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## Football players tackle local service



Photo courtesy of Center for Social Concerns

**Senior offensive guard Trevor Robinson greets refugee children placed in South Bend by the Red Cross. Robinson worked with the children during the service learning course offered by the Center for Social Concerns.**

By TORI ROECK  
News Writer

After fielding questions from reporters about the upcoming Air Force game Tuesday, junior Cierre Wood lit up when he talked about Christian, a young boy he met at the South Bend Center for the Homeless this summer through a one-credit

service learning course offered by the Center for Social Concerns (CSC).

Co-taught by Professors Bill Purcell and Mike Hebbeler, the class combined guest speakers and lectures in the morning with community service activities in the afternoon.

"[The class] gives [student-athletes] a way to engage with

the community to learn about themselves," Hebbeler said. "To be stretched, to be challenged and hopefully to experience opportunities that really speak to them in hopes of going forward."

Wood said becoming friends with Christian through the class reminded him of how blessed he was.

"Everybody isn't lucky enough to have a regular, normal life," Wood said. "I see [these kids], and they're still laughing and having fun, and taking life for what it is. It just makes you appreciate the little things you have in your life."

Wood said he keeps a picture

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## Jenkins honored as leader

Observer Staff Report

An Indiana youth center honored University President Fr. John Jenkins Wednesday as a role model making a significant difference in the lives of young people, according to a University press release.

The Wernle Youth & Family Treatment

Center recognized Jenkins with its 2011 national Catalyst for Change Award at a ceremony and dinner Wednesday, the press release stated.

"Wernle is a family-focused, child-centered agency that provides opportunities for the growth and development of troubled children and their families — individually, interpersonally and socially — through caring programs and healing relationships," the release stated.

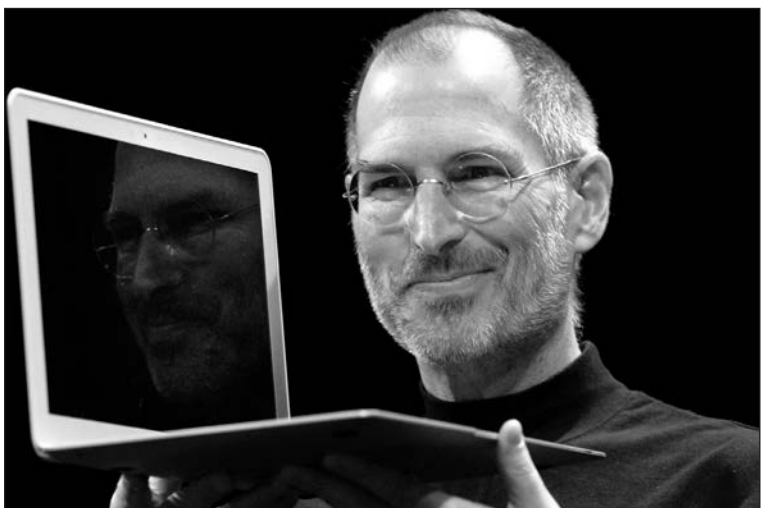
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Jenkins

## Steve Jobs, Apple founder, dies at 56



AP

**In this photo from 2008, Steve Jobs is pictured with a MacBook Air. Jobs died Wednesday at the age of 56.**

Associated Press

CUPERTINO, Calif. — Steve Jobs, the Apple founder and former CEO who invented and masterfully marketed ever-sleeker gadgets that transformed everyday technology, from the personal computer to the iPod and iPhone, died Wednesday. He was 56.

Apple announced his death without giving a specific

cause. He died peacefully, according to a statement from family members who said they were present.

"Steve's brilliance, passion and energy were the source of countless innovations that enrich and improve all of our lives," Apple's board said in a statement. "The world is immeasurably better because of

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## Online forum facilitates academic life dialogue

By NICOLE TOCZAUER  
News Writer

As an online forum for students, by students, The Hub works to spark dialogue about academic life at Notre Dame through a digital medium.

As The Hub nears its first anniversary, seniors and Co-Editors-in-Chief Kirsten Adam and Paul Baranay said the website successfully established creative conversation at the University during the past year.

"We wanted it to be a forum for academic dialogue, but we wanted to redefine the definition of academic," Baranay said. "To us, your academic life isn't just what you do in the classroom."

Adam said any student with a Notre Dame ID could post on the website, found at thehub.nd.edu, about research, study abroad experiences, service, written work or any idea that gets them ticking.

"It's peer discussion, studies with professors, or even just issues people want to

talk about," Adam said.

When the two began planning the website in spring of 2010, their first objective was rallying a staff around the project. After they assembled a team of nine students, The Hub editors worked on realizing content in a web interface.

"The biggest hurdle was the technical one — coding and developing the site," Baranay said.

Baranay said once the team overcame this first challenge, they pitched the idea of The Hub to different academic offices on campus. The website received sponsorships from nine different offices, he said.

Once autumn arrived, The Hub made its debut. Since its launch, The Hub has gained a following of at least 450 visitors per week.

The editors-in-chief said the website grew in popularity mainly through word of mouth, though they recently launched the "Poster Wall" campaign.

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## Student injured in bike crash

Observer Staff Report

A Notre Dame student received treatment at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center for injuries sustained in a bike accident on South Quad on Wednesday evening.

The student crashed his bike at about 7 p.m. Wednesday near Howard Hall. Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) and emergency technicians treated the student at the scene, and an ambulance transported him to the hospital shortly after the accident.

The student's rector said he is still disoriented from the crash but will recover from his injuries.



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# App alerts students to discounts

By MARISA IATI  
News Writer

Students will receive reminders to visit local businesses that offer discounts by downloading Vidappe, a mobile application that connects users with 41 discounts in the South Bend area.

Star Li, a 2010 graduate of Cornell University, and a friend developed the free application for the iPhone and Android to remind people when they are near businesses that offer special deals.

“It’s kind of like having a service following you around reminding you to do stuff,” Li said. “You would start getting alerts for all 41. Within the settings, you can choose what type of alerts you get. If you don’t want to get alerts for restaurants, you can turn that off.”

Users subscribe to receive alerts for a specific program of discounts, Li said. They then indicate whether they are walking or driving, and Vidappe alerts users when they approach businesses in the program. Students can redeem discounts with their Notre Dame or Saint Mary’s identification cards.

“It’s definitely quite different from a lot of apps out there that you download and forget about immediately,” she said. “The app is always on and if it notices that you’re getting close to something, it sends you an alert. You yourself will never actually have to think about anything.”

Vidappe works in conjunction with Students for South Bend, a student government initiative that organizes local discounts for Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s College and Holy Cross students, student body vice president Brett Rocheleau said.

The Student Activities Office (SAO) will decide within the

next week whether to support Vidappe, Rocheleau said. If SAO approves the application, student government will promote it.

“We’ll have it at COR [Council of Representatives], we’ll have it at [Student] Senate, we’ll maybe go to HPC [Hall Presidents Council],” he said.

Rocheleau also said student government might utilize the off-campus e-mail listserv to reach students that are most likely to use Vidappe.

Vidappe users can subscribe to the University College Discounts program, which offers approximately 20 additional discounts, Li said.

“It sort of aggregates all programs available to college students nationwide,” Li said. “Because there are over 170 programs, you can literally subscribe to any program that applies to you.”

Li released the iPhone application in June and the Android version in August, she said. There are currently six users participating in Vidappe’s Students for South Bend program.

“I think that was actually a really bad time because all the students were out for the summer, so even though [Vidappe] has been out for a while, we haven’t been able to get a hold of anyone,” Li said. “It’s popular in odd pockets of the U.S. right now, but I’m definitely trying to expand it.”

Li developed the application after she noticed that many people forget which businesses offer discounts.

“It’s kind of like, ‘I’ll check out the discounts online and remind myself to use my student ID to save at Indulgence, but I’ll probably forget about this five minutes later,’” Li said. “On the other hand, Vidappe will remind me to save at Indulgence when I’m a block away, and because I’m so physically close by already, I’m much more likely to go in and check it out.”

Rocheleau downloaded the application on an iPhone and an Android approximately a month ago.

“The app has been very successful, especially on my phone,” he said. “There’ve been two or three different upgrades so far.”

Rocheleau said in the past, discounts through the Students for South Bend Program were only listed on paper and on the student government website, so many students did not know about them.

“The app is a nice way for our discounts to be promoted and for students not to have to carry around papers and remember what that discount is,” he said.

Feedback about Vidappe has been positive so far, Li said.

“I think the response I’ve been getting most is people saying, ‘I had no idea that restaurant offered a discount. I used to go there all the time and I had no idea,’” Li said. “In a lot of cases, it was people being really surprised they had stuff around town.”

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**Brett Rocheleau**  
student body vice president

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# University diplomas now printed on paper

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI  
News Writer

Sheep of the world are breathing a sigh of relief, now that the University will no longer be printing diplomas on sheepskin.

As of last year, Notre Dame was one of only five schools in the nation who printed diplomas on sheepskin. Beginning in 2012, the University will change to printing diplomas on high-quality paper. University officials knew that this change would come in the next few years, but the official decision for the immediate switch was finalized earlier this week, catalyzed by the closing of the company that supplied the sheepskin prints, according to Associate University Registrar Chuck Hurley.

Hurley said that the switch will benefit Notre Dame in the long run.

“If you look back at Notre Dame’s history, both sheepskin and paper diplomas have been offered since the turn of the century,” Hurley said. “It has varied from time to time when sheepskin was unavailable, so we’ve had kind of an odd history where we went back and forth between sheepskin and paper.”

At times, the spotty availability of sheepskin has caused problems with the uniform printing of diplomas.

“In the 1960s, you’d see students with same degree at graduation, but some would have it on sheepskin and some had paper,” Hurley said. “In the late 1960s, Notre Dame switched to a sheepskin default but offered paper as well upon request.”

The sheepskin vendor used by the University is the last of its kind remaining in the United States, a fact that speaks to the decreasing popularity of the material. Last week, the vendor told University officials that it will no longer be

printing sheepskin diplomas.

“The unique printing process [for sheepskin] involves lead type, and industry regulators were very concerned,” Hurley said. “The company told us that due to lower order volumes and to avoid causing problems for their employees, they decided to no longer make sheepskins.”

The switch coincides with the trend observed by the Office of the Registrar that more and more students have been asking for paper over sheepskin over the years. According to Hurley, the new paper should prove far more durable than the sheepskin.


“Each year, the registrar’s office gets requests from students for reprints of diplomas that had been damaged by the sun, humidity, etc.,” said Hurley. “Sheepskin, as a biological entity, can fade, shrink, and wrinkle, but paper is less inclined to do those things.”

The overall expense of printing diplomas should remain fairly constant — the paper itself costs slightly less, but now the Office will invest in software and high-quality printers to prepare the diplomas. An added bonus for the University is the shifting of resources from paying a third-party printer to using printers inside the Office of the Registrar.

“We worked with student government last year to select a new paper diploma for the University,” Hurley said. “It uses the same typeface, the same seal and looks exactly the same to the untrained eye, but now it will be on the same high-quality paper that is used by Harvard, Princeton and Oxford to print diplomas.”

The change has been finalized and will be in effect in time for the graduation ceremonies in January 2012.

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Fall, 2011 is the Season for Saints! In October, we will celebrate the feast days of St. Teresa of Avila and St. Francis of Assisi, and the anniversary of the canonization of Edith Stein. In November, the month of all saints, we will honor the recent beatification of Blessed John Paul II.

Now, courtesy of Institute for Church Life, you can spend one hour with the saints before the game on selected weekends this fall. Come nourish your Catholic faith and your mind at the same time with talks by distinguished members of the Notre Dame faculty.

# Saturdays with the Saints

**St. Teresa of Avila: First Woman Doctor of the Church**  
Keith J. Egan, Aquinas Chair of Catholic Theology Emeritus, St. Mary’s College

**October 8**  
**10:30–11:30am**  
**Andrews Auditorium**  
**Lower Level, Geddes Hall**



# Jobs

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Steve.”

Jobs had battled cancer in 2004 and underwent a liver transplant in 2009 after taking a leave of absence for unspecified health problems. He took another leave of absence in January — his third since his health problems began — and officially resigned in August. He took another leave of absence in January — his third since his health problems began — before resigning as CEO six weeks ago. Jobs became Apple’s chairman and handed the CEO job over to his hand-picked successor, Tim Cook.

Outside Apple’s Cupertino headquarters, three flags — an American flag, a California state flag and an Apple flag — were flying at half-staff late Wednesday.

“Those of us who have been fortunate enough to know and work with Steve have lost a dear friend and an inspiring mentor.” Cook wrote in an email to Apple’s employees. “Steve leaves behind a company that only he could have built, and his spirit will forever be the foundation of Apple.”

The news Apple fans and shareholders had been dreading came the day after Apple unveiled its latest version of

the iPhone, just one in a procession of devices that shaped technology and society while Jobs was running the company.

Jobs started Apple with a high school friend in a Silicon Valley garage in 1976, was forced out a decade later and returned in 1997 to rescue the company. During his second stint, it grew into the most valuable technology company in the world with a market value of \$351 billion. Almost all that wealth has been created since Jobs’ return.

Cultivating Apple’s countercultural sensibility and a minimalist design ethic, Jobs rolled out one sensational product after another, even in the face of the late-2000s recession and his own failing health.

He helped change computers from a geeky hobbyist’s obsession to a necessity of modern life at work and home, and in the process he upended not just personal technology but the cellphone and music industries.

For transformation of American industry, he has few rivals. He has long been linked to his personal computer-age contemporary, Bill Gates, and has drawn comparisons to other creative geniuses such as Walt Disney. Jobs died as Walt Disney Co.’s largest shareholder, a by-product of his decision to sell computer animation studio Pixar in 2006.



the hub

Your Academic Life @ Notre Dame

founded by seniors Kirsten Adam and Paul Baranay

Notre Dame's forum for student academic dialog  
any student with an ND ID can post

http://thehub.nd.edu/

Celebrating its First Anniversary through October

LAURA LAWS | The Observer

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“Charles Xu, an editor, put it together and it’s been the most popular lately,” Baranay said. “It shows posters for everything from lectures to dorm or club events.”

The Hub also created a spotlight for smaller publications on campus, as well as study abroad and service experiences, Adam said.

“I think one of the great things about making it so anyone can write articles is that you hear about study abroad and service,” she said. “People can get a feel for how they would really fit into it.”

One recent top pick — both by editors and visitors — was a series of articles about an internship at the Salvation Army.

In “Interning with the Salvation Army: the Food Pantry,” Christian Moore, an editor on staff for The Hub, documented his work at the internship.

Adam said Moore’s article highlighted the goals of The Hub — to share experiences, open discussion and inspire others.

“There’s so many people at Notre Dame doing interesting things,” she said. “But you don’t learn about those things

unless you know them.”

Baranay said The Hub planned to bring the dialogue to the students through events next semester.

“One thing we have planned for the spring is a symposium called ‘Notre Dame Thinks Big,’” he said. “In it 10 professors and people of the community will give talks on things students can get involved with.”

Until spring, however, The Hub editors-in-chief said they would focus on continuing to improve the website.

Adam said while many people visit the website and read its articles, she would love to see more students contribute content.

Submissions of student research, experiences abroad or in service, poetry, short stories and even informal blogs were welcome, Adam said.

“You just need a Notre Dame ID to contribute in a post,” she said. “We’re always looking for people with more ideas.”

A one-year birthday party for The Hub will be held in the CUSE Think Tank, found at 233 Geddes Hall, Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The gathering will include food and casual conversation, Baranay said.

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in his locker that Christian gave him in gratitude of his friendship.

“Everyone was playing duck, duck, goose, and [Christian] was just over there by himself,” Wood said. “I didn’t really like to see him over there by himself so I wanted to go over there an introduce myself to try to make a new friend... He gave me a picture, and on the back it said ‘Thank you for being my friend. I really appreciate everything that you’ve done.’ It really hit home for me.”

According to a University press release, organizations participating in the course included the South Bend Center for the Homeless, the Logan Center, the Red Cross, La Casa de Amistad, Healthwin and the Perley Primary Center.

Although open to all students, the class was geared toward student-athletes, whose schedules restrict them from engaging in much community service during the school year, Hebbeler said.

“One of the purposes of the class is to give these student-athletes the opportunity to experience what the majority of Notre Dame students are experiencing,” Hebbeler said. “They’re very confined by their responsibilities as athletes.”

Purcell said missing out on service opportunities because of athletic responsibilities deprives student-athletes of an important aspect of the Notre Dame experience.

“[Service] is part of a Notre Dame education,” Purcell said.

The theme of the course was “ethical leaders in service,” Purcell said, and touched on issues of race, economics, sexuality and ethics.

According to the press release, 54 Notre Dame football players participated in the class this summer.

“Some of them were reluctant at first because it was different,” Hebbeler said. “It was really great for Bill and I to see the transformation over the period of the course, [to see] guys really warming up to folks in the community and clients at these different organizations and forming real relationships, having discussions and listening to some of the challenges and developing empathy.”

Purcell said both the student-athletes and the community members whom they helped this summer gained from the experience.

“There’s a mutuality,” Purcell said. “They’re building the common good together by learning from each other.”

Fifth-year senior David Ruffer also worked with children at the Center for the Homeless, and he said the friendships he made with the children there were truly genuine.

“They broke down all these barriers and saw us as people who wanted to hang out with them, and as a result, they just wanted to hang out with us,” Ruffer said. “It’s pretty rare that people just look at us as people as opposed to Notre Dame football players. It was really refreshing that these kids were so straight with us.”

Ruffer said his favorite experience was making friends with a young boy named Eric.

“Me and my buddy Eric played a game where basically I had to kneel whenever he pointed his finger at me, and I was on the playground, so that was a lot of fun,” he said. “You could tell he had a lot of pent-up energy, so I was happy I could help him release some of it.”

Senior Mike Golic Jr. worked at Healthwin, a specialized

care facility. He said he enjoyed getting to know patients through facilitating different activities for them.

“My favorite personally was when we did manicure day the first Friday we were there for the ladies there,” Golic said. “All of us got to get our hands dirty with that, paint some nails, and get out of our element a little bit. It was a lot of fun.”

Golic said he gained a new perspective from witnessing the patients’ struggles.

“We saw an 18-year-old girl who was a victim of a car accident who was just starting to blink again, and that was progress for her,” Golic said. “Every once and a while when you think you’re having a bad day... there are people out there who are really struggling with a lot, fighting through a lot, and you can draw strength from those people and what they go through.”

Purcell said many of the student-athletes have continued their relationships with the organizations they worked with during the summer.


“I know student-athletes have been invited to birthday parties, they continued volunteering at particular sites, and they’ve gone on and brought friends to the sites,” Purcell said. “I’ve even heard from [student-athletes’] parents ... that they’ve been impacted.”

Hebbeler said these experiences put the University’s mission into action.

“All the CSC courses are focused on fulfilling the Notre Dame mission of educating the heart and mind,” Hebbeler said. “What a great opportunity for student-athletes to be a part of that and be formed in that way through these experiences.”

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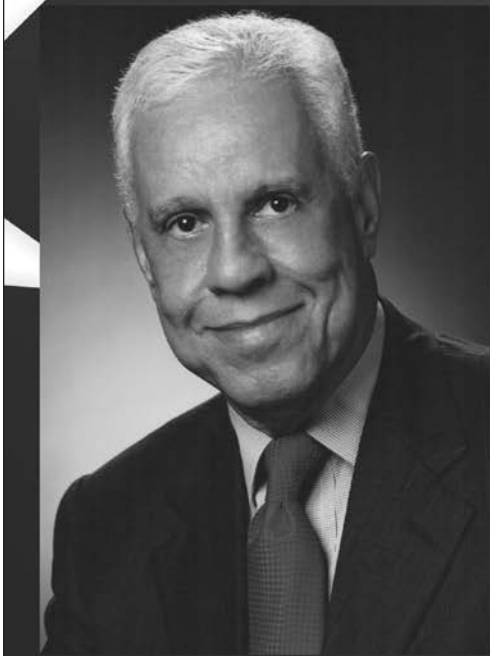
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THE ROONEY CENTER  
FOR THE STUDY OF  
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the center annually works with about 200 children and families from Indiana and Ohio.

The Catalyst for Change Award recognizes national, region and local honorees, a philanthropist of the year and an alumnus each year. Jenkins, who is being recognized for his work as a University faculty member and administrator, delivered the keynote address Wednesday evening.

"The recipients are positive role models for children,

teens and adults dedicating their own lives to better the lives of youth, especially those at-risk," the organization's website stated.

Wernle's president and chief executive office is Darrell "Flash" Gordon, a member of the 1988 Irish national championship football team. According to the release, Gordon earned a bachelor's and master's degree from Notre Dame in 1988 and 1989, respectively.

Other recipients of the award from the Notre Dame community include alumni Regis Philbin and Nicholas Sparks, as well as former Irish football coaches Lou Holtz and Charlie Weis.

# Service offers support for Belles



MIKE FERNANDEZ/The Observer

**Saint Mary's students remember the members of the SMC community who have battled and been effected by mental illness. The prayer service was part of "Support a Belle, Love a Belle" week.**

By BRIDGET FEENEY  
News Writer

Members of the Saint Mary's community gathered on Library Green for a prayer service to remember all of those impacted by mental illness as a part of "Support a Belle, Love a Belle" Week on Wednesday evening.

"The prayer service was a very moving experience," senior Katie Ciresi said.

The event was one of several during the week that was sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA) to promote awareness for and assist students who may be suffering from mental illness, anxiety and depression.

Upon arrival, participants were given a candle and instructed to stand in a circle. The service began with the song "Christ Be Our Light." Following the opening song, scripture passages and petitions were read.

Participants were then asked to offer up their own prayers in front of the group in order to honor the memory of loved ones who experience mental illnesses. The service concluded with attendees exchanging the sign of peace.

Senior and chief of staff for SGA Emily Skirtich said the Week was launched because SGA wanted to address some of the major issues students face.

"This week was piloted by SGA to respond to the needs of students of Saint Mary's," she said. "We wanted to highlight the resources already available to students. We weren't creating anything new, but playing up the services the different departments already offer."

In addition to the prayer service, SGA also sponsored

a variety of activities on campus to spread awareness about the mission of "Support a Belle, Love a Belle" Week. SGA members passed out yellow ribbons, placed remembrance cards in the Dining Hall, sponsored a meet and greet for students with college counselors and hosted a picnic

on Library Green on Tuesday evening.

Sophomore and committee member Kat Sullivan said the events were chosen to make students aware of what resources are available.

"It's good we shed light on the services students can use, like Women's Health, Campus Ministry and Residence Life," she said. "A lot of my friends I have talked to said this Week was very necessary at Saint Mary's. I hope we continue this in the future."

Though this is the first year for "Support a Belle, Love a Belle" Week, Skirtich said she also hoped it would become a regular weeklong event at Saint Mary's.

"Hopefully in the next couple of years, it will become tradition," she said. "We want each new group of students to understand Saint Mary's is here for them."

Today's events include a pledge signing and special breakfast at 9 a.m. Students will also have a special opportunity to speak with Women's Health at 5 p.m. outside the Dining Hall.

"This is not just for current students," Skirtich said. "It is really for all Belles — past, present and future. We want them to know they can rely on the sisterhood and heritage for help. Once a Belle, always a Belle. That is really important to remember."

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## How to be a Nerdfighter

Hello, fellow ND students. Chances are that you, like me, are a huge nerd — and I mean that in the best way possible. Being a nerd simply means that you are passionate about something, whether it's language, science, art, sports or, hey, Notre Dame. But are you a Nerdfighter?

Elisa DeCastro

Graphics

First, a definition: a Nerdfighter is someone who, instead of being made of skin and bones and organs is made entirely of awesome. Nerdfighters are a kind of superhero — they use their passion to make the world a better place. The term is also used to describe the community that sprang up around the Vlogbrothers YouTube channel.

Vlogbrothers is a video blog project started by John and Hank Green more than four years ago. It began as a year-long experiment called Brotherhood 2.0 in which they agreed not to communicate by textual means (e-mail, texting, etc.) and instead take turns posting videos every weekday.

The Vlogbrothers are John and Hank Green — both nerds in their own right. Hank started the environmental technologies website EcoGeek.org, and John is the Printz Award-winning, bestselling author of young adult novels including “Looking for Alaska” and “Paper Towns.” Their videos range from songs about anglerfish, quirks and Harry Potter to philosophical insights into society; from tirades about the inefficiencies of pennies and front lawns to analyses of political struggles around the world.

One of my favorite things about the Vlogbrothers, though, is how they use their internet following to benefit a wide variety of social causes. For instance, Nerdfighters have raised over \$60,000 for Kiva.org, which helps people living in poverty start their own businesses.

Sound interesting? You, too, can be a Nerdfighter in just five steps! (Steps 1 and 2 optional, but highly recommended.)

1) Check out the Vlogbrothers on YouTube. They've collected some of their best videos (out of 880+) into playlists, and new ones go up every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If they don't post, they must perform a punishment of the Nerdfighters' choosing, like eat a blenderized McDonalds happy meal. Those have their own playlist, if schadenfreude's your thing.

2) Learn the lingo. Now that you know what “Nerdfighter” means, you can incorporate it into your everyday life. Other essential phrases: “french the llama” and “DFTBA” (“Don't forget to be awesome”).

3) Decrease “world suck.” Get involved! Check out Kiva.org and the Project for Awesome for ideas or find service opportunities around campus.

4) Increase awesome. Write a book, discover a new species, build a time machine — or just put stuff on your head and do a funny dance. (What? It's fun!) Big or small, find some way to share your nerdy passions with the world.

Congratulations! You are now a Nerdfighter. Go forth and use your powers for good.

Oh, and don't forget Step 5: DFTBA.

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## Job hunting and the call of God

About this time each Fall, led of course by our senior class, we start feeling the press of the question: “What will I do next year?” I remember having the same question before me as a senior, and short-circuiting the process by quickly and definitively responding: “I'm going to law school.”

Fr. Lou DelFra

Faithpoint

My prayer life was such that I more asked God to get me into a good law school than considered whether God wanted any input on the matter.

I didn't discuss the decision with hardly anyone, so I never exposed myself to what would have been my friends' and family's natural question, “Why?” If pressed to answer, I probably would have responded that law was what my dad had done, that it seemed to reward certain intellectual and analytical skills I possessed with a nice salary and that perhaps I could do some good for others. All were probably true, yet I suspect now that what an honest answer to their questions would have helpfully revealed was my halfheartedness.

My time in law school was both miserable and, gratefully, short-lived. Neither my heart nor my soul was into it. I was going through the motions.

I left law school and returned home — of course, with no back-up plan. A friend told me that the computer teacher at the local Catholic high school was going on leave. PLS was such a perfect preparation for teaching computers that I thought, “Why not?” Somehow, I got the job, and two weeks later ... my heart was on fire.

The students, bequeathed like a gift from God with a rookie teacher mid-semester, prepared their assault, which was pleasantly inferior. They foolishly decided as a main strategy to attack my hardly concealed support for Notre Dame football — teacher-student sports rivalries were a huge

favorite at all-boys high schools. But they chose a terrible year — 1993. ND was rolling at 10-0 through mid-November. I had a stranglehold on them — bright yellow pants and a navy Oxford was a favorite teaching wardrobe for me that fall. I even decided to bring four seniors out to the Boston College game, so they could witness ND seal the deal ... that didn't go so well. A last second field-goal and ND was upset.

I returned on Monday to find all the computer screens in my lab set to a maroon-and-gold screen-saver flashing “BC 41, ND 39.” I couldn't get my students to come in early to do assignments, but an upset of their teacher's favorite team got them leaping out of bed. But, even worse — and thanks to my beloved PLS — I had no idea how to turn the screen savers off!

This led to an interesting conversation with the school principal, who in December wondered why I hadn't turned off that agonizing score. Feeling I just might have the job security to get away with it (I was also coaching 3 sports, moderating the philosophy club, and organizing the school masses — they couldn't fire me, right?), I decided to come clean on my computer background. I was teaching English and Theology by the next semester. Thank you, Boston College.

Teaching classes that I actually knew something about only fanned the flame of passion for teaching. Becoming a Catholic school teacher had focused so many different passions in my life — the intellectual life, service, athletics — and added one unexpected deep joy: the invitation to help form, mentally and spiritually, the next generation of students. It was a rare day that I was not at school late into the evening, coaching or grading, but an even rarer day that I thought I was in the wrong place. This, I suspect, is the power of discovering a vocation, instead of a job.

A favorite teacher of mine at Notre Dame was Fr. Michael Himes, whose

lectures often touched on the subject of vocation. He taught us 3 simple questions that we could ask when trying to discern our vocation:

- 1) What brings you joy?
- 2) What are you good at?
- 3) Does the world need you to do it?

The questions, of course, are deceptively simple, for they reach into the very center of our being, which is mysterious, not simple, to say the least. You don't usually emerge from a journey into the center of your heart with crystalline and tidy answers, but rather, more frequently, with a few wounds and some more or less inchoate suspicions of who you are.

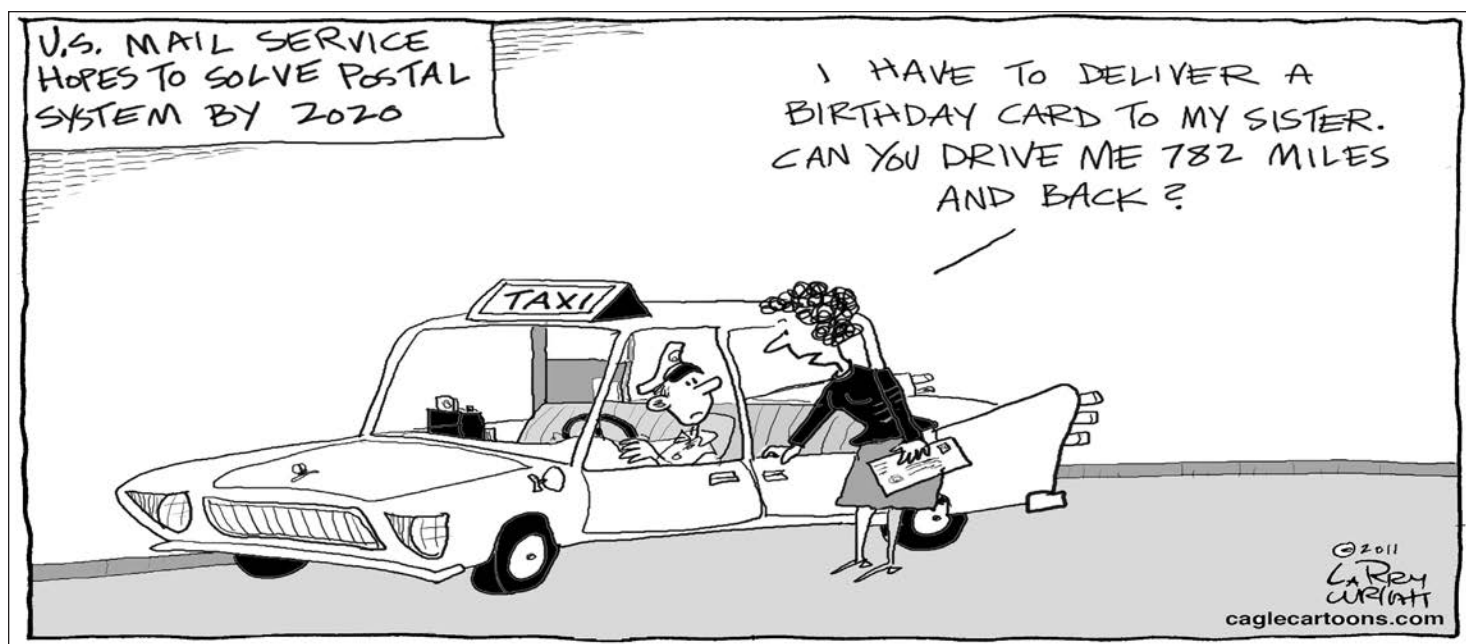
One of the more helpful ways to make the journey, I have found, is to make a couple of wrong vocational decisions — very few of which, by the way, are ever irreversible. These “wrong turns” can shake us out of a slumber and force us to ask, “What is my heart's deepest desire?” Though a little uncomfortable at the time, these times of questioning my heart's desire have led me to the greatest joys in my life — my vocation as a Catholic school teacher and, ultimately, Holy Cross and the priesthood.

Our heart's deepest desire, in the end, coincides with God's desire for our lives and the life of the Church and the world. That's a lot of powerful lines converging in one human heart. It is not a journey that unfolds tidily, beginning to end, during college. The decisions we make now do not bear the burden of determining the rest of our lives. Rather, they are a step into a job, or a vocation, and — perhaps most importantly for now — the realization of the difference between the two.

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON



## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*“Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren't used to an environment where excellence is expected.”*

Steve Jobs  
U.S. computer engineer  
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## Syria and Libya aren't the same, but Assad will fall

Mohammad Deeb al-Hosni was a Syrian activist who gave everything for freedom in his homeland. In order to intimidate Mohammed into turning himself in, the Assad regime abducted his sister, Zainab.

Shortly thereafter, the Syrian security found Mohammad, and after they tortured and killed him, his family was in-

formed to retrieve his body. They were also instructed to retrieve his dead sister from the morgue. The young woman they found there was unrecognizable; she had burns across her body, and her arms and head were cut off. It was a message to all Syrians: don't dare oppose the Assad regime. Over 30,000 Syrians have been detained and face similar fates. Over 5,300 have already been confirmed dead by Avaaz, an independent human rights organization.

Some followers of the Arab Spring, among them a fellow Domer, William Miller, have recently concluded that the Syrian tyrant Bashar al-Assad will successfully suppress the Syrian popular revolution, now entering its 7th month, mostly because NATO will not intervene as it did in Libya. All of the facts of Mr. Miller's analysis are absolutely true: (a) The international community is less likely to intervene militarily; (b) Assad's military is much stronger than

Qaddafi's; and (c) Syria's geography will not lend itself to a centralized opposition. Despite these factors, the Syrian people will successfully oust a dictatorial regime that has detained, tortured and killed its own citizens for 40 years.

Full disclosure: I am Syrian, and am extremely invested in the outcome of an Assad-free, democratic Syria. But I'm not arguing that Syrians will prevail because it is a great idealistic reprise of David and Goliath, nor because I am Syrian, but because the Assad regime can't sustain its military crackdown forever. A recent scientific poll from the Pepperdine School of Public Policy found that 82 percent of Syrians want regime change, a percentage that is growing as the regime becomes more barbaric. In terms of actual participants in the revolution (between 30 and 40 percent of the able-bodied population), it is the largest in history. Assad can't win: his strategy for suppressing the protests with unforgiving force and brutality fomented exponentially more anti-government protests. Here's the bottom line: Syrians will fight until the very end and Assad's cronies will not.

Although Russia and China vetoed a UN resolution condemning Assad's regime just Tuesday, there are signs that international consensus will eventually come to fruition. Russia and China, the main obstacles to international action in Syria, have been waiting for

an organized opposition council that can secure their economic interests in an Assad-less Syria, and fortunately Syria's opposition is now clearly organized under the Syrian National Council (SNC). No country is truly invested in the current regime except for Iran and Lebanon, and even they are hedging their bets to make sure they don't end up on the wrong side of history. No intelligent nation can trust its interests with a regime that will betray its own people and agents in a pinch.

In the meantime, the Assad government is being choked by strict sanctions and an increasingly unaffordable military operation against its people. It is losing hundreds from its loyalist military to the opposition and having serious trouble finding buyers for its light crude, which finances 30 percent of its domestic operations. In response to growing discontent from a feared business class, the Assad regime frantically reversed a week-old imports ban, which it had enacted to save its currency. These are all serious threats to the Assad regime, whose desperation is evident by the escalation of force, using airplanes to bomb civilian homes where the regime suspects defectors are hiding.

The Syrian issue isn't going away anytime soon. You'll see it in the US presidential debates, you'll see the White House pressuring the Krem-

lin, you'll see China negotiating trade agreements with the opposition Syrian National Council and you'll unfortunately see more horrific acts of inhumanity. And though an armed struggle à la Libya isn't the desired outcome, Syrians will go to any measure to remove the Assad dictatorship.

It turns out that decapitated young woman wasn't even Zainab. It was just the latest of many lies from Assad's criminal regime. Still, it doesn't change the facts: She could have been a sophomore at Notre Dame ... and now she's dead. Let's pray for her, for Syria and for peace and justice. And mark my words — by next year, Assad will be just like Qaddafi, another brutal dictator overthrown by brave people.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Contraception and conscience

We, officers of Notre Dame's Right to Life, would like to respond to Gary Caruso's viewpoint (Sept 30).

Mr. Caruso condemns Fr. Jenkins' letter to HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, asking that the definition of "religious employer" in the new health care mandate be broadened to "ensure conscience protections" that will allow Notre Dame to continue its work as a Catholic university. The mandate "would compel Notre Dame to either pay for contraception and sterilization in violation of the Church's moral teaching or to discontinue our employment and student health care plans."

Fr. Jenkins correctly denounces the claim that a Catholic university should offer contraceptive or sterilization services. As the Catechism states, "Every action ... to render procreation impossible" is intrinsically evil" (2370).

Such "preventative services" as health care equate pregnancy with disease or sickness. By this reasoning, the unborn become the result of failed medication. In sharp contrast, unborn children are the natural fruits of the sexual act. As such, any separation of the sexual act from procreation is contrary to human nature.

As a Catholic university, we do not impose Catholicism on our students, but we ask that they respect the religious teachings of the Church that inform the mission of the University that they have freely chosen to enter into.

Forcing Notre Dame to offer contra-

ceptive services to students and staff is a violation of the religious freedom of the University and of the conscience that informs it. This mandate would force Notre Dame to either abandon its conscience, cease providing health insurance or refuse entrance and employment to those who disagree with the Church's teachings.

We would like to praise Fr. Jenkins' many continued efforts to promote the dignity of the human person, and we especially commend his letter to Secretary Sebelius. As violations of human nature, contraceptive services are contrary to what is just, and forcing Notre Dame to offer such services is unjust.

In the words of Martin Luther King, Jr, "An unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal law and natural law," and "an unjust law is no law at all."

**Christopher Damian**  
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**Andrew Lynch**  
Vice President  
Notre Dame Right To Life  
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## Bring "Irish mint" fro-yo back to NDH!

Dear NDH,

Over the years, I have continued to come to your establishment for food. I would like to commend you that your food in general is very good and extremely convenient, and for that you have my deepest thanks!

However, I do have one complaint: the Irish mint fro-yo machine is broken, and has been broken for weeks! Irish mint fro-yo is quite possibly one of the best things to happen to dessert since somebody invented cake. I really like to get it and add chocolate chips and Reese's cups for a cool treat, and it just isn't the same with chocolate or vanilla fro-yo.

Also, from what people have told me, Irish mint is a favorite flavor of many people here — it even has "Irish" in its name! So please fix the Irish mint fro-yo machine. For that, many people, including me, will be very thankful.

**Kevin Eller**  
senior  
Stanford Hall  
Oct. 5

### EDITORIAL CARTOON



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## ND grad explores storms and struggle in fiction work



By MARY CLAIRE O'DONNELL  
Assistant Scene Editor

It's really true. It doesn't matter what degree you graduate from Notre Dame with, be it Engineering, Arts and Letters, or Architecture, you really can do anything you want. David Michael Belczyk, a 2003 graduate with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and author of two collections of poetry and one work of fiction, is living proof.

Belczyk returns to campus this weekend to promote his latest work, "Elynia," his fiction piece, with a book signing at the bookstore. In his words, "Elynia" is about a storm.

"One thing the book does is cover four generations of characters who are interconnected in an unusual way," Belczyk said. "And each one of the chapters is a very intimate look at one of their particular struggles. And along with that perspective on struggle, there is also a perspective on storms, on a particular storm that kind of metaphorically rages throughout the book."

The four generations of characters and their lives unfold in "Elynia" through glimpses at moments in each of their lives. Characters include an immigrant shoe-man who works away his life in a dying town, witnessing his son wrongly arrested by a man whose shoes he regularly shines. The son watches his friend betray the

memory of a departed mother by stealing her now-sacred makeup for a drunken joke. The friend then marries a waitress who secretly loves another man who is perpetually stuck atoning for his past by meticulously refurbishing a house. Each story strikes a chord in its dissection of suffering and intimate look at human emotion.

The interconnectedness of the characters helps to bring special definition and power to this work. Many of the chapters are close examinations of intimate, singular events in a character's life, but tied together, they achieve new interpretive depth. Belczyk, with his strong, lyrical writing style, allows his readers to delve into the lives of his characters and really experience what they experience.

This approach to writing emphasizes an important aspect of Belczyk's work. "Elynia" not only deals with suffering and turmoil but also unity. As you read the book, you realize the connections the characters all have to each other and how the actions of each affect the others. And this, Belczyk believes, is an important aspect of the book.

"You learn how the characters are related and how their lives change relative to one another, [but] you also understand how the way that they endure their trials," he said. "[This] is kind of like the endurance of the storm, and the endurance of life and the ravages of life.

"Even though the book is preoccupied with the disillusionment of their lives, the message is really one of hope. Out of that endurance there comes communion of all these people, and the unity that transcends the barriers of life and time ... and there is a beauty that underlies their endurance and transforms life's struggles."

"Elynia" captures this idea of hope and beauty, with images at both ends of the book highlighting these ideals. The images are similar, involving the same characters, a young boy and his grandmother. At the book's opening, the two are searching a cemetery for graves, but the young boy doesn't actually know what graves for which he is looking. The book ends with a scene on a porch, where the boy and his grandmother, both cold, huddle together watching the rain, waiting to see if a rainbow will appear.

This last scene encapsulates the idea of hope within suffering. These two characters, earlier that same day, had wandered through a graveyard searching for the graves of family members, and at the end of the day they are still cold and waiting out a rainstorm. But they look for the rainbow. They hope beauty and goodness will emerge from their despair.

Belczyk said he is excited to return to Notre Dame to promote his book and sign copies for fans. Not only is he thrilled

to receive exposure, but also to return to the place that helped inspire the work. While the project has been a few years in the making, the original idea came from Belczyk's experiences with storms on campus and with friends. He saw themes developing from his ideas about people out in storms and wanted to unite them into something larger.

In his writings, Belczyk draws influence from writers like William Faulkner, Gabriel Garcia Marquez and e.e. cummings. He said he especially loves Marquez because "You just feel like you're seeing the same things through different eyes."

"You realize the world is a lot more vibrant in places you didn't know," he said. "That's something I always try and put in my writing. I'm always trying to take relatively ordinary things and turn them into allegories so that even the mundane things of life have a secondary identity."

Mundane objects do gain new identity and life in "Elynia." Belczyk's approach to writing in a poetic, lyrical manner allows images to arise from the pages of the work and bring life to the story. The sun lighting up, warming a flowing river takes on new meaning, a new personality beyond that which we have experienced. And then Belczyk applies this approach to all other objects and people.

To students who want to break into the writing busi-

ness, Belczyk had a few pieces of advice. One, he wanted to remind writers to just be themselves because you can only be who you are, and you need to be interested in who you are. But also, he was worried about the state of modern poetry.

"I think that modern poetry is in danger because everybody thinks they have to go to school for it," Belczyk worried. "And I think that what the art needs is a whole lot of people who are out there living life and are in the fray and are going to talk about the fray."

So, to non-English majors, to non-Arts and Letters majors, try your hand at something new. It might surprise you. And don't forget to discover the beauty of struggle in "Elynia."

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### On campus

**What:** "Elynia" book

signing

**Where:** Saturday, Oct. 8,

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**When:** Hammes Bookstore

**How Much:** Free





## WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR

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**Gentleman Hall**  
**LaFortune Ballroom**  
**8:30 p.m.**  
**Free**

Head to the LaFortune Ballroom tonight to hear up-and-coming band Gentleman Hall play a concert featuring songs from their new EP “When We All Disappear.” The band recently won MTV’s “Best Break-out Boston Artist” award and even has a Ben & Jerry’s ice cream flavor in their honor.

friday 07



**“The Secret in the Wings”**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Decio Mainstage at the**  
**DeBartolo Performing Arts Center**  
**\$7 for students**

These classical stories are presented in a very unconventional way and feature fantastic designs and costumes to accent the bizarrely wonderful narrative. The play will show at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

saturday 08



**“Transformers 3: Dark of the Moon”**  
**DeBartolo 101**  
**8 and 10 p.m.**  
**\$3**

One of the summer’s big blockbusters comes to Notre Dame this weekend. Shia LaBeouf joins the Autobots to fend off another plan to destroy the world by the Decepticons. “Transformers 3” promises big spectacles to amp up your weekend.

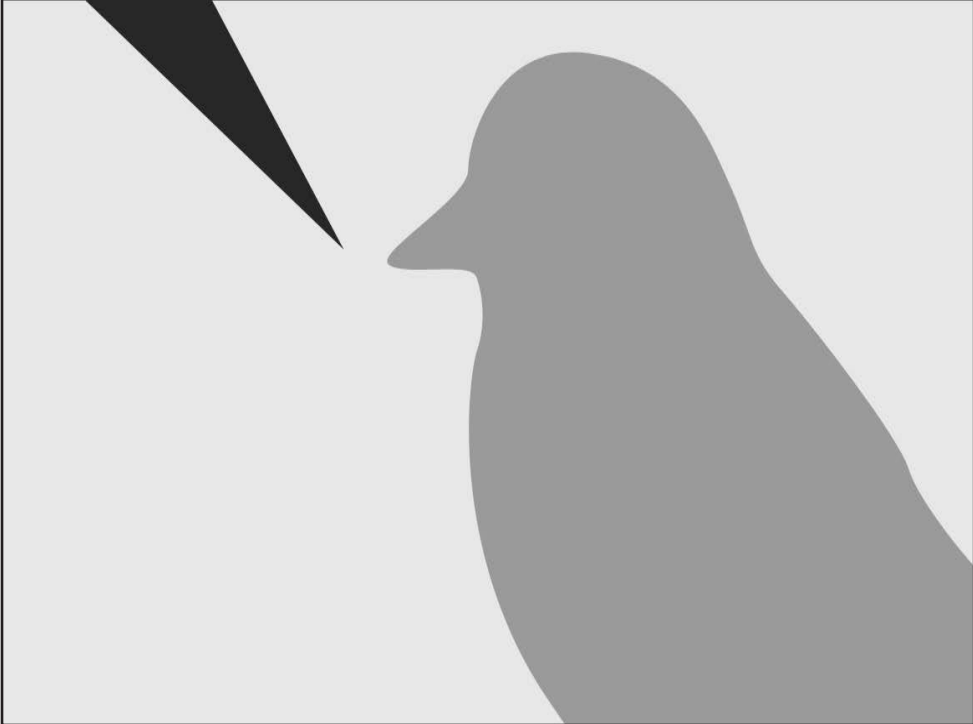
sunday 09



**Fleur de Lys**  
**Reyes Organ and Choral Hall**  
**1:30 and 5:30 p.m.**  
**\$5 for students**

The Department of Music presents a program of music that spans the cultures of Europe by Fleur de Lys. The ensemble, which features violin, wooden flutes, violas, harpsichord and vocals, will focus on Baroque chamber music of France, Italy and Germany.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

NBA negotiations not following NFL’s lead

Heading into week 5 in the NFL, signs of a heated debate between owners and players are hard to find. Attendance remains at record levels, players and owners are still making money hand-over-fist and ESPN, NBC, CBS and FOX have all retained television rights.



Chris Masoud

Assistant Managing Editor

Fans are even enjoying the integration of the West Coast offense into every offensive coordinator’s game plan, as passing yards and touchdowns have reached record highs.

I’ll give credit where credit is due. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith, players and owners came together against all odds to reach a compromise (not unlike the Founding Fathers, less the powdered wigs). Both sides made concessions in the name of football and excessive salaries, but they ultimately reached an agreement that prevented the loss of any games.

The NBA could take a hint. NBA Commissioner David Stern and the National Basketball Players Association once again met Tuesday, unsuccessfully, leading Stern to cancel the remainder of the preseason and effectively putting the likelihood of the 2011-2012 season’s existence in serious flux.

The two parties have yet to schedule a follow-up meeting, which could take as long as three to four weeks to happen, and Stern has threatened cancelling the first two weeks of the regular season. That means millions of lost profits for players and owners starting on Nov. 2, the expected start of the season.

Not to be forgotten are the hundreds of thousands of workers employed by the NBA’s 30 teams, who depend on 41 home games as their primary source of income. It’s not that easy to leave the country to sign with a European-league team just to scan tickets.

Stern may be the most ineffective of the Big Four

Commissioners. No nonsense Goodell is the clear commissioner leader, followed closely by the NHL’s Gary Bettman. Until Bud Selig removes the rights to home-field advantage from the All-Star game, he’ll always be near the bottom.

But Stern may just take the cake if the NBA loses a full season. Players have already signed deals abroad. Kobe Bryant is getting ready to ink a one-month, \$3 million deal to play in Italy. The preseason is gone, and a Laker (Derek Fisher) has been chosen to represent the players’ interests.

As expected, the divide between the two sides comes down to economics. Players have agreed to lower their demands of total basketball-related income (BRI) to 52.4 percent, while owners have raised their offer to 47 percent. The league suggests a 50-50 split.

Considering the 2011 BRI of \$3.8 billion, that 5.4 percent split comes down to about \$205.2 million, money that neither party is willing to concede. Moreover, players are unwilling to play under a system that restricts their ability to shop their talents in free agency.

Even more depressing than players not getting their “fair” cut, some teams that lost money last season are better off without a season at all. Small-market teams have expressed their dissatisfaction with the free agency summer of 2010 and the predictability of last season, and many owners have expressed a desire not to return to the current system.

So don’t expect this lock-out to end as smoothly as the NFL’s. The two sides are too far apart and lack the talent of negotiators like Goodell and Smith.

As fans, we have little control over the negotiations, but we do have options. The NHL season is around the corner, the NFL and college football keep us busy on the weekends and college hoops are in sight.

In the meantime, welcome to the NBA, “Where Caring Happens.”

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MLB

Cards force Game 5 against Phils

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Big swings by a slumping hitter, clutch innings by a journeyman pitcher. Suddenly, the St. Louis Cardinals are looking very dangerous.

As for the Philadelphia Phillies? Things have turned downright squirrelly.

David Freese, shut down by Phillies aces the first three games, became a hometown star Wednesday night. He homered, doubled and drove in four runs as the Cardinals defeated nemesis Roy Oswalt and forced a deciding fifth game in their NL playoff series by beating the favored Phillies 5-3.

“This is what you worked for,” said Freese, a local prep star who came to the Cardinals in a trade for Jim Edmonds after the 2007 season. “Just to do this in front of the fans of St. Louis and a bunch of friends and family, it’s amazing.”

Center fielder Jon Jay made a sliding catch on Placido Polanco’s soft fly for the final out, and was already pointing his index finger before he got to his feet.

“We’re not looking at this like we’re just happy to be here and it’s David and Goliath,” Cardinals slugger Lance Berkman said.

Now it’s back to Philadelphia for Game 5 on Friday night. Roy Halladay, who won the opener for the Phillies, will face St. Louis ace Chris Carpenter — they played together in Toronto for five years.

“They’re good friends and old teammates, and Carp was really chomping at the bit for this opportunity to pitch against Roy on full rest in a huge Game 5,” Cardinals outfielder Matt Holliday said. “It should be quite a battle and then it’ll be fun to watch two great competitors go head to head and two great teams get after it.”

Phillies manager Charlie Manuel agreed.

“Might be fitting that it goes down to the fifth game,” he said. “It’s up to us to go get it. It’s sitting right there for us. We’ve got our ace going, and we’re at home, and so everything is sitting right there.”

The 102-win Phillies were picked by many to win it all. But first they must dispose of the wild-card Cardinals, who clinched a playoff spot on the last day of the season and have gotten the best of two members of the Phils’ star-studded rotation.

An omen, maybe: Right after Oswalt threw a pitch in the fifth, a squirrel darted across the plate.

Oswalt argued, unsuccessfully, that the creature’s dash had distracted him on a pitch called a ball.

“I didn’t want to stop in the middle of my motion, so I threw it,” Oswalt said. “I was wondering what size of animal it needed to be for it not to be a pitch.”

Manuel argued, to no avail. “Of course, being from the South and being a squirrel hunter, if I had a gun there, might have did



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A squirrel interrupts the at-bat of Cardinal Skip Schumaker in the fifth inning of Game 4 of the NLCS.

something,” Manuel said. “I’m a pretty good shot.”

Albert Pujols was hitless in four at-bats in what could have been his final home game with the Cardinals. He received thunderous cheers every trip to the plate from a standing room crowd of 47,071, second-largest at 6-year-old Busch Stadium.

Pujols made his presence known on defense, catching Chase Utley going for an extra base in the sixth. Utley drew a leadoff walk and kept running on Hunter Pence’s grounder to short, but Pujols alertly jumped off first base to catch the throw and made a sharp relay to third for the out.

“This is obviously the playoffs, but that’s a play I can make in the regular season, too,” Pujols said. “If I would have stayed on the bag, it was going to be tough to get the runner at third. Obviously, that killed the rally right there.”

Edwin Jackson recovered from a rocky beginning to win his first playoff start. After giving up two runs on his first five pitches, he wound up throwing six solid innings. Jason Motte worked a perfect ninth for his second save of the series.

Phillies cleanup hitter Ryan Howard, like Freese a St. Louis product, was 0 for 4 with three strikeouts. He is 0 for 8 the last two games with five strikeouts and has hit only one ball out of the infield.

“I think I’ve been a little bit anxious trying to go up and trying to make things happen instead of letting things happen,” Howard said. “Right now I’m just kind of jumping, so just try to recognize pitches better.”

Oswalt had been 5-0 with a 3.25 ERA in 10 previous postseason starts, the biggest closing out old Busch Stadium and the Cardinals in 2005 to get Houston to its first World Series. The right-hander also worked seven shutout innings against St. Louis in the Phillies’ NL East division clincher in mid-September.

“It’s good to get some early runs, for sure,” Oswalt said. “I felt pretty comfortable after that. Just two bad pitches.”

The biggest jolts for the Cardinals came from their seventh-place hitter. Freese was 2 for 12 the first three games with one RBI before punishing the fourth of the Phillies’ aces.

Freese’s two-run double down the third-base line in the fourth put St. Louis up 3-2. His two-run homer to straightaway center in the sixth whipped the crowd into a towel-waving frenzy.

Oswalt walked Berkman and hit Holliday, making his first start of the series, to start the fourth. Pence made a fine running catch on the right field warning track to rob Yadier Molina of extra bases, but Freese jumped on a hanging curveball with a drive down the left-field line.

Holliday singled with one out in the sixth and Freese hit a 1-0 pitch to the pasture in straightaway center, not far from where a squirrel made an early appearance, for a three-run cushion. A squirrel also interrupted play in the fifth, racing across the plate an instant after Oswalt’s pitch to Skip Schumaker passed for a ball.

Oswalt argued with plate umpire Angel Hernandez, asking for no pitch. On the next, Schumaker flied out.

In Game 3 Tuesday, a squirrel was seen scampering in foul territory along the third base line.

Five pitches into the game, the Phillies had a 2-0 lead with an assist from the late-afternoon playing conditions.

Jay, standing in bright sunshine while shadows, took one step in on leadoff man Jimmy Rollins’ drive on the first pitch of the game and retreated too late for a ball just over his glove that bounced over the wall for a ground-rule double.

Utley tripled just inside the first-base line three pitches later and Pence lined an RBI single on the next pitch.

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In the town where I was born, Lived a man who sailed to sea, And he told us of his life, In the land of submarines,

So we sailed on to the sun, Till we found the sea green, And we lived beneath the waves, In our yellow submarine,

We all live in yellow submarine, yellow submarine, yellow submarine,

We all live in yellow submarine, yellow submarine, yellow submarine.

And our friends are all aboard, Many more of them live next door, And the band begins to play.

We all live in yellow submarine, yellow submarine, yellow submarine, We all live in yellow submarine, yellow submarine, yellow submarine.

(Full speed ahead, Mr. Barkley, full speed ahead! |Full speed over here, sir! All together! All together! Aye, aye, sir, fire! Captain! Captain!)

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# Draw

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were on getting the ball toward the net, the Irish raked in the only one that mattered and went into the half with a 1-0 advantage.

With just 12 minutes left in regulation, Wildcats senior forward Oliver Kupe sent the tying point past Notre Dame's senior goal-keeper, Will Walsh. Walsh played the entire 120 minutes for the Irish and had two saves.

Clark noticed increased offensive determination from the Wildcats leading up to Northwestern's equalizing goal.

"There was a period in the second half where they were fighting to get their goal back where they obviously applied

a lot of pressure," Clark said. "After they got the goal back, we took over the game again. It would have been nice if we had gotten our second goal before they tied it up, but it wasn't to be."

Aside from their second half burst of offensive power, Northwestern's unconventional style of play was another challenge for the Irish.

"They set out playing a 4-1-4-1 formation," Clark said. "They had a sweeper in the midfield.

It made it quite difficult for us. It took a while for us to sort that out, but once we did, more gaps appeared, and we got more chances."

On the defensive side of the game, Clark credits both defenders, senior Aaron Maund and junior Grant Van De Castele as crucial for Northwestern's particular style of



COURTNEY ECKERLE/The Observer

Irish senior midfielder Chris Sutton attempts to intercept a Northwestern defender during the teams' 1-1 tie Wednesday. Both sides finished with 11 shots on goal.

play.

"I thought that the defenders handled their aerial game very well," Clark said. "[Maund] and [Van De

Castele] were superb in that department, just handling every time they played.

The Irish will play No. 1 Connecticut at home Saturday

to resume their in-conference play.

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# Rydborg

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perienced thus far this year, it has not been an easy road for Rydborg. She missed all of last season due to an injury to her lower back.

"It was a result of my body not being able to handle the mileage I was running," Rydborg said. "It was disappointing not to be able to race. It was heartbreaking to watch my team work out and race and not be able to be with them, doing what I love."

In spite of not being able to participate in races, Rydborg said she made her presence known in other ways.

"I did my best to encourage the other girls and support them as best I could," she said.

Now that she's healthy, Rydborg is continuing to support her team but has also taken on a greater role. Along with winning the National Catholic Championship and placing second in the Crusader Invitational, Rydborg led the Irish in the 56<sup>th</sup> annual Notre Dame Invitational, placing 25<sup>th</sup> out of 225 runners. It was the third consecutive meet she had set the pace for her squad. In a team setting, Rydborg says she's trying to lead by example.

"I would like to think that I'm a good example of hard work and dedication, and that I am able to provide advice to the younger girls," she said.

If Rydborg continues to stay healthy and run well, she should have no trouble reaching the goals she set for herself this season.

"One of my primary goals is to stay healthy, mentally and physically," she said. "It's difficult to race year-round and burnout is pretty common, so I want to avoid that. I think it's possible for me to be an All-American in cross country, so that is my ultimate goal for this season. In the shorter term, I'm working hard to be the best leader for our team so that we can all perform to our highest potential."

Rydborg and the Irish will next race in the Wisconsin Invitational on Oct. 14.

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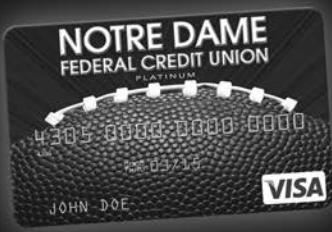
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Senior Kristy Frilling prepares to return a ball against Baylor Feb. 6. Frilling competes this week in the All-American championship.

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for the main draw. She will be back in action once more in doubles play with Frilling today.

"It's a tough loss, but I am happy with the way I competed and struck the ball," Mathews said. "I had my chances in the first set as well as the final set, but I needed better execution of my attacking game."

Frilling will begin playing Thursday in the main draw, where she will face Sona Novakova of Baylor.

"It will be a good match so

I'm really looking forward to it," Frilling said.

This will be the first time Frilling takes the court this season and she said she is ready to see where her game is at beginning the new season.

"I'm also really excited to play my first tournament of the fall and hopefully start the season on a positive note," she said.

Mathews and Frilling will begin in the fourth spot of the round of 32. They will face a competitor from one of the earlier rounds of competition.

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## Changes

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tion with Hockey East sets the platform for us to do that with hockey the way we have been able to do it with football in the past," Swarbrick said.

Notre Dame will once again partner with NBC, but this time, to broadcast hockey games.

"Our relationship with Notre Dame is one of our most important partnerships,"

President of Programming for NBC Sports and Versus Jon Miller said. "The opportunity to broadcast Notre Dame hockey games as well as Hockey East games was very exciting for us as we rebrand the NBC Sports Network.

We're excited about what the future holds."

Details of the deal have not been finalized although televising all of Notre Dame's home games is a possibility.

Irish coach Jeff Jackson believes that the move to Hockey East — along with the scheduling flexibility and the new television deal — will help Notre Dame recruit on a more national basis.

"We'll probably be going east five times and probably west five times," Jackson said. "I think it will create a more national schedule for us and potentially open up new recruiting opportunities."

The Hockey East conference schedule is smaller and allows the Irish to play

more non-conference games against traditional rivals Michigan, Michigan State and, potentially, Minnesota.

The Irish leave behind a lasting legacy in the CCHA, winning two regular-season and postseason tournament titles (2007 and 2009) during their 13 years in the conference. Jackson has spent his entire collegiate coaching career in the CCHA and said it is sad to see it disband.

"It will be very disappointing for me, as a lifetime member of the CCHA, to see it no longer existing," Jackson said. "It's a disappointment but we still have work to do in the CCHA."

Hockey East, with the addition of Jackson and Notre Dame, now houses five of the top-10 winningest coaches in collegiate hockey. Boston College's Jerry York, Boston University's Jack Parker, New Hampshire's Dick Umile and UMass' Don Cahoon all rank ahead of Jackson in the wins list.

"We look forward to a very bright future with a conference we have great admiration for that has its core in a part of the country where we have great strength and passion," Swarbrick said. "We hope we bring to Hockey East as much as we know it will bring to us."

The Irish open their season on the road against Minnesota-Duluth, the defending national champions, on Friday at 8:07 p.m. The two will also play Saturday at 8:07 p.m.

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## PGA

# New caddy wants focus on Tiger's game



AP

**Tiger Woods waits for his put on the eighth green with his new caddie at the Frys.com Open on Oct. 5.**

Associated Press

SAN MARTIN, Calif. — Tiger Woods offered Joe LaCava the job as his caddie, and it wasn't a difficult decision for him.

"Why? Because he's Tiger Woods," LaCava said Wednesday, offering very little by way of elaboration. "Enough said. It's a no-brainer, isn't it? That's my thought. It's Tiger Woods."

LaCava is among the top caddies on the PGA Tour, having spent most of his 25 years with Fred Couples, a former Masters champion and No. 1 player in the world who was the biggest draw during the peak of his career.

So big crowds will be nothing new for LaCava.

He just never imagined working for three players this year, the last one Woods.

Couples was playing less and urged LaCava to work for Dustin Johnson, regarded as the top young American talent. Johnson, who already has five wins and played in the final group at three majors, was runner-up at the British Open and won The Barclays. By then, however, Woods had fired Steve Williams and was looking for a replacement.

LaCava told him he was interested.

"When you say was it a hard decision, it was hard in the fact Dustin was great to me," LaCava said after his first official day of work for Woods. "Was it hard to tell him I was leaving to go to work for Tiger? Yes. Was it hard to go to work for Tiger? No."

But the timing made some people question the move.

Johnson already has proven to be a cash machine, with more than \$12 million in earnings after four years on the tour, and headed for another top-10 finish on the money list.

Woods is winless over the last two years, and has managed to play a full schedule only once in the last four years because of injuries or chaos in his personal life.

LaCava was asked if he was betting that Woods still had great golf ahead of him. This brought a smile of confidence.

"Of course, no question," LaCava said. "I know he does. I'm not betting on it."

LaCava has been around Woods often over the last 15 years, starting with practice rounds that Woods played with Couples at the Masters and U.S. Open as an amateur. LaCava

was prepared to work for Woods at the 2005 Presidents Cup when Williams went home to New Zealand for the birth of his son. Couples, however, made the U.S. team and Woods hired Billy Foster for the week.

LaCava broke the news to Johnson after the Tour Championship, then came out to CordeValle for a tournament that was never on his schedule. For Woods, the Frys.com Open is his first tournament in seven weeks, and his last PGA Tour appearance this year.

There will be some adjustments, as always, but not that many.

"He's trying to envision how far I hit the golf ball and what I would like to hear for certain numbers through bunkers or carries," Woods said. "So he kind of got all that. And he basically said, 'OK, just let me know what you want on each hole.' And that's how we kind of did it. So he got a feel for what I liked, or would like to think or see, and he's got a good understanding of it."

Woods is longer off the tee than Couples, shorter than Johnson.

Then again, caddies go through these adjustments all the time. Jon Yarbrough, for example, went from caddying for Morgan Pressel on the LPGA Tour to working for Gary Woodland on the PGA Tour (with one stop in between).

The attention around Woods will not be that much different for LaCava, either.

"Back in the day, Fred had the biggest crowd," LaCava said. "Obviously, it's bigger today because golf is bigger. But back in the day, Fred had just as big a crowd in relation to how many people were out there."

Woods' pro-am group had some 300 people at CordeValle. No other group had more than a dozen.

LaCava doesn't typically stop to give interviews, either, although he understood why all the attention on his first day at work. He is only the third full-time caddie Woods has employed in his 15 years.

"I understand it's the first week," LaCava said. "I don't want to not talk to people anymore just because I work for Tiger. But at the same time, I want to fly under the radar. He's the one hitting the golf ball. I'm just caddying for him."

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## HOCKEY

## Notre Dame moves to Hockey East, announces TV deal

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS  
Sports Writer

The ice of the Compton Family Ice Arena was busy Wednesday afternoon — but not with skates, sticks and pucks. Microphones, cameras and reporters instead filled the ice to hear Notre Dame's big announcement: The Irish are heading east.

Beginning in the 2013-14 season, Notre Dame will play in the Hockey East conference, leaving the Central Col-

legiate Hockey Association (CCHA).

"The addition of Notre Dame signals a significant change in the reach of our conference," Hockey East commissioner Joe Bertagna said. "When Notre Dame ended the seasons of [Hockey East members] New Hampshire and Merrimack, it was been decided that when we couldn't beat them, we should join them."

Preseason No. 1 Notre Dame will join perennial powers

Boston College and Boston University in a league that has produced three of the last four national champions and seven overall. UMass-Lowell, Massachusetts, Vermont, Northeastern, Maine and Providence comprise the rest of Hockey East.

"We have been looking to expand Hockey East for quite some time, but with the right partner," Boston University Director of Athletics Mike Lynch said. "We believe firmly that we have found

that partner. We are thrilled to welcome Notre Dame to Hockey East and look forward to many great years together in our conference."

Notre Dame Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick said Notre Dame considered two other options — hockey independence and the newly formed National Collegiate Hockey Conference (NCHC) — before ultimately landing in Hockey East.

"We had to make sure to consider all of the options

available to us and make the right choice for our student-athletes and our coaches and the University," Swarbrick said.

Swarbrick cited many reasons for joining the conference, including the student-athlete experience in which missed class time and travel factored into the decision.

"[We want] to use sports to promote the University and we believe our affilia-

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## MEN'S SOCCER

## All knotted up

*Irish hold on through double overtime to end game with a 1-1 tie against Wildcats*

By MOLLY SAMMON  
Sport Writer

A steal from Irish senior defender Michael Knapp in the final seconds looked like it was the winning play the Irish needed in double-overtime until his shot on goal was deflected by a Northwestern defender, leading to a 1-1 tie Wednesday.

"I thought we played well in both overtimes, and I thought we looked like the team that was most likely to win the game," Clark said. "They gave us all we could handle for the game tonight. It wasn't one of our better games."

The No. 11 Irish (5-2-4) are 1-2-3 in this season's six overtime contests. The Irish are well seasoned in overtime play, as six of their 13 games have lasted more than the regulation 90 minutes.

"We have had a lot of overtime games," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "I don't know what the reason is, but it

would be nice if we could get to bed a little earlier. At least we didn't lose tonight. That was a positive."

Notre Dame put a point on the scoreboard first in the 38th minute as junior forward Ryan Finley sent a shot past Northwestern goalkeeper Tyler Miller off an assist from senior midfielder Adam Mena.

"It was a nice pass by Mena to Finley," Clark said. "Ryan [Finley] sent it away quite calmly. Hopefully that starts him on a run of scoring goals."

Before the game, Finley and Mena were tied for most goals scored so far this season for the Irish.

After Wednesday's scoring play, Finley leads Notre Dame with four total, and Mena, the previously established leader of assists with three, tacked on another assist for four on the season.

"Mena has certainly been involved. He's doing very well, actually," Clark said.



COURTNEY ECKERLE/The Observer

**Irish junior forward Danny O'Leary passes the ball down field against Northwestern on Wednesday. The Irish tied with the Wildcats 1-1 after double overtime.**

"He's looking dangerous, the nice thing is that he's not just scoring goals, but he's actually making goals too."

In the first half, the Wildcats offensively outplayed Notre Dame. The Irish were out-shot 6-2 with no corner kicks

to Northwestern's two. However unmatched the teams

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## ND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

## Rydborg leads team by example

By LAURA COLETTI  
Sports Writer

Junior Jessica Rydborg earned the Big East Cross Country Athlete of the Week distinction after winning the 5K at the National Catholic Championships on Sept. 16. She became the ninth consecutive Notre Dame women's runner to win the meet and, with a time of 17:16, the third-fastest mark in meet history. Rydborg has also contributed in other major ways to the Irish squad this season, including placing second in the season-opening Crusader Invitational at Valparaiso.

As much success as she's ex-

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SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

**Irish junior Jessica Rydborg runs in the National Catholic Championships on Sept. 16. Rydborg won the race.**

## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Frilling, Mathews battle for All-American titles

By KATIE HEIT  
Sports Writer

Irish senior captains Shannon Mathews and Kristy Frilling traveled to California earlier this week to compete in the 2011 All-American Championship in Pacific Palisades, Calif., which begin today.

Mathews played in the qualifying rounds of the tournament earlier this week. Tuesday she advanced to the round of 32, defeating Georgia's Nadja

Gilchrist in three rounds. Mathews fell to South Carolina's Diana Stojic on Wednesday, disqualifying her from singles play. For the second day in a row, the match went to three sets. Stojic took the first 7-6, but Mathews rallied and won the second set 6-3.

After a battle that lasted over three hours and included the second tiebreaker of the match, Stojic finally clinched the set 7-6, ending Mathew's run

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