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University rises to 17th in list of national institutions

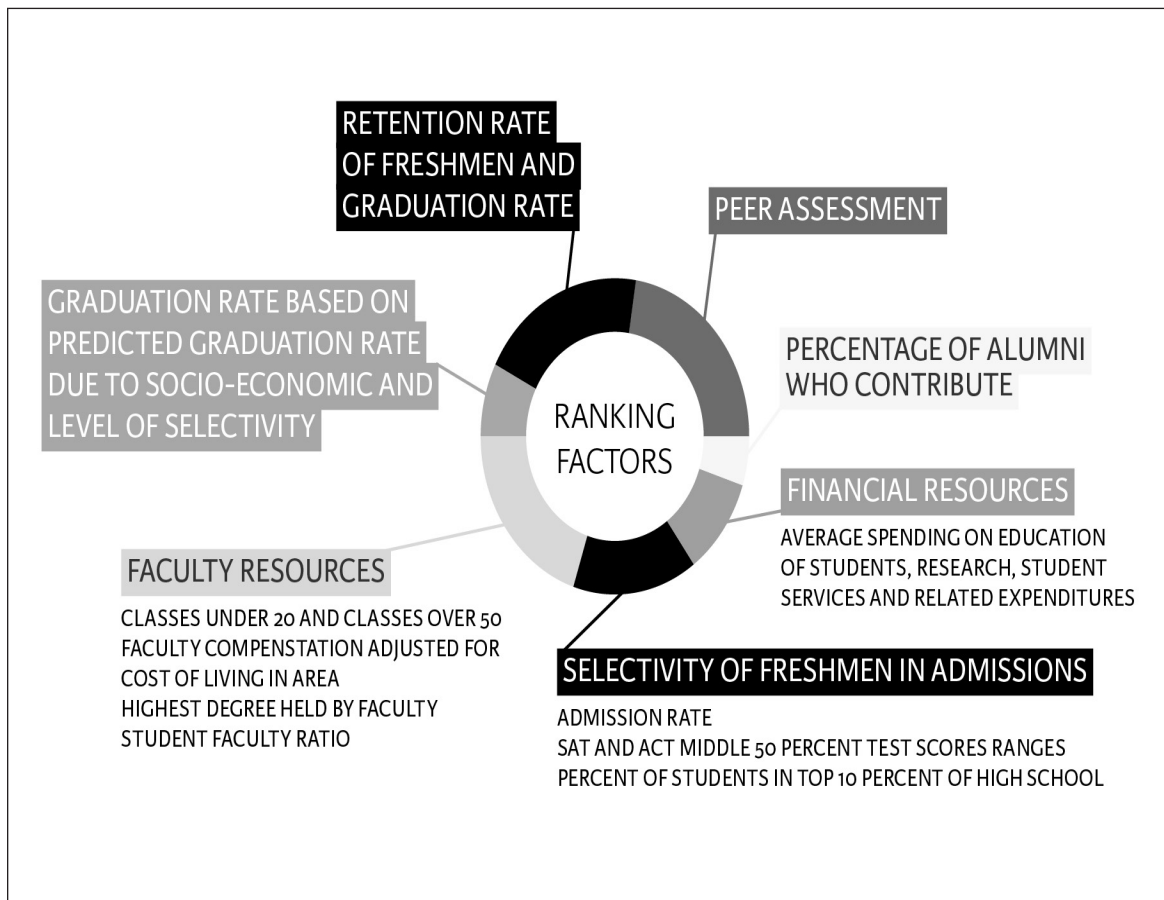
By **ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI**
News Writer

In this year's U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges rankings released earlier this month, Notre Dame jumped from No. 19 to No. 17, landing at that spot in a tie with Vanderbilt University and Rice University.

The rankings take into account not only standard data such as admission rate, student retention rate and graduation rate, but also student satisfaction survey results, faculty resources and percentage of alumni who contribute.

Donald Bishop, associate vice

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BRANDON KEELEAN | The Observer

College named 87th among liberal arts schools

By **BRIDGET FEENEY**
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

For the fourth year in a row, U.S. News and World Report ranked Saint Mary's College among the top-100 Best National Liberal Arts Colleges. The College came in at No. 87, up from No. 90 last year. This year marks the fourth year in a row the College's position has moved higher in the U.S. News and World Report rankings.

In a recent press release, Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney said she is extremely satisfied with the progress the College has made each year.

"We know that national rankings are important to many

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Faculty support LGBTQ individuals

By **JOHN CAMERON**
News Editor

Nearly 400 University faculty and staff called upon the administration to add protection for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) persons to its non-discrimination policy in a full-page ad in Tuesday's issue of The Observer.

The University publically declined to add sexual orientation to its non-discrimination clause in April. On May 2, faculty members submitted a Letter to the Editor in The Observer asking the University to reconsider that decision.

The Tuesday advertisement's text was taken from that letter but included an expanded list of 366 signees.

Sociology professor Richard Williams, who led the effort to collect signatures, said it was important the complete list of signees be made visible to

readers, whereas it had been limited to The Observer's website in May.

"When we first put it out there, we put it together in less than a week and we only had 120 people sign, but we thought we could get a much broader and diverse group [if given more time]," he said. "Originally [the list of names] was all online, so I think they got lost in the shuffle. I thought by getting more names and paying to get them all in the paper, it would be a more striking statement."

The tripling in signatures between the issuance of the Letter to the Editor and the running of this week's advertisement indicates faculty participation in the original letter was limited by lack of awareness, not lack of support, Williams said. Since running of the ad, 20 additional names have been

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Seniors seek opportunities to serve



KARLA MORENO | The Observer

Elizabeth Cross with The Haitian Project and junior Sam Nordlund discuss opportunities to teach in Haiti after graduation. Interested students could talk with a variety of service organizations at the fair.

By **MEGHAN THOMASSEN**
News Writer

For seniors networking with representatives from national and international service programs Wednesday night at the Post-Graduate Service Fair, volunteer work after graduation can be more than a "year off."

Michael Hebbeler, director

for student leadership and senior transitions at the CSC, said the fair, hosted by the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) in the Joyce Center, offered another option for students looking for jobs from every college.

"It's a full-time job," Hebbeler said. "It's a misconception that it's a year off and you're kind of volunteering

here and there. [The programs] are looking for students in all disciplines, there is accounting work to be done, there's environmental work to be done, there's counseling [and] education. Students of all majors should be able to find something that fits their skill set, their passions."

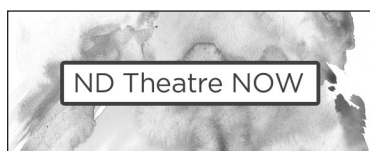
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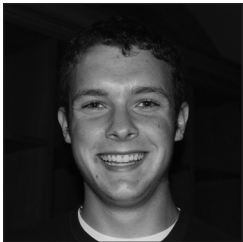
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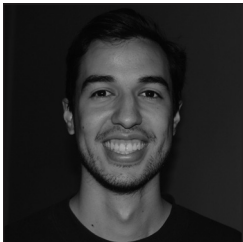
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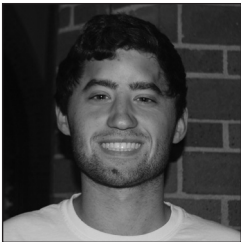
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“Walsh.”



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“St. Eds.”



KEVIN SONG | The Observer

Freshman Raymond Michuda, a surviving human in this year's round of Humans vs. Zombies, looks out over Bond Quad with a nerf gun during Wednesday night's mission. The game's last showdown will take place Saturday.

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Friday

ND Invitational

Burke Golf Course
2 p.m.-6 p.m.
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Beasts of the Southern Wind

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Saturday

Domer Run

Legends
9 a.m.-10 a.m.
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Community Energy Day Tours

South Bend's energy efficient organizations
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Sunday

Sunday Mass

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
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11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Volleyball

Joyce Center
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ND vs. Syracuse

Monday

Work Off Your Weekend

Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
All Day

Kano Durbar Lecture

Geddes Hall
5 p.m.
“Political Aesthetics and the Stool of Power.”

Irish explore social entrepreneurship

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

The Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies and the Fellow Irish Social Hub (FISH) will host the inaugural Irish Impact Social Entrepreneurship Conference today and tomorrow in the Mendoza College of Business.

The conference, which begins tonight with an opening reception, aims to teach students more about what social entrepreneurship is and how they can become involved in the field.

Melissa Paulsen, program manager for the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies and concurrent professor, said several entrepreneurs

involved in both non-profit and for-profit work will attend the conference.

“We really wanted this to be about connecting the Notre Dame community, specifically Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students, with the social entrepreneurship practitioners,” she said.

Paulsen said she hopes students understand the range of possibilities for social entrepreneurship.

“We define entrepreneurship as starting a business but it doesn’t have to be that way,” she said. “It doesn’t matter what your background is or the interests you have or discipline of choice. You can use that experience to engage in social enterprises on many

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different levels.” Students are invited to attend several workshops Friday morning that will cover the basics of social entrepreneurship, Paulsen said.

“The idea behind the workshops is to basically give the community an idea of what social entrepreneurship is, what are start-up issues and incubation issues, how do you start a social enterprise,” she said.

Different panels will address the challenges of starting such an enterprise, legal issues surrounding social entrepreneurship, international development and more, Paulsen said.

One key feature of the day will be a career panel for students interested in social entrepreneurship, which will be followed by an opportunity fair where students can personally interact with the practitioners present.

“You can ask questions like, Tell me more about your organizations,’ Tell me about your beneficiaries,’ How are you raising money?, How do you sustain yourself?,” Paulsen

said. “And also, Do you have career opportunities or internships for students?.”

After the workshops, the conference will host a Taste of Michiana luncheon, where local food entrepreneurs will show off their creations.

The lunch will be followed by a presentation from the conference’s keynote speaker, Rishi Jaitly, Paulsen said. Jaitly founded Michigan Corps, has worked for Google Asia and Kiba Detroit and has been engaged in policy work, all since he graduated from the Princeton University in 2004.

His keynote speech is titled, “Choose Your own adventure: The power of embracing your social entrepreneurial self,” and will focus on the different ways students can become involved in social entrepreneurship.

“You don’t have to start a brand-new organization to be engaged in social entrepreneurship,” Paulsen said.

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Fair

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Hebbeler was the conduit between the graduate service world and the student body. He said the fair was primarily for seniors looking for opportunities to serve after graduation.

“[There are] post-graduate opportunities ranging from health care to education to ministry,” Hebbeler said. “In the programs, [you’re] living in community, living simply, living on a small stipend, but engaged in work that promotes the common good that really carries out the mission of the University in a very direct way.”

He said the international and large programs are the most competitive for applicants. The full-time positions range from small stipends to salaries, and from living in community to living alone, he said.

“But all of the organizations are focused on work of peace and justice in a very direct way,” Hebbeler said. “We welcome all these programs, There are bigger programs, [such as] Teach for America, [Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE)], Peace Corps, and we also really value the small programs who do very good work in their smaller communities.”

He said the fair benefited students looking for a variety of choices.

“There’s something for everybody,” he said. You can find your niche, the community you want to live with, the work you want to do, whether you want a large program or a small progra..”

Volunteers typically commit one to two years to work 40 or more hours per week, Hebbeler said.

He said the time spent serving others guides students as they discern their skillsets in the community and in the business world.

“Students find themselves,” he said. “They mature, they grow in wisdom, they grow in skill set and they are more marketable for jobs after this or applying to grad school. Oftentimes this experience makes them a better and more competitive applicant. Of course we don’t promote it for the resume, but practically speaking it does help.”

The programs intend to help students serve outside of their comfort zone, he said.

“In the end, the real intention is students wanting to live out the mission of the University in a direct and fulfilling way, in relationship with other populations that will stretch them,” Hebbeler said. “These are oftentimes not comfortable positions, but because of that they will grow.”

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ND lights up Ugandan towns

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

Notre Dame's Initiative for Global Development (IGD) is teaming up with Accenture, a global management consulting company, to provide electricity to rural communities in northern Uganda in hopes of giving them the ability to start their own enterprises.

Many locations in Uganda have spotty electricity, a fact reflected in the country's low gross domestic product (GDP), IGD program director Patrick Murphy said.

Murphy said Notre Dame and Accenture hope that by providing working electricity, the residents of the country will have the opportunity to form more enterprises, thereby creating jobs in the area.

"It's about electricity, Internet connectivity and training for displaced persons in Uganda with the intent of generating new jobs built upon the new entrepreneurs that are trained," Murphy said. "What's lacking to try to start a new enterprise now is reliable electricity."

Murphy, former managing director for the Center for Sustainable Energy, said Accenture, through their Skills to

Succeed program, aims to equip 250,000 people worldwide with the training to start a business. IGD pitched the idea of providing rural Africa with electricity to the company and formed a partnership, he said.

The pilot program will work to provide electricity to three initial sites in Uganda, Murphy said.

"It barely puts a dent in the electricity needs, but you have to start somewhere," he said. "That's why it's philosophy-driven to start with."

Over the next two years, Murphy said IGD plans to improve the initiative and work with on-the-ground partners to install electricity in other locations. BOSCO Uganda, the 31 Lengths Campaign and the NGO Educate! program will assist IGD in Uganda.

"We will install power systems, install Internet where it's not already connected and some of our partners will provide training," Murphy said. "We have to measure the impact of how many people we can train, how much power we can provide, but the intent is to start having businesses spin out."

If the program shows some success, Murphy said he hopes Accenture will agree to expand

the number of sites and the impact of the initiative.

Other Notre Dame faculty are involved in the effort as well.

Michael Sweikar, associate director of IGD, said electrical engineering professor Michael Lemmon is working to design more efficient models for solar micro grids. Juan Carlos Guzman, director of research for the Institute for Latino Studies, will conduct the impact evaluation of the project, Sweikar said.

"One of the real goals of IGD is to help link our resources on the ground with global development challenges," Sweikar said. "That will lead to more opportunities for students to become engaged with faculty around doing real project and contributing to global development."

The project aims to prove a philanthropic-based program can eventually turn a profit while still having a positive impact on the world, Murphy said.

"We're not just providing electricity in today's technology, but we're looking into the technology, models, education and enterprises that can change the way business is done," he said.

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Students support local dentist's charity

By HAYLEY MILLER
News Writer

Several St. Mary's and Notre Dame students volunteered their time Saturday during Mahoney Family Dentistry's second annual "Dentistry from the Heart" event, providing 297 people in the South Bend community with free dental care. Close to 200 people camped out the night before to ensure a spot for the 6 a.m. registration.

A total of five local dentists and 75 volunteers, under the leadership of Dr. Terrance Mahoney, provided exams, cleanings and fillings for underprivileged citizens 18 years old and older, Dr. Mahoney said.

"You get back more than you are giving and to know you can make a difference in someone's life is so rewarding," Dr. Mahoney said. "Access to care is the major problem in dental health care right now because many people don't have insurance."

Dr. Mahoney said this year's "Dentistry from the Heart" event provided close to \$125,000 in dental work. The money came from both Mahoney Family Dentistry and generous donations from sponsors such as Heraeus Dental Supplies, he said.

Volunteers ranged from Notre Dame seniors planning to attend dental school to parishioners of local churches, he said. Dental students from the community also gathered to provide education and advice on oral health to those waiting outside.

St. Mary's junior Kathryn Mahoney and daughter of Dr. Mahoney said she felt honored to be able to give back.

"It was a great opportunity to serve the community," Kathryn Mahoney said. "It was truly an amazing experience to see so many different people come together

and help provide such an expensive necessity for absolutely free." St. Mary's junior and volunteer Brookelin Propest said it was a day well spent.

"Dr. Mahoney and his office touched the lives of both the people who received the free dental care

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Dr. Terrance Mahoney
local dentist

and the volunteers who witnessed it," Propest said. "Everyone involved made a huge impact in the lives of the community."

Local businesses Einstein Bagels, Martin's Supermarket and Papa Vino's provided breakfast and lunch throughout the day, and Kevin's Guitar Studio students played live entertainment throughout the afternoon.

From registration at 6 a.m. to the final person served at 8 p.m., Dr. Mahoney said the day was a successful one for the community.

"The people were extremely thankful and many of them shed tears of gratitude," Dr. Mahoney said.

Mahoney Family Dentistry will also be holding a free day of dental care just for children in February. Dr. Mahoney said he and his associates hope to see even more students from the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame communities for another day of giving back.

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Support

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added online.

"The biggest reason people didn't sign is that they didn't know about it," he said. "There was no University mailing, it was more listservs and word-of-mouth. I had people telling me today 'I would have signed if I had known about it.'"

One material difference in the secondary issuance is a document posted to Williams's webpage titled "Catholic Justification for the Notre Dame Faculty/Staff Letter in Support of Notre Dame's LGBTQ Community," which refers to Catholic teaching on the treatment of homosexuals. Williams said the addition was inspired by questions he received after running the original letter.

"That was prompted by someone emailing me, asking how [the letter] fit with the Catholic mission of the University," he said. "These statements are not in conflict with Catholic teachings in the least. If there are people out there who think we have to be hostile to [homosexual individuals], they can't use the Catholic Church to justify those beliefs and behaviors."

While the end of the letter encourages the University to add LGBTQ persons to its non-discrimination policy, Williams said he hopes readers will not overlook the first paragraph, which pledges

signees' "offices and classrooms will be safe and open spaces, where anti-LGBTQ discrimination, harassment or violence will not be tolerated."

"We aren't just trying to influence the University. ... We can't control what other people do, but we can control what we do ourselves," he said. "We wanted to show the members of the LGBTQ community that we support them, that we will not discriminate against them."

Whether or not the declaration of support affects the University's decision on the non-discrimination policy, Williams hopes it will impact individuals' views and behaviors toward LGBTQ people.

"Maybe we'll influence someone in their personal behavior," he said. "We don't know what will come of this, but we hope some good will."

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SENATE

Group considers arrests, dorm issues

By MADDIE DALY
News Writer

Student body president Brett Rocheleau began this week's Student Senate meeting with some alarming news concerning the past home football weekend.

"In case you haven't heard by now, there were 72 arrests over the weekend by the Excise Police," Rocheleau said. "A quick thing to note though is that the word 'arrest' means ticketed in most cases, not necessarily literal arrests."

While student government looks for ways to prevent more arrests in the future, Senate turned their meeting's conversation to dorm business. Members of student government, including chief of staff Katie Baker, have visited hall council meetings this week. Baker thanked senators from Breen-Phillips Hall, Badin Hall and Morrissey Manor for welcoming her.

"I was so impressed with what I saw in your hall councils, so thanks a lot," she said. "We will continue going to hall councils in the next couple of weeks."

Rocheleau said student government can be a voice to the Board of Trustees about the quality of

residence life in campus.

"Most people on the Board of Trustees haven't been in the dorms recently, so they don't have the cultural sense of everything going on in dorms," Rocheleau said. "We have two meetings with the Board of Trustees, one in October and one in May. This coming meeting will focus on quality of residence life across the board, not on specifics per dorm."

Breen-Phillips Hall senator Hope Feist and Zahm House senator Joe Corsaro both raised the issue of air conditioning.

"Since it would be expensive to get air conditioning in the whole dorm, at the very least we would like to see more rooms like study lounges that do have air conditioning," Corsaro said.

Coming from a dorm with one of the smallest-sized rooms, Morrissey Senator Billy McMahon voiced a concern about inconsistent costs.

"Is there any way to have room and board payments be made per square foot?" McMahon said.

Farley Hall senator Monica Daegele said privacy is an important factor for students planning to move off campus.

"Since most dorms only have one

24-hour space, it is really hard to get group work done past parietals if other people are watching TV or socializing," Daegele said.

McGlinn Hall senator enator Ali Wellman, as well as several other senators, saw food as a big issue.

"I think one problem is access to kitchens," Wellman said. "A lot of students like to cook for themselves, and a lot of dorm kitchens aren't kept up well or don't have all the equipment."

Keenan hall senator John Vernon said he blames the cost of living for students moving off campus.

"Guys in my dorm said finances were a big reason," Vernon said. "Off-campus they will get bigger houses with more space and pay less money. Also, if they aren't using all their meals they can get off the meal plan. More freedom, more independence."

Daegele shared a striking reason one student in her dorm decided to move off campus.

"One girl told me she moved off campus because she felt like she lived in a prison cell," Daegele said. "With the RAs jingling keys every hour at night and door alarms after parietals ... she just felt like she was in a prison cell or a summer camp or something."

Senator Marissa Martin said girls from Howard Hall move off campus to get ready for life after college.

"When you graduate, that's how you'll be living — on your own, not in a big community like a dorm," Martin said. "We don't have any apartment-style dorms, so people move off campus."

Off-campus senator Marina Seminatore told the Senate why she herself moved off campus.

"There were quite a few reasons," Seminatore said. "It wasn't a decision I made automatically. I don't think there's a mass exodus of students moving off campus. There are a lot of things I miss about living on campus."

While the decision was a difficult one, Seminatore said she was looking for the freedom of an off-campus residence.

"However, what I don't miss are not just the big rules like parietals and alcohol possession, but the really naggy things from rectors," she said. "I used to get emails about not leaving things in the hallway, leaving dirty dishes in the kitchen — I felt like I was being babied by my mom or something."

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Rankings

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president for undergraduate enrollment, said this year's rise in the rankings was the result of several advances and improvement initiatives at the University.

"First, we now have a larger applicant pool and a lower admission rate, with a higher profile of the incoming freshmen," Bishop said. "We have a strong alumni giving record, which ranks third among all universities, and graduation success rates that place us in the top four of the nation. Notre Dame has also enhanced spending on academics and student development."

Bishop said he did not expect the ranking to significantly change this year's pool of applicants.

"I think our rankings in the various guidebooks have been consistently strong," Bishop said. "Being ranked 17th in U.S. News is pretty similar to where many students have thought Notre Dame has been ranked in the past, so I doubt it will change behavior. Notre Dame is often the top choice for our admitted students. They collected 600 admits at schools ranked higher in U.S. News and still thought Notre Dame was a better match for them."

The recruitment efforts of the admissions staff have the potential to increase both the application rate and the quality of the application pool, with the goal of increasing the yield of admitted students who enroll at the University, Bishop said.

"Among the schools ranked [No.] 15 to [No.] 25, Notre Dame enjoys a high success rate of enrolling joint-admitted students, in which students admitted to two top institutions choose Notre Dame," he said. "In head-on competition, our yield rate of admitted to enrolled students ranks in the top 10."

While the rankings are nice indicators of university quality, Bishop said they are not necessarily authoritatively accurate.

"Being ranked 17th is obviously better than being 19th, but the U.S. News variables and weights reflect their opinion of what makes a good college," he said. "Forbes Magazine ranks ND 12th among national universities and 8th among research universities."

Bishop said he believes rankings are more valuable for students in the beginning of the college search process than when making a final decision.

"Rankings are okay to use to develop your first list of colleges to consider, but students need to visit the colleges and judge for themselves what is important to them," Bishop said. "Students and parents like simplistic rankings so that they don't have to think as much, but rankings shouldn't be a determining factor in your final selection unless you are more concerned about what others think than what you determine for yourself."

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high school students in their college search," she said. "I am very pleased that Saint Mary's College is ranked among the top-100 Best National Liberal Arts Colleges for the fourth year running. Students graduate from Saint Mary's with an education that challenges their minds, awakens their imaginations and instills in them the desire to leave the world a better place."

Student body vice president Meghan Casey said Saint Mary's allows for unique opportunities and one-of-a-kind experiences.

"I believe the students here know what a great school it is and to see actual proof that our ranking has moved up solidifies my feelings that Saint Mary's is such an outstanding institution," Casey said.

The College works to benefit each and every student the best education possible, Casey said.

"Our education is individual and Saint Mary's strives to give each student the best education that they can receive," Casey said. "Saint Mary's determination to empower students can be attributed to this increase in our position." U.S. News and World Report determines placement on the list by assessing criteria from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, which parents, students and teachers consult when exploring higher education opportunities.

The report also considers alumni giving, peer assessment, student selectivity and financial resources, as well as high school counselor assessments and faculty resources.

The Saint Mary's Office of

Institutional Research reports 93 percent of students who graduate from Saint Mary's do so in four years. According to a recent press release, this high graduation and retention rate also contributed to the College's inclusion on the list.

This ranking comes just several weeks after the College received national recognition from The Princeton Review, which named Saint Mary's on its "Best Colleges in the Midwest" list for the 10th year in a row.

Director of Media Relations Gwen O'Brien said the "impressive" ranking is an invaluable asset to the College and is especially important for its contribution to Mooney's goals.

"This ranking is affirmation that we are on course to meet a key goal in the College's strategic plan, which is to provide 'Educational Excellence Equal to that of the Best Colleges in the Country,'" she said. "This is one of the goals President Mooney set early in her presidency. ... Under her leadership, the excellent academic reputation of Saint Mary's College continues to grow and our peers are taking notice. Our hope is this ranking instills pride in students, faculty and staff alike."

Casey said the report is a point of pride for fellow students.

"I believe the ranking validates students' positive opinion of our unique education and that we are getting an education [that is] very special," Casey said. "Being a student leader, seeing our school excel and the proof that we are ranked highly makes me proud of being a leader at such an amazing institution. I am proud to call Saint Mary's my college."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Never gets old

Laura Coletti
Sports Writer

Let me tell you why I am certain that Notre Dame will always evoke feelings of happiness, every day, no matter what.

Now, you may think that I am currently all “rah-rah,” mushy and emotional because of the state of our football team. But while waving multicolored leis in the air and dancing to “December 1963” may have been an unforgettably high moment, something else earlier this semester made me realize that the magic will never die, winning football record or otherwise.

It all started during the summer. After three plus years of hanging up the basketball sneakers, a little outside motivation fueled my desire to get serious about getting back in shape. I suddenly realized that it was absurd to peak athletically at age 18.

So, what did I do? I started running. An activity that I had previously written off became something I looked forward to each and every day.

But it became boring. Running around my neighborhood in central New Jersey inevitably had “mundane” written all over it. Seeing the same houses and landscapes every day started to get old, and running became a chore once again.

Contrast this with Notre Dame. For the past three years and five-and-a-half weeks I have walked this campus every single day, and not once has it felt old. For the last five-and-a-half weeks I have run at least three times a week, very often the same route. And it has never felt like a chore. It has never felt old. In fact, it has been quite the opposite. There is always something new at Notre Dame.

Take this past weekend. One of many things senior year has taught me so far is that there are still people in a given class who don't know each other. I'm not even talking about the kind of person who is someone you say, “Oh, I know the name, but we don't know each other,” if asked. I mean the kind of person who you had no previous knowledge of their existence. Last Saturday, my night started by entering the stadium with a group of old friends and entering the Backer with people I had met in my section. There is always something new.

It by no means took my newly, routine evening jogs for me to realize the novelty of Notre Dame. They simply enhanced my belief that it will never go away. The fact that running here has not become mundane like it did at home this summer reinforces my confidence in the fact that until from now, until I graduate, and beyond, I can always be certain that Notre Dame will make me happy and continue to offer something new.

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Defining our autobiographies

Kate Barrett
Faithpoint

At a beautiful funeral I attended earlier this week, the eldest son of the woman who had died described her life as a classic, unforgettable book, filled with great plots, memorable characters, significant themes and details to talk about for years to come, as those who loved her will continue to recall different elements of what made her life “a great read.”

I have been thinking about his analogy as I return to the ordinariness of my daily life, even as his family continues to mourn and struggle with the loss of this remarkable, faithful lady. For if we pay attention to the “books” which contain each of our autobiographies, certain moments highlight the deep and vast extent to which we must allow our faith to guide and direct our stories. To believe with all our hearts the promise that if we have lived seeking God in our lives, in our deaths God will in turn seek us out and draw us close to him. To trust that our deepest longings can be filled by nothing and no one other than our Lord. This faith gives authentic meaning to the experiences and relationships, which make up both who we are and who we might become. Our belief in God's intimate presence in our lives provides comfort when we fear death or grieve for one who has died. It becomes a compass when we face difficult choices. It provokes and challenges us when we have become complacent or self-satisfied. Catholics believe that our faith can

imbue our life stories with meaning when we allow ourselves to be transformed by the Eucharist, when we read and pray with the Word of God in the Scriptures and when we look to the lives, examples and prayers of holy people for guidance. These next few days just happen to offer a ridiculous abundance of opportunities to unite our faith to our stories, to who we hope to be.

Take today, for example. The Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul today. Ordained a priest, he was assigned to the household of the queen of France. Doesn't that sound something like drawing the lucky straw for “doctor on an Alaskan cruise ship” or “tour guide in Tuscany?” However, St. Vincent de Paul allowed his faith to shape the real plot and themes of his life, and he devoted himself to feeding the poor, freeing slaves from the cruel conditions which they endured and organizing charitable societies to help orphans, homeless, sick and disabled people. What caused St. Vincent's change of heart? What do we allow to influence ours?

Within the next couple of days, we celebrate feasts of martyrs and archangels and hear Scriptures during Mass that should shake us up if we read or hear them with open hearts. In tomorrow's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” Peter replies, “The Christ of God.” Will our stories include time spent on serious reflection about who Jesus is, or do we stick to easier questions that don't require much of us to answer?

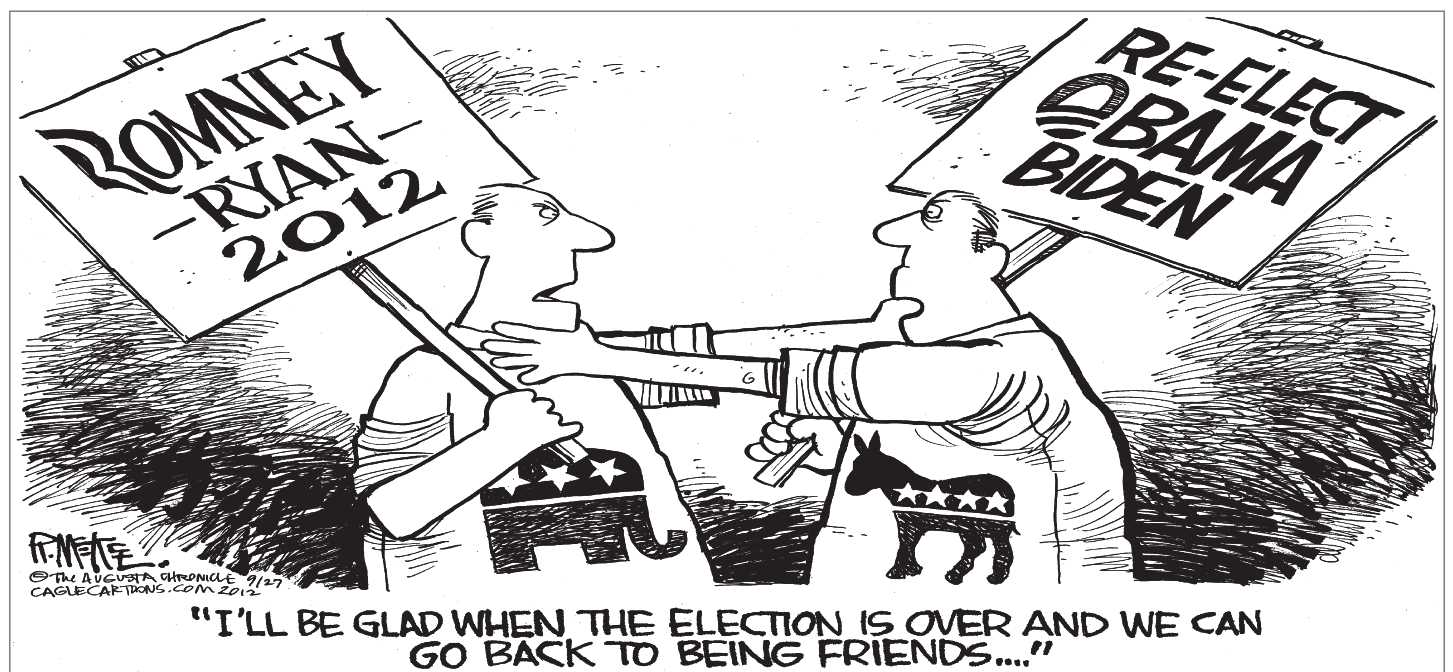
Promise yourself right now to listen as intently as you possibly can to Sunday's reading, and get ready for verses from scattered parts of the Bible that promise vivid characters, startling plot twists and challenging, even daunting, directives to examine the way we think about and treat others. Jesus, in Sunday's Gospel, says to the disciples: “Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.” In the very next sentence, Jesus says: “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.” First, Jesus says that we don't get to choose who is a part of the Kingdom of God, even though we often certainly act like we do. Second, he tells us that we may have to choose what we will give up so that we don't rule ourselves out of the Kingdom.

As we think about people who are examples to us in our lives, hear these Scriptures and participate in the life-giving celebration of the Mass, perhaps we can ask God for the courage to allow the plot lines, the characters, the themes and yes, even the details of our life stories, always to be oriented toward him.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The refreshing pleasure from the first view of nature, after the pain of illness, and the confinement of a sick-chamber, is above the conceptions, as well as the descriptions, of those in health.”

Ann Radcliffe
English writer and pioneer of the gothic novel

WEEKLY POLL

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Taking time ‘off’

Whitney Young

Raising Voice

I still remember that awful point sometime during the fall of senior year when you start getting the dreaded question: “What are you doing after graduation?” It’s the worst thing to hear as you are trying to soak up the last football game, last dive in the fountain, last karaoke at Club 23 (R.I.P.), last SYR and last time getting something sticky all over your shoes at Finnegan’s.

When I was a senior, though, I did not fear the “what’s next” question because I had a plan. I knew I wanted to do some direct service work abroad. Then, I was going to get my master’s in public policy and go on to work in some government office where I’d make a name for myself as a creative young mind. Of course, I would eventually work my way into the west wing of the White House where I’d be the right hand gal for policy and speech writing for the president, who, naturally, would be Martin Sheen.

Despite the fact that Aaron Sorkin had personally scripted my future when I accepted the position to volunteer in East Africa, my “plan” still faced scrutiny. Concerned loved-ones wondered if I was making a mistake

by taking two years “off.” Would I lose valuable time that would get me off the academic track? Would the extra time “off” set me back so by the time I got to the west wing I’d be too old and frail to keep up with all those walking meetings and fast-paced banter?

I talked a good game, but, in reality, I also questioned my decision. I wondered if I would be two years behind my peers in degrees and career achievements. Would the president think I spent two years being a lazy hippie?

Looking back, the choice to work in Uganda was the most fulfilling personal, spiritual and practical decision of my life. I could never fully explain how my time in East Africa changed and formed me. I could write countless Observer articles that describe how post-graduate service work is incredibly beneficial to spiritual and personal growth, urging every student to immediately sign up. I could compose an epic ballad about falling in love with East Africa. Instead, I’m going to tell you, despite my practical concerns, my “two years off” turned out to be the best “two years on” the path to my future career.

As it turns out, the GRE books I packed to “study” before heading to East Africa were unnecessary. Uganda changed my plan.

I met so many incredible people in East Africa. In particular, I met some incredible lawyers doing great work in land use, prisoners’ rights and labor rights. Moreover, I saw many opportunities where a law degree would help me engage in various human rights efforts more seriously.

So, I strayed from my path. Instead of taking the GRE, I loaded a crowded bus to Nairobi to take the LSAT. I didn’t have study aids or special LSAT practice courses, just the newfound freedom of embarking on an unplanned journey. It was one of the craziest, best things I could have done.

The law schools to which I applied were excited about my time in Uganda. The opportunity to accept fully-funded public interest scholarships at various schools started popping up. In interviews for these schools and scholarships, I was never questioned about my grades, LSAT scores or previous work experience. All anyone wanted to hear about were Ugandan babies and what matoke tastes like.

As a second-year law student, I am currently rounding out a marathon of interviews. Employers from firms, the government and non-profit groups all want to hear about the same thing. None of them ask about my GPA or what my law review topic is, and most don’t even care where I interned last

summer. The vast majority of questions revolve around my time in Uganda, and I’m sure that Uganda is the primary reason I was even invited to the interviews.

I encourage all graduating seniors looking ahead to seriously consider doing post-graduate service work. More than anything, you will come out on the other end a better, more complete and grateful human being. You will learn true compassion, empathy, understanding and how to be fully present to those around you. You will be more thoughtful and more open. You will be changed and you will be “ruined for life.”

But if practical, career-oriented concerns are holding you back, I want to assure you to push those doubts aside. Before going to East Africa, I thought I was taking a couple years “off.” In the end, boarding that flight to Entebbe did more than introduce me to a country and people that I fell madly in love with. It launched me forward on a fruitful academic and career path. And, one day, I think President Sheen will really respect that.

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Standing in Iran’s shoes

Brian Kaneb

Guest Columnist

We are encouraging Iran to obtain nuclear weapons. Of course, we will never hear this from President Barack Obama or Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, but remember they are politicians whose allegiance is not necessarily to the truth, but to those who elected them. The reality of the situation can best be found by putting ourselves in the shoes of those who actually make the decision. You are now Grand Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the most powerful person in Iran.

Perhaps in part motivated by the 1953 coup d’état in which the United States overthrew Prime Minister Mohammad Mosaddegh, you readily admit Iran is an enemy of the West. The United States appears to be a mere “puppet” of the Zionists, but you reserve some of your harshest words for Israel. Not only is it a “cancerous tumor” that would not exist in an ideal world, but your country also supports

jihadis in Palestine that oppose Israel. This understandably results in countless claims from the outside that such stances are extreme overreactions.

Yet, all that matters to you is what those on the inside think. You are like President Obama and Prime Minister Netanyahu in this sense, but, because Iran is less representative, it means you answer more to the regime and less to the citizens. So what does the regime want? It wants other countries to listen when it speaks and watch when it acts. It wants influence.

Because this is more of a long-term plan than a short-term plan, you have no reason to implement an aggressive foreign policy. That would entail too much risk. You may not miss an opportunity to point out Iran is on the rise, but you at least recognize it would be much easier for your Western enemies to sustain a war against Iran than it would be for Iran to sustain a war against her Western enemies. Your relative lack of resources and technology can most obviously be seen in your defense budget, which is about 75 times

smaller than that of the United States.

Yet, even if the worst-case scenario does not materialize, the other scenarios that come with an aggressive foreign policy are less than ideal considering your lack of regional hegemony. Iran may very well have an advantage in its relatively high population, but this becomes an ineffective measurement when you consider its full potential can only be reached through a draft. As the supreme leader of Iran, you are forced to accept the reality of the status quo: Iran lacks the military culture that other regional powers have.

Whereas approximately 10 percent of Israelis are serving their country, just 1.5 percent of Iranians are in their military. This may be yet another ineffective measurement because of the disparity in population between the two countries, but even similarly populated countries in the region have stronger military cultures. Both Egyptians and Pakistanis, for example, have become accustomed to their respective militaries being a part of their daily lives.

Let us also not ignore the Iranian economy. The CIA points out it “is marked by ... reliance on oil” and that as a result, this fossil fuel “provides the majority of government revenues.” The inherent volatility of an aggressive foreign policy magnifies the fragility of the Iranian economy.

So, if all of this is true, how are we pushing Iran to further develop its nuclear program? We are simply forcing its hand. It would rather not adopt an aggressive foreign policy, but would rather have the most dangerous weapon in the world when facing the increasingly stubborn rhetoric and action of the international community. It is no wonder Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak said if he were Iran, he would “probably” want nuclear weapons “just because of Israel.”

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ND Theatre NOW opens FTT season

By KEVIN NOONAN
Scene Editor

The Department of Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) presents “ND Theatre NOW!,” a showcase of student theatre, this week at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC).

The show, which features two plays written, directed and acted by Notre Dame students, spawned from a playwriting class taught in the spring by Professor Anne García-Romero when students wrote their own short plays. Two plays from that class have been chosen for full performances in DPAC.

The first play, “SHE,” written by junior Renée Roden, follows three teenage girls over the course of one day as they interact in the bathroom. Roden explains the choice of setting is because teenage girls are often times most vulnerable with each other in the bathroom — it’s a space of privacy and intimacy between friends unrivaled by any other.

The story deals with topics directly affecting many girls, including relationships, body image issues and communications, and the destructive ways in which those issues can be handled.

The second play, “Sinopean,” written by senior Daniel García de Paredes, is a surrealist drama that follows an aristocratic couple trying to host a dinner party, but instead are invaded by strangers. García de Paredes describes the play as a critique on people’s inability to be honest with each other, preferring to hold on to unnecessary notions of being polite rather than telling the whole truth.

The story is absurdist, as time is in flux and the meaning of many elements of the plot is readily obvious at first.

The show, which begins tonight at



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7:30 p.m. in the Philbin Studio Theatre at DPAC, runs approximately 90 minutes long. Student tickets are \$5. Tickets and further showtime information can be found on the DPAC website, performingarts.nd.edu.

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‘The Master’: an Oscar-worthy masterpiece

By KEVIN NOONAN
Scene Editor

Watching “The Master” is akin to driving through fog. Not fog so dense as to be completely blinding, but such that, while driving through it, low beams shining, you can see well enough in front of you that it seems that there might not actually be fog at all. While you’re in it, you think you can see clearly, and nothing is obscured.

But look in the rear-view mirror, and you realize there’s nothing but the gray, misty obliqueness that was actually there the whole time.

Paul Thomas Anderson’s latest dramatic masterpiece, “The Master,” evokes the same kind of self-questioning, introspective confusion in its audiences that its characters explore on screen. And while confusing, sometimes distant and often unlikeable (both the film and the main character), this deeply affecting drama succeeds on all levels on the strength of its intricate exploration of human nature, especially interactions and relationships, at its

most base.

The film stars Joaquin Phoenix as Freddie Quell, a deeply troubled World War II veteran suffering from extreme alcoholism and post-traumatic stress disorder. Freddie turns anything and everything into a drink, from photography development products, paint thinner and even fluid drained from a navy ship’s missile.

Quell is disturbed, and clearly an outsider. He stands, talks and laughs awkwardly, and has an incessant and destructive sexual obsession that drives him into behavior that is, to say the least, cringe worthy.

After one of his alcoholic concoctions poisons a migrant worker, he finds himself on the run, where he eventually drunkenly stows away in a yacht owned by Lancaster Dodd (Phillip Seymour Hoffman), the leader of a new, controversial religion, “The Cause.”

Dodd, whose followers call him “Master,” takes an interest in Freddie and, like in many of Anderson’s films, the two develop a relationship that quickly evolves

to resemble one of father and son.

Quell’s drinking and erratic, violent behavior begin to cause problems for the movement, and Dodd’s wife (Amy Adams), son-in-law (Rami Malek) and daughter (Ambyr Childers) attempt to convince Dodd that Freddie is beyond help. But in addition to the father-son dynamic the two have developed, Dodd seems to have an obsession with making Quell normal with his methods, and intensifies his work with Freddie.

Anderson has made no secrets about the fact that Lancaster Dodd’s character is based on L. Ron Hubbard, and Dodd’s religion, “The Cause,” has its roots in Scientology. It’s a fascinating choice of source material, as many in society consider Scientology to be an odd, fringe religion, if not a cult, and question how anyone could ever get caught up in it.

The relationship between Dodd and Quell, which is without a doubt the core of the film, explores this question. And, thanks to the Oscar-worthy performances from both Phoenix and Hoffman, the exploration is

as dark and muddled as it must be in order to reflect reality.

Hoffman’s Dodd is the definition of charismatic. His personality draws all people to him, and he speaks with an easy confidence that it seems that there could be no question that his words are truth.

Quell embodies the confusion of post-war society, especially for mentally damaged veterans. He just can’t fit in with society. He can’t hold down a job, he runs away from the only woman who ever loved him (a 16-year-old girl) and he can’t put down liquor long enough to escape his constant state of stupor. The repeated images in the film of waves crashing quietly in the ocean and Freddie hugging a woman made of sand on the beach express the total, destitute loneliness of his being.

In all aspects, the film is at the same time abrasive, broken, confusing, intriguing and beautiful. It has a point, perhaps ¾ man is an animal, and attempts to control that animal or denial of that fact are inevitably futile. But, like the religion it portrays, the film delivers its point with roundabout

methods and when examined closely it leaves more questions than answers.

Anderson’s work is a study of the American spirit and way, and each of his films has used different forms of American culture to explore it, including pornography (“Boogie Nights”), oil (“There Will Be Blood”) and now religion.

This is likely Anderson’s least likeable film, but it is undoubtedly one of his best ¾ a masterful dissection of religion, fathers and sons and, above all, the confusion and destruction of a lonely man’s search for answers.

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“The Master”

Director: Paul Thomas Anderson

Studio: Annapurna Pictures

Starring: Joaquin Phoenix, Phillip Seymour Hoffman and Amy Adams



WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY



What: AcoustiCafe
Where: Reckers
When: 10 p.m.
How Much: Free

Come to Reckers tonight and listen to some of the best student performers on campus play some of their favorite songs live. AcoustiCafe is a great place to hang out with friends, relax and unwind from all of the week's work.

FRIDAY



What: SUB Movie — “The Hunger Games”
Where: DeBartolo 101
When: 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
How Much: \$3

Are you a Hunger Games fan? Have you read the trilogy and can't wait for the second movie to come out? Relive Katniss and Peeta's struggle to survive Panem's annual Hunger Games as they fight other district members to the death. Don't miss it!

SATURDAY



What: Domer Run
Where: Legends
When: 9 a.m.
How Much: Pre-registration \$15, race-day registration \$20

Run in Saturday's Domer Run for cancer education and awareness. You can choose to run from three to six miles or walk for two miles. Come with a group of friends and support the cause.

SUNDAY



What: ND Theatre NOW
Where: DPAC, Philbin Studio Theatre
When: 2:30 p.m.
How Much: \$5 for students

Enjoy two student-run theatrical productions at DPAC on Sunday. This year's play titles are “The Sinopean” by Daniel Garcia de Paredes and “SHE” by Renee Roden.

Campus Cafés by Claire:

Café de Grásta

By **CLAIRE STEPHENS**
 Scene Writer

When you enter the first floor of Grace Hall, you'll be hit with the smell of something delicious. The aroma draws your eyes towards Café de Grásta where the whiteboard of the day's specials stands, luring you in with the promise of a Belgian Waffle or some barbeque-pulled chicken.

Serving faculty and students alike, Café de Grásta, despite its title, is really a restaurant open during business hours with large indoor and outdoor seating areas facing Mod Quad.

Its claim to fame is the fresh and colorful salad bar, an attraction especially popular amongst faculty and employees working at Grace, as well as the home-cooked specials that more resemble a small sit-down meal than an on-the-go option.

While many express eateries on campus offer breakfast sandwiches, Cafe de Grásta also offers big and small breakfast wraps, a choice popular amongst students. Another student favorite is the chicken wraps that often run out due to the lines out the door.

I tried Monday's breakfast special, two fresh eggs with meat and potatoes, ingredients also used in breakfast wraps and sandwiches. The bacon was crispy and hearty as American bacon should be (the sausage choice looked sizzling and appealing as well) alongside the not-particularly-fresh-looking but decent scrambled eggs.

The potatoes alongside the breakfast options more

than redeemed the sub-par eggs, however. The potato slices were perfect in ways that is hard to describe: not too seasoned or too plain, not too crispy or too



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soft, not too big or too small. They were simply some of the best potatoes I've ever had, period.

Café de Grásta has a moderate amount of breakfast selections, including breakfast sandwiches and wraps, specials, à la carte items and freshly baked pastries. Other breakfast specials feature biscuits

with sausage gravy, Belgian waffles with a side, pancakes with a side and the country scrambler.

Before the salad bar is even included, the lunchtime selection is huge, including daily specials, soup and hot plate grab 'n go. The sandwich and chicken wrap sandwich options alone include more choices than one could make at the dining hall, with a wide variety of vegetables, cheeses, meats and breads for made to order sandwiches.

Lunch specials during the week are Asian specialty, grilled chicken sandwich, Southwestern favorites, pasta selection, barbeque and Sloppy Joe sandwiches, grilled specialty sandwich, hearty home-style meal, hot sub and toasted fiat.

The best of both worlds between hot food and grab 'n go — the hot plate grab 'n go — consists of quarter-pound burgers, all-beef hot dogs, brats, spicy and grilled chicken sandwiches, vegetarian burgers, fries and potatoes.

Despite all the hot food and unique dishes, Café de Grásta also has an enormous range of sides and to-go items. The standard sandwich and vegetable grab 'n go packaged options are available, plus an entire wall of drinks including soft drinks, waters, juices, milks, energy drinks, teas and hot coffee. There are also shelves and racks of energy bars, chips and candy to buy alongside an à la carte item.

If you're looking for a real meal or a quick on-the-go choice for breakfast or lunch, Café de Grásta has both.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

NFL referees need to return now



Matt Robison
Sports Writer

Never has a group had more bargaining power in a contract negotiation in the sporting world. The NFL referees have the league in a virtual stranglehold. After Monday Night Football's absolute debacle, the league has no choice but to bring back the veteran crew.

Honestly, I expected a deal to be made Tuesday morning. Obviously, that did not happen. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and the rest of the league officials have to realize what is at stake. For perhaps the first time in the history of the league, the credibility of the

is a problem.

It is time for the NFL to return to sanity. In the coming weeks, division rivals will be squaring off and playoff positioning will already be at stake. Indeed, every regular season game matters in the NFL. Therefore, the league cannot waste another week. There could be genuine concern that if the referee negotiations carry on further into the season that this season will be permanently marred. People will look back in the annals of NFL history and mark the 2012-13 season with disdain. There will be a virtual asterisk next to the Super Bowl winner's name in the record books.

Almost every other league has experienced something

People will look back in the annals of NFL history and mark the 2012-13 season with disdain. There will be a virtual asterisk next to the Super Bowl winner's name in the record books.

NFL was seriously brought to question. Sure, there have been debates before. What exactly constitutes a helmet-to-helmet hit, rather than a shoulder to the chin? Why does the league seem to protect quarterbacks so much? Today, those problems are all minor.

On Monday night, the Seahawks pulled a victory from the jaws of defeat — or from the hands of M.D. Jennings. Now, I won't go into the specifics of the play. We have all seen the replay dozens of times. But the fact of the matter is that a bad call cost the Packers a victory, plain and simple. When the referees — not the players or the coaches — can directly determine the outcome of a game, the game becomes fundamentally flawed.

When thousands of people are tweeting and posting Facebook statuses that the NFL has become a joke, that is a problem. When you can tell by the tone of a coach or a player's voice that they know they won on a bad call, as was the case with Pete Carroll and Russell Wilson after the game, that is a problem. When former players are genuinely concerned for the direction of the league, as was the case with Hall of Fame quarterback Steve Young, that

similar. Baseball Hall of Fame writers take a special eye to players who posted their best numbers during the steroid era. When two slam-dunk first-ballot Hall of Famers — Cal Ripken Jr. and Kirby Puckett — were expected to be the first consensus elections to the Hall, some writers abstained, their reasoning being no players from the steroid era can be trusted.

Now, it may sound like I'm overestimating the impact of one bad call at the end of the game. But I don't believe I am. The calls are not going to get better on their own. In fact, there will be even greater attention paid to every bad call and fans will react even more violently to future mistakes. The integrity of the game is in flux.

The solution is simple. I just don't want our beloved Golden Tate to be the everlasting symbol of the day the NFL died.

Roger Goodell and league officials need to bite the bullet and give the referees what they want. There is too much at stake for them not to.

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NFL

Packers move on after loss

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — One day after venting on his radio show about the refereeing debacle that cost the Green Bay Packers a game in Seattle, Aaron Rodgers saved one last barb for the NFL.

Asked Wednesday about how the Packers were handling the aftermath of a Monday night loss that touched off a national firestorm about the league's use of replacement officials, Rodgers dismissed an NFL-issued statement generally supporting the officials' handling of the situation a "bogus report."

Beyond that, though, the MVP said it's time to move on.

"I think one thing that we really learned from it is, as frustrating as it is, ultimately it's a game judged by people who are imperfect, and there's going to be mistakes," Rodgers said.

"And you hate it that it affected us and we lost a win because of it, but there's a lot of blame to go around other than referees. They have a job to do. They're trying to do their best. They obviously didn't bring their best in that game and in that play, but there's a lot of blame to fall on the shoulders of guys like myself who didn't play their best game that night."

Going into Sunday's game against New Orleans, Packers coach Mike McCarthy says it's fine for his players to use the incident as motivation — to a point.

"I love emotion," McCarthy said. "Emotion is the engine that makes this thing go. So I'm for any kind of emotion, as long as it's channeled properly. So you want to talk about chips on your shoulder, whatever it is, the only emotion I don't really care



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Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers walks off the field after Green Bay's 14-12 loss to Seattle on Monday night.

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With McCarthy urging his team to put the situation aside and focus on the Saints, it's worth pointing out that the Packers wouldn't have been in position to have that game taken from them if their sputtering offense was performing closer to its recent high standards.

Replacement officials didn't allow Rodgers to get sacked eight times against the Seahawks, and the refs can't be blamed for the Packers making themselves one-dimensional by handing the ball to running back Cedric Benson only twice in the first half.

This week's drama took the focus off what has been an uncharacteristically poor start to the season by the Packers' offense.

Three games into the season, the Packers rank 20th in yards passing per game (226), 28th in yards rushing per game (78.3)

and 25th in total offense (304.3).

Packers players know the time for venting is over. There's too much work to be done to dwell on anything else.

"It's easy to put it behind us," said M.D. Jennings, the player who appeared to intercept the decisive pass before the call went against him Monday night. "In this game, you've got to have a short memory and just learn from things and move on."

The Packers are 1-2 after a last-second pass by Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson was ruled a touchdown catch by Golden Tate — when the Packers, their fans and most of the football-watching public saw it as a clear interception by Jennings.

"It's tough to learn something from that situation," Jennings said. "You can second-guess yourself thinking, catch it or bat it down, but I just had to go on with my instincts and that was to go up and try to make a play on the ball."

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NFL

McKnight moved to corner after Revis injury

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Joe McKnight walked into the Jets' offensive meeting room and Rex Ryan broke the news to the backup running back.

"He said I've been traded," McKnight recalled Wednesday. "I was traded to the defense."

McKnight will start working "a ton" at cornerback to help offset the loss of All-Pro Darrelle Revis, who's likely out for the season with a knee

injury. McKnight, whose role on offense has been limited this season, played the position in high school and practiced at cornerback in Week 2 when Revis was sidelined by a concussion.

Still, finding out about his new role on Monday wasn't exactly an exciting moment for McKnight.

"I mean, I was drafted as a running back," the former Southern California star said. "The way I took it as was I wasn't good enough to play running back. I don't know if that's the case or not, but that's the way I'm looking at it right now."

McKnight didn't ask Ryan if that was the situation, and insisted he's not disappointed. After all, it could mean getting on the field a lot more after carrying the ball just three times for 14 yards in three games.

"I kind of get tired of just standing on the sideline watching," McKnight said. "I'm just happy to play right now."

McKnight practiced on defense Wednesday, wearing a green No. 25 jersey instead of the offense's usual white, and intercepted Mark Sanchez, Tim Tebow and Greg McElroy once each.

"He'll have a role on offense, but we're also teaching him to play corner in almost, not quite a full-time capacity, but he's going to be over there a ton — in the meetings and everything else," Ryan said.

Ryan first mentioned the idea of using McKnight in the secondary in the running back's rookie season in 2010. McKnight, who's also the team's primary kickoff



Three Philadelphia defenders tackle Jets' cornerback Joe McKnight during a preseason game Aug. 30. Previously a running back, McKnight transitioned to the defensive side of the ball Wednesday.

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returner, even got into New York's game at Baltimore last season on defense as a blitzing defensive back who forced Joe Flacco into throwing an interception.

"He's a guy we saw on scout team as a rookie that he has the necessary skills to be able to play corner," Ryan said. "He's got the speed, the

size, the athleticism, the ball skills — everything you look for in a corner. ... I definitely would not bet against Joe McKnight becoming a good corner."

Revis tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee at Miami on Sunday, and will be replaced by Kyle Wilson as a starter. While the Jets

also have Ellis Lankster and Isaiah Trufant as backups, the athletic McKnight gives Ryan another option in the secondary.

McKnight was actually an outstanding cornerback in high school in Louisiana, returning three picks for touchdowns in his junior season.

"It's been a while since I've played cornerback," he said. "Maybe if I would've played it four years in college, that would've helped. But me playing cornerback in high school doesn't help me right now. I've got to work on some things."

He was even better as a running back back then, with his speed and shiftiness making him a top recruit after his senior year. After an up-and-down career at USC, the Jets drafted him in the fourth round in 2010 — but he hasn't yet made the impact on offense that was expected. Instead, New York is hoping McKnight can help make up for the loss of arguably the league's top defensive player.

And that might start Sunday, when the Jets take on the San Francisco 49ers.

"Hey, they can go ahead and do it," McKnight said. "I'm ready for it. If they want to come throw to my side, I can easily show them I can play."

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MLB

Braves shut out Marlins, beat Josh Johnson

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Josh Johnson didn't feel he could afford to give up any runs if he wanted to beat the Atlanta Braves.

That plan was in trouble after Johnson had faced only two batters.

Johnson gave up Martin Prado's homer with one out in the first, and the Marlins' struggles continued as they were shut out by Paul Maholm and three relievers in a 3-0 loss Wednesday night.

Miami has lost six straight and eight of nine.

The Braves have won four straight, including the first two games of the three-game series.

"They're playing good baseball," Johnson said of the Braves. "You've got to throw up a zero."

Johnson (8-14) allowed three runs, two earned, four hits and five walks in six innings.

Marlins manager Ozzie Guillen said Johnson "threw the ball well" but said "The other guy threw the ball better than him."

"I don't want to take anything away from the lefty (Maholm)," Guillen said. "He shut us down."

Maholm (13-10) earned only his second win in his last seven starts. He gave up five hits with no walks and six strikeouts in 6 2-3 innings.

"I tried to do as much as I could to try to treat it like a

playoff game," Maholm said.

"Obviously, this is what you play for. You want to play in October. You want to play in the postseason. It's fun to come to the park and know there's some added pressure to come in and try to do some things."

From the first inning, when Prado homered, to the ninth, when closer Craig Kimbrel struck out four, the Braves showed they haven't given up on catching Washington in the NL East.

The win came one night after Atlanta clinched at least an NL wild-card berth with Tuesday night's 4-3 win over the Marlins. After the game, Braves players sprayed champagne on each other in the clubhouse and on the field.

The Braves remained four games behind first-place Washington in the NL East. The Nationals beat the Phillies, 8-4.

With only seven games remaining in the regular season, the Braves are running out of time to catch the Nationals. They haven't given up on the chase.

"It's going to be a difficult task, but it can be done," Gonzalez said. "We just have to win and see what happens."

Prado said a strong finish to the regular season is important to the postseason hopes.

"I think the way we're playing right now, we just want to keep



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Braves outfielder Martin Prado hits an RBI single in the third inning of Atlanta's 3-0 win over the Marlins on Wednesday. Prado also delivered a first-inning home run in support of Braves pitcher Paul Maholm.

going all the way to the end," Prado said.

"We want to finish strong, to win as many games as we can."

Prado drove in Jose Constanza with a third-inning single off Johnson. Prado had two of the Braves' four hits.

Chad Durbin recorded the final out in the seventh. Eric O'Flaherty pitched the eighth.

Kimbrel earned his 40th save, matching Jason Motte for the NL lead, with a perfect ninth inning. He struck out four in the inning. Donovan Solano

struck out but reached on a wild pitch. Kimbrel also struck out Greg Dobbs, John Buck and Gil Velazquez.

"This kid's amazing!" Guillen said of Kimbrel. "Every time he's on the mound, I guarantee you everybody in the Atlanta organization feels pretty good about it. He's one of the best ones on the mound right now, if not the best."

Kimbrel is the first Brave to record four strikeouts in an inning since Mark Wohlers against the Cubs on June 7, 1995.

The Braves scored an unearned run off Johnson in the sixth. Dan Uggla reached on third baseman Velazquez's low throw to first base for an error. Uggla moved to third on Brian McCann's single.

With Maholm at the plate, Uggla took off from third on an apparent attempted suicide squeeze. Maholm waved his bat at the pitch, which was wide of the plate and beyond the reach of Buck, the catcher. Uggla scored easily and was credited with a stolen base.

SMC GOLF | 3RD PLACE

Belles finish third in tournament

By **BRENDAN BELL**
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's stayed in the middle of the MIAA pack Wednesday with a score of 335 and a third-place finish on the third day of tournament competition.

The Belles finished the day six strokes off the leader, Olivet College, which totaled a score of 329. Hope College placed second with a score of 334, one shot ahead of Saint Mary's. Saint Mary's beat the fourth-place team, Calvin College, by seven strokes to jump ahead to third place in the overall MIAA Jamboree standings.

Belles coach Mark Hamilton said one of the advantages the Belles had Wednesday that helped to improve their scores was playing on the team's home course, Blackthorn Golf Course in South Bend, Ind.

"We felt a little bit more comfortable going into the round," Hamilton said. "For some players it contributed to shooting a little better and for other players it didn't make as much of a difference as we expected."

The mixed results came on the heels of a busy schedule for the Belles, who completed three matches since Sept. 20, Hamilton said.

"We have had a whirlwind over the last few weeks," he said. "Between school and golf, the ladies have been under a lot of duress and we hope that we can now take a step back and improve our golf games."

The Belles will travel next to play at Adrian College's home course, Lewanee Country Club, on Oct. 6. Hamilton said the Belles have plenty of time between now and the next match to improve. After three rounds of tournament golf completed within a week, now the Belles have an opportunity to step back and address concerns before the next competition, Hamilton said.

"Some of the keys are to work on some mechanical issues and just improve our golf IQ," the coach said. "We will be playing a lot of between now and our next match."

The Belles will travel to Lewanee Golf Course on Oct. 6 for the final MIAA Jamboree before the season-ending two rounds, which will begin Oct. 12. Saint Mary's will try to use the upcoming event to make a push towards the top of the MIAA standings before the finale.

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Belles fall at home to Calvin

By NICK BOYLE
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's endured a sweep in its match against No. 2 Calvin Wednesday evening, falling 3-0 at home to the conference foe (25-15, 25-23, 25-16).

Though the Belles (8-8, 4-4 MIAA) failed to win a set, the home team competed well against Calvin (14-1, 7-0), Belles coach Toni Kuschel said.

"I thought we played well against a great team," Kuschel said.

"I thought our serve receive and serving was exceptional."

The visitors jumped out to an early lead in the first set, and never looked back. Saint Mary's fought hard in the second game, but ultimately dropped a close set.

"I thought we had a lot of great intensity during the second set," Kuschel said. "We were able to go point for point and hit .324 during that set."

Kuschel was quick to give her players praise for a tough fought battle, even in defeat.

"Having a first-year Katie Hecklinski have a double-double with 11 kills and 11 digs was so great to see," Kuschel said. "[Sophomore] Taylor Etzell also did a great job up at the net."

Though the Belles competed hard on Wednesday, Kuschel said she hopes her team can pick up their play even more in



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Belles sophomore libero Meredith Mersits records a dig during Saint Mary's victory over Kalamazoo on Sept. 19.

upcoming matches.

"We feel good about the way we played, however, we know that we can play better and with more intensity," Kuschel said.

Kuschel said her team will learn from this experience, and come back stronger in their next match.

"We will need to use what

we learned this evening and continue to get better," Kuschel said.

Saint Mary's has a break until Tuesday when it travels to Hope College to continue conference play.

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SMC SOCCER

Belles host Calvin after blowout win

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

With their third game in five days, the Belles look to keep their energy high as they square off against conference opponent Calvin today at 4 p.m.

Saint Mary's (5-1-1, 3-1-0 MIAA) bounced back after a devastating 2-1 loss against No. 24 Alma on Saturday to defeat Albion, 7-0, on Tuesday with the highest scoring game the Belles have competed in since 2007. Now, they look to improve their conference record with a match against Calvin (4-2-0, 3-1-0). Saint Mary's and Calvin are currently side-by-side in the MIAA rankings, sitting in third and fourth place respectively.

Belles coach Michael Joyce said success early in the game will be key to a Saint Mary's victory against the Knights.

"As long as we start off strong against Calvin, we'll be fine," Joyce said. "If we start off well, we'll play with a lot of confidence the whole way through."

Joyce said the tight lineup of games during Saint Mary's recent stretch comes as a natural result of having a conference season that is compressed into only a month and a half. After

today's match the Belles will have only one day off before two straight days of conference play Saturday and Sunday. Following those contests, Saint Mary's will have three days to rest and recuperate before another set of three games in only six days.

"Every year you have some tough stretches with lots of games," Joyce said. "I think we're a stronger team this year than we have been in the past, so we're able to dominate some games. We get a lot of players on the field. That helps break things up and keep people fresh."

Joyce said while his players have been performing at the top of their games, the freshmen have been a key part to the Belles' success so far this season.

"They've jumped right in, ready to compete," Joyce said. "We haven't had to wait around for them to get adjusted to the league. They slide right in and play like veterans. It has been a big boost."

In the midst of a busy slate of games, the Belles will face off against Calvin today at 4 p.m. at home.

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Scofield

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"It was an honor to be recognized for that," Scofield said. "I really appreciate Randy seeing me and putting me into such a highly talented environment. It was a really good experience for me. It's good to play outside of your comfort zone. So yeah, it was a great honor to be invited."

Playing outside her comfort zone over the summer has helped Scofield elevate her game this year. After failing to score in a full season at mid-field last year, she already has two clutch goals early on this year from her spot on the defense. Within the past month, her headed goal brought the Irish (7-3-1, 3-0 Big East) back to level in a 1-1 draw at then-No. 18 Portland, and she scored the game-winner — another flying header — in a 2-1 win over then-No. 16 Santa Clara.

As for her improvement, Scofield said she believes having a year of experience already under her belt has allowed her to excel this season.

"I think I've got more confidence this year," she said. "Last year, it was hard to come in and be a freshman and just put yourself out there. I'm more confident and more comfortable with the things

we're doing this year."

Scofield has also made a seamless transition to the Irish defense, helping to lock down what has been a young but strong unit for Waldrum this year. The position switch has yet to make her noticeably uncomfortable, as she enjoys being in the center of the action.

"I like playing center back," Scofield said. "There's definitely more action in the mid-field than there is in back. I'd say I just like being in the middle."

That comfort and control as the last line of defense has allowed Scofield to take charge of the Irish defense, where Waldrum usually starts four underclassmen.

"There are a lot of freshmen, so we have to lead them," Scofield said. "Also there aren't that many upperclassmen so us younger kids have to step up and take more of a role of leadership, probably more so this year than last year."

Scofield will try to continue leading Notre Dame through its conference schedule this weekend, as the Irish will take their perfect Big East record to New England for matchups at Providence and Connecticut.

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Irish senior defender Jazmin Hall dribbles past a Pittsburgh defender during Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over the Panthers on Sept. 21.

Big East

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conference: the Big East.

And while the current Big East may look like a geographically confusing assortment of former Conference USA champions, Notre Dame's opponents aren't exactly the Little Sisters of the Poor.

The Irish have captured 11 conference tournament championships in their 17 years of Big East play but have fallen short of the crown in three of the last five seasons. This includes a stunning conference tournament quarter-final loss to Connecticut in the team's national championship 2010 season, as well as a nail-biting loss to Louisville in last year's semifinals.

These recent failures are exactly why it's refreshing to see this Irish squad so focused on reclaiming the top spot in the conference, a goal Waldrum has emphasized as the Irish move into the heart of their conference schedule.

So far, Waldrum's squad has made good on its coach's goal, as the team has won its first three conference games by a combined score of 11-2.

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More importantly, in just 270 minutes of conference play, Notre Dame partially exorcised its demons from last year (in a 2-1 win over then-No. 12 Louisville), demonstrated the offensive firepower it possesses (in a 7-0 win over Cincinnati) and showed great poise in dominating the time of possession battle (in a 2-1 win over Pittsburgh).

Of course, it's not purely coincidental that Notre Dame's recent breakout has come at the same time as the return of freshman forward Cari Roccaro and junior midfielder Mandy Laddish from the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup. Roccaro has sparked the Irish offense, scoring three goals in four games thus far, while Laddish has been a

stabilizing force in an inexperienced midfield group.

As important as their contributions have been, Roccaro and Laddish will play only small part in determining Notre Dame's conference title chances. The rest will be left largely to the "Baby Irish," including the eight underclassmen that started in the team's most recent contest, a 3-0 home win over Oakland.

Fortunately for the Irish, the team's young core was thrown into the fire early, as it began its college career with road trips in tough environments like Portland and crucial home matchups against the likes of Santa Clara and North Carolina.

Although Notre Dame jumped out to a rough start, it seems the challenging non-conference competition has undoubtedly forced the team to mature quickly and has prepared the team for its tough in-conference tests to come, which include a visit to No. 14 Georgetown and a po-

tential tournament date with No. 19 Marquette.

If the Irish can survive those games and not suffer any breakdowns in the process, they should have an unblemished path toward recapturing that recently elusive Big East crown. And, although most loyal Notre Dame fans claim not to care about conference titles, a Big East championship this year would mark an important first step for an Irish squad primed to peak in two or three years.

So, by all means, bring on the ACC competition. Just make sure it comes after Notre Dame shows the Big East why it's been the conference's premier program since 1995.

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defends. We start defending from the highest forward. ... Obviously the defense has got to play a part and they were well-organized and they certainly did well.

"It was the first game for [junior defender] Connor Miller and that was great that he came in ... and I think Grant Van De Castele, he's a great person to make him feel at home. I think Grant did a good job making him feel comfortable."

The Irish are now unbeaten in their last three matches against Indiana, which entered the contest on a three-game winning streak. The match also marked the fifth time this season the Irish scored the game-winning goal in the final 20 minutes and pushed Notre Dame's record to 6-1 in one-goal matches.

Notre Dame won its first seven matches of the season before losing its first Big East fixture 2-1 on Saturday at Louisville (5-3-0, 1-0-0). The Irish resume Big East play Saturday when they travel to No. 2 Connecticut, concluding what Clark called "a week from hell."

"These are all good tests for the team," Clark said. "If you're going to be a serious contender for a



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Irish junior defender Luke Mishu looks upfield during Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over Akron on Sept. 9 at Alumni Stadium.

national championship, you've got to be able to go to places like Indiana and to Louisville and to Connecticut and take something positive away. It's a growing period. The

team is still growing."

The Irish and Huskies kick off at 7 p.m. on Saturday in Storrs, Conn.

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Across

1 Director Roth

4 Biblical word on a wall

8 Something hidden, perhaps

14 Edna Ferber novel

16 Multitude

17 Effrontery

18 A speedster may do it

19 About

20 Lug

22 N.L. East city: Abbr.

23 Bat wood

24 AOL, for one

27 Mères' charges

31 Buddyroo

33 Gossip

35 Still

37 ____ sleep

39 Fails to be

40 Title on certain language videos ... with a hint to entering six answers in this puzzle

43 Digging

44 Cuisine whose staple food is sticky rice

45 Competition for truckers

46 Butterfingers

48 Walk-____

50 Liquid fat

51 Gift that's hard to believe

52 Kind of card

54 Slalom path

56 Offer unwanted advice

58 "Now!"

62 So very very

66 Shoot the breeze

68 Genre for Q-Tip

69 Bubble makers

70 Size up

71 Concordes, e.g.

72 Lick, say

Down

1 Parrot

2 "A ____ should have a good memory": Quintilian

3 Some World of Warcraft figures

4 Villain player in "Rocky III"

5 Go off

6 Worthless, as an assistant

7 Abbr. on a business letter

8 Smart ____

9 Woman with many fans?

10 Item in a spoon race

11 Fed. research org.

12 Modern address feature

13 "____ advice?"

15 Kind of dye

21 ____ Joel Osment of "The Sixth Sense"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Mark Feldman

32 .93% of the earth's atmosphere

42 Ski-____

60 Israeli port

34 Like some pools

47 Buzzers

61 "Hey you!"

36 It may be struck in a field

49 Grabs

62 Cry made with a raised index finger

38 It spent 5,519 days in orbit

53 Sporty car roofs

63 Fleur-de-____

41 Biblical woman who changed her name to Mara

55 Article of female tennis attire

64 CD predecessors

57 Arthur and Benaderet

58 Qty.

65 Café alternative

59 Look pregnant

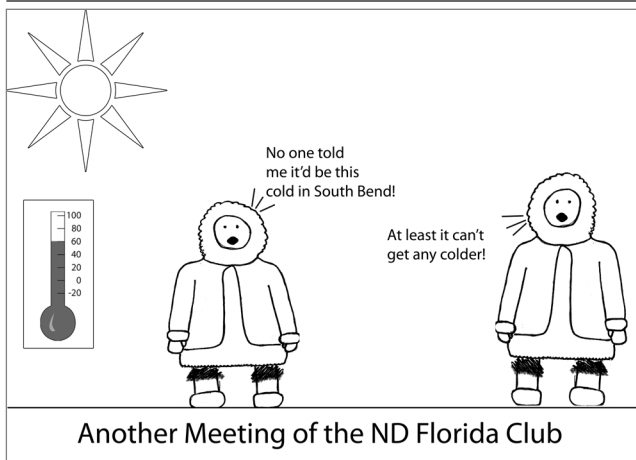
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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE 9/27/12

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7	2	6	1	4	3	8	5	9
8	5	3	6	9	2	4	7	1
3	4	8	9	6	5	7	1	2
5	7	2	3	8	1	6	9	4
6	9	1	2	7	4	5	3	8

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Christina Milian, 31; Serena Williams, 31; James Caviezel, 44; Olivia Newton-John, 64.

Happy Birthday: Past experience will help you expand your interests. Get in touch with people who have something to offer you. A change regarding a partnership will be difficult, but beneficial in the end. Networking and sharing what you have to offer will lead to greater opportunities. Attend reunions or events that will bring you in contact with old ties. Your numbers are 4, 16, 22, 28, 36, 40, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't force change; accept what's being offered. Your communication skills will help you establish a position that will bring you greater clout. Share your vision and you will attract interest in what you are doing as well as in who you are. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Sudden changes will alter the way you do things professionally. Don't trust what others do or say. Look out for your own interests and protect your position, finances and health. When one door closes, another will open. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Expand your interests and put your skills to the test. Set your priorities straight and don't stop until you reach your destination. Love is in the stars, but it must not throw you off your professional game plan. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Consider your options, look at what others are contributing and make a decision that will keep you out of trouble. Keeping your emotions under control will be necessary, especially when dealing with children, elders or someone you don't trust. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Temper tantrums will develop if you don't compromise. A personal relationship may suffer if you use pressure to get your way. Travel plans or visiting unfamiliar places will help you broaden your perspective on a situation you face. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Try your very best. Get everything on your to-do list out of the way before you take on more commitments. A work-related event would allow you to share your plans for the future, gathering interest from those who might help you advance. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Discussing plans will motivate you to get started. Love is on the rise. Getting involved in causes you feel strongly about will allow you to engage in a friendship based on common interests. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keeping your thoughts private will be beneficial financially and emotionally. Once you are sure you have your plans ready to launch, you will not have to worry about someone disclosing information that has the potential to stand in the way of your success. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't hesitate to show off what you can do. Someone will see the value you bring to the table and want to include you in something you'll find interesting and lucrative. Love is in the stars. Travel and communication are favored. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Communication must be well thought out and executed with precision. An unusual reaction from someone you thought you knew well will catch you off guard. Don't share information that you don't want spread around. Love is likely to be costly. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make personal changes that will help to simplify your life and bring in more cash. Cutting your overhead or sharing your expenses with someone will help you get a better handle on your situation. A love relationship will enhance your life. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19- March 20): Emotional stress and deception can be expected. Don't share secret information. Concentrate on learning as much as you can about a situation that could end up causing you a problem. Keep your money and possessions in a safe place. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are a leader, not a follower. You are creative, original and charming.

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ND MEN'S SOCCER | ND 1, INDIANA 0

Irish topple ranked Indiana

Team rebounds from first loss of season to defeat Hoosiers in Bloomington

By **SAM GANS**
Sports Writer

After dropping its first game of the season Saturday against No. 24 Louisville, No. 8 Notre Dame rebounded strongly with a 1-0 victory Wednesday night at No. 10 Indiana.

Irish senior defender Grant Van De Castele netted his first goal of the season in the 71st minute on a header past Indiana redshirt senior goalkeeper Luis Soffner. The goal came off a corner kick from Irish senior captain and midfielder Dillon Powers to give the Irish (8-1-0, 0-1 Big East) the lead over the Hoosiers (6-2-1, 1-0-0 Big Ten).

The connection between Powers and Van De Castele, who were youth club soccer teammates in Texas, was just the second strong scoring opportunity for the Irish off a corner, Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

"In the first half actually if it wasn't for a fantastic save by their goalkeeper, [Irish sophomore midfielder] Nick Besler would have done the same. ... [In the second half,] Dillon Powers took the corner and Grant headed it home, so it was the Dallas connection," Clark said.

Van De Castele's contribution was not just felt on the offensive side of the field, but also the defensive end. The Irish did not allow a shot on goal until the 86th minute when junior goalkeeper Patrick Wall made his only save of the evening on a header attempt from Indiana freshman midfielder Femi Hollinger-Janzen.

Clark said the success was a team effort, not just a result of the back four's play.

"It's not just the defense," Clark said. "I always say it's about how the whole team



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Irish senior midfielder Dillon Powers moves upfield during Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over Akron on Sept. 9. at Alumni Stadium. The Irish defeated No. 10 Indiana 2-1 Wednesday.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Scofield becoming a fixture on defense

Sophomore keys defense in second year with Irish

By **JACK HEFFERON**
Sports Writer

The "sophomore slump" is a common phenomenon in sports when breakout rookie athletes regress back to average play. But after leading all Irish freshmen in playing time last year, sophomore center back Sammy Scofield has only improved upon her solid play from last year and has become a force on the Irish back line.

Last season, Scofield was a fixture in the Irish lineup and appeared in all 21 matches, although she usually came off the bench and played in the midfield. As Irish coach Randy Waldrum saw more of Scofield's play, the rookie found a regular spot in the starting lineup as the year progressed, playing every minute of Notre Dame's abbreviated stay at the NCAA Tournament.

Waldrum was so impressed he invited Scofield to play with the U-23 National Team in January, an experience Scofield said was a competitive learning experience.



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Irish sophomore defender Sammy Scofield kicks the ball upfield during Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Pittsburgh on Sept. 21 at Alumni Stadium.

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Big East still presents challenges for Irish



Brian Hartnett
Sports Writer

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he was ecstatic over it. Coaches and fans across the country applauded it. ESPN devoted a significant amount of coverage to it.

I'm talking, of course, about the recent announcement of Notre Dame's impending move to the ACC.

After examining the move, who could possibly blame them for their enthusiasm? Notre Dame will soon play current rival North Carolina yearly and face a conference slate that includes eight teams ranked in this week's top-25 standings. Not to mention, the Irish will make multiple trips each season to key southern recruiting hotbeds.

However, as appetizing as the ACC may look to Irish fans, the timetable for the conference switch is still to be determined. In the meantime, it's easy to forget Notre Dame is already part of a different

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