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Notre Dame takes down Air Force

By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

Students relished a record-setting 59-33 victory over Air Force on a balmy Saturday afternoon at Notre Dame Stadium.

En route to the triumphant Irish win, spectators bore witness to the most combined scored points in Stadium history and the most points scored by the Irish since 1996.

Junior Kevin McDermott said he was ecstatic to see the offense let loose and blow out an opposing team.

"Our offense performed really well, but we continued to struggle on defense defending the option as we did last year against Navy," McDermott said. "I was a bit disappointed that Air Force continued to draw the game out, and I do not think the score is representative of how much we dominated the game."

The comfortable atmosphere inside the student section was something never experienced before, McDermott said.

"Finally being able to win comfortably was awesome," McDermott said. "From doing push-ups on just about every offensive drive to participating in the wave in the third quarter, a cheer generally reserved for the fourth quarter if we are well ahead, [the experience] was

amazing."

With the convincing performance Saturday, McDermott expects a victory against archrival USC.

"Seeing our offense perform at a high level this week, I think we should win," McDermott said. "I just hope our secondary can stand up to USC's high-octane offense."

Saturday's victory was one of the most important of the year because of the upcoming night game with the Trojans in two weeks, sophomore Mara Stolee said.

"A blowout victory was exactly

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Above: Notre Dame cheerleaders run down the field to excite the Stadium crowd. Below: Students cheer on the Notre Dame team Saturday. Fans watched as Notre Dame and Air Force scored the most combined points in Stadium history.

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Marching band wins music award

By NICOLE MICHELS
News Writer

Though Notre Dame was awarded the 2011 Sudler Trophy, Notre Dame Marching Band Director Ken Dye said the award represents years of dedication from band members and staff.

"The Sudler Trophy is for a band that historically has been at the forefront of college bands in terms of music, innovation and supporting the American way of life," Dye said. "We've worked hard over a number of years with the band members who have gone through the program and with the past directors of the program. Winning the trophy is a huge achievement."

The trophy was officially presented at halftime during Saturday's football game against Air Force. The trophy, presented by the John Philip Sousa Foundation, is the top national honor for collegiate bands. It can only be received once, and the receiving program keeps the award for two

Rugby team prepares for intercollegiate season

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

For sophomore Greg Allare, the challenges of playing on the Notre Dame men's rugby club team are outweighed by the friendships between its team members.

"The guys I play with and the fun of the sport make every hour of work worth it," Allare said.

The team consists of approximately 50 students who practice year round and play non-divisional games in the fall and the College Division IA in the spring.

Allare said the practices and games are often demanding.

"Rugby is not a small commitment," he said. "The physical toll alone is huge, not to mention the countless hours on the field and in the weight room that [the sport] requires to play at a high level."

Junior Ryan Mitchell agreed that one of the biggest challenges of the sport is recovering from a game.

"Everyone on the field just

takes a beating, so it's really hard to get up the next morning when you can't walk," he said.

The team has a busy practice schedule during the week and plays games on Fridays or Saturdays.

"We practice three times a week with a workout on Tuesday and then a yoga session on Thursday," Mitchell said. "Although we have something going on every day, people miss practice due to class work occasionally, and the coaches understand."

Because the team's intercollegiate season occurs in the spring, junior David Penberthy said the commitment will increase next semester.

"Last year, we came back a week early from Winter Break and stayed on campus for Spring Break to make sure we were sharp," he said.

Penberthy said the team has been performing well in recent years.

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Students raise funds for clean water



Photo Courtesy of Sarah Cahalan

Howard Hall's mascot sits on a seesaw in the third annual Totter for Water fundraising event held Thursday and Friday. The fundraiser raised close to \$3,500 for The Water Project.

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

The women of Howard Hall raised close to \$3,500 for The Water Project, a non-profit organization that provides distressed communities with access to clean water, during the third annual Totter for Water on Thursday and Friday.

From 5 p.m. Thursday until 5 p.m. Friday, participants teeter-tottered for half-hour shifts on South Quad in order to solicit donations to build a well in Africa.

"We have girls out there all 24 hours signed up to take shifts," sophomore and Howard Hall president Claire Robinson said. "It brings attention

to [the fundraiser], and we ask that people donate in order to totter. It's kind of an attraction."

People also donated online, sophomore Sarah Cahalan, one of Howard Hall's service commissioners, said. Online donations made before the event

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HIGH
LOW

Students seek post-graduate service in Peace Corps

By ANA BOARINI
News Writer

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps, the Center for Social Concerns hosted a unique networking event that brought together Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Peace Corps

alumni and prospective volunteers Friday in the LaFortune Ballroom. 2009 Notre Dame graduate Bill Warnock is currently serving with the Peace Corps in Alakamizy-ambohimaha, Madagascar. Warnock spoke with current students about partici-

pating in the Peace Corps. "I work in a small enterprise development program, teaching management, marketing and accounting skills to artisans like basket weavers and painters," he said. Warnock also teaches information technology courses at a local high school in a computer lab he established and runs an English club for middle and high school students. Warnock said he was not sure what he wanted to do after graduation, and the Peace Corps is a great place to learn about yourself. "I was an accounting major and now most of my friends are working for a big firm, and I knew that really wasn't for me," he said. "Peace Corps is a pretty good place to find yourself. It gives you a lot of time for reflection and to think about what you want out of your life." Marilyn Blasingame, a current senior, applied for the Peace Corps. "I'm really interested in the program and could learn a lot from it," she said. Blasingame is open to several places if accepted into the program, but hopes to serve in a Russian-speaking country. "I'm really open to where I'll serve, but I currently take Russian, and want to serve in a Russian-speaking country," she

Peace Corps:

- 50th anniversary of Peace Corps
- 10% of Notre Dame population goes overseas
- Peace Corps guiding principles:
 1. Help other countries in meeting their need for trained men and women.
 2. Promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of people served.
 3. Promote understanding of other peoples on part of Americans.

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said. Deputy Director of the Peace Corps Carrie Hessler-Radelet said Notre Dame students make ideal Peace Corps volunteers. "Notre Dame's commitment to social justice, your commitment to community based learning, your commitment to research and study of humanity all contribute to the goals of world peace and encouraging service among your students," Carrie Hessler-Radelet said. "So I would say that Peace Corps and Notre Dame share the same guiding principles." The Peace Corps guiding principles are to help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and

women, to help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of people served and to help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans, she said. "Today at the Center for Social Concerns, I was told that 10 percent of the Notre Dame population goes overseas in some type of service, and that's incredible," she said. "I don't know another school that has such a high percentage of students that are that interested in international volunteering and service, and so it is exactly the same kind of students [the Peace Corps] wants."

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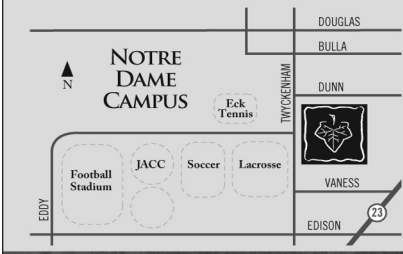
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accounted for almost \$2,700 of Totter for Water's total proceeds. Approximately 90 Howard residents and 50 others partici-

pated in Totter for Water over the course of 48 shifts, Cahalan said. Robinson said she was impressed with the number of people that stopped by the event. "I even went out there at 4:30 in the morning and we had people out there," she said. Howard Hall hosted African-themed events last week to prepare for Totter for Water, Robinson said. "We had African Mass [and] a speaker come talk to us about his work with the wells," she said. "Then we also had African desserts and a water documentary, and finally we had a little kick-off party with the dorm mascot." The speaker, Stephen Silliman, professor of civil engineering and geological sciences, spoke to Howard Hall residents Monday about his experience building wells in Benin, Cahalan said. Robinson said Silliman's talk caused her and the service com-

missioners to consider donating Totter for Water's proceeds to a nation in western Africa, but they did not decide what specific country or village the donations will benefit yet. "Previously, we have designated which village or country we want the well built for, but we haven't made the decision yet this year," Robinson said. "I think we're going to try to establish ourselves within the community and donate to the same well every year, but I honestly don't know." Robinson and Cahalan said the event raised more money this year than in past years. "The past two years that we've done it [the fundraiser] made about \$1,000 online, and we made \$2,693 [this year], so that was really exciting," Cahalan said. "Lots of people were coming by and interested in what we were doing." Contact Marisa Iati at
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Airforce

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what we needed," Stolee said. "It has been a while since we had an exciting football experience." Stolee said it is imperative for both the team and student body to keep up the high emotions in preparation for the Trojans. "Because we did so well early in the game, the excitement level went way down as the game progressed because the outcome was clear," Stolee said. "I hope the atmosphere will be just as electric for the USC game as it was for Air Force because of the importance of it and its historical significance." Notre Dame's convincing victory impressed sophomore Michael Vella. "It was nice to see Notre Dame finally put away an opponent convincingly," Vella said. "Moreover, it was also huge for the fans so we can have a con-

fidence booster going into the USC game." Vella enjoyed seeing second-string players, including quarterback Andrew Hendrix, find success on the field. "Everybody was in high spirits the entire game because there was no doubt in our mind that we were going to win, which is rare," Vella said. "Because of this, it was nice to see [Irish coach Brian Kelly] put in some of the guys who do not see the field that often." Freshman Cailin Gillespie was pleased with the positive outcome of the game. "I fully expected the Irish team to win, and it was nice for me to see them finally follow through," Gillespie said. "The first half was especially exciting, as it was the first time this season I heard people complain about the number of touchdown push-ups we were doing." Contact Adam Llorens at
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Sodexo provides food for local charities

By CECILIA GLOVER
News Writer

Though most Saint Mary's students turn to dining service Sodexo for their daily physical nourishment, the company also takes time to work with students to nourish the bodies of those less fortunate in the local South Bend community.

Sodexo makes a point of helping and encouraging students to reach out and support local and school-run charities, General Manager Barry Bowles said. Yet the community of Saint Mary's students, not the company, powers much of this goodwill.

"Most of the time, it's not Sodexo that gives to charities it's the students," Bowles said. "For example, the students will give away a meal swipe to help raise money for starving children in Africa."

Sodexo often has food left over that the staff would rather give to charities than throw away, he said. When students leave on holiday or when the food does not get eaten, Sodexo will transport it to local charities such as the homeless shelter in South Bend.

"Students come to me all the time, asking if I can help contribute food to their charity," Bowles said. "Dance Marathon and Belles for Africa are two charities Sodexo supports."

Sodexo contributes food to Dance Marathon, and oftentimes a large share of that food is leftover at the end of the night, Bowles said. In this case, Sodexo will pick-up the food and transport it to the homeless

shelter as a donation in Dance Marathon's name.

"The students do all the work. All we are doing is dropping the food off," Bowles said. "Does Sodexo do a lot of work? Yes, but overall the students do the majority of work."

Sodexo consistently contributes large donations to Red Cross, Hands Across America and other charities. However, Sodexo likes to support student efforts and student charities above anything else.

"How can we help students?" Bowles said. "What can we do to help their charitable givings? That is what Sodexo aims to do."

Two times throughout the year, Sodexo donates a significant amount of food to the South Bend Center for the Homeless. These donations are given during fall break and winter break.

"When the students leave for break, the food just sits in the coolers and the perishable items go to waste," he said. "To prevent this from happening over long breaks, we take the food and give it to people who are actually going to use it."

The dining company may be a separate entity from the College, but Bowles said the group is considered part of the school.

"We have been here for 56 years," Bowles said. "When we do things like this, we want it to be known that Saint Mary's is the overall contributor to the community. In essence, it's not really Sodexo. It's Saint Mary's and it's the students."

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The rugby team fosters bonds between athletes on the team and allows them to meet people outside of their dorms.

Rugby

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"Since our coach, Sean O'Leary, got here four years ago, we've been on quite a rise," he said. "We started out in Division II and have made our way up to Division IA, the highest level of college rugby."

Last year the team had a 3-3 record, beating LSU, Ohio State and Tennessee.

The team is 0-2 this season, with losses to Davenport and Air Force.

"This year may be more of a challenge because we lost 16 seniors and are breaking in a multitude of freshmen and new players," Penberthy said.

Allare, who joined the team in August, said the unfamiliar rules are the greatest struggle of learning the sport.

"Rugby is great because it is an easy sport to pick up, but there's still a lot of rules that I'm sure I

break every time I play," he said. "I'm not too worried though because I've only been playing the sport for six weeks."

Despite the challenges, Allare said joining the team was the best decision he has made since he has been at Notre Dame.

"I can't tell you how happy I am that I decided to join the team," he said. "I just started playing, and I already am great friends with the entire team."

Mitchell agreed that the most rewarding aspect of rugby is meeting new people.

"You meet kids that aren't in your dorm or your classes," he said. "It's a different group of guys."

Allare said the team has already improved an incredible amount over the past few weeks.

"We play with a lot of heart and passion and we know that's what is going to get us some huge wins in the end," he said.

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Panelists encourage Notre Dame students to follow their passions

By **MARIELLE HAMPE**
News Writer

When Notre Dame men's lacrosse head coach Kevin Corrigan began his coaching career, he knew he was dedicating his life to something he loved.

"Find that thing you want to do," Corrigan said. "Do something you're passionate about."

Life after college may be uncertain and expectations of students are high, but Corrigan and three other panelists encouraged students to follow their passions and make their dreams a reality during Friday's panel, "Discerning Vocation in a World of Expectations," held after a lacrosse scrimmage and live concert at Arlotta Lacrosse Stadium.

When panelist Eric Byington, current assistant director of women's rights organization

Calling All Crows and founder of the Elias Fund, worked for a mortgage company, he quickly discovered he lacked passion for his job.

"It was draining my soul in a lot of ways," he said.

Byington quit his job and began the Elias Fund, a nonprofit organization that raises money to alleviate poverty and pay for children's schooling fees in Zimbabwe.

"I traveled for three months in Africa, and what struck me most were the people's friendships and relationships," he said.

During his travel, Byington learned an African saying, "I am strong if you are strong."

"This saying embodied everything I was experiencing in Zimbabwe. It means together we're all going to be stronger," he said.

The Elias Fund practices this

saying as it works to strengthen the people in poverty-stricken Zimbabwean communities.

"We can't stop learning," Byington said. "Higher education is important, but there is so much to learn from world experience."

All panelists said they had to take risks to follow their passions. Panelist Peter Friedman, Emmanuel College lacrosse assistant coach and co-founder of Triskallian Tours, encouraged students to evaluate risks before beginning a new project.

"You'll have to take risks," he said. "You have to be willing to work twice as hard in the beginning to get a new project started."

Friedman's risk was to start Triskallian Tours, an educational-travel and community service program that takes high school students to various locations in

Latin America.

Panelist Kevin Dugan, manager of Youth and Community Programs in the Notre Dame Athletic Department and director of men's lacrosse operations, also discussed the risks new projects require.

"My father said, 'The person who never took a risk, no one knows his name,'" Dugan said. "To take a risk, you have to throw your heart over the fence. How much do you believe in yourself? Are you willing to bet on yourself?"

Dugan's love for lacrosse led him to found Fields of Growth, an organization that encourages passion through lacrosse and promotes community growth in Uganda.

This Christmas, Notre Dame seniors Nick Gunty and Brian Powers will go to Uganda with

Dugan's Fields of Growth organization to record a CD with a Ugandan children's choir. Gunty and Powers, who sang and played guitar before the panel discussion, are following their passion and plan to pursue a career in music after graduation.

Notre Dame's Gender Relations Center (GRC) and the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team sponsored the panel.

"In college, there is lots of pressure for students to perform well, lots of anxiety for students to decide who they are," GRC Assistant Director Elizabeth Moriarty said. "Collaborative events like the panel discussion provide a forum for people to discern a sense of identity and talk about important issues."

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years.

Head drum major senior Matt Roe said winning the trophy felt amazing.

"I was actually in the band building when we received the phone call saying that we were going to be awarded the trophy," he said. "The excitement was one of the coolest things I've ever seen."

Roe said that the band's greatest strength is the commitment of its members.

"There are times when we're learning three different shows at the same time," Roe said. "Just to be able to remember it all, and to go to practice every day with the frame of mind that we're going to have fun at practice while still keeping in mind that we have a job to do is a challenge. The commitment of everyone involved is inspiring, and it's a lot of fun to perform at every football game."

Dye said the band focuses on developing a halftime show that can reach every demographic within the audience.

"We focus on continual innovation, and we try to do things that visually connect to the audience," Dye said. "If we do something on the field, the audience can try to guess what it is and to participate in the show as it evolves. We also try to pick music that is appealing to all of the generations of Notre Dame fans, with a particular focus to the music that is appealing and recognizable to our students."

Senior piccolo player Laura Taylor said the band's motto encapsulates the spirit of the band and was a big part of what makes the band special.

"The band's motto is tradition, excellence and family," Taylor said. "We have such a great love for Notre Dame, and that infuses everything we do. We are really cognizant that we are representing the University, and we all really love the tradition that we are continuing. The camaraderie in the band also motivates us to work hard at everything we do."

Dye said the band will continue innovating and working hard.

"Music is one of those things at which you never can really achieve perfection; you're always working to do it better," he said. "We try to stay abreast of the changes in music and the current events that can be adapted to visual formations on the field. We intend to get better every year."

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I am currently suffering from a horrific case of writer's block. I honestly feel as though I have nothing to say. Anyone who has ever had this problem knows that it is ugly.

What makes my predicament even worse is midterms. I have about seven papers that need to be written. The prompts stare at me, taunting, however, I don't know where to start.

I feel almost physical discomfort knowing there are all these words inside me. They want to burst out onto the page, but my fingers just won't move.

I feel like my beloved Mac (we'll miss you Steve) is looking at me with a pitying expression.

As the clock ticks, and my deadline comes closer, I'm starting to feel the pressure. There is tension in my shoulders and I know I look like a crazy person the way I'm crouched over my laptop.

What's most frustrating is I'm always the girl with a story. I whip papers out in less than an hour and can write an Inside Column in about fifteen minutes.

But not this column. This column has been like pulling teeth. When I volunteered to write it, I knew I would think of something. However, I still can't come up with a topic.

I tried writing about the beautiful fall weather. Or about how my sister just got into the University of Wyoming.

I tried to describe how excited I was to go home for fall break and actually get a full night's sleep. I am so desperate for a topic I even described the turkey sandwich I just ate, which was delicious.

I'm frantic here. Nothing I write is good enough and every sentence I write falls flat on the page. I've probably deleted hundreds of words at this point.

As the clock ticks, each second falls on me like a ton of bricks. My deadline is looming and I have nothing to say. There goes another second of wasted writing time.

My freshman year, one of my favorite professors of all time, Dr. Bill, said to get through writer's block, you just have to push through and keep writing. Well, Dr. Bill, I'm trying and FAILING.

It's almost like I've run out of stuff to talk about. With all the topics in the world and the amazing stories out there, I can't find something to write about.

I've switched up my music choice in an attempt to get inspired, but it's not working. I even took a walk around in an attempt to get the creative juices working.

But, alas, here I sit with a look of panic on my face and nothing to say.

I guess what this column taught me is that Dr. Bill was right. Even when you have nothing to say, and the writer's block is actually painful, if you keep putting pen to paper, eventually the words will come.

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Notre Dame loves diversity

No one can, or would, say that diversity is a horrible thing, nor can anyone say that our university does not have diversity. Our campus is abundant with diversity!

Cultural clubs abound, continually putting on fascinating cultural shows — even our dining halls join in with attempts at Mexican, Indian, Greek and Vietnamese cuisines.

Not only do we offer American dancing for freshmen, but we also have Latin dancing to spice up our steps and swivel our hips. We can all say that we have at least one friend — or at least an acquaintance — who is not of the same race.

Some of us can also say that we have experienced other exotic cultures through study abroad programs, such as the miniature Notre Dame in London. We also have a great fascination with Africa. We are just so exceptionally inclusive.

"Diversity is at the heart of our university," Father Jenkins said in a diversity video shown to half-awake freshmen in Contemporary Topics.

He is implying that not only do students embrace the different cultures here on campus with enthusiasm, but the administration also actively works toward fomenting the kind of inclusive environment that would allow for such differences to thrive.

It is evident that the University of Notre Dame has been working towards this statement.

Diversity is one of the topics covered during freshmen orientation. "Diversity Day" during Contemporary topics and "Practicum in Diversity Training" recruits from the student body to lead

the freshmen in the topic.

We have Multicultural Student Programs & Services and an abundance of other cultural groups dedicated to supporting historically underrepresented students on campus.

These groups provide opportunities for the entire Notre Dame community to become aware, learn and fully appreciate the beauty in differences.

However, what does overall participation for such opportunities tell us? What about the existence of ignorance and intolerance toward other cultures and races?

What about the fact that many minorities want to transfer out of Notre Dame during their first years at the university? Such factors should compel us to ask if diversity really is at the heart of Notre Dame.

On Apr. 23, 2009, Scholastic published the article, "The Diversity Dilemma." A student named Phan expressed her concerns about ethnic diversity through student attendance in cultural events.

She said, "At cultural events, you don't see as many white people unless they're with another Asian person who has forced them to come or another black person who has forced them to come."

It's not like they see it as an opportunity to branch out outside their circle and experience something new that they've never been able to experience before. I'm pretty sure many white people here haven't tried to do anything that's part of a real culture's experience. It just doesn't seem like a priority for them."

The article expands on how "members of cultural clubs believe this [lack of a diverse audience] rises less out of cultural hostility than out of complacency and, in some cases, apathy for

cultural diversity."

If we claim diversity matters, then how much it is embraced also matters. The attendance rate for cultural events is only a surface reflection, yet is extremely revealing.

Not much has changed in the social scene of these events over the past two years.

Who is asking how the students of color feel on this campus? Do we ever actively engage our diverse population to gauge how they feel? How sincerely do we care?

From our month of existence under the name Asiatic Gaze, we have been approached by many caring members of our community.

Their support gives us hope, but it's not our intention to feel secure in loving words of those who already know what's going on.

It is more essential for us to create space for dialogue with those who do not see why they should think about diversity at all.

We want to engage those who are apathetic or even hostile toward us, and what we fight for. It is rather ambitious and might even be a wild-goose chase.

Yet, on another dimension, we feel that our voice might somehow let others know that they are not alone.

Who knows if our voice will empower future Domers to speak up for themselves? Let's not have our future generations have to work hard to excavate the marginal voices within our times.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pro-life memorial is worthwhile

Elizabeth Chaten's idea of a Tomb for the Unknown Child on campus ("Tomb for the unknown child," Oct. 7) presents a great opportunity to perpetually honor all those who have been killed through the horror of abortion.

As already stated by Miss Chaten, the pro-life displays on campus do not simply signify an effort to end an unjust and immoral policy, but to remember the murder of countless numbers of innocent children.

What better way to offer our acknowledgement than to dedicate a tomb for all those who have died and will be killed until Roe vs. Wadex is overturned?

Financing the project should be easier than beating Purdue — just call back all the alumni who were outraged over the commencement invitation of President Obama.

Tell them that we want outsiders to know we are a thoroughly pro-life university, and we want their help to display this message.

This living memorial may provide a visible sign to outsiders who doubt our level of Catholicism and see more conservative institutions like Franciscan University (which does have a Tomb of the Unborn Children on cam-

pus already) as more Catholic.

This may also help be a witness our passion for justice and prayer as well. It may also serve as a reminder to students that are wrapped up in the business of college to take time to remember those who have not been fortunate enough to experience the life and happiness that we have.

Notre Dame's commitment to uphold the mission of Jesus Christ and to help those who cannot help themselves remains strong.

The visible presence of Christ in every dorm chapel, the dedication of so many students to serve the world and actions taken by Fr. Jenkins recently in support of the pro-life cause offer a few reasons to believe Notre Dame's Catholic identity remains intact.

Adding a memorial on campus that forever honors the lives of the unborn will provide a further example of our commitment to valuing life and upholding the human dignity of all people.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I've never known any trouble that an hour's reading didn't assuage."

Charles De Secondat
French lawyer & philosopher

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WEEKLY POLL

Over Fall Break I plan on ...

Going to Appalachia
Going home

Partying with state school friends
Going to Vegas, baby!

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The Seven Deadly Sins

There’s nothing better than watching reruns of America’s Next Top Model and eating Chinese food when you’re hung over. I love the photo shoot with the Seven Deadly Sins. This got me thinking, where did this list come from and why are they so evil?

I did some research: Pope Gregory the Great edited Charles Panati’s list of wicked human passions and ranked them from worst (the most offensive to love) to least.

Luckily, I’m guilty of them all. Pride: I know we should give glory to God for our achievements and successes. However, it’s easy to think “Wow, I’m awesome, I did that.” In everyday life, being proud, having self-esteem, are all good things. But to devalue others’ accomplishments or overly prioritize oneself can be dangerous.

I think sayings like, “You come first,” are flawed. If you love someone, sometimes you don’t put yourself first. It can’t be awful to be proud of non-superficial things, like doing well in school or getting a good job.

I’ll admit I’m proud of the shallow things too. My friends will tell you I need to stop (half) joking about being so darn cute (Don’t worry, God smote

Dee Tian
Confessions of a Christian Party Girl

me for being vain already). But even the deeper things ... I have judged others’ romantic relations, proud that mine was so great, only to have everything in my relationship fall apart.

Pride may reside in all of us, but it’s still sinful.

Envy and Greed: Unless you’re a Franciscan monk, chances are you’ve wanted more than you had or wanted something that belonged to someone else. Isn’t that just part of human nature? Wanting more? Better? It’s how we stay motivated — to get into your dream college, that next promotion, the nicer car, the bigger house ... At the same time, those aren’t the most important things. Maybe this has to do more with focus. We acknowledge our earthly desires but focus on our relationships with God, family and friends.

Sloth and Gluttony: For the most part, I’m okay for sloth (except when I make my 11-year-old brother bring me up a snack at noon on weekends when I’m hung over in bed), but I can see why it’s so destructive.

Lack of motivation is to not use our God-given talents to better this world. So often we want to see change in the world, but don’t care quite enough to do anything. Now, gluttony’s a huge problem for me. I don’t see the point in drinking if I’m not going to get drunk ... why the empty calories? I also have

the craziest diet: I won’t touch junk food or fried foods for months, then binge and eat until I want to throw up for a few days. Why do we do this to ourselves?

Lust: When my friends and I attempted (and failed) to dress up as the Seven Deadly Sins for Halloween, I was Lust. Maxim says the average woman thinks about sex 2-5 times a day ... I say, there’s no way it’s that low. I’ve made excuses for being lustful. I say, God, I don’t have premarital sex, while many people do, so can’t I at least think about and do other sexual things?

I already know his answer. Sexuality is natural and beautiful. I think it must be “evil” in excess, yet it’s glorified in today’s pop culture. Our culture is obsessed with sex — premarital sex is portrayed as exciting, fun, often emotionless and problem-free. While we blame so many things on the media, isn’t it we who make media, reflect and consume it?

Wrath: I’m easily irritated, annoyed and impatient. Doesn’t sound like I’m much fun to be around either huh? Are hot tempers something we can overcome?

I physically can’t control myself from feeling angry or rolling my eyes when someone is rude. I can’t hold a grudge if someone wrongs me and then sincerely apologizes, but I can’t help

but feel the ones who don’t acknowledge their wrongs don’t deserve to be forgiven.

Recently, I learned that forgiveness is often for the forgiver, not the forgiven. It’s exhausting staying angry at someone. Jesus preached to forgive those who did not deserve it. That’s the whole point of mercy. We didn’t deserve eternal life, yet Jesus was willing to die for us. If we only forgive and love those who forgive and love us, how are we any different from the rest of the world? Bitterness is also poisonous. I often am bitter if I feel that I’m giving more than I’m receiving. But isn’t that also what Jesus preached? It’s a blessing to give more than we get. Our reward is in heaven.

I know God’s disappointed when we fall short of his holiness, but it’s inevitable. Does that mean it’s okay to not try? Just because your parents love you unconditionally, is it okay to continue to do things that make them cry every night? So why do we continue to hurt and offend our Heavenly Father?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

God-Quad’s playlist

Dear Men Of Sorin,
As the not-so-great DMX raps in a hit song that you blared from your dorm on Friday afternoon, “Y’all gon’ make me lose my mind, up in here.”
This past weekend, I made my second return to campus since I graduated last May. I spent Friday afternoon doing some of the obligatory football weekend visitor activities with my mom and younger sister — walking around campus, going to the bookstore and visiting the Grotto.
During this time, I passed between Sorin and the Basilica as speakers in Sorin showered God Quad with obscenities from the aforementioned DMX tune. I found myself nearly yelling over my 13-year-old sister to distract her from words coming out of the speakers. The otherwise beautiful football weekend atmosphere, perhaps unrivaled elsewhere on campus, was temporarily blighted by DMX’s crude lyricism, rough lyrics even by the standards of a genre whose artists seldom preoccupy with political correctness.
This is not a condemnation of rap music, nor am I attempting to single out Sorin. For the many dorms across campus that have prime real estate on the quads, playing music, especially very loudly, makes any hangout more enjoyable.
However, I encourage all who do this to exercise caution and censorship in song selection, especially when campus is at peak capacity with thousands of weekend visitors. As most students know without the need for this reminder, both rap songs and our Basilica are better off with at least 100 yards of separation between them.
To conclude, I remind you of the famous words uttered by Spiderman’s Uncle Ben when he was a sales associate at Circuit City, “With great speaker power comes great responsibility.”
I will be back for the USC game and I look forward to hearing a revamped, God-Quad friendly playlist.
Thoughtfully yours,

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Exceptions to American exceptionalism

As the Republican party bounces around ideas for its nomination for the next presidential election, many candidates and their supporters insist wholeheartedly that they are “American Exceptionalists” and therefore the true conservatives and Americans.

For a term used so often, no one seemed to really know what it means. One of many meanings the phrase assumes a divinely ordained mission given especially to the United States as the beacon of morality in the world — or that American forefathers founded our country on uniquely inspired principles — or that God has exempted America from the trends of history, sometimes calling America the “New Israel” and Americans “God’s chosen people.”

American exceptionalism often also takes a more secular definition, simply the idea that “We got it right” accompanied by a feeling of superiority and eminence over any other country: past, present or future.

There appears an inherent hypocrisy with some of these concepts and how they have been used in American politics. “We believe in equality, therefore we’re the best.” “We believe in self-government, so let us set up your government for you.” “We’re the heirs of the Western Christian tradition, therefore no one has thought of our principles before.”

As we all remember from American heritage — sorry, freshman — Edmund Burke characterized the American Revolution as a conservative force, which is certainly how the founding fathers thought of their actions. This essential motive differentiates the American Founding from the Reign of Terror in the French Revolution.

They meant to restore the rights and privileges of Englishmen that they had enjoyed before, to get back to how things were, not to do something radical, new, or exceptional. In fact, few to none of the principles of the founding were uniquely or originally American.

It was Russian dictator Joseph Stalin who

coined American exceptionalism to mean what he saw as America’s delusion of exclusion from the natural course of the world.

It would be difficult and irresponsible to attempt to anachronistically claim the founding generation as “American exceptionalist” or not, but we can see how the term has been used since its birth in the twentieth century. Colonization, imperialism, and foreign wars have all been justified by American exceptionalism — “making the world safe for democracy,” spreading Americanism, and sentiments of moral supremacy. How are these conservative values?

“Conservatism, I repeat, is not an ideology,” Russell Kirk explained. “It does not try to excite the enthusiasm of a secular religion. If you want men who will sacrifice their past and present and future to a system of abstract ideas, you must go to Communism, or Fascism, or Benthamism.”

“The high-minded conservative detests Abstraction, or the passion for forcing men and societies into a preconceived pattern divorced from the special circumstances of different times and countries,” he said.

This lies at the heart of conservatism — understanding the context of one’s time and place — that the American is obligated to love his country over all others just as the Irishman is obligated to love his country and so on. The word “patriotism,” should inspire a familial bond with our home. We love it because it is ours, not because we love abstractions about it that can blind us to its fallibility and mortality.

The conservative places himself first with God and Church; then family, community, state, and country; and finally humanity, instead of in the un-conservative, nationalistic, ideological, perverted patriotism called American exceptionalism.

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Words with Gentlemen Hall

By CLAIRE STEPHENS

Scene Writer

Gentlemen Hall, a band hailing from Boston, rocked the LaFortune Ballroom last Thursday after performing in Kentucky earlier that same day. The group's infectious, electropop set included songs from its new album, "When We All Disappear." Guitarist and vocalist Gavin Merlot and flutist Seth Hachen, a South Bend native whose story of joining the band includes an Oompa-Loompa costume, spoke to Scene about their experiences in the band.

Why the name "Gentlemen Hall"?

They're two words that fit well together.

Would you say electropop/synthpop accurately describes your genre?

In the past decades there have always been obvious genres. We've reached a point where there's such a reach and mix of genres. We guess the only form we've ever had is good, catchy songs with strong hooks.

How do you reconcile and synthesize different musical backgrounds when making music?

When we started the band, it was kind of tricky. We each come from jazz, rock, blues, classical, funk ... everybody has a completely different background. We had to figure out how we can meld all these different styles. I would say that's the biggest milestone. It took a couple of years and hundreds of songs. It took a long time being comfortable with what each of us felt they were bringing to the group. A big part was our producer. He helped us and worked with us, telling us what songs "sounded like Gentlemen Hall." It's hard for a band to find a sound. We stumbled across it by writing a lot of material.

What is the coolest thing you've ever done as a band?

Recording the album. That was also a spiritual milestone. We were all together trying to make the best album in our entire lives having been

in bands before. It took months in a studio with 16-hour days. It was off the schedule of normal life, literally just writing this album and being so proud of it. It was the hardest work, but the most rewarding. Now we get to tour on it. It's sweet.

What is the biggest catastrophe you've faced performing as a band?

We played a basement party in Boston, and previously we had written a song, "Take me Under." Before we did the show, we were really excited, thinking we should play this at the show even though we haven't actually rehearsed it. We had only played it once or twice, but went to the show and tried to play it. We forgot the words and were just mouthing it, not singing, the synth parts completely forgotten ... that was the biggest dive bomb ever. It was super fun though. We'll never forget that show.

When did you first know music was going to be a huge part of your life?

Cobi Mike: It had to be when I heard the electric guitar. My mom's friend brought one to my house. He brought it in and showed my brother and me. I must have been 10 or 11, but at

that moment it was over. I just wanted to play guitar so bad.

Gavin Merlot: My older brother had a bunch of CDs, and the first CD I ever stole was "Never Mind" by Nirvana. I listened to it like 20 times a day. It was the beginning of the grunge era. From then on, I was obsessed.

Seth Hachen: Between me and my twin brother, it was a battle of who can hear and find the cool new stuff. [Forget] studying, watch MTV, BET and VH1 all day.

I think maybe that's where our love for music videos comes from. Our first official music video is "Close to Me." We literally just made this video, stumbled on concepts and are really proud of it. Videos make a song a different experience. We're working on another two videos right now. Some people don't really get it until they see the video.

Did you face any resistance

pursing music? How did you overcome it?

Seth Hachen: My family was really supportive, and music teachers I studied with were great. They did tell me it's really hard making music,



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but I was just like, "I don't care, it's not about 'making it to me,' it's about making music and have fun." A lot of people are like, "You're writing songs all day?"

Gavin Merlot: My family is supportive too, but when I told my family I wanted to go to music school, I got the speech about, "You have to separate hobbies from career and pay the bills." If you tell them you're not going to college, they'll send you. When they saw us on ABC, they had a very different tone.

How has the Boston audience been different than other audiences?

It's cool they're so supportive of us. We started out, grew there and the shows are crazy now. The

Boston music scene is awesome. We are part of the community of musicians. Passion Pit and The Bad Rabbits definitely influence us. Everyone's supportive of each other. There's a really good music scene in Boston now, even another band with a flutist.

You all attended Berklee College of Music. What kind of atmosphere is Berklee for a genre like yours?

You're completely surrounded by people trying to be creative all day. It's intense. You're all trying to make music of all genres. It's a school where it's more about the people you meet and connect with in the network. We all met after Berklee. It's a great community.

Tell us about the signature lemon-flavored smoothie on the Ben & Jerry's menu.

We were just chilling and made this smoothie. It was so good a drinkable lemon chill. We asked Ben and Jerry's if they would mind putting it on their menu. Ben & Jerry's is supportive of the local community. We're part of their fair trade festival, and they honored us with a menu item and kept it on.

What is the most important thing you've learned through your experiences?

Have fun. We've played with so many famous bands that aren't having fun, LMFAO for example. That's the peak of the worst situation

to be in. They hate each other. Literally, backstage they were punching each other. When you're in a band you see that and you're thinking, "They have the dream, but they're hating the whole experience." Have fun, be nice to people. It's all about just having a good time. It'll always be fun for us.

Gentlemen Hall's new album, "When We All Disappear," can be pur-

chased on iTunes. For more information, check out GentlemenHall.com, the band's Facebook page, MySpace, Twitter and its YouTube channel.

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There often seems no end, dear fellow fashionistas, to the mountain of misunderstanding we lovers of fashion face. This is a problem of grandiose proportions that needs our immediate attention.

Often, our love of fashion is ridiculed and taken entirely out of context, leading to descriptive labels applied to both men and women such as “shallow,” “insecure,” “stuck up,” “narcissist” and, the one we women loathe most of all, “high maintenance.”

It's time we were clear about what it really means to pay attention to and love fashion. The aforementioned labels only address the perceived (often incorrectly) results of a love of fashion, not the impetus for that love. A desire to dress with an eye towards trends and general chicness, paying attention to the detail of the color palette, fit and the overall message of one's ensemble indicate not an obsession with one's self or feelings of inadequacy without the proper outfit, but rather a desire to visually communicate with the rest of the world and to participate in a shared set of ideas and messages.

When Coco Chanel began to use jersey as a fabric, she wasn't thinking about the fame it would bring her. She wanted to wear something more comfortable in which she felt she could design and think better. Likewise, when a fashionista takes longer to do her hair, make-up and pick out an outfit for her everyday commitments, she is not worried about what other people will think. Rather, she is selecting items that will amplify her natural strength and confidence to attain the goals she has set for herself. She is no different from the engineer who slaves over his drawing board, the architect who checks that last foundation plan or the entrepreneur who revises his business strategy.

We all strive towards worthy goals our methods are simply different.

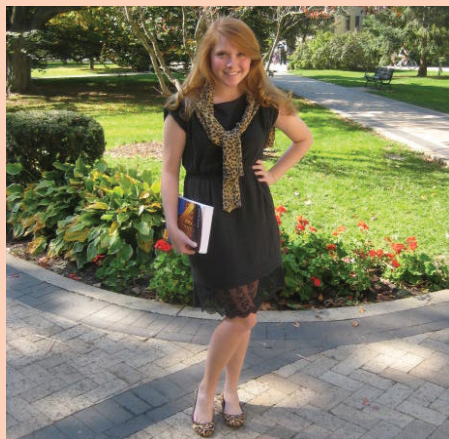


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Perhaps the fashionista is so misunderstood because her method is simply more visual than all the rest, more public, more flamboyantly fabulous. Now, what item embodies this misunderstood glamour more than any other? Why, anything leopard of course!

Leopard is the one pattern that screams strength and confidence. Like our primitive ancestors who clothed



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Senior Laura Taylor models leopard.

themselves in the animal skins of yore for protection against the elements, leopard is best used as an added confidence boost in the face of life's uncertain academic weather midterms, long study sessions, evening entertainments, job interviews, and let's not forget those pesky “high maintenance,” label-dropping naysayers.

The key to this pattern is to not wear it from head to toe, but to instead incorporate it into a monochromatic ensemble. Wearing black pants and a black t-shirt? Tie a leopard scarf as a belt, wear a leopard sweater or even leopard shoes.

Today, designers have been using leopard in more than just the traditional pattern, incorporating cream, red and sometimes even blue to the mix. This simply makes leopard all the more versatile.

A word to the wise: Matching different leopard patterns is not for the faint of heart. As with gold accessories, think of yourself as a canvas. Frame yourself with touches of leopard and stick to the same overall color scheme, whether that's black, brown and camel or cream, black and red. Men, I suggest you let the ladies be the leaders of the pack on this one. “High Maintenance” never looked this good.

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Leopard Scarf, Aldo Shoes, \$18.00.

NEW TO Your Queue

The Best of Watch Instantly

Wading through the excessive amount of horrible films on Instant Netflix can be daunting for any subscriber. To ease the process, Scene has graciously provided a list of the best Netflix has to offer.

1. “Conan O’Brien Can’t Stop”

After getting the boot from NBC as the host of “The Tonight Show,” Conan O’Brien was legally prohibited from appearing on television for months after his departure. He ultimately found a home at TBS, but during his TV-hiatus, Conan took his comedy on the road with “The Legally Prohibited from Being Funny on Television Tour.” This documentary follows Conan as he prepped the tour and took it around the country for a string of completely sold-out shows. The unprecedented look into Conan’s life is equally hilarious and moving as he puts the pressure on himself to bring the funny.

2. “Dear Zachary: A Letter to a Son About His Father”

A man is killed, and his best friend makes a tribute to his unborn son through interviews with his closest friends and family. If you want to properly experience this documentary, that’s all you should know going into it. What will result is the most heartfelt, shocking and thrilling hour-and-a-half you’ll ever experience watching a film. This true-crime tour de force pulls you in from the first seconds and never lets you go, even long after it’s done. Twist after twist leaves viewers emotionally raw and exhausted at the end, but the experience is so worth it. And once more, don’t look up any other details before watching.

3. “The Big Lebowski”

This film is, simply put, a cult classic. The movie is directed by the Coen brothers before they became Academy Award winners, and stars Jeff Bridges and John Goodman in what might be their finest roles. The story is an absurd mystery, drawing from the classic film-noir the Big Sleep. It follows the Dude, or El Duderino if you’re not into the whole brevity thing, a laid back old hippie who just wants compensation for a destroyed rug that really tied the room together.

4. “Valentino: The Last Emperor”

This intimate portrait of the famed Italian fashion house exposes the complicated process of designing impeccably beautiful clothing. Valentino himself is the picture of diva-ness, and in all honesty, it’s fantastic. Who could possibly pull off having five pugs dripping in diamonds? Valentino, that’s who.

5. “Breakfast at Tiffany’s”

Everyone knows Audrey Hepburn’s classic film, “Breakfast at Tiffany’s.” It has a mammoth presence in pop-culture 50 years after its release and is as iconic now as it was then. But how many of you have actually seen it? Netflix is there to fix this problem with its recent addition to Watch Instantly. Grab some tissues and your favorite pearls for a look back at the classiest of films.

SPORTS AUTHORITY

The problem with polls

It's time to face two hard facts about college football. First, the polls don't work. Second, there's no good way to fix them.

It's pretty clear to anyone who watches college football that the rankings are essentially arbitrary. The pre-season polls come out each year based on subjective interpretations of last year's results with some spring practice observations taken into account if the writers and coaches are feeling particularly motivated when they fill out their rankings.

From there, the season progresses while coaches and writers move teams up and down based on just the score of the game and possibly the highlights on SportsCenter. That leads to obviously false conclusions fairly regularly. For example, Notre Dame soundly defeated Michigan State in week three. Yet, in the week five polls, Michigan State still ranked above Notre Dame in both the AP and coaches' polls. The Spartans fell from No. 15 to No. 20, but it's absurd to argue that they are better than a team who beat them soundly just two weeks ago.

When it comes down to it, the polls rarely, if ever, actually reflect an idea of who the top 25 teams in the country are. No matter what, a loss drops a team in the polls. It doesn't matter whether that was a last-second loss to the top-ranked team in the country - the losing team will sink in the polls. There's no reason for that.

The rankings are supposed to suggest relative rankings. Teams are supposed to lose to higher-ranked teams it should be no surprise when the No. 1 team wins. The No. 1 team beating the No. 10 team doesn't mean the No. 10 team should drop in the polls, unless the game was a blowout. If the No. 10 team gave the No. 1 squad a close game, in fact, it should rise in the polls. But it doesn't.

The polls never actually give a true representation of who the best 25 teams in the coun-



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So the answer is to make the polls matter less, while making football matter more.

try are, and in what order. That's the entire point of having the polls. The system is broken.

What's worse, human polls make up two-thirds of the Bowl Championship Series formula that determines who plays in the national championship. This stuff matters.

That's why it's time to figure out a way to fix the polls. Obviously, a computer-only system is never going to be acceptable. Fans, players and coaches alike want to feel that there are humans in control of the process.

But the problem is that there's no good way to make the polls better. It's unreasonable to expect coaches (or really, the assistants who fill out the polls) and writers to do in-depth analysis of every game. That's simply impossible.

So the answer is to make the polls matter less, while making football matter more.

That's right, a playoff system.

It wouldn't be perfect, certainly. A playoff would still depend on rankings to select its teams. Even the most expansive proposal, a 16-team playoff with automatic bids for every conference champion, relies on the polls to fill its at-large slots.

It might not be perfect, but expanding to a playoff system keeps the polls from doing as much harm as possible. Sure, it'll be difficult for the polls to decide between the No. 8 and No. 9 slot. But it's a better decision to make than whether to leave an undefeated No. 3 Auburn team out of the national championship. Having the top four, eight or 16 teams play in a playoff would make the process fairer to everyone involved. If a team thinks it is good enough to win the national championship, it can simply play its way to that championship without having to impress voters.

So while those two facts about the polls are difficult, there's one more fact to consider: a playoff would be a lot of fun.

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NFL

Seahawks rally late, defeat Giants

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Unsung is an understatement for the guys who lifted the Seattle Seahawks to victory Sunday.

Doug Baldwin, Brandon Browner and Charlie Whitehurst were the unlikely stars as Seattle beat the New York Giants at their own game: with a fourth-quarter rally.

Backup quarterback Whitehurst threw a 27-yard touchdown pass to Baldwin with 2:37 to play and Browner returned an interception 94 yards to thwart a desperate, late challenge by the Giants as the Seahawks won 36-25 on Sunday.

"We believe in ourselves and we believe in each other," Baldwin said after making eight catches for 136 yards and the critical score. "It's believing the guys next to you will do it."

Baldwin is an undrafted free agent from Stanford who leads the team with 20 receptions. Browner is a first-year NFL player who spent four years in the Canadian Football League before joining the Seahawks. His romp down the right sideline — with coach Pete Carroll sprinting along with him for a few yards — finished off New York (3-2), which had rallied for victories in its last two games.

"It was almost like slow motion, the tipped ball and it landed in my hands and it was a footrace from there," Browner said.

Whitehurst, who replaced the injured Tarvaris Jackson in the third quarter, led the Seahawks (2-3) on an 80-yard touchdown drive capped with his pass to Baldwin on a play in which the Giants seemed to stop after defensive end Osi Umenyiora jumped off-side.

"I did notice that," Whitehurst said of the offside. "Leon (Washington) picked him up and they kind of stopped dead and I got the ball out of my hand quickly. Doug was wide open."

The Giants mounted another late drive and had first-and-goal at the Seahawks 5 after consecutive completions of 41 and 19 yards to Victor Cruz. A procedure penalty on first down pushed the ball back to the 10, then Eli Manning (24 of 39 for 420 yards, three touchdowns and three interceptions) looked to Cruz one more time. His pass tipped off Cruz's hands, bounced off Kam Chancellor



AP

Seattle running back Marshawn Lynch runs for a 47-yard gain in the Seahawks' 36-25 victory over the Giants on Sunday.

and was picked off in the air at the 6-yard line by Browner, who went the distance to ice the game.

Cruz had eight catches for 161 yards, including a 68-yard TD after Chancellor misplayed what should have been an interception and tipped the ball into the air. Cruz stuck out his right arm for a one-handed catch and sped the final 25 yards to score, making it 22-19 for New York.

But Cruz couldn't hold on to the biggest throw.

"I thought I gripped it, but as soon as I went to grip it in, I got hit and it bobbed up in the air," Cruz said. "I knew it was all downhill from there because there were two guys there and one of them was going to pick it off."

Whitehurst finished 11 of 19 for 149 yards in relief of Jackson, who was 15 of 22 for 166 yards and a touchdown before going out with a chest injury after being tackled on a third-quarter run.

Marshawn Lynch rushed for 98 yards and a touchdown, and Steven Hauschka had field goals of 51 and 43 yards.

Manning's touchdown passes covered 13 yards to tight end Jake Ballard, 19 to Hakeem Nicks just before halftime and the long one to Cruz, which seemingly had the Giants on the road to their fourth straight win.

Seattle dominated the third quarter with defense. It took a 16-14 lead on a safety by Anthony Hargrove on a tackle on a play that started at the Giants 5.

"I came inside and beat the guard and all I saw was a guy in blue in the end zone," Har-

grove said.

The lead grew to 19-14 on the long field goal by Hauschka, and then the fun started in the fourth quarter.

The Seahawks should have gone to the locker room at halftime with at least a seven-point lead, but instead found themselves tied at 14 after Giants cornerback Aaron Ross picked off Jackson's throw at the New York 41 with less than a minute to play. Manning then completed four straight passes, the final one covering 19 yards to a diving Nicks in the right corner of the end zone.

The interception wasn't the only mistake for Seattle, which lost two fumbles deep in Giants territory. Lynch lost one at the 11 in the first quarter and Michael Robinson lost the other on a first-and-goal from the 2 in the second quarter.

The Seahawks also let a golden opportunity slip away just before halftime when Manning could not handle a low snap from center Kevin Boothe. It appeared linebacker Leroy Hill had a chance to recover the ball, but he missed and Boothe fell on it.

Still, Seattle scored more points in the first 12 minutes of this game than it did in the last two games against New York, when the Seahawks were outscored 85-13.

The game opened with the teams exchanging lightning-fast 8-yard touchdown drives.

Ben Obomanu scored on an 11-yard pass in the flat that caught the Giants in a blitz, while Ballard carried linebacker David Hawthorne the final 2 yards on a 13-yard TD pass up the middle.

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SMC GOLF

Belles' fall season ends with third place finish

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

The Belles' fall season came to an end Saturday with the conclusion of the MIAA championships at Bedford Valley Golf Course, leaving the Belles in a very unfamiliar position.

Saint Mary's finished third in the conference standings behind first place Olivet and second place Hope, making this the first time since 2006 that the Belles did not finish the season in either first or second in the MIAA.

Although the team put forth several impressive individual performances this season, the Belles failed to put forth a complete round as a team, Belles coach Mark Hamilton said.

"I think it felt like we never gelled with four scores this year, and we came close," he said. "The teams that beat us seemed to have one or two tournaments where they had four good scores on the board, so that was the big difference I felt."

The Belles entered the week-end tournament 45 strokes back of first place, but slipped further down the leaderboard as Hope and Olivet both put forth impressive performances in the final two rounds of the season.

Olivet headed into Friday's round 15 strokes out of first place, but after turning in rounds of 325 and 315, took home the conference title by 10 strokes. Saint Mary's recorded rounds of 337 each in the two rounds.

Although the Belles were not

able to challenge for the conference title more intensely this season, Hamilton said his team showed enough promise to be in a good position for the spring season.

"The last couple of days really weren't too bad," he said. "We saw some bright spots. We have some things to work on this winter. We've got some players coming back from studying abroad that I think will challenge for some spots in the top five, and I think that will make a difference."

Among the bright spots for the Belles this fall were the seasons put forth by senior co-captains Natalie Matuszak and Christine Brown, who were named to the All-MIAA first team and All-MIAA second team, respectively. Matuszak led the Belles in the conference championships with her combined score of 159, the lowest score earned by any golfer not from Olivet, and the fourth-best score overall.

The spring season is comprised of just three rounds of golf that determine the conference's automatic qualifier to the NCAA tournament. To make sure they perform well in the spring, the Belles will focus on reducing their errors on the course.

"I would say some of the unforced errors that we were still having we need to get better at," Hamilton said. "It was getting better at the end of the season, but we had some unforced errors that we can't [be making]."

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SMC SOCCER

Saint Mary's dominates in win over Comets

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Saint Mary's smothered the Olivet attack Saturday, outshooting the Comets 20-4 en route to a 3-0 victory.

The Belles (8-5, 4-5 MIAA) stifled the Comets (2-11, 2-7) from the beginning of the game, not allowing a single shot until the 33rd minute. Junior midfielder Rebecca Gaarde recorded two of the Comets' four shots, including their only shot on goal.

"Olivet is a decent side, but maybe does not have as deep a roster as we do," Belles coach Michael Joyce said. "They had the same three-games-in-five-days schedule, and I think they were a little worn down from the week."

Sophomore forward Jordan Diffenderfer corralled the ball from a scrum in front of the goal and sunk it into the goal to give the Belles a 1-0 lead in the 21st minute, and scoring for both sides froze for the next 50 minutes of play.

"The game was 1-0 for a long time, but it never seemed like the win was in jeopardy," Joyce said. "I think that last 30 minutes we totally dominated the game."

With 20 minutes left in the game, first year forward Kelly Wilson drove into the box, luring

Olivet freshman goalkeeper Patty Groh away from her net. Belles senior defender Keely Noonan beat Groh to the ball, and lofted it into the net for her first goal of the season.

In the 81st minute, Diffenderfer recorded her fifth goal of the year after receiving an assist from freshman midfielder Hillary Burton. Saturday's match marked the first time Diffenderfer scored more than one goal in a game in her collegiate career.

"Jordan also [did] a great job getting in the right spots to score," Joyce said. "Hopefully Jordan can build on today and keep scoring consistently."

Joyce also had praise for other members of his squad.

"[Sophomore midfielder] Mollie Valencia really stood out, not only yesterday but all week. We had three games in five days, and she played every minute at center-mid and worked tirelessly each game," Joyce said. "[First year defenders] Kerry Green and Mary Kate Hussey were solid in the back and didn't give Olivet too many chances to see the goal."

The win puts Saint Mary's in sixth place with 12 points in the MIAA conference standings and 12 points behind first place Adrian. Olivet sits in seventh place with six points.



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Although his squad missed a few chances, Joyce said he was pleased with the Belles' overall performance.

"We created a lot of good opportunities on goal yesterday we didn't convert as many as I would

have liked," Joyce said. "We easily could have scored 5 or 6 goals, but I'm happy we kept putting ourselves in great positions to score."

The Belles have a week off before they travel to Alma for the

last of four straight road games. They will kick off against the Scots at noon Saturday at Scotland Yard in Alma, Mich.

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Duluth

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the net. Notre Dame was then hamstrung by penalties and turnovers, and Minnesota-Duluth converted on two Irish giveaways to take a 2-1 lead. “We turned the puck over a lot on Friday,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “Maybe that was because of nervousness or the crowd, but we had some mistakes and they capitalized.”

Despite their initial rustiness, the Irish entered the third period tied 3-3 after a power-play goal from sophomore right winger Mike Voran. Notre Dame was unable to hold the lead though, as Bulldogs senior center Travis Oleksuk beat junior goaltender Mike Johnson for what proved to be the game-winning goal.

Despite making 27 saves in the game, including 14 in the second period, Johnson was lifted for Saturday’s game, and sophomore goalie Steven Summerhays got the second start of the weekend between the pipes.

“We went into the season knowing that we’d try to get both [Johnson and Summerhays] some games,” Jackson said. “So that was part of the plan. I thought they both played okay.”

Notre Dame got off to a slower start in the second game of the weekend, as Summerhays surrendered a couple of early goals and the Bulldogs jumped ahead 2-0. The Irish halved the lead on a second-period goal by junior

left winger Nick Larson, but the team was ignited after sophomore center TJ Tynan evened the score with the third shorthanded goal of his career.

The shorthanded unit continued to dominate in the game, allowing the Bulldogs just one goal in 27 minutes of power-play time. Notre Dame then rattled off three unanswered goals, and held on through the third period for the series-splitting win.

“We’re still feeling our way through personnel on special teams,” Jackson said. “We’re evaluating guys in different positions, and some guys are stepping up. So we’re starting to get a clearer picture there.”

With the opening weekend of the regular season behind them, the Irish now head home for another week of practice before hosting Ohio State in the last two games at the Joyce Center. Jackson says he’s looking forward to both the additional practice time and the home stand against the Buckeyes.

“There are certainly some things we still have to work on,” he said. “It’s still the second week, and we’ve had maybe a half-dozen practices. We’ve seen some positive signs, and we see that we’re improving at some areas that were focal points coming into the year. We’ve got to get ready for Ohio State they’re a quality team. We want to send the Joyce Center out in grand fashion.”

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Irish senior midfielder Jessica Schuveiller sends a ball forward in an Aug. 19 game against Wisconsin at Alumni Stadium. Notre Dame won 2-0.

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Dame’s defense has now held the opposition scoreless for four consecutive games.

Waldrum said moving Schuveiller to midfield has paid dividends for the Irish.

“[Four consecutive shut-outs] means they’re coming around a little. Moving Jess Schuveiller into [the midfield] helps to solidify our midfield and defense,” Waldrum said. “[Freshman defender] Sammy Scofield has played well for us in the back, and we got a few

good minutes out of [senior defender] Ellen Bartindale. They weren’t regulars earlier in the year. I think it’s coming together at the right time.”

The Irish are fully aware that they are still in the mix to win the Big East conference championship outright. Notre Dame will have home-field advantage in a series of games remaining on their schedule.

Waldrum said the Irish can only control their own destiny, but admitted he was keeping a close eye on respective first and second place Georgetown and Louisville in the standings.

“Georgetown’s going to be huge, and Villanova is never an

easy game. Those will be key games to see whether we can win the conference championship outright or win it in the tournament,” Waldrum said. The disappointing thing is the students will be gone [during the upcoming home stand]. We really needed the students there, but hopefully the locals will come out and support us because it’s a huge weekend for us.”

Notre Dame returns home for its final three regular-season games, beginning with Georgetown on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.


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Clark

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but how you are judged as a good team is wins, and obviously we have got to start piling up some wins,” Clark said.

The Irish came out on top in most statistical categories for the game, as they outshot Connecticut 21-16, including 9-4 in shots on goal. The Irish also had seven corner kicks to Connecticut’s one. Senior goalkeeper Will Walsh completed his fourth shutout of the season for the Irish.

Notre Dame earned the bulk of the game’s scoring opportunities, but was not able to knock home the go-ahead goal. Freshman goalkeeper Andre Blake

had nine saves for Connecticut, including several on shots from within his team’s own box.

“I think you run into what’s a really good goal keeper,” Clark said. “These were great shots. [Junior midfielder Ryan] Finley and [senior midfielder Adam] Mena hit some great shots ... We were through on goal, we had good shots from inside the box and [Blake] came up big every time. So that was disappointing for us, but I’m sure he must be one of the reasons why they are undefeated.”

The Irish began peppering the Connecticut goalie early, as sophomore forward Leon Brown and Mena each had shots blocked in the first half by a diving Blake. Finley let loose a game-high seven shots, four of which were on target, but found

Blake to be equal to the task on every occasion. In the 80th minute, Finley finally managed to maneuver a shot past Blake, only to have what looked to be the deciding score rebound off the post.

Although the Irish did not score a goal in the contest, Clark said he was pleased with his team’s performance Saturday.

“I thought we played well, concentration was superb throughout and it was hard to really find a flaw in our team,” he said. “I thought all the subs came on and gave a lift.”

Senior midfielder Michael Rose made his season debut for the Irish, playing the entire second half after missing the first 10 games while recovering from a knee injury.

“It was really great to play Michael Rose, he’s been out with an ACL [injury], but he gives a lot of depth,” Clark said.

Saturday’s game serves as yet another example of the Irish playing up to the standards of top-ranked opponents. In its past four games, Notre Dame suffered a 2-1 overtime loss to then No. 15 St. Johns, captured a 1-0 victory over then No. 3 Louisville, tied 1-1 with unranked Northwestern and now adds a tie to No. 1 Connecticut.

“I think this team knows we can play with anyone, but I think we can also play down to people as well,” Clark said. “But I think ... when we play the Louisvilles, the St. John’s and the UConn’s, I don’t find that a huge problem because we were [competitive].”

As they move forward, the Irish will change gears slightly in preparation for their upcoming game against Marquette (5-5-2, 3-0-0).

“We’ve got a game on Wednesday at Marquette and that will be a different type of game,” Clark said. “Going from a game with a team [Connecticut] that was very silky, very technical, it’ll be much more of a battle with Marquette. Marquette has skillful players as well, don’t get me wrong, but it will be a different type of game.”

The Irish continue their Big East campaign when they travel to Milwaukee for Wednesday’s game against the Golden Eagles.

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Frilling

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not find a rhythm in any of the eight games played.

“I think we just need to get some more matches in and work on adding some versatility in our game plans,” Frilling said.

Frilling was also eliminated from the consolation bracket of singles play on Friday in her match against Lindsey Hardenburgh from Virginia. Frilling lost quickly in the first game, 6-1, then battled with Hardenburgh in the second set before dropping it 6-3, eliminating her from competition.

“I need to work on my forehand. I lost confidence in it

easily,” Frilling said. “It’s really important for me to work on it every day.”

Saturday, the doubles pair lost in the doubles consolation bracket against Kristi Boxx and Abbie Guthrie from Mississippi.

“We played a lot better,” Frilling said. “I think despite losing, [the match] added a positive note. We know what we are capable of, so it is just a matter of being able to perform that way.”

The Irish will compete in their first tournament as a complete team on Oct. 20 in the Midwest Regional Qualifying tournament in Columbus, Ohio.

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errors,” Irish coach Debbie Brown said. “I think we were also able to control the ball well on our side of the net, and against Pitt we came up with some good blocks.”

Brown said beating teams like the Mountaineers, who have struggled this season, requires an understanding and respect of the opponent.

“It’s always a challenge to keep the team from overlooking certain schools, and we addressed it,” Brown said. “We just told them this week that each team we play in the Big East has some really good players and motivation to beat

us. West Virginia has five seniors who were really motivated to beat Notre Dame. We had to make sure not to underestimate their abilities. It’s a matter of respecting your opponent and always bringing your ‘A’ game.”

Among those bringing their “A” games this weekend were freshmen outside hitters Toni Alugbue and Jeni Houser. Alugbue finished with nine kills at a .615 rate against Pittsburgh, and tied Houser for the team lead with five blocks. Against West Virginia, the two freshmen each recorded nine kills. The rookies played with the confidence of veterans, Brown said.

“Both are doing a great job,” Brown said of Alugbue and Houser. “They are really good blockers, and they play with a

lot of poise. They don’t play like freshmen, they don’t get rattled or flustered and they come back well after a missed shot. Our setters aren’t afraid to come back to them after a miss.”

The team has seen the freshmen as important assets for a long time, Brown said.

“At the beginning of the season, we knew they had a lot to bring, we just didn’t know how to use them,” she said. “They can play left, middle or right so they have really been versatile for us and have helped us out a lot this season.”

The Irish will travel to Chicago on Friday to face DePaul at 7 p.m. for another Big East match on the road.

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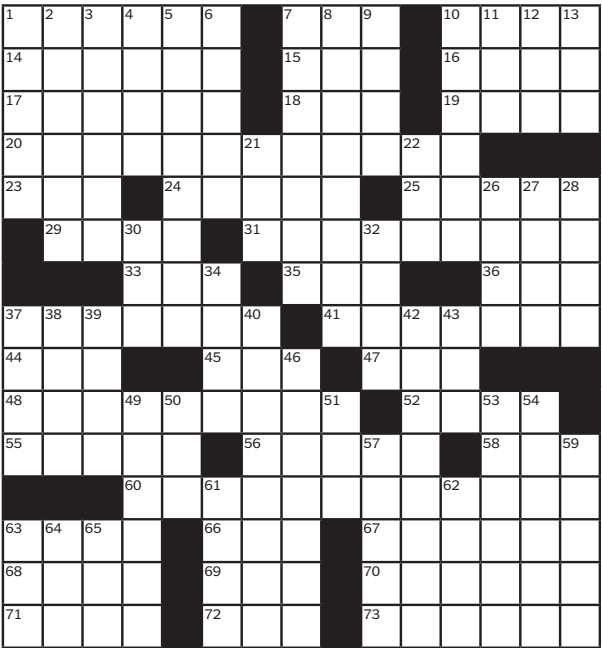
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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Brandon Routh, 32; Scott Bakula, 57; Tony Shalhoub, 58; Sharon Osbourne, 59.

Happy Birthday: You'll feel passionate about life, love and your dreams. Strive for perfection and uniqueness and you will attract attention that will help catapult you into the fast lane. Greater opportunity will develop through partnerships with people who can add to your complex plan. Resurrect a project that has been idle. Your numbers are 7, 12, 15, 23, 28, 32, 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't settle for less when you can have more. Adapting to whatever comes your way will allow you to get the most out of any situation you face. Love is highlighted, and discussing future plans will add excitement to your personal life. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll overreact if something doesn't go your way. Refrain from letting stubbornness ruin your day and possibly your relationship with someone special. Keep busy if you want to avoid a showdown. Keep a tight lip and an open mind and ear. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Discipline and hard work will impress someone in a key position. Dedication and loyalty will make a difference to the way others treat you. An idea you have will lead to a profitable venture. Honesty and integrity are key to a better future. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Bypass anyone being restrictive or abusive. Do your own thing and make time for the people you enjoy being with most. Social or romantic activities will lift your spirits and your confidence. Update your look and you'll receive compliments. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Fix up your digs and enjoy the company of friends and family. Share your thoughts and offer support and you will get the same in return when faced with obstacles. Set a budget and stick to it. Generosity will lead to financial trouble. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take advantage of an opportunity to travel or get together with old friends. You will discover something about yourself that will help you advance. Recognizing your talents and implementing them into a moneymaking venture will pay off. Believe in what you have to offer. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let your emotions lead to a lack of productivity. You have to put the past behind you and deal with the present if you want to excel in the future. Helping others will make you feel good and encourage new friendships. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Beautify your surroundings, your look, your relationships. Express your thoughts creatively. Strive to make positive changes to your lifestyle and you will also invite good fortune and greater opportunities. Include more creative people in your circle of friends. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be caught in an emotional trap if you aren't truthful. Don't lead someone on or make changes without the consent of those affected by your decisions. Keep things out in the open or you may face legal repercussions. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Demands can be expected. Don't succumb to any pressure to change your lifestyle. Walk away in order to live life your way. Look at what you have, how hard you've worked and the loss you will suffer if you don't stand your ground. ★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take one step at a time. You can make a difference if you offer insight and suggestions that are simple but effective. Take care of personal paperwork and you will get rid of some of the unwanted responsibilities you've incurred. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be expected to make some alterations if you want to be employable. Pick up skills or develop an idea that can help you earn more cash. Plan a romantic evening and you will enhance your love life. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are an imaginative, opportunistic and aggressive leader.

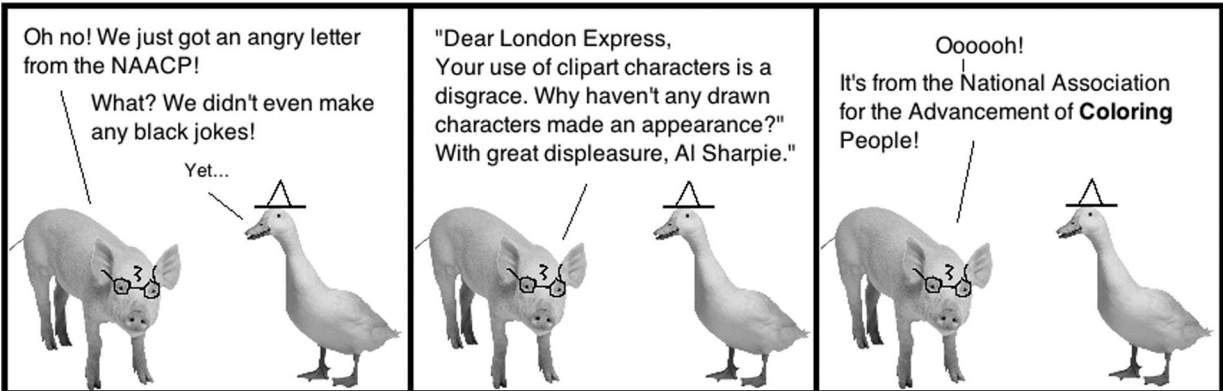
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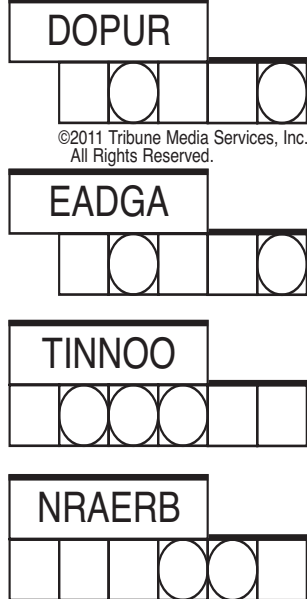
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Answer here: [Grid of squares for the answer]

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PATCH NEEDY FOSSIL BURROW
Answer: He thought locking up his poker winnings was this — A SAFE BET



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

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MEN'S SOCCER

Hanging tough

No. 11 Notre Dame ties nation's No. 1

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

The Irish needed extra time once again in their contest against Connecticut, but even in 110 minutes of play, neither team was able to notch a goal.

No. 11 Notre Dame (5-2-4, 1-1-1 Big East) earned a tie against No. 1 Connecticut (11-0-1, 2-0-1) on Saturday, bringing an end to the Huskies' 11 game winning streak. The game was the seventh overtime affair of the season, contests in which the Irish are 1-2-4.

"Let's be honest. If we were playing in Europe, we would be undefeated at the moment because all of our losses have been in overtime," Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

Although it became the first team to escape from a matchup against Connecticut without a loss, Notre Dame could have used a win at home, Clark said.

"We know we're a good team,

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Irish senior midfielder Adam Mena dives in for a tackle in Sunday's match against No. 1 Connecticut at Alumni Stadium. The game ended in a 0-0 tie.

NICOLE TOCZAUER/The Observer

ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame sweeps two road wins

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

The Irish evened their Big East conference record with a pair of straight-set road victories. Wins against Pittsburgh and West Virginia helped them reclaim in-conference confidence and live up to their second rank in the preseason Big East Coaches' Poll.

Saturday, the Irish (10-6, 3-3 Big East) swept Pittsburgh 3-0 behind a 10-kill, 12-dig effort from sophomore outside hitter Andrea McHugh. Notre Dame also recorded 10.5 team blocks against the Panthers (12-7, 3-3).

The Irish then dominated West Virginia on Sunday behind 16 kills from senior outside hitter Kristen Dealy, who hit at a .533 clip for the day. The Mountaineers (4-12, 2-4) hit only .088 in the match, including .000 for the final set.

"[Pittsburgh and West Virginia] had a lot of unforced

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Notre Dame has undefeated weekend in New Jersey

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

The Irish avoided another mark in the loss column during their weekend road trip with a 0-0 double-overtime tie against Rutgers and a 2-0 win over Seton Hall.

Even without senior starting forward and tri-captain Melissa Henderson in the first half of the game, the Irish (7-5-3, 4-2-2 Big East) still shut out Seton Hall (7-5-2, 3-4) on Friday at

Owen T. Carroll Field in South Orange, N.J.

Senior midfielder and tri-captain Jessica Schuveiller gave the Irish an early 1-0 lead against the Pirates, taking advantage of sophomore midfielder Mandy Laddish's cross just under four minutes into the game.

Notre Dame's final goal came at the 21:52 mark, when freshman forward Lauren Bohaboy netted her sixth goal of the season.

"Friday night against Seton Hall we played a good first half. We weren't very good in the second half against Seton Hall, but we did enough to get the shut-out and win," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "It was a real plus from that standpoint because we had been struggling to close out games like that before."

The Irish continued their road trip Sunday at Rutgers (7-6-2, 2-4-2), where their three-game win streak ended after a

scoreless tie against the Scarlet Knights.

Notre Dame outshot Rutgers 21-9 with 5-4 shots on goal and recorded eight corner kicks to Rutgers' three. Glancing at the stat sheet, Waldrum said the Irish were dominant in most categories but were simply unable to come up with a win at Rutgers' Yurcak Field.

"Looking at the stats now, we played really well today. We just couldn't get the goal to win it," he said. "We outshot them.

I thought we had a couple good possessions in overtime. It was disappointing that we didn't get the win, but we didn't lose, either."

The Irish have yet to record a win in overtime, falling to 0-2-3 in games forced into the extra minutes this season.

Irish junior goalkeeper Maddie Fox collected four saves against both the Pirates and Scarlet Knights, as Notre

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HOCKEY

Irish split series with champs

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

Following just one exhibition match and a handful of practices, Notre Dame eased into its regular season schedule with a pair of games against the defending national champions in front of 6,000 hostile fans. After losing 4-3 to Minnesota-Duluth in the opener, the Irish (1-1) rallied to take a 5-3 win over the Bulldogs (1-1) on Saturday.

In Friday's matchup, the Irish came out strong and grabbed an early lead when senior right winger Billy Maday one-timed a pass from sophomore left winger Jeff Costello into the back of

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Irish sophomore center TJ Tynan scans the ice in an exhibition game against Western Ontario on Oct. 2. The Irish won 4-0.

SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Seniors unable to win All-American honors

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

Seniors Kristy Frilling and Shannon Mathews fell short in both singles and doubles play at the All-American championships this weekend in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

"It definitely was a rough week, and I think moving forward we want to just keep working hard in practice and try [to] forget about our results," Frilling said. "We may have lost, but now it's all about how we come back and prepare to win."

At the start of doubles play Friday, Mathews and Frilling faced off against Brynn Boren and Sarah Toti from Tennessee. The Irish partners were the fifth-ranked and fourth-seeded doubles pair in the main draw and had a bye in the first round, but their high ranking couldn't help them secure a win in the second round against the Volunteers' pair.

Mathews and Frilling lost to Boren and Toti in an 8-0 decision, as the Irish could

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