

'We're deciding our future'

Twenty-nine days remain until Election Day, students consider economy most important in voting booth

By **MEGAN DOYLE**
Managing Editor

Twenty-nine days.

Twenty-nine days until the votes are cast. Twenty-nine days until the die falls for one candidate or another.

As Election Day looms one month away, students are studying for the voting booths on November 6 as well as their midterm exams. Freshman Emily Collins cast her vote for the first time in a primary election in Georgia this summer. She will also send an absentee ballot back to her home state from Indiana to participate in the general election.

"It was very exciting to be a part of something, to know my voice was being heard in something bigger," Collins said. "It was exciting to do something small that was actually something really big."

As she prepares to finally participate in an election, Collins

said she watched last week's presidential debate with a more attentive eye.

"I thought it was definitely interesting to see President Obama, because it was my freshman year of high school when Obama was elected," she said. "It was interesting watching him now compared to then."

Breaking out of the cycle of college life to stay informed about the election is sometimes difficult but necessary, Collins said.

"It's really hard being a college freshman, you kind of forget [the election] is going on," Collins said. "Being kept in your college life, it's hard to remember what's going on in the real world. Keep in touch. Keep checking the news."

In order to encourage students to follow election issues, College Democrats and College Republicans will co-host a watch for the vice presidential



President Barack Obama and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney campaign in the swing states of Virginia and Wisconsin, respectively.

debate Thursday at 9:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

College Democrats president Camille Suarez said she was pleased with the response to the bipartisan watch of last

week's presidential debate, also hosted alongside the College Republicans.

"Personally, my issue isn't whether or not people vote Democrat," Suarez said. "It's

whether people vote. I think a lot of people don't vote because they think their vote doesn't count. The choices that

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ESPN to visit campus

Observer Staff Report

Shortly after Notre Dame's 41-3 victory over Miami in Soldier Field on Saturday, ESPN's popular pregame show "College GameDay" announced it would be broadcasting live from Notre Dame's campus before next Saturday's game against Stanford. "GameDay" last visited campus in 2005 before then-No. 9 Notre Dame's 31-34 loss to then-No. 1 USC.

"College GameDay" started broadcasting in 1987, when it was filmed at ESPN studios in Bristol, Conn. Its first on-location broadcast took place on Nov. 13, 1993 from Notre

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JULIE HERDER | The Observer

Irish fans gather in Chicago's Millennium Park for the pep rally on Friday. The Irish defeated Miami 41-3 at Soldier Field on Saturday.

Goerner passes away

Observer Staff Report

Edward Goerner, professor emeritus of political science, died Oct. 2 at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. He was 82.

A Brooklyn native and a 1952 alumnus of Notre Dame, Goerner served in the U.S. Navy and earned a doctoral degree in political science from the University of Chicago in 1959, according to a University press release. He also taught at Yale for a year before he joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1960.

Goerner, whose academic interests included the interaction of religion and politics, was one of Notre Dame's most popular teachers. According to the release, he was once

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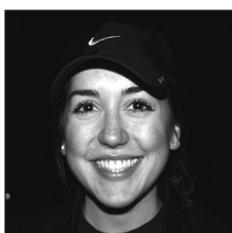
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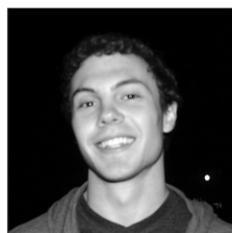
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Chad Meyer
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"Dominating."



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Mike Feczko, a member of the Class of 1999, and his wife Katie pose for a picture with the Band of the Fighting Irish on Friday. The couple were among the fans and alumni who gathered in Millennium Park in Chicago prior to a pep rally held for Saturday's Shamrock Series football game.

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"The Fourth Stage of the Arab-Israel Conflict"

Hesburgh Center
4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Political science lecture

SSLP Session

135 Geddes Hall
4 p.m.-5 p.m.
Summer Service Learning Program question forum.

Wednesday

Elevator Pitch Workshop

202 DeBartolo Hall
2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Craft a well-prepared research description.

"Going the Distance" Peace Corps Panel

Geddes Hall
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Information session by returned volunteers.

Thursday

"There is No Such Thing as a Secular Society"

Hesburgh Library
5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Lecture.

Concert: ensembleND

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.
Tickets \$15-30.

Friday

Right to Life Information Table

LaFortune
3 p.m.-6 p.m.
Part of Respect Life Week.

Men's and Women's Swimming: Dennis Stark Relays

Rolfs Aquatic Center
5 p.m.-8 p.m.
Free admission.

Women's Boxing Club emphasizes service

Baraka Bouts tournament and Power 24 Hour raise money for schools in Uganda

By **NICOLE MICHELS**
News Writer

The Notre Dame Women's Boxing Club trains women to fight — and to serve.

Through their annual Baraka Bouts tournament, club members raise money to send to two schools in Uganda, team co-president Katherine Leach said.

"Baraka means blessing in Swahili, and we have had a longstanding relationship with the Holy Cross missions in Uganda through Bengal Bouts," Leach said. "We donate the money we raise to two schools in Uganda."

Team co-captain Ragan Todd said the club has a dual focus, a fact many students are

not aware of.

"We really want to emphasize that this is not just an athletic club, but a service club as well," Todd said. "A lot of girls started out getting into it because they thought it would be a great workout, but sending money over is a huge part."

To qualify for the upcoming two-day tournament that begins Nov. 5, women must complete physical training with the team and meet a fundraising requirement, Leach said.

"We have a minimum of \$250 fundraising each year per girl, which includes a variety of methods: selling tickets, placing ads in our program [and] things on our own," Leach said.

Leach said the team also

raises money through participation in the Power 24 Hour,

"The amount of boxing and technical skill the girls have is incredible and keeps increasing, just as the donation amounts keep increasing."

Katherine Leach
co-president
Women's Boxing Club

the club's signature fundraising event.

"We also have our newly instated Power 24 Hour — last

year was our first year [running the event for 24 hours instead of one hour] and we more than doubled what we did in any previous year ... we will be running it again this Friday," she said. During the event, the team solicits donations by exercising together, Todd said.

"We have girls out in front of South Dining Hall in shifts doing pushups, jumping jacks and sit ups ... raising money and collecting donations from people," Todd said.

The Power 24 Hour attracts a lot of attention, Todd said.

"We try to do it on home football weekends to target the alumni ... trying to get donations from college students probably is not going to be as successful as getting donations

from people who have graduated and come back to campus," Todd said. "Usually we see a lot of curiosity and confusion and then when they find out what it is a lot of incredulous looks; it's fun to be able to explain [our mission] to people who don't know what we're doing."

The club raised a total of \$20,000 last year, its highest total ever.

"\$20,000 is a huge thing, even bigger for the communities we help," Leach said. "I just remember how much it means to each individual student and to each school as a whole ... being able to remain a highly respected institution, to give these kids the resources that they need so that they can stay in school, to not have to make kids commute impossible distances so that they can support themselves."

Leach said the club focuses intensely on maintaining its charitable purpose.

"We try to make sure the girls are reminded for why we do these things — just this week we had Fr. Alobo with Holy Cross who has worked over there [talk to the team] about his experience," Leach said. "He thanked them for their participation and encouraged them in their efforts ... we also have captains who have visited the schools talk."

Fr. Leonard Olobo, director of the Holy Cross Mission Center, was born in Uganda and served as the district steward in East Africa for the Center for Social Concerns from 2003 to 2009.

Leach said she hopes to see the club continue growing in size and strength.

"We hope to increase the amount of participation in the club — this will be our tenth Baraka Bouts year, and just the fact that we made it this long and that the club still seems to be growing year by year is huge," Leach said. "The amount of boxing and technical skill the girls have is incredible and keeps increasing, just as the donation amounts keep increasing."

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ESPN

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Dame's campus before the so-called "Game of the Century," when then-No. 1 Florida State visited then-No. 2 Notre Dame.

Notre Dame is ranked No. 7 this week, and Stanford is ranked No. 17.

The broadcast will begin at 9 a.m. on ESPNU and then continue from 10 a.m. to noon on ESPN. The location of the "GameDay" set on campus has not yet been announced.

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HANDS reaches Saint Mary's



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Saint Mary's junior Meghan Lefeld volunteered with HANDS in Guatemala during fall break in 2011.

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

Four years after it was conceived in South Bend, HANDS, a non-profit organization that provides yearlong volunteer opportunities with the goal of high social impact, continues to offer Saint Mary's students the chance to assist Central American countries.

Three Notre Dame students from Guatemala created HANDS in the summer of 2008. Maria Bosch, Stephanie Hurst and Mariana Diaz sought a way to make a difference in their country where poverty is a huge threat.

The organization "creates alliances with organizations focused on sustainable development that assist economically distressed communities in Central America," according to the HANDS website.

According to the website, staff members at HANDS work year-round to "ensure a dynamic placement of volunteers that is in line with the interests of the volunteer and one that will integrate smoothly with the developing goals of the participating organization."

Meghan Lefeld, a junior at Saint Mary's, is the HANDS volunteer recruiter for the College.

"I volunteered abroad last fall break for HANDS," Lefeld said. "I traveled with three other girls from Notre Dame and it was an experience of a lifetime."

Lefeld and the other students lived together with a host family in Antigua, Guatemala, and helped build a house for a low-income family.

"I was involved in the

housing and community development part when I stayed in Guatemala," Lefeld said. "It was hard work, but so much fun at the same time."

As a volunteer recruiter, Lefeld said she informs Saint Mary's students about the organization and encourages them to get involved with the non-profit.

"HANDS gives Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students the opportunity to help people in need in the areas of education, housing and community development," she said. "This is a chance for students to make a real difference in developing countries."

While Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are currently the only schools involved with HANDS, the organization hopes to reach out to other universities in the future.

According to its website, "each month, the number of volunteers, projects and organizations supported by HANDS continues to rise, strengthening its effort and dedication to promoting social responsibility and action among youth around the world."

HANDS currently boasts 180 volunteers and supports 18 projects and 12 organizations, according to the organization's website.

"HANDS is available for students to volunteer over all breaks and they can apply on the website for volunteer work as well," Lefeld said.

Job and internship opportunities with HANDS can be found at www.handsorganization.org

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politicians make now affect us later."

Students need to actively invest themselves in the political life of the country, Suarez said.

"I think we do understand [election issues], but it's always easier to be indifferent," she said. "I know it's easy for me to be indifferent. I have to push myself to vote in every election."

"I think we all have a stake in this country, and letting your voice be heard is the most important thing. Not a lot of people in this world can vote, and we kind of disregard that right."

As college students take out loans and manage their finances, Suarez said undergraduate voters have a particularly high stake in this election.

"Whatever president will be serving the next four years will have an impact on that interest rate and whether or not we'll be paying for five years or ten years or even longer," she said.

College Republicans president Mickey Gardella agreed the economy should be the most important issue for young voters.

"Our generation is going to have to pay off our debt," Gardella said.

College Republicans have been campaigning in Mishawaka for their party's candidates in the Indiana elections —Mike Pence in the

gubernatorial race, Richard Mourdock for the state's Senate seat and Jackie Walorski for the House of Representatives. Even though the club's members are not all from Indiana, Gardella said they chose to campaign for the local candidates because the elections could have a larger impact on national politics.

"They have a direct effect on U.S. policy, U.S. governing policy," he said. "One of our goals is to gain majority of the Senate, and right now Richard Mourdock is trying [to win a] close race against [Democratic challenger] Joe Donnelly."

Gardella advised students to seek out election coverage and resources that are bipartisan and unbiased as Election Day approaches.

"Pick up a newspaper, read reliable media sources," he said. "Both on the left and right, you're getting pounded with slanted information. The most important thing you can do is to read reliable information."

Junior Shivani Goel has followed election covered through CNN and other news sources, but she also follows both presidential candidates on Twitter.

"I think if you only follow one candidate, you would get a very biased view," she said. "Because I follow both of them, I can see both of their sides. But I do think both of them try to exaggerate ... so I wish they would talk more about their own viewpoints rather than

just the other candidates."

Social media has played an important role in making young people aware of election news, Goel said.

"That could be a good thing or a bad thing," she said. "I think it's good because it keeps people aware ... but people post things that are wrong or exaggerate things."

Because social media can be biased or limited, Goel encouraged her peers to turn to more traditional news sources as well.

"There are people who only learn about things by social media. ... People will only hear about [news] when people post articles on Facebook," she said. "I wish more people would be willing to watch the news."

For sophomore John Olson, staying educated during the election is a must for college-age students.

"Do your homework on each candidate, what their goals are," he said.

Olson said he feels the student population should be more aware of what each candidate represents going into Election Day.

"We're deciding our future," Olson said. "We're getting to the point where the policies that are going to be enacted are going to be reflected on us. We're making a choice on who is going to make the policies and laws that are going to dictate our lives."

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characterized in a student publication as “a compelling lecturer who discusses political theory not in the intricate language of the academician, but rather in terms of the layman” and “one of those unique individuals you can build an education around.”

In the release, law professor Donald Kommers said Goerner was an invaluable asset to the political science department.

“Ed Goerner was a towering figure in Notre Dame’s political science department and one of its most respected and consci-

“We cherished him for his broad intellectual perspective and ever-inquiring mind.”

Donald Kommers
law professor

entious members,” he said. “Ed was more than an esteemed colleague. He was an accomplished political theorist, a brilliant teacher, a friend and mentor to hundreds of students, a Notre Dame loyalist to the

bone and a person of enormous personal grace and elegance.”

Kommers said Goerner’s personal interests extended beyond politics and the classroom.

“Ed was also much more than a political scientist. He was a person steeped in liberal learning and Catholic thought and totally committed to the liberal arts,” Kommers said. “We cherished him for his broad intellectual perspective and ever-inquiring mind.”

“I shall miss him not only for the collegueship we shared over the decades, but also for the conversations we have had in recent years owing to our common interest in opera and symphonic music.”

Goerner contributed to several political science journals and authored and edited books on political theory. He also served as associate editor of Notre Dame’s journal of political theory, “The Review of Politics.”

He is survived by his wife, Iris Mensing Goerner; daughters Liza, Meg, Kate and Becky; son Peter; ten grandchildren and two sisters.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 am Monday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for the Homeless, Sacred Heart Parish or the Snite Museum of Art.

Pennsylvania voter reflects on candidates

Associated Press

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. — When the recession cost Jerry Krone his longtime accounting job several years ago, he turned to his hobby — making gourmet jam in his Fountainville kitchen. Now he’s a fixture at Doylestown’s weekly farmers market, selling his lilac jelly and rose petal jam for \$4 and \$8 a jar.

Ask him about the election, and he will tell you that neither President Barack Obama nor Mitt Romney truly understands what average families are going through. A registered Republican — but “that doesn’t really mean anything,” he said — the 58-year-old Krone voted for Obama in 2008, before his experience among the unemployed soured him.

Still, he is leaning toward voting for Obama again, but wants to see the president deliver a stellar performance in the remaining debates: “He can’t be so wimpy. He has to stop being nice.”

Across Bucks County over the weekend, people spilled into farmers markets and harvest



Jerry Krone voted for Barack Obama in 2008. Krone said he has not decided who to vote for in this year’s election.

festivals and fairs, celebrating a glorious fall day and talking about politics as well as pumpkins. More and more places in the United States are deep blue or red, but Bucks is not one of those; the county is politically eclectic, with some households divided into different political camps and plenty who say they are undecided. People were

eager to discuss the aftermath of the debate and what to anticipate in the last month of the campaign.

And while jobs are a huge concern in this country north of Philadelphia, the recent unemployment numbers, which brought the jobless rate down to a level unseen since January 2009, did not impress.

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Mel Flanagan
News Writer

Growing up on Long Island, there was never any doubt in my mind that New York City was the greatest city in the country. It has everything an individual could possibly expect from a city — from amazing restaurants and shopping areas to diehard sport traditions, and, of course, ridiculously high prices. I remember visiting Boston and Philadelphia in middle school and feeling superior to all the residents because my city was larger and more cosmopolitan than their cities. To be honest, I never really even spent that much time in New York City, even though I only live about thirty minutes away from Manhattan. I'm more of an outdoors person and crowds overwhelm me, so New York's tightly packed buildings and busy streets are not exactly up my alley.

But once I came to Notre Dame, I acted as if New York City was my second home. I enjoyed telling people I was from New York because I automatically assumed that unless they were from Paris or Sydney, my hometown was probably more entertaining than theirs. Even with the wealth of Notre Dame students from the Chicago area, it never occurred to me that Chicago might rival New York. Maybe San Francisco or Washington, D.C., but never a random city in the middle of the Midwest.

But over the past few years, I've visited Chicago several times, and each time I leave liking the city more and more. Yes, it's smaller than New York, but that only makes it easier to navigate. Prices, while still high, are much lower than New York's, and Chicago natives are almost as infatuated with their athletic teams as Notre Dame students are with our football team. The city is cleaner overall, and Lake Michigan offers a nicer view than New York Harbor. I always assumed that if I lived in a city after graduation it would be New York, but as I think about post-Notre Dame life more frequently, I think I might rather spend a few years as a young professional in Chicago.

This past weekend only cemented those feelings. Chicago and its inhabitants welcomed Notre Dame students and fans alike with open arms, and I can't think of a better weekend I've had in several months. The bars were lively, the food was tasty and the Notre Dame network was huge and comforting. Even though I'll always be a New Yorker at heart, I'm starting to think a Chicago state of mind might be just what I need to start my life after Notre Dame.

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The real war on women

Elliott Pearce
The Human Interest

This week is Respect Life Week here at Notre Dame. Some of you may think this week brings out the best in Notre Dame students by allowing us to stand together and make a strong statement supporting the rights of all human beings to live long and happy lives. Others believe it brings out the worst in us, with the rows of crosses that line South Quad pointing a hateful and accusatory finger at any woman who steps on our campus who has found herself in the difficult situation of considering abortion. Whatever your views about abortion and Respect Life Week, I hope we can all agree on the topic about which I am writing today: sex-selective abortion.

Sex-selective abortion is exactly what it sounds like: aborting a baby because the parents desire a child of a different sex. It is most common in Asian countries, particularly India and China, where the ratio of males to females at birth was as high as 1.2 to 1 in some parts of India and most of China (according to the Indian census and various U.N. population statistics in 2010). Although sex-selective abortion is far less common in the United States, it is not unheard of — especially among communities of immigrants who come from nations where sex-selective abortion is widely practiced.

The U.S. House of Representatives recently rejected a bill that would make knowingly participating in a sex-selective abortion a federal offense punishable by up to five years in prison. While I think the maximum

penalty might seem excessive to those who do not believe that abortion is the killing of a human person, I believe that everyone, including those who would permit abortion in most cases, should support some kind of ban on sex-selective abortions in the United States. I will now offer three reasons why I hold this position. First, sex-selective abortion demeans the worth and dignity of women. Second, it is often a symptom of a broader culture of abuse and coercion of women that must be brought to light. Third, banning sex-selective abortion would allow the U.S. to exercise moral and practical leadership on an issue that will have drastic consequences for the futures of many nations.

Regarding offenses against women's dignity: I am not a woman, but if I were, I would find it profoundly insulting that people seek medical procedures to allow them to have sons instead of daughters. This practice goes beyond sex-selective abortions to in-vitro fertilization, where parents can use some of the latest technologies and techniques to control the sex of the embryos they implant. Womanhood is not a genetic disorder to be eliminated through abortion, nor is it an undesirable trait that we should reject when building the perfect "designer" baby. Women are half of humanity. Some would even say they are the better half. Let's keep it that way.

It should not surprise anyone, then, that in many cases, the women who undergo sex-selective abortions do not do so of their own free will. The father, under cultural pressure to produce sons in order to appear "virile"

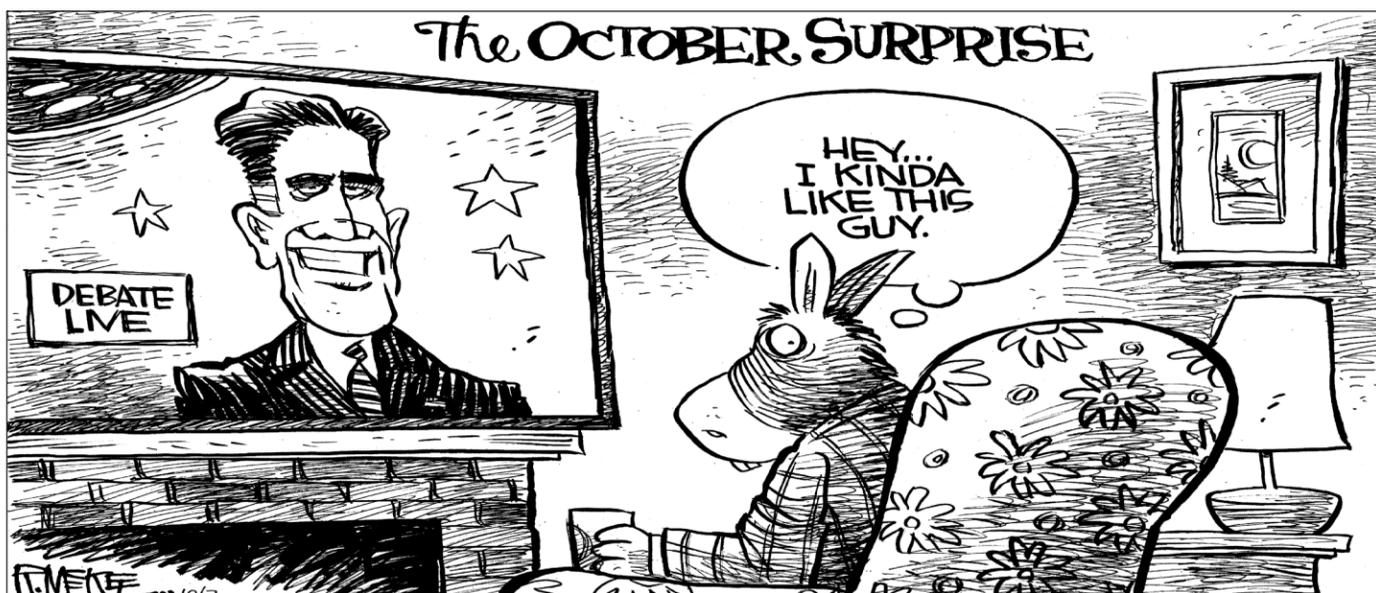
and "manly," might convince or even compel the mother to abort a female fetus so he can try for a son next time. In this way, men who disdain womanhood impose their warped value system on their own wives by preventing them from bearing female children. It's difficult for me to think of a more tragic example of male oppression of women. Allowing the authorities to investigate cases of sex-selective abortion could help put an end to this form of coercion and also bring to light related offenses like domestic violence.

Finally, banning sex-selective abortion in the United States would give the U.S. a chance to speak out against the rampant overuse of the practice in other countries. A Congressional report on China said recently that the Chinese could have as many as 40 million "surplus males" by 2020. These men will never get the chance to marry or have children and may lead "lost and lonely" lives, according to Washington Post reporter Mary Curtis. Sources in China say the rate of sex-selective abortion is increasing as more families become wealthy enough to afford abortions. In fact, more sex-selective abortions are taking place throughout the entire developing world for this same reason. The U.S. must take a stand against this practice that threatens the happiness of men and the dignity and safety of women around the world. We can start by banning it at home.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is absurd to divide people into good and bad. People are either charming or tedious."

Oscar Wilde
Irish dramatist, novelist & poet

WEEKLY POLL

What's your favorite stress-reliever for midterms week?

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Imaginary friends

Bridget Galassini
Bitter Bridget

Mark Sloan died last week. This name may mean nothing to some people, but to every “Grey’s Anatomy” fan, Dr. McSteamy will always be remembered as the sexiest, cockiest, best plastic surgeon that’s ever existed.

He may be just a character on a TV show, but when the years of his life flashed across the screen at the end of the episode, I felt like I was at a funeral reading his tombstone. I cried alone in my dorm room about the death of a fictional character. Sad, I know. But he was more than a fictional character to me. He was the man who always had a witty comment to make me laugh on any given Thursday, the man who taught me that we all make mistakes, yet some people suffer worse consequences, the man who was enthralled by Lexie Grey, but didn’t admit it until it was too late.

It made me wonder — is it right that I feel so much emotion for this person who isn’t even real? When I read stories about shootings in Chicago or the war in Iraq, of course I think it’s sad and horrible, but it doesn’t really faze

me. I’ve become desensitized to it. I have this numbness toward the tragedy in our world because it happens so much.

It’s like if you put a frog in boiling water, it hops out immediately. But if you put it in room-temperature water and slowly heat it up, the frog will die because it won’t know to jump out. That’s how I’ve become unaffected by all of the injustices in our world — because the temperature has been rising slowly, I’m unable to jump out, unable to be shocked by any of it.

But witnessing Mark Sloan’s death was like putting the frog in boiling water for me. The sadness hit me right away because he was suddenly gone. That’s shocking and sad and hard to deal with. But then why aren’t the injustices in our world as shocking and sad and hard to deal with?

It could be because they’re far away from us. Characters are close, they’re relatable. But these problems in our world, they’re distant and maybe too much to handle. It’s like when someone is seriously injured and blacks out because the brain can’t deal with the pain. There’s too much to deal with, so the brain doesn’t deal with any of it. It’s in shock.

Dealing with problems in smaller doses is easier. Setting up one food pantry or one good school is more doable than solving world hunger or bringing good education to poor areas. Curing a disease on a case-by-case basis is easier than eliminating it completely. If you look at the big picture, things may seem hopeless — but if you zoom in, a solution seems possible.

That’s what fictional TV show characters do for us. They take general problems and make them specific. That single figure represents many problems from reality, but they’re relatable, sympathetic, loveable.

And they make us love them. They welcome us into their lives for a fleeting moment once a week, and in those moments we come to love them for the lessons they teach us. They teach us about love and heartbreak, life and death. I swear I’ve learned more than half of my life lessons from “Grey’s Anatomy” (specifically from Meredith’s monologues). We live vicariously through these characters, because they represent real problems that we face every day, though on a greater and more exaggerated scale.

So, these characters affect us, we feel like we know them. No wonder

we’re sad when they leave us. They’re our friends — which isn’t necessarily a bad thing, just a little strange. For instance, it’s strange to me that watching “Grey’s” while doing my chemistry homework gives me extra motivation to keep studying science or pre-med or whatever I choose. It’s almost like these doctors are my role models, but they’re not even real.

Sometimes I think I could better invest my time in reality, in real relationships, in crying for the tragedies in our world instead of crying for Mark Sloan’s death. Then again, maybe not. I’m still learning lessons and feeling human emotions. So what if it is a fictional TV character who brings them out? At least I feel something. If only this empathy could be extended to more people in real life.

I think it could, though, if I find a cause that makes me love it just as much as Mark Sloan made me love him. That would be the best of both worlds.

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Reshaping the ‘ism’ debate

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One can hardly think of two more contentious words in the American political lexicon than socialism and capitalism. Neither can I think of two words as highly misused and misunderstood. In the aftermath of the recent financial crisis, just as in the aftermath of every deep recession, there is heightened discussion of these concepts. If these concepts were understood more clearly, perhaps we could have more constructive conversations about the size and scope of government.

There is some confusion surrounding the meaning of socialism. In the economics discipline, these colloquial “isms” are generally not used. Economic systems are described as market economies or command economies, roughly analogous to capitalism and communism, respectively. In the former, prices are determined by markets and capital is privately owned. In the latter, prices are determined by a planning board and capital is publicly owned.

From time to time, I hear befuddling discussion about the socialist economies of Europe. Many Americans seem to consider much of Europe, especially Scandinavian countries, as socialist because of their expansive programs for wealth redistribution. However, these are economies with private capital, successful corporations and prices

determined by markets. If Norway, Sweden or Denmark were socialist economies, it would not be a stretch to say the same of the U.S. Among Americans, there is some ambiguity surrounding the term socialism, but for most of the world, and for much of history, the varieties of socialist theory have been recognized as roughly synonymous with communism.

This ambiguity resulting from conceptual discussion points to the second major flaw in the debate between capitalism and socialism. These are theoretical concepts. They do not actually exist in reality.

Since the Constitution was written, the U.S. has operated a publicly financed post office. Milton Friedman even referred to the military as a socialist activity, because the capital is owned by the state and proposed that the U.S. is 45 percent socialist. These examples illustrate how the United States’ economy has never consisted of complete private ownership of capital. In the 20th century, with the surge of entitlement programs, the economy shifted much further from strict capitalism. We must recognize the inadequacy of simply labeling the U.S. with capitalism.

For real world observations, it is necessary to imagine a spectrum. Consider a pure market economy on one side and a pure command economy on the other, from complete private ownership to complete public ownership, from markets to collective planning as the sole

mechanism to determine prices. Like the U.S., there are no pure market economies among developed nations. At no point in the history of the Soviet Union or any other planned economy was capital ever 100 percent publicly owned or markets completely abolished. What we must recognize is that there are no examples in modern history of an economy at either extreme end of these spectrums. In other words, all developed economies of the world consist of some mix of capitalism and socialism.

Has capitalism failed? Is capitalism in crisis? These are not constructive questions. Pure capitalism is not the economic system of the U.S., or any country for that matter. The real question we need to ask is this: Where is the optimal place on the spectrum between private and public ownership, between free markets and planned controls?

So how do we determine the optimal place? Economics is a relatively young science, and it is still clouded with some theoretical subjectivity. Additionally, scientific experiments are impossible. It is not feasible to instruct two countries into a situation where all but one variable is held constant. However, data collection methods are improving, available data is expanding and every day we have more history to analyze.

For example, modern empirical evidence supports the incentives argument of neoclassical economics. Edward Prescott, a former University of Minnesota professor and Nobel

Prize-winning economist, has done substantive research comparing the tax rates of G-7 nations. Americans now work more than Germans, French and British, when this was not the case in the 1970s. Prescott’s findings show that the large disparity in marginal tax rates that has arisen between the U.S. and other G-7 nations since the 1970’s accounts for the decreased productivity in Europe, Canada and Japan. Prescott’s studies show that even relatively small moves along the spectrum from private to public ownership of capital can have large, disincentive effects on the productivity of workers. Workers are most motivated when they earn the reward for themselves. While increasing equality is a noble goal, we must not forget the adverse effects of redistribution. When you try to cut the economic pie more evenly, the pie gets smaller, and there’s less to share.

Americans need to change the way they talk about capitalism and socialism. The appropriate discussion is not a debate of alternatives. It’s a question of balance. The next time you hear someone say capitalism has failed or advocate socialism, remind him or her those economic systems don’t truly exist.

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— END OF A FASHION ERA —

GOSSIP GIRL

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Limos, galas, champagne, cocaine and headbands. The inner sanctum of elite private schools in Manhattan was infiltrated five years ago when “Gossip Girl” transformed from a young adult series into a can’t-miss television show.

Today marks the beginning of the end. The window into the completely sensationalized lives of privileged twenty-somethings will close next May at the end of the show’s sixth season, and we will simply have to imagine what the future holds for Serena, Blair, Nate, Chuck and Dan.

The importance of “Gossip Girl” for the fashion world cannot be overestimated. It rivals “Sex in the City” in terms of most coveted costume closets and is often compared to the HBO show because of its setting and overall concept. It created two archetypal girls that were inspirations for countless high-fashion collections and mimicked on the street by hundreds of fans.

Blair Waldorf, the self-proclaimed “queen bee” of private girls school Constance Billard, is portrayed as the proper lady with a billionaire budget. In the first season she is shown in blazers, lace and headbands with huge bows. Her style embraces the traditional preppy schoolgirl style but elevates it to a much more stylized fashion.

Serena van Der Woodsen is the hot blonde who returns back to Constance Billard after a year in boarding school, I only to become the most interesting person at school. She is the portrait of easy and free-spirited style, but constrained to the acceptable modes of expression common on the Upper East Side. She deconstructs the traditional school uniform by adding leather jackets, sequined cardigans and disheveled men’s ties.

Unlike Blair, who’s hair is always perfectly curled or pinned in an elegant fashion, Serena’s hair is always beachy, with shimmering golden waves and the occasional tiny braid hidden in with the rest of her long locks. She’s the “cool girl” to Blair’s

“good girl.”

Like any other dualistic paradigm, the Serena vs. Blair dynamic also has a hidden third option.

Vanessa Abrams is the Brooklyn-based filmmaker who is introduced to the upper class Constance girls through her best friend and Serena’s occasional boyfriend, Dan Humphrey.

At first, Vanessa was portrayed as street-wise and almost athletic, but as the first few episodes of the first season panned out, Vanessa came to embody the artsy, flea-market chic sensibilities that Brooklyn has become associated with.

It isn’t just the ladies who reaped the benefits of being on one of the most fashionable television shows. The men also received plenty of attention from the fashion world, but they fit into the same roles as their female counterparts.

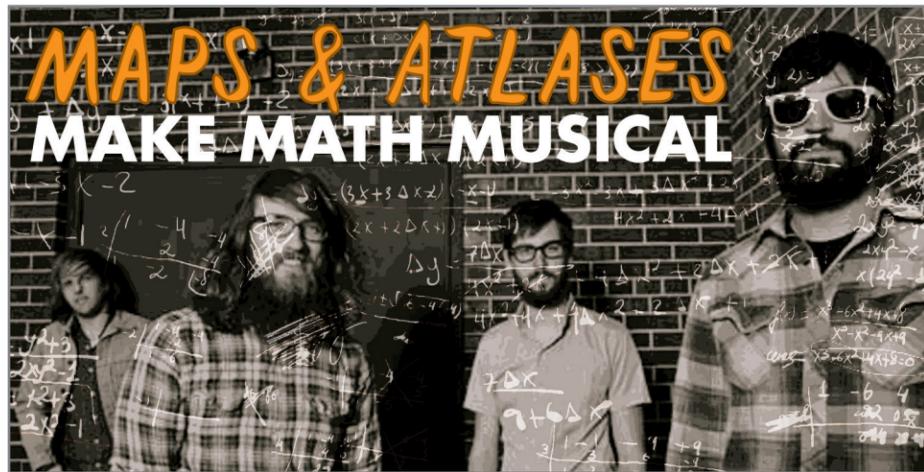
Nate Archibald is the popular stoner with traditionally preppy style. Similar to Blair, he frequently wears clothes that look they have been ripped straight from a Ralph Lauren advertisement. Much like his character development, Nate’s wardrobe is stagnant in a classically handsome way.

Chuck Bass, the vulnerable womanizer who is constantly in an on-again, off-again relationship with Blair, is the fashionable counterpart of Serena. He is the one male character who tries different things with fashion, from floral bowties to checkered scarves. He isn’t traditional in the way Nate is, but he certainly displays his wealth through his attire.

Dan Humphrey is similar to Vanessa in the sense that he too wears vintage tees, jackets and military supply backpacks. As the series goes on, his style becomes more sophisticated the more he engages more with the Upper East Side culture.

The show’s inspirational fashion choices have been a staple of the past half-decade, and once it’s over, a new show will fill the time slot it leaves open, but nothing will ever fill the void it leaves for the observant style fanatic.

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On Friday night, I made my way to Legends for the Maps and Atlases concert. I learned my lesson from last Friday’s experience and made sure to arrive at the venue with plenty of time to spare. Maps and Atlases is an indie-rock band hailing from Chicago. They have been described as a math rock band (I had to look this one up) whose characteristics consist of irregular, syncopated rhythms in which the guitarist often uses a “tapping” method of play and the drumming is a focal point. The band has released two full-length studio albums, “Perch Patchwork” and “Beware and Be Grateful,” as well as a handful of EPs.

The show opened with student group, In Euphoric Company. The band is composed of seniors Tyler Eto (guitar and lead vocals), Kino Lee (bass), Lacey Chochran (electric guitar and backing vocals) and Duncan Smith (drums). They are a self-described ambient-pop group that has been together for three years.

Eto and a friend from home, Gerek Edrosolan, write all of their music. In Euphoric Company played an ethereal four-song set with sounds reminiscent of groups such as The xx and Local Natives. The group is in the process of writing some new music they hope to play at future shows at Notre Dame. If you would like to check out more of their music, visit their Facebook page where you can download their full-length album. I did, and I’m certainly enjoying it.

Maps and Atlases soon followed, opening with the delightful “Pigeon” from their album “Perch Patchwork.” Lead singer and guitarist Dave Davison thanked the audience for their enthusiastic clapping, saying, “That was a really impressive clap performance. Steady, consistent. It was great.” They soon dove right into “Winter,” another upbeat song from their most recent album, “Beware and Be Grateful.” Their next song, “Artichokes,” featured a drum opening played entirely on the rim of the snare drum.

One of the highlights of the night was “Old and Gray.” The song featured more effects than their previous songs, with an electronic-sounding voice distortion and eclectic sound bites throughout. The effects continued with the opening to “The Charm,” which began with a buzzing looped sound. The song was mainly driven by

the marching drums of Chris Hainey and a lone-standing bass drum played by bassist Shiraz Dada, as Davison longingly sang “I don’t think there is a sound that I hate more/than the sound of your voice/when you say that you don’t love me anymore.”

A soulful guitar riff led into “Solid Ground,” which had everyone swaying with the catchy beat and melody. The upbeat rhythm continued with “Silver Self” and “Remote and Dark Years.” Davison, who appeared to be on the shy side throughout the show, disclosed to the audience he would be uncomfortable if he had to sing without his guitar. “I think I could do it for 10 seconds, and then I wouldn’t know what to do with my hands,” he said.

The other standout from the show was a 10- to 15-minute-long version of “Old Ash.” The instrumentals throughout were exceptional, particularly the interlude filling the majority of the song. Solos shifted between athletic drumming of Hainey and the tapping guitar of Davison. The audience couldn’t help but jam along with the music. The band finished their regular set with “Fever,” featuring an intriguing, almost oriental-sounding effect, among others, from guitarist and effects-man Erin Elders.

Maps and Atlases obliged the audience’s call for an encore, leading into “Be Three Years Old” with a little riff of “Stairway to Heaven.” (I was waiting for someone to clamor for an entire rendition of the Led Zeppelin song.) The song featured a great bass line and fantastic, quirky drumbeat. They closed out the show with “Living Decorations,” leading in with an echoing forest-sounding effect.

Having only heard one or two songs from Maps and Atlases’ repertoire before I attended the concert, I didn’t really know what to expect. However, I was pleasantly surprised by their performance. From what I could tell, they expanded their songs. Rather than playing each track exactly as they had on their albums, the band members featured more instrumental interludes (highlighted by Hainey’s superb drumming and Davison’s mesmerizing tapping guitar), making for a very well rounded show. They struck a balance between experimental sounds, simple melodies and syncopated, complicated rhythms. This is one band that I will definitely be keeping my eye on in the future.

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KEEP CALM AND STYLE ON

Fashionable Airport Travel

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Fall break is right around the corner, and for many of us this means gearing up to head home. Between home and the Dome, we encounter the inevitably tiring and unpleasant airport struggles. They leave us considering the advantages of taking the next homeward trek by foot.

After suffering through the classic luggage-repacking-meets-behind-schedule-dash, you end up questioning whether you bought a plane ticket or an all-day obstacle course pass. The thought of dressing wisely is tossed into a dusty corner in the back of your mind, along with all the school material that you crammed into your brain a few days before.

As your personal Notre Dame fashion advisor, I'm telling you to reach into that corner and reclaim your fashion logic. Looking good and maintaining your sanity while you're traveling is indeed possible, even with all the chaos that develops along the way. Steer clear of these airport fashion don'ts, and you'll be well on your way to creating looks that fit your fashion wants and travel needs.

What to avoid:

Accessories — Jewelry and belts are so cute and on most occasions, I would say go for it, but not today. When traveling through security, just about anything can set a metal detector off resulting in a potential additional screening for you and delays for everyone else in line. Now don't get me wrong, some accessories pass through the machine with no problem. If you know that certain pieces you have are safe, then wear away! However, if you're unsure, then for the sake of time and convenience, I would advise that you pack them and wait until you get to your destination. If you really want to wear them, try packing them somewhere that's easy to access and then putting them on on the other side of the security checkpoint.

Shoes that are hard to remove — Let's be honest: If you're choosing between two security lines, one with a family of five children and another with a group of businessmen, then choosing line number two is a no-brainer. Why is that? Well, because businessmen appear simple and efficient, and children fall on the ground and throw endless hissy fits. We all want to move through security as quickly as possible and with the least amount of trouble. Although this seems obvious, what oftentimes is not is the concept of wearing simple shoes. You may have 90 percent of the security equation down (laptop out, jacket off and all), but the minute you bend down to unlace that pair of Doc Marten high tops, you're going to realize that you've just tacked five to 10 minutes on to your routine. This struggle will result in rushing, and you'll come out on the other side with a broken nail and your sweatshirt on backwards.

Yikes! Try shoes that are easy to slide on and off like flats, zip or slide-on boots, or loose sneakers.

Shoes that are worn without socks — Yes, I did state that keeping it simple is the way to go. However, be forewarned that when you get to the security checkpoint, taking off your shoes is mandatory. In other words, walking on the floor with no shoes on is mandatory. Walking on the same floor that thousands of different people walk on everyday, shoes or not, is mandatory. Choosing a shoe that you don't wear socks with will leave you in germ-paradise and susceptible to all kinds of foot problems. I haven't looked into the horror stories, but I know they're out there, and you don't want to be one of them. Steer clear of sandals, and if you want to wear flats or low-top sneakers then try footie socks. This goes out to you boys as well! I don't want to hear your excuses, they sell a unisex pair at Nike, and your clean feet will thank you.

Hair Accessories — Now here's something that you may not have considered. As of late, airport security has been cracking down on various types of hair accessories. Reports of hairpins, bands, and clips

setting off the machine have been growing more and more common. I myself heard a TSA security agent tell a girl that she had to be screened separately for wearing clip-in extensions, and I was mortified for her. False hair and pinned up-do's may be totally cute, but they're no longer a smart choice for airport travel. Try looks that require fewer hair accessories, and headbands and hair ties



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with no metal connectors.

Too many hard-to-remove layers — Tank tops, t-shirts, sweaters, vests, sweatshirts and jackets galore! Boxers, spandex, shorts, sweats, tights, pants, and more! I'm warning you now that if you're wearing more than two items from either of these lists, then your time at the airport will be nowhere near as enjoyable as it was for you to read that little jingle. Sometimes if you're lucky, you'll run into a lenient TSA agent who will let you through, wearing a light sweater. More likely, chances are that you'll have to take off everything except for your shirt and any extra bottom layers. My advice would be to wear one layer, covered by a zip-up sweater, jacket or sweatshirt of some sort. Unzipping will be easy enough and you won't find yourself lugging 10 pounds of clothing to the nearest bench when you emerge on the other end.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Injuries make NFL unpredictable



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With countless football fans around the world glued to their couches, unable to pick themselves up off the leather, there is no doubting the popularity of the NFL. But while those die-hard fans couldn't move due to sheer enjoyment, some of the players being watched were in a similar position: unable to lift themselves up off the turf because of injury.

The list of Sunday's injuries in just the early games is seemingly endless. Redskins rookie wunderkind Robert Griffin and Steelers defensive stud Troy Polamalu headlined the injury report, but proven veterans like Cedric Benson, B.J. Raji and Matt Cassel went down as well.

Every week there are starters lost to tendons, muscles, ligaments and bones being torn, pulled and broken. But forgotten in all these injuries is the underlying fact that in no sport is there a shorter shelf life than football.

When a player goes down with even something as harmless as an ankle sprain, there are a slew of backups with much to prove clamoring for that vacated playing time. It doesn't matter if it's a household name or an undrafted rookie. If a player gets injured, he may be out of a starting spot when he does eventually return.

One of the most famous situations was when Tom Brady effectively forced Drew Bledsoe into the twilight of his career after Bledsoe suffered a concussion on a bone-crushing hit by Mo Lewis of the Jets (YouTube it.)

It's easy to get caught up in the thrill of a huge hit while sitting on your couch. But, as is often the case, one of those tackles or blocks can end a career, or at least knock a player from a starting spot. In a sport where players make a living based on how quickly they jump, cut and juke, a chronic ankle injury or a crippling knee injury can leave a former starter on the unemployment line.

And in no sport are injuries more debilitating than football. Baseball players might tear a rotator cuff or their ulnar collateral ligament, but Tommy John surgery has become so

successful that requiring the surgery is no longer a career-ending prognosis. Obviously, without the constant collisions, baseball players are at a much lower injury risk.

There's also usually a large talent discrepancy between a major-league regular and a Triple-A replacement, whereas in the NFL it often simply comes down to opportunity. Baseball players return from the disabled list to the same spot in the starting rotation or the same home in the batting order. NFL players, meanwhile, have capable undrafted fill-ins trying to hold onto their opportunity. Victor Cruz, Arian Foster, Benjarvus Green-Ellis, Wes Welker, James Harrison, Antonio Gates and Kurt Warner were all undrafted and capitalized on their chances.

In the NBA, the injuries aren't usually career-ending. Derrick Rose suffered a devastating knee injury in the playoffs and might not be able to play when the season starts. Whenever he is able, though, he most certainly will reclaim his starting role.

The NHL is one of the few sports than can at least keep pace with the NFL's rate of contact and collisions. Yet, with the exception of concussions, your typical hockey injuries don't end careers.

Football injuries are a different animal. A high-ankle sprain can linger for the whole season and force a player to the waiver wire. With contracts not completely guaranteed, players are more quickly cut when they don't produce. MLB contracts are notoriously lengthy and expensive, so even if a player is washed-up and injury-prone, he still cashes his checks and puts on his uniform. But in the NFL, injuries are a matter of playing again.

For fans, football Sundays are like clockwork. We'll set our fantasy lineups, post up on our couches and settle in for hours on hours of exciting football action. Those are the constants. The only variable: the players themselves.

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SMC SOCCER | SMC 1, HOPE 0

Saint Mary's shuts out Hope

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The Belles continued their successful season with a 1-0 shutout win over conference opponent Hope on Saturday.

Senior midfielder Ashley Morfin secured the only goal of the match for the Belles (9-2-1, 6-2 MIAA) in the 16th minute after she received a pass from junior midfielder Mollie Valencia. Morfin responded with a 12-yard shot past the Hope goalkeeper. Belles coach Michael Joyce said he admired the way Morfin handled herself under the pressure.

"Ashley had a great finish on her goal — chipped it past the sliding Hope goalie," Joyce said.

"She was tremendously poised in an intense situation."

Joyce said the most challenging part about taking on Hope (8-4, 5-3) was matching its speed.

"They get some very fast players wide in some open spaces and try to take advantage of that," Joyce said. "Our outside backs did a tremendous job keeping them in check."

Belles sophomore goalkeeper Chanler Rosenbaum dominated in goal from beginning to end, completing her fifth shutout of the year and saving a season-high 11 shots.

"We've got a lot of confidence in our goalkeeper," Joyce said. "We're usually not too concerned with shots from outside

the box."

Joyce said the Belles were a little too defensive in the second half, but acknowledged the safe play was necessary.

"That is how it can go when you're up by a goal and trying to preserve that lead," Joyce said. "They ended up with a lot of shots on goal, but only a couple were from dangerous spots. I think we did a nice job defensively not giving up anything easy."

Saint Mary's will look to continue its string of successful outings when it squares off against Olivet at home Tuesday at 4 p.m.

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SMC GOLF | ADRIAN JAMBOREE

Belles win tournament round

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At the Adrian Jamboree, Saint Mary's won the fourth of six MIAA tournament rounds, compiling a score of 345 at Lenawee Country Club in Adrian, Mich.

Belles coach Mark Hamilton said the Belles were able to win this weekend because of a combination of Saint Mary's depth and ability to play under tough conditions.

"We are deeper than the rest of the conference and it is getting to be a battle to be in the top five on our roster," Hamilton said. "We are also looking for some players to separate themselves and shoot under 80 in the future."

Saint Mary's had the smallest spread between its golfers out of any team in the competition. Belles freshman Amanda Graham shot a team-low score of 85. Junior Justine Bresnahan followed close behind Graham with a round of 86 while freshman Claire Boyle and sophomore Janice Heffernan both turned in rounds of 87. Rounding out the top five for the Belles

was junior Alexi Brown, who scored a 91. The six-stroke difference between the first and fifth finishers for the Belles gave them the edge over rivals Calvin College and Hope College. Calvin finished with a score of 348, three strokes behind Saint Mary's, and Hope had a team score of 350.

Relative to the first three rounds of conference play, the average scores for each team were much higher during the fourth round on Saturday. Saint Mary's winning round of 345 compared to the three prior rounds, which were won with scores of 320, 324 and 329. Hamilton said that the high scores were due to a combination of the course and the weather on Saturday.

"Weather played a part, as the greens were faster and hard to put on," Hamilton said. "It was tough to play for the first time due to the blind shots and dog-legs, as well. We were able to persevere, though, and play better under those conditions than the rest of the conference."

After earning their first tournament victory of the

season, the Belles transition into their final two tournament rounds next weekend. Saint Mary's is peaking at the right time, as the Belles have the most critical point of their schedule remaining as the MIAA End of Season Jamboree wraps up the conference play. The Belles will travel to Bedford Valley Country Club in Battle Creek, Mich., on Friday and Saturday for a two-day event. Hamilton said that with the Belles in the mix of the standings, back to back days of competition will give Saint Mary's a chance to rise up the standings quickly.

"Our goal this weekend was to make up 10 strokes on the first place school in the conference and we did that," Hamilton said. "Now we need to be able to do that two more days and it will give us a chance to win the tournament."

The first golfers will tee off Friday 10 a.m. at Bedford Valley Country Club, as the Belles will finish up the fall season and MIAA play.

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MEN'S GOLF | FIGHTING IRISH GRIDIRON GOLF CLASSIC

Irish sit in eleventh after first day of play

By **JOSEPH MONARDO**
Sports Writer

Cold weather and persistent rain greeted participants of the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic during the event's opening round Sunday. The Irish, coming off a fourth-place finish in their last outing, finished the day in 11th place with a 16-over-par 300.

The seventh installment of the annual tournament began with the first round of three on the par-71 Warren Golf Course, up this year from the traditional par-70.

Senior Paul McNamara III led Notre Dame's starting five by finishing tied for fifth with his round of even-par 71, while juniors Andrew Lane and Niall Platt followed with matching rounds of four-over 75 and tied for 35th.

"Paul played a great round, I mean even-par given the conditions was super," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "I think the other guys missed out on a good opportunity to play well today."

Irish freshman Cory Sciupider occupied the team's fourth position in his first collegiate event with an eight-over round of 79 and sophomore Tyler Wingo rounded out the starting lineup with his

round of 84 (13-over-par). Sciupider closed out his round with an effective stretch.

"I was really happy to see Cory finish one-under the last five, because I saw him during the rain delay and I just asked him, I said 'Let's make a bunch of pars and make a birdie coming in,' and sure enough, he did do that," Kubinski said. "So that was really nice."

All 11 Irish athletes took the course Sunday, with the remaining six playing as individuals. Junior and captain Andrew Carreon finished tied for 18th by carding a two-over-par 73, while freshman Zach Toste finished tied for 28th with an opening round of 74 (3-over-par) in his first collegiate outing.

Houston and Michigan State sit atop the team leaderboard heading into Monday after having aggregated total scores of 287 each, three-over-par. Junior Curtis Reed currently leads the Cougars at 2-under-par after shooting an opening-day 69, while Michigan State relied on the performances of Carson Castellani and Matthew Moseley, both of whom shot 1-under rounds of 70. San Francisco completes the top three and sits at 8-over-par after the first day.

The Irish sit 13 strokes back of

the leaders after one round, a deficit that represents a lackluster day from the home team, Kubinski said.

"Really it was below what we expected to do today," he said. "So it was disappointing, but we are only one-third of the way there, so two good rounds, and we are right back in it."

Although the weather presented a significant difficulty for the Irish on Sunday, Notre Dame failed to handle the circumstances as well as some of its competitors, the Irish coach said.

"If you look at the board, the teams from the warm areas played just fine today," Kubinski said. "And we should be at least as good as that and we just didn't play well with it. It's tough to have the highest round of the year on your home course. So I know the guys are going to be motivated by that, and I expect us to go out tomorrow and really play a better round."

With the participants playing the remaining two rounds today and Tuesday, Kubinski said his team will have to improve around the hole in order to climb the leaderboard before the tournament's end.

"We've got to take care of the



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Irish sophomore Peyton Vitter prepares to tee off during the Battle at the Warren on April 22.

easy shots," he said. "The putts inside of five feet we can't give away multiple times in a round, we've got to take care of the short irons—the 7, 8, 9-irons—and wedges better than we are doing.

"We are driving it well, and seemingly that is about it right now. So I think we just have to score better. Some of it is confidence and some of it is just having a little bit of

heart and willpower to just get that ball in the hole."

The Irish will look to begin an ascent up the leaderboard today at the Warren Golf Course for the second round of the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic, with play spanning all day.

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Saint Mary's moves above .500 with wins

By **NICK BOYLE**
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's finished the weekend with a 2-1 record, defeating conference foe Trine 3-2 on Friday, while splitting games against Franklin and Manchester on Saturday. The Belles dropped a 3-2 contest against Franklin before defeating Manchester 3-2.

"[Friday's win] was a big win," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. "We really played well as a team and fought hard for the fifth set. We were very happy with the way we played."

The win put Saint Mary's (10-9, 5-4 MIAA) over .500 for the

season, and moved the team into a fourth-place tie with Trine. Kuschel said she hopes her team can use the win to keep the momentum rolling into the tournament.

"We are looking forward to the competition that is coming our way," Kuschel said. "Everyone is playing well right now in the MIAA. Every match we play will matter [in the conference standings] going forward."

After a dramatic win over rival Trine, the Belles had a quick turnaround Saturday, traveling to Manchester for a pair of non-conference matches.

"Going 15 sets in two days was

a lot for our team," Kuschel said. "After losing in five sets against Franklin, it would have been easy to give up. We proved to be very resilient and forgot about the loss and came back with the big win versus Manchester."

Though not conference matches, Kuschel believes her team can still take a lot away from Saturday's results and work to improve for the future.

"We felt good about how we played at times on Saturday," Kuschel said. "The biggest thing we need to work on is our serve receive and serving going into this week."

The Belles will face Albion next

in a big conference match. The match will also serve as a fundraiser match for the Belles.

"Wednesday will be a big match for us as it is our 'Crush for the Cure' night," Kuschel said. "The team will be raising funds for a Saint Mary's alumna Anne Blair Payne in her courageous

battle against lymphoma. We hope that you will all come and wear white to our match in support of Anne."

Saint Mary's takes on Albion at home Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

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Saint Mary's freshman outside hitter Katie Hecklinski jumps to spike the ball during the Belles' 3-2 win over Kalamazoo on Sept. 18.

SMC CROSS COUNTRY | PRE-NATIONAL MEET

Belles place 22nd in Terre Haute

By **LAURA COLETTI**
Sports Writer

The Belles placed 22nd this weekend in a highly competitive field of 30 teams at the Rose-Hulman Gibson Family Pre-National Meet in Terre Haute, Ind.

No. 3 Johns Hopkins won the event with a team score of 52, followed by No. 6 Claremont-Mudd-Scripps. Olivet Nazarene rounded out the top three teams with a score of 108. The Belles finished with a score of 578.

Junior Jessica Biek led the way for the Belles with a time of 24:22.0 for a finish of 105th overall in a field of over 320 runners. Seniors Emma Baker and Elizabeth Majewski finished within a few seconds of each other and good for second and third overall for Saint Mary's with times of 24:47.4 and 24:49.6, respectively.

The shift in weather has presented little change in the way the Belles prepare for their races. Senior Angela Nebesny said that some of the runners even prefer when the temperatures get cooler.

"We need to dress warmer, but

the training basically remains the same," Nebesny said. "I actually find it easier to race in the cold than in the heat."

The Belles ran in a field of six of the top 30 NCAA Division III programs this weekend, while several other teams participating were regionally ranked. Nebesny said racing against ranked opponents pushes the Belles to perform better in future meets.

"We will remain focused and prepared to reach our goals and use the ranked opponents to push us towards our goals," she said.

The Belles will be going up against some more tough competition in future meets. Belles coach Jackie Bauters said her squad is anxious to finish well in conference competition.

"The team has their eyes set on breaking back into the top half of the conference after a disappointing team finish in the conference last season," Bauters said.

The Belles will return to action Oct. 13 when they participate in the UW-Oshkosh Brooks Invitational.

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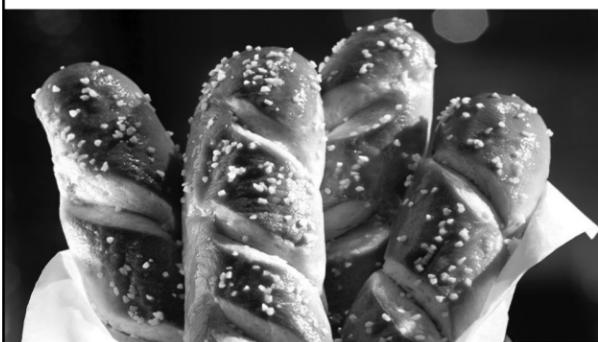
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ND VOLLEYBALL | ND 3, CONNECTICUT 0; ND 3, ST. JOHN'S 1

Team takes two Big East wins

By **JOE WIRTH**
Sports Writer

After sweeping Connecticut and St. John's this weekend, the Irish have won six of their last seven matches, including three straight wins.

With the two victories, the Irish (12-6, 5-1 Big East) climbed into a tie for second in the Big East, just one game behind conference leader Marquette.

On Saturday, the Irish were in full control of the Huskies from start to finish, defeating Connecticut 3-0. Irish coach Debbie Brown said it was a solid win for the team, as players who do not get a lot of playing time made solid contributions to the victory. Sixteen Irish players saw action against the Huskies (12-8, 3-2).

"We played well against [Connecticut]," Brown said. "They really did not give us a lot of pressure, but we hit a high percentage of our shots and we were able to get a lot of players playing time."

Junior Maggie Brindock's 27 assists led the Irish while senior Hilary Eppink added nine kills



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Junior setter Maggie Brindock makes a pass during Notre Dame's 3-1 win over St. John's on Sunday at Purcell Pavilion.

and four blocks. It was Eppink's fourth straight match with at least nine kills.

Sunday's game brought a different challenge to the Irish. Brown said although St. John's was ahead of the Irish in the conference standings, the team did not feel that beating the Red Storm (17-4, 4-1) was an upset.

"They were on top of the conference standings, but they have played a softer schedule and, going into the game, it was a team we thought we should beat,"

Brown said. "We played well and we are happy to come out with a win, but I would not say that this win gave us an extra confidence boost."

Sophomore Jeni Houser had 16 kills and seven blocks in the match as the Irish beat the Red Storm 3-1. Houser now has 16 straight matches with at least 10 kills. Freshman Taylor Morey chipped in 13 digs, four assists and three aces.

As the Irish hit a critical juncture of their season, Brown said the team is on the right track, but there are still things they can improve upon.

"Our biggest strength at this point of the season is probably our balanced offense," Brown said. "We still have to get better at scoring when we are serving, but our big hitters have stepped up and Andrea [McHugh] and Taylor [Morey] have really done well passing, which has helped our offense."

The Irish will be in action next this Friday as they hit the road for a match against DePaul in Chicago.

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MEN'S TENNIS | TOM FALLON INVITATIONAL

Irish collect 37 matches at home

By **MEGAN FINNERAN**
Sports Writer

The Irish defended their home court this weekend, winning 30 of 37 singles matches and seven of 10 doubles matches during the Tom Fallon Invitational at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Four members of the squad earned a spot on the all-tournament team and senior co-captain Blas Moros earned MVP honors. This tournament marked the first time Notre Dame welcomed competition as the home team this season, welcoming Michigan State, Northern Illinois, Alabama and Michigan.

"Playing at home is always nice, because you save the time that you usually spend traveling either resting or somehow getting ready," Moros said. "It's always great playing in front of our home crowd as well."

Friday saw the Irish square off with Northern Illinois in the afternoon and Alabama in the evening. Underclassmen started the first day on a good foot, with freshman Nicolas Montoya and sophomores Dougie Barnard and Michael Fredericka winning their respective sets against members of the Huskie squad in singles play. Montoya took down Jovan Zeljkovic in three sets, 6-3, 4-6, 1-0, while Barnard and Fredericka beat Max Phillips, 6-3, 6-3, and Simon Formont, 6-4, 6-2, respectively.

In the evening session, Notre Dame dominated Alabama, winning seven of the eight singles matches. Moros closed the night with a close three-set win, finally triumphing over

Daniil Proskura 7-5, 5-7, 1-0. Freshmen Quentin Monaghan, Alex Lawson and Kenneth Sabacinski, sophomore Wyatt McCoy, junior Ryan Bandy and senior Spencer Talmadge also collected wins.

The Irish approached Saturday with a confidence that helped them continue racking up wins. The squad turned out 12 of 13 singles matches and five of eight doubles matches, improving in the doubles area where they previously struggled. Bandy and McCoy picked up two singles wins each. Additional individual wins came from senior Michael Moore,

"We have all the necessary tools, we just need to be able to call on it during the heat of competition."

Blas Moros
senior

junior Billy Pecor, Talmadge, Moros, Lawson, Fredericka and Montoya.

On the doubles court, junior Greg Andrews returned from the ITA All-American Championships in Oklahoma to join Talmadge, taking down Alabama's Jarryd Botha and Becker O'Shaughnessey 9-7 and Michigan's Barrett Franks and Alex Buzzi 8-4. Pecor and Lawson also defeated Franks and Buzzi, beating the Wolverines 8-6, while two other Irish pairs knocked off two Alabama squads.

The Irish closed out the tournament Sunday, adding another eight singles victories and two doubles victories for the day. After each adding another win on the singles courts, Moros, Andrews, Talmadge and McCoy received recognition for their efforts throughout the weekend with spots on the nine-person all-tournament team.

Pecor, Monaghan and Moore also contributed singles wins, while the Barnard and Fredericka teamed up against members of the Michigan State team and Andrews and Talmadge took down a pair from Northern Illinois.

"We have all the necessary tools, we just need to be able to call on it during the heat of competition," Moros said.

After this weekend, the Irish showed their ability to perform. They next head to East Lansing, Mich., for the USTA/ITAMidwest Regional Championships beginning Oct. 18.

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hard to get it past [Demko], he was always there and always in the way.”

The game went to overtime, but the Irish and the USA U-18 team were unable to capitalize in the sudden-death period and the game ended in a draw.

“Sometimes those are the most difficult games and [Summerhays] did what he had to.”

Jeff Jackson
Irish coach

In the shootout, each team's second shooter — USA forward Anthony Louis and Irish junior center T.J. Tynan — were the only ones to make their shot in the first four rounds. After USA defenseman Scott Savage missed his shot in the fifth round, Irish junior right-winger Bryan Rust was able to deke Demko and bury the shootout-winner home.

“I've been working on that at practice a lot,” Rust said. “I came down, faked the shot, made [Demko] bite a little, turned my whole body to my backhand and then made a hard cut to my forehand, and there it was the open net.”

The Irish controlled the first period. They held the majority of the possession and led 12-4 in the shots category. The combination

of Irish junior captain and center Anders Lee and sophomore winger Peter Schneider looked to be a formidable duo throughout the game, especially in the first period, Jackson said.

“I want to put [Schneider] in some offensive situations,” Jackson said. “He's got good skills and a good shot and he has a history of scoring goals. I want to play him on the right side with Anders, not the left, but for the time being we have to play people out of position because we are short on the left side.”

In the second period, the USA U-18 team had a slight upper hand, as it led the shots category 9-5. Irish junior goaltender Steven Summerhays, who started the game, was replaced with Johnson. Summerhays had 12 saves on the night, while Johnson had eight. Summerhays was not challenged much, Jackson said.

“Sometimes those are the most difficult games and [Summerhays] did what he had to,” Jackson said. “He had to be focused. All of the sudden, there's a little traffic at the net and a play is going on right in front of you, after going periods of time without that, it's harder to play goalie like that, and he did a good job. And so did [Johnson].”

With an exhibition under their belts, the Irish will take on Maine in the season-opener as part of the Ice Breaker Tournament in Kansas City, Mo., on Friday at 7 p.m.

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Wall were both sharp and made numerous diving saves.

Clark said the play of both sides made for a great collegiate soccer match.

“It was a great win, but what a great college soccer game,” Clark said. “What a great advertisement for college soccer. It was two very, very good teams and it was just exciting.”

The win over Georgetown puts the Irish back into the Big East championship hunt. The Irish started 0-2 in conference play with a pair of losses at Louisville and Connecticut, before beating Pittsburgh 7-1 on Wednesday and defeating the Hoyas on Saturday.

Clark said Saturday's result for the Irish was critical as they continue toward the NCAA tournament.

“It is important. It's very important, just to get back, to get going,” Clark said. “But these are good teams. You're playing a team that's No. 3 in the country and you're beating them 3-0. I think that's important. Because make no mistake about it, Georgetown is a very, very good team. So that was a big result for us.”

“The two teams we lost to were two very good teams, [we] played them both on the road. Louisville and Connecticut, these are tough



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Irish junior defender Luke Mishu, right, pressures a Georgetown player during Notre Dame's 3-0 over the Hoyas on Saturday.

assignments and we played well in both of these games. On another night we could have won both these games, as well. But we're still growing, and hopefully we're still getting better.”

The Irish are next in action

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(9-6-1, 2-5-1). Notre Dame had a hard time clearing the ball in the 10th minute, and Rutgers red-shirt senior defender Shannon Woeller took advantage, burying a rebound past sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Voigt.

The Irish were bailed out a little bit later though, thanks to the finishing of freshman forward Crystal Thomas on a pair of Von Rueden free kicks. Von Rueden's first entry bounced around a bit but was eventually corralled by Thomas, who tucked it inside the post to tie the game in the 29th minute. Six minutes later, another service was flicked on through the box perfectly, finding Thomas all alone on the back post for her second goal of the day and team-leading eighth of the season.

Waldrum was quick to credit the two stellar freshmen with leading the quick turnaround.

“We've been rotating Brittany with [sophomore defender] Taylor Schneider, but Brittany's crossing and service ability is so good that that's why we left her in, and she did a great job today,” he said. “Crystal was on fire today, too, but she's been doing that all season. She's been a real sparkplug for us.”

However, the Irish celebration lasted just 66 seconds, as once again an error in the back would

allow Rutgers an opportunity. Voigt tried to save a low shot on the rain-soaked surface, but it skipped past her, where the Scarlet Knights easily poked it in to equalize. The teams played another 75 minutes of regulation and extra time soccer, but it wasn't enough to break the draw.

“Outside of the two goals we gave up — and that was kind of the game right there — I thought we were actually pretty good,” Waldrum said. “I think we headed in the right direction and created enough chances to win. It's just unfortunate that we had a couple mistakes in the back, but the overall performance was good.”

Following its solid weekend against teams from New Jersey, Notre Dame now heads into its most important matchup of the season at No. 11 Georgetown on Friday. The Hoyas (12-1-2, 6-0-1) also dropped their first conference points of the season in a tie Sunday, keeping them and the Irish in a tie atop the Big East's National Division.

Bragging rights, important conference points and the upper hand in the division title race will be on the line when Notre Dame travels to Georgetown on Friday. That match will kick off at 3 p.m. in Washington, D.C.

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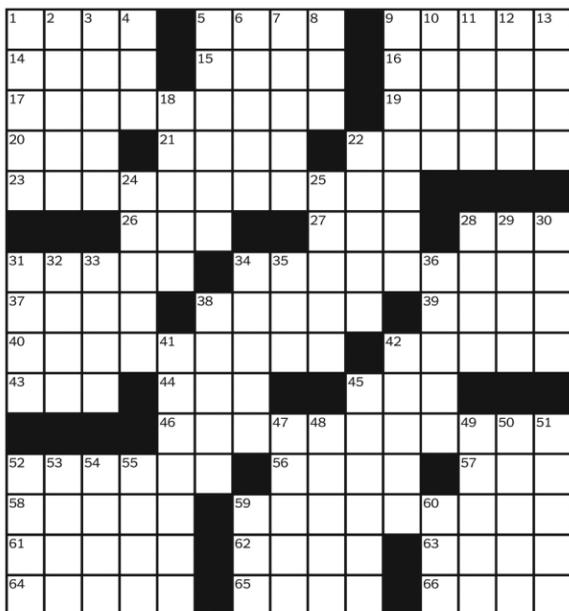
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- 41 Japanese grill
- 42 Prize money
- 45 Sounding like a jalopy
- 47 Way to go
- 48 Newscaster Williams
- 49 Pixielike
- 50 Bloodsucker
- 51 Used needle and thread
- 52 "That's mine!"
- 53 "___ Wood would saw wood" (part of an old tongue twister)
- 54 Suet and blubber
- 55 "To ___ his own"
- 59 Proof-ending letters
- 60 Boxer called "The Greatest"

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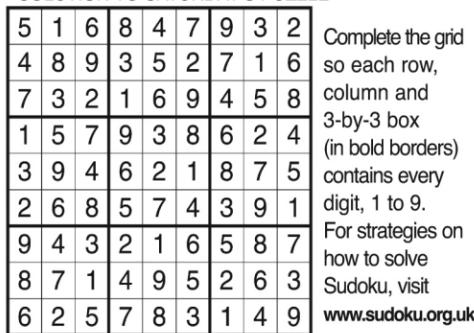
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SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE 10/8/12



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HOROSCOPE | EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Shawn Ashmore, 33; Toni Braxton, 46; Simon Cowell, 53; Joy Behar, 70.

Happy Birthday: Time and patience will be required. You must adapt to the changes necessary to reach your goals. Travel will pay off. The knowledge you gain through experience will prepare you for any challenge you must face in order to reach your destination. Sincerity coupled with self-preservation will lead to victory. Your numbers are 3, 6, 14, 22, 27, 32, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Avoid confrontations with people you need to work alongside. Problems with contracts and partnerships can be expected if you are overly sensitive regarding who does what. Do something that will make you feel good, like pampering or a hobby that eases stress. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The more versatile you are, the easier it will be to fit into a vocation that is in demand. Use your skills and practical ability to get things done and someone will recognize what you have to offer. Love and romance are highlighted. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't overdo it physically. Stick to what you know and do not venture off the beaten trail. If you travel into unknown territory, you will be faced with situations that are riddled with problems. Sorrow is apparent if honesty doesn't prevail. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may get your feelings hurt if you are too sensitive to criticism. Don't take the foolishness of someone else to heart. It's your performance and how happy you are with what you do that count. An unusual destination will lead to love. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll thrive on change, trying new things and meeting new people. Getting involved in a hobby, activity or event that gets you thinking about future prospects is your best bet. Expect someone who depends on you to feel jealous by your progress. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't spend money you don't have. Taking on too much and overdoing it will be your downfall. Organize your time wisely and add discipline to whatever task you take on in order to ensure success. Self-improvement projects will pay off. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get out with friends and explore interests. Turn something you enjoy doing into a moneymaking endeavor. Don't let an emotional incident stand in the way of participating in something you've been looking forward to. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look for unusual sources of entertainment and you will meet someone offering alternatives that will help you apply what you do best to different end users. Love is on the rise. Mixing business with pleasure will pay off. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Being evasive or running away from conflict will only add fuel to the fire. Honesty will be your best bet and help you resolve pending problems so you can get on with your life. Focus on personal happiness. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put greater effort into your goals and you will achieve success. Greater discipline coupled with experience will enable you to make the right choice when it comes to love, relationships and commitment. Share your personal feelings and seal a deal. ★★★★★

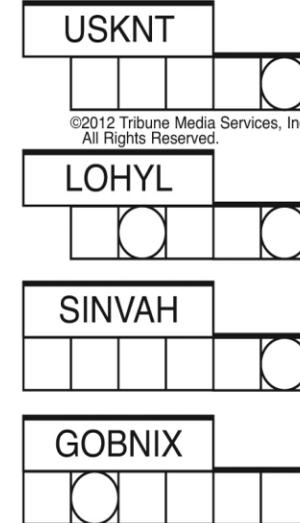
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't be misled by false information being used to tempt you to make a commitment. Stick close to home, and do the things that will add to your comfort and productivity. Change old ways to make room for new beginnings. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Do a little redecorating or make a residential move that promises to improve your lifestyle. You can make money in an unusual way if you get involved in a domestic product or service. Concentrate on a moneymaking venture, love and romance. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are loving, emotional, kind, generous and considerate.

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MEN'S SOCCER | ND 3, GEORGETOWN 0

Defending their turf

Finley scores twice as Notre Dame tops its third top-10 team of the season



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Junior defender Conor Miller, pictured during Notre Dame's 7-1 win over Pittsburgh on Oct. 3, and the Irish topped No. 3 Georgetown on Saturday at Alumni Stadium.

By **SAM GANS**
Sports Writer

The No. 10 Irish raced out of the gates with a fast start and utilized a strong second half en route to a 3-0 win over No. 3 Georgetown in Alumni Stadium on Saturday.

Senior forward Ryan Finley scored two goals 23 seconds apart in the 66th minute to give Notre Dame (10-2-0, 2-2-0 Big East) breathing room against the Hoyas (10-2-1, 2-2-0).

The Irish struck first in the eighth minute when junior forward Alex Priede tapped in a goal from inside the 6-yard box. Priede put the Irish ahead after Irish senior captain and midfielder Dillon Powers' corner kick could not be cleared.

"It's a big ole Alex Priede goal – he gets goals like that," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "It was a great start. That gets you in front and then they've got to come, and when they have to come at you, then it opens their back, and I thought we were really able to open their back."

Finley benefited from this

in the second half when he received a through ball behind the defense from Irish junior forward Harry Shipp. Finley dribbled around charging Georgetown junior goalkeeper Keon Parsa and calmly placed the ball in the net.

Just 23 seconds later, Finley again found the goal. Irish freshman midfielder Patrick Hodan corralled a long pass near the corner and dribbled toward the side of the 18-yard box. He then passed to Finley, who fired a shot from the middle of the box off the bottom of the crossbar to put the Irish up three.

"We talked about at halftime, once we got the second goal, we thought the floodgates would kind of open up, so it was nice to get that third one and ice the cake," Finley said.

Both the Irish and Hoyas had many scoring chances throughout the match. The two teams combined for 40 shots and each hit multiple posts. Parsa and Irish junior goalkeeper Patrick

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HOCKEY | ND 1, USA UNDER-18 1

ND ties exhibition against USA U-18

By **ISAAC LORTON**
Sports Writer

In a tight contest, the No. 10 Irish had to come from behind in the third period to earn a 1-1 tie in an exhibition against the United States under-18 team Sunday evening.

The USA U-18 national team came out for the first period aggressively and with something to prove. Notre Dame had to match this intensity, while figuring out what lines played well together.

"[The USA U-18 team] are good opponents to play," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "They are skilled, they skate well and they are not cheap. I give them a lot of credit. It was good for us because [the USA U-18 team] made it on hard on us, and that's what we need to do to prepare for the season and it shows us what we need to focus on for the upcoming game.

"This includes [line] combinations, which we switched around a little bit in the third period, just trying to get a feel for who works well with who."

With no scores in the first or second periods, the scoreless

tie was broken by USA U-18 forward Shane Eiserman 1:10 into the third period. USA forward Michael McCarron grabbed a puck behind the net, wrapped around the side and passed it across the face of the goal to Eiserman, who put it past lunging Irish senior goaltender Mike Johnson.

The Irish, with renewed vigor, were able to finally connect at the 13:45 mark as sophomore defenseman Eric Johnson passed the puck to junior right-winger Mike Voran, who was able to slide by an incoming check. Voran moved the puck to wide-open junior center David Gerths in front of the net. Gerths put it past USA goaltender Thatcher Demko to tie the game up.

Demko amassed 25 saves and was named No. 2 star of the game. Gerths said Demko was a hard goalie to attack.

"It was nice to have time for once," Gerths said. "Usually you don't run into that situation where you have 10 seconds to take a shot. It was nice to get that goal, it's been awhile. It was

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER | ND 5, SETON HALL 1; ND 2, RUTGERS 2

Irish run unbeaten streak to eight with win, tie

By **JACK HEFFERON**
Sports Writer

No. 24 Notre Dame closed out Alumni Stadium in fine style over the weekend, notching a 5-1 win over Seton Hall and a 2-2 tie against Rutgers in its last home stand of the regular season.

On Friday, the Irish (10-3-2, 6-0-1 Big East) took time before the game to honor their two graduating seniors, defender Jazmin Hall and midfielder Nicole Borner, then went out and dominated the Pirates (6-10, 1-7).

Junior midfielder Elizabeth Tucker opened the scoring with a headed goal in the 18th minute, and freshman defender Katie Naughton added her second career goal six minutes later, with both goals coming off crosses from freshman defender Brittany Von Rueden. The Irish added three more goals after the half to cap their impressive offensive night — although the defense might have shined even brighter.

Notre Dame's back line of Hall, Von Rueden, Naughton



SUZANNA PRATT | The Observer

Junior midfielder Mandy Laddish looks for a teammate during Notre Dame's 2-2 tie with Rutgers on Sunday at Alumni Stadium.

and sophomore Sammy Scofield held Seton Hall to just three shots, and the one goal they surrendered was only their third allowed in the past seven games.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum was pleased with the contributions from the defense, and credited their continued growth as much of the reason for Notre Dame's current eight-game unbeaten streak.

"They're growing, and they're

getting used to each other," Waldrum said. "All these young freshmen are starting to grow up, and that's what we hoped for and expected them to do. So we're excited that they're making progress back there and helping us win games."

The Irish defensive unit looked a little bit shakier on Sunday though when the Irish took on the Scarlet Knights

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