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Grad families seek cheaper healthcare

University works toward better plan, dependents of graduate students lack adequate coverage

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
Associate News Editor

For some Notre Dame community members, a minor infection or fever can be a major source of anxiety.

Angela Campbell, a Canadian citizen whose husband is a graduate student in political science, has lived without health insurance since the couple arrived at Notre Dame five years ago.

Campbell was recently sick for six weeks, and put off medical care for as long as possible.

"I just kept saying, 'I just have to get better, I don't want to go to the doctor,'" she said. "In the event that something really bad would happen, I would probably just get in my car and drive [nine hours] to Canada."

Notre Dame's health insurance premium for spouses of students is over \$4,000, and Campbell doesn't qualify for state healthcare.

The cost for insuring a spouse and all children this year under the University's

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UNIVERSITY STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

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Spouse: \$3,098

Each Child: \$1,859

All Children: \$2,416

Spouse and all children: \$5,514

2011-2012

Annual Rates for 2011-2012:

Student: \$1,665

Spouse: \$4,163

Each Child: \$2,498

All Children: \$3,247

Spouse and all children: \$7,410



MARINA KOZAK | Observer Graphic

ND Forum hosts Gov. Christie

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

The 2011-12 Notre Dame Forum will bring New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie to campus today to discuss education reform at the symposium, "Educational Innovation and the Law."

Nicole Stelle Garnett, Forum committee co-chair and law professor at Notre Dame, said she believes Christie will provide an important perspective to Notre Dame's yearlong conversation on K-12 education. "Gov. Christie has proposed



Christie

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Schmuhl selected to political office

Mayor-elect Pete Buttigieg selects '05 grad as Dem. party chairman



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

South Bend Mayor-elect Pete Buttigieg, right, and campaign manager Mike Schmuhl, left, celebrate on Nov. 8. Both Buttigieg and Schmuhl's fathers are professors at Notre Dame.

By ADRIANNA PRATT
Associate News Editor

One eighth grade morning, Mike Schmuhl, '05, woke up, got dressed and headed to Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend to catch a glimpse of what his academic, athletic and social future might hold.

Little did he realize that his

day spent shadowing the life of a high school freshman would lead to a career 14 years later.

Pete Buttigieg, now the mayor-elect of South Bend, greeted Schmuhl at the door to give him a tour. The rest ... is history.

Schmuhl was selected as the Democratic party chairman for Indiana's 2nd District Sunday after managing winning cam-

paigns for Buttigieg this year and U.S. Rep. Joe Donnelly last year. He is also working as Buttigieg's chief of staff, assisting Buttigieg with his transition into office.

"I think we're a great team and we're very invested in the future of South Bend, and we

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College of A&L creates new business minor



Business Economics Minor

Classes offered:

- 2 in economics
- 1 in accounting
- 1 in finance
- 1 in statistics

MARINA KOZAK | Observer Graphic

By EMMA RUSS
News Writer

Next fall semester, the College of Arts and Letters will offer a new minor in Business Economics, providing students with the opportunity to gain basic knowledge of business-related skills.

"We're very excited to offer the Business Economics minor next fall," Dean of the College of Arts and Letters John McGreevy said. "It should be a great opportunity for Arts and Letters students to learn about the basic concepts of the business world."

The minor will consist of five courses: two in economics, one in

accounting, one in finance and one in statistics.

"It should be a rigorous, challenging program," McGreevy said.

McGreevy said the number of students whose primary major falls in the College of Arts and Letters has recently declined, while more students seem to be taking an interest in business.

"At the same time, the number of majors in Arts and Letters has remained stable because so many students are double-majoring from [Mendoza] into [the College of] Arts and Letters," he said. "We see this as an attractive option for those

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CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, an article in the Nov. 17 edition of *The Observer* reported that fetal stem cell research was a topic of discussion at the International Vatican Conference attended by two Notre Dame professors. The professors presented on adult stem cell research, and both embryonic and fetal stem cell research were not addressed in their discussion. *The Observer* regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO EAT AN OREO?



Joe Binzer

sophomore
Keenan

"Twist 'em apart
and dunk 'em in
milk."



Samantha
Hoffman

sophomore
Lewis

"Dipped in
peanut butter."



Dom Campion

freshman
Stanford

"Eat the whole
thing."



Sein Shea

junior
Pasquerilla West

"Frozen."



Angelo Calderon

freshman
Keenan

"Crushed up
on top of ice
cream."



Elizabeth Arevalo

sophomore
Pasquerilla West

"It's all about
the filling."

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



JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Saint Mary's juniors Theresa Nucciarone, second from the left, Becca Smith, third from the left, Cara O'Connor, third from the right, and three "nomads" of the Liberty in North Korea (LiNK) organization pose Thursday after a LiNK movie showing. LiNK, an organization that aids refugees in North Korea, consists of nomads who travel across the U.S. to spread awareness.

OFFBEAT

Thousands gather for Guinness World Records day

LONDON — Irish leprechauns, tea-sipping Britons, Australian ABBA impersonators and the oldest yoga teacher on the planet were just some of the people setting world records on Thursday.

More than 300,000 people around the world took part in the seventh annual Guinness World Records Day, in which a number of records have already been confirmed.

They included the largest cream tea party (334 participants) in Essex, England; the largest gathering of people dressed as leprechauns (262 participants) in Dublin; the oldest yoga teacher (91 years old) and the largest hula hoop

workout (221 children) both in Florida.

In keeping with the national theme, 262 people in Dublin got into leprechaun costume to break the record previously set in the United States.

"We believe that a record for leprechauns belongs to its native soil and we're really pleased to bring it back to Ireland," Derek Mooney from Ireland's RTE Radio One said.

German firm sells space travel insurance

FRANKFURT — A German firm is to start offering space travel insurance, hoping to cash in on a new wave of 'ordinary astronauts' ahead of next year's first commercial space trips.

Insurance giant Allianz will start offering its new space travel policies to coincide with the launch of Virgin Galactic, a spaceflight company.

So far about 450 people have reserved seats for the \$200,000 five-minute trips into 'sub-orbital' space.

Erick Morazin, an Allianz account director said prices were still being finalized, the most basic level of insurance for such trips was likely to start at around \$700 and go up to as much as \$10,000.

"We are looking into space tourism as a new market for the next generation of travelers," he said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Today there will be a symposium called "Educational Innovation and the Law" from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Notre Dame Law School. The keynote speaker, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, will speak from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Room 1170 of the Patrick F. McCartan Courtroom.

There will be a lecture called "Air War, Propaganda and Woolf's Anti-Tyranny Aesthetic" today from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 204 of O'Shaughnessy Hall. The speaker will be Dr. Elizabeth F. Evans, assistant professor of English at Penn State University, DuBois.

Today, the fair trade retailer Ten Thousand Villages will host a sale of international handicrafts from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The sale will take place in the Hesburgh Library Atrium and is sponsored by International Student Services and Activities.

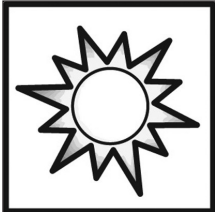
There will be a lecture called "The Worlding of Irish Literature" today from 3 to 4:15 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library. The speaker will be the Donald and Marilyn Keough Chair of Irish Literature, Declan Kiberd.

The Department of Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics will sponsor a colloquium called "Survival Analysis and Some Recent Developments" today from 4 to 5 p.m. in Room 127 of the Hayes-Healy Center.

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

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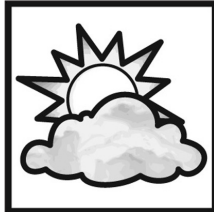
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Undertones to release holiday CD



Photo courtesy of Peter Baxter

The Undertones will welcome in the holiday season with the release of their first Christmas album following Saturday's Glee Club concert at the Hammes Bookstore.

By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

The Undertones — an a cappella group of Notre Dame's Glee Club — will spread holiday cheer with the release of their first Christmas album, "Under the Mistletones."

Saturday's concert at the Hammes Bookstore will serve as both a performance and a release concert for their new album.

"It is never too early for Christmas music," Peter Baxter, president of the Undertones said.

The plan for their new Christmas album releasing just in time for the holiday season formed last January while the group was on tour in Colorado, Baxter said.

"We really found a great dynamic throughout our Colorado tour, and we realized that we would love to preserve our unique sound if we could manage it," he said.

Not long after the tour, the group began working on the album.

"2011 graduate Matt Swanson, then our musical director, gathered arrangements for us and we spent the rest of the spring dividing our time between the recording studio and rehearsing Spring Concert material," Baxter said. "Collectively, we decided a Christmas album would be great for the group to have for years to come, and that it would be a blast to create."

Baxter said a major influence in the release of the album is the Undertones' sound engineer, Tony Huerta.

"It has been awesome to be able to work with Tony [Huerta] throughout the entire production process," Baxter said. "His group, 'Urban Method,' is featured as a finalist on NBC's 'The Sing Off,' and we have really learned a lot from all of his experience."

If fans walk away from the con-

cert wanting to hear more from the Undertones, Baxter said the group will continue with their usual holiday traditions as the end of the semester approaches.

"We will begin caroling as part of the Glee Club in the coming weeks and the Undertones Christmas concert will be on Friday, Dec. 9," he said. "We will also be performing songs from 'Under the Mistletones' when we tour through Florida in January."

Baxter said the group is excited to share their holiday song renditions with a larger audience, and said the album will serve as lasting evidence of the group's hard work.

"Whether it is leaving a tour stop or eventually leaving the University, our Christmas album is a neat way to continue sharing our music after we leave," he said.

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SMC book fair to benefit students, community

By BRIDGET FEENEY
News Writer

Buy a book today, and help a student in the future.

By purchasing a book from the third annual Usborne Book Fair at Saint Mary's college, students, faculty, staff and community members can give back to the community in an indirect way. All proceeds from the books purchased benefit the Learning Tree — an educational resource center on campus.

"We will get 50 percent of all profits from the Fair to use towards the purchase of new books for the Learning Tree," Director of the Learning Tree Jayne Fogle said. "For example, if the Book Fair makes \$100, I will get to select \$50 worth of free books from Usborne. It's a wonderful opportunity and we really appreciate people's help with this."

Once the Tree acquires the free books, they are added to its library.

"The Learning Tree's library has received over hundreds of books through Usborne," Fogle said. "It's been a nice thing to have each year."

Fogle said education majors devising units and lesson plans for their student teachings are the primary users of the library books. However, faculty and students from all areas of study are able to check the books out.

"These books are not solely for education majors," Fogle said. "They don't have to be used just in the classroom. We have a lot of multicultural

books, too. Anyone from Saint Mary's can check out a book and use them for homework, presentations or other projects."

By purchasing a book, however, customers benefit, too. The books included in the fair cover a variety of genres suited for preschool all the way to the high school level.

"These books are better quality [than most other books]," she said. "There will be some history, science, cookbooks and activity books. We have a lot of neat art books, too. There are some really fun books for sale."

Prices range from \$5 to \$20, plus tax.

While the books are diverse and fairly affordable, Fogle said her primary goal for the Fair is to provide a fun outlet for the community to purchase Christmas gifts.

"When I first asked [an Usborne representative] about doing a fundraiser at Saint Mary's, I was trying to think of fun things that people could do for Christmas gifts," she said.

Fogle said she expects the event to be an enjoyable one this year because of the Fair's success in the past.

"A lot of people look forward to it every year. I have gotten emails saying people are excited to come back and buy some new books."

Customers can purchase books at the Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.

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Senior Christine Hendershot shops at the Usborne Book Fair at Saint Mary's on Thursday. The fair opens from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.



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Keynote address by Gov. Chris Christie

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health plan is nearly \$7,500 for each family. And with graduate students making as little as \$17,500 per year, Campbell said purchasing University health insurance is almost impossible.

The Campbells' situation is not unique for graduate student families, both international and American. With the University's high premiums for dependents, and difficulty finding alternate coverage, many graduate student families must resort to paying out of pocket for routine medical care.

Greg Sterling, Dean of the Graduate School, said the University has been working for a long time to find a better solution for these families.

"This is an issue that keeps me up at night; I feel terrible about it. And there's nobody who doesn't want to help in the central administration — the challenge is the cost," Sterling said. "Right now, sometimes people say, well, 'the University has money.' Well, the University does have money, but it's all committed. And so you make choices."

But the costs, he said, are staggering—up to several mil-

lion dollars each year.

"It would take several million dollars per year. It's not one time. If we could come up [with] \$2 million to fix the problem — it's not just for one year; it is every year," he said.

Since becoming Dean in 2008, Sterling has been addressing two main priorities for graduate students — their stipends, which have gone up, and their health insurance. Health insurance for the individual student has become more affordable.

Healthcare affordability for the families of graduate students, however, has been an issue since University Health Director Ann Kleva came to Notre Dame in 1994.

"It's just been a very sensitive issue for all the years that I've been here, the cost of family health," she said. "Health insurance for any family today is very, very expensive...especially when you're on a limited income."

At The Village: Ways of Coping

Campbell said healthcare issues are almost a fact of life within the University Village community, Notre Dame's student family housing.

"Everyone, every one of my neighbors has major issues with health insurance or they're uninsured," Campbell said.

What she said really scares her is the prospect of needing emergency or long-term medical care.

"I always hope that if something really bad happens it's in our car, because our car insurance covers the medical cost," she said. "[I think] 'if I have to break a leg, please let it be in my vehicle.'"

Campbell's husband is insured by the University plan, and the Campbells' two sons are American citizens, so they qualify for Hoosier Healthwise— Indiana's state Medicaid plan.

But the Campbells' first

daughter, 6, is a Canadian citizen and only qualifies for emergency healthcare under the state plan.

"It's very stressful," Campbell said.

Nathan Elliot, rector of University Village, said international children are the most vulnerable under the current healthcare setup since they only qualify for emergency care under the state plan.

"Here at the Village we have a pretty good network of people who share what they do with others, that's fortunate," Elliot said. "[But] at least the way I think about it is it shouldn't have to be that complicated, I think we could do better."

Why are the premiums so high?

Sam Rund, president of the Graduate Student Union (GSU), said every time someone asks him what issues are most important to graduate students, insurance for graduate students is at the top of his list.

"It could literally be a life or death issue for someone," Rund said. "There's this extra special obligation I feel to fight for insurance coverage for these people."

The question many graduate students have is: why can't Notre Dame, a well-endowed University, make healthcare for families more affordable?

Some graduate schools of comparable universities offer much lower premium rates for families. But Sterling said comparing Notre Dame to other schools wouldn't be comparing "apples to apples," because universities with lower premiums may not have as comprehensive a plan as Notre Dame.

"A lot of the differences you see in the price will depend on the level of services the insurance provides," he said.

He said that Yale University, which provides a very reasonable health plan for families,

also has a much greater endowment per student than Notre Dame does.

Ricky Klee, a graduate student in theology, said by making it difficult for graduate students to have families at Notre Dame, the University is going against its Catholic background that promotes family life. Klee has participated in protests outside the Main Building the past few years and helped coordinate a petition to the administration in the spring of 2010.

"Doing the numbers it is expensive, it's almost a million dollars a year," Klee said. "But [comparing that] to varsity athletics teams, increases in executives' salaries...the question is, which is imperative. It's more important to make sure the kids can go to the doctor."

Sterling said a significant amount of the University budget has gone to the Graduate School in recent years, and much of that money has contributed to the rise in student stipends—something that is beneficial for every student.

Even within the Catholic faith, Sterling said, some students say it's the University's responsibility to provide healthcare for families, while others think it's a personal responsibility.

"Another factor which people will ask and debate is the role... the extent to which the University is responsible, versus which the student is responsible for their own family," he said.

Future Effects of Healthcare Reform

Sterling said he recognizes graduate student families have an immediate need for healthcare coverage. But there's no "magic wand."

"I do think that we would like to find a far better solution to this than what currently exists because what currently exists is not good," he said.

Sterling said with the stipulations of healthcare reform, which will be phased in next year and eventually require the University to provide unlimited coverage, premium prices will continue to rise.

He said the Graduate School has been looking at different ways to cut the cost of healthcare for dependents. One solution would be to provide discounted clinical service at the new Wellness Center that will open in July.

"We've lobbied, and with a great deal of sympathy from the Provost, and the Executive Vice President, and the President, to have the spouses and dependents of graduate students receive healthcare from the Wellness Center," Sterling said.

But right now, there are no specifics.

Kleva said she anticipates the situation to remain difficult for graduate student families until healthcare reform passes in Washington, D.C.

"Personally, I believe [healthcare reform] truly will be a benefit for lower income families that need healthcare insurance, because they'll have options and the government will be offering subsidies for those that meet income levels," Kleva said. "Again, you don't know when all this is going to pass."

With University premiums projected to rise over the next few years, government subsidies that come with healthcare reform may be the only promising option for many graduate student families at Notre Dame.

"I have to say, I love ND for so many reasons, it is really a wonderful place to be," [Angela] Campbell said. "[But] being in the Village we're quite forgotten and health insurance is just another thing on the list."

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Professor discusses state of China

By ABI HOVERMAN
News Writer

Despite fears of China's growing strength, it is unlikely that China will ever become a large expansionist state, Assistant Professor of Political Science Victoria Tin-bor Hui said.

In her presentation at the Hesburgh Center on Thursday, Hui said she looked to China's past as evidence of non-growth.

"History shows it's not in [China's] DNA to expand," Hui said.

Her research reveals that even at peaks of its power, China has never made huge territorial conquests, and she predicts China will grow peacefully instead of threateningly. "China has never sought expansion in history and therefore will never seek it," she said.

China contains multiple regions and nations that have not always been unified. Chinese dynasties have conquered and then retreated from peripheral areas to the West as these dynasties grew and declined. This created a cycle of alternating periods of unified and divided China, she said.

"Unity is not the norm. It's the opposite. Peripheral and interior unity has only been the case for the last 81 years," she said.

Hui added that the desire for emperors to "rule everything under heaven" and to expand was always offset by power balancing forces in Asia.

"Every unified dynasty wanted to expand to the periphery," she said.

The huge expenses of war often forced China to stop ex-

pansion and retreat. Mobilizing human and material resources, manufacturing weapons and conscripting and paying troops added to logistical difficulties, like moving supplies, food and troops to the edges of the empire. As the

territory stretched, these costs only grew, naturally stunting the expansion, she said.

"Distance makes it difficult to project power," she said.

Additionally, the costs of maintaining new territories only grew as China's territory expanded. The expense of occupation and the suppression of revolts meant the more China grew, the less money China had to expand further, she said.

"China has never sought expansion in history and therefore will never seek it."

Victoria Tin-bor Hui
associate professor
Department of Political Science

This often led to an over-stretch of resources, and China eventually ran out of money and pulled back.

"Every conquest was a drain on the central treasury ... Over time, they would run into budget deficits," Hui said.

Hui said several reasons account for the past 81 years of a unified China, including international loans, revenue from European exports of resources like tea and ceramics and other nations labeling China as a unified state.

"International recognition mattered as much as internal control," she said.

China's history of non-expansion past its peripheral regions shows China is, by its nature, not going to aggressively acquire territory in the future, she said.

Despite this thesis, Hui acknowledged that current foreign policy of modern China still leaves the possibility of China expanding and falsifying her assessment of its future.

"When we look at the logics, two systems [the desire to conquest and the balancing of forces] working against each other ... makes it almost impossible to make a solid prediction," she said. "The future will not be dictated by what happened 2,000 years ago, it will be decided by what we do today and tomorrow."

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want to get more young people involved in the process,” Schmuhl said.

Yet, the ties between Buttigieg and Schmuhl run deeper, as both of their fathers are professors at Notre Dame. English Professor Joseph Buttigieg and Robert Schmuhl, the director of the John W. Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy, have known each other for years, Mike Schmuhl said.

“Our dads are friends ... I think they started [at Notre Dame] the exact same year,” Schmuhl said.

While Buttigieg headed to Harvard after high school, Schmuhl decided to pursue a History major and European Studies minor at the University of Notre Dame. His involvement on campus ranged from playing football for O’Neill to writing for the school paper.

“I was an Assistant Scene Editor for The Observer in — I believe 2001 and 2002,” Schmuhl said. “I used to do music reviews when I was at The Observer and I did Snoop Dog and I did a Battle of the Bands ... music reviews and concert reviews and album reviews and it was really funny ... I had no idea probably what I was writing about or anything like that.”

As a junior, Schmuhl spent a semester in Washington, D.C., interning for “Meet the Press” with the late Tim Russert. The 2004 Democratic Primaries were the big news item at the time, and Schmuhl said the experience hardened his interest in politics and journalism.

“One of the main reasons I got involved with politics and journal-

ism was I did the Washington, D.C. program my junior year,” Schmuhl said. “[Interning with ‘Meet the Press’] was awesome and just a great experience.”

After graduating in 2005, Schmuhl took a job as a journalist in Minneapolis, then became a radio and television producer for The Washington Post for three years. Schmuhl said while he enjoyed being a journalist, his interest in serving South Bend drove him back home.

“I love the [Washington] Post and I love journalism but ... I guess my interest to get involved in my hometown and my community was too strong,” Schmuhl said.

He came back to South Bend in 2009 and has worked in politics ever since.

“I think the fundamental reason ... why Pete ran for mayor and why I moved back home was that a number of the people that we grew up with had a choice, ... [and they] chose to leave South Bend,” Schmuhl said.

“And Pete and I, through this election and hopefully through his service as our next mayor, hopefully we can change that because it’s a great place to live. It’s a great place to grow up. There’s a lot more to South Bend than meets the eye.”

Robert Schmuhl said he is proud of his son, who has worked on the district and municipal levels of government since he came back to South Bend.

“Mike’s always been fascinated by the workings of government and politics,” Robert Schmuhl said. “He returned to South Bend in 2009 to become civically involved ... Young people deserve their chance, and we’re proud of him.”

Though he never took a class with his dad, Schmuhl said his

father influenced his career pursuits.

“When I was little, I had this great interest in news and politics because my dad and mom and I would watch ‘NBC Nightly News’ before dinner every night,” Schmuhl said. “I just grew up with a great appreciation for ... my dad’s interest in news and politics and culture, and the apple did not fall too far from the tree.”

As the new Democratic chairman for Indiana’s 2nd District, Schmuhl coordinates Democratic events in North Central Indiana and serves on the state’s Central Committee, which is the governing body of the Indiana Democratic party.

Schmuhl said he also recruits candidates to run for office and hopes that young people will get more involved in local politics.

Anything that connects Notre Dame students to the city of South Bend is a great thing for the community, he said.

“We want to make sure that there are no barriers between the universities and our communities and the city of South Bend, because when we have fewer barriers, then you’ll start to see that we’re a definitive college town,” Schmuhl said.

“I think that South Bend residents and Notre Dame students need to think of their future collectively — that the community will be better off if Notre Dame succeeds in graduating young smart people that can serve the community, and Notre Dame succeeds if the city of South Bend has more jobs and economic growth and more prosperity for all of its residents.”

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Minor

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business students fundamentally attracted to Arts and Letters, but who want some basic business vocabulary.”

Many students believe an Arts and Letters major decreases their chances of finding a job after graduation, so they enroll in Men-

doza with their future careers in mind, McGreevy said.

“We think that a lot of students want to be in Arts and Letters, but worry that a degree in the arts won’t serve them well in their future career searches,” he said. “This is not true. Many Arts and Letters students pursue a career in business and are very successful.”

Students in the College of Arts and Letters have a variety of post-graduation options, and they do equally as well in obtaining work as do business students or students from any other college, McGreevy said.

“We love where our Arts and Letters students end up,” he said. “Almost all of them find satisfying work. Indeed, the number of Arts and Letters students looking for work a year after graduation is the same as for students in any college across the university. About a third of them go on to graduate or

professional school, 20 percent go into full-time service and about half go right into the paid labor force.”

The Business Economics minor will provide students with business terminology and the fundamentals needed to understand a global economy. However, the minor is not necessary to secure a job in the field of business, McGreevy said.

“Notre Dame students in Arts and Letters already have success in the business world, so you do not need the business minor to find a job. However, we think that for students seriously considering a career in business, it will provide a good feel for business vocabulary,” he said.

One of the main goals of the new minor is to encourage students to study what they want to study, regardless of future career plans, McGreevy said.

“The bottom line is, we want people to study what they love,” he said. “If you love English, you should study English. If you love science, you should study science. If you love accounting, you should study accounting. Students shouldn’t panic in their first year about whether or not they are going to find a job because the evidence tells us that Notre Dame students are going to do well.”

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“We see this as an attractive option for those business students fundamentally attracted to Arts and Letters, but who want some basic business vocabulary.”

John McGreevy
dean
College of Arts & Letters

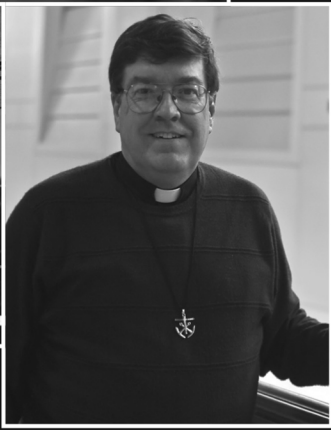
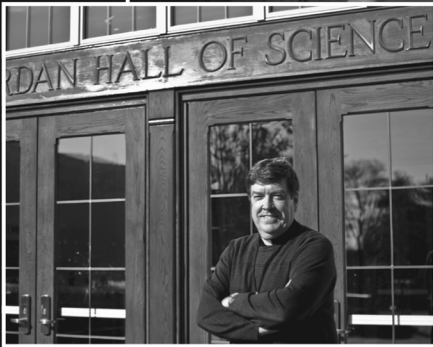
James Foster, C.S.C.

He trained as a medical doctor in an emergency room in inner city Chicago.

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Christie

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a bold agenda for education reform that seeks to change the status quo and ensure that all children in his state receive the high quality education they deserve,” she said. “Not everyone agrees with his agenda, but he is worthy of respect for sparking debate in New Jersey and across the country about the important issue of education reform and innovation.”

Christie will deliver his address, “Does the Law Impede Educational Innovation?” at 2:30 p.m.

The symposium will also include two panels that feature an “all-star lineup” of experts on the law of education, Garnett said.

The first panel, which begins at 8:30 a.m., will discuss some of the most pressing education policies currently facing the nation, including school choice, No Child Left Behind and President Obama’s “Race to the Top” education agenda.

The second panel, which begins at noon, will confront the legal issues that face schools every day, Garnett said.

Garnett said the symposium will help bring to light how the law affects education reform in the United States.

“A system that is not working as well as it should be calls out for reforms featuring innovative new strategies, and the law provides the framework that structures those reforms,” she said.

“This is an opportunity to discuss the role of the law in promoting the kinds of innovations that are needed to ensure all kids receive the education they deserve at the schools that will serve their needs best.”

Garnett said the symposium will mark an important part of this year’s Forum.

“We are facing an educational crisis in the United States, but we also are living through a great period

of promising educational innovations, many of which are prompted and shaped by the law,” she said. “The entire day promises to feature stimulating discussion about what we can do to improve the K-12 education

system in the United States for all students, especially the least advantaged ones.”

“This is an opportune time to discuss the role of the law in promoting the kinds of innovations that are needed to ensure all kids receive the education they deserve at the schools that will serve their needs best.”

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Apartment construction rises as fewer buy homes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Builders have found a way to make money in a decrepit home market: Apartments.

Permit requests to build apartments jumped to a three-year high last month. In 12 months, they’ve surged 63 percent.

Blame the housing bust, which left many people without the means, the credit or the stomach to buy. More people need apartments. The demand has driven up monthly rents. And apartment-home builders are rushing to cash in.

That said, the overall home market remains depressed. Builders are still struggling. They broke ground on a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 628,000 homes last month, the government said Thursday. That’s barely half the pace that economists equate with a healthy market.

High unemployment, stagnant pay and waves of foreclosures have slowed sales of single-family homes, which make up about 70 percent of the home building market. Apartment construction may be surging, but it’s a small portion of the industry.

More apartment building won’t add enough jobs to reduce unemployment or hasten an end to the housing crisis. Still, it’s contributed to the overall economy’s growth for two straight quarters. And many economists expect apartment construction to grow for at least the next 12 months, as long as the economy avoids another recession.

“You’re not going to see apartments as an economic driver,” said James Marple, senior economist at TD Economics. “But it’s renters who are clearly going to drive the demand for housing.”

It’s also worth keeping the increase in perspective: The growth in apartment construction is coming off extremely low levels. Last year, for example, only 146,000 apartments were built. That was the fewest since 1993. This year’s pace isn’t much more.

By comparison, in 2005, just

before the housing market went bust, 258,000 apartments were built. Some signs suggest that builders could match that level over the next few years.

One such sign: Permits for apartment buildings, a gauge of future construction, have jumped more than 60 percent over the past year. That compares with just 6.6 percent growth in permits for single-family construction over the same period.

“The demand is there,” said Mark Obrinsky, chief economist at National Multi Housing Council. “Rents have recovered, much of them to where they were before the recession.”

Bob Champion, who runs a real estate company in Los Angeles, says he has four apartment projects in development. That matches the number he had in 2005.

It’s quite a shift from 2006, when Champion’s company stopped building apartments because the cost of land had skyrocketed.

Champion has raised rents about 4 percent this year. His occupancy rate is 95 percent. As recently as last year, his rents were flat, and he was dangling incentives, like a free month’s rent, to woo tenants.

“People who can’t afford to buy a home, rent,” Champion said. “That’s why the apartment market has stayed healthy.”

Champion won’t likely be building as many apartments next year, though. Land prices have doubled in the past two years, he said. Competition for apartment land has intensified.

For many builders, financing for a project remains a big obstacle. So is time. Apartment projects take an average of 18 months to build.

Still, fewer home buyers mean more people must rent. Nearly 4 million new renting households were created between 2005 and 2010, according to Harvard’s Joint Center for Housing Studies. Under normal economic conditions, that’s more than 10 times the number of new renters who would be expected in a five-year span.

Notre Dame Forum-Friday Nov. 18

First Panel-
8:30 a.m.

- School choice
- No Child Left Behind
- “Race to the Top”

Second Panel-
12:00 p.m.

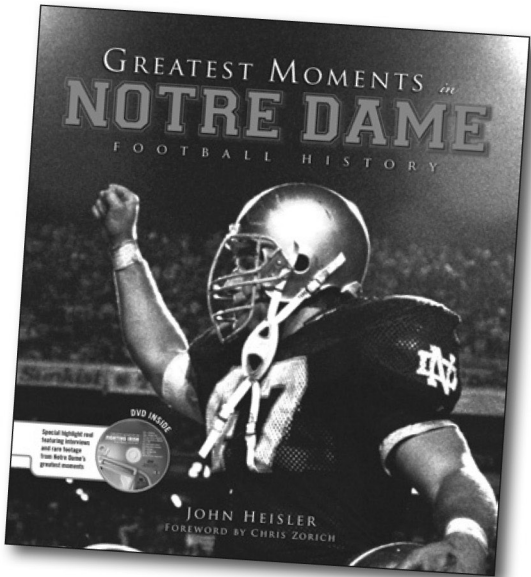
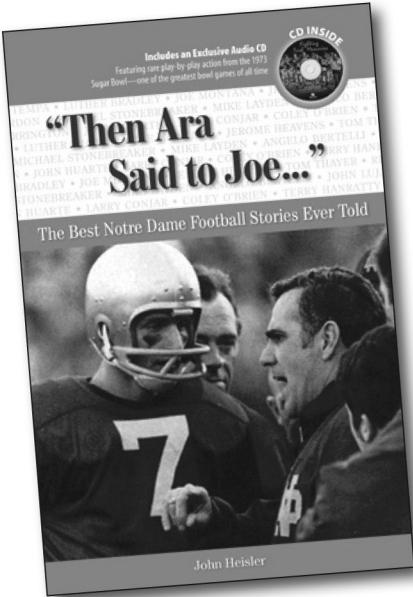
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INSIDE COLUMN

Major revelation

I spent my entire freshman year at Notre Dame waiting for a revelation.

This revelation, I hoped, would tell me exactly what my major should be, what courses I should take, whether I should study abroad, and would, as an added bonus, completely map out my future.

I had no such revelation.

Instead, I flip-flopped, zigzagged and bounced between intended majors, considering the Program of Liberal Studies, economics and sociology. I began my sophomore year in the Mendoza College of Business, thinking, somewhat naïvely, that I could combine my interests in economics and sociology into a major in marketing.

It only took five weeks after the semester began for me to realize that I was in the wrong college. I found some of my classes interesting and enjoyed accounting, much to my shock, but something wasn't quite right. I struggled to find meaning in my business classes. I missed the liberal arts, trying to read way more than I could realistically finish in the allotted time, and even the stress of writing 10 to 15 page papers about topics I didn't fully understand. A few weeks later, I left the College of Business, and I'll begin a major in American Studies next semester.

By making this switch, I abandoned the safer path. A major in business would make my job search significantly easier and my career options plentiful. A major in American Studies will leave me with a deep understanding of national identity and the potential for service or graduate school.

Still, I have no regrets. The College of Business is a positive choice for many people, but it simply wasn't right for me. I've realized that all too often, we're afraid of staying true to our interests and passions because we think these choices might set us back in some way. We have an idea of where we want to be in five or 10 or 20 years, and we tailor all of our decisions to that end goal. But when we fail to deviate from the beaten path, what do we give up?

When I told my Great Depression-era grandfather that I had abandoned my practical business major to study a liberal arts discipline that he had never heard of, I expected him to tell me I had made a foolish decision. Instead, he responded in a way that surprised me.

"I guess you're still young enough that you can make choices based on what you truly want instead of thinking only about what's most practical," he said.

So, that's the line I'm going with for now. By choosing to major in American Studies, if nothing else, I'm being true to who I am and what I want. Where's the mistake in that?

It may be cliché, but it bears repeating: We're still young enough to follow our hearts.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



Marisa Iati

News Writer

Treatise on marshmallows

It's over, just like that. We 2,000 seniors have walked into Notre Dame Stadium 26 times as students and, after this weekend, will never do so again. Those 27 Saturdays will go down as the greatest 27 Saturdays of our lives.

And they're gone.

Really, there is only one aspect of Saturday's finality we can look forward to without a heavy tinge of sadness — Marshmallows, they aren't just for hot chocolate anymore. They are for pelt-ing your friends, acquaintances and complete strangers.

We thus proceed to the first inquiry. Stadium ushers, state police and all figures of authority insist throwing marshmallows is foolish for the following reasons:

Objection 1. It would seem when marshmallows are combined with pennies, they become lethal projectiles.

Obj. 2. Further, it would seem when marshmallows are combined with rain and middling temperatures, they become an adhesive akin to three tons of super glue-covered duct tape.

Obj. 3. It would seem bringing outside food or drink into Notre Dame Stadium is not only frowned upon, but also illegal.

On the contrary, the student section belongs to the students and the traditions they uphold. And to tradition belong good times and winning, as have been maintained before. Therefore, the student section belongs to good times and winning.

I answer that, tradition is an objective matter, determined by the masses, privy to change as the masses see fit. Though tradition is an evolving matter, some traditions are not meant to ever depart. Winning is one such tradition. Another is the art of the marshmallow throw. As long as the student body enjoys throwing little balls of corn syrup, sugar and artificial flavoring, they shall be allowed to do so.

Reply to Objection 1: The students throwing the marshmallows attend Notre Dame, and, for the most part, Notre

Dame students are an intelligent group. They are not prone to wasting money. When they do, it is on three pairs of differently-colored UGG boots or drink specials at Kildare's or Brothers, not by shoving laundry money into marshmallows. Furthermore, Notre Dame students are not a vengeful grouping of citizens. To think these 2,000 seniors would intentionally, knowingly, consciously inflict harm on

those who endured the last four years alongside them is wholly foolish thinking. These students stood beside each other through 10 home losses, including defeats at the hands of Syracuse, USC, Navy, Connecticut, Tulsa, South Florida and USC again. These students sat beside each other

watching another 10 losses on the road, including follies at the feet of USC, Michigan, the "Little Giants" of Michigan State and Navy. These students are not intending to hurt each other. Rather, these students are intending to celebrate four years together, in a childish, light-hearted manner.

Reply to Obj. 2: Forecasts predict only a few showers. Even if the clouds were to open a la the South Florida hurricane, a cement-to-shoe goo would only add to the carefree nature of this tradition.

Reply to Obj. 3: The North Face makes bulky jackets for a reason, as do Columbia and Patagonia. Their reason is to protect you from the harsh cold of northern Indiana winters. Adding bags of marshmallows to the jacket's original layers will only add to the insulation value of the garment, as well as hide said marshmallows from any intrusive ushers.

Conclusion: After four years of mediocrity, after four years of lasting memories, after four years of good times, it is time for the 2,000 seniors to celebrate together. It is time for the 2,000 seniors to act like the snow is falling while the Irish lose to Syracuse, and throw some snow-colored marshmallows.

It is time for a marshmallow fight. Students, seniors and mates of the Class of 2012, let us insist on throwing marshmallows. It is foolish for all these reasons, and it is right for all these reasons.

THE OBSERVER Editorial

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Life is difficult and complicated and beyond anyone's total control, and the humility to know that will enable you to survive its vicissitudes."

J.K. Rowling
British author

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WEEKLY POLL RESULTS

Would you wear a fanny pack?

Of Course.	26 (31%)
Of course not.	13 (15%)
Only if it's the latest trend.	2 (2%)
This shouldn't be a question.	43 (51%)

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES: 58

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Changing The Shirt

Did you know that it takes 40,000 liters of water to produce the cotton needed for a single t-shirt, that current industry practices will waste hundreds more during the production process, a process that involves carcinogenic chemicals and dyes, one often carried in outsourced factories employing children for less than \$2 a day? Obviously, intelligent ways of fabricating clothing are going to be an important part of building a sustainable society, yet few people are aware of the real costs of their clothes. Case in point: The Shirt, which sells to over 160,000 fans each year.

A company called SustainU is looking to change that in its bid to provide the 2012 Shirt. Founded by a Notre Dame graduate and former fullback for the Fighting Irish, SustainU is making sensible changes in the way we think about clothing. I believe there is no better way for them to do so than The Shirt, a non-profit garment that already speaks volumes about Notre Dame's global mission. By contracting SustainU, we could send a strong message to the Notre Dame community and the rest of the world, all while saving 200,000,000 gallons of water, 400,000 kg of CO2 emissions and 25,000 gallons of gasoline that would otherwise be used in production and shipping. What's more, SustainU would utilize recycled materials and sustainable techniques in the textile process. Its services would divert 1.4 million plastic bottles from our waste stream (q.v. Virginia Tech's rally towels) and subtract 50,000 pounds of cloth from our landfills.

Securing a license to produce Notre Dame items costs a manufacturer \$40,000, but few of them can claim that their offerings will actually brighten Notre Dame's image and build upon our university's story of sustainability. And hey, who can argue with breaking the streak of putting carcinogens in our Shirt prints? That's why I would encourage all of you to join me in supporting SustainU in its bid for the next Shirt. Together, we can build a better future.

Please send your thoughts to The Shirt Project at theshirt@nd.edu, or Student Government at studegov@nd.edu!

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Nov. 16

Don't fear the unknown

Mr. Anderson ("Extraterrestrial intelligence," Nov. 17),

While I appreciate your concern for the continued survival of humanity as we know it, your fear of extraterrestrial life and the unknown is contrary to everything humanity has ever worked for. To start, the SETI is designed to look for extraterrestrial life, not contact it. I do agree that even if we did successfully contact alien life, the probability their intellectual level or moral values being close to ours is pretty low. However, if our technology allowed us to make the initial contact, do you really believe they'd have such advanced technology to be able to warp from light-years away to enslave us? I'm also skeptical at the use a few billion humans would be to a civilization that has mastered the use of hyper-speed. And if there's anything Call of Duty has taught me, it's that we're more than willing to blow ourselves up in defense before we let anyone tell us what to do.

In your article you stated, "I am just fine remaining intelligently alone on this planet." When Columbus was thinking about finding a faster route to the East Indies, what if he said, "Eh, you know what, I'm just fine remaining alone in Spain. After all, who knows what's over there that could kill me?" On a more personal note, I assume you were a little nervous and anxious heading to your first day at ND. Why didn't you just play it safe and stay at home? After all, there was the possibility you wouldn't make friends or maybe you wouldn't have been able to comprehend any of the material. Discovery and the urge to understand the unknown is why we're advanced as we are today. I'm willing to be scared and take the risk of failure before submitting to burying my head in the sand at the thought of the unknown any day. Einstein sums it up pretty well: "The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious."

Kevin Klima
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Nov. 17

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Notre Dame hockey bliss

With my beloved Chicago Bulls locked out for the considerable future, I need a new winter sport to follow. Instead of turning to Notre Dame Basketball, I went to three Fighting Irish hockey games in the past week, and I couldn't have enjoyed them more.

Notre Dame Hockey is pure, unadulterated bliss. After tolerating NBC's policy of airing commercials with brief interludes of football for the past few years, it is wonderful to watch shift after shift go by without interruption. Notre Dame also plays a beautiful style of controlled, unselfish hockey that keeps fans on edge, waiting for an opponent to drift out of position for just a moment. This is magnified on Irish powerplays, which have been exceptional. Watching their powerplay is like watching Michael Floyd in single coverage — a mix of anticipation, possibility and awe.

The Irish Hockey team is also really good. It started the week ranked fourth in the nation, and during its 3-2 win over No. 10 Western Michigan on Tuesday night, there were a couple moments of brilliance to justify that place. The team's talent, though, doesn't take away from the excitement of each game. I love our football team's recent streak of wins, but the lack of drama in recent blowouts can cause me to lose focus. Hockey, compared to football, features much more unpredictability. Last weekend, Alaska almost stole a win by playing conservatively, blocking a lot of shots and getting a little lucky. The third period was a frenzy of missed opportunities and outstanding play from the Alaskan goalie before the game-winning goal finally came 40 seconds from the finish. The new arena also positions the student body against the glass behind the opposing goalie, perfect for a fan stupid enough to think his or her cheering alters the game (like me).

Despite our excellent hockey team, the attendance is good, but not great. I wish I had attended more games during my first three years here, especially with free admission. The team plays a very good Boston College team this Friday, and I'm sure they would love some more support.

Sincerely,

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Nov. 17

UWIRE

Twitter poised to become top dog

The AOL Instant Messenger was the direct form of communication back in the days of dial-up Internet. It was the only way to talk to our friends and elementary crushes without being heard on the house phone.

As we matured and went on to middle school and high school, social networking evolved with us. The handheld, mirror shot was born and the world of Myspace was the only place to be seen. If you didn't have the right pictures, the best quotes, the coolest celebrity's photo under the "role models" section, you were a loser.

Myspace was a gateway drug into the world of social media. Toward the end of high school, when we became wiser and "too mature" for Myspace, the Facebook era began. It is not news that Facebook has taken over the world. With over 800 million users today, Facebook has become a tool for both social and professional networking. Despite that, Facebook is past its prime.

Twitter, although it has been around since 2006, will soon be the tool to use. The CEO of Twitter, Dick Costolo, reported in September that more than 100 million users are now active on Twitter. Still 75 percent less than Facebook, Twitter will soon become the new Facebook and Facebook will become the new Myspace. According to Mashable Social Media, there are 230 million tweets a day, 8,900 per second.

Unlike Facebook, Twitter gives people direct access to celebrities. While not everyone is obsessed with following a certain famous person's

every move, millions of people are. The top five followed people (Lady Gaga, Justin Bieber, Katy Perry, Kim Kardashian and Barack Obama) tweet daily on their whereabouts and appearances. This gives more than 11 million fans desperately desired communication in 140 characters or less.

If you own the iPhone, a Twitter account is coming your way shortly. The 200 million plus people who own iPhones, according to CNN, will be forced to share via Twitter if they have a habit of commonly posting photos, videos and links. The iOS 5 software, released in early October, includes Twitter integration. After taking a picture, listening to a song or using any of the iPhone features, a Twitter button is ready to be tapped for instant upload. Facebook, available for download on any iPhone, will not be able to survive the fierce competition Twitter is bringing. With Apple endorsing it, there is no doubt that Twitter's popularity will dramatically increase.

We have been through a lot with Facebook, but sadly its time has ended. Soon liking comments and stalking profiles will be a thing of the past. Becoming obsessed with Twitter will not be as dangerous as Facebook. Although there are still ways to waste hours scrolling through the site, Twitter is a more condensed, savvy way to social network.

If you aren't quite ready to say goodbye to Facebook, treat it like a Band-Aid. Deactivate it quickly then post your first tweet.

This article originally ran in the Nov. 17 edition of The Arizona Daily Wildcat, the newspaper serving The University of Arizona.

Kelly Green
There's more than one way to go green. Plan an ensemble around this "Go Irish" color, and you'll make more than just the Boston College fans green with envy.



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Leprechaun, 2000



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Sophomore Margeaux Prinster models kelly green. Forever 21: Caramel Shorts - \$24.90, Kelly Green Sweater - \$19.80, Kelly Green Shirt - \$8.50



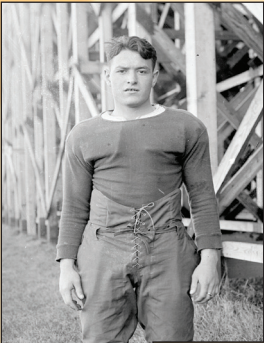
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Player, circa 1950s



By FELICIA CAPONIGRI
Scene Writer

Fashion, as we know, takes many forms. There are so many styles, labels, designers and trends to make us run mad. There is, however, one universal element of fashion — it is a non-verbal, visual language. No matter what you wear, your clothes communicate what is important to you and what you hold most dear. Here at Notre Dame, there's one activity that drives our tradition more than any other — football. While we may be saying farewell to tailgates, pep rallies and cheers until next season, there's no reason we can't carry football's importance to us on our sleeves, literally. What though the odds be great or small, wearing plaid in memory of the Irish Guard, gold pants in honor of our awesome players and military jackets inspired by our band can win over all. So, let's cheer for old Notre Dame and wake up the fashionista's echoes cheering her name, while our loyal style-setting spirits go fashionably marching onward to our own life's victories.



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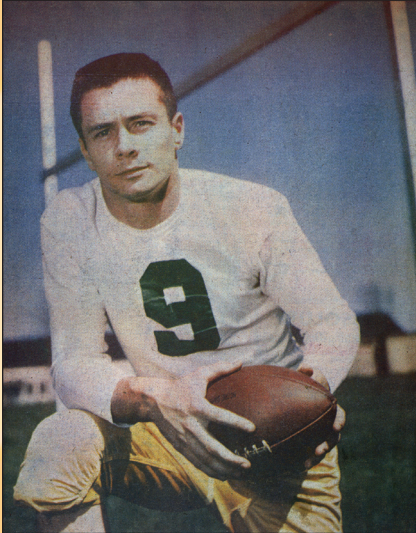
Football player, 1900

Elbow Patches
In the early years of football, circa 1900, the only upper-body protection was elbow patches. Although our football players have upped the padding, the original has become a fashion classic. Move over upcoming finals, you're ready to make your own tackle.



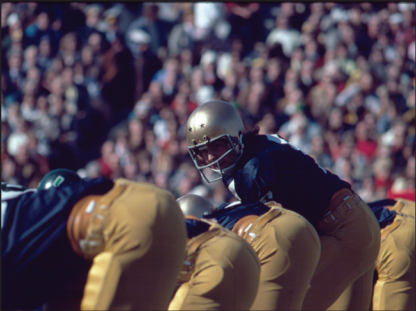
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Sophomore Margeaux Prinster gets inspired by elbow patches. Forever 21: Sweater - \$19.80



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Numbered football jersey, 1957



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Football Jerseys, 1982



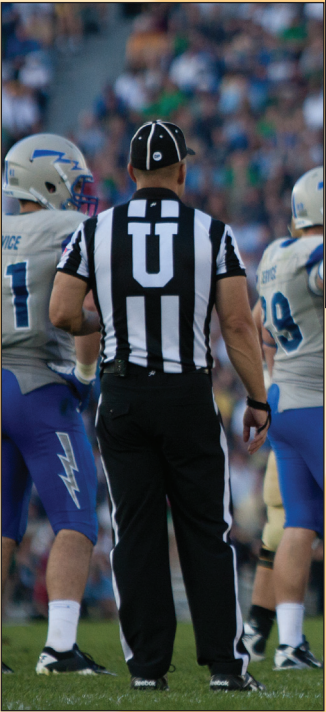
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Sophomore Margeaux Prinster models jersey inspiration. Forever 21: Brown Fringe Skirt - \$19.80, Sweater - \$27.80, Burgundy Lace Top - \$17.80



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Sophomore Margeaux Prinster kicks it up a notch with cheerleading pleats.



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Gold helmets aloft, 1998



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Marching band, 2001



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Sophomore Margeaux Prinster shows Our Lady's colors are always in vogue. Forever 21: Gold Pants - \$29.80, Blue Sweater - \$11.50, Shoes - \$12.50

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Football players in blue and gold, 1963

Gold Pants
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Sophomore Margeaux Prinster shines in gold pants. Mango at JC Penny: Gold pants - \$79.90, Black Sweater - \$31.99



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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Defending the BCS

“It is designed to ensure that the two top-rated teams in the country meet in the national championship game...”

That is how the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) describes itself.

And whether you like the BCS or not, that quote is 100 percent accurate.

Yes, you may debate whether those two are the two most talented teams, but you can say without a doubt, unlike any other sport in America, the two teams in the championship game in college football are the two teams that performed the best throughout the season. They were the ones who were the most consistent beginning, middle and end.

And personally, I think that’s the true definition of “best.” Not the most talented team that doesn’t show up every week, not the one who gets hot or plays well at the end, but the team who performs at the highest level throughout the entire season. Games in September are just as important as ones in November and the national championship in January.

That’s the one thing the BCS does. It makes every game count. Every game. And it’s what makes the entire regular season so great. Every game is a de facto playoff game, whether it be against a weak MAC school or the top two teams in the country, as was the case between LSU and Alabama just a few weeks ago.

The same cannot be said for college basketball. When Belmont had Duke on the ropes last week, people were intrigued, but even had the Blue Devils lost, they’re still going dancing in March and likely as a high seed. Pittsburgh lost at home by double digits to Long Beach State on Wednesday, but it will have virtually no effect on the Panthers’ season. In the college basketball world, 15 percent of a team’s season means nearly everything and 85 percent means almost nothing. The Occupiers might have a problem with that ratio.

But if LSU or Oklahoma State lost to a weak non-conference opponent in football in September, they’re likely out of the national championship race. People may argue this isn’t fair, but I think putting as

much emphasis on the early part of the year as the end actually makes things more fair when determining who is the best team over the course of a season.

Another argument for a playoff is the champion will prove its worth by beating other top teams. This may be true in a smaller playoff, but it’s not the case in a large one. Take Connecticut men’s basketball this past year. They faced zero No. 1-seeds in the NCAA tournament and only one No. 2-seed in San Diego State. The rest were No. 4-seeds or lower.

A playoff is built off the transitive property. Because Connecticut beat Kentucky and Kentucky beat Ohio State, Connecticut would beat Ohio State and is better. Because Connecticut beat Arizona and Arizona beat Duke, Connecticut would beat Duke and is better. But sports doesn’t work like that. If it did, Michigan State would have lost to Michigan in football this year, because Notre Dame lost to the Wolverines and the Spartans lost to the Irish.

Now, the BCS isn’t my most preferred method for college football. I would like to see a four-team playoff most, since the No. 3 and No. 4 teams often have a legitimate argument to have a chance at the national championship. Even eight teams wouldn’t be terrible, though I’d still rather have the current system. It’s a bit unfortunate that losing one tough conference road game can knock you out. If you’re good enough to be one of the top eight teams in the regular season meaning you’re undefeated or have one or two losses and a difficult schedule and then you beat three of the top eight teams in the country at the end, then yes, you are the best team throughout the year.

But a 16-team playoff? 32 teams? Four-loss teams being let in?

I’ll keep my wonderful, exciting and, most of all, meaningful four-month season which leaves only the team that was the best from September through January standing, thank you.

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Sam Gans
Sports Writer

NFL

Cubs hire Sveum as manager

Associated Press

The Chicago Cubs have hired Dale Sveum as their new manager, hoping the Milwaukee Brewers hitting coach can help turn around the long-suffering franchise.

The Cubs said Sveum would be introduced at a news conference Friday at Wrigley Field.

Sveum replaces Mike Quade, who was fired by Theo Epstein, the team’s new president of baseball operations. The Cubs finished 71-91 after a disappointing season that extended their infamous championship drought to 103 seasons.

Sveum, who turns 48 next Wednesday, has little experience as a manager, other than an interim stint for the Brewers late in 2008 after Ned Yost was fired.

Sveum had competition for the Cubs job. Rangers pitching coach Mike Maddux, Phillies bench coach Pete Mackanin and Indians bench coach Sandy Alomar Jr. all interviewed face-to-face for the spot. Red Sox bench coach DeMarlo Hale was interviewed over the phone and former Boston manager Terry Francona pulled himself out of contention.

Sveum also interviewed for the Red Sox manager’s vacancy and met a second time this week with officials from both the Cubs and Boston.

Sveum -- the name is pronounced swaim -- will take over a team that finished fifth in the NL Central and is saddled with big contracts belonging to Carlos Zambrano and Alfonso Soriano. The Cubs also boast a talented young player in All-Star shortstop Starlin Castro, but have a host of personnel questions to sort through.

The Cubs’ new management team comes with a championship pedigree that the new manager knows well: Sveum served as Boston’s third base coach in 2004-05, when Epstein was the general manager.

At the time, Sveum was often criticized for an aggressive approach that led to runners being thrown out at the plate. But the coach with the nickname of “Nuts” was part of a championship team and is a believer in the advanced statistical analysis that Chicago’s new leadership loves and is counting on to build up the farm system.

“I do my due diligence and video work and prepare as much as anybody,” Sveum said before he was hired. “As far as the stats, those are what



AP

New Cubs manager Dale Sveum answers questions following his interview for the position. Sveum was hired for the job Thursday.

they are, and we can use them to our advantage. It’s a big part of the game now. It’s helping us win a lot of ballgames, the stats and the matchups. That’s just part of the game now, and you use what you can.”

Sveum was a switch-hitting shortstop for the Brewers and had a 25-homer season before his career was slowed after an outfield collision. In 12 seasons with Milwaukee and six other teams, he batted .236 with 69 home runs and 340 RBIs in 862 games. He was drafted by Milwaukee in the first round (25th overall) in 1982.

Sveum did well in his limited run as Milwaukee’s manager. After Yost was fired following a 3-11 slide in September, Sveum led the Brewers to their first playoff appearance in 26 years, winning six of seven down the stretch and capturing the wild card on the final day of the regular season.

Milwaukee then decided to hire a more experienced manager in the offseason and went with Ken Macha, who lasted two seasons. Sveum stayed on as the hitting coach and oversaw one of the best offenses in the National

League last season. With Ryan Braun and Prince Fielder leading the way, the Brewers hit an NL-high 185 homers and were third with a .261 batting average on their way to the NL Central title -- well ahead of the Cubs.

The past two seasons have bottlenecked out for Chicago. Lou Piniella abruptly retired in August 2010 and while Quade stepped in and did well, the Cubs didn’t respond as well this season.

Zambrano was suspended late in the season after another outburst and is likely gone, even with a year left on his five-year, \$91.5 million contract. There is a potential ace in Matt Garza and a promising young arm in Andrew Cashner.

First baseman Carlos Pena, a free agent who hit 28 homers with 80 RBIs and a .225 average, would like to come back. Aramis Ramirez, who hit .306 with 26 homers and 93 RBIs, said he plans to explore the free agent market, though there is a mutual \$16 million option on the table. Soriano, who has three years remaining on his deal, batted .244 but did hit 26 homers with 88 RBIs.

“As far as the stats, those are what they are, and we can use them to our advantage. It’s a big part of the game now.”

Dale Sveum
Cubs manager

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1938 - Karl Schranz, Austria, slalom

1948 - Jack Tatum, Cherryville NC, NFL defensive back

1956 - Tony Franklin, NFL kicker

1956 - Warren Moon, NFL quarterback

1962 - Jamie Moyer, Sellersville PA, pitcher

1963 - Dante Bichette, outfielder

1964 - Seth Joyner, NFL linebacker

1965 - Mark Petkovsek, Beaumont TX, pitcher

1966 - Darren Flutie, CFL slot back

1966 - Ron Coomer, Crest Hill IL, infielder

1967 - Jocelyn Lemieux,NHL right wing

1967 - Tom Gordon, pitcher

1968 - Gary Sheffield, Tampa FL, outfielder

1969 - Raghib Ismail, NFL wide receiver/kick returner

1969 - Sam Cassell, NBA guard

1970 - Allen Watson, MLB pitcher

1970 - Toby Wright, safety

1975 - Jason Williams, basketball

1975 - Shawn Camp, American baseball player

1983 - Travis Buck, American baseball player

1988 - Jeffrey Jordan, American college basketball player

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MLB

Astros will move to American League as part of team sale

Associated Press

HOUSTON — New Astros owner Jim Crane is promising plenty of changes in addition to the club's move to the American League.

Baseball owners unanimously approved the long-delayed sale of the team from Drayton McLane to Crane on Thursday, a transaction that requires the franchise to move from the NL Central to the AL West in 2013.

As part of the Astros' agree-

ment to switch leagues, the sale price was cut from \$680 million to \$615 million, a person at the owners meetings in Milwaukee told The Associated Press.

Crane said at a late-afternoon news conference at Minute Maid Park that the reported money totals were "fairly accurate." He said the transaction will be completed on Tuesday.

"We're focused on bringing a winner back to Houston," Crane said. "We've got a lot of plans."

McLane, general manager Ed Wade and president of baseball operations Tal Smith did not attend Crane's news conference, and Crane said he's planning staff changes after Thanksgiving.

"From soup to nuts, we'll sit down with all the executives, ask them what they think we're doing right, ask them what they think we're doing wrong," he said, "and we'll make some very, very quick adjustments."

Crane originally wanted the Astros to stay in the National League, where the franchise has competed since its inception in 1962. But Major League Baseball saw an opportunity to balance the leagues, putting 15 teams in each, and forced Crane and his new team to take the deal.

"It became evident that the move to the AL was an issue," Crane said. "We had a transaction that was done in May, and with that transaction, that changed over time. It was made very clear to us that anybody who owns the team would be moving to the American League."

The Astros will be the first team to switch leagues since Milwaukee moved to the National League after the 1997 season. Houston's move drew criticism from fans on local radio call-in shows.

Eddie Fuller, 47, of Houston, an Astros fan who was having lunch at a sports bar on Thursday, says he'll miss the NL style of play.

"I just like National League baseball better," Fuller said. "Just take a look at the playoffs, and all the switches you have to make. You have to watch your



New Astros team owner Jim Crane answers questions during a news conference Thursday regarding the team's sale.

pitching, you have to watch your bench. I like the way the game has to be managed a lot better."

Other fans saw positive aspects of the move, starting with a natural geographic division rivalry with the Texas Rangers.

"That replaces — and maybe more than replaces — a rivalry with somebody like the Cardinals," said Mark Leyerle, who was born in Dallas but has lived in Houston for 25 years.

Crane said he's already received letters from season-ticket holders saying they won't be renewing. He thinks the completion of the sale will restore some confidence in the product.

"We're not going to try to look back, we're going to try to look forward," Crane said. "When we get the team turned around and we start winning, hopefully that will be in the rear-view mirror."

The Astros joined the major leagues as the Colt .45s. They changed their name three years later to honor the city's connection to NASA and align with the team's move into the Astrodome. Since 2000, Houston has played in Minute Maid Park in downtown Houston.

The franchise achieved unprecedented success with McLane as the owner, with six playoff appearances in a nine-year span, culminating in the team's only World Series appearance, in 2005. In Milwaukee, Commissioner Bud Selig saluted McLane, who bought the team in 1992 for \$117 million.

"Drayton should have a wonderful legacy of what he did for the Astros, got them a new ballpark and did all these things," Selig said. "He sure left a much better franchise than when he came in."



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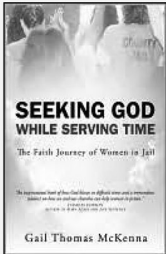
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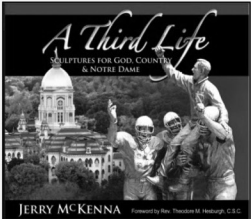
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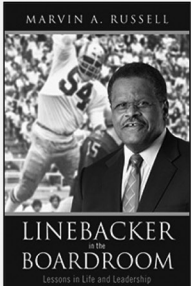
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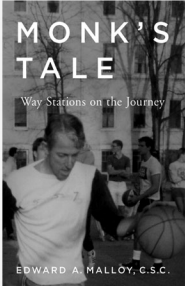
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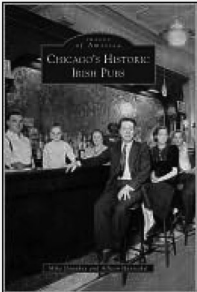
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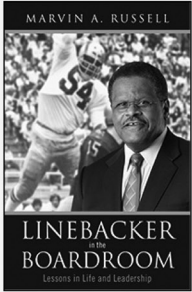
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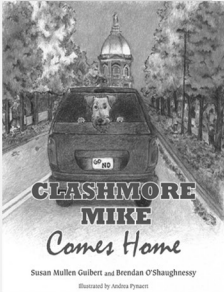
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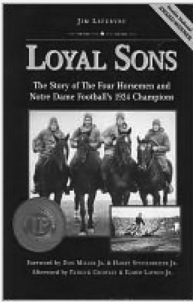
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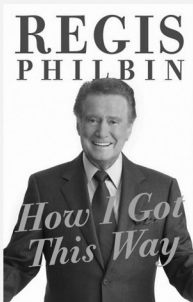
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How I Got This Way

PRESIDENTS CUP

Woods ends drought
as U.S. takes early lead

AP

Tiger Woods tees off on the second hole during the second round of the Presidents Cup in Melbourne, Australia on Friday.

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Tiger Woods ended his birdie drought at the wind-swept Presidents Cup on Friday with a curling downhill putt that could have gone off the green if it hadn't hit the center of the hole.

Woods, trying to make up for a 7-and-6 foursomes loss with Steve Stricker on Thursday in which they failed to make a birdie, saw an easier effort on the first hole of his fourballs match Friday lip out, enabling Jason Day and Aaron Baddeley to halve the hole.

Woods' birdie on the fourth, complete with an exaggerated downward fist pump, gave him and Dustin Johnson a 1-up lead.

The Americans took a 4-2 points lead into Friday after winning three foursomes matches and halving two Thursday.

Phil Mickelson and Jim Furyk, who won their opening foursomes match, were 2-up over Adam Scott and K.T. Kim after four holes, as the Americans led in four of six matches and the Internationals in one.

Players fought strong, gusting wind from the north to northwest, a direction that always toughens the composite layout at Royal Melbourne.

"On a scale of 1 to 10, I'd give it an 11 today," International captain Greg Norman said about the conditions as the groups teed off.

The greens became increasingly fast, and Bubba Watson witnessed it firsthand on the fourth hole — a group ahead of Woods. Watson's watched

his 20-foot curling birdie putt go past the hole, nearly stop, then continue to roll off the green and into a hollow, about 60 to 70 feet away from him.

Ernie Els and Ryo Ishikawa won the hole when Simpson missed a 3-footer for par, but the Americans led 1-up when Watson birdied the sixth. Matt Kuchar and Stricker led Y.E. Yang and Robert Allenby by the same score after Kuchar birdied the par-3 third.

Yang hit his approach into the third, then ran quickly up the hill to the green to mark his ball before the wind and hard green combined to send it back down into a hollow.

Hunter Mahan and David Toms, who combined for a foursomes win Thursday, were 1-down to the South African pair of Retief Goosen and Masters champion Charl Schwartzel. Goosen birdied the par-5 second for the early International lead.

Bill Haas and Nick Watney were all square with the International's Geoff Ogilvy and K.J. Choi after three holes.

There was a chance of thunderstorms later Friday afternoon, so officials moved up the start time Friday by two hours.

The Americans are trying to win the Presidents Cup for the fourth straight time. The Internationals have only won once in eight tournaments — at Royal Melbourne in 1998.

There are five foursomes and five fourballs matches scheduled Saturday, and 12 singles matches Sunday. There are 34 points awarded, with a team needing 17½ to take the trophy.



Solidarity Sunday

November 20, 2011

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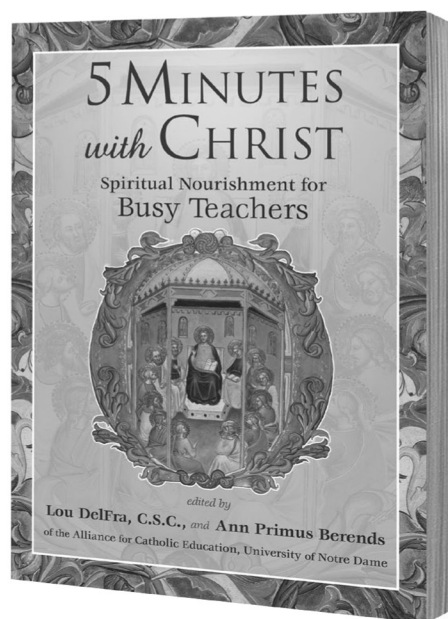
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NCAA MEN's BASKETBALL

Bulldogs overtake Aggies

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mississippi State's great start wasn't fooling one person — Bulldogs coach Rick Stansbury.

The Bulldogs hit 10 of their 13 shots from the field in taking a 22-point lead and they hung on for a 69-60 victory over No. 19 Texas A&M on Thursday night in the semifinals of the 2K Sports Classic benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer.

"That was a little bit of fool's gold, making five 3s like that," Stansbury said. "Texas A&M is a good basketball team and I knew we weren't going to maintain that kind of shooting. But I did like our defense, we were pushing them out and we controlled the flow at both ends."

The Bulldogs (3-1) will play No. 15 Arizona in Friday night's championship game at Madison Square Garden. The Wildcats (4-0) beat St. John's 81-72.

Dee Bost had 20 points for Mississippi State and although the senior guard didn't score in the big run in the first half, he hit a big 3-pointer with 3:16 to play.

"Dee Bost was hard for us to contain," Texas A&M coach Billy Kennedy said. "He's not just a good player, he's a good four-year player."

Naji Hibbert's drive with 3:37 to play brought Texas A&M (2-1) within 60-52. Bost hit the 3-pointer 19 seconds later that started the Bulldogs' 9-4 run that got them back in control of the game.

Brian Bryant had 12 points for the Bulldogs and freshman Rodney Hood added 10, his third double-figure effort in as many games.



Mississippi State coach Rick Stansbury, right, celebrates with guard Deville Smith after their victory over Texas A&M on Thursday.

Elston Turner had 13 points for Texas A&M and David Loubeau added 11.

Mississippi State used a 15-0 run to take a 31-9 lead with 10:11 left in the first half. The Bulldogs couldn't keep up the torrid shooting and the Aggies were able to close within single digits twice in the first half, the last time on a drive by Turner with 29 seconds left that made it 41-32.

Mississippi State finished the half 12 for 24, including 5 of 8 from 3-point range, and the Aggies, after starting 3 of 14 from the field, shot 42.9 percent for the half (12 of 28).

"It was tough because we knew what they wanted to do in shooting 3s," Texas A&M guard Dash Harris said. "We gave up too many open looks at the beginning, dug ourselves a hole

and we couldn't come back."

The Bulldogs opened the second half on a 7-0 run to go up 48-32.

Texas A&M was able to get within eight points but Bost started the deciding run with his second 3-pointer of the game and the Aggies' only one of the second half.

Texas A&M was without junior forward Khris Middleton. The preseason All-Big 12 selection had surgery on his right knee Nov. 11 and is expected to miss three to four weeks.

"Khris is an all-conference player and we need him, but defensively that's no excuse for how we played," Harris said. "Defense is team-oriented. We miss Khris and we can't wait to get him back. When he comes back you'll see a different team. This isn't how we play."

NFL

Researchers plan to test former NFL players

Associated Press

The researchers studying a degenerative brain disease in former athletes plan to test about 100 retired NFL players to try to learn how to diagnose the condition during life.

For now, the only way to confirm Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy is by examining brains after death. The Boston University center that has analyzed the brains of more than 70 former athletes is starting a three-year study of living patients. The Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy at BU's School of Medicine also will recruit 50 retired elite athletes from non-contact sports as a comparison group, co-director Robert Stern told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The first subject completed the two days of extensive testing Wednesday and Thursday.

Until CTE can be diagnosed during life, it's impossible to develop treatments or to determine how to prevent it, Stern said.

"We need answers on this disease really quickly," he said.

Co-director Dr. Ann McKee has found CTE in more than 50 former athletes; in the past year alone, the list has included sports stars Dave Duerson of the NFL and Rick Martin of the NHL. Linked to repeated brain trauma, CTE is associated with symptoms such as memory loss, impaired judgment, depression, and, eventually, progressive dementia.

The study, called DETECT, is the first on CTE funded by the National Institutes of Health. The goal is to find differences between the NFL players and the athletes who haven't experienced repeated blows to the head.

Subjects are flown into Boston for a wide variety of tests. On the first day, they spend a total of about two hours in scanners at Brigham and Women's Hospital for different kinds of neuroimaging. The second day takes place at BU's medical school and includes a spinal tap, a lengthy psychiatric interview, neurological and cognitive testing and blood work.

The NFL players must be offensive and defensive linemen, linebackers or defensive backs, because those positions involve the most repeated brain trauma. The subjects are between the ages of 40 and 69 and suffer from some symptoms associated with CTE. They all had long football careers to ensure an extensive history of blows to the head. Multiple concussions are not a requirement — partly because players may not even know they had a concussion, and partly because the evidence suggests CTE can occur simply through play after play of knocks to the head.

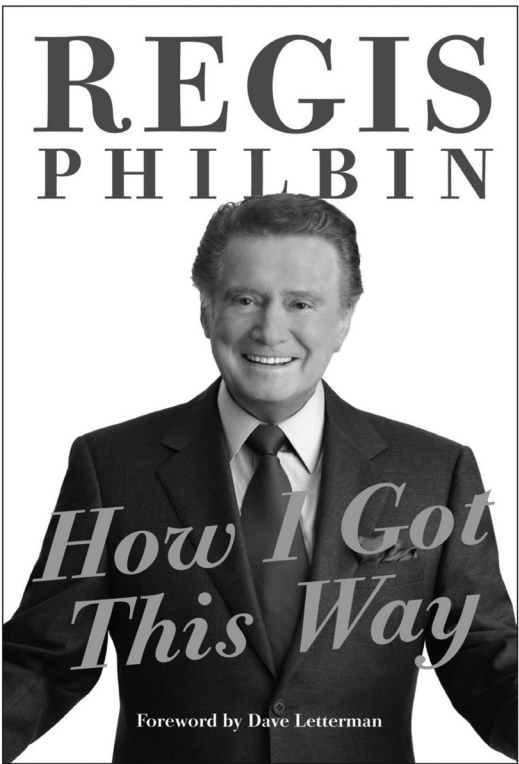
The NFL and the players' union are helping the center to contact former players. Stern said the initial response had been "extremely positive."

"There's a sense that former players want to be able to do something to not only potentially help themselves but also to help get the research moving quickly to help others in the future," he said.

The athletes in the comparison group will include retired swimmers and tennis players among others, recruited through college alumni associations and sports leagues.

"You'd be surprised at how many sports we exclude because we don't know for sure there's not a problem," Stern said, such as distance running, with the jolting of the head at every step.

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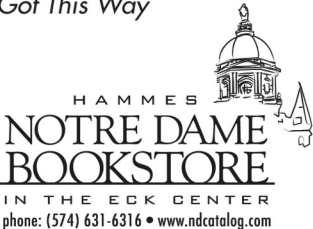


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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles to continue non-conference slate



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Junior guard Kayla Wolter avoids a Wheaton defender during the Belles' 66-63 season-opening victory Tuesday.

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

After upsetting No. 25 Wheaton 66-63 in their season opener, the Belles look to carry that momentum on the road at this weekend's Manchester Tip-off Tournament.

By creating turnovers and outrebounding their opponent, the Belles were able to take 26 more shots than the Thunder and claim the victory. Tuesday night's win over Wheaton was especially satisfying as it marked the first game since the 2008-09 season that Saint Mary's defeated a ranked opponent on its home court.

However, the Belles' challenging nonconference schedule does not stop with Wheaton. They will face off against tournament host Manchester, who is coming off a close, hard-fought loss to Calvin, on Friday night.

"Manchester had the opportunity to beat Calvin [on Tuesday] night, who is No. 2 or No. 6 depending on what poll you look at in the country," Belles coach Jenn Henley said. "They are playing very well right now and they are going to have a lot of confidence."

In the second round, the

Belles will meet either No. 16 Denison or Baldwin-Wallace, either of whom will provide a tough contest, Henly said.

"Traditionally, both teams are very strong," she said. "Denison made it to the NCAA tournament last year. Baldwin-Wallace is usually top three, top four in their conference, and they've been to the NCAA tournament before. There is no weak team in this tournament by any means."

With many key players returning for the Belles fol-

lowing last year's third-place conference finish, they are hoping these early season tests will prepare them for conference play.

"I think just based on the makeup of the competition we are going to

see is going to prepare us for the conference," Henley said. "We've got a very tough nonconference schedule and that was done by me on purpose to prepare us for conference."

The tournament begins Friday when the Belles take on Manchester at 8 p.m., followed by the consolation and championship games Saturday.

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Jenn Henley
Belles Coach

SMC SWIMMING & DIVING

SMC looks to maintain momentum at invite

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary's will compete in the Wabash Invitational in Crawfordsville, Ind., on Friday and Saturday.

The Belles (1-3, 0-2 MIAA) enter the competition fresh off their first win of the season Saturday, a 152-50 victory

over Defiance College at home. The dual meet win marked the first for Saint Mary's since the 2008-09 season.

The Belles are currently winless in MIAA play, and no conference opponents will be participating in the meet.

Competitions on both days will begin at 4 p.m.

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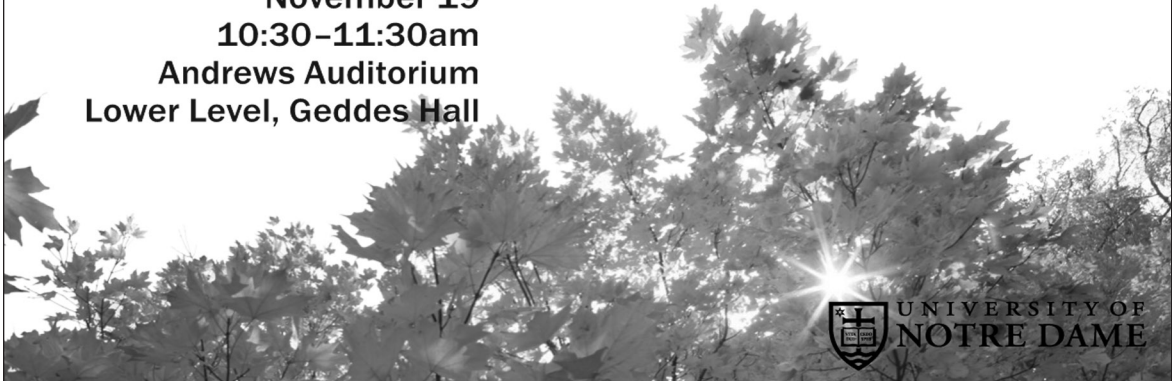
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Freshman middle blocker Jeni Houser attempts to block a spike during Notre Dame's 3-0 victory over Rutgers on Nov. 6.

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when they begin a season. "It's been something that we want to do every time," Brown said of winning the conference. "We want to be winning the Big East in the regular season or the post season every year, or at least be in a position to do that. It would have been very disappointing had we not made the

tournament, so we're happy to be here."

Though Notre Dame has consistently been one of the Big East's top-performing schools, Brown said her staff has not made a point of educating the younger players on the program's tradition.

"We haven't specifically sat down with our players and said, 'Here's the history, here's the tradition,'" she said. "I think each season is different you take it one year at a time. We talked about winning the Big East championship from the beginning of the season and here it is already. Sometimes you don't realize how the season goes by really fast, but this weekend is why we've been putting in the effort all year."

Notre Dame takes on the Orange at 11 a.m. today in the Al McGuire Center at host-school Marquette.

Should the Irish defeat Syracuse, they would face the winner of a match between No. 1 Louisville and No. 8 Pittsburgh at 2 p.m. on Saturday. ESPN will televise the championship match, which begins at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

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with great motivation and enthusiasm, and I think that we are strongly prepared."

Although the team does return many upperclassmen, it will look for several freshmen to play greater roles on the team. This increased reliance on freshmen stems from several Notre Dame fencers, including senior Courtney Hurley, senior Gerek Meinhardt and sophomore Ariel DeSmet, forgoing this season in an attempt to qualify for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

"Although we are losing several top fencers to

the Olympics, we have many young fencers who would like to prove that they are as equally skilled as their older teammates," Bednarski said. "There is a real chance for these fencers to show their skills and step in to competitions."

Thus far, some of the underclassmen competitors have shown themselves to be quite talented, with Irish fencers racking up several honors last weekend at the United States Fencing Association's North American Cup in Austin, Texas. Among other achievements, freshman Race Imboden finished first in the men's foil competition and freshman Lee Kiefer took the women's foil title.

Bednarski was pleased with last weekend's results and said the event allowed several younger fencers to emerge as potential standouts.

"Individual competitions give fencers the chance to show how they can later be strong fencers for the team," Bednarski said. "It will be interesting to see how they can get experience from these competitions, which will help us in later team competitions."

The Garret Open commences at 8 a.m. on Saturday when the women's team competes and continues into Sunday, when the men's team begins play.

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Mallory

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Hartford, Novosel, Diggins, Mallory and sophomore guard Kayla McBride each contributed 10 or more points.

"I was really pleased with our start tonight. Brittany [Mallory] got us off to a great start with those threes," McGraw said.

"Natalie [Novosel] didn't miss a shot in the first half. Her and Brittany were both perfect from the field, and then Skylar shot extremely well. Going into halftime, I felt really good about the way we were shooting the ball."

The Irish broke the record for most steals in a WNIT with 69 in just three of the tournament's

potential four games. Maryland held the previous record with 58 steals in four games.

"They want to defend," McGraw said. "I think they get annoyed sometimes when we take the press off. There is never a drop off when the bench comes in either. We want the defense to create some easy baskets for us, and we were able to do a little bit of that tonight."

Thursday's blowout was a visible reminder for the Irish of the importance of a strong defense.

"Coach preaches getting out and making them uncomfortable early," Diggins said. "That defensive intensity is what leads to offense. It gives us a lot of momentum to start the game."

Including the current run for the WNIT title, the Irish have

reached the semifinals in each appearance and the final game twice, winning the tournament against Ohio State in 2004.

Baylor secured a spot in the title game after beating No. 22 UCLA 83-50 on Thursday. Notre Dame fell to the Bears 76-65 on Dec. 1, 2010.

A matchup of the top-ranked teams in the country, the high-intensity game provides Notre Dame a chance to learn more about itself than usual for an early-season matchup.

"I think it's going to be interesting to see the depth that we have playing against the No. 1 team in the country on the road," McGraw said. "Only good things can happen. We're going to find out where we are, especially where our strengths are and where our weaknesses are."

The Irish take the Bears' home court 2 p.m. on Sunday. The game will be televised on CBS Sports Network.

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Eagles

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is coming off a 5-0 shellacking at the hands of crosstown rival Boston University on Sunday. Despite the loss, Irish coach Jeff Jackson expects the Eagles will be ready.

“[Boston College is] a very good hockey team and they’re going to come in here angry after their game Sunday against [Boston University],” Jackson said. “We have to be prepared for that, too.”

Jerry York, who has the most wins among all active college hockey coaches, directs the Eagles. Boston College features first team all-Hockey East junior defenseman Brian Dumoulin and senior captain and defenseman Tommy Cross.

Despite losing four of their top five scorers from last season, the Eagles currently have six players who have 10 points or more through 12 games, including junior forward Chris Kreider, who leads the team with eight goals and 16 points.

“[Boston College is] very skilled, very talented,” Jackson said. “They have talent on the back end, they have talent up front. They’re explosive. They have one of the best lines in college hockey. They’re just a very fast and skilled hockey

team. They do a great job of recruiting to their strengths speed and skill. That’s not a bad strength to have.”

Jackson has not yet announced who will start for the Irish in net. After sophomore goaltender Steven Summerhays came in to relieve junior Mike Johnson against Alaska last weekend and led the Irish to a sweep, Jackson put Johnson back in for the win over the Broncos on Tuesday. Jackson indicated he will need to evaluate game tape and performance in practice this week to decide.

Along with the natural excitement a matchup between two top-five teams generates, there will be additional attention at the Compton Family Ice Arena tonight as the building receives its official dedication.

“We’ve been looking forward to this for a while,” Johnson said. “The dedication game is going to be really exciting for us to finally meet all the donors and the people that made this place possible. So it’s going to be a really exciting weekend, and I think the game’s going to be exciting as well.”

The Irish and Eagles face off tonight at 7:35 p.m. at the Compton Family Ice Arena.

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Freshman guard Pat Connaughton puts up a shot against a Detroit defener during Notre Dame's 59-53 victory Monday.

Freshman

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guy for us,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “He’s going to play whether he’s starting or coming off the bench. Certainly you saw by the minutes the other night and how he got going that he’s going to be a key guy for us.”

Sophomore point guard Eric Atkins missed Wednesday’s victory due to an illness, and Brey said after the game his status is unknown for Friday. Junior forward Joey Brooks, who has also been under the weather, left the game but should not miss any additional time.

“Joey was in the health center,” Brey said. “He didn’t come to shoot around and then he got out of the health center and got dinged in the head and was a little dizzy, so we expect him to practice.”

Irish sophomore guard Jer-

ian Grant scored 17 points and recorded six assists in the win over Sam Houston State. He is averaging 13 points per game in Notre Dame’s first three contests.

“I’m really just getting my legs under me, starting to play basketball the way I always did,” Grant said. “I love to pass the ball. I feel like ... Whatever I have to do for my team to get the win, I can do it.”

Notre Dame will take the court without senior forward Tim Abromaitis against Delaware State in the fourth and final game of his suspension.

Hornets freshman guard Tahj Tate is averaging 18.5 points and nine assists per game to lead Delaware State (1-1). The Hornets lost 70-52 to Georgia Tech on Monday.

The Irish and Hornets will tip-off at 9 p.m. on Friday at the Purcell Pavilion.

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Junior center Riley Sheahan maneuvers past a Western Michigan defender during Notre Dame's 3-2 victory Tuesday. Sheahan and the Irish will face No. 3 Boston College today in the Compton Family Ice Arena.

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

On Oct. 23, 2010, Notre Dame met top-ranked and defending national champion Boston College at the Joyce Center. With a roster featuring 12 freshmen, the No. 17 Irish had more questions than answers about their future. But when the Irish ended the Eagles' 16-game unbeaten streak with a 2-1 win, they realized very quickly the potential they had.

"When we look back last year, when we played Boston

College, that was sort of our turning point as a team," Irish junior center Riley Sheahan said. "That's where we came together."

Coming off a Frozen Four appearance last season, the expectations will be a bit different when No. 4 Notre Dame (8-2-2, 6-1-2-0 CCHA) faces No. 3 Boston College (9-3-0, 7-2-0 Hockey East) tonight at the Compton Family Ice Arena. The Irish enter the matchup riding a three-game win streak and eight-game unbeaten streak after defeating No. 10 Western

Michigan 3-2 on Tuesday.

"Everything is coming together," Sheahan said. "We're still not at our peak yet and that's almost a good thing to know, that we have spots of improvement. We have a great group of guys and everything in the locker room. It's always a fun time."

The Irish look to continue generating that enthusiasm on the ice in front of an already sold-out crowd against the reeling Eagles. Boston College

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Victory sets up game between top teams

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The top two teams in the country, No. 2 Notre Dame and No. 1 Baylor, will meet in the Preseason Women's National Invitational Tournament championships on Sunday in Waco, Texas.

Notre Dame's 98-43 win over Hartford at the Purcell Pavilion on Thursday gave the Irish three reasons to celebrate: their play on the court, a new banner and a surprise presentation honoring Irish coach Muffet McGraw's recent induction into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

"That was a complete surprise to me," McGraw said. "It was just such an honor to see that banner. It definitely brought tears to my eyes."

Against the Hawks, junior guard Skylar Diggins and senior guard Natalie Novosel took over on offense for the Irish in the first half. Diggins put up 17 points, and Novosel scored 16 before halftime. Senior Brittany Mallory recorded 12 points and made all four shots from behind the 3-point line in the first half.

Four of Notre Dame's players have scored in double-digits in the last three games. Against

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FENCING

Season begins as team looks to defend title

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

Notre Dame begins the defense of its national championship this weekend when it travels to State College, Penn., to compete in the Garret Open at Penn State.

The Garret Open marks the first NCAA event of the season for the Irish and will feature individual competitions in the epee, foil and saber. Notre Dame will compete against several top teams from around the nation, including Penn State, the team the Irish

defeated to win the NCAA championships last spring.

With Notre Dame starting off against tough competition, Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said the weekend will be full of difficult matchups, but remains confident that the team's preparations will pay off.

"We are going into the lion cage, and I'm sure that Penn State will try to get their revenge for the title they lost last year," Bednarski said. "But the team has practiced

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Fifth-seeded Irish return to conference tourney

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

Today marks the 17th time in as many seasons of conference play the Irish will participate in the Big East tournament.

Despite losing its last two regular season matches, Notre Dame (15-11, 8-6 Big East) earned the No. 5 seed and will take on No. 4 Syracuse.

The Orange (19-11, 8-6) earned a higher seed than the Irish despite the schools' identical conference records thanks to a 3-1 victory over Notre Dame in the final match of the regular season. The win clinched a tournament berth for Syracuse on its Senior Day.

Although her team limps into the postseason, Irish coach Debbie Brown said neither motiva-

tion nor confidence will be an issue.

"Both teams will be highly motivated," she said. "[Syracuse's] goal wasn't just to make it to the tournament, either. At this time of year, if teams aren't highly motivated they will go home pretty quickly. I think both teams benefitted being able to play just last weekend and make the adjustments you need to make. It's a good draw for us and we're confident we'll beat them this time."

With history on their side, the Irish have reason to be confident. The program has won nine Big East tournament championships, posting a 29-7 overall record and reaching the final match in 13 of 17 tries. Brown said her squads always aim for a Big East title

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

ND looks to win fourth straight

By ANDREW OWENS
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish return to action today against Delaware State after their blowout win over Sam Houston State on Wednesday.

Notre Dame (3-0) pulled away from Sam Houston State with a 23-0 run in the first half Wednesday, and the Bearkats never threatened again in the 74-41 Irish victory.

Freshman guard-forward Pat Connaughton paced the Irish with 24 points in 33 minutes and is playing a large role for Notre Dame much sooner than many expected.

"Pat really built on [his performance against Detroit] and he's getting very comfortable being a key

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Freshman guard Pat Connaughton drives past a Sam Houston State defender during Notre Dame's 74-41 victory Wednesday.