

Forum to address American political issues

Events will bring prominent campus figures to discuss the state of partisanship in the United States

By **NICOLE MICHELS**
News Writer

As the presidential election looms on the horizon, partisanship has increasingly dominated American political discourse, a state often precluding real solutions to the problems facing the United States today.

The 2012-13 Forum, "A More Perfect Union: The Future of America's Democracy," will bring preeminent political figures to campus in a yearlong series of events to encourage thought within the Notre Dame community and at the national level on how to strengthen the political system to better meet the needs of the

American people.

Michael Desch, political science professor and member of the Forum organizing committee, said this year's Forum topic was motivated by University President Fr. John Jenkins' desire to see Notre Dame above the partisan fray while addressing the upcoming election.

"Fr. Jenkins feels very strongly that Notre Dame should be a place where big issues of national politics are discussed in a civil and thoughtful way, which made it natural that we would focus not so much on the specific issues at play in this election but rather think at one level removed, in terms of the larger questions at



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From left, education advocates Juan Rangel, Randi Weingarten and Fr. Gerald Kicanas discuss schooling in last year's Forum event held on Sept. 28, 2011. This year's Forum will focus on political issues.

stake," Desch said. "Of course, the big question that keeps reoccurring is whether our political system is up to the challenges that our country

faces."

Desch said the rabid partisanship in Washington only compounds the specific issues faced by

the electorate, and hamstrings legislators who might devise solutions.

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Professor's poem collection wins book prize

By **CHRISTIAN MYERS**
News Writer

Not everyone understands poetry, but one Notre Dame professor uses poetry to understand everything else in his life.

Orlando Menes, associate English professor and director of the Creative Writing Program, won the 2012 Prairie Schooner Book Prize for his book 'Fetish,'

a collection of poems. "Prairie Schooner" is a liter-

Orlando Menes
English professor



ary magazine based on the campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, according to the magazine's

website. 2012 was the tenth year of the annual Prairie Schooner Book Prize Contest.

Menes said he views poetry as a type of thought process and a means to understand the world around him.

"For me, writing poetry is a way of thinking about the world. I understand the world through writing about the world," he said.

Menes said he submitted the manuscript of 'Fetish' to the Prairie Schooner Magazine's Book Prize contest in early 2012.

His poetry focuses on Cuba, the birthplace of his parents; Peru, the country of his birth and where he spent the first ten years of his life and Miami, where he spent his childhood in the 1970s.

'Fetish' incorporates all

these places from his life, as well as several important themes, he said.

"In 'Fetish' the poems are about displacement, immigration, the struggle over poverty, leading a life of faith and holding onto faith," Menes said.

The editor-in-chief of the "Prairie Schooner," Kwame Dawes, said 'Fetish'

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Student government looks to combat discrimination

By **MEL FLANAGAN**
News Writer

Over the summer, student government worked as hard as its administrative counterpart to continue improving Notre Dame for its students.

Student body president Brett Rocheleau said the office accomplished its goal of installing a hydration station in every dorm on campus.

"Previously only four dorms had [a hydration station]," he said. "Now every one has at least one. We're continuing to work on academic buildings, DeBartolo [Hall] mainly, but we're trying to expand into others like [O'Shaughnessy Hall] and Jordan [Hall of Science]."

Rocheleau said he hopes these buildings, as well as the campus fitness centers, will have hydration stations

by the end of the school year.

Student government also made several reforms to the sexual assault section of Resident Assistant training over the past few months, student body vice president Katie Rose said.

"We shifted it so it focuses a lot more on immediate response," Rose said. "The RAs are supposed to be the first

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Group fights counterfeit drugs

By **JILL BARWICK**
Saint Mary's Editor

Even though the fall semester is barely underway, chemistry professor Dr. Toni Barstis and senior Diana Vega Pantoja have made major progress in the development of the paper analytical device (PAD) project.

The device is an inexpensive paper-based tool used to screen for counterfeit pain relievers, Barstis said.

"As part of our research, we are trying to help the people of the world to see just how big the counterfeit drug problem is," she said. "By putting the PAD into the hands of pharmacists, they will be able to use and determine where the bad drugs are coming from."

In collaboration with researchers at Notre Dame, Barstis, Pantoja and other student

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“I don't eat fro-yo.”



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“Coffee-flavored ice cream.”



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“Peanut butter.”



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“Something with peanut butter.”



Gustavo Segura

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“Pineapple.”



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“Reese's or peanut butter...maybe with chocolate?”



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The Class of 2013 kicks off their senior year and first full week of classes with a picnic on Monday evening. Students enjoyed a variety of grilled foods outside of Reckers while gathering together with friends.

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Displays by more than 250 clubs and organizations.

AME Seminar

Geddes Hall
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Talk on bone modeling and characterization.

Wednesday

Reading by William O'Rourke

Hammes Bookstore
7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
Personal reflections on American life.

Prayer Service

Grotto
4 p.m.-5 p.m.
Community prays for college students.

Thursday

Cassatt Exhibit

Snite Museum
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Showing of impressionist paintings.

Architecture Exhibit

Bond Hall
11 a.m.
Sketches by Brian Kelly, ND '81.

Friday

Women's Volleyball

Joyce Center
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
ND vs. UAB

Women's Soccer

Alumni Stadium
7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
ND vs. Santa Clara

Saturday

Vigil Mass

Basilica
5 p.m.-6 p.m.
Music by the Women's Liturgical Choir.

Women's Volleyball

Joyce Center
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
ND vs. Buffalo

SMC seeks to grow student organizations

By **TABITHA RICKETTS**
News Writer

Saint Mary's hosted a meeting Monday to provide interested students with information about starting College recognized organizations.

Tamara Taylor, assistant director of multicultural services, said one of the College's goals is to have student organizations focused more on global and social justice issues.

"We want to nurture the creative side of you," Taylor said. "The recognition process [for student organizations] starts with ideas."

After coming up with an idea, a student interested in creating a club must create an executive board,

consisting of at minimum a president and vice president for the perspective organization, Taylor said.

A faculty member who is willing to advise the organization must be found, and a written constitution for the club must be submitted to the Office of Student Involvement and Multicultural Services, along with a completed recognition application.

"Mainly what we are trying to say here is that you have a lot of support for your club on campus," she said.

When asked to share ideas at large, students named several ideas for potential clubs including a student organization for volunteer work, a club for future math teachers and a Saint Mary's boxing club.

Sophomore Theresa Siver wants to

organize "Wishmakers on Campus" as a chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America.

"Our main [goal] is to fundraise for the Make-A-Wish Foundation," Siver said, "So we can help them continue to do all the wonderful things they do to help those kids."

Other students, like junior Theresa Her, have a more global idea.

"I plan to start a Korean club, which will be a part of a multicultural club," Her said. "We will be learning about Korean culture, and ... about the language."

Along with brainstorming, Taylor outlined the benefits student organizations will receive by gaining recognition from the College.

Benefits include the approved use

of College facilities, a club mailbox in the Student Involvement Office and the ability to fundraise and hang promotional fliers around campus.

One of the greatest benefits, Taylor said, is the access to funding from the Student Government Association. This money comes from the student activities fees Saint Mary's students are charged.

Senior Maureen Parsons explained the club funding process.

"We've changed a little bit of the process," Parsons said.

Each club at Saint Mary's will be given a \$100 budget for the year. This funding is not to be spent on clothing, food, or club merchandise, she said. For those optional expenses, clubs are expected to fundraise

separately.

"They're really going to push and let you know that these are for things that will benefit all the students on campus," Taylor said, "They won't fund something just for your club."

Athletic clubs are allowed to submit a proposed budget plan to the Student Government Association detailing other expenses such as sports equipment, for which they may receive funding of up to \$1,000.

"We also have a sponsorship process for events and travel," Parsons said, which is not limited to athletic clubs.

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PAD

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researchers from Saint Mary's have moved ahead with the project and found great results.

"We spent the summer working on it which has helped us move forward with receiving the patent we have applied for," Pantoja said. "Through our countless hours of field testing, we had over 560 field tests completed between the Saint Mary's campus as well as Trinity College and the University of Notre Dame. All of this field testing has pushed us along in receiving the patent."

The researchers did not just look to college campuses for

field-testing, but also to alumnae of Saint Mary's and donors supporting the College, Barstis said.

"We were looking to see if the test was done differently depending on age or gender," she said. "The field tests were used on men and women between the ages of 11 and over 80 years old. There was no difference in the results of the tests, but working with different age groups was definitely interesting to see the abilities of testing and learning each individual had."

Barstis, Pantoja and recent graduate Elizabeth Bajema were invited to present their research results at the 244th National

Meeting and Exposition of the American Chemical Society (ACS).

"Being invited to this conference was definitely an experience," Pantoja said. "Undergraduates usually do not speak at ACS, so it was thrilling to be an undergrad who presented my research with Dr. Barstis and Elizabeth."

Barstis said being asked to present at the meeting was an amazing feat for the women to accomplish.

"Audience members were very engaged by our research and the fact that here were three women, one being an undergraduate, presented research done from a

college, not a university with a graduate program," Barstis said.

After presenting at the ACS, Barstis and Pantoja learned other scientists had become increasingly interested in their research. They decided to submit their findings to be published.

"By proving that our PAD is sufficiently reliable based off our research, publishing our research is just another accomplishment for us to be excited about," Pantoja said. "People are actually interested in our research and that is such an amazing thing."

Next on the list for the PADs project is to take the field-testing overseas to countries facing an

increased amount of counterfeit drugs, like Kenya, Barstis said.

"The media has helped us to create awareness for this problem and has launched our project into the minds of people across the globe," she said. "This opportunity to help people from all over the world is a phenomenal accomplishment. Working with the student researchers from Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, as well as the participants, has provided us with great information that we hope will take off into something great."

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captures the idea of the Americas.

"Menes is an accomplished poet who has managed to evolve a language that seems determined to encapsulate the broadest and most compelling notion of America that embraces both the northern and southern continents," Dawes said on the magazine's website. "His poems reveal a formal dexterity that is awe inspiring, and his poems are rich with delight and full fascination with the human experience. His is a bold and inventive imagination. Our readers, we believe, will share our enthusiasm for 'Fetish'."

Menes' earlier work is reflected in 'Fetish,' but a significant difference is his poems are no longer primarily written in free verse.

"Fetish is a continuation of my earlier work for the most part, especially my previous book 'Furia'. This time around I wrote in traditional forms in addition to free verse," he said. "Many of my poems [in 'Fetish'] are in traditional forms, not all but many are."

Menes said writing 'Fetish' in a more traditional poetic

form required more discipline than writing free verse poetry.

"When someone writes in free verse, he or she is making up his or her own rules. When you write in traditional forms you're playing by set rules," he said.

Another feature of 'Fetish' different from Menes' earlier work is more writing about fatherhood. He said writing poetry about family members is one of the most difficult aspects of his work.

"I also wrote about being a father and not just a son. Writing poetry about one's parents or about one's children is difficult," he said. "Writing poems about the people one loves is difficult. Because we love them, we have an emotional attachment and can't be as objective; poetry does require some objectivity."

Menes said he has already begun work on another collection of poems. His new poems express his views on the sacred.

"[The collection] explores sacredness and the relationship human beings have to sacredness, as well as where sacredness can be found," he said.

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"I think that partisanship is part of it but that it also goes beyond that ... the issues like the growing budget deficit, the future of Social Security and Medicare and stuff like that are not only a problem because of partisanship but because Americans want to have their cake and eat it too," Desch said. "We're not making the hard decisions that we have to make at this point."

Even the language used to discuss politics in Washington presents its own set of problems, Desch said.

"The discourse in Washington has become more coarse," Desch said. "It's about finding a way to make the discourse more civil and finding opportunities to work across the aisle ... that will be essential if we are going to solve some of those big problems."

David Campbell, a political science professor and Forum organizing committee member, said this year's Forum should allow Notre Dame to exploit its unique position in America's civil society to help

build a more productive political discourse.

"Notre Dame occupies a unique niche in American higher education ... this is a university with a clear and distinct religious mission that at the same time has a national and global profile that transcends its Catholic character," Campbell said. "I think that one of the reasons that these speakers want to come here for these events is because this is Notre Dame."

The first event, "Being a Person of Faith in a Liberal Democracy," will address how religion interacts with politics in the United States, Campbell said.

"Whether it's the contraception mandate, sandwiches at Chick-Fil-A or Representative Todd Akin, we can't avoid the discussion of religion in this or in any other election, and what better place to grapple with the big questions about the role that religion plays in democracy than at Notre Dame," Campbell said.

Campbell said the composition of this first panel makes this event historic.

"We wanted to make sure that we had representatives of many of

America's major religious traditions, and though we weren't able to include all of America's religions, this group does represent a pretty broad swath of America's religions," Campbell said. "I'm particularly pleased that we don't just have Protestants and Catholics but also a prominent Jewish rabbi and [a Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints] minister. This representativeness demonstrates how Notre Dame is a place able to facilitate dialogue across religious lines ... it's not just a place about being Catholic but catholic as well."

Desch said he wants to see the discussion reach beyond specific issues to talk about the larger interplay of religion and politics.

"I'm hoping to see elevated discussion [in addition to] talk about the HHS mandate and the ND lawsuit ... to see talk about some of the first principle issues too," Desch said. "This is a country founded on a longstanding notion of the separation of Church and state, but many of the religious issues like the HHS mandate have demonstrated that this distinction is not so clear in practice ... we need

to think about how we will renegotiate those boundaries going forward."

The committee's hope is the panel's diverse members will inspire more interreligious dialogue in the United States, Campbell said.

"What Notre Dame is doing is modeling for the rest of the nation something that should happen a lot more: bringing people from different faith backgrounds to come together and find common ground," he said. "That's what you do in a democracy—acknowledge differences, and make the system work in spite of those differences."

Desch said he hopes Notre Dame students will be inspired to work towards improving the political system as citizens and as leaders.

"We'd like to see Notre Dame students assuming more positions of political leadership," Desch said. "Not only do we want to prepare Notre Dame students to become more informed citizens, but also we want to encourage at least some Notre Dame students to make a career or spend part of their career

in the public service."

This Forum should encourage students to think carefully before voting in November, Campbell said.

"Our job is really to present issues and ideas for students to use as they themselves go into the polling place ... we do hope that students will be encouraged to think carefully, maybe even prayerfully about how they should vote," Campbell said.

Michael Masi, student liaison to the Forum's organizing committee, said student government will work to engage students in the political events on and off campus this year.

"We're hoping to get students engaged and aware of both Forum events and other events on campus," Masi said. "With the election coming up in November, it's really important that Notre Dame students actively engage beyond their four years at Notre Dame, because that is the future of our democracy: students."

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Group

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point of contact, so now it's a little less policy-focused and more immediate skills and things they need to know."

Rose said the new training program also requires at least one RA from each dorm to attend a more intensive training, teaching them technical aspects

of the medical and legal procedures of a sexual assault.

With classes back in session, Rocheleau said student government has met with area police chiefs to discuss the interactions between students and area law enforcement.

"The relationship has been going great," Rocheleau said. "We're in constant communication, and everything we've heard

from the South Bend Police [Department] and St. Joseph's County has been good news."

For the first time this year, Rocheleau said the Indiana Excise Police are including Notre Dame in their Intensified College Enforcement (ICE) program. In the past Excise had only targeted other schools in Indiana with this initiative to end underage purchase and

consumption of alcohol.

"A few parties have been called up on, but they just got warnings," Rocheleau said. "They're doing more if you're underage in a liquor store or underage at a tavern. If you're underage you can't even be in a car with alcohol ... Basically, if you're underage, don't be around any alcohol at all."

Rocheleau said he plans to send students a safety reminder e-mail, similar to the one sent prior to last weekend, before the first home football game.

GSA kept last year's momentum going over the summer, Rocheleau said. The group researched the backgrounds of alliances of several other universities to help in their mission to install a GSA at Notre Dame.

"Now that students are back they're doing more focus groups and testing to talk to different students about it," he said. "We'll be involved in that process with Student Affairs, trying to work toward something that makes all LGBTQ students feel included."

Rocheleau said his administration also plans to continue last semester's Call to Action against racial discrimination. The Call to Action began after fried chicken parts were placed in the mailboxes of the Black Students Association and African Student Association last February.

"Student Affairs did some review over the summer and started working on new policies to make sure that event doesn't occur again," he said.

Student government held a town hall meeting last semester to address instances of racial discrimination on campus, and Rocheleau said he plans to hold another.

In addition to its inclusion efforts, the office will also be working on the ongoing initiative to allow the usage of Domer Dollars in off-campus establishments.

Rose said the administration is in the midst of dealing with contracts with potential vendors.

"We're going to start with about five vendors and do a test, then we'll evaluate in a few months," she said.

Rose and Rocheleau hope the proposal will finally be approved after years of effort toward it, Rose said.

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Brett Rocheleau
Student body president

"The police are focusing on disruptive behavior [at tailgates]," he said. "They're not going around checking everyone's ID, but disruptive behavior is the main thing they're looking out for."

Rocheleau and Rose will also continue to work on two initiatives that became very popular issues at the end of last semester: the debate over a gay-straight alliance (GSA) and the call to action against racial discrimination.

Student advocates of a

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Keep calm

Conor Kelly

Sports Writer

In 1939, with the nation facing imminent invasion from German forces in the second world war, the British Ministry of Information printed 2.5 million copies of a red poster with white lettering designed to bolster the resilience of a people and inspire Britons to go about their daily lives in the face of near and present danger. The message?

Keep Calm and Carry On.

What was originally intended as an exhortation to wartime patriotism has since become arguably the most popular motto among college students across America, plastered across the front of posters, t-shirts and tank tops from sea to shining sea. I'm not ashamed to admit that such a poster graced the walls of my own dorm room last year.

No, it is not the original message at which I take umbrage, but rather its countless derivatives and iterations that have been so sloppily created in the last year or so. Notre Dame is no exception.

It started innocently enough with the logical move to "Keep Calm and Party On" which, while certainly not true to the phrase's original meaning, was witty enough and a natural fit for a college dorm room. Winston Churchill could not be reached to comment on how he felt about the use of the message to implicitly urge college students to further levels of debauchery, but that can be forgiven.

The true crime against history and creativity has come more recently as people have felt that they can merely insert a word in the place of "carry" and instantly create a cool and witty phrase. Just in the last few days, I have seen six ND-specific twists on the iconic phrase; last Friday an esteemed publication felt that "Keep Calm and Style On" was an interesting twist for a headline that no one had thought of before.

Fisher's "Keep Calm and Regatta On" tanks from last spring? Regatta is not a verb. You can't just put it there and have it make sense. Pasquerilla West's "Keep Calm and PW On" shirts? What exactly does it mean to PW?

The St. Patrick's Day "Keep Calm and Drink On" tanks from last year make us sound like degenerate alcoholics rather than students proud of their real or adopted Irish heritage? Kudos for making a grammatically correct sentence though.

So my challenge to you, future T-shirt designers of Notre Dame, is to be creative. You can't merely stick a word at the end of the phrase and have it automatically be a coherent English sentence. So when it comes time to create next year's Frosh-O t-shirt and you're tempted to make it "Keep Calm and Irish On" or something of that ilk, take a second and read it back before rushing to the printer's.

You sound ridiculous.

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Jacob Palcic

Raising Voices

An influential way of thinking about poverty in America is that those who are poor tend to laziness. As a formulation universally applied to poor people, this way of thinking is absurd. And the vast majority of Americans recognize that, I think. Yet, there is a wide range of attitudes in between two extremes, while most still seem to miss the mark about the realities of poverty and welfare. The matter is complicated when political interest groups such as corporations, unions, Democrats and Republicans wield such power and use it not to advance the common good, but to strengthen their own interests. Yes, there is a legitimate worry that welfare programs weaken beneficiaries' motivation to work. It is true that some people will sit on a monthly check and food stamps without seeking employment. People do milk the system. Some refugees do it, just like any other human might in similar circumstances. However, to slash funding for programs that are truly helpful in providing necessary footholds for people to climb out of poverty is equally destructive. The right path probably lies somewhere in between the opinions of the polarized interest groups, and the Church can help guide us. Upholding the rights and responsibilities for each member of society, the U.S. Bishops declare:

"Human dignity grounds and is protected by a spectrum of human rights and corresponding duties. Society facilitates participation in all spheres of

the social order through inter-related rights and duties. Every person has the right to means that are necessary for the development of life: food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical care and the necessary social services. Likewise, all citizens have a duty to respect human rights and to fulfill their responsibilities to each other and to the larger society" (Faithful Citizenship, 1999).

So how do we ensure the rights of all members of society without making it too easy or tempting for people to take advantage of the system? There are two fixes. The first would be effected by reason prevailing over interest groups. Creative legislation based on the findings of non-partisan groups and on sound economics and statistics is a good start. But this sort of fix cannot stand for long by itself. Reason alone does not dictate that the common good should be set up as the goal of sub-groups and individuals. Rather, hearts and minds must be changed, from the poorest to the wealthiest. Often, such a conversion happens only as a result of an encounter. In the Gospels, a new way arises for those who encounter Christ and respond to his invitation and instruction. After the Pharisees accuse the man healed by Jesus of being ignorant and label Christ a sinner, the man replies, "All I know is I was blind, and now I see."

This past summer I participated in an SSLP, accompanying refugees in San Antonio with Catholic Charities. Refugees are people outside their country of origin because they have suffered persecution on account of race, religion or other factors. Our mission was to give refugees of diverse nationalities,

language groups and faiths the tools necessary to lead fulfilled and productive lives in the United States. I returned to campus with eyes opened.

I have seen the struggle in a city in South Texas. I have seen servicemen and women strain their ears and minds to piece together the broken English of the refugees. I have seen the zeal of ESL instructors, and the eagerness of their students to learn. I have seen a group of Burmese Catholic teenagers sing "Amazing Grace" in their native tongue. I have seen the personal immediacy with which the staff interacts with the refugees; every encounter is a compassionate response to a cry for help. I have seen the HIAS program give hope to Iranian refugees, like bread from heaven, to a persecuted people struggling to find a new homeland. I have seen the stooped forms of many different nationalities harvesting vegetables and herbs from a community garden. Finally, I have seen the struggles of my host families to raise their children, by word and example, in the spirit of humble service. This is, I believe, the same spirit with which Mary accepted the charge of a Divine Son; it is the spirit of Notre Dame.

As we begin a new school year, let us begin to see and act as Christ instructs us. Let us stop judging the marginalized and vulnerable among us, and open ourselves to serve one another with hearts rejoicing in agapic love.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars or sailed an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit."

Helen Keller
U.S. blind and deaf educator

WEEKLY POLL

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Gay at the Grotto

Christopher Damian

Idea of a University

I have gone to the Grotto many times. I have lit candles for my grandparents, for family, for friends, for myself. My freshman year, I visited the Grotto nearly every night before walking the covered path beside Corby Hall and making my way back to my bed on the third floor of Dillon.

I hardly ever noticed the young man I passed every night on that walk. He stands at the corner of the Grotto. He, who is not much older than I, holds a small boy in his arm and smiles down to a little girl at his side.

He was like me once. As a student, he often came here to pray. That was back in the 1940s. Now he stands in eternal vigil as a man made of metal. Now a letter to Fr. Hesburgh, preserved in a plaque before his statue, relates this man's longings from his deathbed in New York: "Just now ... and just so many times, how I long for the Grotto."

I first learned the name of this man after praying at the Grotto with a gay friend. The friend told me that this metal man may have been gay himself. Dr.

Tom Dooley, known internationally as a great American hero, spent much of his 34-year life establishing hospitals and clinics in South East Asia. He so influenced the world by his faith-driven work that one religious order, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, sought recognition of his sanctity through canonization.

We do not recognize the man today as a canonized saint. Anecdotal speculation accuses the man of engaging in regular gay sexual encounters. I don't know him in this way. I know him as the man always standing at the Grotto, and I suspect that this is how he would wish to be remembered. This is the man who once wrote in his letter: "If I could go to the Grotto now, then I think I could sing inside. I could be full of faith and poetry and loveliness and know more beauty, tenderness and compassion."

I don't know if Tom Dooley was gay. It doesn't particularly matter to me. I don't suspect it particularly mattered to him in writing these words. In them, he reveals that man's greatest longing isn't the desire for sexual union. He asks us: "How do people endure anything on earth if they cannot have God?" He remembers protesting University policies, writing: "The Grotto is the rock to

which my life is anchored. Do the students ever appreciate what they have, while they have it? I know I never did. I spent most of my time being angry at the clergy at school."

Tom never made it back to the Grotto before his death. Like our gay friends, whose deep longings will be unable to find worldly fulfillment, he mourned that he would not return to his life's anchor. He wrote that it was difficult to accept that he could not be there: "Like telling a mother in labor, 'It's okay, millions have endured the labor pains and survived happy ... you will too.' It's consoling ... but doesn't lessen the pain."

Dr. Dooley has something here to teach us. I used to think that reaching out to my gay friends meant a reiteration of Church teaching. While I still hold these teachings close to my heart, I no longer assume that obeying these teachings is easy. There is great consolation in faith, but this consolation does not always lessen the pain and loneliness of unfulfilled longings. It has always been a mark of Christianity that the teachings have been hard to follow. Over the summer, I read a book by a friend of a friend, Wesley Hill's "Washed and Waiting: Reflections on Christian

Faithfulness and Homosexuality." The author addresses struggling with his homosexuality in the Christian community: "I began to learn to wrestle with my homosexuality in community over many late-night cups of coffee and in tear-soaked, face-on-the-floor times of prayer with members of my church."

For Wesley, being both gay and committed to traditional Christian teachings on sexuality is no easy feat. He remembers speaking to a friend about feelings of shame and brokenness: "Even after a good day of battling for purity of mind and body, there is still the feeling, when I put my head down on the pillow at night to go to sleep, that something is seriously wrong with me ... I feel in those moments that my homosexual orientation makes God disappointed or unhappy or even faintly upset with me." These are the agonies of men and women who did not choose to be different. Yet, these are the men and women at the Grotto.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

For students who don't understand football

Notre Dame's football obsession presents a dilemma to a certain population of the student body. For there is a certain percentage, albeit small, that might not completely get football, whether because they don't understand the rules or just don't enjoy it. Though the rest of the football-crazy student body will gasp in shock at this blasphemous tragedy, this minority should not feel shunned or in any way stripped of their status as a Notre Dame student.

Do not feel disheartened. Despite assurances from millions of fans that the rules are simple, there are actually many who are baffled that fans can understand what tiny figures are doing on a field seemingly miles away with an infinitesimal ball. You are not alone.

At the same time, do not feel that you shouldn't participate in this Notre Dame tradition just because the concept of football is elusive. Notre Dame football provides an unparalleled sense of camaraderie. This is not something to be missed out on just because you don't understand or enjoy football.

Regardless of your level of football expertise, there are a lot of positive memories to be had in Notre Dame

stadium. The atmosphere of the crowd before a game is electric and exciting, and joining in for the plentiful array of chants and cheers is exhilarating and fun. Even if you cannot extract one drop of interest in watching the players on the field, it's always entertaining to watch the antics of the Marching Band on the sidelines. The impressive half-time shows the Marching Band puts on are reason enough to stay until half-time, and the feeling of togetherness felt when swaying along to the alma mater is reason enough to stay until the game is over.

Students who don't get football, don't despair; there are many who privately share your feelings. Don't let this deter you from attending the games and cheering on your team. You can still cheer wildly when Notre Dame scores and let out a cry of disappointment when they lose. Maybe not because you love football, but because you love Notre Dame.

Bailey Stavetski
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Aug. 27

ND needs to reconsider lawsuit

Earlier this year, the University of Notre Dame, along with 42 other Catholic-affiliated institutions, filed 12 lawsuits against the Department of Health and Human Services, claiming the mandate that these institutions provide contraceptive coverage violated their First Amendment rights.

In response, my colleagues and I drafted and circulated a petition calling for the University to drop its legal complaint. We argued it is unclear whether providing contraceptives would violate the institution's Catholic conscience, given a well-known principle in Catholic moral philosophy known as the Doctrine of Double Effect. Even if it did, the University, by refusing to pay for contraceptives, would be imposing an unreasonable burden on the consciences and resources of its non-Catholic employees and those Catholic employees who do not agree with the administration's point of view. Our purpose, above all, was to publicly demonstrate that many students, faculty and alumni are not behind the University on this issue.

Since mid-summer we have collected some 170 signatures, and are still accepting more. President Jenkins responded to our complaints with a kindly-worded letter reminding us that Notre Dame does not seek to deprive its employees of access to contraceptives. He did not, however, directly address our arguments. At this point, we wish to once again lay out our points.

We still believe that it is unclear whether providing contraception as part of a health insurance plan violates Catholic conscience or the right to free exercise. The Doctrine of Double Effect

justifies an action whose foreseen consequences may be non-intrinsically evil if the act is intended to promote some sufficiently great good. We believe that providing health care is such a good. Also, the Catholic Church is strongly committed to every human being's right to private conscience, but the university apparently does not see that there is a legitimate claim on the part of non-Catholic employees that they should not be subject to Catholic conscience. We hope by pressing the University on these claims we can encourage discussion.

But there is another important issue here: the apparent inconsistency between the University's pro-family stance, which it is going to court to defend, and its inadequate provisions for graduate students with children. Many, if not all, graduate students at Notre Dame with children insure them through the state of Indiana because they can't afford the university-provided healthcare. The University's childcare services on campus are only available for children aged two or older, and so are unavailable to some graduate students. Such services are unaffordable for graduate students living on university stipends.

We seek a frank, open discussion about why complying with the mandate is contrary to its conscience, and why filing a lawsuit against the federal government is a suitable means of furthering the university's moral mission.

Benjamin Cohen Rossi
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Aug. 27

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New Fall TV Shows

Scene Staff Report

Beauty and the Beast

One show hitting TV's this fall is "Beauty and the Beast," and I'm sure everyone's first thought is "...another one??" Just on the heels of 2011's "Beastly," this classic fairytale is popping up everywhere, with dark twists galore. In this adaptation, a girl gets saved from two murderers by a mysterious figure in the woods she later finds out is a doctor who, when angered, turns into — you guessed it — a beast. "Hey...that sounds like the Hulk..." Yes, yes it does. I wouldn't expect too much from this cliché of a plot.



Vegas

Dennis Quaid and Michael Chiklis team up on the small screen for CBS' newest drama, "Vegas." From veteran gangster drama writer/producer Nicholas Pileggi ("Goodfellas," "Casino," "American Gangster"), the western pits Quaid as Las Vegas Sheriff Ralph Lamb against Chiklis as Chicago mobster Vincent Savino. The show is set in the early 1960s, just as Vegas was turning into the boomtown of sin the world knows it as today. The trailer for the show looks intriguing and the familiar faces makes this an early favorite for not getting cancelled in the first three weeks.



The New Normal

This edgy NBC comedy from television's latest golden boy, Ryan Murphy of "Glee", stars Broadway veteran Andrew Rannells ("The Book of Mormon") and "Hangover" and "National Treasure" supporting actor Justin Bartha as a happy couple in Los Angeles who desperately want to add a child to their relationship. They meet a Midwestern single mother, Goldie, played by Georgia King, who agrees to be their surrogate, and along with Goldie's eccentric mother (Ellen Barkin) and her 8-year-old daughter, they form a sort of family, what the show describes to be the "new normal" family in America.



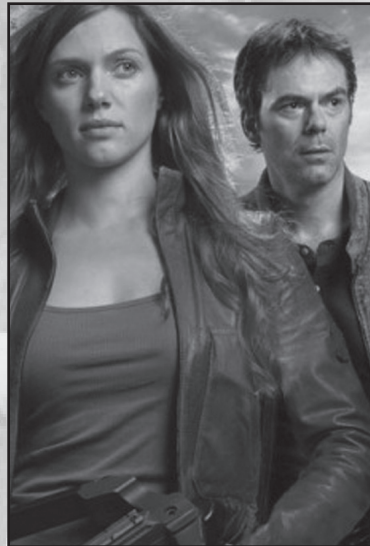
Made in Jersey

Fan of the "Legally Blonde" movies? If so, you'll definitely want to watch this new show. Martina Garrett (Janet Montgomery) is a young girl from New Jersey and she is the first in her family to have gone to college and law school. Now, she is trying to make it as a lawyer in one of New York City's top law firms. At first, Martina is the underdog. Her fashionable and bubbly personality is not what her new coworkers and clients are expecting from the newcomer. However, as they get to know her more and more, they find in her a passionate and intelligent young woman and begin to take her seriously as a lawyer. Follow Martina Garrett's journey in the big city starting Sept. 28 at 9 p.m. on CBS.



The Mindy Project

Coming to FOX this fall is a comedy starring Mindy Kaling (we all know and love her as Kelly from "The Office"). It follows a girl who grew up expecting her life to be a romantic comedy. Unfortunately for Mindy, that's not very realistic. After crashing an ex-boyfriend's wedding, she is desperately trying to turn her life around and up her chances of finding Prince Charming by acquiring better habits, losing weight, reading books and going on as many dates as possible. I see this show really going places thanks to the fantastic and hilarious cast and the immense relatability of the characters to real people everywhere.



Revolution

J.J. Abrams's latest return to television centers around an "event" that changes the course of earth's history forever; all electricity, machines, technology, everything that people rely on to do all the things they do every day of their lives, turns off, instantly and for no apparent reason. Fifteen years in the future, society has tried to rebuild itself without any of the advanced technology it so desperately needed before. Abrams is a television wizard in many ways, helming some of the most popular shows of the last decade, and this looks to be yet another in the line of successful series from the man behind "Lost" and "Alias."



Animal Practice

Dr. George Coleman (Justin Kirk) is an incredible veterinarian that runs the best animal hospital in the country. He takes great care of his patients, the animals, but he is not necessarily fond of their owners. However, when his ex-girlfriend Dorothy (JoAnna Garcia) comes back to administer her deceased grandmother's animal hospital, Dr. Coleman's practice is forced to change. This new TV comedy attempts to bring humor to the vet world. Nevertheless, I suspect it will not last long in the TV scene. If you want to take a peek at the show's first episodes tune into NBC on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 8 p.m.

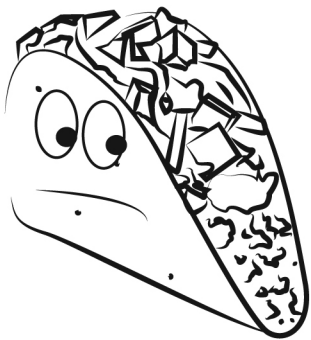


Nashville

Premiering Oct. 10 at 10 p.m. on CBS, "Nashville," similar to the 2010 film "Country Strong" starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Leighton Meester, is the story of a slowly fading country music superstar, played by Connie Britton from Friday Night Lights, and an rising teen sensation played by Hayden Panettiere. The two team up in the search for fame and stardom. The show seems to be full of interesting drama and catchy songs that will have you hooked on the show. Don't miss it!

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El Paraiso Disappoints

By **ANKUR CHAWLA**
Scene Writer

On Sunday I embarked on what has quickly become a weekly tradition among Notre Dame students: one-dollar tacos at El Paraiso. Hidden on the side of a Hispanic grocery store, El Paraiso has recently become one of South Bend's worst kept secrets. Despite students' almost universal love for the promotion and establishment, I must say I was not as impressed as I hoped to be. While one should not have much to complain about one-dollar tacos, the restaurant left much to be desired overall.

First, a long wait at a restaurant (usually this is a sign of high quality and demand), the 40-minute wait was not ideal. It was fairly clear that the restaurant was not meant to feed a crowd the size of the pasta stir-fry line at South Dining Hall. Admittedly the capacity and time issues are not immediately within El Paraiso's control, and the manager certainly did his best to accommodate everyone and fit as many people as possible at a table (we had seven sitting around a table designed for four). Still, it was not the best frame for which to evaluate the restaurant from. One quirk that they do have control of and that particularly irked me were their massive water glasses paired with tiny straws.



The biggest factor that helps the restaurant's case was the authenticity of every menu item, starting with the surprisingly good chips and salsa. They both tasted freshly made, were full of flavor, and the salsa had that perfect smooth, light texture that is far too rare. The only downside was that

after the free first basket, it was \$1.50 more for each subsequent order.

The tacos were made in a similar, traditional fashion, and I opted for the most authentic order by having them topped in "Mexicano" style. This involved the meat being topped with cilantro and onions. While that itself was pretty self explanatory from the

menu description, I had no idea about the extent of cilantro and onions would be packed on to my tacos. There was easily over a fistful in each one, and while I am a fan of cilantro that was quite a bit too much for me.

Meat wise, I ordered two chicken and two pastor (pork) tacos. The chicken was delicious. It was cooked just right and had a mixture of spicy juices dripping from

the meat. The pastor, as well as the "barbacoa" (shredded pork), according to the people I went with, tended to be dry and underwhelming. Hungry patrons have the option of corn or flour tortillas, neither of which had any faults, but they were not particularly noteworthy either.

Outside the dollar tacos on Wednesday and Sunday, their menu boasts relatively cheap burritos, enchiladas, fajitas, and everything else one could hope for from a Mexican restaurant, and if you are looking for a meal that is light on your wallet there are far worse options. That being said, personally I do not see myself going back on a packed Wednesday or Sunday for one-dollar tacos while the rest of the week they are \$1.50 anyway.

El Paraiso Restaurant

Where: 425 South Main St.
Open: Monday to Sunday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.



ENERGY AND ACTION IN "PREMIUM RUSH"



By **KEVIN NOONAN**
Scene Editor

With a name like "Premium Rush," and a concept that revolves on the ever-fascinating world of bike messengers, it's pretty safe to say that nobody walked into this movie expecting the next "Godfather." Or even the next "Con Air."

Yet, despite a laughable concept and a name that rings of parody, Joseph Gordon-Levitt's latest thriller succeeds as a light, fun, high-energy end of the summer action flick.

The film stars Gordon-Levitt ("The Dark Knight Rises," "Inception," "500 Days of Summer") as Wilee, a law school graduate turned bike messenger with a death wish. He speeds through New York City traffic with what has to be the absolute textbook definition of the term "reckless abandon." His bike has no brakes and no gears, which means the only way he goes is fast, and he couldn't stop if he wanted to.

Wilee completely buys into this lifestyle, continually railing against those who brake, either literally or metaphorically in life, especially his law school classmates who, in his eyes, live the slow life.

This attitude leads to relationship problems with his girlfriend, Vanessa, played by Dania Ramirez of "one of the extraordinarily beautiful women who inexplicably dated Turtle in 'Entourage.'"

The films most interesting character, though, is Bobby Monday, played by Michael Shannon, who we last saw hooking up with Eminem's mom in "8 Mile." Monday is a corrupt NYPD detective with serious anger and gambling problems, and the two intersect one too many times and put Monday in a tight spot for money.

Wilee is ordered to pick up a delivery from his alma mater, and it turns out it's his now ex-girlfriend's roommate, a Chinese immigrant with a shady past, with a small envelope for delivery across town.

As soon as Wilee picks up the envelope, he runs into trouble from Monday on the quad, and his problems just get worse from there. The two race each other across town, intersecting paths for moments at a time for Wilee to show this cop how much more efficient it is to get through NYC by riding a bike and not fearing death rather than driving a car.

The film is a little ridiculous on a lot of levels. The simple fact that Wilee, and nobody else

riding bikes at top speeds through traffic, only gets his stuff rocked once by a car, and even then gets right up and walks away, is a bit hard to believe.

But the movie as a whole is just so fast-paced and high-action that the absurdity of the plot doesn't really matter. Joseph Gordon-Levitt, as he has done ever since people started recognizing him as a legitimate actor, has a quietly commanding presence on the screen that sets the tone of complete intensity for the entire film.

Michael Shannon's character is almost reminiscent of a cartoon villain, with the creepy high-pitched laugh and everything. But he's so bad and he delves so deeply into the caricature he's playing that it's incredibly fun to watch.

Director David Koepp's choreography of the action sequences in the film is, if not perfect, at the least entertaining. Wilee's split-second decisions in traffic are broken down into extreme slow motion, giving a campy feel to what might happen if he makes a wrong decision. The fun way Koepp handles those shots keep the film from taking itself too seriously, certain suicide for a story like this.

With so much high-intensity and jittery action, one might expect to see more use of the

shaky cam technique, a standard set by the first three "Bourne" films that has perhaps spoiled audiences.

All in all, even though Shannon steals some scenes, Gordon-Levitt once again continues to show his wide range of talents and unquestionable ability to carry a film on his shoulders, and this bike messenger thriller proves decidedly watchable.

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"Premium Rush"

Directed By: David Koepp
Studio: Sony Pictures
Starring: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Michael Shannon, Dania Ramirez



SPORTS AUTHORITY

Armstrong can still be an inspiration



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Sports Writer

The recent decision by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) to strip Lance Armstrong of his record seven Tour de France titles made waves throughout the country. And deservedly so.

Armstrong was beloved by sports enthusiasts. One of the things sports fans enjoy seeing most is excellence. Even better when it's an American conquering a sport historically dominated by Europeans.

But of course, Armstrong wasn't just an inspiration to those who follow sports. He provided hope to those who are in the battle against one of the most horrific diseases on this planet, in addition to raising money and cancer awareness. Here was a guy that had stared death in the face and within three years of diagnosis was the best cyclist in the world. If that could happen, anything could.

Anyone — those with cancer, those who survived cancer or those who never had cancer — could use that fighting spirit going through the struggles of life.

Armstrong beat long odds to overcome cancer. He fought through pain to finish on top of the most physically and mentally demanding race in his sport seven years in a row. When the going got tough, Lance Armstrong got going.

But ultimately, Armstrong last week decided to do the one thing in life he had never done.

He quit fighting.

It's hard to blame the man for stopping his appeals to the USADA, if he actually engaged in blood doping (indications including testimonies and blood samples seem to show he did). Unlike his battle with cancer and Tour de France triumphs, if Lance did cheat, there would be no victory trying to fight in this scenario.

When teams or athletes are stripped of wins or records for breaking the rules for a non-competitive based reason, there is some saving grace. As is the case with many college football sanctions, the cause, while unethical, does not always affect the competition. Reggie Bush's parents living rent-free for a period of time in a house didn't contribute at all to USC winning or losing. That does not mean there shouldn't be punishment, but fans can at least recall seeing those memories and not feel

like they were cheated, even though the wins were officially vacated.

But there is no justification fans can use when a direct violation occurs that alters competition, such as the use of performance-enhancing drugs, or in this case, doping. We remember Armstrong's wins of course, but it feels completely fake.

Even more than that in this particular case, we feel a moral dichotomy tugging at our core. We say we wish Lance didn't dope, but without it, cancer research would have taken a bit of a hit. As crazy as it may sound, the world would be a worse place if Lance Armstrong stayed clean. And so in some ways, it almost seems okay that he didn't.

I mentioned above that sports fans love to see greatness. But probably the one thing we love in sports even more than sustained excellence is the group that stops said excellence: the underdog, the team or man that shouldn't have had a chance to pull through but does. Armstrong, especially toward the beginning of his Tour de France reign, represented that perfectly.

It's those two things that make this news so difficult for so many. It's not just that Lance was a renowned sports figure, it's that he was a man who did great things for a great cause. It's not just that Lance set cycling records which were vacated, it's that he shouldn't have even had the opportunity to set them in the first place.

It's the peculiarity of it all that is confusing. How should we feel now?

It would be unjust if we didn't discredit Lance, but why devalue the lessons learned? We can be disappointed in his athletic sin, but thankful for his fight to even commit that transgression. He overcame a frightening obstacle to get back on the bike, even if he did stumble mightily along the way. That — if not the final results of his races — can be appreciated and imitated.

Lance Armstrong's athletic legacy and integrity are in all likelihood dead. That doesn't mean Lance Armstrong's inspiration and message can't live.

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NFL

Buffalo cuts Vince Young

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Vince Young was too inconsistent to win the Buffalo Bills backup job, so now the team's giving Tarvaris Jackson a shot to prove himself.

The Bills shuffled backup quarterbacks on Monday by completing a deal to acquire Jackson in a trade with Seattle. They then cut Young. The moves coincided with the Seahawks deeming Jackson expendable after naming rookie Russell Wilson their starter, and it came two days after Young struggled in his bid to lock up the No. 2 job in a 38-7 preseason loss to Pittsburgh.

"Vince, I don't want to get into what he can do and can't do, it just didn't work out," general manager Buddy Nix said. "We just need to move on and give this guy a try."

As for Jackson, Nix called him a strong-armed quarterback who is accustomed to playing in offenses that feature a quick passing attack such as the Bills (No. 19 in the AP Pro32). Nix did acknowledge consistency has at times been an issue with Jackson, who is on his third team in three years.

"Maybe getting in the right place and the right system, he'll blossom," Nix said. "He's bounced around a little bit, but who knows, we'll give it a try. We know he's got the ability to do it, and we'll see if he can produce."

Jackson will likely get a chance to play in the Bills' preseason finale at Detroit on Thursday.

Jackson traveled overnight to Buffalo and joined his new teammates for practice. The trade wasn't completed until early Monday morning after the Bills reached a deal with Jackson's agent, Joel Segal, to restructure the final year of the player's contract.



AP

The Bills' Vince Young is pressured by Pittsburgh's Adrian Robinson during the second half of a preseason NFL football game Saturday.

Jackson was scheduled to make \$4 million this season, a figure the Bills deemed to be too expensive for a backup.

"It hasn't really hit me yet," Jackson said, when asked if he was feeling any effects of jet lag after taking a coast-to-coast red-eye flight. "I'm just kind of excited right now to be here and trying to get in and learn as much as possible right now."

Selected in the third round of the 2006 draft by Minnesota, Jackson spent five seasons with the Vikings before signing a two-year deal with Seattle last season. He has a 17-17 record as a starter, including a 7-7 season last year in which he produced career numbers in completions (271), attempts (450), and 3,091 yards. He also had 14 touchdowns and 13 interceptions with Seattle.

Jackson's future was left uncertain after the Seahawks drafted Wilson and acquired Matt Flynn in free agency this offseason.

Bills coach Chan Gailey wasn't

ready to make any guarantees either, saying Jackson will compete with returning backup Tyler Thigpen for the No. 2 job behind Ryan Fitzpatrick.

"We brought him in to compete for a backup job," coach Chan Gailey said. "So we're going to see how fast he can learn."

Though Gailey didn't regard the sudden switch of players as a setback, the Bills have gone back to the drawing board in attempting to find a capable backup. The timing of the move didn't help either, leaving Gailey with a difficult decision in determining how to establish his 53-player roster by the NFL deadline Friday.

Gailey now can't rule out the possibility of keeping both Jackson and Thigpen as well as receiver/wildcat specialist Brad Smith on the roster to start the season.

"I've never been in this situation, so I can't tell you how I'm going to do it," he said. "We'll evaluate it and do the best we can. And it won't be easy."

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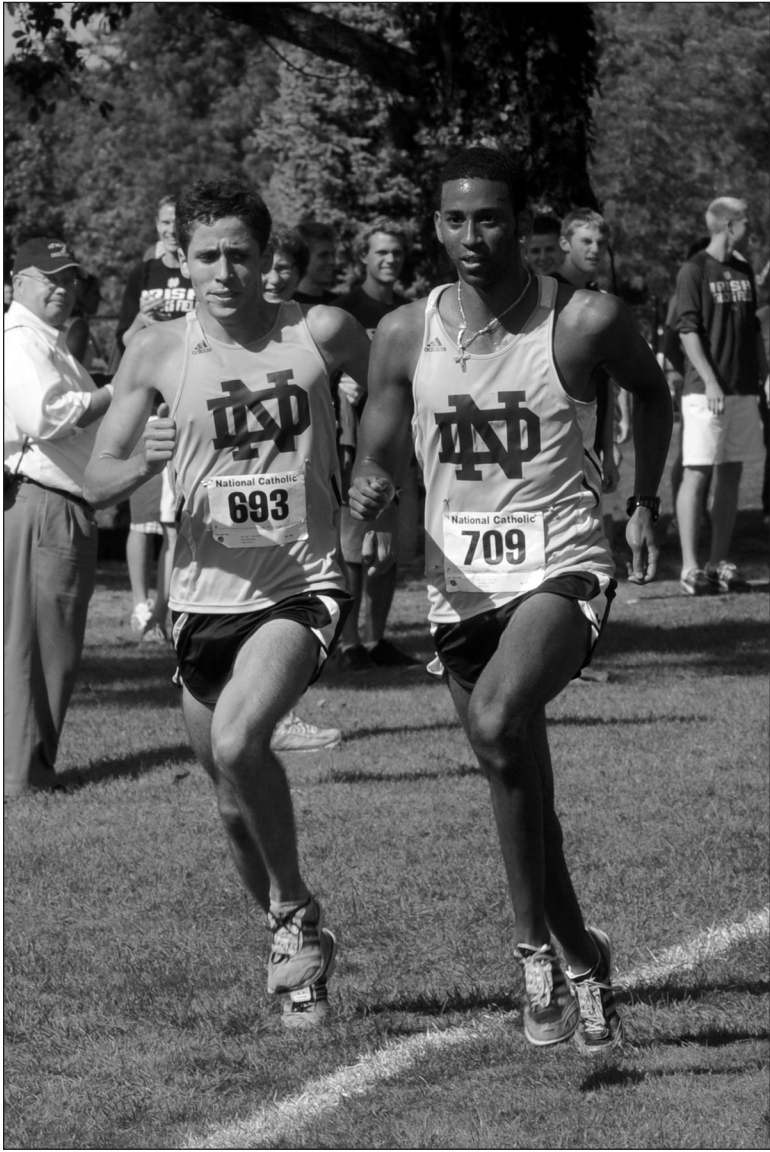


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Seniors Jeremy Rae and Johnathan Shawel run together in the National Catholic Cross Country Invitational on Sept. 17, 2010.

Mentor

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the tough situation of being one of only three seniors on this year's team.

"If one of us isn't working hard, it only leaves only two of us to pick up the slack," Rae said. "So with the three of us seniors, we all live together and we all get on each other to work hard and set a good example."

According to Rae, he has a unified team to lead — and that team unity has led to hard work and devotion on the part of the other runners.

"I don't think the team has ever been this close in my four seasons here," Rae said. "There are a bunch of us right around the same talent level and we've been pushing each other and working really hard together. Finally, for the most part, we're very healthy. So, we're very excited about this season."

For Rae, team-first mentality is not a foreign concept. On the last leg of the race, when the race is at its hardest, Rae's mind turns to his teammates.

"I've always told by my coaches that if I beat two guys at the line, that could mean two places in the team scoring," Rae said. "When I'm trying to push through at the end, I'm thinking about my teammates and scoring points for us. I'm always thinking about my teammates."

Rae willingly acknowledges that it was thanks to his teammates that he found success in the distance medley and was able to bring home a national title. So it works both ways.

"Those guys, they helped me

a lot," Rae said. "I ran only one of the four of the legs. I just happened to cross the finish line first."

Yet this fall, Rae won't be running just one leg of the race. The whole race will be in Rae's hands. For this Irish runner, complete ownership is a well-relished aspect.

"I don't mean to downplay [the national title] at all, but I'd just love to do it all myself, knowing I did all the work myself," Rae said. "So, yeah, that national championship trophy sits at my desk at home, but I'd also like an individual one sitting right next to it. So, that's what I'm working for now."

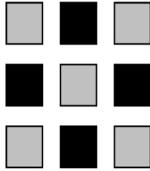
With an already established and impressive resume, Rae has become one of the more prolific runners at Notre Dame. He is a part of the only relay team to ever win a national title in Notre Dame's history and can claim ownership to one of only three indoor track and field national titles in school history. He is an All-American with four Big East championships under his belt from various seasons. Yet, things continue to shine upward for this Irish athlete, as he looks to set new records and claim new titles this fall.

"Last year, we were 24th at nationals and we had a bunch of guys that were injured and didn't run," Rae said. "This year, with us all healthy, we can do really great things."

Rae's first run of the season will be Aug. 31 at the Crusader Invitational in Valparaiso, Ind.

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Keeper

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career is at its very earliest stages, Hight has not revealed many weaknesses in goal. After allowing a late goal in her regular-season debut at Wisconsin, the Edmond, Okla., native starred in her return home to the Sooner State, making five saves and earning her first shutout in a 2-0 victory over Tulsa on Friday. She maintained her clean sheet with three saves and a shutout in 75 minutes of action against East Carolina in Sunday's home opener.

For her performances against Tulsa and East Carolina, Hight received the accolades of Big East Goalkeeper of the Week, becoming the first Notre Dame rookie since 2002 to claim that honor. She said her early season successes have helped her overcome the initial pressure of starting the season in goal.

"There definitely was a lot of pressure going into the college arena, but I'm really just starting to get used to the game and the flow of it," Hight said. "With two shutouts under my belt now, I feel good going into these two harder games this weekend."

Hight's first major test as Irish goalkeeper will commence this weekend, as she will face the vaunted soccer powerhouses of No. 21/25 Santa Clara and No. 14/19 North Carolina in a span of three days. She said a major key to her success in goal this weekend will be her communication with the Irish defense, a young unit she has started to develop a bond with in her short time on the field.

"[The defense and I] have definitely developed a chemistry, even with having multiple freshmen coming in and playing on the defensive line," Hight said. "It didn't start out as chemistry right off the bat, but we're building each game and getting better each time we go out there. I think we'll be good coming into this weekend."

Given Hight's contribution to the team so far, it's easy to forget she's only in her second week as a Notre Dame student, a title that holds much significance to her. Hight earned the Bob Colon scholarship, presented to the top female high school student-athlete in the Oklahoma City area, for her performance in the classroom. She also compiled a lengthy resume off the soccer field, lettering in three other sports, serving in the National Honor Society, performing community service and earning citations for her poetry. She said she has already joined the choir for her dorm masses and plans

to participate in various other activities on campus.

But, make no mistake about it, Hight's biggest goal at the moment is to help elevate her young team, dubbed the "Baby Irish" by coach Randy Waldrum, to the championship caliber level maintained by past Irish squads.

"I just want to keep getting better as a player and help my team in the best way I can," Hight said. "Our goal is to go on to win the national championship, and I would be lying if I said anything other than that."

If all goes according to her plan, then it seems Irish fans can expect to see Hight walking tall this December, accompanied by an extra spring in her step only provided by victory.

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Irish coach Randy Waldrum celebrates with the team after winning the national championship on Dec. 5, 2010. This season Waldrum and freshman goalkeeper Elyse Hight hope to return to the top spot.

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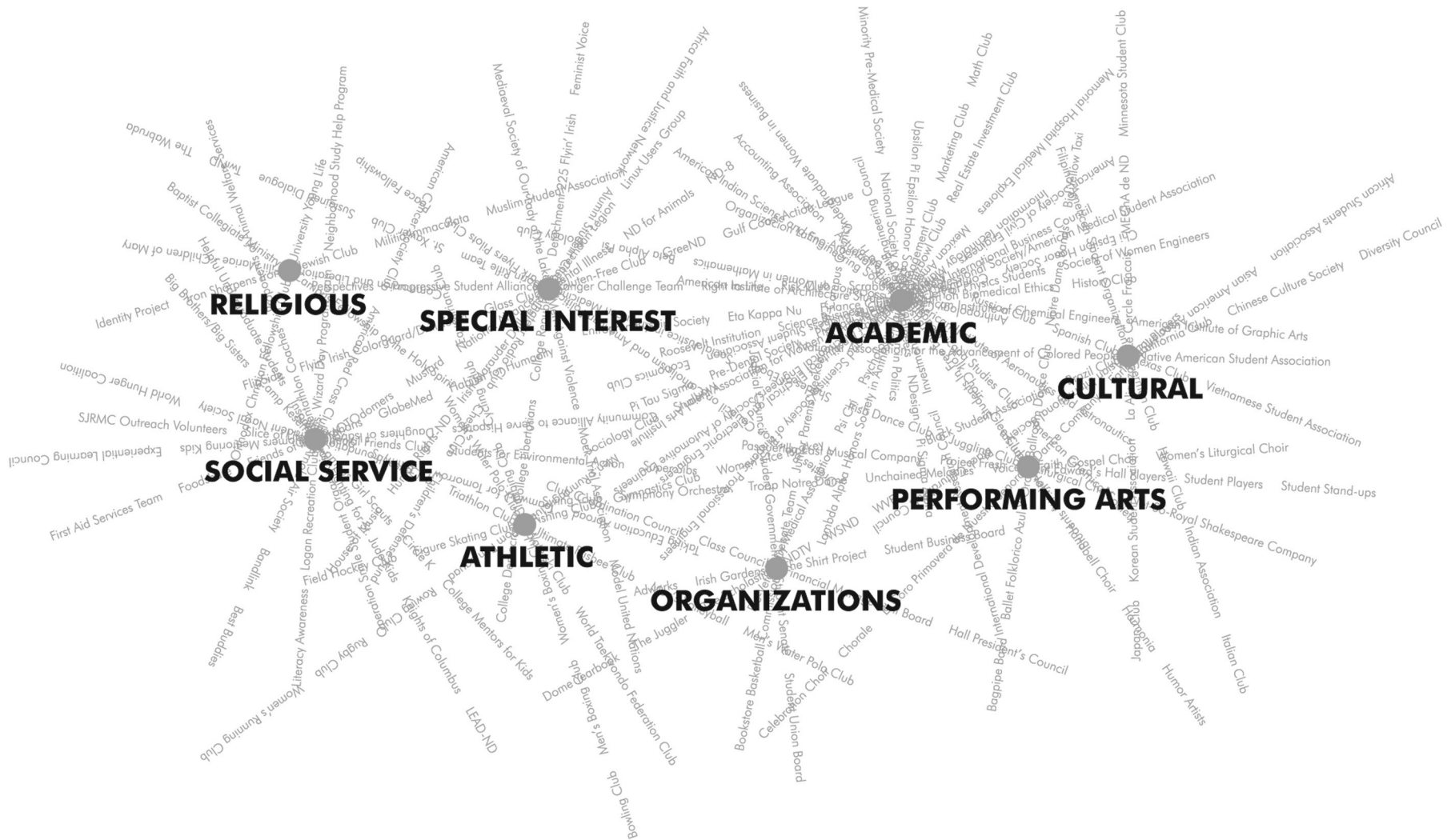
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Coach

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at having an opportunity to play a game for a living first, and then to actually survive and thrive in the competitive world for so many years," he said.

"To play pro golf for over 20 years at different levels, I am proud of that," Gump said. "I was never the smartest, fastest, strongest, but I found other ways to compete." During his time playing against the world's best golfers, Gump said he had to focus on continuously improving his game.

"Always learning, that was one of my keys," he said. "I knew I had strengths and I had weaknesses, and I was always striving to figure out a way because I just loved being in the heat of battle so much that I wanted to be a part of it."

By joining the Irish staff, Gump takes on some of the responsibility for developing a team with plenty of new faces in the mix. Having lost three seniors to graduation last year, the

Irish are now in the process of determining their starting lineup.

Regardless of which players represent the starting squad for the Irish, Gump said he has lessons for the entire team.

"When you play with players like Ernie Els and Tiger Woods and Phil [Mickelson], you see how good of golf swings [they had] and how they did things," he said. "I knew I couldn't be those guys but I had to be the best that I could be. That is where it ties in for me being a college golf coach, is having these players realize, 'be the best you can be.'"

"Also, really to show these guys that they are not alone. Just about anything you can think of, other than a Ryder Cup and a Walker Cup, I have experienced. Anywhere from leading a major championship for a little while to winning some tournaments to playing poorly — to missing nine cuts in a row at one point. It's not all a bed of roses, but if you can learn from it and move on, that is

always key."

Kubinski said he is confident Gump's experience will pay dividends for the Irish golfers, specifically in learning how to maintain composure, how to practice and prepare for tournaments and how to block out distractions.

"Just from almost every possible angle you can look at, [Gump] is going to bring something to the table," Kubinski said.

With the season-opening Tar Heel Intercollegiate scheduled for Sept. 15, Gump said he looks forward to helping the Irish athletes succeed.

"I will be there to support them and push them when needed and help them out when needed, things like that, hopefully I can have them climb that ladder of success that much quicker," he said. "No free lunch — you have to go through the hard work and the hard knocks — but if I can speed them along a little bit, that will be fantastic."

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Chrissie

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Julie Sabacinski
Irish junior

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Sabacinski said despite the early start to the season,

the girls have already established team goals for both fall and spring competition. At the top of the list is a sixth straight Big East championship and a successful trip to the NCAA tournament.

The Irish face an abnormal schedule this fall season, featuring more individual tournaments than Notre Dame usually attends. The players will have the opportunity to prove themselves apart from their team against some of the best competition in the country, culminating in the National Individual Indoor Championship on Nov. 8-11.

Sabacinski said she sees the Indoor Championships as an important goal for the team this season, as the Irish have fallen short from qualifying two years in a row.

Notre Dame looks to continue the Irish legacy Sept. 28 with the Indiana Invitational in Bloomington, Ind.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Big 12 members gear up for big changes



Big 12 commissioner Bob Bowlsby answers questions about the changes during a news conference in Norman, Okla. on Monday, August 27.

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Times are changing in the Big 12.

A new commissioner, two new schools and a batch of new starting quarterbacks bring a distinctly different flavor to the conference this season after a period of turmoil when one-third of the original members left.

Big East champion West Virginia and Mountain West champ TCU will at least partially fill the void left by Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri and Texas A&M scattering to other leagues.

Exactly who will take over the superstar roles filled by Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III and fellow first-round NFL draft picks Justin Blackmon, Ryan Tannehill, Brandon Weeden and Kendall Wright remains to be seen.

It all makes for an unpredictable season. But can it be a great one?

"We don't want the SEC to win another national championship," new commissioner Bob Bowlsby proclaimed Monday during a stop on Oklahoma's campus.

"We think the University of Oklahoma can compete at that

level and have a chance, and we think there are several others this year that can do similar."

Defending conference champion Oklahoma State (Wes Lunt), Baylor (Nick Florence) and Kansas (Dayne Crist) will all be breaking in new quarterbacks. And although they're not new to starting college football games, West Virginia's Geno Smith and TCU's Casey Pachall will be new to the Big 12 and trying to continue their championship-winning ways.

"When you're going into a new conference, a new landscape, it's all about finding a way to win," said TCU coach

Gary Patterson, who'll wait an extra week to make his Big 12 debut Sept. 8 against Grambling State.

"We've had this plan before. This is not the first time we've changed conferences."

Patterson's Horned Frogs are rejoining some former Southwest Conference foes after hopscotching to the WAC, Conference USA and Mountain West.

"You've just got to keep growing up. That's what good programs do, and that's what we intend to do here," Patterson said. "It's not going to be a sprint. It's three to five years, and then over the course of 10 years, how do we get as a program as we keep recruiting to the Big 12 to become what we need to become?"

Whoever can overcome all of the changes the best will be crowned the champion in December.

Oklahoma State is attempting to get there with Lunt, who's just out of high school, taking over for the 28-year old Weeden. Yet coach Mike Gundy says the Cowboys won't be changing their offense up — or relying heavily on the run — to ease Lunt into the college game.

"There'll be mistakes, growing pains," said Gundy, whose Cowboys open the season Saturday against Savannah State.

"We had them with Brandon Weeden here, and he had been in practice and was obviously very mature with his age. ...

He'll make mistakes just like any other young player, and you go with it and you keep playing."

Kansas, which didn't win a single conference game last season, is turning to the former Notre Dame connection of Crist and coach Charlie Weis. Weis was brought in to replace Turner Gill, who was fired after two losing seasons, and said his players have been through a "pretty grueling offseason" to try and improve.

"I think they're really looking forward to showing everyone they're not as bad as they were," Weis said.

Bowlsby believes there's depth in the Big 12 from top to bottom that can help the conference build on its reputation.

"I think the thing that makes a great conference is great competition every time you take the playing surface," he said.

The league has been dumped on at times over the past two years as longtime members have headed toward the door. Bowlsby believes there is stability ahead as he tries to conclude negotiations on a television contract worth as much as \$2.6 billion, along with a written agreement among the 10 schools to give their grant of rights to the conference.

The latter part of that deal would be as close as the league can come to ensuring that no more schools will leave, since they would have to forfeit millions upon millions of TV dollars to do so.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Alexa Vega, 24; Aaron Paul, 34; Sarah Chalke, 36; Paul Reubens, 60.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Expect to be criticized for delays, imperfections or any other way you may fall short. Don't promise more than you can deliver, and be prepared to do more than expected. Temptation will be your biggest enemy. Don't let love hold you back. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Confront your fears. Participate in activities that broaden your outlook or help you use experience to make gains. Travel plans should include both business and pleasure. Getting the most for the least should be your intent. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Change your surroundings, or visit someone you don't see often. You will learn more from people who have chosen a different path. Combining what you learn with what you already know and do will lead to an interesting new beginning. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take matters into your own hands. Do whatever it takes to improve any personal or financial situation you face. An interesting partnership can help pave the way to greater opportunities. Love is in the stars, and romance should be your plan. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Speak up and share your thoughts. The information you get in return will be valuable, allowing you to make changes crucial to your success. A unique or diverse approach to an old service or skill you have to offer will pay off. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Participate, but don't overdo or overspend. Stay within your means if you want to get ahead. Networking events will lead to good connections and possibilities. Show interest in what others do, but be sure to add input to the conversation. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Love will interfere with your ability to get things done properly or on time. Don't get wrapped up in emotional melodrama when you have the opportunity to gather information that will help you get ahead or help others. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't rely on others. Arguments are likely to occur. Focus on getting what needs doing behind you so you can entertain someone you love. Putting more time and effort into your personal life and creative endeavors will pay the highest rewards. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put your attributes to work. Make changes at home that will lower your overhead. A moneymaking plan should be implemented into your schedule. Starting a service that benefits others as well as your cash flow should be your goal. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do your best to enhance your personal life and love relationship. It's important that everything runs smoothly at home before you venture out and make professional changes. Invest in you, your family and your future. Speak from the heart. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't get angry when it's what you accomplish that counts. Get busy turning your ideas and plans into a reality. You can stabilize your home and financial life with a few simple adjustments. Let your intuition guide you. ★★

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Young squad fills big shoes

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Despite losing All-American teammates Kristy Frilling and Shannon Mathews, the Irish have lofty aspirations for their young team as the 2012-13 season begins. With six players returning from the 2012 squad who finished the season with a 21-8 record, there is plenty of experienced talent to lead the Irish. "It's hard when you lose your No. 1 and No. 2 players at the same time," junior Julie Sabacinski said. "I think the players we have returning worked hard this summer and I think we'll be able to fill the gap that they left."

Sabacinski said she has high hopes for the new freshmen on the squad, especially walk-on Darby Dawson.

"It's hard to fill Shannon and Kristy's shoes, but I think the freshmen we have coming in will do just fine," Sabacinski said. "It happens to teams all the time and



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Senior co-captain Chrissie McGaffigan returns a serve in a home match against Georgia Tech on Feb. 26. The Irish won 4-3.

certain people step up and fill those roles."

Head coach Jay Louderback, now entering his 24th season with the Irish, has seen great success behind the helm. The 2012 season brought his fifth straight Big East championship, as well as a perfect 5-0 record in conference play. His players do not take this

constant success lightly and are eager to continue the reign of the Irish.

Heading the race for success are new co-captains, senior Chrissie McGaffigan and junior Jennifer Kellner. Sabacinski said that she sees great leadership qualities in the experienced duo.

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MEN'S GOLF

Gump returns to green as assistant

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The Irish recently lost one of their top golfers to a professional career, as Max Scodro graduated in May. But this season they bring in a professional golf veteran in Scott Gump.

Gump won't be able to suit up and take to the links for the Irish, but he will do just about everything else as the new assistant coach.

Gump replaces former Irish golfer and assistant coach Steve Colnitis, who resigned this summer after seven years at the post. A former All-American at Brevard Community College before transferring to Miami, Gump brings with him 18 years of experience from the PGA and Web.com Tours. After earning his PGA Tour card in 1991, Gump accumulated \$2.7 million in career winnings, made more than 150 cuts in 329 starts and

competed at the Masters twice during his 10 major championship appearances.

"Anytime you can bring in someone with that depth, not only experience but the depth of experience at the highest level of golf [it is a good thing]," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said.

"To spend so many years out there and see what it's like week in, week out, competing against the best players, I think that brings something to our program that, quite honestly, I don't know that any other college program really has at this point." Gump comes to Notre Dame following a three-year stint as a coach and instructor at the Gary Gilchrest Golf Academy in Howie-in-the-Hills, Fla. Now several years removed from his professional career, Gump has fond memories of his playing days.

"For me, I guess it was joy

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Freshman Hight guards the net

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Standing guard over the goal with her six-foot frame, Irish freshman goalkeeper Elyse Hight, the tallest player on the Irish roster, fittingly lives up to her last name. While some might bristle at the notion of possessing height in a game dominated by speed and agility, Notre Dame's newest netkeeper readily cites her stature as one of her greatest tools.

"I think one unique thing I have is versatility with my height," Hight said. "I think a lot of other keepers aren't able to dive as well as I can."

Just as telling about Hight's skills in goal, however, is the other quality she said has helped set her apart from other goalies.

"On the field, I believe nothing can get past me, which is a huge advantage as a keeper," Hight said. "I think if you have the

attitude that nothing can get past you, then most of the time it won't."

Hight's combination of unique physical skills and unabashed confidence helped her emerge as the starter from a talented group of five Irish goalies, including the incumbent duo of senior Maddie Fox and sophomore Sarah Voigt, after a tough competition over the summer. Despite the battles over the starting job, the goalies have inspired each other to work harder, Hight said.

"[The keepers] really push each other, and I think that's the one place where having five keepers really helps," Hight said. "When we know we have a weakness, we'll really help each other push through it and figure out how to conquer that weakness, which has really helped us grow individually."

Although her college

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Senior Rae excited to lead

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For many athletes, winning a national title would satisfy that underlying drive to achieve greatness. For senior All-American Jeremy Rae, a title only further fueled the fire. Last winter, Rae was one of the four members on Notre Dame's 4,000-meter distance medley team. Running with current seniors Randall Babb, Johnathan Shawel and sophomore Chris Giesting, Rae claimed a national title for the Irish.

"When I crossed the line at the national championship, I was super, super excited," Rae said. "But, like 10 minutes after that, I started thinking about how much greater it will feel if I ever cross the finish line first in an individual race, just knowing I did it completely myself."

This is a task Rae will look to achieve this fall. Rae, a political science major, didn't stray far from campus this summer. While juggling summer classes and a job at the Notre Dame cross country camp, Rae put in a great deal of extra work.

"Most summers I hardly run at all," Rae said. "This summer



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Jeremy Rae starts with the pack at the Notre Dame Invitational on Sept. 30, 2011. Rae finished 73rd.

I did a lot of training; I was putting in 80 mile weeks."

Much of his motivation and drive comes from the new responsibilities that fall on his shoulders as one of three seniors on the team.

"I do have a lot more responsibility this year being a senior and I think that was also part of the reason I had to train a lot harder this summer," Rae said. "I don't shy away from trying

to be a leader or anything like that. I just use the added pressure as motivation to train that much harder to ensure I can lead by example for the younger guys."

Most seniors on a collegiate team can turn to their classmates for help in providing mentorship for underclassmen. Yet, Rae is presented with

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