

# Pope honors professor with Ratzinger Prize

*Vatican recognizes Daley for his theological scholarship on the early history of the Catholic Church*

By **TORI ROECK**  
News Writer

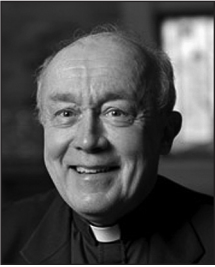
Theology professor Fr. Brian Daley received the 2012 Ratzinger Prize in Theology, also known as the “Nobel Prize of Theology,” for his work in studying the early Church.

Pope Benedict XVI will officially present Daley with the honor Oct. 20 in Rome.

The annual Ratzinger Prize recognizes “distinguished

scholarship in scripture, patristics and fundamental theology,”

Fr. Brian Daley  
theology professor



according to a University press release.

Daley said the award reflects

the Pope’s personal theological interests.

“When the Pope was just Joseph Ratzinger and a professor of theology, he worked on contemporary theology, but was very strongly interested in the Bible, the early Church and the medieval Church,” Daley said. “So I think they try to honor those interests of his when they give out the prizes.”

The other recipient of this year’s award is Rémi Brague, a

French Catholic philosopher who will visit campus next week.

Daley said he is excited for his friends in Rome to attend the award ceremony and to shake hands with the Pope, whom he had the opportunity to meet briefly at a theology conference in the 1970s.

“I see theology as a service to the Church, really, so it’s very moving for me to have some sort of recognition from the Church that commemorates our present

Holy Father, who is one of the greatest theologians of the 20th century, and I look forward to meeting him,” Daley said.

Daley said the award came to him as a complete surprise, but he feels honored for the Pope to personally recognize his work.

“It’s simply a kind of vote of confidence from the Holy Father, who is a theologian, and who especially is interested in

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# Notre Dame to open arts center on West Side



*The former Hansel Center on the West Side of South Bend will house the new Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture. The Center is slated to open to the public this January.*

By **NICOLE MICHELS**  
News Writer

South Bend residents and students alike will have a new venue in which to appreciate the arts when the Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture opens in January in a renovated historic building on the West Side of South Bend.

Located in the former Hansel Center in the West Washington National Historic Register District, the new Center will house the Notre Dame’s Community Relations Department and its Crossroads

Art Gallery, according to a University press release.

Notre Dame and the South Bend Heritage Foundation partnered to fund the \$2.5 million renovation through local businesses and charitable organizations, the release stated.

Sociology professor Gilberto Cardenas, who will serve as the Center’s executive director, said he hopes it will add variety to South Bend’s cultural life.

“There’s a cultural corridor already on that street that has a number of cultural institutes, so

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# Student receives research fellowship

By **MEGHAN THOMASSEN**  
News Writer

Like most college freshmen, senior Matt Sarna entered Notre Dame three years ago looking for direction in terms of his future career. He found it in laboratory work.

“When I started freshman year, I didn’t know what career trajectory I wanted to take. I was thinking about graduate school, so I thought it would be a really good experience to get involved in research,” Sarna said. “It’s been a really cool way to do science in a hands-on way.”

Taking the initiative freshman

year, Sarna, a biological sciences and anthropology major, began researching in professor Joshua Shrout’s applied microbiology research lab. His work culminated when he recently won the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Undergraduate Research Fellowship for his research on bacteria motility.

The oldest and largest biological membership organization with 40,000 members worldwide, ASM chose Sarna and Shrout’s joint application from a pool of 122 applicants. The

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# British newspaper features doctoral candidate’s poem

By **ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI**  
News Writer

English doctoral candidate Ailbhe Darcy joined some esteemed company when The Guardian, a prominent U.K. newspaper, featured one of her poems as Poem of the Week the week of Sept. 24. Darcy’s selection is no small honor. The previous week, the paper showcased William Shakespeare’s “The Phoenix and the Turtle.”

Darcy, a Dublin native who earned her Master of Fine Arts in poetry from Notre Dame’s creative writing program, wrote her featured poem, “Silt Whisper,”

nearly a decade ago. The piece was published in 2011 as part of her first full collection of works, “Imaginary Menagerie.”

Darcy said she thought “Silt Whisper” was an unexpected selection for discussion by Guardian columnist Carol Rumens. Rumens’ column showcases one poem each week in both the print newspaper and the online publication.

“I had thought of ‘Silt Whisper’ as a quieter poem, like punctuation within the collection to add a bit of a pause among the noisier poems,” Darcy said. “I wouldn’t have thought of it as a poem that stuck out in terms of its content,

so I was surprised she picked that one.”

Darcy said “Imaginary Menagerie” contains many reflections on traveling and leaving home, including her transatlantic move from Dublin to South Bend.

“I never planned to come to America, and it was a bit of an adventure because I’d never been here before we moved,” Darcy said. “But I’m studying Irish poetry at [Notre Dame’s] Keough-Naughton Institute [for Irish Studies], and my husband is studying geometry here, so we think of it as a home away from

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***On this day in University history, runners compete in the 2006 Notre Dame October Fest Run to raise money for breast cancer awareness. October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, with the goal to promote awareness of breast cancer issues.***

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Editing and revising workshop.

### Voting Q&A

LaFortune Student

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7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Questions on student voting answered.

## Wednesday

### Lecture: Nature and Naturalism in Byzantine Art

Snite Museum

5 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.

### Wind Down

Legends

8 p.m.- 10 p.m.

Study break with karaoke, board games, food and fun.

## Thursday

### Talk Science Seminar

Jordan Hall

7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Current research by students and faculty.

### 2012 Red Smith Lecture: “Journalism in the Age of Twitteracy”

Eck Visitors Center  
7:30 p.m.- 8:45 p.m.

## Friday

### Nano Research Contest Finalists

Stinson-Remick Hall

3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Poster session.

### Nanovic Film: Habemus Papam

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6:30 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

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## Saturday

### Men's Soccer vs. Georgetown

Alumni Stadium

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### “Much Ado About Nothing”

Washington Hall

7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Student-run theater production.



# Foundation supports particle physics program

By ADAM LLORENS  
News Writer

Fifteen years ago, physics professor Randy Ruchti started the QuarkNet Center at Notre Dame to develop an interest in particle physics among students and provide research opportunities for high school teachers across the country.

Now, professor Mitchell Wayne and the University run the national QuarkNet program, currently comprised of 50 centers nationwide involving more than 500 high school teachers.

As a result of its growth and progress, the National Science Foundation awarded the Department of Physics a \$6.1 million gift to support the educational program.

"It's important to receive funding from the government to continue research and do broader education outreach to bring the excitement of physics to high school students and teachers," Wayne, the program's principal investigator, said.

Local high school teachers meet every week at Notre Dame's QuarkNet Center on Eddy Street to discuss curriculum development, methods for bringing research into the classroom and ways to get their students excited about science.

These teachers and students

collaborate each year to conduct research at the center. Wayne said one of the two detectors that discovered the ground-breaking Higgs boson particle has components built by local high school teachers and students working with Notre Dame professors and students in the lab.

"I've seen some of our local students really get excited about scientific research and go on to do well in science fairs and decide to study physics in college," Wayne said. "A couple years ago, we saw the first of our QuarkNet students receive a Ph.D. in physics who began as a high school junior in our lab. It's great to see the local teachers get involved, conduct research and get excited about physics."

Last December, the University submitted a proposal to receive an additional five years of funding, Wayne said.

"We then had a joint review with the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy in Washington, D.C., during the springtime," he said. "We were officially notified a few weeks ago of this award."

Wayne said the department will use the \$6.1 million award to support other QuarkNet centers through stipends.

"It all goes to helping our staff to provide help and support to

high school teachers across the country," he said.

Education and outreach are important pillars of the department's mission, Wayne said.

"It's really important for Notre Dame to be giving back

***"It's important to receive funding from the government to continue research and do broader education outreach to bring the excitement of physics to high school students and teachers."***

Mitchell Wayne  
physics professor

to the community, especially in S.T.E.M. [science, technology, engineering and mathematics] areas," Wayne said. "Our center provides professional development for local high school physics teachers and helps get students interested in the subject."

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# Students share Ugandan stories

By SARAH SWIDERSKI  
News Writer

While many Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students spend a semester abroad in Europe and Australia, six Belles chose a less traditional location for their international studies: Uganda.

These rising senior nursing and education students shared stories, photos and videos of their six-week summer experience in a capstone presentation Monday.

The students stayed with the sisters of the Holy Cross in Kyarusozi, Uganda, and worked with the sisters in rural community's school and health clinic.

Using the phrasing of a popular Ugandan Coca-Cola advertisement that proclaims there are "a billion reasons to believe in Africa," the students shared their personal reasons for believing in Uganda.

After working in the Kymbogo Health Center in Kyarusozi, senior nursing student Joy Johnston said she believes in the country's unique way of life.

"Working with the staff [at the clinic], there was no stress," Johnston said. "They don't rush, but they do what they need to do."

She also described the differences in technology.

"There is no technology. So if someone has an IV, they rely on gravity," she said.

Senior Cassie Fill, a nursing student, said she believes her time in Uganda changed her initial perception of African lifestyles.

"Contrary to stereotypes ... [Ugandans] are healthier than people think," she said. "As I finished my first day, I realized I had stereotyped them."

Senior nursing student Genevieve Spittler said "the sheer beauty of the country" and its people was reason enough to believe in Africa, especially when she and the other students had the opportunity to assist in deliveries while working at the clinic.

"To hear a child's first breath is the most beautiful thing," Spittler said.

The three education students shared their experiences of working in Moreau Nursery and Primary School, which teaches children from the equivalent of preschool to fourth grade.

Senior Jen Prather, an elementary education major, said the connection she made with people in Uganda and the other Saint Mary's students defined her abroad experience.

"My reason for believing in Africa is because of our faithful and spiritual bond [with one another]," she said. "We all had formed a new family together and it wasn't just the six of us."

Senior Sarah Copi said she shared a similar feeling of community with the children she met.

"They taught me more than I could ever teach them," she said.

Copi said the hospitality of the Ugandan people meant a great deal to her.

"They taught us generosity. They were always will-

***"My reason for believing in Africa is because of our faithful and spiritual bond [with one another]. We all had formed a new family together and it wasn't just the six of us."***

Jen Prather  
senior

ing to give and share even if they didn't have a lot," she said.

Senior elementary education major Nora Quirk said her students displayed a willingness to learn and valued education highly.

"Every day there would be at least ten students who did not want to leave," she said.

"Every child takes an active role in their education."

Quirk said she wants to bring that same enthusiasm into her future classroom.

"I really want to make sure I instill that value in my students here in the United States," she said.

In addition to speaking about their experiences, the students sold jewelry and other crafts purchased at Maria's Shop in Fort Portal, Uganda. The proceeds from these items will support the Kymbogo Health Center and Moreau Nursery and Primary school in Kyarusozi.

The Uganda Summer Program is available to rising seniors majoring in nursing and education. Three students from each major are selected and receive seven academic credits for the program. Interested students can apply online through the Center of Women's Intercultural Leadership on the Saint Mary's website.

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## Center

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Notre Dame coming into that area will add to its vitality," Cardenas said.

He said the Center will host cultural and artistic programs for community residents.

"We will have open receptions for art exhibits, we will

***"We're looking forward to having a variety of students work with us to create a space where they can participate as interns working in the gallery, developing marketing plans and developing community education programs."***

Gilberto Cardenas  
sociology professor

have tours from schools. ... We will have events on the patio outside, lectures from artists, programming from the student communities from

different universities," he said. "We will reach out to non-profit organizations to work with them and get other corporations or entities to South Bend."

The Center will also house a fine art printmaking studio formerly based in Arizona, Cardenas said.

"Segura Publishing, a fine art print studio, is going to close down [its] operation and chance the name to Segura Fine Art Print Studio," Cardenas said. "We'll purchase [its] equipment and intellectual property, and the new studio won't be commercial, it will be Notre Dame's organization."

Cardenas said students will be incorporated into the Center's programs on several levels.

"We're looking forward to having a variety of students work with us to create a space where they can participate as interns working in the gallery, developing marketing plans and developing community education programs," he said.

Cardenas said established and local artists will be encouraged to frequent the studio as well.

"We hope to advance visual art and give opportunities for artists to participate in the Notre Dame community, and for Notre Dame and other

students to work together to create the wonderful print studio and exhibitions," Cardenas said. "We're advancing fine art making and giving it a place in the Notre Dame community."

In addition to printmaking, the Center will encourage the development of other art forms, Cardenas said.

"We will also have an art gallery housed there, a visiting artists' program, a visiting writer's program and a frame shop that will support the exhibitions that we do," Cardenas said. "The art gallery specifically will not just focus on printmaking. It will be a place to exhibit other art as well."

Notre Dame's engagement in the arts in the larger South Bend community will have an impact even beyond the city's borders, Cardenas said.

"We hope we will serve the region and reach out internationally as well, whether because of our Catholic faith or other areas of study, to artists who want to work in these areas of focus," he said. "We want to show that the arts have importance to the economy, any state, any municipality that they also enhance economic viability as a nation."

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## JP Morgan faces financial fraud suit

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York attorney general's office has hit JPMorgan Chase & Co. with a civil lawsuit, alleging that investment bank Bear Stearns — prior to its collapse and subsequent sale to JPMorgan in 2008 — perpetrated massive fraud in deals involving billions in residential mortgage-backed securities.

The lawsuit is the first to be filed under the auspices of the RMBS Working Group, which was set up by President Barack Obama to investigate and prosecute alleged misconduct that contributed to the financial crisis.

New York-based JPMorgan said it intends to contest the allegations. Spokesman Joseph Evangelisti noted that the lawsuit relates solely to alleged actions by Bear Stearns prior to its takeover by JPMorgan in May 2008.

In the lead-up to the financial crisis, subprime mortgages were sold to people with less-than-ideal credit. Many of them defaulted on their loans when the housing bubble burst and their introductory "teaser" interest rates

skyrocketed.

Because many of those mortgages had been sliced and repackaged as securities that could be bought and sold — known as RMBS — the mass defaults led to huge losses at large U.S. banks and other financial firms, helping fuel the global economic meltdown.

New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman is alleging that Bear Stearns led its investors to believe that the loans in its RMBS portfolio had been carefully evaluated and would be continuously monitored. Bear Stearns failed to do either, resulting in investors buying securities backed by mortgages that borrowers couldn't repay and defaulted on in huge numbers, Schneiderman alleges.

The complaint further alleges that even when Bear Stearns executives were made aware of the problems, the firm failed to correct its practices or disclose material information to investors. The executives routinely overlooked negative findings and continued to package the loans into securities for sale to investors, it says.

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theology of the early Church and the Middle Ages," Daley said.

Daley said he considers his work part of a greater whole.

"I see what I do as a theologian as very much part of the Church's pastoral mission. ... I don't see a strong line between theology and preaching," he said. "When I'm preaching at a liturgy, what I try to do is make the Word of God accessible to

people and let it come alive.

"My teaching, too, I see as trying to move from faith to understanding, to help people get a deeper grasp on what the faith of the Church is."

The Department of Theology at Notre Dame shares a similar perspective on its academic discipline, and Daley said the award reflects the quality of the department as a whole.

"My sense of what theology is widely shared in the department. It's a department that really does see its role as

providing the understanding for faith," Daley said. "Most people see their role as being part of the believing community, and everyone in the department is a person of faith."

Daley said he tries to be a minister of the Church through teaching, preaching and scholarship to the best of his abilities.

"I love the Church and I try to represent the wisdom of the Church in what I do," he said.

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# Poem

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home."

Though she considers herself more of a poet than an academic, Darcy said her studies in Notre Dame's doctoral program in English influence her creative endeavors.

"My academic work definitely feeds into my writing, because I write in response to the things I've read," Darcy said. "But poetry is kind of a mysterious process even to the writer. [Poems] happen so slowly, percolating away in your mind for a long time, so that it feels like working on a problem. How that happens is a bit of a mystery to the writer, I think."

Seeing her poem in print in The Guardian was a surreal experience, Darcy said, especially since she composed the poem a decade ago.

"It's a little bizarre to me that it's gotten so much attention already," she said. "Actually, it's quite strange to watch people commenting about the meaning on the online page. It's

almost like sitting in the classroom, and of course I didn't want to join in with a comment, but it was quite difficult to refrain sometimes."

Darcy said the experience, while unexpected, is "really exciting" for her and her work. Though poetry

**Ailbhe Darcy**  
doctoral candidate



is her passion, other dimensions of her life have taken center stage lately, with the birth of her eight-week old son complicating the life of a doctoral student.

"I'm definitely still getting used to the motherhood part, and I haven't done a lot of writing in the past eight weeks," Darcy said. "Hopefully the ideas are all percolating in there though."

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pair will receive up to \$4,000, as well as funds to travel to Denver in May to present their research. Their project sought to discover the genetic factors behind the regulation of bacterial swarm motility.

"I was actually able to publish a model of bacterial growth I worked on with a graduate student last summer," Sarna said. "Now my current project is to figure out the underlying genetic molecular mechanisms that describe our growth model."

Shrout said the bacterium he and Sarna researched is found everywhere in the environment and sometimes causes infections in human tissues such as lung, intestine and skin cells.

"Among the things that we

don't understand is how it sticks to surfaces and how it knows what kind of surface its on," Shrout said. "We use motility, how it moves around, as a way to study its behavior. [In] Matt's project, we look at bacteria that move more [and] how bacteria know about things about surfaces."

Spending eight to 10 hours in the lab each week helped Sarna decide which career route he wanted to take.

"I wanted to have a more interpersonal career, more hands on work with other people," he said. "I still enjoy the research process, so I'll probably pursue that in medical school as well."

Shrout has been a valuable mentor throughout Sarna's research.

"He's a cool guy, really down to earth. He really cares about our project and that I really understand the work I'm doing," Sarna said. "He's all about the hands-on."

Shrout, a joint civil engineering and biology professor, said Sarna excels beyond the typical student standard in his enthusiasm and dedication.

"I am so pleased and proud of Matt," he said. "He asks a lot of questions that have allowed him to make progress really quickly from helping people in my lab to doing his own project."

Rather than attending office hours to ask questions, Shrout said Sarna stops by his office frequently to chat about the project.

"He's so competent, he really operates much more like one of my graduate student researchers," he said. "He has challenged himself to become familiar with the literature and other work that relates to the research that he's doing and that allows him to move forward rather than repeat work that people have already done."

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*Parachutist Felix Baumgartner salutes as he prepares to board a capsule carried by a balloon on March 15, 2012. Baumgartner will try to be the first skydiver to break the sound barrier.*

AP

## Associated Press

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Next Monday over New Mexico, he will attempt the highest, fastest free fall in history and try to become the first skydiver to break the sound barrier.

“So many unknowns,” Baumgartner says, “but we have solutions to survive.”

The 43-year-old former military parachutist from Austria is hoping to reach 690 mph, or Mach 1, after leaping from his balloon-hoisted capsule over the desert near Roswell.

He will have only a pressurized suit and helmet for protection as he tries to go supersonic 65 years after Chuck Yeager, flying an experimental rocket plane, became the first human to go faster than the speed of sound.

Doctors, engineers and others on Baumgartner’s Red Bull-sponsored team have spent as much as five years studying the risks and believe they have done everything possible to bring him back alive. He has tested out his suit and capsule in two dress rehearsals, jumping from 15 miles in March and 18 miles in July.

Baumgartner will be more than three times higher than the cruising altitude of jetliners when he hops, bunny-style, out of the capsule and into a near-vacuum where there is barely any oxygen and less than 1 percent of the air pressure on Earth.

If all goes well, he will reach the speed of sound in about half a minute at an altitude of around 100,000 feet. Then he will start

to slow as the atmosphere gets denser, and after five minutes of free fall, he will pull his main parachute. The entire descent should last 15 to 20 minutes.

He will be rigged with cameras that will provide a live broadcast of the jump via the Internet, meaning countless viewers could end up witnessing a horrific accident.

Baumgartner is insistent on going live with his flight.

“We want to share that with the world,” he says. “It’s like landing on the moon. Why was that live?”

His team of experts — including the current record-holder from a half-century ago, Joe Kittinger, now 84 — will convene inside a NASA-style Mission Control in the wee hours Monday for the liftoff of the helium balloon at sunrise.

“All the things that can happen are varying degrees of bad,” offers Baumgartner’s top medical man, Dr. Jonathan Clark, a former NASA flight surgeon.

Clark was married to space shuttle astronaut Laurel Clark, who was killed aboard Columbia while it was returning to Earth in 2003, and he has dedicated himself to improving astronauts’ chances of survival in a high-altitude disaster.

NASA is paying close attention, eager to improve its spacecraft and spacesuits for emergency escape, but is merely an observer; the energy drink maker is footing the bill and will not say how much it is costing.

The No. 1 fear is a breach of Baumgartner’s suit.

If it breaks open — if, say, he bangs into the capsule while jumping or supersonic shock waves batter him — potentially lethal bubbles could form in his bodily fluids. That’s what’s known as boiling blood. A Soviet military officer died in 1962 after jumping from a balloon at 86,000 feet; the visor of his helmet hit the gondola and cracked.

During the descent, the

temperature could be as low as minus 70. Baumgartner’s suit will be all he has between his body and the extreme cold.

Then there’s the risk of a flat spin, in which Baumgartner loses control of his body during the free fall and starts spinning. A long, fast spin, if left unchecked, could turn his eyeballs into blood-soaked, reddish-purple orbs, and he could be left temporarily blind. Also, a massive blood clot could form in his brain.

A small stabilizing chute will automatically deploy if he goes into a flat spin and blacks out or otherwise becomes incapacitated. He also has an emergency chute that will automatically deploy if he is unable to pull the cord on his main chute.

Baumgartner’s team has a plan for every contingency but one: If the balloon ruptures shortly after liftoff because of a gust of wind or something else, the capsule will come crashing down with him inside. He won’t have time to blow the hatch and bail out.

“I have every expectation that he’ll come through this successfully based on our analysis,” Clark says, “but you know, it still is an unknown.”

Kittinger leapt from an open gondola on Aug. 16, 1960, from an altitude of 19.5 miles and reached 614 mph, or Mach 0.9 — records that stand to this day. He was a captain in the Air Force, and the military’s Excelsior project was a test bed for the nation’s young space program.

Kittinger has been Baumgartner’s mentor, signing on with this new project after decades of refusing others’ requests.

Fearless Felix insists he would not attempt the jump if the odds were against him.

“I think they underestimate the skills of a skydiver,” says Baumgartner, who has made more than 2,500 jumps from planes, helicopters, landmarks and skyscrapers, with no serious injuries.

# Minister criticizes United States

## Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Syria’s foreign minister brought his regime’s case before the world Monday, accusing the U.S. and its allies of promoting “terrorism” and blaming everyone from neighbors and extremists to the media for escalating the war — except the Syrian government.

Addressing ministers and diplomats from the United Nation’s 193 member states as fighting spread in the historic Old City of Aleppo, Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem lashed out at calls in Washington and in Arab and European capitals for Syrian President Bashar Assad to step down as interference in Syria’s domestic affairs.

Al-Moallem accused extremists of prolonging the crisis and denounced countries such as the U.S., Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Turkey for supporting the opposition’s “terrorism.”

“This terrorism which is externally supported is accompanied by unprecedented media provocation based on igniting religious extremism sponsored by well-known states in the region,” he told the U.N. General Assembly.

Members of the opposition said it was common knowledge that these neighboring Arab countries were supporting and financing the rebels, but said the Assad government had brought it upon itself after cracking down on protests that began peacefully 18 months ago.

“It is the regime’s mindless, brutal and criminal, military crackdown that pushed the Syrian people to ask for help from the international community, from NATO and from the devil himself if necessary to protect them,” Haitham Manna, a Paris-based veteran Syrian dissident who heads the external branch of the National Coordination Body opposition group, told The Associated Press.

Al-Moallem’s speech followed

his meeting with Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in which the U.N. chief “raised in the strongest terms the continued killings, massive destruction, human rights abuses, and aerial and artillery attacks committed by the government,” according to a statement by his press office. “He stressed that it was the Syrian people who were being killed every day, and appealed to the Government of Syria to show compassion to its own people.”

The Syrian foreign minister in his address invited the opposition to “work together to stop the shedding of Syrian blood” and said that a Syrian-led dialogue could produce a “more pluralistic and democratic” country.

The opposition called the speech a classic case of regime “propaganda,” and dismissed his calls for dialogue as not genuine.

“While the brutal and delusional Syrian regime continues to pay lip service to diplomacy, its actions over the past 18 months have demonstrated beyond any doubt that they have no interest in meaningful reform or dialogue” Radwan Ziadeh, a U.S.-based spokesman for the chief opposition group, the Syrian National Council, said in a statement.

Underscoring how deeply the Syrian foreign minister felt that conspiratorial hands were playing in the war-ridden country, he said that armed groups were inciting civilians in border areas to flee to neighboring countries “to fabricate a refugee crisis.”

Up to 3,000 Syrians are leaving the country every day, said Vincent Cochetel of the U.N. refugee agency. Some 300,000 Syrians are registered, or waiting to register with the U.N. in Turkey, Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon and the agency expects the number to grow to 700,000 by the year’s end. Some regional and international parties, al-Moallem said, are seeking to exploit the conflict and create “a state of instability to ensure the need for foreign interference.”



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*Syrian foreign minister Walid al-Moallem prepares to speak to the United Nations General Assembly at U.N. headquarters on Monday.*



# Chairman defends lowering borrowing rates

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Chairman Ben Bernanke offered a wide-ranging defense Monday of the Federal Reserve's aggressive policies to stimulate the still-weak economy.

The Fed needs to drive down long-term borrowing rates because the economy isn't growing fast enough to reduce high unemployment, Bernanke said in a speech to the Economic Club of Indiana. The unemployment rate is 8.1 percent.

Low rates could also help shrink the federal budget deficit by easing the government's borrowing costs and generating tax revenue from stronger growth, Bernanke argued.

The chairman cautioned Congress against adopting a law that would allow it to monitor the Fed's interest-rate discussions. The House has passed legislation to broaden Congress' investigative authority over the Fed — authority that would include a review of interest-rate policymaking. The Senate hasn't adopted the bill.

Bernanke warned that such a step would improperly inject political pressure into the Fed's private deliberations and affect the officials' decisions.

His speech follows the Fed's decision at its Sept. 12-13 meeting to launch a new mortgage-bond buying program. The goal is to try to drive low mortgage rates even lower to encourage home buying. Increased home sales

could help spur hiring and accelerate economic growth.

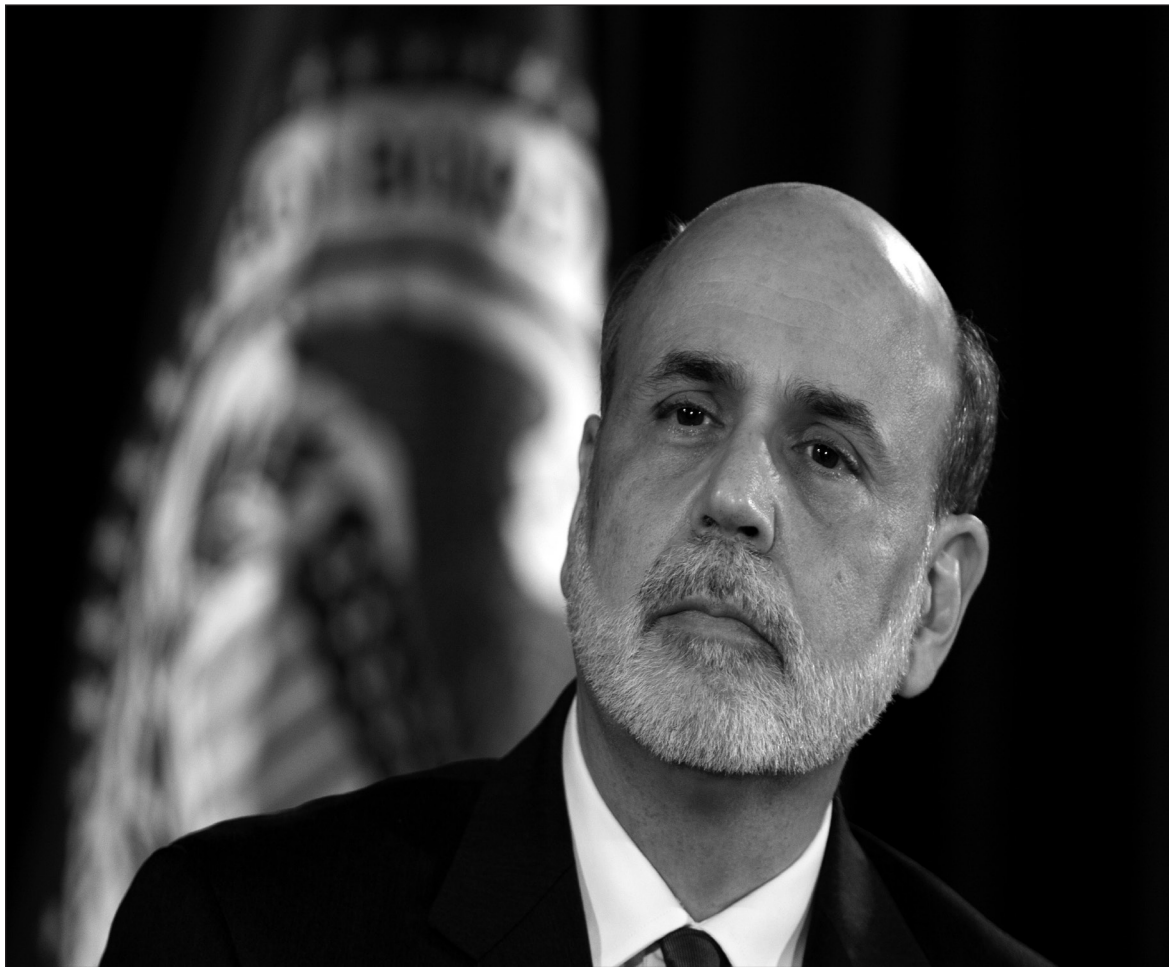
The average rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage is already 3.4 percent, a record low. But some economists think home loan rates could fall further, in part because long-term Treasury yields are much lower: The rate on the 10-year Treasury is just 1.62 percent.

After its September meeting, the Fed said it would keep buying mortgage bonds until the job market showed substantial improvement. It also decided to keep its benchmark short-term rate near zero through at least mid-2015.

In his speech Monday, Bernanke sought to reassure investors that the Fed's timetable for keeping its short-term rate ultra-low "doesn't mean we expect the economy to be weak through 2015." Rather, he said the Fed expects to keep rates low well after the economy strengthens.

Bernanke spoke two days before President Barack Obama and GOP challenger Mitt Romney will hold a debate in which the economy is the central theme. And on Friday, the government will release its September jobs report. Economists expect only modest hiring and continued unemployment above 8 percent.

The U.S. economy is still struggling more than three years after the Great Recession ended. Persistently high unemployment and weak pay growth have kept spending by consumers weak. That, in turn, has hurt



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*Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke speaks during a news conference in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 13. Bernanke recently offered a defense of the Federal Reserve's efforts to stimulate the economy.*

manufacturing and slowed broader economic growth.

The Fed's latest round of bond buying and its plan to keep rates super-low into 2015 will likely provide only modest help, said David Jones, chief economist at DMJ Advisors.

"The Fed is at the tail end of a long series of actions," Jones said. "They have reached a point of

diminishing returns."

Bernanke himself made clear Monday, as he has in the past, that the Fed's low-rate policies are no panacea for the economy.

"Many other steps could be taken to strengthen our economy over time, such as putting the federal budget on a sustainable path, reforming the tax code, improving our educational system,

supporting technological innovation and expanding international trade," he said.

Still, the Fed chairman reiterated his argument that lower rates boost growth by helping increase prices of stocks, homes and other assets. Greater household wealth tends to make consumers and businesses more willing to spend.

# Romney calls for response to Libyan violence

Associated Press

BURLINGTON, Mass. — Amid violent flare ups in the Middle East, Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney is trying to prove his own readiness to be commander in chief and force President Barack Obama to answer for turmoil in places like Libya, where terrorists killed the U.S. ambassador on the anniversary of 9/11.

Romney advisers argue that the stepped-up foreign policy criticism dovetails with a key piece of his central argument: Obama is in over his head, and the country will be worse off if he gets a second term.

Yet, there's a disconnect between what Romney and his team are talking about nationally and what he is running on in the states, where his TV advertising is largely focused on the economy and jobs — voters' No. 1 issue — ahead of Wednesday's presidential debate. All that's leaving Romney open to criticism that his campaign is searching for a winning pitch just one month before the election and with voting under way in many states.

"Our country seems to be at the mercy of events rather than

shaping them. We're not moving them in a direction that protects our people or our allies. And that's dangerous," Romney wrote in a column published Monday in the Wall Street Journal.

The Obama campaign reacted forcefully, calling Romney's foreign policy stances "incoherent" and "reckless, erratic and irresponsible."

Romney running mate Paul Ryan piled on, telling radio host Laura Ingraham that Obama's administration hasn't given the public the full story on the circumstances that led to the death of U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens in Benghazi.

"It's really indicative of a broader failure of this administration's foreign policy and the crisis that is taking place across the Middle East," Ryan said. "It is clear the administration's policy unraveled."

Romney's intense focus on foreign policy is intended to undercut what the Obama campaign has seen as the president's iron-clad international affairs credentials — and send a message to voters that they can trust the Republican on foreign policy despite limited experience. To that end, Romney's advisers said he's

planning a major foreign policy speech, to be delivered sometime after Wednesday's debate.

Obama campaign spokeswoman Jen Psaki was dismissive.

"There is no op-ed or no speech which we've heard he may or may not give at some point that is going to change the view of the American people that he has been reckless, erratic and irresponsible on foreign policy issues every time he has had an opportunity to speak to them," Psaki told reporters in Henderson, Nev., where Obama is preparing for Wednesday's debate.

Foreign policy is the latest in a series of political openings that Romney has tried to exploit in recent weeks, as he has fallen behind the president in polls both in key battleground state. National surveys show the president ahead in a tight contest. In recent weeks, Romney also has castigated Obama on the coal industry, defense cuts, wealth redistribution and the president's comment that it's not possible to change Washington from the inside.

But unlike some of those issues, Romney's campaign hasn't put serious money behind the

foreign policy line of criticism.

Paid TV ads in key states don't largely mention international affairs. The third-party group American Crossroads has a produced a Web video assailing Obama's foreign policy, but it's not on the air. Polls show foreign policy far down on the list of voters' concerns and Obama leads Romney on the issue.

Romney's campaign had spent much of the year focusing its argument against Obama's handling of the economy.

Then came Sept. 11, and as unrest flared in the Middle East, Romney issued a late-night statement assailing Obama before it was clear that Stevens and three other Americans had been killed in the terrorist attack on the consulate in Benghazi, Libya. The timing of Romney's initial response prompted heartburn within the GOP. Yet, Romney pressed ahead with his criticism that Obama was a weak leader whose posture abroad was hurting U.S. interests, and congressional Republicans have piled on about the administration's changing statements on the Libya attack.

Romney campaign aides said internal polls showed the

criticism of Obama's foreign policy resonating with voters in the days after Stevens' death. But any traction Romney was getting on that front was stunted when a video surfaced of Romney telling donors that 47 percent of Americans believe they are victims entitled to government assistance. Obama has highlighted that comment repeatedly in TV ads and at campaign rallies, building on his post-convention momentum.

Since then, the administration's statements on Libya have evolved, with officials struggling to explain just what happened in Benghazi.

White House adviser David Plouffe seemed to struggle Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" when pressed on the matter.

"This was an event obviously, a complex event. We're only talking about a matter of weeks here," Plouffe said. "So as information was arrived at, as determinations were made, that was shared with the American people. And I think again the focus needs to be how do we make sure that our facilities and our ambassadors and our personnel are secure going forward."



## INSIDE COLUMN

It's not  
'Harry  
Potter'

**Carolyn Turek**  
Scene Writer

Despite Michiko Kakutani's scathing New York Times review of "The Casual Vacancy" (which called the book "dull"), I was hooked from the first page. The introduction was so good, in fact, that I couldn't help myself from reading passages out loud to my much-obliging roommate.

As a disclaimer to my review, I must admit I have only had the chance to read the beginning pages.

Kakutani, in her review, addresses many aspects of the novel she sees as problematic, including the lack of a magical tone, the instances of adult topics specifically not for children and the absence of character development and back stories. In each of these attacks on Rowling's work, however, Kakutani refers to the differences between "The Casual Vacancy" and "Harry Potter." In fact, Kakutani references "Harry Potter" in seven of her nine paragraphs.

It is true "The Casual Vacancy" does not possess the magical aura of Harry's world. It is also true that this book immediately adopts a tone more serious than any espoused in openings of the "Harry Potter" books. And it is inevitable readers will not connect with the new characters as readily as they did with those fleshed out in more than 4,000 pages of "Harry Potter" text. However, what critics and casual readers alike need to remember is that "The Casual Vacancy" is not "Harry Potter."

It seems irresponsible and unfair for Kakutani to compare every element of this separate and singular work to Rowling's "Harry Potter" series. It's akin to comparing siblings and their own personal proficiencies. How is it possible to make comparisons between books of different purpose and audience? It should be the mark of a proficient reviewer to disconnect from previous works and judge the book solely on its own merit.

Rowling, as the most prolific writer of this century, deserves the freedom to write whatever pleases her, without the threat of comparison to past works.

Despite the unfortunate power of The New York Times to influence opinions on today's books, I am still as entranced by the opening lines of "The Casual Vacancy" as I was when I read the beautifully crafted opening lines of "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" and upon finishing, hope to find some sort of magic lying within the pages of the proud work of a favorite author.

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## The happy chronicles

**Leila Green**  
Off the Wall

What is happiness? Is it a job at a Fortune-500 company? A stable family? An expensive car? A double rainbow? Happiness comes in many forms. Where one person might find happiness from watching a marathon of "Honey Boo Boo," another may be able to derive happiness from cutting hair, skipping rocks or doing derivatives. Considering the diverse sources of happiness, it can be difficult to establish and maintain our own.

Take a moment to ask yourself this question: "What makes me happy?" Too often we live our lives based off of what makes other people happy. This is no way to function. Sometimes you have to stop and think: "Am I doing this for my own satisfaction or someone else's?"

The external pressure to succeed often surmounts our need for internal peace, consequentially stifling our own self-fulfillment.

It is often hard to forget that other's opinions of us are irrelevant to our lives and personal decisions. If someone doesn't like your shirt, the heavens won't burst with flames and the time-space continuum won't shift.

If you want to dye your hair purple and move to Antarctica, by all means do so — you may lose all credibility and display a general lack of self-control, but if that is what is going to make you feel more whole, go for it. In a perfect world, I wouldn't wear pants, but there are all these social conventions and rules and things like that, so luckily I've managed to keep my urge under wraps.

We're constantly bombarded with things that are supposed to make us happy — most of which have a price tag. Material things don't always equal happiness.

Happiness usually comes from small things. We've all felt the sweet pleasure of flipping open a textbook to the correct page on the first try. A friend of mine is happiest when he does graffiti. Another absolutely loves the smell of Korean coffee shops.

I would venture to say there are many more ways to be happy than there are ways to be unhappy. Think about it: the fizzy bubbles in a can of soda can make you happy. It is pretty hard to be genuinely enraged by bubbles, nonetheless tiny, harmless bubbles found in a cold can of sweet, sugary nectar. That very thought just made me happy. The word "nectar" makes me happy. The only conceivable circumstance in which the word "nectar" would ruffle my feathers is if it was used in this sentence, "Sorry, Leila, but we are all out of nectar."

I went around and asked people what made them happy. The responses were simple and enlightening:

"House music."

"Cuddling."

"Reading."

"Buffalo wings."

"Laughing."

"Family."

"Spending quality time with people."

"Helping others."

"The Lord."

"The sun."

"The beach."

"When everything goes my way."

"Freedom."

"Sweets."

"When I'm drawing or painting, I literally feel euphoric. It's the most amazing feeling."

We may not all find happiness in these things, and we cannot judge someone else because what makes them happy is not readily apparent or understandable to us.

At some point in time, we have all pitied another person because of a perceived

deficiency. Whether it is a homeless man sprawled on a sidewalk in Manhattan or a mom in the store with three kids in a stroller, one on her back and one in each hand.

Do you ever stop to think: "Maybe my judgment is false. What if they are happy?" In my own life, I've made false judgment and gotten subsequent enlightenment.

As I sat people-watching at a Fourth of July Festival in Philadelphia, I noticed a middle aged man skipping up and down the street cheering and laughing, completely alone.

I immediately assumed that he was in some decrepit, lonely state. Then I really looked at him — the shine in his eyes, his genuine joy — and realized that this man was happy, nearly euphoric, and he wasn't harming anyone, so why should I care that his actions were unorthodox?

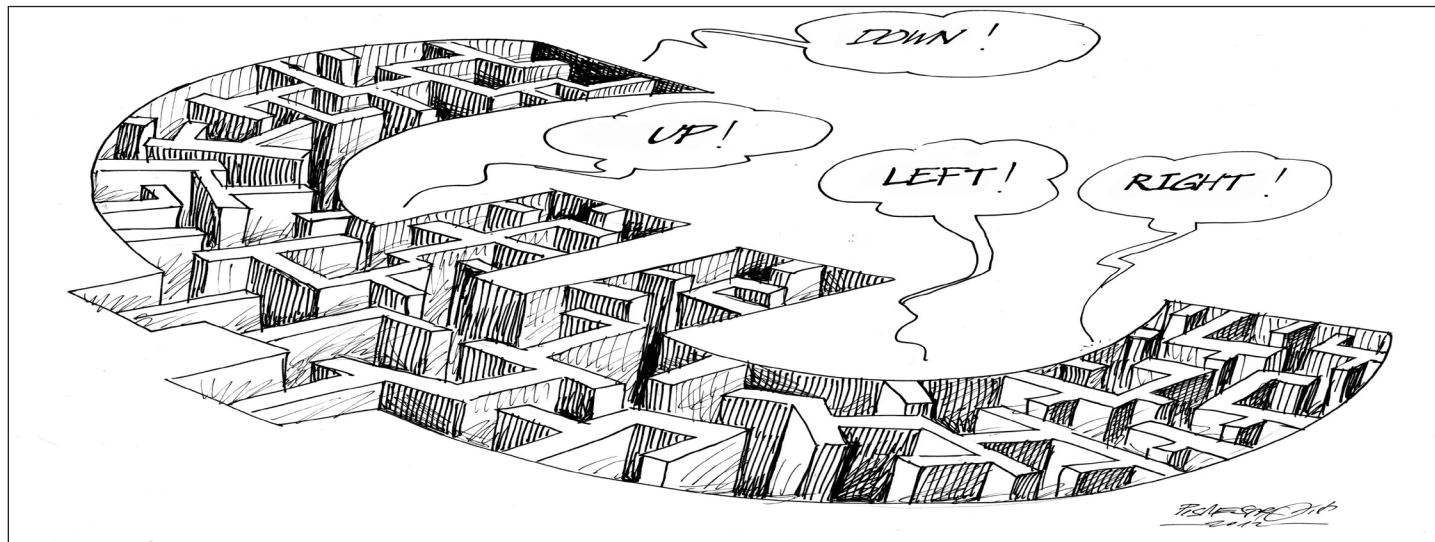
Then there was the older man I met in Union Station in Chicago. He approached me to show off his new smartphone and found pure joy in showing me each and every one of the phone's features for two straight hours. After this we started talking for a while and he shared that his company was failing and that he'd been hopping trains for a week trying to find work. Nevertheless, he was still content. He had managed to find happiness.

We all want to be happy. Do not let fear stand in the way of your happiness. As long as it is not at the expense of someone else's wellbeing — do what makes you happy. It is the only way to stay sane.

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON



## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"History is a guide to navigation in perilous times.  
History is who we are and why we are the way we are."

**David McCullough**  
American author and historian

## WEEKLY POLL

**Where in the world is Carmen Sandiego?**

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# Finish your veggies

**The GreenMan**

Ask the GreenMan

Loyal readers,

People always ask me how I manage to keep so trim and maintain my healthy green glow. Of course I never tell them, but now I intend to share part of my secret with all of you.

You ready?

I eat plenty of fruits and vegetables.

Yes, dear readers, I am a vegetarian. I avoid eating meat not only for my health (studies show that vegetarians tend to be at a lower risk of coronary heart disease) but also for environmental reasons. What we choose to eat has huge impacts on the environment.

Take a single quarter-pound hamburger, for instance. Seems pretty harmless, right? Oh boy. Nope. There's a lot more than "meats" the eye here. Puns. Anyway. That hamburger has a dark past. Let's investigate, shall we? 6.7 pounds of grain were needed to feed the cow. 52.8 gallons of water were used as drinking water and to irrigate the feed crop. 72.5 square feet of land were needed to grow the grains and for grazing.

Finally, 1,026 British Thermal Units (BTU) of fossil fuel energy went into transportation and feed production. All those resources needed to produce just a quarter-pound hamburger!

Pretty shocking, right? Massive amounts of resources go into producing meat products and Americans eat more meat than just about anyone in the world. The average American consumes 270 pounds of meat a year, which is well over the global average of 102 pounds.

It's not just what we eat that's important. It's also about where that food comes from and how it's grown.

Organic agriculture, for instance, is good because no pesticides or synthetic chemical fertilizers are used, which can pollute waterways. It is not, however, foolproof. Buying something that is grown organically in, say, Chile is good because it supports more sustainable farming practices, but bad because of the fossil fuels it takes to transport that product to your local grocery store.

Ah-ha! How about locally grown organic fruits and vegetables? Yes, those are both very good things, but there is still more to consider. Is that fruit or vegetable well-adapted to your local region? If not, it could mean that more resources went into producing that food than if better adapted crops were used for food production.

There are certainly a lot of factors to consider when it comes to what food you put on your plate. Knowing what sorts of factors to consider, however, gives you a lot of power. And like Uncle Ben said, "With great power comes great responsibility." I'm a huge comic book fan.

We, as citizens of this great planet, have a responsibility to sustain Earth's natural resources so that future generations can thrive. You can help us achieve sustainability. The first step is as easy as finishing your veggies.

Until next time,

The GreenMan

*Email your predicaments to The GreenMan at askthegreenman@gmail.com and let him answer you with a sustainable twist. The GreenMan will be here every other week to provide you with insights you never knew you were missing out on until now.*

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Invite the Libertarian candidate, too

Dear President Jenkins,

I recently read about Notre Dame's tradition of inviting presidential candidates to speak on campus. I think this is an excellent tradition, as it is important for students to be engaged in political discourse. It is my understanding that this year, invitations have been extended to both President Obama and Mitt Romney. In the spirit of fostering healthy and robust political discussion, I would like to respectfully request that an invitation also be extended to the Libertarian Party presidential candidate, Gary Johnson.

Recent polls place Johnson's support nationally at six percent, and at 10 percent in our neighboring state of Ohio; these numbers are likely to only increase in the coming weeks as his campaign gains recognition. More importantly, Johnson offers policy solutions that differ from those proposed by both President Obama and Romney. Given the troubling times our country faces, I believe it is important that such views be heard and debated. As a former two-term governor of New Mexico, Johnson deserves the respect that has been displayed to the other two major presidential candidates. I strongly urge you and the University of Notre Dame to invite Johnson to speak on campus. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Eric Cervone**  
law student  
off campus  
Oct. 1

## UWIRE

# Affirmative action still necessary

**Kristina Bui**

Arizona Daily Wildcat

The Supreme Court will soon hear a case that could shake up the college admissions process.

Theoretically, affirmative action is no longer necessary. Perhaps it was 30 or 40 years ago, but society has evolved beyond discrimination, and now affirmative action only serves to discriminate against applicants who have enough merit but not the right pigment — or so critics of affirmative action policies say.

Still, research shows that most minorities, primarily black and Hispanic students, lag behind their white peers in college enrollment, retention and graduation. Evidence also suggests that race-conscious admissions policies positively influence college graduation rates, enrollment in graduate and professional programs and job prospects.

The case, Fisher v. University of Texas, was filed in 2008 by Abigail Fisher, a white woman who wanted to go to the University of Texas at Austin. After she was rejected, Fisher filed suit, saying that the university's inclusion of race in its admissions process is unconstitutional.

Lower courts sided with the University of Texas, citing the earlier decision of Grutter v. Bollinger. The court's opinion in the Grutter case established that a "narrowly tailored use" of race as a factor in admissions supports a "compelling interest" in diversity.

Last week, the Obama administration filed an amicus brief in support of the University of Texas, saying that the use of race in the admissions process furthers a "vital interest" of the government. The brief argues that having a "well-qualified and diverse pool of university and service-academy graduates of all backgrounds" is critical to the future labor force.

But Fisher's lawsuit against the University of Texas and debate in other states makes it clear that Grutter, and earlier cases like Regents of the University of California v. Bakke, did little to clear up confusion.

States have used ballot initiatives to remove race-based affirmative action in college admissions, such as California and Arizona.

Arizona's Proposition 107, which passed in 2010, banned the consideration of race, ethnicity or gender by units of state government, including public universities.

Prior to Prop 107's approval, Robert Shelton, the University of Arizona's president at the time, vowed to find new ways to recruit diverse students if the measure passed.

In response, the "Yes on 107" campaign issued a press release, challenging Shelton to "walk his own talk" and give his job to someone else. The campaign argued that, if Shelton was so interested in increasing diversity, he would seek it in all positions, unless he believed "discriminating quotas should only apply to other people, but not to him."

But critics fail to realize two things. First, people who suspect they are victims of reverse discrimination probably outnumber people who are actually victims. Colleges, especially schools with higher standards, often reject applicants of all races for reasons that don't have anything to do with race.

Second, affirmative action isn't about reversing discrimination or its history. Minority students don't get a free pass as reparations for discrimination leveled against their ancestors.

Rather, a university must reflect the multicultural society that it will send its students into. Affirmative action is about making sure that a diversity of voices — shaped by experience and identity — contributes to the learning environment.

There's no denying that affirmative action can be risky, as demonstrated by Princeton University, which is under federal investigation for allegedly requiring Asian-Americans to have stronger test scores and grades than other applicants. It must be exercised with caution. But diversity remains a compelling interest, no matter what year it is.

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# TURNING BACK THE FOOTBALL CLOCK



**KEVIN NOONAN**  
Scene Editor

It's been 10 years since the Notre Dame football team was 4-0. 10 YEARS.

Are we making too big of a deal out of the first four games? Especially considering there's still Oklahoma and USC on the schedule?

Does the Pope wear a big ol' hat? Could Maroon 5 be used as torture in interrogations? Is Rick Reilly following a similar career trajectory to Nicholas Cage?

The answer to all of those is of course emphatically and unquestionably yes. But hey, who cares. 4-0 is better than 0-4, and that's straight up math right there, you can't argue with math.

Congratulations, Notre Dame football team, you've officially made it; the Scene is writing about you. Pat yourselves on the back about that one.

10 YEARS AGO

Top Grossing Movie at the Box Office (Sept. 27-29, the bye weekend after ND reached 4-0): "Sweet Home Alabama"

Reese Witherspoon starred in this rom-com that I saw with my older sister a long time ago. It was just some lame chick flick (lies—I loved it.) It's about a country girl trying to live in a big city or something like that. She's divorced, but she isn't divorced. I don't really remember, it was confusing.

You know what I do remember? It wasn't until the third game of the season that the 2002 Notre Dame football team scored an offensive touchdown, but they still scored 46 points through their first two games. That was pretty cool.

No. 1 Song on the Billboard Charts: "A Moment Like This" — Kelly Clarkson

This was back when Kelly Clarkson was relevant the first time around, after the whole "American Idol" thing. She's back again, and luckily she's making songs catchier and less ear-bleeding inducing than this one.

What if ten years from now, Rebecca Black came back and sounded like Adele? How crazy would that be? I actually wouldn't know. I've listened to one more Rebecca Black song than Adele song so far in my life.

Speaking of crazy comebacks, what about when Notre Dame was down 17-14 with just one minute and 45 seconds left against Michigan State in 2002? The whole world was like, nope, this one's over — Carlyle Holliday can't pass the ball. And Carlyle was like, "Nah, I got this," and threw a 60-yard game-winning touchdown to Arnaz Battle with 1:15 in the game, putting the Irish at 4-0. Granted, it was about a five-yard pass and 55-yard run, but hey, a win's a win.

How the season turned out for them 10 years ago—Backup quarterback Pat Dillingham and some ill-fated green jerseys led the Irish to their first loss of the season, against Boston College, after going 8-0 to begin the year. Then Carson Palmer for USC put up some freakishly high numbers (steroids? Witchcraft? Bush Push?) against the Irish in the last game of the regular season, knocking Notre Dame out of BCS contention.

But that won't happen this year. National championship or bust. Lou Holtz said so.

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# WINGIN' IT



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Scene Writer

Born from the remnants of a former Buffalo Wild Wings in downtown South Bend, Wild Style Wings is one of the newer establishments in the area. While the logo is fairly similar to its predecessor, the food itself was miles ahead of the chain that claims it can send football games to overtime in its commercials. Both in terms of sauces and the quality of chicken, Wild Style Wings is my favorite wing place near campus.

Few people can one say they've had truly phenomenal wings, but after going to Wild Style Wings, I can say that I have.

Again, as a former Buffalo Wild Wings, Wild Style has a large bar area, plenty of big-screen TVs and a general feeling of being a good place to watch a game. The waiter was incredibly friendly, not in a "31 pieces of flair" like the guy from "Office Space" way, but a sincere and

giving-his-actual-opinion-about-the-different-sauces way. He also didn't charge extra for ranch or bleu cheese with our order.

I cannot rave enough about the quality of their boneless wings. While that is not necessarily the first



thing to come to mind when eating at a Buffalo Wild Wings or Wings Etc., after having Wild Style's, it's clear that I had never really had a good boneless wing. The meat was tender and light with just the right amount of breading, unlike competitors whose boneless wings have the texture of a tire wrapped in cement. My only qualm

with them was how hot and fresh they were when they came to the table. I am convinced they must have actually butchered a chicken in the kitchen.

Each one of the sauces we tried was better than the last. Starting at the top of their heat scale, their "Psycho" sauce, though not necessarily the hottest sauce I've had, had deep and rich flavors of paprika and habanero. Their famous "Wild" sauce started with a heavy dose of black pepper that balanced the buffalo taste perfectly. The "Garlic" was a bit reminiscent of the garlic cups that come

detract from the full effect of the wing.

With 45-cent boneless wings on Monday, 39-cent bone-in or boneless wings on Thursdays and daily drink specials, Wild Style Wings should be added to your rotation of restaurants and I will absolutely head back there in the very near future.

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# Music for Everyday:

## A Retrospective Look at Two Indie Classics

By **MAC HENDRICKSON**  
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Let's face it. For our generation, music is a big deal. Forty years ago, music was a tool for both social change and dancing, but it remained in a glass box. For the youth of 2012, music is a living essential. Popular music has invaded our ears, our alarm clocks, our cell phone ringtones, our movies, our sports and our parties. We listen while we walk, run, read and sleep. While it is an indication of identity, it also recreates it. We learn from our music as much as we relate to it.

Thus, what we listen to matters more than it ever has before. The lyrical and ideological content of music is a great influence on our mental diet. Millionaires without high school degrees preaching on stage about foreign policy are easy targets for the high-minded. Why should we listen to them? These musicians want us to believe they know what they are talking about and their opinions matter. We can laugh all we want, but they are half-correct. Many claim music icons' opinions do not matter. These people are also half-correct.

Geniuses or not, what our musicians write songs about matters. A lot. Unfortunately, megaphones are not merit-based. The loudest man in the room is rarely the smartest. Once musicians win our hearts, our minds are an easy follow-up victory. Whether we know it or not, these artists are in our ears everyday teaching us how to approach life.

So let me suggest two albums for your diet. The Dismemberment Plan's "Emergency and I" and Animal Collective's "Merriweather Post Pavilion" were released 10 years apart, in 1999 and 2009, respectively. They both were something of an indie "Thriller," a groundbreaking effort that summed up an era. Both have either aged wonderfully or have been completely forgotten, depending on whom you talk to. Anyone who finds this article convincing in the least will be forced to listen via iTunes or Spotify as "Emergency and I" is currently

out of print. But who buys CDs today?

This essay is not concerned with how great or horrible these albums may or may not be. It is concerned rather with a subtle characteristic these albums share. They are heavily concerned with how to inventively engage the working week. More specifically, they detail the pains, pleasures and questions of youth first encountering the material world and their potential for happiness. It's hippie music for the white-collar employee. A how-to manual for living with creativity in a system without.

"My Girls," the second track of "Pavilion" is the one song you have heard if you have heard any Animal Collective. Musically, it's repetitive and heart-wrenchingly melodious. Synth waterfall builds to a boom-snap drum pattern and some of Animal Collective's best Beach Boys mimicking. The guy on the MPC definitely knows what he is doing.

Lyrical, the song could not be simpler. Noah Lennox, also known as Panda Bear, calls out his humble hopes for a happy existence. "I don't mean to seem like I care about material things or my social status / I just want four walls and adobe slabs for my girls..." What are adobe slabs? Who knows? But Lennox makes them seem as essential as plumbing. The song, released just four months after one of the most disenchanting economic downturns in United States history, is an homage to the humble existence within reach, an homage to simple happiness.

Animal Collective released "Pavilion" to underground hype and expectation that would make the Strokes jealous. Within weeks of its January release, it was already being hailed as one of the year's best. In May, they appeared on David Letterman's show to perform "Summertime Clothes." Letterman jokingly referenced the album artwork's resemblance to wallpaper, which further evidences the normality of the concept. Though to many it seemed as if the group had come out of left field, Animal Collective had been recording its strange tribal melodies since 1999, and

"Pavilion" was something of a summation of the band's potential. Produced by hip-hop guru Ben Allen, the album was by far Animal Collective's sharpest and most approachable record to date.

The album's subject matter accounts significantly for its massive palpability. The songs deal with the everyday in a creative manner. "In the Flowers" is a meditation on transcendence and longing but ends in a bedroom. "Summertime Clothes" is an upbeat vignette with Springsteen-esque summer restlessness. "Also Frightened" is a reflection on death and dreaming, while "Lion in a Coma" bursts with sexual frustrations. "This wilderness up in my head ... This wilderness needs to get right out of my clothes and get into my bedroom." The boys of the Collective are drawing a bridge between the elite expectations of living a creative and inspired life and the demands of modern America.

"Emergency and I" deals with a slightly younger modern man, perhaps one just emerging from an unproductive college career. The album is jam-packed with alienation and frustration, the sort of "what-do-I-do-now" dilemma that drove Dustin Hoffman into Mrs. Robinson's bed.

"A Life of Possibilities" is a second-person portrait of a confused young man whose life lies before him. "It's endless / It's map-less / No compass / No North Star." "Memory Machine" dreams of a world where all labor and pain has been eliminated, but from the sound of it, something wouldn't quite work there. The almost-danceable grunge track "What Do You Want Me to Say?" might sound like a "pains of being famous" track if anyone actually did know who The Dismemberment Plan is. Instead, it's a consideration of the frustrating limitations of language. It also contains the album's defining lyric. "I lost my membership card to the human race / So don't forget the face / 'Cause I know that I do belong here." And in "The City," lead singer Travis Morrison laments his friend's departure from the city and from his life. The album ends with "Back and

Forth," a poetic and complex love song that sounds more like Allen Ginsberg than anything else from 1999.

The album was released to general critical appraisal and little commercial success. It was recorded with Interscope funds, but released under DeSoto. Interscope dropped them and several other acts during a merger. Sonically, the album is difficult to approach, with occasional screeching guitars, non-standard song formats and experimental time signatures. Some tracks are easier than others, but on the whole, getting through the album can seem as challenging as making your way through "The Metamorphosis." But it's also as rewarding.

The masterpiece of "Emergency and I" is "You are Invited," a mid-album track that begins and ends with an 808 drum pattern that has the complexity of a game of tic-tac-toe. The half-spoken verses tell the strange story of a mysterious invitation and the narrator's reaction to it. "But it said / You are invited / By anyone to do anything..." As the song progresses, the narrator slowly discovers his freedom. The song is an invitation to live, to engage. At the end, the narrator shares the invitation with a forlorn friend, but doesn't convince the listener that he has learned anything. Perhaps his freedom has crippled him. Perhaps he simply needs more time to explore. If you decide to listen to it more than once, it will probably change your outlook on life. But as for much of The Dismemberment Plan's catalogue, a second listen is a tough sell.

Both bands had the same goal with their respective albums. They wanted to bring creative style to normal subjects, the way Joyce brought modernity to Leopold Bloom. As 2012 draws to a close and many of us prepare to enter the real world, we will undoubtedly turn to our music for inspiration and refuge. And both of these albums make terrific havens.

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## SPORTS AUTHORITY

# Braun proves himself



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It takes years to build a good reputation but only moments to lose it. Last year, Ryan Braun learned this the hard way.

On top of the baseball world after winning the National League MVP and leading his team to its first division title in 29 years, Braun was hit with the worst possible pitch in baseball: accusations of performance-enhancing drugs.

For two months following the announcement, Braun's name and reputation was dragged through the mud by the media, fans and other players. Due to the confidentiality agreement of the arbitration process, Braun couldn't respond to the rumors — rumors that were quickly turning into facts in the minds of baseball fans.

As a diehard Brewers fan with a signed Braun jersey hanging in my room, I was devastated by the news. In the days and months following the report of Braun's synthetic substance use, disbelief and anger took over. How could the hero of Milwaukee, the franchise player for the next decade and a genuinely nice guy stoop so low as to use performance-enhancing drugs?

With the ongoing arbitration, my fellow Brewers fans and I desperately searched for explanations. Perhaps the "insanely high level of testosterone" in his test sample must have meant something went wrong. I held out hope that someone had made an egregious mistake and Braun would be ruled innocent.

Unfortunately, the rest of the baseball wasn't as kind. In a country where the accused are innocent until proven guilty, Braun was immediately guilty with no chance to prove himself innocent. Even if his case were overturned, his reputation would be destroyed.

In February, the announcement came that Braun had won his arbitration case. Not only would Braun be free of a 50-game suspension, but the Brewers left fielder was also the first player to overturn a ruling by the MLB. Despite the success, skepticism still prevailed because the case was overturned based on a technicality — the test sample's chain of custody had been broken en route to the testing lab.

At a press conference following the successful, but controversial decision, Braun fought for his reputation with a persuasive account of all details, vehemently denying performance-enhancing drug use and explaining that the testing system was "fatally flawed."

But while Braun may have gained the Brewers fans back, he certainly didn't convince many

others outside of Wisconsin. The MLB loudly and publicly disagreed with the decision, even going so far as to fire longtime arbitrator Shyam Das.

So there was only one option left for Braun. He had to go to work and prove that his 2011 MVP season was not a fluke.

And Braun has done exactly that.

With a .341 batting average, .600 slugging percentage, 41 home runs, 30 stolen bases and 112 RBIs, the California native will soon finish the 2012 season with better numbers than in his 2011 MVP campaign. And although the Brewers are now officially out of the playoff race, Braun helped them win 24 of 30 games in September to come within one-and-a-half games of the wild card.

Not only has Braun accomplished all this without Prince Fielder batting behind him, but the slugger has also been under intense scrutiny all year. In every road game, Braun has faced jeers and boos from unapologetic fans. Through it all, Braun has looked straight ahead, focusing on one goal: proving he is and will continue to be the star player who rightly won the 2011 MVP.

Now with baseball's regular season winding down, Braun stands again as a leading candidate for the NL MVP. But it is already a given; Braun will not win the award.

Many baseball fans explain that the Giant's catcher Buster Posey will win the NL MVP because his team made the playoffs, while the Brewers did not — the same argument against Matt Kemp last year.

But I predict that Braun won't even finish in the top three of the MVP race. Most voters and fans have already made up their mind about Braun. Their mentality boils down to one slightly-reformed saying. Once an alleged cheater, always a cheater.

Based on his convincing press conference and an impressive 2012 season, there is no doubt in my mind that Braun is innocent. It is implausible to think Braun cheated last season when he performed better this year with all eyes upon him.

In a baseball era filled with fallen stars, it's refreshing to cheer for a player overcoming performance enhancing drug accusations. Maybe one day all the Braun haters will recognize the legitimate case Braun has presented and have a change of heart.

If that occurs, then the nearly impossible may just happen — a reputation will be restored.

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## GOLF

# Europe rallies to take Cup

Associated Press

MEDINAH, Ill. — The Ryder Cup didn't end with the closing ceremony at Medinah.

In a tradition that began about the time Europe started winning with regularity, no Ryder Cup can be put to bed without second-guessing. It figures to last for at least a week, maybe until 2014 when the next one is played in Scotland.

Was it wise for U.S. captain Davis Love III to bench every player, particularly Keegan Bradley and Phil Mickelson, for at least one match to keep them fresh for Sunday? Why did he put Tiger Woods in the 12th slot for singles? Does he regret his captain picks? Did it cost the Americans?

And was it really necessary for Justin Timberlake to read a poem during the opening ceremony?

Here's what will be — should be — remembered about one of the greatest Ryder Cup competitions in its 85-year history.

Justin Rose made a 35-foot putt from the back of the 17th green.

It's really that simple.

"That was one of the best feelings of my life to make that putt," Rose said.

Martin Kaymer looked calm as ever when he holed a 6-foot par putt on the 18th that assured Europe of keeping that shiny gold trophy. Francesco Molinari won a half-point on a short par putt that Tiger Woods conceded for Europe to claim an outright win, 14½-13½.

This was not a Ryder Cup to contemplate failures. This was a Ryder Cup to celebrate success.

And no match — no birdie putt — was more significant



AP

*The European team poses with the Ryder Cup after winning the tournament Sunday at the Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Ill.*

than what Rose did on the 17th green. He was down one hole when his putt with plenty of pace disappeared into the cup to square the match. Rose made a 12-foot birdie on the 18th for a 1-up win over Mickelson, but odds are that Lefty wins that match if Rose doesn't make the putt.

But he did, just like Justin Leonard on the 17th hole at Brookline when the Americans rallied from a four-point deficit.

In happier times Sunday, Love had said he thought Jason Dufner in the No. 9 slot was going to be the clincher for the Americans. If not for Rose winning his match, it could very well have come down to Dufner's win over Peter Hanson.

So maybe Love had it right, and he lost out to a great putt.

"We had a lot of guys today that played well and just got beat," Love said. "They got beat by some holed putt, chip-ins,

some incredible shots, and some matches got flipped at the end on long putts and great saves by the other team. I have to congratulate them on the way they played. They played great."

Ultimately, this Ryder Cup turned out the way everyone expected.

It featured the two strongest teams ever, all 24 players among the top 35 in the world ranking. Graeme McDowell was looking over the team rosters a few weeks out and said, "There's a good buzz. I think it's set up to be an awesome Ryder Cup. I really do."

And it was.

The best Ryder Cup matches — really, the best golf tournaments — are those that are won and not lost. Kiawah Island, where Bernhard Langer missed a 6-foot par putt on the last hole, left too many people with a sick feeling. McDowell making a 15-foot birdie putt at Wales was great stuff.

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Led Zeppelin: "Good Times Bad Times"

In the days of my youth, I was told what it means to be a man, Now I've reached that age, I've tried to do all those things the best I can. No matter how I try, I find my way into the same old jam.

Good Times, Bad Times, you know I had my share; When my woman left home for a brown eyed man, Well, I still don't seem to care.

Sixteen, I fell in love with a girl as sweet as could be, Only took a couple of days 'til she was rid of me. She swore that she would be all mine and love me till the end, But when I whispered in her ear, I lost another friend, oooh.

[Chorus]

I know what it means to be alone, I sure do wish I was at home. I don't care what the neighbors say, I'm gonna love you each and every day. You can feel the beat within my heart. Realize, sweet babe, we ain't ever gonna part.



## NFL

# Lions continue to struggle on the field

## Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — After two straight weeks of awful special teams, the Detroit Lions have a lot to correct.

As coach Jim Schwartz pointed out Monday, there's no one specific problem that's plaguing his team. In fact, it seems like each horrendous play can be blamed on a different type of breakdown.

Detroit allowed touchdowns on a kickoff and a punt return Sunday in a 20-13 loss to Minnesota. It was the second straight week Detroit was victimized — the first time that's happened in the NFL since at least 1940.

Minnesota's Percy Harvin ran the opening kickoff back 105 yards for a touchdown, fielding the ball toward the back left of the end zone, cutting across the field and then sprinting up the sideline without being touched.

"We had poor reaction blocks, guys didn't get off blocks," Schwartz said. "A couple poor fits. I mean, we didn't even lay a hand on the guy as he went down the field."

In the third quarter, Vikings punt returner Marcus Sherels was nearly hit immediately, but he made Kassim Osgood miss and then ran through

traffic for a 77-yard TD.

"The next one was all missed tackles," Schwartz said. "In opposite of the kickoff where there were a couple of guys that were out of position, on the punt there were a lot of guys that were in very good position, including our gunner. But all of them missed. I think we missed four tackles on that play."

The Lions have an open date this weekend, so they'll have plenty of time to try to fix their poor kick coverage. Sunday wasn't a fluke. The previous weekend, in a 44-41 overtime loss to Tennessee, Detroit allowed a 105-yard kickoff return and a 65-yard punt return.

Poor kick location was blamed for the long kickoff return by the Titans, but Schwartz said that wasn't an issue on Harvin's runback.

"We've got two weeks to get it right. I'll do whatever it takes and the guys will, too," kicker Jason Hanson said. "We can't do what we're supposed to. I'm saying everyone. Last week I hit it on the wrong side and maybe we should cover, but I killed us."

The Lions allowed the only two kickoff returns for touchdowns in the NFL this year, entering Monday night's game. Minnesota coach Leslie



Vikings wide receiver Percy Harvin returns the opening kickoff for a touchdown against the Lions in Detroit on Sept. 30. The Vikings won the game 20-13.

Frazier said he was confident Harvin could break a big play against the Lions if everyone held their blocks.

He was right, and the Vikings were able to win without scoring an offensive touchdown. On a day the Lions (1-3) didn't click offensively, Detroit couldn't afford

to allow those two big plays.

"You only have 46 guys active during the game, so there are going to be some starters that are going to play on special teams and that's been this year, that'll be next year, it was last year," Schwartz said. "That being said, everybody on the team has a job

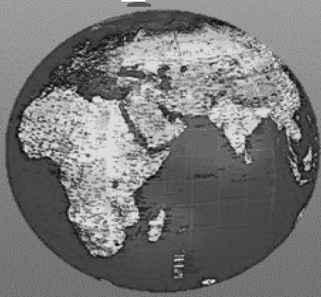
to do and whatever your job is you need to be able to accomplish it. We haven't done that the last couple weeks on special teams for a lot of different reasons. It hasn't been one thing that's continually come up. It's been four different breakdowns have led to four different scores."

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## NFL

## Injuries create issues for Steelers

## Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The starting defense the Steelers thought they were getting when the season opened finally practiced together on Monday.

There's still no telling if the same 11 guys will suit up on Sunday against Philadelphia.

Injured stars James Harrison and Troy Polamalu were on the field as the Steelers (1-2) returned from their bye week. While Harrison remained vague about the chances his surgically repaired left knee will be ready to play for the first time this season, Polamalu is optimistic his strained right calf is no longer an issue.

The perennial Pro Bowl safety says he felt "pretty good" and was grateful to see a slew of familiar faces on the practice field, Harrison's included.

"We'll see what happens, but it's been a while since we've all been on the field together," Polamalu said. "There are some other new faces out there who have been permanent starters, so it's all about

how well 11 guys mesh on our defense."

The Steelers have struggled to generate much of a pass rush and the secondary had trouble in a 34-31 loss in Oakland on Sept. 23. Having a pair of healthy former Defensive Player of the Years would certainly help.

"We just have to get ourselves on the winning side of things, because nobody cares about losing teams," Polamalu said. "We just haven't been executing that well, (so) whatever the call is that coach (Dick) LeBeau has made, we just haven't been executing it that well at all. It really has nothing to do with the scheme of things. It's just that we're not executing and not performing well."

Harrison hasn't played since a Wild Card loss to Denver in January. He struggled staying healthy during the offseason and underwent a minor procedure on Aug. 15. He returned to full practice last Tuesday but was not there on Wednesday, though he declined to label it a setback.



## MEN'S INTERHALL

# Senior Champlin leads Sorin to victory

*Siegfried forces shut out; Alumni takes narrow win; Stanford offense, Keough defense save games*



EMILY KRAUSE | The Observer

**Freshman Casey McCaffrey extends the ball on a down for Knott in a game against Alumni. The Juggerknotts won 10-7, adding its first win of the season and making its record 1-1.**

**By MARY GREEN**  
Sports Writer

In a game marred by turnovers, the stellar play of one athlete stood out. Senior running back and linebacker Chris Champlin carried Sorin to a 20-7 victory over Carroll on Sunday.

Champlin amassed 88 rushing yards and caught a 43-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Ted Spinelli to lead the Otters' offense. He even stepped in to take the snaps under center after Spinelli left the game with a concussion in the second half.

"Even with our quarterback down, we kept fighting and had a real good team win today," Sorin freshman receiver Jack Shea said.

The Otters (2-0) dominated the first half, as they headed into halftime with a 20-0 lead. Sorin reached the end zone on a 50-yard rushing touchdown from Champlin, a 12-yard passing score from Spinelli to Shea, and Champlin's touchdown reception. Two interceptions from Carroll junior quarterback Tommy Spoonmore aided Sorin's cause in the first half.

After a spirited halftime pep talk from their quarterback, however, the Vermin (2-1) showed new life and looked to make a run.

"We could have just come out and folded, but we came out and won the second half," Spoonmore said. "I was impressed with everyone coming out with more intensity."

Spoonmore's rushing touchdown on fourth down put the Vermin on the board in the second half, although they still trailed by 13 points. A Sorin fumble with

two minutes remaining awarded Carroll one final opportunity to score, but the Vermin's subsequent turnover-on-downs sealed the Otters' victory.

The triumph over the previously undefeated Vermin boosted Sorin's confidence, Shea said.

"We know we're the best team in our division, and we think we can beat anyone in our division," Shea said.

The Otters look to back up Shea's prediction against Fisher next Sunday, while the Vermin will try to rebound when they face the Green Wave on Oct. 28.

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## Siegfried 20, Morrissey 0

**By KYLE FOLEY**  
Sports Writer

Sunday's matchup between Siegfried and Morrissey proved to be a one-sided affair, as Siegfried took home a 20-0 victory.

From the first snap, Siegfried's defense was lights-out, as it forced a quick three-and-out. On Siegfried's first possession, senior running back David Whitmore ran for a touchdown.

Siegfried's trio of linebackers led the defensive unit in its shut-out of the Manor (1-1).

"Our linebackers played great," sophomore quarterback Nate Burggraf said. "They swarmed the ball at the line and also dropped back and provided us with great coverage."

Burggraf directed the offense for the Ramblers (2-1), as he completed six-of-10 passes and connected with freshman receiver Spencer Judd for a touchdown at

the end of the first half.

Entering the second half down by 14, Morrissey worked to cut the lead but were shut down by a stingy Rambler defense.

"We gave them a big lead too early and couldn't close the gap," Morrissey sophomore quarterback Ryan Lindquist said. "Our strength is in our run game, and we got away from that early on by passing too often."

The Ramblers added another rushing touchdown in the second half to take a 20-0 lead.

The Ramblers have won two straight, and Burggraf said he believes they are on the right track to the playoffs.

"The last couple weeks we were not mentally sharp," Burggraf said. "We knew we were there physically but couldn't translate this to the mental part of the game. The focus was there this game, and that really helped us out."

The Ramblers will chase their playoff dreams when they face Duncan on Sunday, while Morrissey will try to avoid another loss when it squares off against Knott the same day.

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## Alumni 10, Knott 7

**By SAMANTHA ZUBA**  
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In a gritty game between Alumni and Knott on Sunday, one kick made all the difference, as the Dawgs edged the Juggerknotts in a 10-7 victory behind sophomore Ryan Buckley's game-winning field goal.

In a contest where both teams

relied on the run, the Dawgs (2-1) struck first, as junior quarterback Will Cronin dove into the end zone after a long march down the field.

Knott (1-1) countered with its own rushing attack in the second half. The Juggerknotts took advantage of a pass interference call on a long throw from sophomore quarterback David Taiclet to push the ball into Alumni territory. Senior running back Joey Beglane then punched the ball in for a touchdown.

Beglane's performance helped Knott control the game for much of the second half, but an interception by the Dawgs brought them back into the game. A series of penalties, including horse-collar and roughing the passer penalties, helped Alumni move downfield.

The penalties set up Buckley's go-ahead field goal.

Both teams will face Morrissey in their next matchup. Knott will meet The Manor on Sunday, while Alumni will clash with Morrissey on Oct. 28.

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## Stanford 14, O'Neill 7

**By LESLEY STEVENSON**  
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Despite early setbacks, Stanford's offense surged late to get past O'Neill's defense and secure a 14-7 win Sunday afternoon.

O'Neill (0-2) got off to a strong start, as it scored on a touchdown by senior receiver Alex Brolick midway through the first half.

"It was tough because we had the lead early," O'Neill junior linebacker Calvin Hemington said. "Our players were playing hard ... We've just got to get tougher inside."

In the second half, Stanford senior receiver Patrick Kramer took over, as he hauled in two touchdown passes from junior quarterback Conor Healy. The two touchdown receptions gave the Griffins (1-2) a 14-7 edge over O'Neill.

"The offensive line was on their game, and so that just really set up the passes," Kramer said. "We've only scored one touchdown all year, so to get two like that in a game we had to win was big."

Senior captain Paul Babiak said he was thrilled with the efforts of Kramer and the rest of his team.

"We're a pass-first team," Babiak said. "Honestly, it was just a tremendous effort on both sides of the ball. I couldn't be happier with how everyone played."

O'Neill's offense struggled throughout the game, as the Angry Mob lost two fumbles. Additionally, the Mob lost a key contributor on defense, as sophomore linebacker David Lee left early with an ankle injury.

"Even with those, I think we

played really well, and we have good momentum to come play Keough next week," junior captain Eric Reed said.

Both teams look to keep their playoff hopes alive next Sunday when O'Neill faces Keough and Stanford meets Keenan for the Battle of the Chapel.

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## Keough 14, Dillon 6

**By SARAH CONNORS**  
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In a defensive battle Sunday afternoon, Keough outlasted Dillon, as the Kangaroos earned a 14-6 victory.

Keough (2-0) struck early with a special-teams touchdown. On the fourth play of the game, freshman Will Fields blocked a Dillon punt and ran it in for a score.

"I felt that the play was rather ironic because we did the exact same thing in the practice before the game," Fields said.

The Kangaroos followed up Fields' touchdown with a score on their following possession. The Keough defense stifled Dillon (1-2) for most of the first half, and the Kangaroos went into halftime with a 14-0 lead.

"We played hard and we played physical," Keough junior quarterback Seamus Donegan said. "Our defense really brought it this game."

Throughout the game, Dillon effectively moved the ball down the field by running it up the gut and converting many screen passes. The Big Red offense had a difficult time converting those plays into touchdowns, however, and Dillon did not put points on the board until late in the second half.

Dillon senior Dan Balcarcel said he was proud of his team's performance, especially with the absence of junior quarterback Kevin Fink.

"We had to have a couple guys step up and play new positions for the first time," Balcarcel said. "[Senior] Ben Ferry, our starting middle linebacker, filled in at quarterback and had a huge game for us on both sides of the ball."

Keough will try to continue its winning ways when it meets O'Neill next Sunday, while Dillon will try to rebound with a win when it faces O'Neill on Oct. 28.

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## Zahm forfeits to Fisher

Sunday's matchup between the Green Wave and the Zahmbies was not played due to a Zahm forfeit for not having enough players. Fisher (2-0) will look to remain undefeated when it faces Sorin on Sunday, while Zahm (0-3) will look to secure its first win when it plays St. Edward's the same day.



# Weasels

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Pasquerilla West looks to continue its undefeated season against Howard on Sunday, while Cavanaugh hopes to rebound against Breen-Phillips the same day.

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## Badin 26, Breen-Phillips 2

By ALEX STEMBAUGH  
Sports Writer

Badin came prepared Sunday and garnered a 26-2 victory over Breen-Phillips.

The Bullfrogs (2-2) relied heavily on their defense, which compiled four interceptions and six sacks. Senior receiver Tommasina Domel also said the offense also stepped up.

“Our quarterback was sick today, but our backup quarterback did excellent,” Domel said. “This was just a nice confidence boost before we play Walsh. Our defense obviously played very well.”

The Babes (0-2) were the first on the board, however, with a safety that followed a Badin interception in the end zone to begin the second quarter.

But Badin answered back, charging 40 yards up the field on the next drive. Junior quarterback Sarah Fleming capped the drive with a four-yard pass to Domel for the touchdown, and the Bullfrogs never looked back.

Fleming and Domel proved to be an unstoppable force, as Domel caught passes totaling over 65 yards on her way to her three touchdowns and one conversion for the Bulldogs. Defensively, sophomore safety Jane Hermann led Badin with two interceptions, one of which she returned for a touchdown.

Breen-Phillips was led junior quarterback Molly Toner, who amassed over 60 yards rushing, but ultimately the Babes weren’t able to convert the yardage into any offensive points.

“It’s a tough loss,” Toner said. “But our team is young, so hopefully we can use this as a learning experience to improve and come out stronger next week.”

Breen-Phillips takes on Lyons tonight, while Badin looks to continue its winning streak against Walsh tonight as well.

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## Welsh Family 19, Pasquerilla East 6

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Sports Writer

In a battle between two teams working to improve their offenses, Welsh Family hit the ground running and pulled out a 19-6 victory over Pasquerilla East on Sunday.

“They did a great job and really held strong,” Welsh Family senior corner back Kaitlyn Cole said.

The chemistry between Welsh Family senior quarterback

Victoria Moreno and her receivers, senior Kirsten Groody, junior Stephanie Lobaccaro and sophomore Natalie Branch, was noticeable. The slew of pass connections empowered the Whirlwind to move down the field and move the ball past the Pasquerilla East defense.

Early in the second quarter, Moreno connected on a 15-yard touchdown pass to Branch, putting the Whirlwinds (3-1) on the board. Late in the second half, Moreno found Lobaccaro deep in the end zone, securing a 13-point lead.

Cole ran back an interception 70 yards, scoring Welsh Family’s second touchdown of the second quarter and game.

The Pyros (0-1-2) fought back but couldn’t stop the Welsh Family passing attack.

“They ran a lot of receivers, and the other teams we’ve played have had pretty heavy running games,” Pasquerilla East senior captain and linebacker Anna Perino said. “It was a different look for us.”

Looking to take their offense to new heights, the Pyros saw improvement on the offensive side of the ball, Perino said. With sophomore quarterback Macy Mulhall and sophomore receiver Nik-Nik Ameli, Pasquerilla East executed its strategy. Mulhall connected with Ameli for a 15-yard touchdown pass early in the fourth quarter.

“We scored and had some big catches,” Perino said. “Macy was great and rolled out a couple of big runs.”

Welsh Family looks to follow up with another victory against Farley on Monday night, while Pasquerilla East prepares to face Pangborn on Monday.

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## Lewis 7, Farley 0

By MEG HANDELMAN  
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In a battle of two undefeated teams, Lewis defeated Farley 7-0 on Sunday, behind a strong defense and a last-minute score.

With starting Chicks quarterback senior Connaught Blood out due to a concussion, junior Colleen Haller stepped up and took over under center.

Haller completed a touchdown pass to senior receiver Mara Catlaw late in the fourth quarter for the game’s lone score.

“It was a team effort,” Catlaw said.

Haller secured the extra point to bring the final score to 7-0.

Farley’s defense helped it hold back the Chicks (1-2-1) until the end of the fourth quarter with multiple sacks in the second and third quarters.

On the other side of the ball, Farley sophomore quarterback Kathleen Schiavenza led the Finest (0-3) for the whole game.

“We need to work on connecting on passing,” Schiavenza said. “Our defense has been great. We need to get our strategy down and work on changing



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**Senior Wildcat quarterback Maya Pillai carries the ball in a game against Farley on Sept. 17. Ryan lost a close match to Pangborn, 8-7, on Sunday night, putting its record at 2-2.**

our plays to read their defense faster.”

Farley (0-3) hopes to get its first win Tuesday against Welsh Family, while Lewis will fight for another victory against Ryan on Sunday.

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## Pangborn 8, Ryan 7

By CASEY KARNES  
Sports Writer

In a closely contested battle that went until the final whistle, Pangborn pulled out an 8-7 victory against Ryan on Sunday.

It was a tale of two halves, as Ryan (2-2) dominated the ball in the first half. Pangborn (3-1) was only able to run one play in the first quarter due to the Wildcats’ efficiency. It was a defensive play that ultimately made the difference, however, as the Phoxes took the lead on a safety by sophomore defensive lineman Erica Mitchell in the fourth quarter.

“I didn’t even know she was still in the end zone,” Mitchell said. “I was just going for her flag.”

The Wildcats led for the majority of the game after scoring on a pass from senior quarterback Maya Pillai to sophomore receiver Ashley Veselik in the second quarter. Ryan’s offense was dynamic, mixing both the run and the pass as the Wildcats drove up and down the field at will. The Phoxes were able to get several key stops in the red zone, however, to keep the game close.

“I thought we were the better team in a lot of ways,” Pillai said.

“They just did a better job of adjusting at the half.”

The Phoxes stormed out of the half with a touchdown drive orchestrated by sophomore quarterback Liz Quinn. Quinn, a first time starter, connected on several long passes throughout the second half, but it was Mitchell who ultimately sealed the game with her safety.

***“I thought we were the better team in a lot of ways ... They just did a better job of adjusting at half.”***

Maya Pillai  
senior quarterback  
Ryan

“Our goal was simply to keep them from scoring [in the second half] and to score ourselves,” Mitchell said. “And that’s exactly what we did.”

The Phoxes played Monday against Pasquerilla East while the Wildcats will face Lewis on Sunday.

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## Walsh 25, Howard 0

By DH KIM  
Sports Writer

Howard and Walsh squared off Sunday, each looking to get back to the .500 mark. In the end, Walsh dominated for a 25-0 victory.

The game began with Walsh senior captain and cornerback Lindy Navarre intercepting a Howard pass. Navarre ran 30

yards for what would have been a touchdown, but an illegal block negated the score.

Walsh (2-2) got the ball back later and stayed in control as senior quarterback Kat Leach threw a touchdown pass to senior receiver Maggie Davis.

Walsh maintained control and most of the possession through the second quarter and sophomore receiver Kathleen Hough caught a critical touchdown pass to seal the game. Howard’s offense was dynamic and aggressive in response to Walsh’s offense. The Ducks (1-3) went for many fourth downs in the second quarter, and freshman receiver Maria Ianni stepped up and was critical in getting the Ducks yardage and first downs. Sophomore quarterback Lauren Gabel made her first start, filling in for senior quarterback Clare Robinson, who was out for the week with a finger and rib injury.

“There were only 11 people in attendance,” Howard senior coach Ryan Robinson said. “Participation and attendance will be key for our next game.”

The Wild Women took advantage of the Ducks’ shaky offense with three interceptions. Later on, Davis caught her second touchdown pass for the Wild Women, and just three minutes later Leach threw a 25-yard pass to a wide-open Davis that sealed the game.

Walsh looks to get over .500 tonight against Badin, while Howard attempts to rebound Sunday against Pasquerilla West.

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## SMC VOLLEYBALL

# Belles use free weekend to gear up for Hope



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Sophomore Emily Getz spikes the ball in a 3-2 win against Kalamazoo on Sept. 18. The Belles face Hope tonight at 7 p.m.

By AARON SANT-MILLER  
Sports Writer

After a tough home loss to No. 2 Calvin on Wednesday, Saint Mary's took a much-needed weekend off to prepare for their match against No. 4 Hope.

Going into the match against Calvin last Wednesday, the Belles were coming off playing eight games in less than two weeks.

"This was our first weekend off the whole season," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. "We were definitely in need of a break. We're hoping that rest and recuperation time will give us some fresh legs and some fresh perspective going into the match."

The Belles (8-7, 4-3 MIAA) are looking to compete in a close conference race Tuesday against Hope (14-2, 6-1 MIAA). To make the MIAA tournament, the Belles would have to finish as one of the top four teams in the conference. As of now, the Belles are in fifth place — a half game back of Trine and

one game back from Alma.

"We're excited to go on the road and play another nationally-ranked team that's also in our conference," Kuschel said. "We're excited to get back into conference play after a long weekend."

Despite a tough loss to Calvin, Hope managed to get back on track last Wednesday with a sweep over Trine.

*"We want to go in and play our best volleyball. ... That's always our goal."*

Toni Kuschel  
Belles volleyball coach

Currently, the Flying Dutch hold a firm grasp on a second-place seat in the MIAA.

Hope's impressive record has been partially due to the strong play of

sophomore outside hitter Jenna Grasmeyer. Currently, Grasmeyer leads the Flying Dutch with 247 kills, while hitting at an impressive 34.7 percent. To counter her strong play, the Belles will have to play strong as a team and work together, Kuschel said.

"She's a great player, that's for sure," Kuschel said. "We have to play extremely tough, disciplined defense. We have to win the serve and pass game tomorrow night to be able to play our best."

For the Belles, team play and depth have been a strong point so far, Kuschel said. Saint Mary's has three different players with more than 115 kills. Sophomore outside hitter Kati Schneider leads the team with 183 kills.

"We want to go in and play our best volleyball," Kuschel said. "That's always our goal."

Saint Mary's is next in action 7 p.m. Tuesday at Hope.

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## WOMEN'S INTERHALL

# Interception for Pasquerilla West earns win

*Strong defense grants narrow victories to Lewis, Pangborn; Badin, Walsh and Welsh Fam take easy wins*

By **ALEX STEMBAUGH**  
Sports Writer

In a marquee matchup between two strong defensive squads, Pasquerilla West emerged with a 12-0 victory over Cavanaugh.

Both teams were slow to start and relied on tenacious defense, allowing a combined four first downs in the first quarter.

Pasquerilla West (3-0) got on the board with less than two minutes to go in the half when senior defensive back Maria Harmon intercepted a pass and ran it back for a 21-yard touchdown.

"Our defense looked really good, aside from a few of the key penalties called," senior defensive lineman Meghan Schmitt said. "We just need to work on

putting more pressure on the quarterback."

Penalties plagued both teams, who lost a combined 95 yards to penalties. Cavanaugh (3-1) was able to get going on offense with a series of completions from senior quarterback Rosemary Kelly to sophomore receiver Olivia Dietzel, but ultimately, this did not translate into points.

With less than two minutes to go in the game, Pasquerilla West sophomore quarterback Lauren Vidal connected with senior receiver Alice Yerokun for a 27-yard touchdown pass, putting the Purple Weasels up 12-0. On the Chaos' ensuing possession, Cavanaugh intercepted Purple Weasels senior defensive back Aoibheann Thinnies intercepted a Cavanaugh pass to seal a

Pasquerilla West victory.

"This game obviously stinks," Cavanaugh senior center Kelly Brakora said. "But we definitely think we're still in it for the long haul, and we're going to take what we learned today and move forward with it ... Our defense is still definitely the core of our team."

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## Leader

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what I was used to. I didn't expect to start or play much, so whenever I did get the opportunity, it was exciting and a lot of fun and I tried to do my best. My goal was to take it all in and absorb all the information, and try not to overthink things."

This year, Eppink has assumed a leadership role both on and off the court. She's started 11 of 14 matches played and is fourth on the team in kills.

"I'm being more

vocal on the court," she said. "Freshman year, I was

***"Freshman year, I was very quiet. We had a lot of upperclassmen, there was a lot of leadership established, and I wasn't very vocal."***

Hilary Eppink  
Irish senior middle blocker

very quiet. We had a lot of upperclassmen, there was

a lot of leadership established, and I wasn't very vocal. It's important to be vocal on the court. That's something I've really improved on, just always talking to my teammates and being encouraging and being louder on the court."

Eppink's leadership is helping the Irish (10-6, 3-1 Big East) toward their goals of winning the Big East. Notre Dame continues their conference schedule this Saturday when they welcome Connecticut to Purcell Pavilion.

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## Climax

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For Notre Dame, a team that came out on fire, but by February was nothing but rundown smoke and ash.

This year, though, the Irish are settling in for a marathon. For Jackson, it's not about bouncing back from last year's lows or recreating the highs of two years ago. Peaks and valleys burn too much gas. Jackson's buzzword during Monday's media day was "consistency", and it's with that constant grade that Notre Dame hopes to climb back up towards a national championship.

The new arena and the new league are old news this year, and while the team never used them as excuses, they will definitely not miss the distractions they caused. Gone too are the expectations that accompany a top ranking, as the Irish enter this season as a more modest No. 10.

With a brutal non-conference schedule that features No. 1 BC, No. 2 Minnesota, and No. 4 North Dakota, the Irish may not jump out of the blocks to a hot start, but they'll learn their weaknesses and improve along the way.

Having the experience of

junior Steven Summerhays and senior Mike Johnson in the crease should shore up the back of the Irish lineup, and help ensure the team turns its one-goal leads into one-goal wins.

The team's 12 juniors aren't underclassmen anymore, and they'll have new perspective after last year's disappointment. Junior captain Anders Lee will move to center to help spur the offense, while physical presences like junior forward Jeff Costello and junior defenseman Stephen Johns will give Notre Dame some needed swagger and a well-rounded punch.

The season and the trying schedule will certainly be one full of ups and downs. The key for Jackson and his players will be to grind through, stay strong, and play their best hockey come spring.

It's only a few hours' drive from South Bend to the Frozen Four in Pittsburgh. But this year, the Irish know that it takes six months to get there.

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center T.J. Tynan, Jackson moved Lee to the middle and split the pair up in order to gain much-needed depth at the position.

"It's going to give him an opportunity to skate the full distance of the ice and make plays offensively and defensively," Jackson said. "It was about not wanting to have our second- and third-line centers being freshmen. With Anders and T.J. both being juniors, it gives us a lot of experience up the middle."

Though he hasn't played the position at the collegiate level, Lee spent most of his hockey career at center prior to coming to Notre Dame. Lee said that he is comfortable with his new position and with seeing former line-mate Tynan centering on another line.

"It's something that comes naturally to me, something that I've been doing my whole life," Lee said. "It's a matter of finding a position where I can help this team out. I'm willing to do whatever it takes. ... T.J. is a great player and we fed off each other a lot, and I know he's going to be great, and I know I will too."

Jackson also tabbed junior goaltender Steven Summerhays as the starter going into the season. Summerhays played the majority of games for the Irish down the stretch last year after working in a platoon with senior goaltender Mike Johnson for most of the season. Jackson said that though Summerhays has

the early edge, he will need to show consistency if he is to hold off Johnson.

"Steven won some big games for us in the last six weeks of the season and had a .930 save percentage, so he goes in as the number one," Jackson said. "He won't play all the games, but he will get the bulk of the games early on. He needs to show that he can play with the consistency that he did at the end of last year."

Summerhays, who came to school lighter and in better shape than last year, said he hopes to build off the success at the end of last year.

"I had some success last year which I want to carry over into this year, but I'm still approaching this season like I have the last two," Summerhays said. "I want to earn every game I get."

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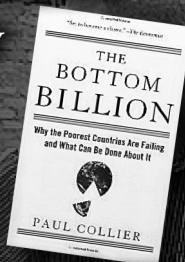
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## HOCKEY

## Media Day kicks off new season

*Junior Lee named as captain for upcoming year*

By CONOR KELLY  
Sports Writer

The Irish hockey season opened with media day on Monday in anticipation of Notre Dame's exhibition Thursday against the United States National Team Development Program's under-18 team.

After leading the Irish in goals and serving as alternate captain last season, junior forward Anders Lee was named as the team's lone captain for the 2011-2012 season by Irish coach Jeff Jackson. With just four seniors on the team, Lee and the 12-man junior class will be counted on for leadership after a season in which a slump to end the year kept the Irish out of the NCAA tournament.

"Anytime your captain is one of your best players, it certainly helps to have a guy who's your leader doing the job off the ice, in the classroom and pretty much in every aspect," Jackson said. "I'm expecting Anders to have a great year for us."

Though he served as an alternate captain for graduated seniors Billy Maday and Sean Lorenz, Lee said that he is excited and humbled to serve as the team's lone captain this season.

"It's an honor. It's really cool to have the support of my teammates and coaches in the locker room," Lee said. "I'm one of many leaders on this team. We've got great upperclassmen



SARAH O'CONNOR | The Observer

*Junior captain Anders Lee attempts to steal the puck from a Bowling Green opponent in a match Feb. 4 at the Compton Family Ice Arena. The Irish will play their first tournament next week.*

that will help me in that regard, and we're ready to get this season going."

In addition to Lee, Jackson has designated a seven-man leadership group made up of the four seniors and three members of the junior class who will work with Lee and Jackson

throughout the year.

"[Nick] Larson, [Stephen] Johns, [Jeff] Costello [and Kevin] Nugent and the others are all guys that have been here before and know how it works around here," Lee said. "That's why they're leaders on this team."

In addition to his move to sole ownership of the team's captaincy, Lee will adjust to a move to center after spending his first two years on the wing. After Lee notched 34 points last season playing alongside junior

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*Jackson, team look to extend success past early season*



Jack Hefferon  
Sports Writer

It's a long way to the top.

Whether you want to rock 'n roll or, in Notre Dame's case, make it back to the Frozen Four, being elite is determined over the long haul.

The Irish looked to have all the tools to complete the journey last year. The team was coming off a successful 2010-2011 season, and its giant freshman class looked poised to take another step forward as sophomores. On top of that, the program was surrounded by excitement about the team's new digs (the gorgeous Compton Family Ice Arena) and conference (Hockey East). Wrap that all in a pre-season No.1 ranking, and you got the high-octane energy, confidence and expectation that the Irish brought with them into the season.

Notre Dame rode that rush to a 9-2-2 start, which reached a climax in an electric overtime win against Boston College in the new arena.

But it didn't last.

After that start, which Irish coach Jeff Jackson called "a sugar high", the team sputtered to a 10-16-1 finish down the stretch – bowing out early in the CCHA tournament and missing the NCAAs entirely.

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## ND VOLLEYBALL

## Senior Eppink leads Irish on court

*Irish rely on guidance, vocal presence from upperclassman to reach postseason play in her final year*



KARLA MORENO | The Observer

*Senior middle blocker Hilary Eppink follows through after spiking the ball in a match against Syracuse on Sept. 30.*

By LAURA COLETTI  
Sports Writer

Senior middle blocker Hilary Eppink has always been tall, but she has been growing athletically since she first picked up volleyball when she was young. Initially a swimmer, Eppink became interested in volleyball because her height would be advantageous.

"I started playing volleyball in about the fourth grade in a city league, nothing real competitive," she said. "Honestly, my parents wanted me to be involved in sports where height could be used to my advantage. After

that first year, I was hooked. I thought it was so much fun, and I enjoyed going to practice every day. I got more serious as I've gotten older, but I've still enjoyed the game. It's always been fun for me."

Although she had always enjoyed volleyball, Eppink didn't start to consider playing at the collegiate level until she reached high school.

"Volleyball started to get competitive once I hit middle school, because that's when all the girls started playing club volleyball," she said. "I started getting recruited when I got into high school, and I started trying to get more exposure

through club play."

Eppink fell in love with Notre Dame's campus when she was recruited out of high school. During her freshman year, she tried to constantly absorb her surroundings and learn from her coaches and upperclassmen. She has been constantly improving, and has been a mainstay in the Irish rotation since her sophomore year.

"I think coming in [as a freshman] I didn't know what to expect," Eppink said. "I knew the game was going to be a lot faster and at a much higher level than

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