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Mourdock aims for Senate seat

Indiana State Treasurer vows to encourage austerity if elected in upcoming contest

By NICOLE MICHELS
News Writer



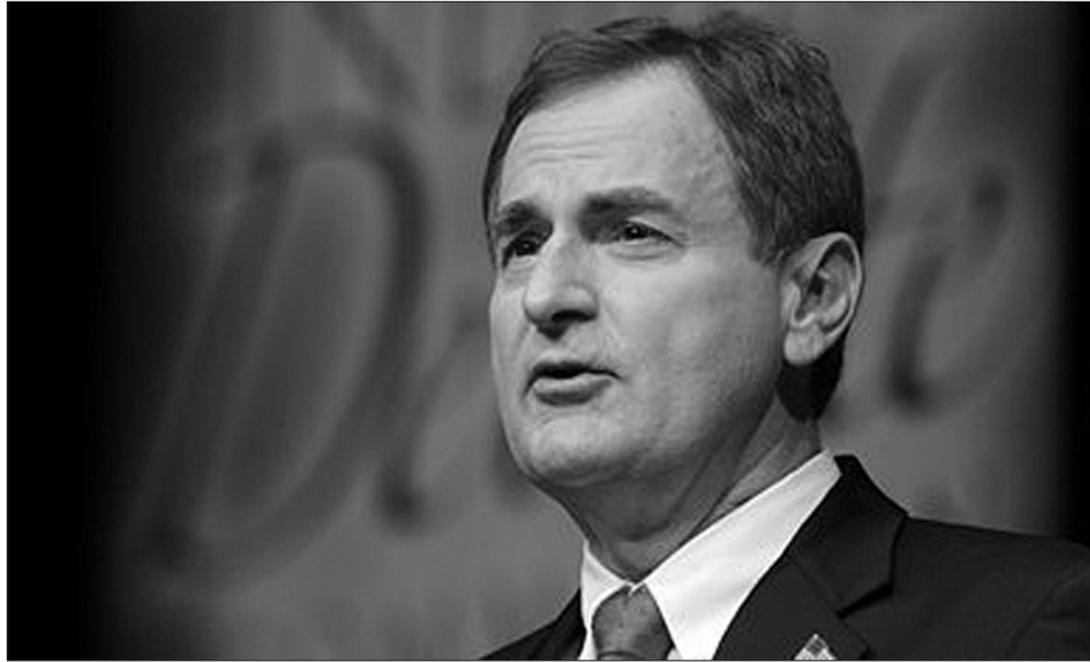
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Republican State Treasurer Richard Mourdock promised to bring a sense of fiscal discipline to the U.S. Senate if Hoosiers vote him into the seat currently held by GOP Senator Richard Lugar.

"You have to make the tough decisions to make sure we live within a budget," Mourdock said. "I think that's the type of thing I'd like to see and carry to Washington."

Murdock's foremost opponent for the Nov. 6 election is Democratic Rep. Joe Donnelly, a six-year veteran of the House of Representatives. Strengthening Indiana businesses and rejuvenating its economy are the concerns at the forefront of voters' minds, Mourdock said.

"Without question, [the most important issue] is getting this economy going again ... we've had 8 percent or



Republican U.S. Senate candidate Richard Mourdock promises to usher in a new era of fiscal responsibility if he is chosen as Indiana's next senator.

more unemployment over the last 43 months," Mourdock said. "Some people say that's the new normal and that we should expect that, but I totally disagree and most Hoosiers disagree."

Murdock's extensive experience in the private sector makes him especially qualified

for the position, he said.

"Having worked 31 years in the private sector as a geologist and in the energy business before I ever became State Treasurer, I think I have a wealth of experience in the private sector that is pretty unusual for someone who might get the chance to serve in the

Senate," Mourdock said. "I'd certainly like to take that expertise in business, finance and energy to the Senate."

Murdock said his track record in Indiana as State Treasurer speaks to his ability to stimulate the economy."

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Professor visits refugees abroad

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Editor

In the Bible, Moses is given a vision of the Promised Land atop Mount Nebo.

But as Fr. Daniel Groody stood atop the same ridge in Jordan, he saw the antithesis of that divine vision. "We looked to the south and saw issues of trafficking. We looked southeast into Iran and Iraq and saw persecution of religious minorities. We looked north into Lebanon and saw the situation of undocumented refugees," he said. "We looked further north into Turkey and saw people fleeing violence there. We looked all around Jordan and saw refugee camps and unaccompanied minors fleeing Syria without parents."

As a member of a seven-person delegation sent by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Migration and Refugee Services committee, Groody

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Students engage in mock debate

By CAROLYN HUTYRA
News Writer



Senior Mickey Gardella from the College Republicans and senior Adam Newman from the College Democrats addressed this question in a mock presidential debate Wednesday night. Students and faculty gathered in McKenna Hall for the hour-and-a-half event that covered the main issues of this year's presidential election, followed by a mock election.

The questions were created and presented by the moderator of the debate, senior Clara Ritger, editor-in-chief of Scholastic. Gardella and

Newman received the questions a week in advance.

Ritger said the major talking points were based on her close following of the election since the summer.

"I was a state politics reporter in Pennsylvania over the summer," she said. "I went to some Romney and Obama events so I had that whole experience."

She said she gathered information from watching all of the presidential and vice-presidential debates, as well as reading the newspaper every day. The questions were designed to give students the

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Libertarian speaks at IUSB

By SAM GANS
News Writer



Libertarian presidential candidate Gary Johnson visited South Bend on Wednesday afternoon to address a political science class at Indiana University South Bend and to publicly endorse Joe Ruiz, the Libertarian candidate for Indiana's 2nd District seat in the House of Representatives.

Johnson has campaigned on his desire to break a two-party system in American politics, and he reaffirmed this idea Wednesday. As a third-party candidate, he has little chance to win the election and trails his

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Libertarian presidential candidate Gary Johnson talks with IUSB students about his drive to bring down the American two-party system.



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"Definitely impersonating a scarecrow on my porch and scaring trick-or-treaters."



Christopher Barnes
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Carroll

"Pass out after consuming too much candy."



Rose Raderstorf
senior
McGlinn

"Eat candy."



Michael Gruliano
sophomore
Sorin

"I love to go to the one-piece-only houses and take two, then quietly celebrate my victory."



Laura Mellitt
sophomore
McGlinn

"Go trick-or-treating in Zahm."



Matthew Kudija
senior
Siegfried

"Corn mazes."



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Irish quarterback Jarious Jackson leaps for a touchdown during a game against Oklahoma on Oct. 2, 1999. The Irish defeated the Sooners 34-30, though Bob Davie coached Notre Dame through a 5-7 campaign that season.

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Zen Meditation

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"Thriller"

Rolfs

8 p.m.-10 p.m.

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Friday

Writing Successful Grants

McKenna Hall

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Introductory workshop for grant writing.

NBA Exhibition Game

Purcell Pavilion

7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Joakim Noah and the Chicago Bulls face the Indiana Pacers.

Saturday

"next to normal"

Washington Hall

7:30 p.m.-10 p.m.

PEMCo's fall production, a rock musical.

Film: "Take this Waltz"

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

9:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.

\$4 for students.

Sunday

Vision Walk Fundraiser

Irish Green

1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

\$15 registration fee for stem cell research.

Film: "The Blob"

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

3 p.m.

Recommended for ages 7+.

Monday

"The Effective Leadership"

Carole Sandner Hall

3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

An Irish perspective from Mary Hanafin.

Film: "Alotrolado, To the Other Side"

Geddes Hall

7 p.m.

Screening and panel discussion.

SENATE

Group discusses discrimination, dorm alarms

By **MADDIE DALY**
News Writer

This week's meeting addressed two main topics: dorm alarm systems and diversity on campus. Right at the start, student body vice president Katie Rose reminded the senators to be respectful of each other.

"For our discussions today some of the information might be sensitive. Just know that if there's anything you want to keep anonymous you can come meet with any of us one-on-one," Rose said.

Student body president Brett Rocheleau surveyed the senators to see how dorm alarms worked in their halls. After asking which male dorms had side door alarms set for midnight or any time, no one raised his hand. Conversely, when asking which female dorms did not have alarms, no one raised her hand.

Senators said they would like to see dorm alarms standardized around campus. Morrissey senator Billy McMahon said he can swipe in any door at any time.

"I fully support pushing for equality but by scaling back alarms rather than adding alarms," McMahon said.

Ryan Hall senator Grace Carroll saw a discrepancy with parietals and alarms.

"Our alarms go off every night at midnight if you leave from the side door. We want to make it so they go off at parietals," Carroll said. "The reason they only want the main door open at night is to keep tabs of people. It deters them from using any other door."

Class of 2015 president Tim Scanlan tied this comment back to the Board of Trustees' presentation on residence life.

"This is one of the reasons we listed for why people are moving off campus," Scanlan said. "Twenty-year-olds don't want people to 'keep tabs' on them."

Class of 2014 president Lizzie Helping said she is unsure of how effective the alarms truly are.

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Tim Scanlan
president

Class of 2015

"I was talking to some other girls who said the alarms really are not that effective. I accidentally set off the McGlenn alarm once during Frosh-O and just started running. It really doesn't do anything besides get the rector out of bed. By the time they're there, the perpetrator's already gone," Helping said. "Also, the doors that are alarmed are tucked away, making it difficult for the rectors to get there quickly."

Student union treasurer Alexa Shaw shared insight from her experience as a resident assistant (RA).

"Being an RA myself, I know it is really, really tough for the first floor RAs to have to get up at 3 a.m. to turn off the alarm and run after whoever it was," Shaw said. "Obviously the number one priority is safety,

but the doors are locked anyway so are the alarms adding anything or are they really just detracting?" The senators concluded that alarms should be uniform across all dorms and that they were maybe not the most effective method for ensuring safety. The group then transitioned to talking about diversity by explaining why it was immediately relevant.

"This is a bit of a followup from last spring, but it's been one of our goals to get a Call to Action movement re-energized and to make sure all concerns are being addressed," Rose said. "We will be meeting with several groups over the next few weeks, and we need feedback so we can speak on behalf of undergraduate students."

Walsh Hall senator Veronica Guerrero began the discussion with a specific comment from someone in her dorm.

"A girl from Walsh said that she felt like diversity was not addressed in a negative or a positive way on campus. It's a topic we push to the side and sort of cover up," Guerrero said. "She said she thinks that interracial friendships are not encouraged on this campus."

Helping compared the issue to sexual assault here at Notre Dame.

"Just personally I feel like Notre Dame is going about this issue the wrong way. They're going about it in the same way they're going about sexual harassment — they send out a survey asking us what we think and try to figure out the one thing we can do to fix it," she said. "I think that's discouraging for a lot of students who sense that Notre Dame is just trying to do a quick fix to improve the way we adhere to society."

Lewis Hall senator Casey

Spreen said the administration's approach didn't seem very effective.

"A lot of the stories from these people being discriminated against are a lot more individual and involve pain and suffering. You don't want to talk about these stories; they just wall up inside," Spreen said. "A way to solve this could be sending out anonymous surveys I guess, but is that too impersonal? Maybe one-on-one meetings or more town hall meetings would be helpful."

McMahon expressed concern over the lack of student presence in this issue.

"More student control over the process instead of just the administration behind closed doors would be helpful," McMahon said. "It has to be in a way where the people that are most affected would be the ones helping to change policies rather than just the people already in student government."

Rose addressed this problem between student and adminis-

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Carolina Ramirez
senator
Pasquerilla West Hall

tration involvement.

"This balance between the administration and students is that both have encouraged each other to do certain things which causes lapses. Sometimes they're afraid to

speak on behalf of one another which is why it may seem as if the administration is transparent or delayed," Rose said.

Chief of staff Katie Baker added to Rose's statement by referring to the specific example from last spring.

"Right after the town hall meeting last spring, the Call to Action movement, a group of students who felt passionate about the things going on, worked to come up with a list of recommendations," Baker said. "They gave a huge report to Student Affairs generated by students' feedback and topics from the town hall meeting. We see now that the movement has slowed down since last March and April, and we want to make sure it continues this year."

Pasquerilla West senator Carolina Ramirez brought up an issue she has heard from fellow students.

"I've heard from a lot of people that there has been discrimination not just from students but from rectors, RAs and professors. We need to show people that even the ones that are 'in charge' can be the problem and the students feel like they can't do anything about it," Ramirez said.

Rocheleau concluded the discussion by suggesting further aid in addressing these issues and answering questions.

"I think you guys have brought up several good points," Rocheleau said. "Maybe Dr. David Moss who is spearheading the campaign could come into a Senate meeting to answer questions and get feedback on what's going on."

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Belles gather donations for cancer research

By **CLAIRE CREELY**
News Writer

The Saint Mary's chapter of Stand Up to Cancer will sponsor the second-annual Zumbathon from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. this Friday in the Angela Athletic Center with the local Party in Pink organization to raise money for cancer research and the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Senior Devon Graham, who organized the event, said Stand Up to Cancer ensures that all funds raised go directly to cancer research.

"Stand Up to Cancer is different from other organizations that raise money for cancer because 100 percent of anything you donate goes to cancer research," Graham said. "All donations go to 'dream teams,' or research teams, that research many different types of cancer, including the rarer forms."

While student donations go to Stand Up to Cancer, donations from the general public are sent to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Graham said.

"We're working together in that way and both collaborating with each other," she said. Though the donations will be separated, Graham said the event is an opportunity to combine awareness for both organizations.

"It's pretty awesome. It's a really good way to raise awareness for both organizations."

Susan G. Komen is obviously a very well-known one. Stand Up to Cancer ... it is getting much greater now in the public," Graham said. "We're all really looking forward to it. It worked in October for breast cancer awareness so we're really excited for it."

About 200 people attended last year's Party in Pink event, and Graham said she expects an increase in attendance this year for the Zumbathon.

Graham said local Zumba instructors will lead the event, and the space will be decked out for a dance party.

"It should be a really good time," Graham said. "They're bringing in a DJ. They're going to turn it kind of into a club with lights."

Besides Zumba, guests can expect to learn new moves

from Polynesian dancers, belly dancers, hip hop dancers and even one woman who created her own type of dance.

"There will be a lot of variety, and the bleachers will be down so people can sit or walk and see the vendors," Graham said.

In addition to the dancing,

"You'll see 70-year-olds out there shaking it to Zumba."

Devon Graham
senior

vendors will be selling pink glow stick bracelets for Stand Up to Cancer and Zumba clothing. Attendees can also try samples from Avon and eat free food.

The general public is very

excited for the event, Graham said, and students should prepare to match their enthusiasm by being loud and wearing pink clothing.

"Apparently, these people really get into it," she said. "You'll see 70-year-olds out there shaking it to Zumba ... They get the loudest. They get the most into it."

The event will offer students the opportunity to interact with the public and work together toward a common goal, Graham said. Many Saint Mary's alumnae are expected to attend the event as well, including some who will travel from Chicago.

"Everyone looks silly, except for the instructors. You just have to have fun with it," Graham said. "You're not there to look a certain way ... you're

just there to be lively with everyone else."

If one night of Zumba is not enough to satisfy your desire to dance, Graham said Stand Up to Cancer hosts several Zumba events throughout the year, as well as a prom dance in the spring for cancer patients and survivors.

Tickets for this Friday's Zumbathon are \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door, and will be sold in the Saint Mary's Student Center during lunch and dinner this week. Notre Dame students may email Graham at dgraha01@saintmarys.edu to reserve tickets and pick them up at the door. Ticketholders must also bring their student ID to the event.

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Syria

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traveled to Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt and Turkey last week to get a first-hand perspective on the situation of Syrian refugees fleeing the country's ongoing civil war.

"It was no longer a CNN report," Groody, a Notre Dame theology professor, said. "There were actually people right there in front of me, who I could touch, see, feel and hear."

To gain a comprehensive understanding of the plight of Syrian refugees, Groody said the delegation met with government officials, ambassadors, Vatican officials, church leaders, ministers of foreign affairs and several faith-based organizations, including the Red Crescent, Caritas and Catholic Relief Services.

"It's a major humanitarian crisis going on," Groody said. "We looked at coalitions of governments and organizations trying to have concerted responses to the situation ... and tried to get their takes on what's happening and how we can advocate for issues in the U.S."

But more important than these diplomatic meetings, Groody said, were the conversations with the refugees themselves in official camps in Jordan and unofficial sites in Lebanon.

"The stories of these people meant the most in all those conversations. There, the statistics became human," he said. "The people you saw in front of you were facing a level of vulnerability I'd never seen before. They had such a thin line of protection and, in some sense, no protection at

all."

With more than 100,000 registered Syrian refugees each in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey and an estimated 150,000 Syrians living in Egypt, the magnitude of Syria's violent internal conflict now extends throughout much of the Middle East, Groody said.

In all, more than 359,000 Syrians fleeing the war have registered in four neighboring states, including Iraq, since conflict broke out between the Syrian government and opposition groups in the spring of 2011, according to an Oct. 23 report from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

The majority of refugees living in camps are women and children, Groody said, many of whom lost one or more family members during the conflict.

"In one camp, we sat down with one extended family that included three women who married three brothers, all of whom were killed in the war," Groody said. "Their fourth brother had been jailed the day before, and the mother found out her grandson was just killed."

Groody said unaccompanied refugee minors and young women, especially widows, face additional hardships in the camps.

"This was just a sea of children, of women who, in that culture, have very few opportunities and are unable to work at all," he said. "Now they're undocumented refugees, not simply migrants, facing a very unknown future."

The "hardest part" for Groody is not knowing when the conflict in Syria will end because the longer it continues, the longer the refugees



he met will be living in a state of limbo with no stability in any aspect of their lives.

"There were some common threads in our conversations with refugees," he said. "They told us, 'We are not safe. We have no home to go back to. We want to return to our country. The winter is coming. We have no food. And we are human beings.'"

Groody said the Catholic Church has been working "on the front lines" to provide immediate food and medical relief for refugees, assist with registration of refugees in United Nations records and create schools. These initiatives benefit any refugee, regardless of their religious affiliation.

"[The Church] isn't asking questions. If anyone is in need, if anyone is hurting, if anyone is suffering or if anyone is in pain, the Church is there for you because you're a human being. You're a child of God and you're loved by



Photo courtesy of Fr. Daniel Groody

Top: Young girls bond at a refugee camp in Jordan. Bottom: Female refugees and their families grieve after losing relatives to the Syrian war.

God," Groody said.

In the case of a refugee camp playground in Jordan, Groody said the Church created a space for children to "develop some sort of identity" in the midst of their emotionally and physically taxing displacement. "The Church serves as a safe place to reestablish communities and connections and help people begin to develop their education and knowledge," he said. "But I think part of the message is that the Church is ... engaged in this, but most of us don't have the awareness that this is going on, and we often don't know what to do. We can't do everything but we can do something."

Additionally, Groody said the delegation was "impressed" by the high level of involvement of neighboring state governments.

"We were impressed by how much the government of Jordan is willing to take on refugees at great costs, how Turkey is not only providing tents but also areas for heating and insulation," he said. "They're not just giving out handouts. They're providing space for refugees to be treated as human beings."

But the common denominator among refugee relief efforts, Groody said, was the emphasis on maintaining self-worth and human dignity "for people whose lives are completely shattered."

Upon returning to the U.S., the USCCB delegation is working to promote awareness of the refugee situation by holding congressional briefings to influence policy, writing about refugees' stories and

possibly creating a film, Groody said.

"Listening to those stories, seeing those faces, meeting those people was more than seeing people in poverty. It was seeing people with absolute vulnerability that simply cried out for some kind of solidarity and help," Groody said. "What's important for the Notre Dame community to understand is the actual scope of the conflict and its human costs, as well as the desperate plea for humanitarian assistance."

Despite U.S. and USCCB resettlement efforts and the U.S. government contribution of more than \$100 million to refugee relief, Groody said more international cooperation is crucial.

"We're left with the sense that there are many ways to be motivated to respond to this. Faith groups are responding, but even that cannot be done without the support of governments," Groody said. "The needs are so much greater that we need a concerted effort from the international community to bring about some kind of durable solutions for folks in this kind of pain."

Even more than a sense of motivation to act, Groody was left with the images he saw from Mount Nebo.

"The question is, have we really crossed the Jordan into a Promised Land where all humans can live in dignity ... and develop and grow as God intends? That faith vision is something that still has yet to be realized."

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Seniors create Facebook app, connect consumers

By **ANNA BOARINI**
News Writer

Seniors Robb Crow and Kyle Kober never thought a summer wakeboarding trip would create a friendship that changed their career paths. The two met while they were interning in New York City between their sophomore and junior years.

"At a Notre Dame networking event, Kyle invited me to go wakeboarding on Long Island, so I stayed at his house for a few days before getting to really know him," Crow said. "Ever since then, we've been best buddies."

Soon after the two became friends, they decided to create ShopTalk, a Facebook application that provides discounts for online shoppers who post their purchases on their Facebook pages.

"ShopTalk ... allows retailers to tap their online shoppers'

social networks through our unique plug-in application," Kober said. "By placing our plug-in on the checkout screen, shoppers can post their purchases to their Facebook networks' news feeds and instantaneously receive a discount provided by the retailer before payment."

Kober brainstormed the initial idea while working at a venture capital firm specializing in e-commerce and retail space, Crow said.

"After a few late-night Skype sessions and a few weeks of convincing me, I came on board and we finalized the idea together, creating ShopTalk," he said.

ShopTalk's design drives traffic to retailers by linking both the purchased products and fan page of the retailer to the post, Kober said.

"This process is simple and automatic for the shopper, only requiring them to sign up for ShopTalk with Facebook," he said.



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"Ultimately, our mission is to save you money when shopping online, while promoting the interesting products and brands you find on Facebook."

While creating a Facebook application is not simple, Kober said the process has been quick. The pair started development in September.

"We are now one month away from our beta launch in which we'll have a select 25 retailers running the application on their sites," Kober said. "Both of us don't have an expertise in software or coding so we've been working closely with a team of developers based in New York City to make the idea

a reality."

Thus far, the only investors in ShopTalk are Crow and Kober's close friends and family.

"We are in the process of raising an angel round [second round of investors], and are aiming to close the round by early December this year," he said. "We are finding angels through our connections here at ND and also through one of our advisers in New York."

Crow said neither senior imagined they would be involved in entrepreneurship after graduation.

"A year ago if you asked both of us what we wanted to do after graduation our answers would have been

investment banking or private equity," he said. "We have had more passion working on ShopTalk than we have had in any of our previous finance internships."

The Facebook app will not be the end of the friends' business partnership, Crow said.

"Our discount sharing app is a stepping stone for bigger and better things for ShopTalk," he said. "At the beginning of next year we will begin phase two of development, creating a desktop and mobile app for our users."

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Mourdock

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In Indiana we have been one of the most fiscally responsible states in the country, and we are probably in the most healthy financial shape of any state in the country," Mourdock said. "Working with Governor Daniels and with state legislators to impose the kind of discipline that it takes to live within a budget, that's been a very good thing."

Murdock said his wish is for the Senate to maximize efficiency, accountability and transparency on a daily basis.

"I certainly am willing to work with anyone, be that Republican, Democratic or independent, who understands the urgency that we must get this economy fixed, and that a big part of fixing it means making government more accountable, more efficient, and transparent," Mourdock said. "It's not about creating government programs, it's about living within our means."

As Senator, Mourdock said he would rely on a three-pronged approach to turn around the economy.

"Number one, as in Indiana, I think the federal government has to learn to live within its means so it requires less from the people to fund the federal government. Number two, we have to change the tax code to make it more of a pro-growth tax code and not simply look at it as a way to get money from those who would otherwise be creating jobs," Mourdock said. "Last but certainly not least, we have to loosen the regulatory noose that so many agencies have put on Hoosier businesses."

Indiana voters would prefer the implementation of another healthcare plan besides the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Mourdock said. Instead, Mourdock said he would work on a healthcare plan more fiscally responsible than the ACA, commonly known as "Obamacare."

"I get a little frustrated with Republicans who say, 'Repeal Obamacare!' without saying

what they're going to replace it with," Mourdock said. "We have to deal with both the healthcare insurance side and the healthcare cost side: much of Obamacare actually drives up the cost of healthcare, and that ends up driving up the costs of health care insurance as well."

"I certainly am willing to work with anyone ... who understands the urgency that we must get the economy fixed."

Richard Mourdock
U.S. Senate candidate
Republican Party

Murdock said he will solve at least part of the healthcare issue by allowing the private market to find alternatives not mandated by the government.

"Speaking broadly here, if you want to buy insurance for your car you can buy insurance from any number of national

companies because car companies advertise their products across state lines — but health care companies can't do that," Mourdock said. "If we allow the health care companies to sell their products across state lines it would bring a lot more people into those risk pools, which would mean that there's more cash there that is available to companies."

The lawsuit filed by Notre Dame and other religious organizations against the Department of Health and Human Services revealed the excessive power of the government, Mourdock said.

"Obamacare is about more than just health care," he said. "This is not something that I think government needs to be involved in: telling people what their morality needs to be and what their moral decision making process should be."

Murdock said he has supported Notre Dame's position in the lawsuit from the outset.

"When Notre Dame joined the lawsuit against Health and

Human Services, I actually came up to South Bend and did a news conference," Mourdock said. "My comment was how ironic it was that a kid from Ball State University is here — me — to defend Notre Dame when my opponent who has two degrees from Notre Dame isn't taking its position."

Murdock said he hopes college students take the time to discern what which candidate will enact policies that will support pursuit of their dreams.

"I would hope that all college students would take the time to take the long term view, and what I mean by that is to look at the candidates not just by what they're saying today, but what it is they're saying today that could make the world next year and the next year after that and five years out and ten years out a better place, America a better place and give each student a greater chance at reaching his dream," he said.

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Debate

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opportunity to see where each candidate stands on the most important issues.

"I tried to focus on what the talk on campus was from students, what students were really interested in or what issues were going to sway their vote one way or the other," she said.

The six major segment topics of the debate were jobs, U.S. debt, healthcare, religion, foreign policy and relation to college students.

Gardella opened the first question section of the debate by bringing up the creation of more jobs. He spoke of the Dodd-Frank bill, Obamacare, Romney's proposed 20 percent

tax cut across the board and the institution of freedom in the American economy.

"We should free the private sector to grow the economy," he said.

When it came to the issue of the environment, Newman focused on the need to invest in the energy of tomorrow.

"We're producing more fossil fuels than ever before," he said.

This problem can be changed by investment in other energy forms such as solar and wind power, he said.

When the conversation shifted to the growing deficit, Newman argued that Obama is better equipped to handle the problem.

"Obama understands our debt is unsustainable,"

Newman said.

He also said Romney's plan to increase defense spending by \$2 million does not help the issue.

But Gardella said Obama's term as president contributed to the deficit.

"All of (Obama's) presidency he had \$1 trillion or higher in deficits," Gardella said.

The debate also included a number of other topics that included student tuition mortgages, healthcare laws and Catholic Social Teaching in governmental policy.

In closing, Newman reiterated Obama's four-step plan. In terms of encouraging students to vote for the democratic candidate, he cited student loan reform, the doubling of Federal Pell Grant, and the

ability of students to stay on their parents' insurance plan until the age of 26 as reasons to cast a ballot for Obama.

Gardella ended with a reflection on the last four years of Obama's presidency. He said these years are characterized by partisanship and division, low confidence in the economy, and years of trillion-dollar deficits.

"Romney will get people back to work," he said.

Newman said he and Gardella were equally matched.

"I think (Gardella) was a strong debater ... but even if it wasn't me (debatin), even if it was someone less prepared, the divisions in the beliefs still speak for themselves," Newman said.

Junior Matthew Jewell said the Democratic representative was more eloquent and presented his argument better, but the Republican representative made more compelling arguments in regards to the functioning of the economy.

"While I agree with the policies of Romney that the Republican representative put forward, I believe that from an objective standpoint the Democratic representative won the debate," Jewell said.

The debate was followed by a mock election, and the results of that will be released Nov. 1.

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Democrat President Barack Obama and Republican former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney, significantly in polls.

But he is hopeful enough voters will cast ballots for the Libertarian ticket to make him the 45th president of the United States.

"I'm just hoping that enough people waste their vote on me," Johnson said. "If enough people do that, I'm the next President of the United States, and I'm making a vow that no one will be disappointed by actually electing a leader that will get up and lead what needs to be a raging debate and discussion in this country about all the issues that we face."

The former two-term governor of New Mexico announced in April 2011 he was running for the presidency as a Republican before deciding to seek the Libertarian nomination in Dec. 2011. On May 5, he won the Libertarian Party's official nomination.

Johnson said he can provide an honest assessment to college students of the national challenges that will impact their futures, unlike Obama and Romney.

"[I can bring] the truth that we are really in deep trouble in this country and to get out of all this deep trouble, it's going to involve mutual sacrifice on the part of all of us," Johnson said. "But we've got to engage in this, and right now, young people are being unfairly handed a bill that's never going to get paid."

Johnson said his plan to slash government programs, including Medicare, makes him a viable choice over Obama and Romney. As president, Johnson would repeal the Affordable Care Act and place more control over health care policies in the hands of individual state governments.

"Two weeks ago, Obama and Romney are arguing over who's going to spend more money on Medicare, when Medicare has to be slashed," Johnson said. "Medicare is a program that you and I put \$30,000 into, and we receive a \$100,000 benefit. Nothing about Medicare is sustainable. Nothing. And that is indicative of a lot of other government programs."

Just two days after Obama and Romney debated foreign policy, Johnson said his policies abroad also distinguish him from the two front-runners.

"I think people are hungry

to elect a leader, as opposed to the lesser of two evils," Johnson said. "And talking about [the presidential debate] the other night, really what you come away with, we're going to see ourselves in a continued state of war in this country. They're arguing really over who's going to pull the trigger first in these areas."

"When they talk about the [attack on the] Libyan Embassy, why did we have embassy personnel there in the first place? We're presenting targets in an area that is looking for targets."

Ruiz, from nearby Mishawaka, works with at-risk youth at the Family and Children's Center. He too hopes to break the two-party system with his platform on the Libertarian ticket.

Johnson said Ruiz earned his endorsement over Republican Jackie Walorski and Democrat Brendan Mullen because the Libertarian candidate holds similar values to his own.

"Joe Ruiz would be talking about the same things that I'm talking about," Johnson said. "I'm proud of Libertarians that are talking about these issues in the same way on a congressional level that I am at a national level, and Joe's that congressional level."

Ruiz said his standing as a



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Gary Johnson endorsed Libertarian Jose Ruiz for Indiana's 2nd District seat in the House of Representatives on Tuesday at IUSB.

third-party candidate means if he were elected, he would face more scrutiny to achieve promises made than either a Republican or a Democrat.

"I have a sincere interest in succeeding and I don't think that either of my opponents would have that," Ruiz said. "If either of them go along and they break the promises that they make, and two years from now, the Republicans or the Democrats, whoever wins, will just run another candidate who will make more promises that the people can either take or leave, and that potentially, historically, they would probably

break, right?"

Like Johnson, Ruiz said this desire to succeed would lead him to keep his promises if elected.

"Well, if I get elected, by people who believe in limited government philosophy, and I don't do the things that I say I'm going to do, it's potential that you're never going to vote for a Libertarian again," he said. "And so I have a sincere determination coming into this because I have way more to lose than either of my opponents."

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Thailand women undergo unsafe plastic surgery

Associated Press

BANGKOK — Her dream was to look less Thai and more like Jennifer Lopez, so the 25-year-old street food vendor went to the Internet and typed in "cheap Botox."

That was the start of a five-year makeover for Ratphila Chairungkit that included two nose jobs, two eye-widening

surgeries, chin augmentation, lip trimming, skin whitening and dozens of Botox-type injections.

The goal had been to redesign her entire face, but things went horribly wrong. "I started to look like a witch," she recalled. Her upper eyelids sagged; her lower lids erupted in tapioca-like bumps. Her chin drooped and her nose

swelled.

After costly and painful corrective surgeries, she is now content with her appearance, though it bears no resemblance to her American pop idol.

Thailand is swarming with cheap but risky cosmetic clinics, thanks to two powerful forces: Their prices are designed to attract the poor, and Thai society defines beauty as fair and delicate. It looks down on the ethnic facial features associated with the lower classes — the wide noses and dark skin most of the country possess.

"I used to look like a factory worker," said Ratphila, now 30, cringing at an old snapshot of her smiling former self. "Now, when I look in the mirror, I'm happy. With a better face, you have

better chances in life."

Her quest for beauty at bargain prices was a painful mistake. A pseudo-beautician injected commercial-grade silicone into her cheeks, chin and under her eyes; it all needed to be surgically scraped out. She spent 500,000 baht (\$16,000) over five years, a huge sum by her humble standards, mostly to fix his handiwork.

"I'm lucky I didn't die," she said, trying to smile through her cosmetically corrected face.

Far from having regrets, she says, her ordeal has turned into a business opportunity and she plans to open her own cosmetic clinic later this month. "Now, I've become a beauty guru. Everyone comes to me for advice," she said.

Not all of Thailand's beauty victims live to tell. The death this month of a 33-year-old aspiring model from a botched collagen injection has focused nationwide attention on the illegal beauty industry and intensified a government crackdown.

Nearly 40 illegal beauticians have been arrested in Bangkok, the capital, in the past two months, but authorities believe nearly 200 are still operating. Advertising in plain sight on the Internet, they're commonly known as "bag doctors" because many make house calls or meet

customers in vans to administer cheap injections straight from their bags.

Last week, the Health Ministry and police declared a small victory after arresting someone they called "the most dangerous" operator to date: a 37-year-old former beautician's assistant with no medical training who had set up an all-purpose clinic in her home.

Inside the woman's pale yellow town house in a working-class Bangkok neighborhood, authorities found box-loads of counterfeit Botox, cheap facial fillers, intravenous skin-whitening chemicals and a variety of banned products known to have dangerous side effects. The arsenal of potentially toxic beauty products underlined the lengths that women — and some men — take to improve their looks.

"This is terrifying," said Phasit Sakdanarong, chief adviser to the Public Health Minister, who joined the raid and has since advised the government to expand the crackdown nationwide. "This woman was not a doctor. This clinic has no license, and the products she was using are not FDA-approved."

"We are facing a very, very serious problem," said Phasit. "When people go to illegal clinics like this, it is very easy to get an infection — and sometimes it is easy to die."

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N.D. weather



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Sports Writer

As I write this column, it is currently 77 degrees. In South Bend. In late October. Which means it's a perfect time for me to talk about one of the most notorious aspects of Notre Dame life: the weather.

South Bend's weather is easily described as frigid, miserable and even bipolar. The area's seemingly endless winter is marked by the appearance of an all-encompassing permacloud, a constant white blanket of snow and a bitter wind fierce enough to turn South Quad into a veritable wind tunnel.

However, despite all these factors, I'm of the opinion that South Bend's weather is nowhere near as bad as most Notre Dame students make it out to be. I think the climate of Michiana even enhances life at Notre Dame rather than diminishes it.

Yet, I must confess that I do love warm weather and wish at times that the weather here was nicer. However, in comparing my experiences to those of students at warm-weather schools, I've found that I'm not missing out on too much.

Although Notre Dame students may not be able to throw the Frisbee around or tan on the quad for more than 10 percent of the school year, we do get the privilege of experiencing four seasons.

Take a look at campus right now. God Quad looks downright majestic with the wide array of vivid colored leaves dotting its trees, a sight witnessed nationally by viewers when they see Notre Dame make its Saturday appearance on NBC. Speaking of football, some of our team's most memorable games have come in the unpredictable fall weather. I feel many of us will still talk about our recent win over Stanford in a monsoon several decades from now.

Now on to winter. The treacherous and impassable conditions created by the constant snow may force us inside, but this fact spurs most of us to really get to know those living nearest to us, thereby building dorm community. And for the times we do make the trek outdoors, we can enjoy events like the massive North Quad/South Quad snowball fight or sledding on dining hall trays.

The final season in most Notre Dame students' lives is spring. The constant rain in this season may make South Bend occasionally seem like Seattle, but it is always glorious to see campus come back to life and the quads full of baseball gloves and lacrosse sticks.

As nice as the weather is now, though, temperatures this weekend are supposed to dip into the 40s. Yes, we'll see if my feelings about the weather are still the same come Monday.

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A reason for our routines

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At Mass a couple of Mondays ago, we read the Gospel of the parable of the Good Samaritan. As I proclaimed it during Mass, I did so with some worry. We have all heard this parable so many times that I feared the congregation would tune out as soon as I read the parable's well-known opening line: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and was attacked by robbers." I was afraid others might become distracted, mainly because I found myself doing the same as I read that morning! My mind quickly summarized the remainder: two men pass him by because they're too busy, then a Samaritan, who doesn't get along with Jews, sees him and takes care of him. "Got it, we need to be more like him."

Then, as is often the case when reading the Scriptures, I was surprised to find that a little phrase caught my eye. The Samaritan takes the beaten man to a local inn, gets him medicines, room and board to heal and then, as he is leaving, says to the innkeeper: "If you spend more than I have given you, I will repay you on my way back."

"On my way back" grabbed hold of me. On his way back? So, he travelled this road often. For only someone trusted by the innkeeper could have run a credit line at the inn. "I'll pay you the rest of it later." The road to Jericho was the Samaritan's turf. He probably walked it monthly, maybe weekly. He probably knew every turn, every ditch

and every establishment along the way. This road was part of the Samaritan's routine.

My interaction with this Gospel had come full circle. I began reading the Good Samaritan with the worry that there was nothing new to be gained. But, I ended with this insight: only because I had read it so many times could my mind and heart grasp something new, something unexpected in it, a surprising little revelation. It all got me thinking ...

The routines of our life, the roads and pathways we walk week after week, can have two, totally opposite effects on us. They can become so repetitive, so well-known, so comforting or so boring that we become deadened to the dynamics that unfold in them. We hardly pay attention to them. If something unexpected happens, it is quickly perceived as something to be avoided.

Like the first two men, a priest and a Levite, in the parable who encounter the beaten man on the side of their well-trod road. They too, as Temple functionaries, walked that road to the Temple as a matter of routine. And when something out-of-the-ordinary appeared on that road — a man, beaten, in a roadside ditch — they did what perhaps we all sometimes do when the unexpected enters our daily routine. They moved quickly to the other side, and kept their comforting or deadening routine uninterrupted.

The Good Samaritan, on the other hand, reveals a quite opposite insight about the remarkable opportunity that lies latent in our routines. Precisely

because the Good Samaritan travelled this road so often, he knew every inch better than anyone else. He knew the perils of the road, and so was travelling with oil and bandages. He had established networks along the road, and knew exactly the innkeeper who would watch over this man. Routines can be opportunities for extraordinary love.

We understand our routines better than anyone in our existence. Who knows your family, your best friends or an issue you have been researching better than you? Yes, our over-familiarity with these routines can deaden us to the dynamics trying to unfold within them. But what if it has not been randomness, but God's Providence, that has led us to these very people, places and issues? Our intimate understanding of the routines also empowers us to love in utterly extraordinary ways.

What and who are your roads from Jerusalem to Jericho? As November rolls in, and the routines of our semester start to calcify, beware! They can lock us up, dull our vision and deaden our hearts. Or, our daily routines can sharpen our understanding, deepen our gaze and surprise us by calling us to extraordinary acts of love. Perhaps God has been leading us down this road, over and over, for a reason.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Our duty is to preserve what the past has had to say for itself, and to say for ourselves what shall be true for our future."

John Ruskin
English critic, essayist and reformer

WEEKLY POLL

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Trust your training

Carolyn Green
Holy Half Marathon

Running is relatively low key — all you need is a pair of shoes (or no shoes, but that's another article), and you can run almost anywhere in the world. Just talk to Notre Dame senior and last year's Holy Half champion Ian Montijo, who often ran at 5 a.m. in the desert heat of Oman last summer. One of my favorite ways to explore a new city is by running its streets, and I try to take part in a different race whenever I am home from school. This fall break, I participated in the Run Like Hell Half Marathon, a Halloween-themed race in my hometown of Portland, Ore.

Having experienced an injury that put me out for a significant period of time at the beginning of my training, I was more nervous than usual for this race. With accolades for being one of the best running cities in the country comes more competition, and I found myself standing at the starting line with the young and elite 20-somethings of

Portland's thriving running community. A guy standing next to me, acting as if he was just out for a morning jog, casually told another participant that he planned to run "fives." As in five-minute miles, and a Run Like Hell of a lot faster than I planned to go.

The start of the race was delayed inexplicably, and, as we waited for further information from race officials, a cold rain began to fall. Everyone was pretty antsy by the time we received word to move to the starting line. I felt particularly sorry for the man wearing nothing but a Batman Speedo and a cape, who looked especially uncomfortable.

I had read in various running magazines about the importance of mantras as a tool for easing race jitters, but I had never utilized a mantra before now, besides maybe imagining my high school cross country coach yelling at me from the sidelines, or picturing the free bagels I would receive at the end of the race. However, a race such as the Holy Half Marathon is a long time to be alone with your thoughts, and, if those thoughts are all negative, you have more worries than

trying to remember whether or not you applied Body Glide that morning.

So, when the gun finally went off, I took a deep breath, focused ahead and told myself: "Trust your training." I eased into my desired pace, and even found myself taking the time to enjoy the stunning views of the city along the course. When my iPod died about halfway through the race, I did not worry about losing my crutch, but considered its failure an opportunity to become more self-aware and keep repeating my new mantra.

"Trust your training" is a good phrase to consider in all areas of life: before an exam, walking into a job interview, traveling to a new country and on a first date, (well, in that case, maybe trust what your Mama taught you), but it is by no means the only mantra a runner should use during a race. Try: "Stay steady," "Be smooth," "Focus here," or "Keep calm and run on." I saw a sign during the half marathon that said: "Believe with all your heart that you will become what you were meant to be." A little long, but good nonetheless.

Thanks to the power of positive thinking and some timely down hills, I finished the race strong and with a smile on my face. I gave a high five to Waldo (I had been wondering where he was), and then took a few laps around the block to cool off and recollect.

Telling myself "Trust your training" had worked, and deciding to make a repeated mantra a permanent part of my race strategy. Try repeating a mantra, yourself — yes, when you are out on a run, but also when you are stressing over homework, applying for internships or trying to navigate your bike through rush hour in front of DeBartolo. Everyone's mantra will be different, but if it focuses on the positive, it will be effective. Maybe we should find out what the football players are telling themselves ... it seems to be working.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Bring back the Offbeat

Back when I was a young whipper-snapper (read-until this semester), The Observer ran a hilarious, entertaining and surprisingly informative section.

This section was called "the Offbeat" and offered out-of-the-ordinary news from around the country. Sadly the Offbeat no longer exists.

Its place has been filled by "The Next Five Days" and by slightly enlarging the "Question on the Day." Please bring back the Offbeat. After all, the "Next Five Days" is only really applicable every fifth day. Right.

Best,

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Some students, especially those with younger siblings, may know of VeggieTales, a children's animated video series featuring Bob the Tomato and Larry the Cucumber. At the end of each video, Bob the Tomato addresses the viewers by saying: "Remember kids, God made you special and He loves you very much." In addition to being a healthy message for kids, we can use this sentiment to help us in our career planning efforts; indeed, God did make you special. Each person is a unique creation, and we each have special gifts and talents.

A month ago I was addressing a group of students and asked them what differentiated them from their peers. ND education? No, everyone in the room had that. Intelligence? No, everyone in the room was of above-average intelligence. Leadership/teamwork/active in clubs? No, no, and no ... everyone in the crowd could claim these attributes as well. I prompted the group by asking: "What makes YOU special? What are the gifts and talents that God has given you?"

This idea and subsequent questions shocked most of the audience. A Notre Dame degree did not separate the students from each other nor guarantee a job. When they looked around, students began to realize the room was full of individuals who had the same degree, grades and academic background — and who were applying for the same jobs. It dawned on them that each person had to discover the unique gifts and talents they could offer an employer, the unique gifts and talents that would

make them memorable and valued to the hiring manager. They needed a personal brand.

Some readers may doubt the seriousness of personal branding. Is this a new fad or buzzword in career management circles? No, it is a concept that has been around for years. Tom Peters wrote a provocative article for Fast Company magazine entitled "The Brand Called You" (8/31/97). Peters' message is timeless: you are the CEO of Me, Inc., and it is crucial to identify the attributes that differentiate you from the masses and identify the way you wish to communicate this message. No one else can or will market YOU as well as you can. You need to be in charge of promoting your skills and articulating the experience you seek.

The concept of personal branding is even more important today than it was fifteen years ago when the Peters' article was published. With massive job boards and online resume submissions, it is more difficult each day to get noticed. Recently, an HR manager from a large aerospace firm mentioned they had received over 1,000 applications for an engineering opening. Last year, a recruiter in the PR industry relayed that she received over 600 resumes from individuals vying for six spots. Job and internship seekers need to think about how they can stand out from the resume pile. This is accomplished by communicating one's brand: a clear message of who you are, what makes you unique and what you can offer. Personal branding is not relegated to the corporate world. Being unique in the eyes of hiring managers at non-profits, government agencies or Fortune 500 companies help you get noticed.

So, how does one identify and manage

his/her personal brand and how can the Career Center help?

Firstly, identify your skills and passions: The Career Center offers assessments that can help you identify some of your gifts and talents. Talk to friends, family and mentors who can provide an external perspective on your unique attributes.

Hone your marketing materials: Refine your resume and cover letter to communicate a positive image of you, what type of opportunity you desire and what skills you can offer.

Craft an online presence: LinkedIn, blogs, Twitter and other social media sites can help craft an online image to support your unique brand.

Network: Many of the items we buy are ones that have been recommended to us by others. Reach out to your network and share your gifts, talents and dreams. These people can help communicate your brand to their circles of influence.

Thinking of one's career search through the lens of personal branding can give a sense of ownership and control to one's career path. You influence how you are perceived, what opportunities you decide to pursue and how you react to setbacks as well as the opportunities. In short, you are the CEO of Me, Inc. specializing in the brand called "YOU." Remember, God made you special. Celebrate the unique aspects of you.

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NEXT TO AWESOME

By **PATRICK McMANUS**
Scene Writer

This weekend the Pasquerilla East Musical Company presents “next to normal.” The musical tells the story of a mother’s chronic mental illness and the effects it has on her and her family.

It is not exactly typical musical fare. That seriousness, however, earned “next to normal” the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 2010, one of only eight musicals to win that award. The show also took home three Tony Awards when it opened on Broadway in 2009.

Director Charlie O’Leary was at first hesitant to take on such a lauded and serious show but felt compelled to do so.

“[It was] one of the most powerful musicals

I’ve seen,” he said.

He also knew that there would be a lot of interest in the show. The cast of six has been tirelessly rehearsing for only the past four weeks, not including fall break, to put on this amazing production, which is entirely the result of the vision and talent of passionate students.

Producer Nathan Williams was confident that even though it is a difficult show dramatically, emotionally and musically, the cast was able to handle it and turn in great performances.

Graduate student Will Docimo, who plays Dan, the father and husband character, said he likes how the musical is untraditional.

“It’s a good example of how musicals can be a serious medium, rather than just lights and flash,” Docimo said.

Indeed, by taking on a more solemn subject matter than most musicals and handling it in a responsible and engaging way, “next to normal” proves to be a unique theatrical experience.

The plot, though full of revelations, is not really the point. Rather, the feel of the musical becomes paramount. More than a story, it is a sense of what certain things feel like

and it does it very well.

“next to normal” is a moving show that does not allow the audience to forget the mental anguish or fragility of its characters. It is held back from being an outright depressing experience by deft direction and acting, and its beating heart, the rock score. The music, composed by Tom Kitt, with lyrics by Brian Yorkey, has an eclectic feel that can set different moods. Yet, it moves with a fluidity that never really makes you feel comfortable.

Although O’Leary says “characters and story remain forefront,” the show’s subject matter and portrayal of a character living with bipolar disorder creates an opportunity for this show to not just raise awareness, but start a dialogue across the campus community. To that end, the production is partnering with the National Alliance on Mental Illness chapter of Notre Dame, who will have a booth at the show.

For people who like musicals and even people who traditionally have been



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put-off by sillier and more chipper musicals, this production of “next to normal” is a must see. Honestly, it is nothing like, and so much better, than when my high school did “Bye Bye Birdie.”

Tickets are available for purchase (\$6 for students, \$8 for the public) at the LaFortune Box Office and at the door. Performances will take place in Washington Hall on Thursday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

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KNOW THY SHELF

LITERATURE IS NOT DEAD

Meghan Thomassen
Scene Writer

“I always wanted to be a novelist. I just never wanted to write a novel.”

So said Kathleen Parker when she visited campus Oct. 2 to talk about journalism in the age of “Twitterature.” With those words she gave a voice to the moral dilemma my inner Jane Austen wrestled with for years. I had all the right ingredients: an insatiable appetite for books, an inordinate vocabulary and an insane obsession with used bookstores, not to mention a major in English.

But when it came to whipping out a “Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius,” every idea fell flat. I would spend random afternoons crafting characters and plotlines in my head, only to have them fall apart on the rare occasion

I tried to put them on the page. Eking out word after word was like carving into a chalkboard. Every sentence sounded painful and forced, and once composed, seemed irreversible.

Eventually I gave up, crammed my half-filled notebooks into the bottom of my bookshelf, and tried to accept my fate. I was never going to write a novel.

It wasn’t until last week, however, that I realized I was doing it wrong. Over fall break, I went to West Virginia as a part of the Center for Social Concern’s Appalachia program. The trip was awesome, my group was wonderful and I will never forget some of the things we saw or did. One of the goals of the program was to change preconceptions about poverty, the environment and social responsibility. At Nazareth Farm, the staff encouraged us to put away our phones when with friends, spend daily quiet time with

God and be better stewards of our environment. So far, these habits have stuck with me. Granted, it’s been less than a week, but I’m hopeful these changes are long-lasting.

One of the changes was truly unexpected. During one of our precious downtime periods, one of the volunteers from another college started telling me about how much he loves to write. At first I thought he had just another run-of-the-mill blog about life or politics or how much he loves the Packers. But I could not have been more wrong. To demonstrate his point, he reached into his backpack and pulled out a stack of manuscripts, covered in the red ink of his own comments.

This kid actually wrote a 200-page novel on his own accord, all while juggling the responsibilities of a student. He said his writing process consisted of sitting

down and just doing a little bit each day. It sounded hard, but he was able to write something substantial just because he felt like it. For him, writing was more of a habit than an inspired, earth-shattering revelation. He also said he didn’t worry too much about getting each sentence perfect — he could spend forever being nitpicky about diction and structure.

I found a strange amount of comfort in his dedication, as well as a challenge. There are few things I can commit to doing every day. But to see his reward of a fascinating and personal body of work showed how it’s the daily habit that makes the novelist.

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WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY



What: “Thriller”
Where: Rockne Memorial
When: 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
How Much: Reserve your spot for free at RecRegister

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FRIDAY



What: Rock Musical: “next to normal,” presented by PEMCO
Where: Washington Hall, Mainstage Auditorium
When: 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
How Much: \$6 for students

PEMCO is back with what promises to be a great performance of award-winning musical “next to normal”. Although not a typical musical, the show will definitely capture the audience’s attention. It’s a must-see!

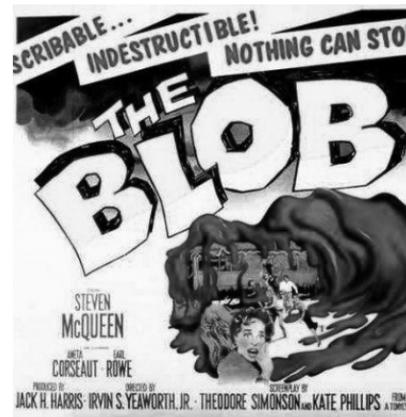
SATURDAY



What: Salsaween
Where: Legends
When: 12 a.m.
How Much: Free for students

Dance the night away in your favorite Halloween costumes Saturday night. Gather a group of friends and enjoy good music and a fun time at Legends.

SUNDAY



What: “The Blob”
Where: DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
When: 3 p.m.
How Much: \$4 for students

Take a break on Sunday and watch Irvin Yeaworth’s “The Blob” at DPAC. The movie tells the story of a mysterious creature that lands on Earth and as time goes by keeps growing and destroying the land.

‘BLOOD V. ELECTRICITY’: DEPRESSINGLY UPLIFTING

By **JESUS MENDOZA**
 Scene Writer

Mention Iowa in any conversation, and, well, good luck keeping anyone’s attention. It’s not that the state is bad or anything, it’s just that one can’t help but think of cornfields, cornfields, and oh look, more cornfields.

Hopefully, though, these thoughts won’t deter you from sampling indie band Unknown Component, which hails from central Iowa. Not so much a band, Unknown Component is the brainchild of solo artist Keith Lynch. He alone is responsible for all the instruments you hear in his music, as well as recording and mixing, truly earning himself the title of one-man band.

Unknown Component’s latest album “Blood v. Electricity,” released Oct. 23, provides exactly the moody, melancholic sound one would expect from the jagged grays, blacks and purples that make up the cover art.

The first track off the album, “Intuition,” quickly introduces the listener to the mix of instruments with electronic ambience Lynch seems to employ throughout the entire album. Here, slow piano builds into a steady guitar riff, backing up Lynch’s echoed vocals. Ending with a haunting string set, this track sets a sense of hopelessness that pervades through other tracks.

Next up, “Nowhere is Alone” picks up the tempo with more guitars, eerie chant-like vocals, and introduces Lynch on the drum set. Lynch now appears to empower the listener, saying how “you can forget about your enemies / and all the damage they can do tonight,” odd considering the imminent demise he then suggests in “Gypsies of the Apocalypse.” Built upon a booming electronic beat, drums and the occasional guitar effect, this track is dark and foreboding—chaotic to say the least; people don’t just throw around the word “apocalypse” without wanting to insinuate some ominous tone.

“Pendulum” returns us to a more instrumental sound, focusing on a pounding drum and guitar line. This beat gets to a point of redundancy, steady and everlasting, much like the namesake pendulum being used as a metaphor for man’s back-and-forth hypocrisy. Yet, Lynch suggests some hope for our human condition in that a pendulum always corrects itself back to center, no matter how far it has swung in either direction. “Sensory Deprivation” begins with an ethereal sound from

Lynch’s fingerpicked guitar, mixed with electronic ambience, moving into his standard drumming and strumming. Here again he provides some cautious, optimistic words, reminding the listener to not fall victim to the “sensory deprivation” others may impose on you, and to keep open eyes, living for the moment.

More gloom and doom are abundant in Lynch’s next couple tracks “Moral Vultures,” “For All Intents and Purposes” and “Dust and the Shadows.” At this point in the album, I’m looking for some sense of joy to climb out of the pit of despair Lynch has successfully thrown me in. Thankfully, I find some of this respite in a pair of tracks at the end of the album.

“Painting the Weather” and “Through the Surface,” my favorite track on the album, are centered around Lynch’s acoustic guitar, already a happier sounding instrument than the usual electric effects Lynch is so fond of. Really, the content of these songs deals with familiar themes of disillusionment and unresolved questions prevalent in the album. Frankly, they succeed thanks to the uplifting sound of the guitar.

While maybe not exactly everyone’s cup of tea, Unknown Component has created a well recorded and professional sounding album, especially considering it’s a one-man operation in the middle of Iowa. Fans of Nine Inch Nails, another solo musical project, and some of Linkin Park’s work will find themselves at home with Unknown Component. As for me, I’ll stick to some more upbeat tunes.

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“Blood v. Electricity” Unknown Component

Label: Independent

Tracks: “Intuition,” “Pendulum,” “Painting the Weather,” “Through the Surface”

If you like: Ghostriders, Radiohead and Coldplay



SPORTS AUTHORITY

Athletes win at the lying game



Sam Stryker
Assistant Managing Editor

If there is one thing my mom emphasized to me when I was a kid, it was never to lie. She always would say she would find out I was lying, in a half-threatening, half-kidding way.

"I would rather you tell me the truth, that you did something bad," she would say, "then to find out later you were lying."

Well, it's a good thing I stink at sports, because by following my mom's advice, I would never be able to compete with the top professional athletes who also are frequently professional liars.

It seems to be that if you're a coach or athlete nowadays, you better be able to lie your pants off. It doesn't matter what you are not telling the truth about — you just cannot be honest. Tiger Woods and Bobby Petrino lied about their infidelity. Jim Tressel and Pete Carroll lied about recruiting violations. Pete Rose lied about betting on baseball. George O'Leary lied on his resume when he was hired by Notre Dame — and then resigned five days later.

But perhaps the most prevalent lie in all of sports is covering up doping — steroids, HGH, blood transfusions and so on. When Pinocchio lied in the classic Disney cartoon, his nose grew, and the audience knew he was telling a lie. When athletes cheat, they too change physically — yet fans seem to ignore the fact they clearly aren't clean.

Barry Bonds? Roger Clemens? Sammy Sosa? They lied to fans. They lied to the press. They even lied under oath to the United States government. In the age of the Internet, of Twitter, of cell phone cameras and fact-checking, you would think athletes would know they will be caught and punished. It may not be punishment in the physical sense, but in terms of legacy, some things can never be recovered. Tiger Woods may be able to keep his millions and his trophies, but his status in the sports world will never be the same.

The most tragic liar is none other than (former) seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong. Unlike Woods, Armstrong's trophy room took a hit when the truth came forward. The cyclist has been stripped of his titles, and on Monday, the International Cycling Union announced it would not appeal the United States Anti-Doping Agency's verdict to bar Armstrong from

life from Olympic sports for blood-doping.

The punishment didn't end there. Armstrong was found instrumental in organizing doping for his Tour cycling squads — a team bully, if you will. Nike and other sponsors ended their affiliation with the cyclist, and Armstrong resigned from his seat as chairman at his Livestrong charity foundation.

But the damage done goes far beyond the titles and sponsorship money Armstrong lost. The cyclist was a beacon of hope, having overcome testicular cancer to become one of the most successful athletes of all time. He inspired countless fans and raised millions of dollars for cancer research. Now, however, that image is tarnished. A hero was lost.

For a while, I wanted to believe Armstrong — while cycling has a long history of doping, I gave him the benefit of the doubt. After a while, the allegations seemed to resonate more. But still, this was Lance Armstrong. The man overcame cancer to become the best cyclist ever, and besides, didn't all cyclists cheat?

But now Lance is an outright liar. He has denied allegations of doping countless times, but at this point, the evidence is irrefutable. Lance also has taken us for fools. He hasn't apologized. He hasn't owned up to what he did. The closest he has come to admitting any wrongdoing is removing from his Twitter bio that he was a seven-time Tour champion. That isn't enough.

He may have raised millions for cancer research — but he did so under the guise he was a clean champion who overcame the odds. He was selling a wholesome image, and once again, sports fans fell for it.

Part of the joy of sports is escapism. Going to the ballpark, watching a match on television or playing a game of pickup is about leaving the troubles of real life behind, even if for a few minutes. We shouldn't have to be cynical about the sports world, but by now, that is the nature of the game.

Luckily for fans, there are plenty of admirable athletes and coaches still out there — the Jeters, Messis and Federers. We just have to root that much harder for them to succeed.

And for all you athletes out there, follow my mom's advice: Don't lie.

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MLB

Teams grow playoff beards

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — This is going to be a very hairy World Series.

Giants outfielder Hunter Pence is looking seriously scraggly. Same goes for teammate Sergio Romo, whose facial fuzz has its own Twitter account. Tigers slugger Prince Fielder goes for a double — dreadlocks and an overgrown beard.

And not to forget injured San Francisco closer Brian Wilson. His dyed, jet-black thicket inspired a "Fear the Beard" campaign in the Bay Area and beyond.

"They're good beards this series — I think they're all good," Fielder said. "Mine's just my wife won't let me shave it off. She just likes the way it looks."

There have been a bushel of beards, mustaches and flowing locks throughout the postseason, from the wild-haired Oakland Athletics to St. Louis closer Jason Motte to Washington outfielder Jayson Werth.

Superstition, busy schedules, hectic cross-country travel, there are all sorts of reasons for ditching the razor. Kind of like hockey, where playoff beards have long been tradition.

"Maybe people are just paying more attention," Wilson said. "I think every postseason has beards, every sport they do the playoff beard. I remember watching as a kid all the playoffs, and guys would grow beards. It's kind of like when you buy a new car and you realize everyone has it on the road."

"It's facial hair. You either have it or you don't. There's only a 50 percent chance you're going to have a beard," he said.

So, who is sporting the best



Giants outfielders Hunter Pence, left, Angel Pagan, center, and Gregor Blanco are all sporting facial hair during the MLB postseason.

look this fall? That's a tough one going into Wednesday night's Game 1 at AT&T Park.

Romo's hair has the Twitter account of (at)RomosBeard. Wilson's growth has three different Twitter handles.

"We're just a little weird. We're a little wacky," Romo said. "I just think we've got no shame. I wear mine confidently and I'm pretty sure he does as well."

Wilson is still recovering from elbow surgery in April. Yet the quirky reliever continues to attract some of the loudest cheers from the home crowd.

Wilson can't remember when he last trimmed the beard. He figures it's been at least a year.

"He hasn't cut it in three years," fellow reliever Santiago Casilla offered.

Giants general manager Brian Sabean — he has a small beard, too — recently watched some old clips of Wilson from the team's 2010 run to the World Series championship, the year the right-hander led the majors

with 48 saves.

"He looked very groomed compared to (this) look," Sabean said. "As he'll tell you, the beard has its own checking account. Romo, Romo's tightened himself up. Pence, not so good, bad look. It's like 'The Axeman' or something."

Any other grooming critiques?

"I'm not going to get into other people's beards," Sabean said.

If Wilson were healthy and available to pitch, Sabean kids that the beard might get in the way.

"It's not as aerodynamic," the GM said. "Maybe things would fly out of it and be a distraction to the hitter."

All over baseball, facial hair has become a hot topic.

Last weekend, former Giants pitcher Brad Hennessey posted this as his status on Facebook: "Pence needs to shave that awful thing on his face! Are u saying that it grows in all white trashy like that all on its own?"

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Lyrics: It's Time
By Imagine Dragons

So this is what you meant
When you said that you were spent

And now it's time to build from the
bottom of the pit

Right to the top
Don't hold back

Packing my bags and giving the acad-
emy a rain check

I don't ever want to let you down
I don't ever want to leave this town

'Cause after all
This city never sleeps at night

It's time to begin, isn't it?
I get a little bit bigger, but then I'll
admit

I'm just the same as I was
Now don't you understand
That I'm never changing who I am

So this is where you fell
And I am left to sell

The path to heaven runs through miles
of clouded hell
Right to the top

Don't look back
Turning to rags and giving the com-
modities a rain check

I don't ever want to let you down
I don't ever want to leave this town

'Cause after all
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It's time to begin, isn't it?
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NFL

Ryan calls for apology from Bush

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Rex Ryan already said he's sorry. He thinks it's about time Reggie Bush did, too.

The New York Jets coach is still bothered by the Miami Dolphins running back's comments a few weeks ago that Darrelle Revis' season-ending knee injury was a case of "what goes around comes around."

"I apologized for my comment," Ryan said Wednesday. "I expect him to do the same."

Ryan drew the ire of the Dolphins star when the coach said the Jets were going to put "hot sauce" — saying he meant lots of attention, not intent to injure — on Bush before New York's 23-20 overtime win last month. Bush hurt his left knee in the game on a hit by LaRon Landry, and later implied it was karma that Revis also hurt his knee and was lost for the season.

Bush told reporters in Miami that he wasn't concerned that the Jets might try to get him back Sunday when the teams meet at MetLife Stadium.

"Retaliation? They're the ones who started this," Bush said. "If there was ever any retaliation,

it would come from us. But this team and the caliber of guys and the character we have are guys who play with respect for the game and play hard. It's football. I didn't go and complain or whine about being a target of the Jets. I don't expect that every game. I don't expect for it to be any different this game. I expect it to be a tough game, probably some trash talking going on. It's going to be a physical, tough game.

"It's a divisional opponent. That's the great thing about playing divisional opponents. You get to play them twice. It'll be fun this time around."

Landry was told of Bush's comments, and said he didn't want to add to a war of words — but then added fuel to the fire.

"When guys yap back and forth, obviously you've done a great job," Landry said. "No matter if it was a bonehead play or whatever, I mean, you got to them in some type of way that they had to speak on it. I don't really get into all that and the Twitter and everything. We'll see on Sunday.

"I'm grateful for another opportunity to play this guy, and he will remember that hit. Every time he sees me, he will

remember that hit. If I'm in the box or I'm coming downhill, whatever, he will remember that hit. I don't worry about what those guys say."

Landry, known for his physical and aggressive style of tackling, says it's clear when a team has gotten into an opposing player's head. And, he thinks, Bush will be the perfect example of that.

"Just watch the way he runs," Landry said. "We'll see when he comes out here this Sunday. I don't want to say too much and I'm not going to overtalk it and make a story."

Ryan said after the teams last played on Sept. 23 that his "hot sauce" comment was misinterpreted and he never coaches to hurt another player. Linebacker Calvin Pace raised some eyebrows, though, saying the Jets planned to "put him on out," but later apologized and insisted there was no "bounty" on Bush or anything malicious meant by his comment.

Bush, whose injury wasn't serious, was angry, though, saying during a radio interview: "They talked all week about putting hot sauce and this and that, and they ended up losing their best player for the rest of the season. So, it's



Trainers attend to Jets cornerback Darrelle Revis on the field after he tore his ACL during the Jets' 23-20 win in Miami on Sept. 23.

sad that it happened because of that, but I'm going to be back."

Revis had surgery last week to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his knee, and hopes to be back in time for training camp next summer.

Ryan said he wasn't worried about Miami retaliating, either, and again reiterated that his comments were taken out of context.

"I never said we were trying to injure Reggie Bush, that's not

even close," Ryan said. "He's going to get our attention. I'm sorry, but he's a player that's going to warrant a lot of attention and that's what I meant by my comments. If it was taken differently, I apologized for that. But trust me, we know when he's in the game."

Ryan added that he respects Bush's abilities and "that's bad for football" when any player of his caliber is injured for any period of time.

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NBA

Knicks top Nets in exhibition

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Once their extended preseason finale was over, the Knicks and Nets could look ahead to the one that counts next week in Brooklyn in the season opener.

The Knicks hope their front-court is ready by then.

Already without Amare Stoudemire, New York lost center Tyson Chandler to a left knee injury less than a minute into the game in a 97-95 overtime victory over the Nets on Wednesday night.

Steve Novak made two 3-pointers in overtime, including the go-ahead shot with 1:26 left, in the final tuneup before the teams meet in their hyped, nationally televised regular-season opener on Nov. 1 at the new Barclays Center.

The Knicks expect to play that night without Stoudemire, who has a cyst behind his left knee and is out a couple of weeks. Chandler left on crutches and said he would have an MRI exam Thursday, but said he didn't have much concern after his injury, which occurred when he fell to the court after a collision with the Nets' Gerald Wallace.

"It's frustrating, because like I say I felt great before the game," Chandler said. "I was excited, team's looking good and we were up for this game to try to set the tempo moving into the first game of the year. And I mean I look at the stat sheet, I played 44 seconds, so it's just disappointing to happen at all."

Chandler got up and walked to the locker room, but the Knicks said there was no reason to risk the Defensive Player of the Year's return in calling his injury a sore left knee.

"I was just hoping that it wasn't too serious. After talking to him, seeing him at halftime, after the game, doesn't seem like it's too serious," Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony said. "Probably a real bad bruise, I don't know how they're going to call it. Good thing is now preseason is over with, we got a week before the real thing starts, so hopefully he gets himself back ready."

Anthony and Raymond Felton each scored 15 points for the Knicks before leaving things to the reserves, who blew a 12-point lead in the fourth quarter but pulled out the victory to finish 3-3. Rookie Chris Copeland, who has played well in the pre-season, led New York with 16 points.

Deron Williams scored 22 points for the Nets, who dropped their final three games and also finished 3-3.

Brooklyn had a chance to force a second overtime, but reserve MarShon Brooks missed a runner in the final seconds.

"Our young guys that were in there at the end helped get the game into overtime, unfortunately we just didn't have that last one go down for us to go into double-overtime," Nets coach Avery Johnson said.

The Nets, who have watched their home games against the Knicks feel like road contests for years in New Jersey, are hoping the blue jerseys will turn to Brooklyn black-and-white, with their new arena giving them a real home-court advantage.

They sure didn't have one here.

The Nets were technically the home team, playing in a Nassau Coliseum that they once called home when they were a power in the ABA. But the court was surrounded by fans in Knicks jerseys, and the Nets were booed during pre-game introductions and early in the game.

Part of the anger could have been left over from the press conference earlier Wednesday that the NHL's New York Islanders will be leaving this arena to begin playing with the Nets in Barclays Center starting in 2015. An announcement during the game about the move was greeted with scattered boos.

The Knicks are also without backup Marcus Camby (strained left calf). Another forward, Rasheed Wallace, still isn't ready to play as he works himself back into shape following a two-year retirement. Without them, the Knicks could choose to use Anthony as a power forward, especially since Johnson said last week his team struggles to defend teams when they go small at that spot.

The Nets jumped to a 23-16 lead after one quarter behind 12 points from Williams, but the Knicks shot 9 of 14 (64 percent) in the second, outscoring Brooklyn 30-20 to take a 46-43 advantage into the half.

The Knicks were ahead by six after three and pushed the lead into double digits early in the fourth as both teams went mostly with bench players in the final period. The Nets rallied to grab an 86-84 lead on Brooks' three-point play with 1:01 left before Copeland's free throws tied it with 47 seconds to go and neither team scored again in regulation.

MLB

Sandoval lifts Giants



San Francisco third baseman Pablo Sandoval hits a home run during the fifth inning of the first game of the World Series against Detroit. The Giants went on to defeat the Tigers 8-3.

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — With three mighty swings, Pablo Sandoval put the San Francisco Giants ahead in this World Series and put himself in a class with Mr. October.

Sandoval hit three home runs and joined Reggie Jackson, Babe Ruth and Albert Pujols as the only sluggers to do it in the Series, and the Giants jolted Justin Verlander the Detroit Tigers 8-3 on Wednesday night in Game 1.

A rollicking AT&T Park crowd — a sea of black and orange outfits — roared as Sandoval connected in his first three at-bats. Popular in the Bay Area as the Kung Fu Panda for his roly-poly shape, he went 4 for 4 and drove in four runs. A Giant panda for sure.

Verlander, the reigning Cy Young winner so dominant in this postseason, looked uncomfortable from the get-go and constantly pawed at the mound.

The final score raised a nagging question for manager Jim Leyland and his favored Tigers: Did too much rest after a playoff sweep of the Yankees mean too much rust?

Tagged by Sandoval for a solo shot in the first inning, Verlander could only mouth "Wow!" after the Giants star launched a two-run drive in the third. Sandoval reprised his power show from this year's All-Star game, when his bases-loaded triple highlighted a five-run first inning against Verlander.

And if there was any doubt that Verlander was shaky, the best sign came in the fourth. That's when pitcher Barry Zito, a career .099 hitter, sliced an RBI single with two outs off the current AL MVP for a 6-0 lead.

The festive crowd stood and

applauded when it was announced that Verlander was being pulled for a pinch hitter in the fifth. Sandoval gave them another reason to get up moments later when he hit a solo homer off reliever Al Alburquerque in the fifth, answering the cheers by waving his batting helmet in a curtain call.

Pujols homered three times last year, Jackson accomplished the feat in 1977 and Ruth did it in 1926 and again in 1928.

For good measure, Sandoval lined a single his last time up.

From start to finish, it was basically a perfect game by the Giants. Coming off a Game 7 win over St. Louis on Monday night, they looked totally fresh.

Zito shut out the Tigers until Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera hit an RBI single in the sixth, and Tim Lincecum came out of the bullpen to prevent further damage.

NL championship series MVP Marco Scutaro hit RBI singles after doubles by Angel Pagan. NL batting champion Buster Posey contributed two hits and left fielder Gregor Blanco made diving catches to rob Cabrera and Prince Fielder.

Game 2 is Thursday night, with Doug Fister starting for the Tigers against Madison Bumgarner.

The Tigers seemed out of sync in their first game following a five-game layoff. That was an issue in 2006, too, when Verlander and his teammates had nearly a week off before getting wiped out by the Cardinals.

ALCS MVP Delmon Young failed to run after a tapper in front of the plate that the Giants turned into a double play. The Giants, meanwhile, kept getting good bounces,

with Pagan hitting a double that hopped off the third-base bag.

Pitching in San Francisco for the first time since 2008, Verlander scuffed at the rubber while warming up for the first inning, pulled off his glove after badly overthrowing a curve and kept taking deep breaths. He hardly resembled the guy who was 3-0 with an 0.74 ERA in three playoff starts this year.

Ever since two poor outings in the 2006 Series against St. Louis — punctuated by two throwing errors — Verlander has worked hard to harness his emotions and 100 mph in the early going.

Verlander was trying to settle in when Sandoval tagged him, pouncing on an 0-2 fastball and lining it into the front row over the center-field wall. Quite a start for the team that finished last in the majors in home runs.

Get this: It was the first three-homer game at the stadium originally known as Pac Bell Park since the very first one, when Kevin Elster did it for the Dodgers in 2000. Nope, not even home run king Barry Bonds had done this.

It was certainly a moment of retribution of Sandoval. He was benched during the 2010 World Series, his production and confidence down, his weight up. In the stands on this night, fans wearing furry panda hats celebrated with him.

Verlander got into trouble again the third, and pitching coach Jeff Jones strolled to the mound when the count went to 2-0 on Sandoval. Verlander stared at Jones and shook his head. On the next pitch, Verlander could do little but watch the ball sail into the front row in left.

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Saint Mary's tops Alma in a three-set sweep

By AARON SANT-MILLER
Sports Writer

While locked in a close race for the fourth and final spot into the MIAA tournament, Saint Mary's won in a three-set sweep over conference rival Alma. The Belles won three close sets, winning the match 25-21, 25-20, 25-19.

"We had a magnificent game [yesterday]. We just played great volleyball," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. "We were so composed and under control. We've been very focused on control and consistency this week in practice and that really shined through."

Offensively, sophomore outside hitter Kati Schneider paced the Belles (13-12, 7-7 MIAA) with had 17 kills. Close behind Schneider was freshman outside hitter Katie Hecklinski, who had 12 kills. Sophomore middle hitter Melanie Kuczek also managed to get into the double digits, as she finished with 11 while hitting at an impressive 55 percent.

"We had some phenomenal performances," Kuschel said. "Three double-doubles with Kati, Katie and [senior setter] Danie [Brink] is just awesome."

Brink led all players with 34 assists while also providing 12

digs in a strong defensive effort. Schneider and Hecklinski each had 16 and 24 digs, respectively.

Kuschel said that the Belles' defense was key to the win. Saint Mary's had a total of five players get into the double digits for digs, including sophomore defensive specialists Meredith Mersits and Samantha Grady. Mersits had 14 digs, while Grady was second on the team with 19.

"Both of them played great," Kuschel said. "It was just an all-around fantastic defensive performance for our team."

Based off of their conference record, Saint Mary's is now tied for fourth in the MIAA with Alma (14-12, 7-7). Yet, Alma holds the tiebreaker over the Belles, as the Scots have a half-game lead in overall record.

Going forward, the Belles have three matches left in the season, including matches against two MIAA opponents. On Friday, the Belles play MIAA leader Calvin (24-2, 12-0). Then, on Saturday, Saint Mary's wraps up its season against conference rival Hope (24-3, 12-2) before facing Wheaton (11-20, 2-5 CCIW). Hope currently sits right behind Calvin in the MIAA rankings. Both conference foes are ranked in the top-five



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Freshman outside hitter/defensive specialist Katie Hecklinski goes to spike the ball in Saint Mary's 3-2 victory over Kalamazoo on September 19.

nationally — Calvin is No. 2 in the nation while Hope is No. 4.

"We have a tough road ahead of us. We're very excited to play them," Kuschel said. "They are two of the best teams in our conference, and we're excited for the remainder of our season. We just want to finish our season very strong."

For the Belles, the team's performance against Alma acts as model for how to play in those critical conference

matches, Kuschel said.

"I think we need to play like we did [last night]. We hit extremely well," Kuschel said. "We came up with big kills when we needed them and we played extremely tough defense."

Still, Kuschel said that the Belles have plenty of room for improvement heading into their final weekend of the regular season.

"Our blocking does need to

come along. We did get a lot of touches tonight, which bodes well for our defense," Kuschel said. "Still, we will need to come up with some kill-blocks on Friday and Saturday to slow their hitters down."

The Belles will first look to do just that against Calvin. On Friday, Saint Mary's travels to Calvin for a 7 p.m. match.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles prepare for conference competition

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

The Belles will enter their official MIAA schedule with

two scoring events this weekend, competing in the Albion dual meet on Friday, followed by a double dual meet with Hope and Alma on Saturday.

After swimming in the MIAA Relays — a non-scoring, warmup event — last Friday, the Belles are excited to compete in their first conference meets, Belles coach Mark Benishek said.

"We've been training hard this week and we are look-

"We should be pretty competitive on Friday with Albion. Across the board, we should see some strong swims."

Mark Benishek
Belles coach

ing forward to the end of this week," Benishek said. "We are going to back off a little bit on our training as we head into the back half of this week because we have back-to-back meets with a Friday meet and a double dual meet Saturday as well.

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In addition to kicking off

the fall season, the MIAA Relays provided the Belles a chance to evaluate the makeup of their relay teams. The relay lineup will have a different look when Saint Mary's competes this weekend, Benishek said.

"I'm really curious about what our relays can pull out this weekend," Benishek said. "We kind of retooled them all after last weekend. It's a whole new lineup and different swimmers with each other so I think we should see some fast swims."

Of all the swimmers competing this weekend, Benishek is particularly interested in the newest members of the Belles squad. Seven freshmen make up Saint Mary's 14-person roster, which does not include a junior swimmer.

"I'm really curious to see how our entire freshmen class does," Benishek said. "I'm looking forward to seeing them in action and seeing how they respond to their first dual meet."

"I think there are some nerves and I think we may see a little bit of that, but we've been trying to prepare them

for this first meet. So I think they'll be able to keep those in check and swim strong."

Saint Mary's is also eager to see how its first diver in three years performs in the one and three meter diving events. Freshman diver Andrea Canacci will finally help the team receive points in the diving categories.

"We haven't had a diver in the last three years for the school so it's great to have somebody on the boards," Benishek said. "We've been missing out on points in the one meter and three meter events so this year we'll have someone there. She did a great job last weekend as her introduction to diving [at the collegiate level] so I think she's excited about this weekend and being able to get out there and compete."

The Belles will travel to Albion, Mich., on Friday to swim in their first conference dual meet with Albion, before heading to Holland, Mich., on Saturday to swim in a double dual meet with Hope and Alma.

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Saint Mary's prepares for Hope



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Belles freshman midfielder/forward Beth Ruff kicks the ball during Saint Mary's 1-0 overtime loss to Calvin on September 27.

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

As the season rounds to a close, every point will count as the Belles square up against Hope in an attempt to gain a spot in postseason competition.

Saint Mary's (11-4-2, 8-4-1 MIAA) is currently ranked fifth in the MIAA standings. Only the top four teams are given the chance to compete for a spot in the NCAA tournament.

Senior midfielder and captain Maddie Meckes said her team has a good chance to come out on top in the matchup.

"Our game [Thursday] will be very challenging," Meckes said. "Hope is a quick team with a lot of talent, but I believe we can beat them."

The Belles are neck-and-neck in the rankings heading into their game against Hope (11-4-2, 8-3-2), who is currently ranked second in the conference. Hope,

in Saint Mary's postseason bid.

"The win is basically essential for our chances of making the postseason conference," Meckes said. "We really need to focus tomorrow and play a full 90 minutes."

Meckes said the Belles 2-0 loss against Alma on Tuesday taught them the type of focus they will need for a victory against Hope.

"Every person on the field needs to be on top of their game," Meckes said. "I know that all of us are prepared to do just that."

Meckes said the team's devotion to success will play a key factor in their performance.

"Our team has a lot of heart, and all of us want all of our hard work this season to pay off as a post season berth," Meckes said.

The two teams last met Oct. 6 when Saint Mary's claimed the 1-0 victory early in the match. Sophomore goalkeeper Chanler

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Maddie Meckes
Belles Captain

Kalamazoo (10-5-2, 8-4-2) and Alma (11-5-2, 8-4-2) are all tied for second in the conference, with only one more point than Saint Mary's.

A victory over Hope should give the Belles the boost they need to reach the postseason tournament which could qualify them for the NCAA tournament.

Meckes said the game against Hope will be key

Rosenbaum was a key factor in the win, grabbing back-to-back-to-back saves late in the second half and preventing the Flying Dutch from scoring a late equalizer.

The Belles look to secure their place in the postseason as they take on Hope at 7 p.m. Thursday.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles prepare for MIAA meet

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will look for a strong showing against its conference competition when the Belles travel to Albion, Mich., to compete in the MIAA championships on Saturday.

Saint Mary's returns to competition after having last weekend off. The Belles last competed Oct. 13, when the team finished 28th at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

turn its attention to the MIAA championships, which are hosted by Albion. Belles coach Jackie Bauters said she feels her team is prepared to compete against the best of the conference competition.

"In preparation for [the conference] championships, I'm feeling very confident in our team's ability to put out their best performances of the season," Bauters said. "We had a productive fall break and put in quality miles. We

currently sit in sixth place in the standings after the Jamboree, which they hosted on Sept. 21.

Bauters said the team is looking to move up a few positions in the standings but noted she was more concerned about the team's ability to turn in consistent performances.

"While we would love the fifth spot, if we are putting out personal records and keeping our pack tight, it is going to be a successful day," she said.

Moving up in the standings will be a tall order for Saint Mary's. The Belles will face three teams ranked in the top 10 in the Great Lakes region, including No. 1 Calvin, No. 3 Hope and No. 9 Alma.

Bauters said the rankings reflect the strength of the MIAA.

"Having three teams ranked in the top 10 of the region is an indication of the talent we compete with on a regular basis," Bauters said.

Saint Mary's will compete at the MIAA Championships in Albion, Mich., on Saturday at 12 p.m.

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Belles coach

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Junior Jessica Biek was the top finisher for the Belles at the Brooks Invitational, as she finished 74th in a field of 500 runners with a time of 23:31.50. Sophomore Samee Chittenden placed second for the Belles, as she set a personal record in the collegiate 6-kilometer event with a time of 24:52.30.

Saint Mary's will now

are doing final tune-ups this week for championships and the final results will be a function of where our best lies against what other teams put out."

The MIAA cross-country champion is determined by the MIAA Jamboree, which counts toward one-third of the final standings, and the MIAA championships, which account for the other two-thirds of the final standings. The Belles

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Aaron Maund prepares to strike the ball during Notre Dame's 2-1 home win over Bucknell on Sept. 11, 2011.

Maund

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didn't know at first and it has helped me at [the professional level].

"Off the field it's incredible with his morals and his values that he instills in all his players. It's something he reiterates and he wants us to be quality men with the right morals and the right work ethic and that's so valuable as players and men in the real world."

For Maund, the real world is now Toronto. The 22-year old was selected with the 12th overall pick in the 2012 MLS SuperDraft in January by Toronto FC. Maund said it was thrilling to hear his name called on draft day.

"It was a great experience," Maund said. "I was at home in Boston with my family watching on TV. I thought I would get drafted, but not that high.

It was a great experience just to see the looks on my parents' faces and my whole family because they have sacrificed so much for me."

But the excitement of being a first-round pick evaporated almost immediately for Maund, who found himself stuck on the bench in eight of his first 11 games with the Reds.

"[Being drafted] was really rewarding because it made me feel that my hard work had paid off," Maund said. "But it's short-lived because being a rookie is hard. Now I have to make [being drafted] worth something. It is so hard to be a rookie in this league. That was my next thought."

Maund said professional soccer has been more difficult due to both mental and physical factors.

"There's more attention to detail," Maund said. "You have to think a lot faster. There's really no room for error. In this league if you make

mistakes you get punished whereas in college there is room for error. That's not the case at all in [the MLS]. ... It's a very tough transition physically too, because it's a very athletic and physical league. We have a longer season that started in January and ends in October, so you have to get your muscles ready. It's tougher competition day in and day out and you have to take care of your body off the field."

Despite the trials and tribulations of being a rookie facing stiffer competition, Maund said he felt well prepared by the professional nature of the Irish soccer program.

"The transition could have been a lot harder," Maund said. "Bobby Clark runs a very tight ship. The program is very professional with its facilities and the responsibilities you're given as a player. ... My time at Notre Dame taught me that level of responsibility you have to have to play professionally. As the level of competition gets higher and higher, you always have to be on top of your game. The way things were run at Notre Dame are not a far cry at all from the professional environment I've seen."

Since getting accustomed to the professional ranks, Maund has made nine starts and played in a total of 15 games for Toronto FC. But the 6-foot-1, 185-pound newcomer has been playing a new position: center midfield. And just as in his freshman season in South Bend, Maund has been making an impact in his inaugural campaign, albeit in a different role.

Things worked out just fine the first time.

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Senior forward Ryan Finley evades an Akron defender during Notre Dame's 3-1 home win over the Zips on Sept. 9.

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freshman midfielder Patrick Hodan earned the assist on Notre Dame's third goal in the seven-minute span.

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Bobby Clark
Irish coach

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Notre Dame continued to threaten even with a two-goal lead as the Irish forced Lyon to make a number of difficult saves to prevent his team from falling behind by three. The

Golden Eagles countered with chances of their own but Notre Dame closed out the game in front of junior goalkeeper Patrick Wall, who recorded seven saves on the night.

The victory offered a chance for several Irish players to shine, Clark said.

"Patrick Hodan came on, really lit things up," he said. "He's doing a terrific job as a freshman. And, of course, Finley is always there. The great thing about Finley, Ryan is now bringing other players into the game. He is not just going himself ... he set up several good opportunities. There was a good spell in the second half where we could have had several goals, there could have been more."

"Patrick Wall was very good in goal, he had a good save there near the end. I thought both fullbacks did well, because that's one of the things. They are very good on the flanks, Marquette. They serve great balls and I think our fullbacks did a great job of stopping their service at source."

Notre Dame will conclude regular season play on Saturday when it travels to Marquette for a rematch with the Golden Eagles at 8:05 p.m.

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with a then-career high 140 yards on 26 carries while former Irish quarterback Jarious Jackson also topped the century mark on the ground, totaling 107 yards.

Following a third quarter Sooner score that extended the Oklahoma lead to 30-14, the Irish faced a daunting task — erase a 16-point deficit against a team that threw the ball 40 times per game.

“It’s always tough [to come back] when they have a wide open offense,” Fisher said. “At the same time, when you stick to your game plan and everything starts working for you, you can’t worry about what the other team is doing. You just have to continue to do what you’re doing and just grind it out. Hopefully, the chips fall your way.”

The Irish scored the game’s final 20 points to claim a 34-30 victory, sealing it with an 11-play, 98-yard drive for the winning score in the fourth quarter.

Notre Dame sputtered to a 5-7 record the rest of the way, ending the season with a four-game losing streak.

Fisher, who also considered Ohio State, Michigan State and Michigan, said he chose Notre Dame, in part, because of the weekly exposure the Irish had on NBC.

“It would be Saturday morning cartoons and then when the cartoons were done, it would be Notre Dame football,” Fisher said. “How many schools basically have their own television network like how we’re on NBC every week throughout the whole country? Some schools could say they have their own network but it’s still only shown in that area. Ours is shown throughout the country.”

Fisher, a former Sorin College resident, had the unenviable task of replacing Irish all-time leading rusher Autry Denson, who was a senior when Fisher was a freshman.

“Autry Denson was there when I was a freshman so he was the big brother to me,” Fisher said. “It wasn’t tough because I had such good leaders to teach me the ropes and what’s going on.”

Fisher followed in Denson’s footsteps and played in the National Football League (NFL). Fisher was not drafted coming out of Notre Dame but signed a free-agent contract with the Green Bay Packers. Fisher said once he got the call from the Packers, his mindset changed.

“It’s time to go to work,” Fisher said. “I was happy and ecstatic about the opportunity because it was another dream that was able to come true.”

Fisher played four years in Green Bay and likened the atmosphere to the one at Notre

Dame.

“It was a wonderful situation,” Fisher said. “The way Lambeau Field was set up was a lot like Notre Dame Stadium. It was a professional team in a college town. It was a great atmosphere.”

After four years with the Packers and one with the St. Louis Rams, Fisher blew out his knee, tearing his ACL, MCL and meniscus in his right knee.

“I rehabbed, came back, did some workouts with some teams but nothing really matriculated the way I wanted it to,” Fisher said.

Fisher, 33, now coaches running backs at Euclid High School in Ohio, the same high school he was named Mr. Football at in 1997.

“It’s my way of giving back to the community,” Fisher said.

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Tony Fisher (40) played in the NFL for five seasons, four with the Green Bay Packers and one with the St. Louis Rams. He is now the running backs coach at his alma mater, Euclid High School in Euclid, Ohio.

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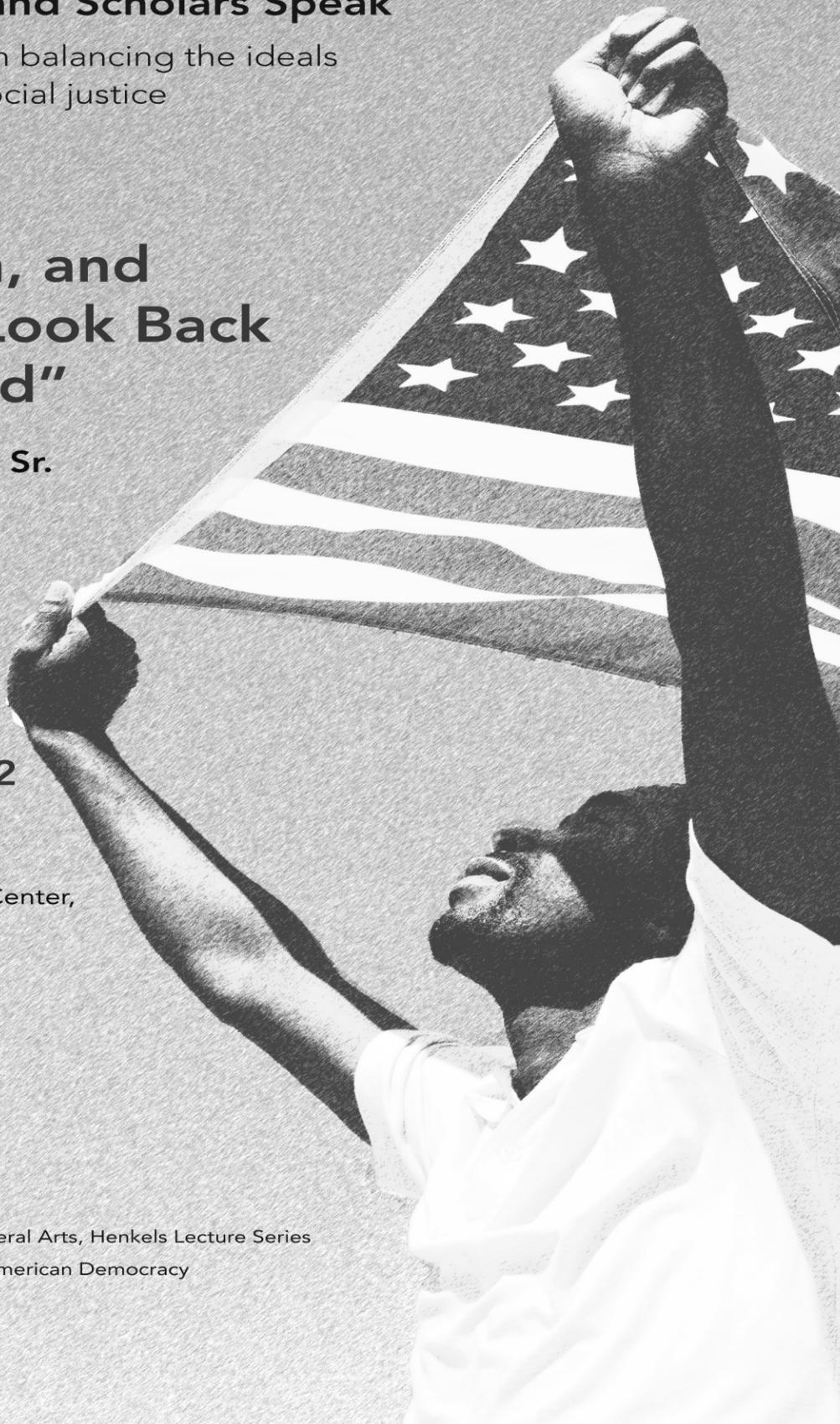
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WAKING THE ECHOES | TONY FISHER

Running back reflects on win over Oklahoma

By **MATTHEW DeFRANKS**
Sports Writer

Tony Fisher's favorite Notre Dame memory was not a 196-yard outburst against Boston College his junior season. It was not leading the Irish in rushing in 1999 nor was it a Fiesta Bowl appearance in 2000.

It was Bookstore Basketball. "I used to love when Bookstore Basketball came around," Fisher said in a phone interview with The Observer.

Fisher's team — named Coco Butter — consisted of cornerback Lee Lafayette, tight end John Owens and track athletes Red Croker, Doug Conners and Marshaun West. Coco Butter never won the title but made it to the semifinals.

"That's all part of the Notre Dame, college experience,"

Fisher said.

While Fisher fondly remembers his days on the outdoor courts next to the bookstore, some Irish fans note him for his career game in a 1999 win over Oklahoma, the last time Notre Dame faced the Sooners.

Coming into the showdown with the Sooners, Notre Dame had lost three consecutive games, bringing its record to a lowly 1-3 after starting the year ranked No. 18.

"Losing three straight games is never really acceptable at Notre Dame," Fisher said. "We had to do whatever we had to do to right the ship. At the same time, we had to go out there, stay focused and handle your business and everything else will take shape. It was a real big game for us during that time."

Oklahoma entered the game undefeated and ranked

in the top 25 under new coach Bob Stoops and his wide-open offense. The teams had not played since 1968.

"Notre Dame, Oklahoma, they're two storied schools in college football, there was a lot of hype going into that game," Fisher said. "Regardless of how both teams had been playing, there was still a whole lot of hype going into that game."

On the opening play, Fisher took the handoff and darted to the right before rumbling 55 yards to the Oklahoma 21-yard line.

"Any big play in any football game of that magnitude is definitely a tone-setter, especially when it's the first play of the game," Fisher said. "That's how you set the tone and give the other team the mindset that it's going to be a long day when we're coming out the first play of the game



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Former Irish running back Tony Fisher evades a tackle during his 140-yard performance in Notre Dame's 34-30 home win over Oklahoma on Oct. 2, 1999.

like that.

"The offensive line did a great job and it was a good call. We caught them in the right defense and we had the right play called and I was

able to make a play."

Fisher, a 6-foot-2, 220-pound back, did not stop there. He finished the game

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MEN'S SOCCER | ND 3, MARQUETTE 1

Irish finish strong at home

By **JOSEPH MONARDO**
Sports Writer

No. 7 Notre Dame saved the best for last as it closed out the home portion of its regular season schedule Wednesday with a thrilling, come-from-behind 3-1 victory over No. 3 Marquette.

The Irish (13-3, 5-2 Big East) unleashed a three-goal barrage in the second half to erase a 1-0 first-half deficit and improve their standing in the Big East Blue Division.

With the win, Notre Dame moves into a three-way tie with No. 6 Georgetown and No. 2 Connecticut for first place in the division with only one game remaining.

Notre Dame controlled play in the opening minutes of the game, jumping out to an 8-2 advantage in shots while generating multiple scoring chances. However, it was Marquette that began the scoring with a goal from red-shirt freshman defender Axel Sjoberg in the 25th minute. The Golden Eagles found the 6-foot-7 defender on the doorstep of the Irish goal off a corner kick to set up the go-ahead goal. After allowing the goal, Notre Dame failed to compile long possessions and generate scoring chances heading into halftime.

"I think we opened the game very well," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "The first



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Senior midfielder Danny O'Leary strides to the ball during No. 7 Notre Dame's 3-1 home win over No. 3 Marquette.

15 minutes, I thought we were very good, we could have had two or three goals at that point. And then we just lost our way. When they got the goal we just went into a funk. You know, they are a good team and they've got some very good players ... it was a hard little spell there but then the second half we came out, I thought we got back to how we started playing."

The Irish reasserted control in the second half as the teams spent much of the first 10 minutes in the area of the Marquette box. Notre Dame netted the equalizer in the 55th minute when senior midfielder Kyle Richard gathered

the ball at the top of the 18-yard box and sent a shot past Marquette redshirt sophomore goalkeeper Charlie Lyon and inside the left post. It was Richard's first career goal.

In the 60th minute Irish senior forward Ryan Finley drew a penalty kick after being on the receiving end of a tackle from Lyon. Finley converted his second penalty shot in as many games to give Notre Dame the 2-1 lead.

Less than two minutes later, Finley accepted a pass deep in the opposition's box and slid in a 61st-minute goal, his 16th of the season. Irish

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WAKING THE ECHOES | AARON MAUND

Standout moves on to MLS

By **MIKE MONACO**
Sports Writer

One thousand, nine hundred and thirty-six.

At the end of his freshman season in 2008, former Notre Dame star and current Toronto FC rookie Aaron Maund had played every possible minute for the Irish. Maund was one of just two Irish players to log the maximum. The other: then-senior all-American Matt Besler.

Given his successful freshman campaign, it may seem Maund had easily transitioned to collegiate soccer. That, however, was not the case, Maund said. After joining the team as an outside midfielder as an incoming freshman before the 2008 season, Maund was quickly switched to center back. The Dorchester, Mass., native said the move was a difficult one at first, but he acclimated gradually to his new position.

"That transition wasn't easy," Maund said. "It was tough. It was really tough. But I was lucky. I'm athletic and a lot of times I would make up for not knowing how to play the position with my athleticism. I had a lot of good role models and leaders around me my freshman year, guys like [then-seniors] Alex [Yoshinaga], [Jack Traynor], [Andrew Quinn] and Besler. They showed me the ropes and made the transition a lot easier than it could have been."

It ended up being a smooth transition for Maund to both Big East

soccer and the back line. Maund helped lead the Irish to seven shut-outs and the NCAA tournament, where they eventually lost in the second round to Northwestern.

Maund started 77 of 83 possible games in his career at Notre Dame and earned all-Big East honors in his sophomore, junior and senior seasons. In 2011, Maund was a captain, played every possible minute again and landed on the all-Big East first team. Despite all his accomplishments, Maund said his overall development during the course of his four years at Notre Dame was his greatest achievement.

"I think personally, just the strides I made as a player while playing at Notre Dame over four years and the way I developed [is my greatest accomplishment]," Maund said. "My knowledge as a player and my abilities as a player gradually increased by a lot. That's a testament to my teammates and the coaching staff."

Maund specifically praised Irish coach Bobby Clark for his role in developing him as a player and as a person.

"There's a lot that [Clark] did," Maund said. "Technically he's so good with defenses and just that understanding he gave me of how defenses work and how other teams work and how the back four is supposed to move and drop and work together. That's something that I

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