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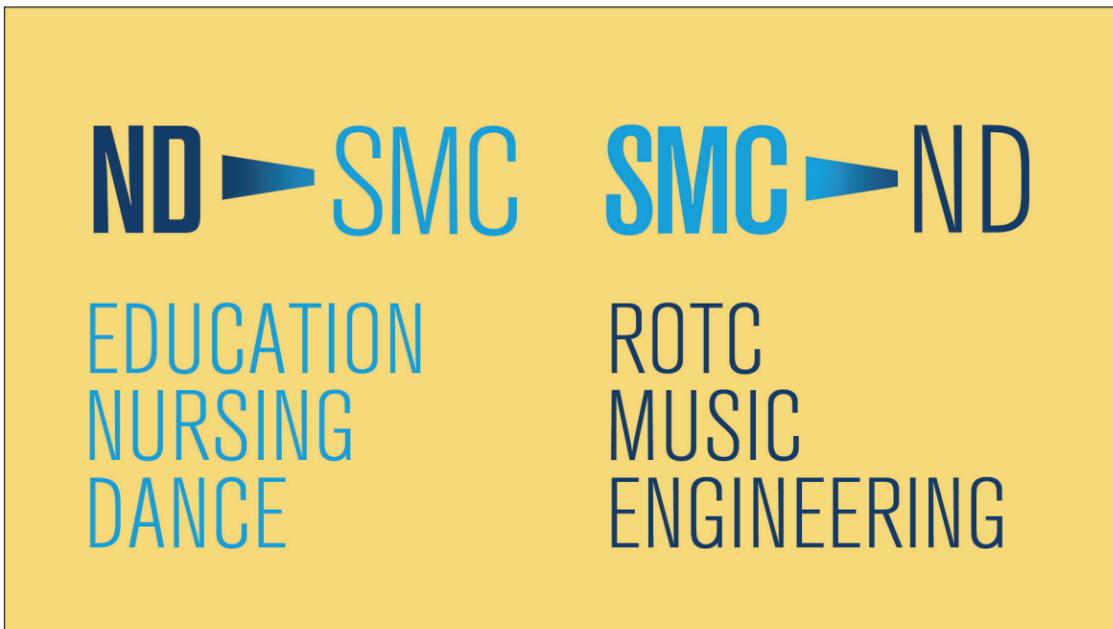
Domers learn how to be teachers at Saint Mary's

By **KATIE McCARTY**
News Writer

For a small number of Notre Dame students, taking classes at Saint Mary's is a normal part of their daily schedule.

Junior John Brahier, who is majoring in mathematics at Notre Dame and pursuing a secondary education minor at Saint Mary's, said he has taken several required courses for his minor at Saint Mary's.

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Belles seek out courses unique to Notre Dame

By **KELLY KONYA**
News Writer

Saint Mary's Registrar Todd Norris said that in the spring 2013 semester, 152 Saint Mary's students registered for classes at Notre Dame.

Sophomore Audrey Kiefer, who is taking an Italian course at Notre Dame this semester, said she enjoyed the opportunity and hopes to continue taking Notre Dame courses.

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Notre Dame physicist discovers Earth-like planets

By **HENRY GENS**
News Writer

Humans may or may not be in a unique position in the universe, but we now know Earth is definitely not.

Notre Dame astrophysicist Justin Crepp was part of the team that discovered the first Earth-sized terrestrial planets in a habitable zone. His team published their findings in the journal, *Science*, last week.

Crepp said the discovery adds five new planets to a confirmed list of 62 systems that contain

Justin Crepp
assistant professor of physics



terrestrial planets. What is most notable is the unprecedented

similarity to Earth in terms of size, with two of the planets having radii just 1.41 and 1.61 times greater than the Earth's, he said.

Crepp said the planets are similar to Earth in several ways and more similar than other known planets.

"The reason it's special is that they're pretty much the closest thing that we have found that resembles Earth," Crepp said. "In terms of their size, and their orbital period they resemble the Earth

and satisfy some of the conditions that we think are necessary for life to form in the first place—one of them being having the right temperature."

Crepp said he undertook this latest endeavor as a member of a team of astrophysicists using NASA's Kepler Space Telescope to view the transits of exoplanets to discover Earth-like entities orbiting solar-type stars. Transmits are the orbits directly in front of the star respective to the viewer.

Crepp said the telescope focuses on a particular section of the night sky and measures very slight changes in the brightness of stars.

"It all starts with Kepler staring continuously at a hundred-and-fifty thousand stars, and there's this patch of sky that it looks at with an unblinking eye," Crepp said. "It's monitoring the brightness of stars and whenever a

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'A face behind the numbers'

Students and faculty work to promote immigration awareness across campus

By **CHRISTIAN MYERS**
News Writer

Notre Dame was founded by immigrants and its athletic teams — the Fighting Irish — derive their nickname from an immigrant group. Still, faculty, students and University administrators agree the University could do more when it comes to the issue of immigration.

University President Fr. John Jenkins recently held a prayer service where he spoke in support of immigration reform. Jenkins and called on the University to contribute to the national discussion and

seek "just and effective immigration reform."

Some students and faculty, however, Jenkins' call to "provide welcome to the stranger among us" answered it before it was spoken.

Service learning

Rachel Parroquin, assistant professional specialist with the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) and Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, attended Jenkins' prayer service with her students.

Parroquin said she agrees that the University community needs to renew its efforts in addressing

immigration issues.

"I think it's really something that's needed. I'm glad people are getting informed and getting involved," Parroquin said.

The students who came with Parroquin were from her "Community-Based Spanish: Language, Culture and Community" course. She said the course helps students understand the issues facing immigrants in the South Bend community.

Parroquin said her course invariably increases the awareness and understanding of students

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Junior Shannon Lewry, sophomore Grace Girardot and junior Mariana Prado participate in the Border Issues seminar in southern Arizona.



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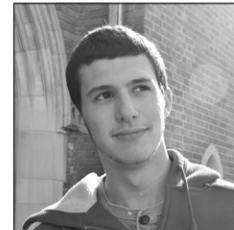
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"Undecided, cheesy, predictable."



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Students sample desserts during the First Year Sorting Ceremony on Thursday. The Harry Potter-themed desserts offered to eager first-years included butterbeer, black licorice wands, cauldron cakes, and rock cakes.

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Outdoor Sports Festival

South Quad
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MFA Thesis Reading

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.-8 p.m.
MFA students read excerpts final theses.

Saturday

Spring Concert

Keenan Hall
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Voices of Faith Gospel Choir will perform.

Women's Lacrosse

Arlotta Stadium
1 p.m.-3 p.m.
The Irish face off against the Marquette Golden Eagles.

Sunday

Baseball

Eck Baseball Stadium
1:05 p.m.-3:05 p.m.
Notre Dame vs. Connecticut.

Sunday Mass

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
10 a.m.-11 a.m.
Music by the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir.

Monday

Workshop: Write First

Coleman-Morse Center 203
8 a.m.-10 a.m.
Dissertation mini-camp.

Lecture: The ABEGHKK'tH Revolution

Jordan Hall of Science
7 a.m.-9 a.m.
Speaker Sylvester James Gates, Jr.

Tuesday

Softball

Melissa Cook Stadium
5 p.m.-7 p.m.
Notre Dame vs. Eastern Michigan

Spring Concert

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.-8 p.m.
Notre Dame Jazz Bands will perform.

SMC magazine contributors share work at reading

By **KELLY KONYA**
News Writer

"Chimes," the biannual art and literary magazine of Saint Mary's College, will be released next week. The magazine features various creative works from Saint Mary's faculty and students ranging from first years to seniors.

Senior and co-editor Laura Corrigan said many students have two pieces in the magazine, which is the maximum accepted per student. Corrigan said she hopes the Saint Mary's community will appreciate the pieces in this year's edition.

"We hope people will read and enjoy all of the pieces accepted this year and will be encouraged to submit next year," Corrigan said. "We also hope the writers' hard work and creativity is accessible for others to enjoy."

Haemmerle said "Chimes" has had a long history—the first issue of the magazine was published in September of 1892.

"The magazine has developed from being primarily a literary magazine to include art work as well," Haemmerle said. "It also is published digitally on the 'Chimes' website."

Haemmerle said that there were 36 poetry submissions this year, 19 of which were chosen for publication. A chapbook was chosen as well, she said. The magazine

received 22 fiction submissions, 10 of these were chosen, she said.

Junior Landess Kearns said she is very excited about her poem, which will be published in this year's edition.

"I was thrilled when they chose my poem," Kearns said. "It always it such an accomplishment to have work recognized by others,

"I loved the reading last night because it is fun to share a creative piece with other people who love literature and art like I do."

Rose Franzen
senior

and I think that "Chimes" does a great job at selecting a wide variety of student pieces."

Corrigan said students and professors read both fiction and non-fiction pieces during the first official "Chimes" reading Thursday night in Spes Unica Hall at Saint Mary's.

Corrigan said attendance at the reading by both students and professors was better than expected.

Sophomore Maria Monreal, senior Elizabeth Elsbach and sophomore Anna Fanelli read their pieces at Thursday's gathering,

where other writers shared their work as well.

Elsbach said she has enjoyed being published in the "Chimes" multiple times through her years at Saint Mary's, and likes seeing the literary talent in the community. She shared one of her poems at Thursday's event, Elsbach said.

"I read one of my poems called 'Grinding the dregs' at the 'Chimes' event," Elsbach said. "It's about sexuality and how people exploit it. It's always a pleasure to be chosen."

Senior Rose Franzen said she read one of her fictional short stories, entitled "My Brother's Keeper," about her brother coming back from active duty.

She said she enjoyed sharing the story with others interested in art and creative writing.

"I loved the reading last night because it is fun to share a creative piece with other people who love literature and art like I do," Franzen said.

Fanelli, a Humanistic Studies and German major, said that she enjoyed hearing the work of students from various majors.

"I was shocked when one of the girls was a Biology major," Fanelli said. "It's cool that not only English majors take part in this publication."

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Campus unites to 'reclaim the night'

By **REBECCA O'NEIL**
News Writer

The chant "Join together. Free our lives. We will not be victimized." echoed through campus as students from Saint Mary's and Notre Dame united to take a public stand against sexual violence Thursday night.

The two schools collaborated in this year's Take Back the Night event, which featured a candlelight vigil at the Grotto, a march through Notre Dame's campus and a Speak Out with dinner in the Hospitality Room of South Dining Hall.

The event was co-sponsored by the Gender Relations Center (GRC) at the University and the Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO) at the College. Christine Caron Gebhart, director of the GRC, said Take Back the Night's theme reflects the center's overarching purpose.

"Our goal is to help students think about and form healthy and safe relationships where we as a community take care of ourselves and others because that is what we are called to do by God," Gebhart said. "For some, this is part of the process of healing and reclaiming their voice after an event that has taken their power."

Gebhart said each part of the event was designed with a specific purpose. The prayer service serves as time to heal, she said. The march was a time to publicly eliminate taboos associated with sexual assault and the dinner gave people an opportunity to share their stories and have supporters listen, she said.

Caron Gebhart said the dinner is part of the event because of how it brings people together and provides both comfort and healing.

"Then we break bread together because that's what we do as a community because food can be comforting, it could be a way to gather but most importantly a way to heal," Gebhart said.

She said the structure of Take Back the Night reflects a Sunday Mass. "We gather together, we break bread, we become stronger and go forth in the world and make changes so that peoples' dignity is preserved and protected, especially the most vulnerable," Caron Gebhart said.

Nicole Sganga, a sophomore fire starter who attended the dinner and speak out, said the event means something different to everyone and a great deal to those who are victims of sexual violence.

"It's personal," Sganga said. "I feel like it means something different for everyone. Holding an event like this each year shows that we are trying to address topics like this, which do happen on our campus. I have friends who look forward to this each year

because for them, it's a way to continue the healing process."

Gebhart said the event also cultivates a strong sense of unity and shared responsibility.

"It's also a time for us to stand together in solidarity—to break the silence that often occurs around issues of sexual violence and assault," Caron Gebhart said. "It's that neat thing when we stand in solidarity and realize that this support extends beyond our campus, our community to the world. We do it here on campus because students who have been impacted and to remind us that we as a community, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have to stand against this. Take Back the Night doesn't just appeal to a particular demographic, it appeals to humanity, she said.

"Some people think that sexual violence in assault is a women's issue, but men can be and are assaulted," Gebhart said. "But most importantly, when sexual assault occurs, it's violence against a community. When a piece of the community is hurt, or broken or wounded then that hurts all of us."

The solidarity extends past gender, sexual orientation and social standing, Gebhart said, emphasizing the number of men who attended the event.

"I think the presence of the men is incredibly important because this impacts their lives: some directly and some indirectly but most importantly, what it really says to us is that this is our issue, not a men's or a women's, not a gay, not a straight, it's about humanity," she said.

Saint Mary's and Notre Dame were not the only community participating in Take Back the Night. The South Bend community and IUSB also held Take Back the Night events on Thursday.

Take Back the Night is relevant in both a literal and figurative sense, Gebhart said.

"Often victims will talk about this shadow, which is why you have groups like Out of the Shadows, but also you know, under the veil of night it's easy to do violence to one another because we can dehumanize one another," she said. "It's both literal, in the sense that it is when sexual violence occurs, but symbolic in the sense that that is what happens to people who experience this. We're going to be a light for them."

"As we walk around campus, we're not competing with other events. We are all standing together, saying we need to be a part of this night, this day and in this way people will speak out. We don't just need to take back this night, we need to take back every night and every day."

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"I've taken a number of classes at SMC, all part of my secondary education major," Brahier said. "SMC has the education program I was looking for, so when I graduate, the plan is that I'll have both the secondary education minor and a license to teach."

Junior Madeline Swan, who is a math and sociology double major, also has a secondary education minor at Saint Mary's.

Swan said the small class sizes, good learning environments, and caring professors are instrumental to her success at Saint Mary's.

Her experience at Saint Mary's has helped her move past common prejudices held between female students at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, Swan said.

"The professors have been awesome and I have met some truly great classmates," Swan said. "Also, this has helped me break down stereotype barriers for me that are typically present between SMC and ND girls."

Brahier said it was initially difficult to be the only male in many of his Saint Mary's courses, but the transition has gotten easier with time.

"It was a big difference for me at first because I came from an all-guys high school, so to go to classes of almost all girls was a pretty big change," he said. "Obviously there was a bit of an adjustment period at first, but it's not really a big deal in the long-run."

Brahier said his decision to enroll at Saint Mary's was due to Notre Dame not offering the education training he wanted.

"My plan after graduation is to teach math in a high school, but Notre Dame doesn't have an Education Department that directly prepares students to be teachers and helps with the licensing process," he said.

Brahier said taking courses through the education department at Saint Mary's has been a positive experience and his professors take an interest in student success.

"The Education Department at SMC has sponsored some really cool events related to social justice in education and is a big proponent of service-learning," Brahier said. "By and large, the faculty I've worked with at SMC have been great - they seem to really care about each student and want us to do our best. In general, I think that's definitely true at Notre Dame as well."

Notre Dame students enrolled in Saint Mary's classes are assigned a Saint Mary's advisor in addition to their advisor at Notre Dame, Brahier said. His Saint Mary's helps him choose his courses and build his schedule, he said.

Brahier said he works with his two advisors separately.

"If I have a question about education classes, I have to go

to the SMC advisor," he said. "For math or theology, I go to my advisor from each of those departments at ND."

He said his courses at Saint Mary's are determined by his major requirements, so he

"I've discovered how lucky I am to get the chance to participate in such a great education program as an ND student as well as collaborate and learn from some great Saint Mary's students."

Madeline Swan
junior

meets with his Saint Mary's advisor regularly and registers for courses in person.

"Registration for my classes

at SMC is relatively straightforward because I have a pretty set list of classes that I have to take, so basically I just meet with my advisor over there on a regular basis to make sure I stay on track from semester to semester," Brahier said. "I don't do any online registration for those classes - instead, it's all through contact with my advisor."

Swan said she feels fortunate to have the opportunity to study at both institutions.

"I've discovered how lucky I am to get the change to participate in such a great education program as an ND student as well as collaborate and learn from some great Saint Mary's students," she said.

Brahier said the combination of classes from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's has also been rewarding for him.

"Both schools definitely are focused on their identities as Catholic schools, and both



Photo courtesy of Saint Mary's College

Madeleva Hall at Saint Mary's hosts the education department, which prepares students for teaching and other education careers.

schools have a sense of purpose and mission," he said. "My favorite part of the secondary education minor at SMC has been getting to work with the faculty that is so passionate about preparing us to be great teachers. Their staff

is dedicated and wants us to do our best, and studying in that incredibly positive atmosphere has been very rewarding."

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"It's an awesome opportunity, and to me really the only difference is the guys being there in class," Kiefer said. "I am excited to take more Notre Dame courses in the future, and I would encourage any Saint Mary's girl to try it out."

Norris said Saint Mary's seniors are allowed to register for two Notre Dame course per semester and other students are allowed one per semester.

Senior Academic Advisor for Saint Mary's, April Lane said most students who take advantage of this opportunity want to take classes that are not offered at the College or to experience taking a class with new students and professors.

Norris said Belles took the Notre Dame classes "Irish Ghost Stories," "Wind Ensembles," "Maritime Affairs," "Abnormal Psychology" and "National Security Affairs,"

among other classes during the spring 2013 semester.

Norris also said certain groups of students have a greater tendency to take Notre Dame courses than the average Saint Mary's student.

"There are a few groups who consistently take Notre Dame courses, like ROTC, Music majors, and Engineering students," Norris said.

Kiefer said she was worried at first that she might have to confront preconceived ideas about Saint Mary's students.

"I thought it would be intimidating, and that I would have to overcome stereotypes of being a 'Smick Chick' at first," Kiefer said. "But after about one month of classes, I think everyone forgot I was even from Saint Mary's."

Sophomore Battol Alsawalha, a student in the dual engineering degree program, said she has not faced any negative stereotypes in her engineering courses.

"When working with my group members throughout the year on different projects, they never treated me differently or belittled my work just because I was a Saint Mary's student," Alsawalha said. "Actually, many ND students are interested as to how the dual program functions and ask me about it when they find out I am from SMC."

Senior Leslie Wilson, who enrolled in an Irish Folklore course this semester, said she had not taken a course at Notre Dame before registering for this course. She said she chose the class because she had studied abroad in Ireland.

"I found that the course was very interesting and I wanted to take it because I had studied abroad in Ireland my sophomore year," Wilson said. "The subject interested me because it focused on an Irish subject, and there aren't any Saint Mary's courses like that."

Other students choose to take courses that count toward graduation requirements, since many Notre Dame courses do not fulfill Saint Mary's major requirements.

Sophomore Nicole O'Toole said she registered for a political science course titled "American

Marriage" to further her interest in political issues.

"I love being in the mix with Notre Dame students," O'Toole said. "At Saint Mary's, most of my classes are filled with girls who are very similar to me. It is fun to be in a different setting with people of different backgrounds, races, religions, and, of course, genders. I think it really challenges me."

Sophomore Grace Harvey, who enrolled in a Catholic Moral Theology course, said her Notre Dame course is less conducive to socializing than her Saint Mary's courses.

"My lecture is double the size my classes at Saint Mary's, so many of the students do not interact with each other unless they were already friends coming into the class," Harvey said. "I feel like at Saint Mary's, we linger behind once class ends to talk to friends, but at Notre Dame, students attend class and leave quickly, like class is strictly business."

Alsawalha said the size of her classes doesn't make a difference in terms of access to her professors.

"Professors always provide office hours for all of their students to come and see them," Alsawalha

said. "Obviously, the way classes are conducted is very different between the two schools, but both provide an equally incredible teaching environment."

Harvey and O'Toole said their Notre Dame and Saint Mary's courses are equally challenging. Harvey said the difficulty levels of her courses vary with each professor's different teaching styles.

"It's hard to compare course work because it all really depends on the professor," Harvey said. "My Notre Dame course is challenging for different reasons, like the take-home tests and the longer readings are both things I don't have in my Saint Mary's business courses."

O'Toole said because her Notre Dame course is mostly discussion-based, the content of the course is both challenging and rewarding.

"It is interesting that my professor at Notre Dame completely leads the discussions and calls on each student by name," O'Toole said. "It definitely makes you want to be prepared for class, whereas at Saint Mary's we usually respond to each other freely."

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planet passes in front of the star, it casts a shadow or blocks some of that light, and Kepler is sensitive enough to actually measure that."

Crepp said he follows up with a ground-based optics approach to further characterize the system once notified by a sophisticated algorithm that combs through the Kepler data to determine planetary candidates.

"I use a large telescope from the ground and my role in this particular Kepler discovery was to follow up those objects of interest with imaging," Crepp said. "From the ground I can actually see if

there are any sources of contamination that might trick us into thinking we're looking at planets, but we're actually just looking at a vanilla binary."

He said one of the most important aspects of this step in the process is ruling out all probable alternatives that may result in the signal being a false positive, such as when the system actually has two stars — a binary — that occult each other. This binary problem occurs with 50% of all stars, Crepp said.

Despite the recent discovery, Crepp said he believes that they've reached the limits of what they can currently characterize in the Kepler 62 system.

Crepp said the next step, beyond

continuing to look through the NASA database of roughly 3,000 Kepler Objects of Interest (KOIs) for other Earth-like planets, is to start looking for such planets closer to home.

Crepp said he is working to develop an instrument he calls the infrared Large Binocular Telescope Exoplanet Recovery, or iLOCATER, which will use a fundamentally different detection technique to search for Earth-like planets roughly 10 lightyears away — two orders of magnitude closer than the current sampling performed by the Kepler project.

"My instrument uses a different technique; it doesn't use the transit technique. It uses the Doppler radial velocity technique where you look at a star's 'wobble' in-and-out of the sky," he said. "If a planet is orbiting a star it will orbit its center of mass and so if you just isolate what the star is doing, it's being tugged on by the planet ever so subtly, a few meters per a second as it turns out — about as fast as you would run. It's impressive that you can actually measure that for a star."

Crepp said he will have the iLOCATER making measurements in two years, which will then allow researchers to make the next step in characterizing the atmospheres and composition of nearby Earth-like planets that are discovered.

Crepp said the discovery is an important step in human understanding of the universe, but it prompts more questions than it answers.

"It's still a small step in the grand scheme of things but it's an essential, really important step," he said. "You answer one question and it brings up others."

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Immigration

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when it comes to immigration issues.

"It always comes out in the students' writing, whether reflections or final papers, that by working with the community they learn that the statistics they're working with have faces," she said. "They learn immigration issues are not just theoretical and these people live them every day."

Marisel Moreno, Institute for Latino Studies fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies fellow and assistant professor of Romance Languages and Literatures, also promotes immigration awareness through her courses.

Moreno said she has taught a U.S. Latino literature course with service learning in the South Bend community each semester for the past three years. Moreno said students in the course, which is restricted to juniors and seniors, are required to tutor grade school, middle school and high school students at La Casa for at least two hours each week.

Moreno said this community based learning helps students humanize the things they learn in the classroom.

"The idea behind this kind of pedagogy is the student is not only exposed to the academic questions in the classroom, but is stepping beyond the classroom and gaining real experience," Moreno said. "It's really powerful, because they can put a face behind the numbers."

Senior Mary Pullano, a student in Moreno's class, said interacting with immigrants at La Casa increased her understanding of complex immigration issues and the human side of those issues.

"What has made me most sensitive to immigrants is working with the immigrant families at La Casa, witnessing both their great need and great generosity," Pullano said. "I have always understood that immigration is not a black-and-white issue, but the community based learning has helped me to see the deep complexity of the issue."

Moreno said another part of her course is an immersion weekend in which students stay in the homes of families that are served by La Casa.

"While they're there [students] are able to discuss some immigration issues like legal status and language barriers with their host families," she said. "Many of [the families] are undocumented — and I'm always careful to use undocumented not illegal. After the immersion weekend and working at La Casa, students begin to understand how complicated this issue is."

Senior Jim Ropa, also a student in Moreno's class, said the immersion weekend exposed him to problems with the current U.S. immigration policies.

"I lived with a Mexican-American family for a weekend and realized that only a flawed system could allow a woman who has been living here for 21 years, applying for citizenship throughout, [to] be the only person in her family of 17 people to still be considered

illegal," Ropa said.

Moreno said that overall her students enjoy the class and the opportunity it affords to interact with the local Latino community, which is why she continues to teach the course.

"It's a really amazing opportunity and students really appreciate it. Seniors tell me they wish they had heard about La Casa sooner," she said. "As long as I can, I'm going to keep doing Latino literature classes with service learning."

Mike Hebbeler, director of student leadership and senior transitions at the CSC, said he created the CSC seminar course "Advocacy for the Common Good" in partnership with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to help students learn advocacy skills.

CSC immersion courses

Hebbeler said students who took CSC immersion courses related to immigration, like the "Border Issues" and "Migrant Workers" seminars, came back with the passion to advocate for immigration reform, but lacked the necessary skills and knowledge.

"Students come back from these immersion courses and have a strong passion for the issue and want to effect change, but they don't necessarily possess the skills to implement change," Hebbeler said. "So the course aims to equip them with the skills to act on their passion in an effective way."

Junior Rachel Beck said she took the advocacy course after taking the CSC's Border Issues seminar.

Beck said the students in the course worked to petition Indiana's U.S. Senators on the subject of immigration reform.

"Our main goal was to do a letter petition and send it to the Indiana Senators," Beck said. "We advocated around the issues of reunification of families and better legal migration from the perspective of catholic social teaching. We focused especially on family reunification because family is something people really care about in the Notre Dame community."

Hebbeler said the CSC provides training for students in the course because immigration is an important issue for the church. The CSC promotes advocacy in accordance with Catholic social teaching, he said. "The global church is taking this issue seriously and advocating on behalf of immigrants. You could say we are an immigrant church, at least in America we are," he said. "This, of course, is all rooted in the gospel."

Students have also taken it upon themselves to advocate and educate on the topic of immigration. Beck said after taking the advocacy course, she and her classmates have joined the Student Coalition for Immigration Advocacy (SCIA) and Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) in promoting immigration awareness.

She said the most recent collaborative project was a video entitled "Faces of Immigration," which can be found on YouTube.

Student and advocate

Sophomore Juan Rangel, chief of staff to student body president Alex Coccia, said he has worked with

the SCIA since it formed in 2011.

Rangel said he volunteered for the group after attending a lecture given by Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles, who started the group during a visit to Notre Dame in 2011.

"I started getting involved in 2011 as a freshman," Rangel said. "Cardinal Mahony from L.A. came to campus and spoke about immigration. He asked if students were interested in working on immigration reform. He said he wanted to create a group for such students on all Catholic campuses in the U.S."

Rangel said he answered Mahony's invitation because he comes from a place where immigration is a major community issue.

"For me it's kind of my background in general," he said. "Living in Southern California, it's part of everyday life. Living in an agricultural region, many of my friends were undocumented or had relatives and friends who were undocumented."

Rangel said the Student Coalition for Immigration Advocacy (SCIA), which Mahony formed, brings together Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students. Rangel said there are approximately 40 Notre Dame students currently in the SCIA.

Rangel said SCIA has taken a "two-pronged approach" in their efforts to both promote awareness of immigration issues and advocate immigration policy reform. SCIA has partnered with clubs like the PSA and the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA) to put on small scale events, he said.

Rangel said much of what the group does next year will be determined by national politics and immigration reform measures now before congress.

"It all comes down to the current immigration proposal in congress," he said. "If anything comes out of that, it will become our focus. If nothing comes out of it, that will motivate us to do more here on campus."

Rangel said he is encouraged by Jenkins calling the whole university's attention to the issue.

"Continuing the discussion at an administrative level is a great start," he said. "Any possible solutions to immigration problems are going to come at the administrative level. I think the administrators and staff doing their part, combined with our student efforts, will lead to a good impact on awareness and on advocacy efforts here on campus."

'Challenges of our time'

Fr. Dan Groody, director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture within the Institute for Latino Studies, has worked as part of University's task force on immigration commissioned by Jenkins.

Groody said his work on immigration issues began when he worked as a priest in Latin America.

"My work and writing has involved looking at the church's response to immigration, the spirituality of migrants and the theology of migration," Groody said. "It starts in my experience during the years I lived and worked as a priest in Latin America."

Groody said because of the University's Catholic tradition, he

considers the University's role in the national discussion on immigration to be providing an alternative basis to consumer culture and economics.

"I think there's a more general conversation going on around college campuses. I think Notre Dame can take a leading role and show how Catholic universities can approach the issue," he said. "Other schools are looking at the economics, but the church has more to offer. We can focus on keeping families together, making sure agricultural laborers aren't exploited, ensuring the dignity of all humans and recognizing the contributions that all groups can make to these goals."

Groody said the University is obligated to confront the issues entangled with immigration.

"Immigration is part of our university heritage, part of our catholic faith, part of our service tradition and it's also part of our present reality," he said. "A university should be engaged in the challenges of our time."

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Boston victims receive outpour of financial support

Associated Press

Cost of amputating a leg? At least \$20,000. Cost of an artificial leg? More than \$50,000 for the most high-tech models. Cost of an amputee's rehab? Often tens of thousands of dollars more.

These are just a fraction of the medical expenses victims of the Boston Marathon bombing will face.

The mammoth price tag is probably not what patients are focusing on as they begin the long healing process. But friends and strangers are already setting up fundraisers and online crowdfunding sites, and a huge Boston city fund has already collected more than \$23 million in individual and corporate donations.

No one knows yet if those donations — plus health insurance, hospital charity funds and other sources — will be enough to cover

the bills. Few will even hazard a guess as to what the total medical bill will be for a tragedy that killed three people and wounded more than 260. At least 15 people lost limbs, and other wounds include head injuries and tissue torn apart by shrapnel.

Health insurance, as practically anyone who has ever gotten hurt or sick knows, does not always cover all costs. In the case of artificial limbs, for example, some insurance companies pay for a basic model but not a computerized one with sophisticated, lifelike joints.

Rose Bissonnette, founder of the New England Amputee Association, said that the moment she heard about the bombings, she knew immediately that her organization's services would be needed. The advocacy group helps amputees navigate things such as insurance coverage for artificial limbs.



Medical workers tend to the wounded at the finish line of the 2013 Boston Marathon on April 15. The bombings injured more than 260 people and killed three.

Bissonnette shared one group member's struggle to get coverage for artificial arms as an example of the red tape some bombing victims could face. The woman "got a call from the insurance company and the person on the other

end said, 'How long are you going to need the prosthetic hands?'" Bissonnette recalled.

Bissonnette herself was in a horrific car crash 16 years ago that left her with injuries similar to those facing the Boston victims.

Her mangled lower left leg had to be amputated and her right ankle was partially severed. Her five-month hospital stay cost more than \$250,000. Health insurance covered all her treatment, rehab and her prosthesis.

Health economist Ted Miller noted that treating just one traumatic brain injury can cost millions of dollars, and at least one survivor has that kind of injury. He also pointed out that the medical costs will include treating anxiety and post-traumatic stress — "an issue for a whole lot more people than just people who suffered physical injuries," he said.

Adding to the tragedy's toll will be lost wages for those unable to work, including two Massachusetts brothers who each lost a leg, Miller said. They had been roofers but may have to find a new line of work.

Many survivors will also need help with expenses beyond immediate health care, including things like modifying cars for those who lost limbs or remodeling homes to accommodate wheelchairs.

Many survivors live in Massachusetts, a state that requires residents to have health insurance, "which should cover most of their required treatment," said Amie Breton, spokeswoman for Massachusetts' consumer affairs office. "The total cost of that treatment is impossible to calculate at this early stage."

Amputees may face the steepest costs, and artificial legs are the costliest. They range from about \$7,200 for a basic below-the-knee model to as much as \$90,000 for a high-tech microprocessor-controlled full leg, said Dr. Terrence Sheehan, chief medical officer for Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital in Rockville, Md., and medical director of the Amputee Coalition, a national advocacy group.

Legs need to be replaced every few years, or more often for very active users or those who gain or lose weight. Limb sockets need to be replaced even more often and also cost thousands of dollars each, Sheehan said.

Massachusetts is among about 20 states that require health insurers to pay for prosthetic limbs, but many plans don't cover 100 percent of those costs, Sheehan said. "Most are skimpy beyond basic prosthetics and they have not caught up with current available technology," he said.

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A different tour



Kristen Durbin
Senior News Writer

As a senior whose graduation looms on the no longer distant horizon, I can't avoid the constant realizations that a particular activity will be my "last" at Notre Dame. No matter how vehemently I deny the impending conclusion of my college experience, I'm slowly realizing how drastically different my life routine will be in just a few weeks.

Preemptive post-college depression aside, I unknowingly gave my last tour of campus for the undergraduate admissions office Monday. After such an abrupt end to my career as one of Notre Dame's loyal salespeople, I considered how my tour guide spiel might have changed had I been cognizant of my last hurrah. I could have thrown caution to the wind and been as honest as possible about the Notre Dame student experience and avoided PR-friendly answers to every parent and wide-eyed prospect's burning questions about our beloved University.

A sampling of my ideas for the realest campus tour ever:

Dorm life: If you enjoy wearing matching articles of clothing (looking at your neon orange beanies, Juggerknotts) to categorically awkward class-wide social gatherings in leaky geodesic domes, you'll love our Frosh-O weekend! Good luck getting to class on time or meeting other humans if you're in Carroll and get your birthday suit ready if Zahm or Alumni become your new home. Just because you party in the dorms doesn't mean you can't get a little drunken DFMO action every now and then. Oh, and what are parietals, you ask? Ha. Ha ha. Don't let me spoil the surprise.

Academics: Is the workload tough at Notre Dame, you ask? Only if you never go to class, open your textbooks or set foot in the library during your four years here. You probably think you've got it in the bag and are already buying books to get a head start. Just wait until you come back from a semester abroad, turn 21 and lose all work ethic as soon as you thought you had school down to a science.

Football: I don't care if you don't know the difference between a quarterback and a linebacker, Notre Dame football will be your life every fall whether you like it or not. In this case, "football" includes all game weekend traditions, namely Friday 40s at 4 and tailgates. Do all the tame, touristy stuff the first time your parents come to a game, then bring them to all those mythical parking lot ragers.

General wisdom: Work hard, play hard. Nickname freshman acquaintances so you can finally connect names with faces in your senior class yearbook. Enjoy 2 a.m. Reckers while it's a thing. Make friends with the best people you will ever meet, not the worst. Learn to love Finny's despite its ability to burn massive holes in your wallet while also erasing your dignity. And above all, love thee Notre Dame.

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Acclimate to the policy

THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

Ever since the Leprechaun Legion sent out an email proclaiming a general-admission student ticket policy for the next football season, campus has been buzzing with mostly negative comments about the change. Many students are concerned the Notre Dame football experience will change for the worse. We fear football Saturdays won't be the same if we have to worry about having less tailgating time, losing friends in the stadium or fighting over prime seating. People have been outspoken about their dissent, and a petition has circulated in an attempt to reverse the policy change.

The problem is not that the student body disagrees with the Leprechaun Legion's goal for the policy change, increasing spirit and energy in the stadium. Everyone wants the football team to feel supported and the most ardent fans to be at the very front cheering them on. But, was altering the ticket system from a functional, assigned-seating plan to a general-admission policy the only solution?

The Leprechaun Legion could have used a variety of more positive incentives to encourage students to get to the stadium on time. For example, it could bring the Leprechaun and the cheerleaders out earlier, play live music, distribute free T-shirts or invite special guests to pump up the crowd. Notre Dame students don't have a problem with generating hype on game days. The issue is that this policy introduces a sense of friction and competition into the fan experience.

The conflict also stems from a lack of communication between the decision makers and the student body. The decision was made by a small, insulated group of students who don't seem to reflect the majority opinion of the student body, and this lack of transparency has been a primary source of frustration on campus. When it comes to football, tradition is one of the most important aspects of our four years at Notre Dame. Any change will meet some kind of reaction or backlash from the student body, especially when it is unexpected, but the reaction to the policy change probably would have been less severe had students at large been given the opportunity to weigh in on the decision.

Despite the negativity surrounding this issue, the Legion has made it clear they will not change the policy. Since there is nothing we can do to change it at this point, we have two options. One option is to continue to complain and to berate the Legion, or one can start planning how to acclimate to the new gameday environment.

For example, in order to avoid losing your friends during the rush into the Stadium, it might be a good idea to walk in at the same time to make sure you sit together, since saving seats is technically not allowed. Because the cell-phone reception on

game days is less than reliable, choose a meeting place somewhere inside the stadium to reconvene in case your group is separated.

One of the most-vocalized concerns about the new policy is its expected minimization of the amount of time left for tailgating and visiting with family and friends before games. One logical solution that still allows for a decent seat in the stadium is to start the festivities earlier. Let your visitors know about the new policy so you can stop by their tailgates before you would have seen them in past years. This way, everyone will have just as much time to spend enjoying the gameday atmosphere as they had before.

In order to accommodate large groups of people who want to sit together, go into the stadium expecting to do a little negotiating. Since no one will have a claim to one specific seat, everyone will need to be flexible so all can enjoy the game with their friends. If that means your group has to move up a few benches so the entire first floor of Carroll Hall can stand together, take the high road and make the move.

That also means those in large groups need to be as polite as possible. Don't be obnoxious and try to squeeze where you obviously cannot fit. Except for the final few rows of the student section, there really aren't any bad seats in Notre Dame's relatively small stadium. One of the benefits of this change is that students aren't fixed to one spot and will be able to be more social. Who knows, you might make some new friends.

Finally, part of the reason the Legion implemented this new policy is because of its success at other schools, such as Ohio State University and the University of Oregon. If you know anyone at schools with general admission tickets, find out what strategies they use to make the most of their gameday experience.

Even though we do not always approve of change right away, traditions here clearly have been molded so they can meet the needs of the ever-changing student body. At first there was a negative reaction to canned music in the stadium, but now, when "Crazy Train" blasts from the speakers, the entire student section is bursting with energy and good spirits.

Similarly, this change might receive negative attention at the moment, but years from now, it might become just another gameday tradition to go into the stadium an hour and a half before the game, listening to music during a mini pep rally before kickoff.

No matter how much our campus is rooted in tradition, the passage of time means sometimes these traditions will be tweaked. Although next football season might be different because of the new policy, hopefully we will learn to accept it as a piece of Notre Dame's very special gameday experience.

After all, it's more about who you sit with than how close you are to the field.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Volunteering abroad

A year ago I wrote an article just short of begging anyone and their brother to backpack through South America with me. My attempts were futile and last October I set off in a wolf pack of one. While this wasn't my ideal scenario, I am overjoyed by everything I was able to experience. So, I am writing an article for two reasons, one — to encourage current students to take time off and travel — with or without a partner, it's worth it. My second reason is to promote a couple of the volunteer opportunities I was able to experience.

The first opportunity is one that doesn't stray far from home at all. Father Joseph Uhen, a Notre Dame grad, ventured down to Piura, Peru in 1993. Since then, he has helped to establish one of the most incredible parishes I have ever experienced — Santisimo Sacramento. I had the privilege of volunteering there for a little over two months. My time was spent assisting the nurses in the clinic or doing home visits, helping the social work office organize and distribute food and wellness packets to members of the community, and teaching English at the school. Working at Santisimo was one of the most spiritually fulfilling experiences of my life. The program is safe and well established, making it an ideal volunteer experience. I would recommend this trip to anyone.

The second volunteer experience was nestled in the beautiful Andean mountains just outside of La Paz, Bolivia with a program called UP-CLOSE BOLIVA. I spent nearly two months volunteering here with a group of about 10

volunteers from around the world. The living conditions couldn't be better — beautiful scenery, wonderful, welcoming people and a very strong community presence. My time spent there was primarily in the community sponsored day-care — which provides childcare for low-income families. However, there are countless opportunities working with UP-CLOSE. The volunteers work on community projects, teach English, work in the local zoo, organize after school activities and become active participants in helping with community issues. I am a huge supporter of the mission statement of UP-CLOSE which is based on sustainability and community involvement, and they do a wonderful job of putting the words into action.

Both experiences were incredible — providing a new perspective on life and wonderful new relationships. And the good news is, they are always looking for new volunteers to share this experience! If you have any questions or interest in working with either of these organizations or donating, please email me (alicia.r.carroll@gmail.com). I would love to give more information. You can also find information about both organizations online.

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The age of apathy

Connor Roth

Think. It's Not Illegal Yet

Our generation has grown up with dramatic change — the world has revolutionized through this “information age” in which we live and cultures have changed significantly too. We grew up around technology and witnessed the beauty and horror that can occur in the hands of mankind: the wonder of the Internet has awed us as we access books, journals and encyclopedias in just a few clicks of a mouse, the horror has occurred most prominently in the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Two hundred years ago, traveling by flight was unthinkable, just as telecommunication via interconnected networks was something of fantasy. In comparing modern society with the past, we've made great strides, but it feels as if something is still holding us back. Something about human nature is preventing our culture from attaining what some may call “enlightenment,” which indubitably will have different meanings to different people, but we can use one interpretation for the sake of the question that will follow in the next paragraph. Some would argue the initiation of force/violence in any scenario is a moral wrong and thus all human interactions should be voluntary and non-coercive — but we obviously do not have this truly free society, so what's holding us back?

In considering the previous question, we should examine two dystopian novels many people debate on which is the truly accurate social commentary: George Orwell's “1984” and Aldous Huxley's “Brave New World.” Neil

Postman famously distinguished the two books in a foreword to a novel of his own, writing, “What Orwell feared were those who would ban books. What Huxley feared was that there would be no reason to ban a book, for there would be no one who wanted to read one. Orwell feared those who would deprive us of information. Huxley feared those who would give us so much that we would be reduced to passivity and egotism. Orwell feared that the truth would be concealed from us. Huxley feared the truth would be drowned in a sea of irrelevance. Orwell feared we would become a captive culture. Huxley feared we would become a trivial culture, preoccupied with some equivalent of the feelies, the orgy porgy, and the centrifugal bumblepuppy. As Huxley remarked in ‘Brave New World Revisited,’ the civil libertarians and rationalists who are ever on the alert to oppose tyranny failed to take into account man's almost infinite appetite for distractions. In ‘1984,’ Orwell added, people are controlled by inflicting pain. In ‘Brave New World,’ they are controlled by inflicting pleasure. In short, Orwell feared that what we fear will ruin us. Huxley feared that our desire will ruin us.”

It's obvious Postman believes both “Brave New World” and “1984” are two books that illustrate completely separate viewpoints on human nature and what may be holding mankind back. Postman argues there is a difference between fear of “Big Brother” and a fear of indifference (or rather, preoccupation). My question to the readers is — a question I'd also like to contemplate further — are these two stories so different? Are they as inseparable as Postman makes them

out to be? In 1991, a Times-Mirror poll showed high school students at that time knew less, voted less, cared less and were less aware of current events than any other generation prior to that time. Since then, pundits have describing the past 20-30 years as the “Age of Indifference” or the “Age of Apathy,” which definitely makes Huxley's argument all the more relevant. We can see all around us how so many are encompassed by Angry Birds, what's trending on Twitter, and other things some may consider “unimportant.” For those who have seen the movie “Supersize Me,” should we be surprised by the scene in which the young children recognized Ronald McDonald better than George Washington or Jesus Christ?

As far as Orwell goes, I think it's hard to argue against many of his points too. Throughout our lifetime, the United States government has engaged in many practices that worry all of those concerned about civil liberties, regardless of party lines. The Patriot Act, undeclared wars, the War on Drugs, TSA, excessive public surveillance, Guantanamo Bay, indefinite military detentions of U.S. citizens and drone strikes all come to mind — and that's no shortlist either. One only has to look to other countries like Turkey and China, who have censored the Internet and other forms of speech, engaging in a metaphorical “book burning,” as Orwell would say; we can look to Egypt and Iran, who engage in a war on women. Although some would argue against his defense, we see what penalties whistleblowers like Bradley Manning face from our justice system. But, the point is that it is an undeniable fact there is some censorship in our

country (obviously much more abroad) and there are things certain people out there don't want you to know.

In concluding this article, I'd again like to ask my readers: What is holding us back from making our society more free? Was Huxley right — do people just not care about these issues anymore? Is it rational that we know more about Notre Dame football than about American history, geography or political discourse? On the other hand, is it just human nature to try to gain power and political influence, and then engage in censorship and surveillance to uphold that position as Orwell describes? Unlike Postman, I believe the ideas held by these two authors can possibly walk hand-in-hand — I'm not sure one is “right” and the other is “wrong” or that they are rivaled concepts defining mankind. But then again, maybe neither author correctly predicted where society is going — perhaps we are on a different path that is more “enlightened” than people give credit for. So, where are we going as a species? What do we have to look forward to in the future and how can we get there while upholding the personal freedoms that have made this country so great? I guess I'll just form my own opinion on Huxley and Orwell based on whether or not people put down their iPhones to read this — assuming “Big Brother” doesn't censor the article first.

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Goodbye, “The Office”

Joel Kolb

The Provocateur

Finish what you started.

It is because of this precept that any of the roughly 3.5 million viewers of the ninth season of “The Office” are still watching “The Office.” At points, the past two seasons “The Office” have been more zombie-like than “The Walking Dead” and less exciting than a Brittney Griner dunk. Most of the same cast remains, but the magic is gone. “Where did the bough break?” one might ask. It broke the second regional manager Michael Scott headed to the Mile High state.

As a relative pointed out to me, “The Office” was the tragedy of Michael Scott. As the seasons passed by, we learned all Michael yearned for was companionship, with countless episodes reaching a climax when Michael's shortcomings in this regard were exposed. This yearning was invariably unfulfilled, episode after episode. A particular episode comes to mind, when employees of Dunder Mifflin brought their daughters to work. Michael has Ryan bring in an old film when he was a child on a local television show. Young Michael reveals he wants to “be married and have a hundred kids so I can have a hundred friends and no one

can say no to being my friend.” Words that come to mind are: sad, awkward, but very funny.

A couple seasons later, Jim and Pam get married and Michael states it is one of the happiest moments of his life. An argument could be made that the Jim and Pam plotline played an equal role in the shows development — while I would not deny that, even their wedding pointed to Michael's desire for companionship. The tragedy was in the fact no matter who it was with — be it Carol, Jan, or Pam's mom — true companionship for Michael was as elusive as a Cub's World Series. Season after season the tragedy continued. Michael eventually found love in Holly, only to have her torn away, then to have her come back a following season.

When Michael left “The Office” he unknowingly took the show's identity with him. Without the main catalyst, the writers began searching for new storylines but failed to produce something genuine. Andy was morphed into a self-centered, sometimes revenge-seeking boss, a surprising and unwelcomed change to the humorously ignorant, positive Andy which returned after his successful “graduation” from anger management. Also Toby, apparently not having anyone to cut him down frequently, has grown into a decidedly creepier character. However, none of these transgressions

compare to the two biggest casualties of the post-Michael era: Jim and Pam's relationship and the introduction of plot-engaged cameramen. It is hard for me to believe Jim and Pam after years of flirting followed by marriage are already at the point of marriage counseling after Jim began splitting time between Scranton and Philadelphia. In previous seasons we saw them endure a long distance relationship while Pam was at art school. Jim had in early seasons hinted at wanting to escape the confines of the office setting, yet it was also in these seasons when he was trying to get over the prospect of Pam being married to Roy. It seems his character wanted Pam more than an escape to elsewhere, and now that things were going well with Pam the writers felt the need to add a tension which should not reasonably be there. The continuing drama and possibility of divorce seems like a slap in the face to those of us who watched Jim and Pam throughout all of the years. Finally, the cheapest move made in this year's season came when a boom-microphone operator intervened in the episode. Since season two, viewers have been conditioned to view the documentary part of the show of negligible consequence. It is obvious NBC is trying to milk all of the ratings out of this as they can, but in doing so they have begun to tarnish

and obscure what made the show worth watching in the first place.

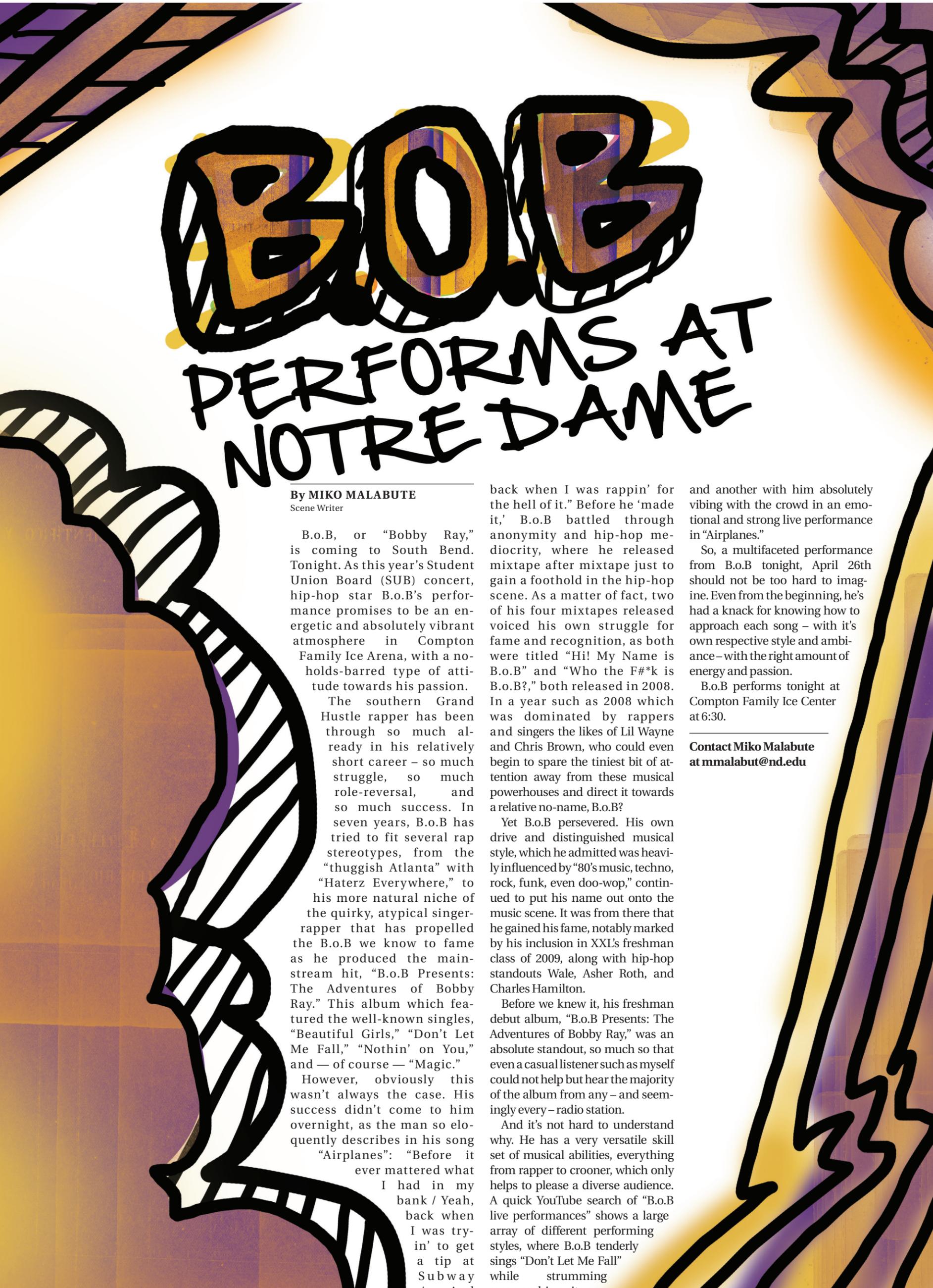
What made the show worth watching in the first place was the laughter. Michael's departure also correlated to a departure of laughter, the obvious foundation for success of any comedy.

After all this has been said though, here I am, still watching. Ironically, the show itself best defines why there are roughly 3.5 million weekly viewers. Watching the past two seasons of “The Office” as Pam once said, “it's like squishing a spider under a book. It's gonna be really gross, but I have to look and make sure that it's really dead.” Maybe I'm watching just to see how bad or ‘gross’ the show is at its finish. More likely though, it is because of nostalgia, which “is truly one of the greatest human weaknesses ... second only to the neck,” as said by Dwight K. Schrute.

In closing, here's hoping to a finale that doesn't leave a stain on a truly great series. Consider this a reflection on the end of an era. Goodbye, “The Office.”

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BOOB

PERFORMS AT NOTRE DAME

By MIKO MALABUTE
Scene Writer

B.o.B, or “Bobby Ray,” is coming to South Bend. Tonight. As this year’s Student Union Board (SUB) concert, hip-hop star B.o.B’s performance promises to be an energetic and absolutely vibrant atmosphere in Compton Family Ice Arena, with a no-holds-barred type of attitude towards his passion.

The southern Grand Hustle rapper has been through so much already in his relatively short career – so much struggle, so much role-reversal, and so much success. In seven years, B.o.B has tried to fit several rap stereotypes, from the “thuggish Atlanta” with “Haterz Everywhere,” to his more natural niche of the quirky, atypical singer-rapper that has propelled the B.o.B we know to fame as he produced the mainstream hit, “B.o.B Presents: The Adventures of Bobby Ray.” This album which featured the well-known singles, “Beautiful Girls,” “Don’t Let Me Fall,” “Nothin’ on You,” and — of course — “Magic.”

However, obviously this wasn’t always the case. His success didn’t come to him overnight, as the man so eloquently describes in his song

“Airplanes”: “Before it ever mattered what I had in my bank / Yeah, back when I was tryin’ to get a tip at Subway / And

back when I was rappin’ for the hell of it.” Before he ‘made it,’ B.o.B battled through anonymity and hip-hop mediocrity, where he released mixtape after mixtape just to gain a foothold in the hip-hop scene. As a matter of fact, two of his four mixtapes released voiced his own struggle for fame and recognition, as both were titled “Hi! My Name is B.o.B” and “Who the F#*k is B.o.B?,” both released in 2008. In a year such as 2008 which was dominated by rappers and singers the likes of Lil Wayne and Chris Brown, who could even begin to spare the tiniest bit of attention away from these musical powerhouses and direct it towards a relative no-name, B.o.B?

Yet B.o.B persevered. His own drive and distinguished musical style, which he admitted was heavily influenced by “80’s music, techno, rock, funk, even doo-wop,” continued to put his name out onto the music scene. It was from there that he gained his fame, notably marked by his inclusion in XXL’s freshman class of 2009, along with hip-hop standouts Wale, Asher Roth, and Charles Hamilton.

Before we knew it, his freshman debut album, “B.o.B Presents: The Adventures of Bobby Ray,” was an absolute standout, so much so that even a casual listener such as myself could not help but hear the majority of the album from any – and seemingly every – radio station.

And it’s not hard to understand why. He has a very versatile skill set of musical abilities, everything from rapper to crooner, which only helps to please a diverse audience. A quick YouTube search of “B.o.B live performances” shows a large array of different performing styles, where B.o.B tenderly sings “Don’t Let Me Fall” while strumming away on his guitar,

and another with him absolutely vibing with the crowd in an emotional and strong live performance in “Airplanes.”

So, a multifaceted performance from B.o.B tonight, April 26th should not be too hard to imagine. Even from the beginning, he’s had a knack for knowing how to approach each song – with it’s own respective style and ambiance – with the right amount of energy and passion.

B.o.B performs tonight at Compton Family Ice Center at 6:30.

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DIALOGUE DES CARMELITES: AN OPERA

By **GABRIELA LESKUR**
Scene Writer

Although B.o.B always gets me bopping when he rolls around on my iPod, I don't quite love him enough to shell out the dough for his concert this weekend. For those of you crazy kids, who, like me, don't quite got the magic for B.o.B, you can mosey on over to DPAC to see an opera.

This weekend, Notre Dame will be performing Francis Poulenc's "Dialogues des Carmelites," which is definitely worth seeing. Although you may be looking at this article in horror, "Who would sit through hours of people singing in a foreign language?" here are some reasons why you should get off your butt and go:

Girls will love you

That cutie over there in your CSEM, she so classy that she doesn't scream classy, she just radiates it. She's humble, quiet and considerate, but you can tell she enjoys the finer things in life. One time, you two shared headphones while working on a group

project and she blasted Italian arias with the pride usually reserved for Taylor Swift fans.

You've been meaning to ask her out on a date, but you think she deserves more than Burrito Night at North Dining Hall.

Here comes your chance. Slip into class all casual-like today or tomorrow and ask her about her plans for the weekend. You already know that she's not going to B.o.B since the only genres on her playlists aren't from this century. When she asks your plans, say you're headed to the opera for extra credit in a class. Invite her to join. She doesn't need to know that the only extra credit you're trying to get is brownie points in her eyes.

Make it an event

You and your friends weren't invited to any formals this semester. Honestly, you feel a little bummed. Your sexy self isn't used to not putting on a dress and heading to an SYR every weekend. As you look at the new, beautiful formal dress you intended to wear, don't mope. Rise to

the occasion.

Gather your friends, get all dolled up in your forlorn formal dresses and head on over to the Opera. Challenge yourselves to speak only in British accents the entire evening and see how much of the French arias you can understand without looking at the subtitles. Perhaps Intermediate French One did teach you more than "Ou est la bibliothèque?"

Embrace your inner hipster

You're a cool cat and everybody knows it. Never caught dead listening to Vampire Weekend or The Lumineers, Kanye is the dominant artist flowing through your headphones. However, sometimes when no one is around, you listen to Pavarotti—that Italian tenor legend—to lull you to sleep or help you study. Man, that man had a voice like honey. You'll never admit it to your friends, but you simply love opera. You can't get enough.

The time has come, my dear friend, to embrace your inner hipster. Be true to yourself, no matter how many

weird looks your friends give you. If they can't embrace your inner opera-goer, they aren't real friends anyway.

An epic story

Beyond all of these compelling reasons, this opera itself presents a really remarkable story with a lot of meaning. Its story centers on an order of Carmelite nuns during the French Revolution. Although they had once been praised and adored, the rebellious public at large now hates the nuns. A shy young woman, Blanche, joins the order just before the tide turns against the religious. The opera follows Blanche and her sisters as they face the reality of the New France and the consequences of their faith.

The show runs April 25, 26, 27, and 28. Thursday through Saturday it opens at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday the opera will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theatre, in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

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THE KICKBACK



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After waiting four years, it's here. That alone made me nervous. After all, how could you possibly follow up "Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix" and do so not knowing if lead singer Thomas Mars says "fallen" or "folded" in the hit single "1901?"

The answer: Bring the energy, which is exactly what Phoenix does with their latest release "Bankrupt!"

Since "Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix," synths and rock have never sounded as good to me. Still, "Bankrupt!" brings a more intimate, cozy feel, but the catchy melodies may even surpass that of "Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix."

The album kicks off with the album's only single and most Phoenix-of-old sounding song, the buzzing "Entertainment." But from there, the album and band take an entirely new turn and head for uncharted waters.

Humming, catchy synths fight past the guitar-groove-dominated past for Phoenix to succeed

beyond all belief or expectation.

To be fair, it's not the same Phoenix. But the group goes in a different direction and it pays off entirely.

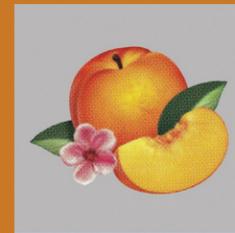
If you don't believe me, check out the ever-so catchy "Trying to be Cool," a feel-good song with sing-along synths and one of the most well-crafted Thomas Mars hooks to date.

And "Chloroform" adds some unique color to the album with a bass backbeat and lurking synth harmonies that is sure to have you rocking back and forth. Meanwhile, "The Real Thing" and

"Drakkar Noir" take the layered complexity of "Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix," the cover-to-cover energy of "It's Never Been Like That," and the bounce-along groove of "If I Ever Feel Better" to show the complete, arching growth of the band.

"Bankrupt!" delivers everything Phoenix fans love about the band, with some new twists. There may not be a "1901" with Kobe Bryant superstar status, but the album truly excels with all-star performances across the board.

-Ch Holt



"Bankrupt!"

Artist: Phoenix

Record Label: V2

Genre: Alternative Rock, Synthpop



SPORTS AUTHORITY

Maddon teaches new leadership



Andrew Gastelum
Editor-in-Chief

I've always had a soft spot for the dude who just likes to have fun and shoot the you-know-what without a worry.

So naturally, Tampa Bay Rays manager Joe Maddon is one of my favorite coaches of all-time.

Maybe it's the fact that he has mad spec-swig — have you seen his assortment of glasses? Or maybe it's because he comes from a family of Italian immigrants — his last name was changed from Maddoni and he's a connoisseur of fine wines. But it might be just because he got his break in southern California — he was interim manager of the California/Anaheim/Los Angeles Angels of Kalamazoo twice.

But now I've actually learned why. When his team slogged its way through a painstaking 2-7 road trip, Maddon brought the fun back into the clubhouse. And by fun, I mean penguins, cockatiels, local magicians and DJ Fresh.

He just wanted to keep his team loose, fresh and give them just a second of respite from the depths and daggers of mental stress and internal critique. Sure it's silly of Maddon, but self-deprecating humor is the greatest, most selfless kind. Making those around you feel better about themselves by laughing is innocuous and warm.

It's one atypical sign of a good leader, and a guy who just plain likes to have a ball while his team tries to hit one out of the park.

For Maddon, every second his team spent laughing was a second not spent in deep thought and self-critique of what they could possibly do to swing things around.

It also helps to look back and see his team has gone 5-1 since the addition of his antics.

But what happens when things don't go right, when the tides and the tables can't be turned and an attempt at liveliness becomes the last gasp?

In sports, especially, that could be your final move. A leader is nothing without the reciprocated support of his or her team, and we've seen where the loyalties of front offices and most fans lie.

Remember the legendary Jerry Sloan? Six division titles, two NBA Finals appearances and 2,024 wins couldn't keep Deron Williams from getting the best of him and his job.

Five hundred wins wearing a Red Sox uniform and breaking the Curse of the Bambino with not one, not five, not six, not seven, but two World Series rings couldn't help Terry Francona. He lost control of the clubhouse in 2011 and lost his lineup card soon after.

Regardless of the accomplishments you've notched in any leadership position, the people around you always determine your fate. It's a rather dreary way of thinking, but you can also think of it in terms of caring for the people whose job it is to care about what they do for you. As a leader, if you don't genuinely care about these people then you shouldn't be in the position to start.

In general, leaders don't have to have the fiery temper of a Lou Piniella or the intimidation of a Bob Knight to be respected. Because here, there is always a divide in the connection and bond one can form with those around him or her. It's safe to be distant and feared in order to gain respect, but it may not always be what's best.

But the hard-nosed, rigid Bobby Valentine replaced Francona in Boston with his stubborn my-way-or-the-highway mentality, which resulted in one of the biggest blemishes in recent Red Sox memory.

Sometimes as a leader, you gain more respect for the compassion, work ethic and humility you show those around you than for the callous, authoritarian pedestal and the ego that comes with it. Determination and energy are contagious, and inspiration combined with friendship is a thoughtlessly thoughtful gift that can never fail.

It's sad that exuberance, compassion and empathy can be perceived as a weakness, but Joe Maddon has proven that it works itself out in the end.

There will always be the detractors, the haters, the ones to whom you give your loyalty, who turn and spit venom to others while you put forth your fullest effort.

It's as if doing the right thing wasn't enough motivation, as if you needed some other incentive to prove what you can really do.

But that's part of the veiled splendor of sports. There is always a winner and a loser, a win column and a loss column and a statistic to prove any point.

Sure, in simple normalcy, there isn't a win column and a loss column or a Hall of Fame to show your worth. But there is always a caring team around, given you were always there for them. And no matter what anyone else can try to do, they will always be there to carry you along and make it all worth it.

Therein lies the win column of leadership, and the Hall of Fame of an unbroken bond.

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ROWING

Irish travel south to Bloomington for Cup

By **KIT LOUGHRAN**
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After a successful performance at the Lake Natoma Invitational last week, this weekend the Irish head to Bloomington, Ind. for the Dale England Cup.

The No. 12 Irish are ready to get back on the water and race again, junior Molly Bruggeman said.

"Coming off a great weekend in California, I think the team has some momentum going into racing," Bruggeman said. "We had a successful weekend on the West Coast and now we're ready to get back on the water after about a week away from it."

The Irish finished the Lake Natoma Invitational in a third place tie with No. 9 Stanford. The Irish landed just two points behind No. 1 USC and one point behind No. 2 California. Even though the Irish had a strong finish at the competition, the

team is still looking to improve, Bruggeman said.

"We always look to improve on every race we have and each racing experience gives us another chance to see what we can do," Bruggeman said.

Improvement takes practice, though, and Bruggeman said the St. Joe's River's conditions have impeded the team's practice schedule.

"Unfortunately the river has been abnormally high this week and we haven't been able to go out since we finished racing on Sunday," Bruggeman said.

Despite the unfortunate conditions, the Irish have found alternative ways to prepare for the regatta this weekend, Bruggeman said.

"We have been working out on the ergometer or rowing machines and relying on previous weeks of training to prepare us for this weekend," Bruggeman said.

With the season coming to an

end, the Irish have sighted the Big East Championship on the horizon. The conference title will be up for grabs in Mercer County, N.J. on May 19.

With this in mind, the Irish are looking forward to the great competition they are to face in the upcoming weeks, Bruggeman said.

"The team is excited to finish the regular season strong, and we hope it pays off by earning ourselves a bid to the NCAAs," Bruggeman said.

Before looking that far ahead, the team still has races to worry about this weekend.

"This weekend is an opportunity for three more races in which we can learn from," Bruggeman said.

The Irish get back on the water at the Dale England Cup in Bloomington, Ind. on Friday and Saturday.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles take on Kalamazoo with playoffs on the line

By **SAMANTHA ZUBA**
Sports Writer

Saturday marks the end of the regular season for the Belles, who will travel to Michigan to face Kalamazoo in a conference showdown with major post-season implications.

Kalamazoo (11-7, 6-1 MIAA) currently holds second place in the MIAA conference. Saint Mary's (10-7, 4-3 MIAA) sits in fourth place, the last spot that can qualify for the upcoming MIAA tournament. A loss Saturday would drop Saint Mary's to 4-4 in the conference and force a tie with Calvin for fourth. A win sends the Belles to the tournament.

Coach Dale Campbell said that the Belles know making the tournament is still a possibility despite Wednesday's 5-4 loss to Calvin, but the team can't focus

on the tournament yet.

"Can't look ahead, just know in the back of your mind that it is possible," Campbell said.

Despite the temptation to look ahead to the tournament, Campbell expressed confidence his players would be able to maintain the right mentality on Saturday.

"Tennis players are taught to keep their eyes on the ball and play the next shot, that simple, one moment at a time," Campbell said.

The Belles last defeated Kalamazoo in 2008 when the Belles qualified for the MIAA tournament by finishing fourth. Since then, Saint Mary's has struggled against the Hornets, most recently suffering a 6-3 loss in 2012.

"They are very tough in singles and seem to be growing in doubles, so we will have to bring our

best game," Campbell said.

To succeed in playing to their potential, the Belles will have to be aggressive, according to Campbell. This is a refrain he has repeated often this season. For singles, Campbell encouraged a more calculated strategy.

"[It's] being aggressive in doubles, patient and figuring out how to create openings in singles," Campbell said.

Although Saint Mary's has goals and a game plan, Campbell said he wanted to avoid having too many expectations.

"No expectations, just play your best, pull out the win and you make the tournament," Campbell said.

Saint Mary's will try to secure a spot in the MIAA tournament at Kalamazoo on Saturday at 1 p.m.

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SMC SOFTBALL | SMC 10, KALAMAZOO 3; SMC 5, KALAMAZOO 4

Belles sweep Kalamazoo

By MEREDITH KELLY
Sports Writer

The Belles swept MIAA conference opponent Kalamazoo at home this Thursday to hold their spot in the top three of the MIAA conference.

The Belles (19-13, 9-3 MIAA) beat Kalamazoo (5-17, 2-12 MIAA) 10-3 in the first game and 5-4 in the second game.

Coach Erin Sullivan said the Belles took advantage of their home-field advantage. The Belles are now 12-2 at home, and Sullivan said the fans and field aided the team in their win against Kalamazoo Thursday.

Junior pitcher Callie Selner helped the Belles to notch the win by making her mark on the mound and in the lineup. Selner went 4-for-4 in game one and hit a home run.

Freshman center fielder Jillian Busfield from Riley High School shined, as well. She hit her tenth homerun of the season, tying the single season homerun record at Saint Mary's.

Although the Belles dominated, Sullivan said there are always ways to improve.

"We hit well but we should have had stronger hits," Sullivan said. "The pitchers for Kalamazoo were not



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Saint Mary's freshman third baseman Kayla Chapman fields her position during the Belles home sweep of Defiance on March 28.

strong and we were over-swinging and way ahead of many pitches. We did bunt well, though."

Sullivan said the Belles also needed to make more routine plays and to improve consistency at the plate for their upcoming games against important MIAA conference opponents.

Regardless of their flaws, Sullivan said the Belles will certainly be hard to beat in the tournament if they play their best in the next couple of games.

Saint Mary's will make up Wednesday's postponed game against Trine (29-3, 12-0 MIAA) today. Trine is currently first in the MIAA

conference and was the 2012 conference champion in 2012. The Belles will then face Alma on Saturday at 2 p.m. in Alma, Mich.

Sullivan said the Belles' chances of getting into the MIAA conference tournament are good, no matter what results they get in the next few games.

"If Hope gets swept tomorrow by Alma we will be in the tournament no matter how our last four games go," Sullivan said.

The Belles will travel to Angola, Ind., today to play Trine.

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SMC GOLF

Pollak, Heffernan lead chase of Olivet



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Belles senior Jessica Kinnick watches the flight of her shot in the first round of the MIAA NCAA qualifier on April 17 at Blackthorn Golf Course.

By A.J. GODEAUX
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's needs to close the gap with Olivet this weekend after finishing the opening round of the MIAA NCAA qualifier in second place Wednesday, 23 strokes behind opening day leader Olivet.

The Belles are looking for a strong performance out of junior Paige Pollak, who has sole possession of fourth place after shooting an 84 in the first round.

Sophomore Janice Heffernan, who was second on the team in scoring average before the tournament began, will look to improve on her first-round score of 95, easily her roughest outing of the year.

No matter how well Pollak or Heffernan plays, the Belles will likely need some help from Olivet. Their trio of season all-MIAA team members finished 1-2-3 in the first qualifier, headlined by

medalist Adrienne Plourde's four-over-par 76.

Despite the Comets' dominating performance, Belles coach Jason Kolean said the Belles aren't worried about how well the Comets are playing. Instead, Saint Mary's plans to focus solely on "improving on our past performances," she said.

"The girls have really pushed themselves this week," Kolean said. "We have continued to work on each aspect of the game."

Hope and Calvin round out the rest of the field, trailing Olivet by 31 and 40 strokes, respectively.

The second and third MIAA NCAA qualifying rounds will be hosted by Olivet on Friday and Saturday at the Medalist Golf Club in Marshall, Mich. The team with the lowest average score from the three qualifiers will earn the automatic NCAA berth.

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TRACK & FIELD

Athletes compete for Big East ticket

By GREG HADLEY
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For the last meet of the regular season, the Irish will once again split up their squad. Forty-six athletes will head to Hillsdale, Mich., to compete at the Hillsdale College Gina Relays, while 24 others will travel to Des Moines, Iowa, for the famous Drake Relays, one of the most prestigious meets in the Midwest.

With the Big East conference championship just a week away, the Hillsdale Relays will give Irish athletes who have not yet qualified for the championship one last chance.

"Hillsdale is a little more local, and it's a chance for as many people as possible to qualify for Big East [championships]," junior long jumper and captain Logan Renwick said. "Drake is a little more difficult to get into, so Hillsdale provides more chances for more people."

Hillsdale also offers a decathlon for senior Ted Glasnow, who is coming off a career performance at the California Invitational last week, where he cracked 7,000 points for the first time. Glasnow, who finished third last year at the conference championship, leads the Irish multi-eventers, including senior Dean Odegard.

All of the Irish athletes competing at the Drake Relays have already qualified for the Big East championship. For them, the meet is a chance to participate in a championship-like atmosphere and take on the best competition on their schedule.

"It's one of the biggest meets of the year," Renwick said. "Not only is there great collegiate competition, but there are also lots of professionals. I'm going up against the Olympic gold medalist in the triple jump. It's very exciting. It's a great tradition to come here year after year. There's a lot of history at this meet."

The Irish distance squad will be out in full force in Des Moines, led by senior Jeremy Rae, who ran the seventh best time in the country for the 1500 meter (3:41.45) last week at the Mt. SAC relays. Joining him will be senior Rebecca Tracy, who is currently ranked No. 12 in the country in the 1500 meter. The Irish also entered several relays in which they have had success in the past.

"Our men's 4x[1600] has a great history here [at Drake]," Renwick said. "We won [three] in a row from [2006-2008] so we'd like to get that started again. Our women are the defending 4x800 meter champions, and both of our 4x400

meter relays are among the premier teams in the country. We'd like all of those teams to bring home titles to build confidence going into the conference championship."

The Irish have high hopes for the conference championship, with the women looking to defend their indoor title, while the

"[Drake] is one of the biggest meets of the year. Not only is there lots of great collegiate competition, but there are also lots of professionals."

Logan Renwick
junior captain

men hope to avenge their loss to Connecticut at the indoor championships and defend their outdoor title.

"Our goal has been to win the Big East from Day One, for both men and women. On the men's side, most of the injuries we had during indoor have healed so we feel pretty confident that we can win. It's the last Big East conference championship for us, so there's a little more at stake. We really want to win it and go out on top."

The Irish compete this weekend at the Hillsdale College Gina Relays at Hillsdale, Mich., and the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa.

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish try to redeem season



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Sophomore Peyton Vitter follows through after a shot in the Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic, held at Warren Golf Course in October. The Irish finished the tournament in eighth place.

By CASEY KARNES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will tee off in its last tournament of the season Sunday with the Big East Championship in Orlando, Florida.

The Irish are coming off an 11th place finish (310-292-299) in the Hawkeye Invitational in Iowa City, Iowa on April 13 and 14. While the final results from that weekend may not have been stellar, there were some signs of improvement from the Irish. Freshman Corey Sciupider tied the best round of his young college career, shooting a 67, a tournament low. He finished the weekend in 21st place. While he didn't match that score in the first or third round, when he shot an 80 and 76, respectively, Irish coach Jim Kubinski said he is confident the young golfer has the skill to replicate his performance.

"With Corey, he has been a little bit up and down, he shows you brilliant play ... but

he needs to develop emotional maturity," Kubinski said. "He's going to get better at that. With his talent, boy, he has a high ceiling at this game."

Sciupider is not the only young golfer Kubinski praised. Freshman Zach Toste played himself into the starting lineup with a strong week of practice, replacing sophomore Tyler Wingo.

"Toste shot a couple 69s over the weekend... and won his spot for the week," Kubinski said. "We've seen quite a few guys step up and play some good rounds in practice."

Juniors Andrew Lane and Niall Platt and senior Paul McNamara comprise the rest of the Irish Big East lineup. Kubinski praised their golfing in practice the last few weeks, but now hopes to see that success translate into tournament play.

"I feel like we've had more consistent play, and from a variety of guys, not just he top few," Kubinski said. "We'll see

this weekend if what we see [in practice] is ... coming into form. But I believe it, we're getting better, and we're excited."

While the Big East is not known as a powerhouse golf conference and has no teams in the current NCAA top-25, the Irish will still be challenged. Notre Dame will be paired with Louisville and South Florida for opening day tee times. Despite the bigger stage, Kubinski isn't worried about his players' ability to manage nerves, because he said he believes the event offers much more potential reward than risk.

"I don't feel we need to do anything extra for it. We're looking at it as a great opportunity for us," Kubinski said. "It can kind of, honestly, help redeem our season. So we feel good."

The Irish will tee off at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in Orlando, Florida on the Watson Course at Reunion Resort.

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ND SOFTBALL

ND puts nine-game win streak on line in Chicago

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

The Irish hit the road this weekend to put their nine-game winning streak to the test as they face local Big East rival DePaul in a three-game weekend series. Notre Dame (35-10, 15-1 Big East) will carry momentum from its last game, an 11-1 victory over Connecticut that marked the 500th career win for Irish coach Deanna Gumpf.

"As a team we have found what we need to do in order to win," senior pitcher Brittany O'Donnell said. "We discovered the team's key to success and we are going to keep rolling with that."

Junior pitcher Laura Winter and O'Donnell will continue to lead the squad on the mound, preventing hits and controlling the game defensively. Winter earned the title of USA Softball National Collegiate Player of the Week earlier this week for her efforts in the recent Irish run.

The award, announced by the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) of America and USA Softball, has never previously gone to a Notre Dame player.

At the plate, a deep Irish roster has fueled the squad during its winning streak. Sophomore catcher Cassidy Whidden, senior catcher Amy Buntin, junior outfielder Lauren Stuhr, junior infielder Chloe Saganowich, sophomore outfielder Emilee Koerner, sophomore infielder Katey Haus, freshman outfielder Casey Africano, Winter and sophomore infielder Jenna Simon have all been key in driving the Irish offense to nine straight wins.

"Going into this weekend at DePaul we need to remember to take care of the small details," Buntin said. "When the momentum shifts to the other team we need to find a way to quickly get on top again."

The Irish offense will challenge junior left-handed pitcher Kirsten Verdun, a 2012 NFCA Second Team All-American,

who leads the Blue Demons (26-16, 13-3) on the mound. Her performance Wednesday led DePaul to a sweep on the road against fellow Big East squad St. John's.

Offensively, the Blue Demons look to junior short-stop Allie Braden and sophomore outfielder Megan Coronado. Braden contributed four RBIs and four runs and Coronado added two RBIs and three runs to the double-header against St. John's.

"Going into DePaul we are going to keep working on our fundamentals both offensively and defensively," O'Donnell said. "If we focus and celebrate the small things then the big plays and victories will build from them."

The first game will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon at Cacciatore Stadium, followed by a 3 p.m. first pitch that same day. The squads will face off again Sunday at 1 p.m.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Waldrum's team faces Haiti



JOHN NING | The Observer

Notre Dame freshman defender Katie Naughton dribbles past a Mexico defender in a scrimmage April 5 at Alumni Stadium.

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame's challenging and diverse spring schedule comes to an end today, as the Irish take on the Haiti national team at

Alumni Stadium.

The Irish have played several friendlies and scrimmages over the course of the last month.

On April 3, Notre Dame fell 4-1 to the Chicago Red Stars of the National Women's Soccer League, a professional league that began play earlier this month. Irish senior midfielder Mandy Laddish scored in the 58th minute, but it wasn't enough to overcome the two first-half goals from Red Stars forward and 2011 Notre Dame graduate Lauren Fowlkes.

Two days later, the Irish topped the Mexico under-20 national team, 4-3, on a stoppage-time goal by sophomore defender Cari Roccaro. Junior forward Karin Simonian, sophomore defender Katie Naughton and sophomore forward Crystal Thomas added goals in the match.

Notre Dame's spring schedule has also included scrimmages against Michigan State, Iowa, IPFW and Grand Valley State.

Tonight, the Irish are set to play the Haiti national team, which is ranked No. 58 in the latest FIFA/Coca-Cola women's world rankings.

Haiti has spent the last few weeks training and playing friendlies at different sites across Indiana in preparation for next year's CONCACAF Women's World Cup qualifier, which will determine the teams for the 2015 Women's World Cup. The team played at Alumni Stadium on April 3, dropping a 1-0 match to the Mexico under-20 team.

Shek Borkowski is the coach of the Haiti national team. Borkowski also serves as the coach for FC Indiana, a second-tier professional team that plays in the Women's Premier Soccer League.

Notre Dame and Haiti will kick off at 5 p.m. tonight at Alumni Stadium.

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BASEBALL

Irish return to Big East play against Huskies

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

The Irish look to extend their recent success against non-conference opponents this weekend when they take their first conference rival in five games. Notre Dame has won four out of its past five games, but all five were against non-conference opponents.

This weekend, the Irish (23-16, 4-8 Big East) take on conference rival Connecticut (25-16, 8-7 Big East) in a three-game series.

In the Big East, the Irish are in the bottom half of the field at four games under .500. Notre Dame is in ninth place in the Big East out of 11 teams, while the Huskies are sitting in the fifth spot. Irish manager Mik Aoki said it is imperative that the

team captures this series against Connecticut in order to make up ground before the Big East tournament and place themselves in a position to make the NCAA tournament field.

"I think every single game — Big East and non-conference — in the last 15 is critically important to get to the Big East Tournament and to get an at-large bid for the national tournament," Aoki said. "We are playing playoff baseball for the remainder of the year. This season we eliminated our margin of error. I'm not saying we need to go 15-0, but we need to be pretty darn close to 10-5 or 11-4 to give us a chance in conference and nationally."

The Huskies' tough starting rotation will be a challenge for the Irish. The Huskies will send two junior

southpaws, Anthony Marzi (3-4) and Brian Ward (2-3), and redshirt sophomore right-hander Carson Cross (6-2). Cross leads the pitching staff with a 1.50 ERA and 65 strikeouts in 72.0 innings of work.

"All of their pitchers are pretty solid," Aoki said. "They have done a good job there. Cross is a good fast-ball-change guy. Right now [Marzi] just has a tough luck record. Last year he was great. UConn has two strengths, and one of their strengths would lie in their pitching."

Connecticut's other strength is their base running. The Huskies have attempted to steal 119 times already this season and have been successful in 93 of those attempts, a 78-percent success rate. The offense is lead by senior LJ Mazzilli, who is hitting .329 with 56 hits and 34 RBI,

but Aoki said the Huskies really become dangerous once they get on the base paths.

"They have great overall team speed," Aoki said. "They are always aggressive on the bases. They are not a prolific hitting team, they have a couple of guys who can hit, like Mazzilli, but we will need to control the runners on base."

Aoki said Connecticut plays much like Louisville, a team that swept the Irish in a three-game series at the end of March. He added that the pitchers will need to mix up their timing in order for this not to happen again against UConn.

"We can't fall into a pattern, we have to do different things and still deliver the ball to the plate in a timely manner," Aoki said. "Like everything else in baseball, it starts with

the pitcher, so our pitchers need to dictate the tempo."

An early lead could be key for the Irish against the Huskies. Notre Dame is 16-2 when scoring first and is 11-2 when it scores in the first inning. On the flip side, Notre Dame is 7-14 when the other team scores first and 2-8 when the other team scores in the first inning.

"If we play well like we did [Wednesday] or early in season, I think we can beat anyone," Aoki said.

The Irish look to gain ground against Connecticut, playing at 5:35 p.m. Friday, 2:05 p.m. Saturday and 1:05 p.m. Sunday at Frank Eck Stadium.

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ND SOFTBALL

ND faces young Marquette

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

With its postseason status still up in the air, No. 10 Notre Dame will close out its regular season against Marquette on Saturday at Arlotta Stadium.

The Irish (11-4, 5-3 BIG EAST) have dropped their last three games, falling to No. 5 Syracuse and No. 16 Connecticut over the weekend and No. 4 Northwestern on Wednesday night.

Despite Notre Dame's recent struggles, Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said she was impressed with the way her team battled back against the perennially strong Wildcats (14-2, 4-1 American Lacrosse Conference) on Wednesday. Down 9-4 with 22 minutes to go, Notre Dame scored four of the game's last five goals to cut the final deficit to two.

"I'm actually really proud of my team's effort [Wednesday] night and our will to compete," Halfpenny said. "Winning the draw battle against a team that's very good at the draw was a huge thing for us and being able to cause 12 turnovers against a really good, championship-caliber team [makes] us pretty excited about what we need to do."

Going forward, the Irish need to work on continuing to generate offensive opportunities, win draw controls and limit turnovers, Halfpenny said.

"We really want to build off those scoring opportunities, working for the best scoring opportunities against Marquette," she said. "[We want to continue] on our amazing tenacity on the draw and limit our turnovers, which is going to be a key for this young team."

Notre Dame will look to put these objectives into practice Saturday when it hosts Marquette (2-14).

The Golden Eagles have struggled in their inaugural season of lacrosse, losing their last 12 contests and averaging only 6.25 goals



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Notre Dame gathers pregame before its game against Georgetown on April 14. The Irish defeated the Hoyas 13-12 in the contest.

per game. Still, Halfpenny said Marquette has much potential and will be looking to cap off its first season with a signature win.

"The beauty about the youthfulness of Marquette's team is their naïve bliss, and they're going to go for [a win]," Halfpenny said. "We have no doubt in our mind that they want to finish this inaugural season the way they want to start next season, so [Saturday's game] is the best opportunity for a huge statement for them."

As regular season play comes to an end, Notre Dame is unsure of what its next step will be. Sitting at 5-3 in the conference, the Irish will only make next week's four-team Big East tournament if they win Saturday and No. 7 Georgetown loses both of its games this weekend. The Hoyas (11-3, 5-1) will play Connecticut (13-1, 5-1) today and Syracuse (12-3, 6-0) on Sunday.

With an RPI of 10, Notre Dame has a good shot at receiving an at-large bid to the 26-team NCAA tournament, which begins May 10.

Halfpenny said the possible postseason scenarios haven't distracted her team, understanding it has limited control over its conference tournament fate.

"There's no sense in being distracted over things you can't control, and unfortunately we

lost control of whether or not we're in the Big East last Sunday," Halfpenny said. "We moved forward, and we're going to control things we can control and that is Saturday's game."

With the regular season coming to a close Saturday, Notre Dame will honor its seven seniors in a pregame ceremony before it takes the field against Marquette. The team's seniors are goalkeepers Ellie Hilling and Adele Bruggeman, defender Emily Connor, midfielder McKenzie Brown and attackers Betsy Mastropieri, Jaimie Morrison and Jenny Granger, who also serves as the team's co-captain.

Halfpenny said this year's senior class has really made an impact during its time at Notre Dame.

"[The seniors] have done a lot for Notre Dame over the course of their careers," she said. "They've definitely put their name in the record books in the last two seasons with great starts as well as closing gaps on some good teams in the country. We're excited to honor each and every one of them."

Notre Dame and Marquette will play Saturday at 1 p.m. at Arlotta Stadium.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish test skills against Mexican U-20 squad

By **MIKE MONACO**
Sports Editor

Exactly one month ago, former Irish All-American defender Matt Besler squared off against Mexican striker Javier "Chicharito" Hernández when the United States battled Mexico to a 0-0 draw in a pivotal World Cup qualifier.

But in 2007, nearly six years before they faced off at Azteca Stadium, Besler and Hernandez took to the pitch at Alumni Stadium, where the Irish defeated the under-20 Mexican national team 1-0.

On Friday night, Notre Dame will conclude its eight-game spring slate with another match-up against the Mexican under-20 squad at Alumni Stadium.

Hernandez, who is now coached by Sir Alex Ferguson at legendary English club Manchester United, was reminded of that 2007 loss by his skipper, who also coached Irish head coach Bobby Clark at Aberdeen F.C., in the Scottish Premier League. Clark, who has a photo of Hernandez in that 2007 match sitting in his office, said he sent a copy to the striker by way of Ferguson.

"It's funny, I actually sent a copy of the photo to Alex Ferguson. I

said [to Ferguson], 'Make sure you give this to Javier Hernandez and just remind him that Notre Dame actually won the game 1-0,'" Clark said with a laugh.

In fact, the Irish have played host to a Mexican national team seven times in the last eight years, with Notre Dame leading the exhibition series 4-2-1. However, the series, which came about through Irish women's soccer head coach Randy Waldrum and his connection to the head coach of the Mexico women's national team, Leo Cuéllar, has been controlled in recent years by Mexico. The two Irish losses — both one-goal defeats — came in 2011 and 2012. This year's Mexican outfit, meanwhile, is gearing up for June's FIFA Under-20 World Cup in Turkey.

"This will be the best team we'll play all year," Clark said. "They're gearing up for the World Cup in Turkey so this is an important game for them also. ... They're possibly one of the favorites [in Turkey]. ... I think this is the best Mexican under-20 team we will have played. They're very, very good. They're just a fantastic soccer team."

Clark had a fantastic squad last season, as the Irish rolled to a 17-4-1 record and the No.1 overall

seed in the NCAA tournament. But Notre Dame, who fell to eventual national champion Indiana, 2-1, in double overtime in the third round of the tournament, must replace a pair of 2012 first-team All-Americans in midfielder Dillon Powers and forward Ryan Finley. Given the new-look Notre Dame unit and Mexico's prowess, Clark said he truly does not know how the Irish will stack up Friday.

"Honestly, I don't really know," Clark said. "This will be a good test. This is like, I always say, they'll all be tests along the line. Every week we play a game on the weekend in the spring and we use it as a test to see where we are. There's no question that this is the toughest test, we could say it's the finals — it's coming up to finals week so basically this is our soccer final."

"And this will give us a good guide of what we're going to do and where we are as a team. The score will be important tomorrow night but I'm much more interested to see how we handle a game of this magnitude."

Over the years the match has been well attended, especially by locals from northern Indiana. Clark acknowledged that at times it feels like an away game at home for the Irish, but he sees no reason



Photo courtesy of Bobby Clark

Mexican striker Chicharito and former Irish midfielder Michael Thomas go for a header during an exhibition game in 2007.

the Notre Dame student body shouldn't outnumber Mexico's faithful.

"There's no reason it should be that way," Clark said. "This is a game our students should come out and support the U.S.A. It's a great game to begin with but it's also a fantastic opportunity to

support the US. I think that's huge. There's no reason we should be outnumbered in our own house."

The Irish face off with Mexico on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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A bookstore basketball player goes on the offensive during the semi-finals Thursday. The championship game will be held Saturday.

Edwards

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No. 1," Edwards said. "Everyone knows us. I don't know how, but they know us."

However, most Bookstore fans remember Edwards and the rest of his team — sophomore Holy Cross basketball players Zoe Bauer, George Stainko and Darrell McIntyre, along with Notre Dame Sports Properties employee Beau Bauer — as Hoops I Did it Again, not Sophomores at Holy Cross. Edwards said their new name not only reflects their current academic status, but also their desire for a fresh start in this year's tournament.

"It's a new year," he said. "We're trying to get another championship ... so we're just trying to do

something new this year and trying to repeat."

The team on the other side of the bracket, No. 2 Romeo Medical Clinic, will certainly try to thwart Sophomores of Holy Cross' hopes of another championship title.

After falling to Hoops I Did it Again in the Final Four last year, Notre Dame juniors Tom Hickey and Tyler Sonsalla decided to regroup in hopes of making another run at a title. They found fellow juniors Dominic Romeo, Jack Gardner, Tim Fulnecky and Kevin Timperman, who were looking for a few more players to round out their own squad, and formed the team that is now Romeo Medical Clinic.

Though they still compete with their eyes on the prize, Romeo said his team is enjoying the ride as they progress round by round.

"It's been great," he said. "We've had a lot of support from all our fans, from each other, and from Romeo Medical Clinic, with doctors Mike Romeo, Sam Romeo, Chris Hawley and Ken Honsik, back at home."

Romeo said his team also relishes the opportunity to play in the nation's largest basketball tournament and being a part of all the competition that comes with it. Romeo Medical Clinic has faced tough competition in its past two games against teams with former Notre Dame basketball players Jack Cooley and Mike Broghammer — although Cooley did not play against Romeo Medical Clinic.

"[The best part is] getting to play strong, competitive basketball," he said. "Once you leave high school, it's kind of like your glory days are over. Here we get another shot at those glory days, which is really, really fun."

With the speed and chemistry of Sophomores at Holy Cross up against the size and strength of Romeo Medical Clinic, the Bookstore Basketball Championship will be an exciting affair.

The final step in the quest for the 2013 Bookstore Basketball title begins Saturday at 7 p.m. at the bookstore courts.

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Sophomores

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and never relinquished that lead the entire game. They dominated the first half, leading 11-5 at the break. D.G.P. clearly showed its frustration, as it was assessed a technical foul midway through the first half after shoving Sophomores at Holy Cross' Beau Bauer. Bauer and Holy Cross sophomore Darrell McIntyre led the team in scoring in the first half, each contributing three points.

Defensively, Edwards said the key was constant motion to tire out the bigger and older D.G.P.

"We just kept moving," Edwards said. "[The goal was to] get the bigs out of the paint. They were slow so we just had to find a way to get them out of the paint."

The chippy play continued in the second half, prompting D.G.P. big man Chris Stewart to plead, "No white on white crime" after Bauer and second year law student Brian Pasciak got tangled up fighting for a rebound.

D.G.P. never quit though, and fought back in the second half, cutting Sophomores at Holy Cross' lead to 17-14. However, it was too little too late for D.G.P., as Bauer sunk a jumper from behind the arc to seal the win for Sophomores at Holy Cross.

With the win, the dream of winning back-to-back championships is now closer than ever.

"It would mean a lot, we

work hard out here," Edwards said. "It would just be a good feeling, that's all."

Despite all the success, McIntyre still sees room for improvement for his squad.

"We need to stop settling for jump shots and make our free throws," McIntyre said.

Sophomores at Holy Cross will look to defend its title against Romeo Medical Clinic on Saturday night at 7 p.m. in the Bookstore Basketball championship game.

No. 2 Romeo Medical Clinic 21, No. 3 Team 3 15

In a back-and-forth battle all the way until the end, No. 2 Romeo Medical Clinic defeated No. 3 Team 3 to advance to the championship game. Junior Dom Romeo credited the win to defense and a strong second half.

"We really played together well as a unit," Romeo said. "In the second half we came out and played great team defense. The second half was the difference. We came out, played physical defense, started moving on offense, and we passed the ball really well. That ultimately was the difference."

Romeo Medical Clinic jumped out to a quick 5-2 lead before Team 3 found its shot and came back from the early deficit to take a 7-6 lead. Team 3 exhibited impressive shooting ability off the dribble, and paired that with phenomenal defense led by senior and former Irish basketball player Mike Broghammer to take an 11-10 lead into the half.

Romeo Medical Clinic came out flying in the second half,

aided by a few friendly tips-ins by junior Tom Hickey and several key jump shots by juniors Tim Fulnecky and Jack Gardner.

"[It was a] strong team effort," junior Tom Hickey said. "Jump shots by Tim Fulnecky really opened up their zone. Jack Gardner hit some huge shots; he really came to play today. Tim Fulnecky and Jack Gardner were the key in this game, they came up huge."

All game long Romeo Medical Clinic refused to allow big-man Mike Broghammer to factor into the game, limiting him to just two points and two blocks. Hickey said the team planned all along on taking Broghammer out of the game.

"We made a conscious effort to be extra physical with him," Hickey said. "We had some help down low. We came in with a game plan. We know Dom [Romeo] is a real strong presence down there, and then we just played pitter-patter with his hands when he had his back to the basket."

Now that Romeo Medical Clinic has advanced to the championship game, Romeo believes his team just has to focus on its own game.

"We just have to keep playing like we're playing," Romeo said. "At this point, we've kind of forgotten how to lose, so we hope that continues."

Romeo Medical Clinic will take on Sophomores of Holy Cross on Saturday night at 7 p.m. for the Bookstore Basketball championship.

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Syracuse

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The Irish have yet to drop a game on the road, and they remain 1-0 in neutral-site games. Their first and only game at a neutral site came against Marquette at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Ill., on April 2. The Irish won that game 17-5.

"At the end of the day, it's another game against a top-10 team," Corrigan said. "It's certainly going to mean a lot to us for seeding in the postseason. There's a lot involved in this game for us."

With both Notre Dame and Syracuse heading to

the ACC from the Big East next year, the Irish and the Orange represent a budding rivalry.

"We'll be able to continue what we hope has become a rivalry," Corrigan said. "We didn't beat them until last year. It's not a rivalry if one team wins all the time. We hope that we're establishing a rivalry with them and I look forward to that extending into the ACC next year."

The Irish and the Orange will face off at 6:30 p.m. at MetLife Stadium on Saturday. The game will be televised on ESPNU.

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postseason accolades, including the Maxwell Award for the most outstanding player and the Bronko Nagurski Award for the defensive player of the year.

The draft continues Friday with the second and third rounds, followed by the remaining four rounds Saturday. In addition to

Te'o, other Notre Dame draft hopefuls include safeties Zeke Motta and Jamoris Slaughter, running back Cierre Wood, running back/receiver Theo Riddick, defensive end Kapron Lewis-Moore and offensive linemen Braxton Cave and Mike Golic, Jr.

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Sophomores receive Medical attention

Top-two seeds earn spots in championship

By ALEX WILCOX
Sports Writer

In a battle of size versus speed, the quicker No. 1 Sophomores at Holy Cross withstood a second half surge from No. 4 D.G.P. to earn the 21-17 win. With the win, the defending champions advance to the championship game and keep their hopes of repeating alive.

"Today the key was just to play strong and play as a team," Holy Cross sophomore Alajowon Edwards said. "It was a big challenge for us today, so we had to play as a unit."

Sophomores at Holy Cross jumped out to an early 5-1 lead

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A bookstore basketball player takes the ball downcourt during the Bookstore Basketball semifinals on Thursday. Sophomores at Holy Cross will face Romeo Medical Clinic in the finals Saturday.

Familiar foes meet in Saturday's Bookstore finale

By MARY GREEN
Sports Writer

After two hard-fought semifinal games, the matchup for the 2013 Bookstore Basketball championship has been set.

One team's appearance in the final might have been a surprise last year, but not so much this year. No. 1 Sophomores at Holy Cross, who was unranked last year, will look to defend its 2012 title against the No. 2 Romeo Medical Clinic.

For Holy Cross sophomore Alajowon Edwards, his team's journey this year has been a little more difficult since it has played with a target on its back over the course of the tournament.

"It's a big target because we're

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NFL

Bengals draft Eifert 21st

By MIKE MONACO
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For the third time in two years a Notre Dame player was selected in the first round of the NFL Draft as the Cincinnati Bengals took former Irish tight end Tyler Eifert with the 21st pick.

After deciding to return to Notre Dame following his junior campaign, Eifert hauled in 50 receptions for a team-best 685 yards and four touchdowns as a senior. The 6-foot-6, 251-pound Fort Wayne, Ind. native won the John Mackey Award as the top tight end in the nation. In the BCS National Championship Game against Alabama, Eifert recorded six grabs for 61 yards.

Eifert, who is Notre Dame's all-time leader in receptions (140) and receiving yards (1,840) by a tight end, is the highest-picked Irish tight end since 1993, when Irv Smith went 20th overall.

"This is such an exciting time for Tyler and his family," Irish head coach Brian Kelly said in a statement. "He was faced with a difficult decision following his junior season whether or not to return to school. Tyler returned for his senior season and that decision was rewarded [Thursday]. He proved to be the best tight



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Tight end Tyler Eifert attempts to catch a pass during Notre Dame's 42-14 loss in the BCS National Championship Game at Sun Life Stadium.

end in college football, solidified himself as a first-round draft pick and, most importantly, earned his degree from the University of Notre Dame."

In 2012, former Irish receiver Michael Floyd was chosen with the 13th pick by the Arizona Cardinals. Later in the first round, the Minnesota Vikings selected former Irish safety Harrison Smith with the 29th overall

pick.

Former linebacker Manti Te'o, a projected first-round pick by many draft experts, is still on the board after Thursday's opening round.

Te'o had a historic senior season, finishing second in the Heisman Trophy voting. Te'o, who racked up 113 total tackles and seven interceptions in 2012, won a bevy of

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish play Orange in Meadowlands

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No. 1 Notre Dame and No. 7 Syracuse will decide the Big East regular season championship Saturday at the Big City Classic in MetLife Stadium, the home of the Jets and Giants of the National Football League (NFL), in East Rutherford, N.J.

In Game One of the Classic, scheduled for 4 p.m., No. 4 Cornell and No. 12 Princeton will square off for conference supremacy, as well.

Playing in an NFL stadium presents a slightly different playing environment, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said.

"It's always fun to play in these big stadiums in front of a big crowd," Corrigan said. "You've got 70,000 seats and 15,000 people as opposed to 5,000 people jammed into Arlotta like this past weekend."

The Orange (10-3, 4-1 Big East) had won four straight, including wins over both Cornell and Princeton, before dropping a 13-12 decision to Hobart in the Carrier Dome on April 16. Syracuse quickly rebounded with a 9-8 road win over Georgetown on Saturday.

Senior midfielder JoJo Marasco leads the Orange with 16 goals and 30 assists. Sophomore attack Kevin Rice is right behind him in points with 14 goals and 20 assists.

"Syracuse is a team that plays really, really well in the unsettled, transition situations," Corrigan said. "They put you in a lot of those. They're smart about how they make it happen and they're very good in their execution of them."

Corrigan said defending the Orange will be a three-part challenge — making good decisions on offense to avoid transition and fast breaks by Syracuse, defending in transition and finally finishing the defensive possession with solid, settled guarding on their talented offensive playmakers.

Notre Dame (10-2, 4-1) is coming off a 13-9 win over Villanova on Senior Day in Arlotta Stadium on Saturday. Senior attack Sean Rogers leads the Irish offense with 23 goals while freshman attack Matt Kavanagh is close on his tail with 20.

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