympathize as anyone who knows me can assure you. And I will be totally nice about it if you return it, because I understand needing to get across our gorgeous campus quickly.

Here are the reasons you should return my bike:

1. Sustainability. I got that bike so I could ride to and from my house off-campus. If you return it, I won't have to drive, thereby reducing my carbon footprint and doing my part to lessen our dependence on foreign oil.

2. State of Grace. You don't want to arrive at Mass on a stolen bicycle, do you? Returning the bike is the right thing to do.

3. I will take care of it. Many bikes around here fall victim to Old Man Winter, but I have a house with a basement and a garage. I will ride it regularly, maintain the tires, oil the chain, etc. If you won't take care of it this winter, at least return it by the first snowfall.

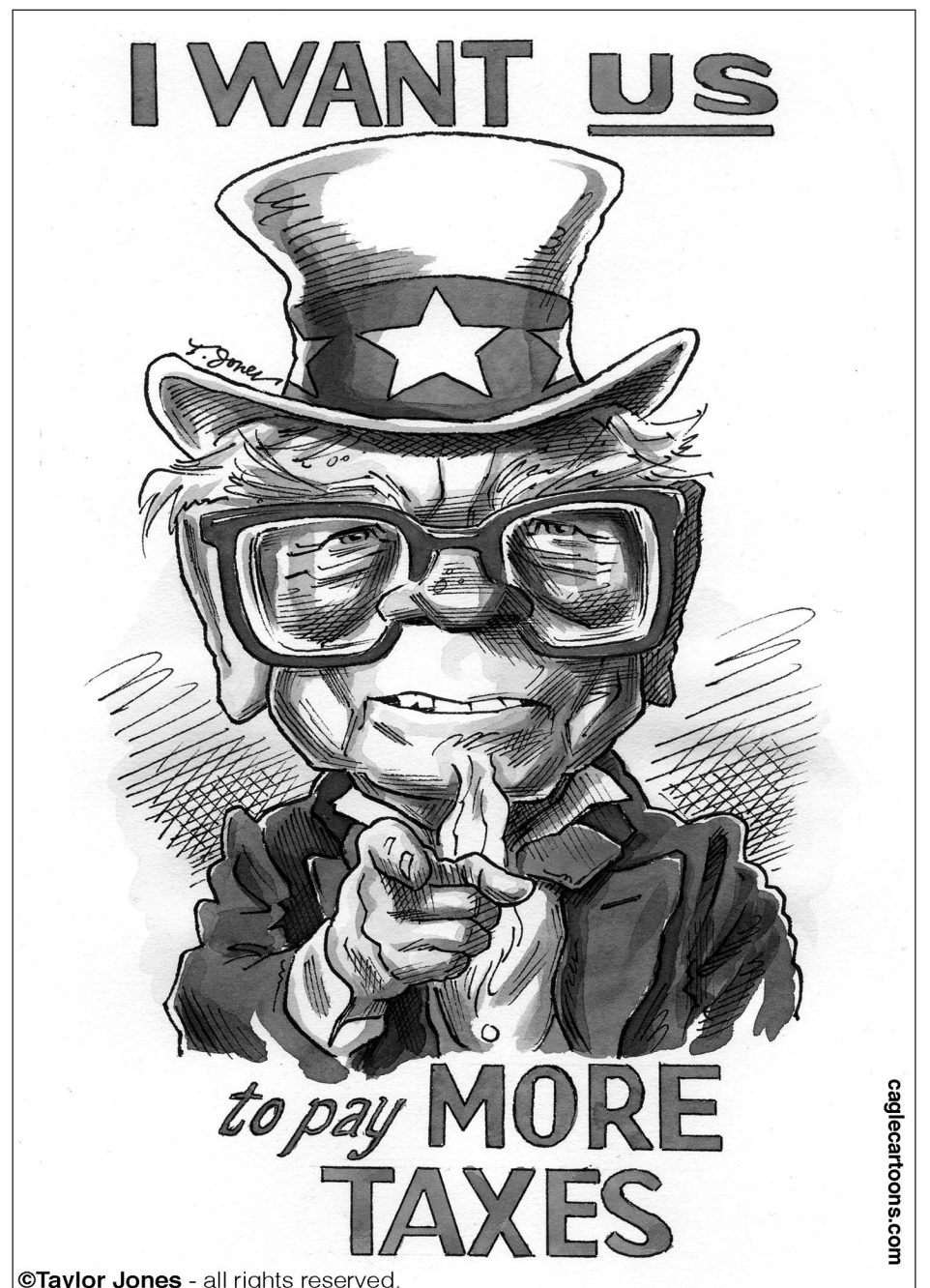
4. Thou shalt not steal.

If you accidentally borrowed my bike yesterday, please return it to me, no questions asked! The bike is a brand-new, silver, 54 cm, 18 speed with shimano shifter aluminum men's road bike. It has dropped handle bars with black bar tape and says "zerograv" in white. Drop it off at the lost and found, or contact me and we can meet up. I understand if you like riding my bike. I like riding it too. I hope whoever took my bike could find it in his or her heart to help a poor graduate student out and give it back!

Thank you, Notre Dame!

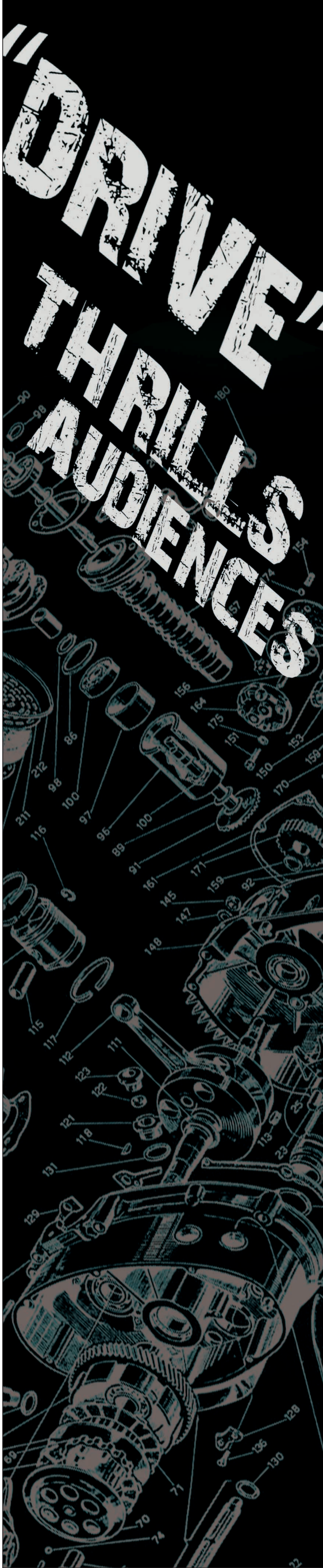
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EDITORIAL CARTOON



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Ryan Gosling plays it mysterious in this fast-paced thriller.

By COURTNEY ECKERLE
Scene Writer

“Drive” is the kind of movie that makes you feel at least 45 percent cooler as you’re leaving the theater.

Ryan Gosling plays a wunderkind, unnamed Hollywood stunt driver by day, and a heist getaway man by night. When he falls for the pretty and troubled young mother next door (Carey Mulligan), chaos is introduced into his regimented life-style.

Director Nicolas Winding Refn masterminded this ‘80s-infused noir drama, set in the streets of L.A., which are shown off in the film’s opening sequence.

The soundtrack is a huge asset to the film, and sets the tone without taking over the movie. Featuring Cliff Martinez, former drummer of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, the music is subtle but powerful. Such music is a difficult feat for any movie, let alone one in the action/suspense genre — which usually tosses subtlety out the window of a cop car while doing a triple flip in the air.

But this reflects Gosling’s mysterious, subtle and powerful character.

Gosling’s character is a minimalist, who lives in an empty apartment, save for a table and chair. Gosling’s character speaks maddeningly little.

“I’m a driver,” he says, and he really doesn’t need another word. His character speaks through distinct James Dean-esque actions — like making a fist with his leather driving gloves or chewing on an ornately carved toothpick. It adds suspense to the movie, because every gesture and shot is aimed for maximum impact.

Bryan Cranston, who earned his post-“Malcolm in the Middle” street cred on AMC’s hit show “Breaking Bad,” plays the scrappily lovable Shannon. Unlucky in his past dealings in the underbelly of society, Shannon has somehow scored the trust and loyalty of Gosling, and arranges ways for him to use his talent.

Albert Brooks (think the voice of Marlin in “Finding Nemo”) is an inspired piece of casting. He stars as the calculated local mob boss who takes an interest in Gosling. Christina Hendricks, of “Mad Men,” has a small role as a washed up mobster. Hendricks is surprisingly poignant, and brings attention to a character that would usually be a throwaway.

Gosling’s interest in Mulligan’s character and her son leads him to break his normal heist rules, and he ends up getting tangled in a deadly situation. The one hang up is the film’s descent into a blood-orgy of epic proportions, which, depending on if you’re a Tarantino fan or not, could make or break “Drive” for you.



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Fashion by Felicia

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There are certain times in a fashionista’s life when she fears she has got it all wrong.

These moments are, without a doubt, harrowing enough to reduce even the strongest among us to bite and ruin our perfectly-manicured nails, baptized in the latest shade of trendy OPI nail polish. Even our male counterparts are prone to this niggling sense of fashion doubt, just witness Mr. Fitzgerald’s Letter to the Editor, “Is a Scarf too Metro?”

We may descend the stairs in a Audrey Hepburn/Sabrina-inspired sheath and heels, excited to dine at a hip Fondue restaurant by the Pantheon in Paris, only to find we are distinctly out of touch with the cool skinny jeans, white T-shirts, comfortable flats and Superga sneakers adorning the rest of our group — not that I’m speaking from personal experience, or anything.

In the ensuing identity crisis we may ask ourselves — “Who am I? What am I doing here? Will I ever attain that breezy nonchalant attitude I channel through my accessories? Fashion, my love, why are you deserting me?” Again, not that I’m quoting from personal experience or previous fashion meltdowns.

But then we remember — the clothes don’t wear us, we wear the clothes. We are the masters of our own fashion destinies and the identities we project through them. Searching for that perfect outfit doesn’t make us fashion addicts, it makes us the authors of our own fashion sensibility. And, like any great literary genius, we need a tried-and-true story point to begin our individual fashion journeys. What item of style could

live up to plot-points the likes of Ernest Hemingway’s “Moveable Feast,” F. Scott Fitzgerald’s “Great Gatsby” or JD Salinger’s “Catch er in the Rye?” Ladies and Gentlemen, only the leather jacket will do.

The leather jacket is the essence of cool. It screams attitude and fierce independence. Its cool factor stems from its origin as the uniform of early 20th century aviators and its exposure in Hollywood movies of the ‘40s and ‘50s. Soon, everyone wanted a piece of the leather jacket’s action.

Even Europeans have appropriated this look to project American rebellion and continental cool. When buying a leather jacket you can go for faux, but be advised the real deal is worth the investment.

Try the jacket on a few times and stretch the sleeves a little to make sure the material is supple enough to mold, yet define, your upper body. We’re not going for the T-Birds and Pink Ladies look, so the best cut is the modern motorcycle jacket — square with a racing collar. Of course, go with what fits you best and what makes you feel the most confident. While black may work for some, a less edgy dark brown may feel more apt for others.

This look works for both women and men. Women — throw it over jeans and a T-shirt or even over your favorite cocktail dress. Casual or dressy, it makes any outfit a combination of strength and feminine savvy. Men can work leather with jeans and a T-shirt or with dress pants and an Oxford shirt, reminding us that there’s self-assured steel underneath that easy handsome exterior.

Start your leather jacket journey with selections at zara.com.

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WORST. WEEK. EVER.

CHARLIE SHEEN

By ADRIANA PRATT
Scene Writer

Guess who’s having the ... Worst. Week. Ever.

You stayed up past 2 a.m. finishing a lousy paper. You got shamelessly dumped over a South Dining Hall dinner. You flunked a test — which by Notre Dame standards (at least if you’re a Poli Sci major) means you got a B.

Whatever it is, your week kind of stunk.

Have no fear, though. There’s someone out there whose week was way worse, and on display for the whole world to see. Think Tiger Woods, Arnold Schwarzenegger, etc. — people who



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make you think, “Wow, at least that wasn’t me.”

So to celebrate the fact that our lives aren’t as bad as we think they are, or at least not as open to mockery, Scene is launching the “Worst. Week. Ever.” column. Subjects will vary from celebrities to politicians to really anyone who has made fools out of themselves. If you want to nominate your roommate, send me an email.

This week, we begin with the person who inspired this column idea long, long ago. A man who told scared viewers he was high off a drug that shared his very own name. A man who famously claimed he shared blood with a tiger. A man who has three ex-wives and a couple of goddesses cursing his existence. A man called Charlie Sheen.

Just when Sheen’s uncontrollably-blazing star was finally puttering out, the season premiere of “Two and a Half Men” aired Monday. Sheen was bolted back into the spotlight, a place that had become a second home to

him during his public meltdown last spring. Instead of reveling in his re-found fame, though, Sheen was forced to watch Ashton Kutcher steal his show — literally.

Kutcher replaced Sheen on the famous CBS sitcom “Two and a Half Men” after Sheen was fired from the series. This week’s premiere, which began with the death of Sheen’s character and introduced Kutcher as the new billionaire in town, premiered to 27.8 million viewers — the show’s largest audience ever. Sheen not only watched himself die, but also saw a younger, handsomer man replace him with obvious success.

To add insult to injury, Sheen participated in Comedy Central’s celebrity roast, which aired the same day as the “Two and a Half Men” premiere. Talk about masochistic. As the gorgeous Kutcher took his stride on CBS, William Shatner knocked Sheen’s looks for all they were worth.

“First off Charlie, I’m 80-years-old. You’re what, 47?” Shatner asked.

“46,” Sheen replied.

“Then how come we look like we went to high school together?” Shatner asked, digging the nail into Sheen’s ego’s coffin.

Seth MacFarlane commented on Sheen’s deteriorated career, noting his past success and bleak future.

“I really think you and Emilio should do a follow up to ‘Men and Work’ and you can call it ‘Men Who Don’t Work Anymore,’” MacFarlane said. “Honestly Charlie, I never thought I would live to see this night that you would live to see this night.”

To watch yourself get verbally slaughtered and successfully replaced all in the same day would crush anyone’s spirits. Charlie Sheen, you officially get the “Worst. Week. Ever.” Award. #Winning.

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ND HIP HOP ARTIST

FINDING HIS RHYTHM

By CLAIRE STEPHENS
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While some of us hit the beach, took classes abroad or had an internship, junior Alex Andre was on his way to being discovered by the world.

Andre just released his first mixtape entitled “Good Day.” Andre, a big hip-hop fan, got his start when his friends experimented with their computer’s audio.

“A few of my friends used to record funny rap songs with their computer mic doing stupid stuff,” Andre said. “I went and I wrote a couple of verses and recorded over a beat and they were like ‘Alex is tight, I’m feeling that.’”

Andre began writing his own songs last winter break, and continued over the summer when he had more time. He recorded with DJ Spydey, a disc jockey from his hometown. His first show was at Acousticafe.

“It was kind of weird since everyone was doing guitar,” he said. “People’s reactions were interesting.”

Andre’s rapping ability comes as no surprise, given he plays bass for Voices of Faith and Jazz Band and has had his writing published in “The Juggler.” Eleven years of playing bass and six years of writing poetry have heavily in-

fluenced his rapping, giving it a rhythmic intensity.

Andre said he writes lyrics, and matches them to music and beats, as inspiration strikes him.

“I write so many lyrics in class,” he said with a laugh. “Some of my best stuff I wrote entirely in class. I write lyrics, have ideas and write rhymes, browse instrumentals, shop for beats. I feel like that, boom, put it in. Sync has to line up, it has a feel.”

Andre said he was surprised how many people texted, called and Facebook messaged him once he became better known.

“They asked me if I was signed,” he said.

But Andre said he likes that hip hop is not a job for him right now.

“I’m not going to stop studying, I’m doing what I love right now,” he said. “If I’m not inspired I can not write for a couple of weeks. But I’m usually pretty inspired.”

One of the most popular hits on his new mixtape is “Dorm Party Anthem,” an addictive, tongue-in-cheek song about the Notre Dame party experience.

“One day, Cee Lo Green’s ‘Forget You’ came on the radio, and I started feeling a rap flow over the verses. The title “Dorm Party Anthem” popped into my

head. At that point the songs write themselves.”

In discussing Notre Dame, partying and hip hop, the classic on-campus entertainment that is Legends’ Hip Hop Night inevitably came up.

“Hip hop night gets me ... I’m active in the black community on campus, so people come to be seen, but that music is just whack. You just can’t dance to it,” he insisted. “When I want to dance, I put on some Kanye or Curtis Mayfield.”

His all-time favorite music consists of big jazz and funk artists like Miles Davis, Coltrane and Keith Jarrett, as well a broad range of hip hop, covering Outkast, Tupac, Most Def, Public Enemy, A Tribe Called Quest, Common, Nas, Fashawn and Wale.

One of the challenges Andre has faced is fighting against people’s impression of rap, which he clarifies as different from hip-hop.

“Most people are exposed to club stuff, and it’s not hip hop. [Hip hop] is not money, sex, weed and fancy cars, it’s real life,” he said. “Humble yourself and talk about real things. These cats are saying nothing, they’re just trying to make money.”

Andre also discussed how racial expectations play into his musical endeavors.

“I don’t feel a huge need to prove my legitimacy as a white artist in a black genre, but you have to walk a certain line. I have a great amount of respect for hip hop and its history as part of black culture. I’m not trying to appropriate it as white music. I’m just doing me.”

Andre hopes to confront important issues in his lyrics and inspire his audience the way hip hop has inspired him.

“Hip hop has had a profound influence on me. It’s brought me out of dark places, it’s helped me through things, it encompasses all emotions,” he said. “Whenever I do music, I have a respect for what hip hop has done for me and I try to emulate that. Hip hop is honest.”

Andre is a Stanford junior with an infectious sense of humor and an uncanny sense of rhythm. He prefers hugs over handshakes and strives for better music at Hip Hop Night. He represents Notre Dame’s next ferocious talent, hidden behind the smile of a tall white boy from Illinois.

Andre’s work can be found on his YouTube Channel, aandrehiphop, his Facebook page and for download at hotnewhiphop.com

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Thank you, Pac-12

For once, money saved college football.

It wasn't the money given to a player by a booster to convince him to come to the booster's school.

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It was the money that comes from a television contract.

When the Pac-12 would not agree to give the University of Texas a greater share in revenue earned by the newly formed Longhorn Network, it saved college football.

The Pac-12 decided that instead of allowing Texas, Texas Tech, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State to abandon the Big 12, which would have been the largest of the dominoes to fall in conference realignment, the league decided to stay at 12 teams. In doing so, it saved college football.

If those four teams had joined the Pac-12, forming the first 16-team "super conference," the ACC, Big 10 and SEC would have been forced to follow suit. The remaining teams in the Big-12 and the Big East would have been forced to leave their conferences to join a "super conference," and college football would have been changed forever.

That it would have been exciting, there is no doubt — at least at first. The entire landscape of college football would have changed, with new rivalries forming, more exciting games taking place each week and perhaps even a new post-season system. But the consequences of the move would have been far more devastating.

By not allowing the move, the Pac-12 saved teams from playing almost half of their conference foes only once every seven years. This is likely what the system would have looked like with 16-team conferences.

By not allowing the move,



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Sports Writer

"But most importantly, by not allowing the move, the Pac-12 saved the integrity of college football, and of college sports as a whole."

the Pac-12 saved schools like Villanova, Georgetown and Marquette from losing their prestige in other sports because they have no football program. With the collapse of the Big East, these schools would have had nowhere to turn.

But most importantly, by not allowing the move, the Pac-12 saved the integrity of college football, and of college sports as a whole.

Some experts have predicted the consequences of forming four 16-team "super conferences" would be far more devastating than expected. The four conferences and the 64 teams in the conferences would no longer have any use for the other teams in college football or for the NCAA itself. They could secede from the NCAA with few to no repercussions. Would the TV networks stop broadcasting their games, and would anyone honestly stop watching?

The 64 schools would no longer be under NCAA regulations and could resort to any kind of recruiting practices, including the payment of players. This could even become the norm. All that was great and pure about college football would fall to the wayside as the newly formed 64-team league became just like another professional sport.

Players could transfer without punishment to a school that could offer more money. Would eligibility rules continue to apply, or could anyone who was enrolled in a school play football, even those who have already played for four years?

So, thank you Pac-12. Thank you for not allowing Texas to take the lion's share of the profits. And thank you Texas, for being greedy enough to not want to agree to equal revenue sharing among the schools of the Pac-12.

With one move, you saved college football.

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NFL

Romo expects to play Monday

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — With his arms crossed, ball cap on — forward — and an electronic stimulation device working to heal his broken rib, Tony Romo could only watch as the other Dallas Cowboys quarterbacks threw warm-up passes at the start of practice Thursday.

Still, just being on the field was an indication Romo could start Monday night against the Redskins.

Romo wore a jersey and shorts and moved gingerly. When everyone stretched, he was slow to join them, then didn't do anything that required bending or moving his arms. At the start of team drills, he stood with the backups, watching with his arms clasped behind his back. Jon Kitna worked with the first team and would start if Romo can't.

"I fully expect him to play," Kitna said.

Coach Jason Garrett repeatedly referred to Romo's status as day-to-day, with constant monitoring of his progress. He called it a good sign that Romo was on the field Thursday and said the quarterback doesn't necessarily have to practice to be cleared for the game, but would like to see him get in some work.

"We're going to get a feel for how he is feeling going into the game and then we'll make some decisions," Garrett said. "It's still very early in the week. It's a little too early in the week to get into all those hypothetical situations."

Coaches and teammates said Romo was moving around better than they'd expected. Many of them pointed to the fact he was able to return to Sunday's game with the rib injury — and with a torn lung that had yet to be diagnosed.

As scary as that sounds, it was a small enough tear that he should be fully recovered long before kickoff.

"He has been upbeat, he has been positive, he has been going through it like a regular work week," tight end Jason Witten said. "He is very active in meetings



Injured Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo watches his teammates practice Thursday in Irving, Texas.

and doing what needs to do to get back out there."

This was Dallas' first practice since Romo overcame the broken rib and a tear in his lung to pull out a comeback victory in overtime against San Francisco on Sunday. He's been praised for his toughness and leadership just a week after being scorned for bad plays and poor decisions that led to a loss in the opener, and he also earned the NFC offensive player of the week award.

"The legend has begun," linebacker Bradie James said. "Punctured spleen, kidney, whatever it is, he's going to be out there."

The Cowboys came out of the 49ers game with so many injuries to key players that Garrett gave the entire squad an extra day off Wednesday. They could afford it because they have an extra day before the next game, which also is at home.

The status of many other key players remains in flux. Six others didn't practice, including running back Felix Jones (shoulder) and receivers Dez Bryant (thigh) and Miles Austin (hamstring).

Austin aggravated an injury that had him limping much

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Bradie James
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A long, long time ago...
I can still remember
How that music used to make me smile.
And I knew if I had my chance
That I could make those people dance
And, maybe, they'd be happy for a while.

But February made me shiver
With every paper I'd deliver.
Bad news on the doorstep;

I couldn't take one more step.
I can't remember if I cried
When I read about his widowed bride,
But something touched me deep inside
The day the music died.

So bye-bye, Miss Aerican pie.
Drove my chevy to the levee,
But the levee was dry.
And them good old boys were drinkin' whiskey and rye

Singin' "This'll be the day that I die.
"This'll be the day that I die."

Did you write the book of love,
And do you have faith in God above
If the Bible tells you so?
Do you believe in rock 'n roll,
Can music save your mortal soul,
And can you teach me how to dance real slow?

Well, I know that you're in love

with him
'cause I saw you dancin' in the gym.
You both kicked off your shoes.
Man, I dig those rhythm and blues.

I was a lonely teenage broncin' buck
With a pink carnation and a pickup truck,
But I knew I was out of luck

The day the music died.

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Ducks

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Howard came at quarterback as freshman Lauren Gable and junior Katharine Mack rotated and threw for two touchdowns apiece. Gassner also said she was impressed with new defensive adjustments, which helped the defensive unit create four turnovers in the last game.

Badin (0-1) looks to bounce back from a 28-0 loss to Cavanaugh in its season opener.

Despite the loss, Badin senior quarterback and captain Sylvia Banda was confident in the team's ability to put points on the board.

"We moved the ball well in our first game, but had trouble in the red zone" Banda said.

The Bullfrogs plan to attack Howard's defense with a strong run game and a unique two-quarterback system that features Banda and fellow senior Carli Fernandez.

"Carli and I really enjoy the system because it allows us to display our different strengths," Banda said. "We think that it provides a surprise element to the game."

This match up between South Quad neighbors will take place at 7p.m. Sunday at LaBar Fields.

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Pasquerilla West vs. Pangborn

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Sports Writer

With one game in the books for each squad, Pasquerilla West and Pangborn square off Sunday with quarterbacks at

the focus of the matchup.

The Phoxes (1-0) are hoping their opening-week success, a 40-0 victory over Breen-Phillips, carries over into their game with the Purple Weasels (0-1).

In the preseason, sophomore Sam Nordlund had been penciled in to be the starting quarterback. Nordlund wasn't expecting to make it to the Breen-Phillips game, however, so the team prepared to move ahead with sophomore Meredith Angell under center. Nordlund eventually made it to the game, but Angell took most of the snaps. Heading into their matchup with the Purple Weasels, the Phoxes' starting role is still up for grabs.

"We'll be switching between two quarterbacks," senior captain Liz Pawlak said. "[It] should be interesting to watch to see who gets the majority of the plays."

Pasquerilla West lost to Cavanaugh on Tuesday night, plagued by a few big penalties. The Purple Weasels chalked up the infractions to first-game jitters, and feel they are still a good team.

"We still have a really strong chance to get to the championship," senior captain Alison Lindeen said. "We just need to see more game experience."

The team is looking for leadership at quarterback, where freshman Lauren Vidal made her debut under center against the Chaos.

"[Vidal] has a really good arm, is really good at running, and once she gets a little more experience she'll be a huge factor in our offense," Lindeen said.

With a game under her belt, Vidal will be directing a slightly different offense.

"We're going to try and look to play a little more option on

offense and create some new running strategies," Lindeen said.

The Phoxes and Purple Weasels will battle at 6 p.m. at LaBar Fields on Sunday.

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Pasquerilla East vs. Lyons

By JAMES SOUTHARD
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Lyons and Pasquerilla East meet this Monday, each hoping to avoid a 0-2 start. Lyons (0-1) is looking to bounce back from a 34-8 loss to Ryan in which the defense surrendered two rushing touchdowns and three passing touchdowns.

Lyons led early in the game, but was overwhelmed by Ryan's playmakers late. The primary problem for the team was tackling, sophomore captain Christina Bramanti said.

"Our defense was where it needed to be," Bramanti said. "The real issue was getting our opponent's flags."

Bramanti also intends to build on her team's offensive accomplishments.

"We had some really good long plays," she said. "We just need to familiarize ourselves with more plays, and we should be good."

Meanwhile, Pasquerilla East (0-1) will attempt to emerge victorious after being shut out by Welsh Family on Sunday. Pasquerilla East's defense started the game strongly, allowing no points until the end of the first half, but Welsh Family's passing attack proved too strong to overcome.

"Our defense worked hard, and our offense really stepped it up at the end of the game," Pyros senior captain Kristen Mannion said. "We definitely have good momentum moving into this next week."

Mannion said the focus for Pasquerilla East this week in practice is to improve the offensive tempo.

"We definitely want to control the ball and move up the field with short passes," she said.

Lyons and Pasquerilla East meet at 9 p.m. on Monday at Riehle Fields to fight for that elusive first victory.

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McGlinn vs. Walsh

By NICK BOYLE
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Coming off tough losses, McGlinn and Walsh will each look to right the ship when they square off Monday night.

In their last games, McGlinn (1-1) lost to Welsh Family, while Walsh (0-1) lost a close contest to Ryan by only a touchdown.

"A loss in our first game wasn't what we were looking for or expecting," Walsh junior captain Lindy Navarre said. "But on the other hand it was good to get out there and get our new players some valuable experience."

The Wild Women will try and use this newly gained experience to improve on both sides of the ball Monday night.

"I think the disappointment after our loss has given the team a new, heightened focus," Navarre said. "Everyone on

the team knows where they need to get better, and we've already seen improvement during practice. I think we will come out with a lot of confidence against McGlinn."

On the other side of the ball, McGlinn will look to bounce back from an up-and-down week where they defeated Lewis by a two-touchdown score, but were also on the wrong side of a lopsided Welsh Family victory.

"We had a really strong first game [where] the team played well as a whole," junior quarterback Lauren Miller said. "Unfortunately the game against Welsh Fam was a bit of a reality check for us. We came out slow and they made us pay for our mistakes."

She said the Shamrocks hope they can pick up the pace on Monday.

"We need to execute better from the start of the game, and make sure we capitalize on all our opportunities," Miller said.

McGlinn and Walsh face off under the lights 9 p.m. Monday night at Riehle Fields.

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Howard vs. Pasquerilla West

By STEPHANIE BANTA
Sports Writer

Howard is back on track and ready to bring the heat when it takes on Pasquerilla West next Tuesday.

The Ducks (1-1) snagged their first victory of the season in an offensive-driven game against Breen-Phillips last Tuesday and are looking to do it again.

"We've been focusing on the teams unity out on the field and filling in any holes that we had in our first few games," senior captain Jenny Gassner said. "Now that we have gained more

experience on the field we are confident that we will be able to dominate once again."

Even with a young squad, Howard is showing great strength in its two new quarterbacks freshman Lauren Gable and junior Katharine Mack.

"Both Gable and Mack have been playing strong and have brought our offense to a new level," Gassner said.

Combined with our defense's ability to pressure the quarterback we are becoming a more solid team."

Pasquerilla West (0-1) has also been focusing on its offense after losing 12-0 to Cavanaugh on Tuesday. Kept out of the red zone for the entirety of the game and ridden with penalties, the Purple Weasels are looking to clean up their game before Tuesday's showdown.

"We just had some first-game kinks and jitters that we needed to work out," senior captain Alison Lindeen said.

Howard and Pasquerilla West meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Riehle Fields.

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Pangborn vs. Badin

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Two talented teams will collide Tuesday night, as Badin and Pangborn square off looking for an important win.

The Phoxes (1-0) look to continue their dominance from their first game, which they won 40-0. Senior captain Liz Pawlak talked about the team's success and its preparation for the upcoming matchup against Badin.

"We had a great game Sunday," Pawlak said. "We gained 200 yards of offense. We just want to continue what we were doing."

Pawlak mentioned a few key players, such as freshman Anna McNamara, who had a huge game defensively last week with a couple interceptions, and junior quarterback Meredith Angell, who looks to improve on last week's performance.

Badin (0-1) is hoping to improve on its performance from last week when they lost by a few touchdowns. The Bullfrogs are optimistic despite last week's performance.

"Last week we had success moving the ball down the field, but struggled in the red zone," senior quarterback and captain Sylvia Banda said. "We've been working this week on putting everything together and I think we'll do better. We have a lot of potential as a team."

Along with their improved team chemistry, the Bullfrogs have a strong core of receivers to whom they will look to improve their offense against the Pangborn defense.

The sparks will fly Tuesday nightwhen Pangborn and Badin collide at 7 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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WOMEN’S INTERHALL

Breen-Phillips hopes to bounce back against Farley

Pyros and Wild Women to try for their first win; Welsh Family attempts to stay undefeated against Lyons

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

Breen-Phillips and Farley will face off in a game with bragging rights on the line for the rest of the season. Breen-Phillips (0-2) hopes to salvage its season after losses to Pangborn and Howard last week, while Farley (1-0) hopes to remain undefeated.

The Babes lost to Howard 28-7 on Tuesday, but had a small breakthrough when they scored their first touchdown in two years. Breen-Phillips hopes this touchdown will spark its offensive output, but the Babes also want to hold teams to fewer points.

“We worked out some kinks against Howard, but we are still looking to get better on defense,” senior captain Maria Lynch said.

Lynch also said the Babes will need to get comfortable with their new quarterback, as their starting quarterback was injured in Tuesday’s game.

Farley, meanwhile, looks to keep its momentum going after a satisfying win against Howard. Farley’s defense led the way last Sunday in a shutout of the defending champions. Senior captain Analise Althoff said the Finest intend to keep pressure up on defense but also want to be more consistent on offense.

“We had some big plays and then we had some times when we slowed up a little bit,”Althoff said. “We’ll just try to keep pushing it down the field.”

Farley is hoping increased offensive production along with stout defense will translate into victory.

The showdown between Breen-Phillips and Farley will take place at 7 p.m. at LaBar Fields on Sunday.

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Pasquerilla East vs. Walsh

By ALLY DARRAGH

Sports Writer

Pasquerilla East and Walsh both look for a fresh start this weekend after rough opening contests. The Pyros (0-1), who experienced offensive struggles Sunday night, are ready to take on the Wild Women (0-1).

“This week we have been working a lot on offense and controlling the ball on the field,” senior captain Kristin Mannion said. “We want to make sure that we can set the tempo in the game by getting up the field and converting that movement into touchdowns.”

Walsh had a strong showing against Ryan and is looking to move forward. Junior captain Kat Leach said the Wild Women took the loss as a learning experience.

“We figured out what we were doing wrong, what we want to do and how to do it,” Leach said. “We’re looking to be a more diverse and unpredictable team. We are working to make all of our options threats rather than focusing on only one or two people.”

The Pyros will look to sophomore running back Kiah Schaeffbauer and junior safety Anna Perino to lead them to victory Sunday evening.

Pasquerilla East and Walsh square off Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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McGlinn vs. Lyons

By SCOTT FRANO
Sports Writer

McGlinn and Lyons will meet Sunday in a matchup of teams coming off tough losses.

Lyons (0-1) lost 34-8 to Ryan in its first game. The Lions’ defense gave up 105 yards and two touchdowns to senior running back Brianna Curtis. Sophomore captain Christina Bramanti, a slot receiver, said her inexperienced defense had trouble pulling flags in the first

game, but will improve with another week of practice.

“Our defense was there where we needed to be a lot of the time, but they just couldn’t pull the flag and we couldn’t get her down,” Bramanti said. “We’ll definitely be working on some flag-pulling drills this week in practice.”

Bramanti said the offense, under the guidance of senior quarterback Kat Rodriguez, will also benefit from more practice time.

“There was a lot of confusion as to where people needed to be on plays,” Bramanti said. “We just need to familiarize ourselves more with the plays and then we’ll be a lot better.”

After a strong 24-14 win over Lewis to start the season, McGlinn (1-1) suffered a disappointing 27-8 defeat to Welsh Family Monday night. Senior captain and quarterback Lauren Miller thinks the Shamrocks can learn from both games.

“We didn’t play very well Monday night,” Miller said. “With all the good things from Sunday, there are also a lot of lessons to learn from Monday night’s experience.”

Miller and freshman running back Emma Collis will lead the McGlinn offense hoping for a performance more like Sunday’s.

Lyons and McGlinn will both be looking to bounce back Sunday evening as they go head-to-head at 6 p.m. at the LaBar Fields.

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Lewis vs. Welsh Family

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After falling to McGlinn last Sunday, Lewis is ready for redemption.

“Last week was rough,” senior captain Libby Redline said. “ But, now that we have one game under our belt I feel that we are much more confident going into this weekend.”

With the loss the Chicks (0-1) are looking to improve their defense and take advantage of the chemistry between junior quarterback Connaught Blood and sophomore receiver Colleen Haller.

“Connaught is a great team player and leader [off] the field,” Redline said. “When she and Haller connect on the field they are unstoppable.”

With Blood and Haller leading the offense, Lewis is looking to dominate Sunday’s game against Welsh Family.

“We are optimistic,” Redline said. “The season has only just begun.”

Coming off a strong win over McGlinn (1-1) on Monday, the Whirlwind (2-0) are looking to continue their winning streak come Sunday.

“We are feeling confident in both our offense and defense,” senior captain Charlotte Seasily said. “So far we have had only one touchdown against us and we want to keep it that way.”

Having a powerhouse defense is not Welsh Family’s only asset. Junior quarterback Vicky

Moreno has racked up an impressive 428 passing yards thus far and shows no signs of stopping.

“Moreno has been outstanding on the field,” Seasily said. “She has definitely become the backbone of our offense.”

Walsh Family squares off against Lewis on Sunday at 5 p.m. at the LaBar Fields.

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Howard vs. Badin

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After a convincing 28-7 victory over Breen-Phillips on Tuesday, Howard looks to have rediscovered the strong offense and stifling defense that have made it traditionally successful. However, the Ducks (1-1) will face tough competition in a Badin team very eager for its first win.

After being shut out in their season opener, the Ducks offense looked re-energized Tuesday night, scoring four touchdowns.

“We had a really good practice on Monday and made some key variations in our lineup,” senior receiver and captain Jenny Gassner said. “As a result, we were able to play our style of football.”

Some of the key changes for

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Dillon vs. Keenan

By MEGHAN RODER
Sports Writer

With both teams coming off an opening win, Dillon and Keenan are both feeling ready to battle it out in their upcoming game Sunday. Heading into the game, confidence is not an issue for either team.

The Big Red (1-0) took charge on the field last Sunday by winning 24-0 over O’Neill. Even though a score like that could send spirits high, junior captain Will Salvi is focused on keeping the same mentality and reeling in another win this week.

“If we improve on our passing, make smarter plays and keep pushing it at the defensive line, then we’re solid,” Salvi said. “We take each game at a time and we are ready to rumble.”

Sophomore quarterback Kevin Fink leads the Big Red offensive attack.

Although the Big Red are feeling pretty big, the Knights (1-0) are also ready to line up and battle it out.

Keenan took control Sunday with a striking 16-6 win over Keough and is ready to do the same this week.

“We have tightened up and are starting to play well together,” senior captain Erik Blackwood said. “We have been preparing for a few weeks and we know what we can do. We take it one week at a time, and every time looking forward to getting back out on the field.”

Coming off a big game against Keough, the Knights will look to junior quarterback Andrew McDonough to lead the offense.

It will be a contest between Big Red’s rock-hard defense and the Knights’ operative offense when Dillon and Keenan square off at 3 p.m. Sunday at Riehle Fields.

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Defending champion Sorin to take on Zahmbies

Weekend is full of rivalries as Knott takes on Seigfried; Carroll and Fisher battle for the Old Crooked Stick

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

With a demonstrative victory in its first game, Sorin looked poised to emulate the success of last year’s championship team. The Otters (1-0) will be up for a tough game Sunday, though, as they face a well-rested Zahm team looking to start its season with a win.

Sorin opened its season last Sunday with a strong 24-8 win over Fisher. The Otters displayed a combination of high-powered offense and aggressive defense, holding Fisher to four first downs the entire game.

Despite the positive result, Sorin junior quarterback and captain Ted Spinelli believes there is room for improvement.

“I think that the first game was an inaccurate representation of the talent on this team,” Spinelli said. “If we play a complete game this week, we can score even more points.”

Spinelli will be important to the success of the offense, as he ran for a touchdown last week and threw a long touchdown pass to junior receiver Ryan Robinson.

Zahm (0-0) comes off a 2010 season in which it failed to score in its first three games, but broke through with an upset against St. Edward’s in its final game.

Senior center and captain Ryan Costello is confident in the team’s game plan as it heads into the first game.

“We plan to utilize the run heavily early on in the game and have our quarterback

make some plays down the field,” Costello said.

To achieve offensive success, the Zahmbies will look to junior quarterback Alex Bowman and senior running back Colin Casey.

On defense, Zahm features junior linebacker and defensive coordinator Greg Allare, who looks to make the plays and calls necessary to stop the Otters.

Zahm kicks off its season against defending champion Sorin at 1 p.m. Sunday at Riehle Fields.

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Seigfried vs. Knott

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One of the best interhall rivalries will take place again when Siegfried and Knott go head-to-head Sunday, as each team looks to form some separation in the league standings.

Knott (1-0) opened its season with a low-scoring win against Duncan. The lone score of the game was a touchdown pass from junior quarterback Jake Coleman to sophomore receiver Joe McGillicuddy.

Knott took away many positives from the game, but junior captain Brian Kwak knows his offense will need to step it up for this week’s contest.

“Last week, our defense showed real potential to match up well against anyone we

go against,” Kwak said. “We proved that we have improved since last year.”

The Juggerknotts’ know they have talent and potential, and looks to expand and build upon its foundation this season. Kwak believes that the their style of play will reflect major changes.

“This year we are looking to develop a lock down defense that can compete with any style of offense and a more dynamic offense that can keep opponents on their toes,” Kwak said.

Siegfried (0-0) had a bye last week. The Ramblers are coming off a successful 2010 campaign that ended in disappointment when they fell in the semifinals.

Last season’s loss has given the team more reason to have a stronger season.

“We are hungry to get back to the stadium, like we did two years prior to that loss,” Siegfried senior captain John Aversa said.

For the Ramblers and the Juggerknotts, rivalry runs hot.

“We will have to play hard to beat a team as big, strong and fast as Knott,” Aversa said.

Siegfried and Knott square off at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields with bragging rights on the line.

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Alumni vs. Duncan

By ISAAC LORTON
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Coming off offensive strug-

gles, Alumni and Duncan both look to continue their defensive dominance and increase their offensive production when they face each other this week.

Alumni (1-0) hopes to build upon last Sunday’s 7-0 shut-out against Morrissey.

“Our defense played extremely well,” senior running back and captain Dan Dansdill said. “They really didn’t have a chance to score. The defense was lights out.”

The Dawgs hope to complement this with a reinvigorated offense. Their starting quarterback, sophomore Will Cronin, did not play last week due to a rolled ankle. This week he is questionable based on his performance at practice.

“If Will plays this week, look for him to have a big impact on the game,” Dansdill said.

With a healthy offense, the Dawgs hope to put everything together and boost their offense against Duncan.

“We need to get the little things right,” Dansdill said. “We’re looking forward to it.”

Duncan (0-1), on the other hand, is coming off a tough loss at the hands of Knott, but their defense also played well.

“The defense looks great,” junior right tackle and captain Neil Eveld said. “We just gave up one big pass play that ended up being a touchdown.”

The Highlanders are tightening up their pass coverage after scouting a pass-favoring Dawgs offense.

“We have seen that Alumni passes a lot, so our defense has been working hard on that,” Eveld said.

Offensively, the Highlanders come off a disappointing week when a last-minute touchdown was called back due to holding. Duncan expects sophomore quarterback Josh Whelan to have a big game and get the offense going.

“The offense is doing their thing, as we hope to improve on last week,” Eveld said.

Alumni and Duncan pit their strong defenses against each other at Riehle Fields at 2 p.m. Sunday.

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Carroll vs. Fisher

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Sports Writer

Fisher and Carroll will meet Sunday when the Green Wave look to rebound from an opening loss while the Vermin hope to continue their winning ways.

Fisher (0-1) heads into the game coming off a loss to Sorin. Fisher started the game in a slump, giving up two quick touchdowns and committing early miscues on the way to a 24-8 defeat.

Fisher looks to improve their offensive execution against Carroll (1-0).

“We want to make sure to execute and move the ball better on offense, while avoiding turnovers,” junior captain Matt Hart said.

The Green Wave also want to solidify their defense after giving up three touchdowns last week.

Carroll hopes to ride the early momentum from their win against St. Edward’s last week. Carroll capitalized on strong offensive execution and a solid defense.

“We came in with a game plan on offense and stuck with it and it worked out,” junior captain Keith Marrero said. “Then we just had a well-executed defense.”

The team does hope to improve on fixing a few mental mistakes and penalties. The Vermin want to add new plays into both their offensive and defensive playbooks.

“We want to not have too many mental mistakes,” Marrero said. “We want to throw in new wrinkles and sharpen up our offense.”

Fisher and Carroll play at Riehle Fields at 2 p.m. Sunday.

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Stanford vs. Keough

By JONATHAN WARREN
Sports Writer

Stanford will open its season this Sunday against a reeling Keough team that is looking for redemption.

The Kangaroos (0-1) produced a solid defensive performance in a loss to Keenan 17-6 last week.

“Our defense is going to continue to be hard hitting and tough,” junior Keough captain and linebacker Rob Toole said.

The Kangaroos, however, struggled to gain consistency on offense, committing three turnovers and five penalties. Keough hopes the momentum they gained at the end of last game with a 56-yard touchdown drive will carry over to Sunday.

“We have had some pretty tough games in the past, and we are expecting for this one to be even more vicious,” Toole said. “[But] we are definitely expecting a victory Sunday.”

Stanford comes into the game hoping to improve upon its 3-1 finish last year.

“I think we’ll be better this year and be strong heading into the playoffs,” junior captain Paul Babiak said. “We’ve always been at the top of our division, and I think we’ll be back there by the end of the season.”

Babiak said his team has rallied around new offensive coordinator junior Matthew Tansey and will be ready to take on the Kangaroos.

“Keough has always played us close, but we’re pretty prepared for them,” Babiak said. “We’re really excited and can’t wait to hit the field Sunday.”


The Griffins will look for their defensive line to be a strength Sunday. Junior Jim Waclawik and senior Kyle Obendorf, proven performers for Stanford, will be important pieces on the line.

Stanford and Keough will face off Sunday at 3 p.m at Riehle Fields.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Hope provides stiff challenge for Belles



The Belles celebrate after scoring a point during their Sept. 14 match against Alma. Saint Mary's lost the match 3-1.

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

The Belles will face their biggest challenge of the season thus far when they travel to take on No. 13 Hope this Friday.

The Flying Dutch (10-2, 4-0 MIAA) enter the match with an unblemished conference record. Saint Mary's (3-6, 2-3 MIAA) is looking to carry its momentum and continue a high level of play from earlier this week, when the team defeated Trine on the road.

Belles coach Toni Kuschel knows what sort of threat the Flying Dutch pose.

"They are a very tough, fast-paced team," she said. "We will need to play consistent volleyball. We will need to come up with big plays when they are needed."

The Belles, set on stringing together their first set of wins this season, are determined to continue the high quality of their recent play.

"We have been playing really well defensively," Kuschel said.

The Belles have looked to a number of players for consistent performance this year, including some of a large freshman class. Freshman outside hitter

Kati Schneider and junior outside hitter Stephanie Bodien have been playing particularly well.

"Schneider has been playing very well for us this year, averaging three kills per set," Kuschel said. "Bodien has been passing very well and has come up with some big plays at crucial points in the set. She has also been a great vocal leader out on the court for us as well."

It is going to take more than consistent play for Saint Mary's to be able to defeat their ranked opponent, though. Kuschel said her team must mentally prepare for the challenge as well.

"It always feels good coming off a win, but this match will be a test of how mentally tough we can be as a team," she said.

The Flying Dutch roster is loaded with youth, with only two seniors on the squad. However, lack of age does not indicate a lack of talent, as freshman outside hitter Jenna Grasmeyer was named the MIAA's first player of the week.

Saint Mary's takes the court in search of its second consecutive win at 7 p.m. Friday at Hope.

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a little bit and add to their game."

The rest of the Irish squad will stay on campus and compete in the Tom Fallon Invitational at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

"The younger guys are staying back and playing in the Tom Fallon Invitational which is going to be a format where if you win and you advance, you continue to play players who are doing exactly what you're doing," Bayliss said. "So everyone will sort of get a read on where they are."

"We know the teams and the players so it will be a good gauge for us to be able to evaluate the guys we have."

Both the Napa Valley USTA/ITA Invitational and the Tom Fallon Invitational begin Friday and conclude Sunday.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Dan Beebe leaves Big 12

Associated Press

There was talk of solidarity, plans for stability, expressions of encouragement.

And then there was a step toward forced confinement from the Big 12 as it sought to prevent any more departures following a topsy-turvy year in which it lost Nebraska and Colorado and learned it will lose Texas A&M soon enough.

The Big 12 dumped embattled Commissioner Dan Beebe on Thursday and announced a plan to bind nine member schools together by holding a huge financial hammer—their TV rights for the next six years—over their heads. The plan is far from a done deal, since it must be approved by some if not all the schools' governing bodies.

But if it sticks, any school that considers leaving the Big 12 would have to leave their TV rights—and millions of dollars—behind in a blow much more punishing than a typical exit fee.

"These are very strong handcuffs," Oklahoma President David Boren said after Big 12 university leaders met for more than an hour by telephone. "The grant of rights really does bind the conference together and it shows that we fully intend to stay together."

Handcuffs. That's what it has come to in a fractured league that seemed ready to split apart on Monday.

And there are still signs the Big 12 has a lot of healing to do.

Oklahoma, which was trying to leave the Big 12 for the Pac-12 just a few days ago, and Missouri, which wanted to leave for the Big Ten in 2010, even staged competing news conferences to start spreading the new message of goodwill and stability in the Big 12.

Texas officials, often portrayed as the Big 12 bullies, chose not to say anything at all. Still not addressed was whether the Big 12 wants to do something about Texas' lucrative Longhorn Network agreement with ESPN that casts an ominous shadow over the rest of the league.

Beebe is gone after five up-



Dan Beebe left his post as Big 12 commissioner amidst a number of conference realignment rumors.

and-down years that included securing a 13-year, \$1.2 billion contract with Fox Sports but sharp criticism for failing to keep Nebraska (Big Ten) and Colorado (Pac-12) from leaving over the summer. Texas A&M plans to leave by July for the Southeastern Conference.

Former Big Eight Commissioner Chuck Neinas will serve as interim commissioner. Boren said Neinas will not be a candidate to take the job permanently.

Revenue sharing and a change of leadership were considered by some schools, notably Oklahoma, as the top issues to address to save the league in the latest round of conference realignment.

The Big 12 splits revenue from its Fox Sports contract evenly, but only half of the money from its top-tier deal with ABC goes into equal shares. The rest is weighted toward the programs that play on the network more frequently.

Boren said all nine remaining schools—all those except for Texas A&M—"agreed" to give a six-year grant of their first- and second-tier television rights to the Big 12.

The six-year term runs past the next negotiating period for the top-tier contract, currently with ABC/ESPN, in a bid to keep the nine schools together for the next contract.

"If you wanted to talk about one important action that really does demonstrate that this conference is going to be stable, that we're not going to have year-to-year dramas like we have had, I think that grant of rights is a very essential item," Boren said.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

SMC heads to MIAA Jamboree

By CORY BERNARD
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After getting their feet wet at the highly competitive Calvin Invitational last weekend, the Belles dive headfirst into conference action Saturday as they travel to Angola, Ind., for the MIAA Jamboree.

The Invitational boasted a 16-team field, with four MIAA schools. At the Jamboree, hosted by Trine, all nine conference members will be present. Though Calvin has taken the conference title the last six years, Belles coach Jackie Bauters said the Jamboree will also feature good competition from other schools.

“Hope and Calvin are back-and-forth in the rankings both nationally and regionally,” she said. “It’s a competitive situation there. Also, Albion’s women’s team is pretty solid this year, and Alma and Adrian have some good lead runners that

help them score well. It should be a really interesting day.”

Saint Mary’s possesses a solid lead runner in senior captain Joanne Almond. Almond posted a personal best by more than 40 seconds at the Calvin Invitational, and clocked the Belles’ first sub-19 minute five-kilometer time since 2007.

“She’s a well-rounded leader,” Bauters said. “Her teammates can watch her actions and see her hard work, but she’s also a real rah-rah leader, and she’s the first person to acknowledge another person’s accomplishment.”

Due to a few non-standard races to open the season, the Belles have not yet raced a six-kilometer race, the distance of Saturday’s course. Bauters said her team is excited to compete this weekend and hopes to learn more about its strengths and weaknesses.

“We are definitely ready to perform well this weekend,” she

said. “It will be good for us to see where we are and where we need to go in another month. We had our first real 5k last weekend so we’re still figuring ourselves out.”

On their way toward understanding their abilities Saturday, the Belles will have to navigate an unfamiliar course. According to Bauters, a home course can aid the host school as they know the location of certain difficult stretches.

“It makes a big difference,” Bauters said. “None of this team has seen the course we’re running this weekend. It’s a little hilly, so knowing it well enough to know where to push is helpful. We won’t have that advantage this weekend, but we’ll overcome it.”

The women’s race at the MIAA Jamboree begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

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SMC SOCCER

Alma hands SMC tough shutout loss

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A lone goal in the 54th minute proved to make the difference in Alma College’s 1-0 win at Saint Mary’s on Thursday evening.

Alma (7-1, 3-1), the defending MIAA conference champions, faced few scoring threats and limited Saint Mary’s (5-2, 1-2) to just one shot on goal for the entire match.

The Belles had their best scoring opportunity of the contest in the 51st minute, while the game was still in a scoreless draw. Sophomore midfielder Kerry Puckett struck the Belles’ lone shot on goal, but it was turned away.

Just over a minute later,

sophomore midfielder Mollie Valencia lofted a shot over the goalkeeper, but it was denied by the crossbar.

Saint Mary’s also had a chance to tie the game in the final minutes, but senior defender Keely Noonan’s corner kick sailed wide of the net.

The Scots’ winning and only goal came when freshman forward Mackenzie Smith took advantage of a failed Belles’ attempt to clear the ball out of the defensive zone. After Saint Mary’s kicked the ball around, it bounced Smith’s way and she struck the open shot through the back of the net.

Despite being outshot 19-6, including 8-1 in shots on goal, the Belles managed to keep the game competitive. Freshman goalkeeper Chanler Rosenbaum made six saves during the game, including four in the scoreless first half.

The Belles, however, were unable to counter the Scots’ attempts with any shots on goal or corner kicks, leading to a quiet first half.

Despite the loss, Belles’ coach Michael Joyce was impressed by his team’s effort against the defending MIAA champs.

“While [Alma] had more of the play and had more shots, we’d played well enough to give ourselves a shot at a win,” Joyce said. “We’ll move forward knowing we can play with anyone in the conference.”

The Belles will look to quickly rebound from their loss in a road match against MIAA opponent Albion.

Albion may pose less of a challenge than Alma, as it will enter the game at 0-7, including 0-4 in conference play. In addition, Albion has been outscored on the season by a margin of 21-6.

The Belles will head to Michigan face Albion at noon Saturday.

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momentum. It also makes it more fun to play.”

The Irish take the Joyce Center court at 2 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

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to do their job. And it always starts with our forwards [if they can give] pressure in their half.” That strong team defense must continue if the Irish wish to have success against the Cardinals (6-1-0). Louisville has not been shut out this season and has scored at least two goals in five games. Senior forward Colin Rolfe and senior midfielder Nick DeLeon lead a potent Cardinals attack. Rolfe was one of three finalists for the Hermann Trophy awarded to the National Player of the Year last season and DeLeon was a first team all-Big East selection in 2010. The Irish are focused on stopping the numerous threats Louisville offers. “Louisville’s a very talented team,” Klazura said. “They’ve got a lot of dangerous players.

We know they’re good with the ball in one-on-one matchups; they’re good moving the ball from side to side. So I think it’s going to be important as a team to keep the ball.” Clark also recognizes the Cardinals’ skill in transition. “They’re very dangerous in the break,” Clark said. “They pressure you very hard when you have the ball and they’re also strong in set pieces. They’re good in every department.” The matchup is the Big East opener for each squad. Clark, however, is trying to approach it as a typical game. “Obviously you’d like to win the league and you’d like to win the conference tournament and they’re certainly goals for the team I’m sure,” he said. “But I also think making it to the NCAA Tournament is the biggest of all aims and it doesn’t really matter whether it’s conference games or non-conference games.” Given the recent history between the Irish and Cardinals,

treating it as just another game might be easier said than done. Louisville defeated Notre Dame twice last season, winning in the regular season 2-0 and narrowly defeating the Irish 1-0 in the Big East semifinals. The past results, along with the high ranking of both squads, give some extra meaning to this contest. “I think we’d be kidding ourselves if we said it wasn’t a game with a little extra importance,” Klazura said. “There’s a lot there that’s on the table: our record, this is a huge game for the Big East, huge game for ranking, huge game for RPI and then when you lose to a team two times in a row, you kind of want to get them the third time.” If all those factors aren’t enough to up the ante, the game will also be shown live nationally on Fox Soccer Channel. Clark is hopeful the Notre Dame students will make a good showing to support the Irish on



KEVIN SONG/The Observer

Senior midfielder Adam Mena fights off a Michigan defender Sept. 16. Notre Dame won 2-1.

national television. “Notre Dame is a great athletic school,” Clark said. “We’re on Fox Soccer Channel. We want to be shown as a university that we support our athletics. If you’re a soccer fan you must get out for this game. If you’re not a soccer fan, we need you. Notre

Dame needs you for support to cheer the team on.” The Irish and Cardinals are set to kickoff at 7 p.m. Saturday in Alumni Stadium in a critical early conference matchup.

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Bohaboy

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lead at halftime. Waldrum said Bohaboy has been one of the few bright spots in the first half of the season. “Bohaboy’s play was a positive; her getting another goal gives her two in the last two games. Hopefully we’ve got her on the right track,” he said. “Outside of that, I think we are just not consistent. [When] it’s early in the year, you think it’s going to come, it’s going to come — but we’re 10 games into it. We’ve got a lot of work to do, and we’ll start Saturday when we get home.” The Bulls (4-3-3, 0-1-2 Big East) tied the game 1-1 with 3:36 remaining in the second half, sending the game

into double overtime. The tie marks Notre Dame’s second overtime finish, the other ending in a 2-1 loss to No. 5 North Carolina. The Irish will continue Big East competition on the road, as they take on No. 14 Marquette over the weekend. The matchup will mark Notre Dame’s fifth game on the road against a ranked opponent. The Irish are 1-2-2 on the road so far this season. “[Marquette is a] very good team — as good as anybody we’ve played this year. They are very athletic and intense, and they’re off to a great year,” Waldrum said. “We’ll be in a lot of trouble Sunday if we play the way we did today. It’s a very difficult place to play.” Marquette (9-2, 2-1 Big East) is coming off a 2-1 victory over DePaul, giving the Golden Eagles an impressive 3-0 record

in games forced into overtime this season. Marquette’s two losses came at the hands of No. 10 Florida State and No. 25 West Virginia. When asked if the Irish look at Marquette as an opportunity to bounce back and move forward in the right direction, Waldrum said that is the team’s only option. “It has to be because if we don’t [look at it as an opportunity], we’re not going to be playing in the postseason at all,” he said. “Right now, we’re fighting for our lives just to stay in the Big East. We have to have a big win. We can’t afford to go in there and not play well. We’ve got our backs against the wall right now.” The Irish will return to action Sunday at Marquette at 2 p.m. Contact Megan Golden at mgolde01@saintmarys.edu



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Freshman forward Lauren Bohaboy moves in on a Tulsa ballhandler Sept. 2. The Irish won the match 7-1.

SMC GOLF

Belles face strong competition

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

The Belles will be in action this weekend at the DePauw Small College Classic, a two-day tournament with a strong field that has four of the top 10 teams in the country. Saint Mary’s hopes to rebound from a disappointing loss to Olivet and Hope in a three-team jamboree Wednesday. The Belles finished five strokes behind Hope and 22 strokes behind Olivet. Because of the competitive field, Belles coach Mark Hamilton knows this tournament will be a big test for his team, but it will also provide an opportunity for them to spark their season and test themselves against some of the best in the country. The Belles have yet to win a MIAA match and their best finish in a tournament was a tie for eighth at the O’Brien National Invitational.

“We have to bounce back and this tournament will be a tremendous challenge,” Hamilton said. “The field is very strong with four of the top 10 nationally, including who I think are the two best teams in the country in Washington University and DePauw.” Senior Christine Brown has consistently led the Belles this season and hopes to continue her good play this weekend. Another standout for Saint Mary’s has been freshman Janice Heffernan. Her score of 86 Wednesday was the second best score of the day for the Belles. Saint Mary’s is also looking for top performances from juniors Cara Kielty and Jessica Kinnick

and senior Natalie Matuszak. Hamilton knows he has a talented team and thinks they are close to playing their best. He said they have to put full rounds together and get rid of the big numbers. “We have good holes and we have a lot of good nines, but we have a hard time backing it up,” Hamilton said. “We make too many mistakes. We have to clean up our rounds.” The competition will begin Saturday morning at 11 a.m. at the Deer Creek Golf Course in Clayton, Ind. Contact Joe Wirth at jjwirth@nd.edu

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DIRECTED BY STEPHEN LISBERGER
Saturday, September 24 at 3pm
After hacker Kevin Flynn (Jeff Bridges) tries to crack a secret systems code, he is converted into a stream of bits and bytes so he can compete in a sequence of games within the computer itself. To survive, Flynn must fight band together with the game's hero, Tron, (Bruce Boxleitner), to put an end to the dastardly Master Control program.

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INCENDIES (2010)
DIRECTED BY DENIS VILLENEUVE
Saturday, September 24 at 6pm and 9pm
A mother's passing sends two Quebecois siblings on a journey to the Middle East to uncover the secrets of their family history. Denis Villeneuve's Academy Award nominated adaptation of Wajdi Mouawad's celebrated play examines the atrocities of war.

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MIDNIGHT MOVIE THIS IS SPINAL TAP (1984)
DIRECTED BY ROB REINER
Saturday, September 24 at Midnight
Spinal Tap, the band behind such classics as Intravenous de Milo and Shark Sandwich, plans their worldwide tour in support of their latest album, Smell the Glove. Ticket sales drop and the band is forced to play airplane hangars rather than arenas. Will they survive?

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish travel to separate invitationals

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

After opening their season at the Illini Invitational, the Irish squad will split up this weekend, with four players heading out to St. Helena, Calif., for the Napa Valley USTA/ITA Invitational and the rest of the squad competing in the Tom Fallon Invitational on campus.

Seniors Casey Watt, Niall Fitzgerald and Samuel Keeton and sophomore Greg Andrews will be making the trip to Napa Valley with coach Bobby Bayliss.

One week after facing several of the country's top teams in Chicago, the Irish will again face a daunting challenge this weekend at an invitational that includes Tennessee, Tulsa, UCLA, Cal-Berkeley and Vanderbilt. All five made the NCAA Tournament last season, with the Golden Bears, Golden Hurricane and Bruins advancing to the round of 16 and the Bruins earning a spot in the quarterfinals.

Bayliss hopes the experience gained last week will carry over this weekend.

"There were four top-20 teams [at the Illini Invitational], Alabama, who will probably be a top-20 team this year and ourselves," Bayliss said. "We were obviously in all the matches and the disappointing thing was the number of times we served for a match or had set points or match points and didn't get them. And hopefully we'll build on that this week. The field is equally strong."

The Napa Valley Invitational also consists of the top eight 18-and-under players in the country, some of whom have already turned professional. This fact, along with the strength of the college teams present, the tournament's unique format and the reward for winning makes the invitational prestigious.

"It's kind of a round robin format," Bayliss said. "And the winner of the entire event gets a wildcard into a high-level pro event next summer, which is very difficult to do. So it's exciting. It's something we've been looking forward to and we're hopefully going to do well."

Bayliss has a number of different expectations for the weekend.

"We're never going out there [just] to try to look good," he said. "We're going to try to win each flight that we're in and do as well as we can possibly do."

"More importantly to me, though, is to see if there's any progress from week to week. Each guy has areas of concern that he needs to work on during the year and so what I'm excited about seeing is if any of them have been able to grow

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MEN'S SOCCER

Prime time

Notre Dame set to play No. 3 Louisville on national broadcast



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Notre Dame senior defender Greg Klazura streaks forward during a match against Creighton on Aug. 22. The game ended in a 2-2 draw.

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

No. 12 Notre Dame faces its biggest test of the season so far — in the Big East opener, no less — when it hosts the defending national runner-up and No. 3-ranked Louisville on Saturday.

The Irish (4-1-2) are on their first winning streak of the season, having won three straight matches. A large part of that success is improved team de-

fensive play, with Notre Dame allowing just two total goals in the past three games after surrendering four in the previous three.

Senior defender Greg Klazura said there are a few different reasons for the recent improvement.

"Obviously a big [goal] of the back four is getting a shutout and maybe a little bit more — playing well on the field," Klazura said. "I think everybody is playing well. [Senior goalkeeper] Will [Walsh] looks really sharp and is keeping

us really organized."

But the defense stepping up is not just attributed to the back four, Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

"I always say with the defense, it's not just your defenders but the whole team defends and the whole team attacks," Clark said. "If our midfielders aren't getting good pressure on their midfield then it makes it very difficult for the defenders

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish hit the road for weekend trip



GRANT TOBIN/The Observer

Sophomore midfielder Mandy Laddish maintains possession against Louisville Sept. 16. The Irish lost 1-0 at Alumni Stadium.

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

After a one-hour weather delay, No. 20 Notre Dame struggled to find a rhythm in a 1-1 tie against unranked South Florida. Even Mother Nature could only do so much to delay the next disappointing finish for an Irish team that has struggled to close out tight games.

On a day in which Notre Dame (4-4-2, 1-1-1 Big East) dominated the stat sheet, the Bulls played for 90 minutes and rallied late. The Irish outshot the Bulls 26-13 (9-7 on goal) and recorded eight corner kicks to South Florida's seven.

"I thought it was a great first half, and we let it slip away in the second [half]," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "Unfortunately, it's continued to be

a habit, and we're not good enough at the end of the day. We've talked about having these 10-minute pockets of time that we seem to fall asleep, and we did it again. It's very disappointing and frustrating."

Irish freshman forward Lauren Bohaboy put Notre Dame on the board at the

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish prep for 'Nova and G'town

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

After three straight wins — a streak during which they lost only one set — the Irish return home this weekend for a pair of Big East matchups.

Notre Dame will open conference play Saturday against Georgetown, and will face Villanova Sunday. ESPNU will nationally televise the Villanova match.

Irish senior outside hitter Kristen Dealy said that, unlike some common Big East opponents, the Hoyas and the Wildcats have remained similar foes from year to year.

"With some schools, you face a totally different group every year," Dealy said. "With Georgetown and Villanova, though, they have been pretty consistent the last couple of years."

During last year's regular season, the Irish played both programs on the road. They swept the Hoyas, but fell to the Wildcats 3-1. The Irish later avenged the loss to Villanova with a win over the Wildcats in the Big East championship. Dealy said the Irish must remain focused if they want to beat both schools this season.

"Georgetown is normally a little weaker, which means we just need to focus on playing really clean and taking care of business," she said. "Villanova is a crazy defensive team. They always give us a hard time. To beat them it's a matter of being really mentally tough because they can just out-dig you."

As a senior, Dealy has experienced her share of ups and downs throughout the Big East season. She said she wants to make sure Notre Dame's younger players stay focused when playing teams like Georgetown and Villanova.

"One thing about the Big East is you can look back at the end of the season and think, 'I really wish we had taken those teams more seriously,'" Dealy said. "With the younger girls having never experienced that regret, I feel the responsibility to remind them to keep focused."

The Irish hope the presence of ESPNU cameras and the prospect of a free t-shirt will attract a large crowd. Loud support from fans can only aid Notre Dame's effort, Dealy said.

"Volleyball is really based on chemistry, energy and momentum," she said. "It's good when you have a lot of people talking on the court, and when people in the stands are talking, they contribute to that energy and

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