

Morris Inn completes expansion

After nine-month renovation, on-campus hotel opens doors for football home opener

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI
News Editor

After a \$30 million, nine-month renovation process, Notre Dame's Morris Inn reopened to the public Friday for the first time since the project began in October.

The building expanded from 72,000 to 137,000 square feet, with 150 guest rooms, new ballrooms and meeting rooms, a fireside outdoor terrace and a separate entrance on the north side. Director and general manager Joe Kurth said the Inn, known as "the living room of the University," will serve as an "economic engine" for Notre Dame.

"What many will remember as the old twin bed rooms now have plush king beds and double queens, and the bathrooms ... are now spacious and comfortable," Kurth said. "The rooms

themselves went from an average of 260 square feet to 375 square feet, and the white tent outside was replaced with a beautiful ballroom, so we can now host those January weddings a little more comfortably."

Although the hotel was closed during the nine-month construction process, no employees of the Inn were laid off during the past year, Kurth said.

"At Notre Dame, we talk about both what we do and how we do it. The construction team worked double shifts from 7 a.m. to midnight every day, essentially doing an 18-month project in nine months," he said. "Not a single associate lost his job."

"In corporate America, that wouldn't be a possibility, but at Notre Dame, it was 50-plus people placed in jobs

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Construction at the Morris Inn cost \$30 million and was funded by University donors. Now 137,000 square feet, the new hotel includes more guest rooms, a ballroom and expanded dining options.

Program helps exchange students

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By STACEY AVTGIS
News Writer

For international students traveling great distances to attend Saint Mary's, a revamped International Peer Mentor program will help ease the transition to campus life.

Junior Huyaling (Nora) Wang, co-chair of the International Committee of the Student Government Association (SGA),

said the Peer Mentor program was not efficiently promoted last year, leaving international students susceptible to homesickness.

"The program actually started second semester last year," said Kaitlyn Tarullo, the committee's other co-chair. "This year, we met with the international students at orientation in order

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Panelists discuss Syrian refugee dilemma

By TORI ROECK
Associate News Editor

As President Obama rallies congressional support to intervene in the Syrian conflict, panelists Asher Kaufman, Kevin Appleby and Fr. Dan Groody discussed the volatile Middle Eastern country's refugee diaspora Monday night in Geddes Hall.

In a presentation titled "Dignity and Justice for Migrants and Refugees: the Case of Syria," part of the Center for Social Concerns' lecture series on dignity and justice, the panelists covered the history of modern-day Syria, its current political conflict, the refugee crisis that resulted from it and the theology behind support for refugee rights.

Kaufman, an associate professor of history and peace studies, began the discussion relating the history of

Syria since the breakup of the Ottoman Empire during World War I.

As the modern nation state of Syria developed throughout the 20th century, the Alawites, a minority group from the northeast part of the region, began to gain power in the country's military and Ba'ath Party, Kaufman said.

"For the Alawites, the military became almost the only possibility for social mobility," he said. "And they used another venue for social mobility and that was the Ba'ath Party, the political party that advocated Arab nationalism as the most important identity, not only for Syrians but for all Arabic-speaking peoples in the Middle East."

Syria endured 14 coup d'états between 1949 and 1970, and during that time, the military and the Ba'ath Party converged, leading to an Alawite takeover of

politics, Kaufman said.

Hafez al-Assad, father of current leader Bashar al-Assad, took over in 1971, leading to nationwide stability, despite his ruthless tactics, he said.

"From a weak country, he turned Syria into a regional sort of a superpower," Kaufman said. "Syria slowly but surely enjoyed a stability that it did not have before 1970."

When Hafez al-Assad died in 2000, Kaufman said his son Bashar took power, promised reform and formed alliances with minority groups in Syria, including Jews, Christians and Sunni urbanites.

The Arab Spring arose in 2011, and Syrians realized Bashar al-Assad's government never delivered the reform it promised, Kaufman said. The opposition deteriorated into a

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Freshman Night at the Snite

Snite Museum of Art
4 p.m.-6 p.m.
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RCIA Information Session

Coleman-Morse Center
6 p.m.-7 p.m.
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Thursday

Momix

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Contemporary dance.

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Coleman-Morse Center
10 p.m.-11 p.m.
Interdenominational, student-led Christian fellowship.

Friday

"Can Notre Dame Women Have it All?"

South Dining Hall
12 p.m.-2 p.m.
Panel discussion.

Women's Volleyball

Purcell Pavilion
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
The Irish take on Bowling Green in the Golden Dome Invitational

Saturday

SatAWAY Fitness Class

Snite Museum of Art
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Free outdoor yoga.

Film Presentation

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Elkhart Community Schools teams up with SMC

By **CHRISTIN KLOSKI**
News Writer

Saint Mary's has partnered with Elkhart Community Schools to launch a Laboratory School Network, serving the county school system while expanding the College's education program.

The program began last summer with funding from an Elkhart County Community Foundation grant. The arrangement allows for a three-year partnership with the county, the College and Indiana University South Bend (IUSB), according to a College press release.

A report in The Elkhart Truth said the Laboratory School Network's goals are "to improve student learning, to reduce summer learning loss and to increase the application of research-based practices in elementary classrooms."

During the summer, students in the Laboratory School Network worked with Saint Mary's education majors at Cleveland Elementary. Senior education majors Ellen Smith, Megan Calender, Griffin

Bemisderfer, Kaley Jones and Allison Vasile participated in the new partnership this summer.

Smith said the six-week experience furthered her development as an education major,

"This summer I taught first grade summer school and it was an incredible experience," Smith said. "It was so rewarding for myself

"It was rewarding for myself and for my students because we always were learning from each other and I was able to practice being a teacher."

Ellen Smith
senior

and for my students because we always were learning from each other and I was able to practice being a teacher.

"Saint Mary's does so much to help make an impact in our schools by giving these students another positive adult in their lives."

Director of Media Relations Gwen O'Brien said in the press release that the mission of the Laboratory School Network is "to support learning for [Elkhart Community Schools] students and the professional development of pre-service teachers from Saint Mary's."

According to The Elkhart Truth, "student teachers had taken it on their own to write grants for Saint Mary's spiral notebooks, folders, pencils and other supplies that each student at Cleveland's program will receive."

The program benefited the students' education during summer, a time in which students often forget about schoolwork. It also offered Saint Mary's students the experience of working with children in a classroom.

According to an Elkhart Community Schools report, "Saint Mary's and IUSB are the first higher education schools to put programs in operation ... These lab schools are the first summer laboratory schools in northern Indiana public school setting."

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sectarian war.

To gain support, Bashar al-Assad told minority groups they would not survive if they did not support him, Kaufman said.

"He has played the sectarian card, using his pull with other minorities – Christians and Jews – saying that he is the supporter of their safety," he said. "If this uprising is successful, then they will lose their own safety. They will lose their own ability to live ... in Syria"

The issues in Syria have become more complex since then, spreading to neighboring countries, Kaufman said.

"The conflict has deteriorated into ... a regional conflict complex, where different states around are involved, where ethnic communities straddle the borders," he said.

This dispersion of conflict and violence has led to a refugee diaspora from Syria into neighboring countries such as Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey and Jordan. Appleby, the director of the Office of Migration Policy and Public Affairs within the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), said 1.7 million refugees in the region have registered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, but he estimates more than two million refugees roam the area in total.

Appleby said the Middle East is experiencing "refugee fatigue" because refugees from Iraq, Palestine and Syria are all seeking permanency in the area, leading countries to contemplate closing their borders.

"You've got the issue of a domestic discontent over this new wave of refugees that are here that are on top of other refugee populations," Appleby said. "Governments are starting to get more restless, and it puts pressure on the governments to do more or puts pressure on the governments to close their borders. And then you've got a situation where people are fleeing persecution or death and they have nowhere to go."

Appleby said it's up to the international community to share the burden of resettlement so deserving refugees can find stability.

"Unless the international community antes up, then there's a risk that these countries are going to close their borders, and one of the reasons that they might close their borders is because the resident population is feeling threatened," he said.

The United States intended to resettle most of the Iraqi refugees living in Syria

before the conflict erupted, but poor relations with the Syrian government prevented this from happening, leaving thousands of Iraqis stranded in turbulent Syria, Appleby said.

"We're debating these cruise missiles going into Syria, which is a serious issue, but there's really no discussion of this major humanitarian crisis that's occurring," he said. "In that way our priorities are backwards, in my opinion."

Groody, an associate professor of theology at Notre Dame, ended the discussion by sharing some reflections from his and Appleby's visit to the Middle East as part of the USCCB's Syrian refugee delegation last fall.

Groody said as he stood atop Mount Nebo in Jordan, where Moses died waiting to cross into the Promised Land, he realized to a certain extent we still have not reached it because we continue to search for right relationships.

"The God who had everything migrated into the foreign, distant territory of our sinful, broken existence, and there he laid down his life on a cross so we can be reconciled to God and migrate back to our homeland," Groody said. "What we see God doing in Jesus is constantly trying to overcome those borders, those divisions, those walls, those barriers that keep us from being in right relationships."

Groody said four dimensions shape migration theology: crossing the inhuman/human divide, crossing the divine/human divide, crossing the human/human divide and crossing the country/kingdom divide.

When he met a Syrian woman stranded in Lebanon whose husband, three sons and grandson had all been killed, he realized that all the divides break down in the face of true suffering.

"When you really get to the place where you see the suffering of humanity in such raw form, to me it just totally dissolves many of these differences because you really see what I think is at the base of all of us, which is our basic humanity," he said.

Groody said the Church seeks to bring a message of reconciliation in hopes that future generations will cross into the Promised Land.

"At the heart of the theology of migration is that even in these situations you must not despair because I think that the God who crossed over these borders is the same God who continues to tell us to cross over borders and try to make interconnections with our brothers and sisters in need," he said.

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to promote a cohesive relationship with the new Belles and the returning students.”

There are 20 new international students at Saint Mary's this semester, coming from countries such as Australia, China, Japan and Korea, Wang said. While each student chooses to stay at the College for either a semester, a year or all four years, she said the difficulties they face are similar. Smooth transitioning to another country requires easy access to

cultural and second-language norms, which can be facilitated with the help of a peer mentor.

Wang said Saint Mary's students interested in the peer mentor position will undergo an online application and interview process. Once chosen and paired with an international student, they will serve as an outlet of support for that student.

Wang, a degree-seeking student from China, said she recalls good memories from her transition to Saint Mary's as a first-year but the process would be easier with the help of a peer mentor. At that time, there was no peer mentor

program offered.

“We did have international activities on campus before this year, but I don't think it had a large influence on campus,” she said. “We always had an international orientation, but we now have more activities for international students that will be noticed by the whole student body.”

Wang said this addition will help the international students adjust to Saint Mary's campus life as soon as possible, enabling them to become active participants in the student body.

Senior ImJung Ha, an international student from South Korea,

said peer mentors help exchange students adjust to the nuances of American life.

“Peer mentors are great because they help you make friends and help with English when the dictionary does not explain which word is right,” she said.

Simple activities such as taking international students shopping for supplies, helping them become familiar with the campus and the norms of an American college classroom and providing companionship will be incorporated in the Peer Mentor Program, Wang said.

Wang said she believes that this program will also affect the entire

Saint Mary's campus. She also said that involving Saint Mary's students in this program will increase the awareness of international students attending Saint Mary's.

“I think it would be really enough if all the students noticed,” Wang said. “I know students are always busy here, so sometimes they might not have the spare time. If we could promote the influence of the international student body this year, we would make progress.”

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all around campus, and as we reopened, they had the option to return with us.”

With the expanded property, the hotel now employs over 150 associates compared to the 65 before, Kurth said. As part of the renovations, the Inn com-

“It was amazing how many students came in to the open house like ‘Wow, are we allowed to be here?’”

Joe Kurth
director and general manager

bined business operations with McKenna Hall, home of the Notre Dame Conference Center.

“Our core business is hosting academic conferences and supporting the University in its entire academic mission,” he said. “Having options in both buildings provides us with a lot of flexibility, and we’ve been tasked with returning profits to the academic mission since the University



Photo provided by the Morris Inn

Morris Inn's upgraded lobby is as elegant as it is environmentally responsible. The building's developers teamed up with the University's Office of Sustainability for eco-friendly features, such as LED lights.

spent over 30 million [dollars] on renovation work.”

Kurth said the public open house held last week brought many students into the building for the first time, and he hopes the renovations will help the Inn partner with the University overall

to improve life on campus.

“It was amazing how many students came in to the open house like ‘Wow, are we allowed to be here?’ We want to be a good partner to the University, which means connecting with students,” Kurth said.

Megan Akatu, director of sales for the Morris Inn, said the new space will have several points of interaction with student life.

“Our restaurants are open every day from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., and we accept Diner Dollars everywhere in

here,” Akatu said. “There’s a small gift shop which is part of the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, and when your parents are in town it’s a great place to dine with them. As far as student functions go, the ballrooms would be an ideal space for dances too.”

Other new services include valet parking for day and night events and iPad technology in each room. Kurth said the Inn is seeking LEED Silver certification from the United States Green Building Council as well, partnering with Notre Dame’s Office of Sustainability to include features such as a “green roof” for storm water management and improved air quality, LED lights throughout the building and single stream recycling.

The original donation for the 2012 renovation came from Ernestine Morris Carmichael Raclin, according to Kurth. She is the daughter of Ernest and Ella Morris, who made the 1952 version possible, and Kurth said her contribution was the starting gift that was joined by donations from other benefactors.

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My strange love

Charlie Ducey
News Writer

I love, absolutely love, working on the South Dining Hall's dish line.

Yes, you read right. That was no sarcasm-infused opener. Washing those sauce-stained dishes, plunging my hand into the watery trough of unknown food waste to retrieve a renegade fork, removing rack after rack of trays stacked high with plates, cups and half-eaten meals — that is my passion.

For those of you who don't know what lies beyond the veiled carousel of trays in South Dining Hall, let me summarize. The trays rotate along the three-tier carousel of foody fun into the sweaty underbelly of the South Dining Hall, manned by hard working employees of both the student and fulltime variety. A conveyer belt carrying its stow of dirty dishware runs below the carousel at waist level. Between that conveyer belt and the workers is the "trough." You do not want to touch the trough for any reason, unless you desire to lose an extremity in the garbage disposal at the trough's end.

Behind the front line of fearless dish washers sits what I like to call "the behemoth," a seven-foot tall, 30-foot long metal beast through which the once-dirty dishes pass, emerging at the other end at the steamy temperature of 130 degrees Fahrenheit. This is the dish line. This is my playground.

Its language is that of clanking dishes and grinding machinery, the occasional phrase in Spanish or Vietnamese and rapid gesticulation when the cacophony nullifies all speech. Its currency is hard work, bent forks and the all-too-common lost cell phone. Amidst all of this, it is a place for listening and contemplation. My best ideas are born here.

Now, my love for the dish line might not yet seem justified by this less than endearing description. But as with many places that outwardly seem bad, the people and events contained within are what make the place good, even lovable. There are the fellow student workers, student managers, authoritative kitchen managers and the experienced full-time staffers, all surprisingly happy on the dish line.

Their happiness is contagious but often interrupted by the tasks of the job: cut gloves, untied aprons, shattered plates and minimal wages. If there's one thing South Dining Hall patrons could do to make them all happier, it would be this: Please lay the cups on their sides when the trays are loaded. Either way, the dish line is my strange, strange love — sauce stains and all.

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We need progress, not hype

Charles Logue and Dan McMurtrie
The Constructive Critics

Anyone who introduced themselves as a Notre Dame student over the summer probably heard something about the BCS National Championship massacre mentioned within 10 seconds. It's almost astounding to see the deep satisfaction so many individuals across the country derived from our defeat.

But why? Were they simply jealous watching those blue and gold colors rack up a 12-0 season record? Perhaps. But maybe it was something else. Maybe most of the country saw a "rich, white school" that had an extraordinary run of miraculous luck that allowed them to eke out narrow victories. Maybe a school that bought into its own PR so much that they went to the title game in "#1" t-shirts. Whatever they saw, everyone saw the game, witnessing the Irish virtually evacuate the stadium once the reality check had been issued by Alabama.

Why have we taken you on this unpleasant trip down memory lane? Because sometimes becoming the very best means acknowledging your faults. Every student at Notre Dame has heard — or will hear — countless times about our status as an elite institution, rivaling Ivy League schools in student quality, number of varsity sports, rich/famous alumni, landscaping budget, froyo consumption etc. However, we at Notre Dame have a favorite buzzword that eternally elevates us: tradition. This is not necessarily a bad thing, but tradition often becomes an excuse for

stagnation — a belief that our way, the "Notre Dame way," was, is and always will be the best way.

The 2012 Irish was a great team with a defense any program would be proud to claim. But frankly, we were up against an opponent on a completely different level and allowed ourselves to ride the hype train straight into a wall. Leading up to the game, any such suggestion was practically blasphemy, but there's a wonderful thing in football: short feedback loops. If a play does not work, you know within about three seconds when an Alabama linebacker crushes you like a soda can. On the field of play, this allows Brian "Big Hugs" Kelly to make on-the-fly adjustments to our strategy. Unfortunately, we in the general Notre Dame community have no such feedback loop.

The reason we don't have a feedback loop is simple in concept but complex in motivation. The concept is that we, as a community, have an appalling ability to handle constructive criticism. We are so enamored with our own success that we fail to consider that just because we are winning here and there does not mean we've won. We do this while simultaneously failing to do what others will to ensure they actually win when the games that matter roll around.

Why we do this has a lot to do with who we are. Obviously, a lot of Notre Dame's culture and heritage draws on the Catholic Church, and nobody is bigger than the beloved Church on tradition. One of the chief criticisms of the religious community is that organized religion has indisputably

not been a fan of questioning in general (historically speaking, of course). This is dangerous because any person, organization or culture that believes it already knows all the answers cannot be improved. They have at best sentenced themselves to obsolescence and mediocrity, and this is what Notre Dame faces if it cannot develop a healthy sense of internal constructive criticism.

We are not ranked No. 1 right now. We are not even top 10. We are prestigious amongst football schools for academics, but we are not prestigious in academics or football against schools that are genuinely focused on either endeavor. We need to stop pretending we are, and the only reason that's true is that Notre Dame actually could be all of these things. We need to be innovative. We need to be humble. We need to be less of a PR machine and more like former Notre Dame football coach Jesse Harper. Notre Dame shouldn't ever be the type of school that runs delusionally into an embarrassing slaughter. Notre Dame should be the type of school that throws a pass and changes the game.

To quote American historian Daniel J. Boorstin, "The greatest obstacle to discovery is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge."

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A letter to all pre-med students

Adam Newman
Scientia Potentia Est

I love when I talk to someone who tells me they hope to go to medical school. Becoming a doctor is one of society's most important professions and the need for them has never been greater. However, while it is great to see young people excited about medicine, it is embarrassing how little they know about the profession they are entering.

The health care field is changing very fast and there are many reasons why this is happening. The most important reason is cost. Our health care system is costly — we spend far more on health care as a percentage of our gross domestic product and per person than any other country in the world. The obvious response to this is, "Sure, we spend a lot, but we also have the highest quality health care system." However, this really is not the case. On any quality indicator, whether it be infant mortality, length of life, five-year cancer survival rates and countless other quality indicators, America provides roughly the same and in many cases, worse quality than countries that spend less than us on health care.

To many, this does not make sense. "America has the smartest doctors, the most

innovative drugs and the most advanced technology. Why can we not produce high quality health care?" The reason is these factors, while all good, are extremely fragmented and do not coalesce together in a way that provides smooth, cost-effective care. Atul Gawande, a renowned surgeon and health policy expert, has written, "[Imagine] building a car with Porsche brakes, a Ferrari engine, a BMW chassis and a Volvo body. Put it all together and what you have is an expensive pile of junk that doesn't go anywhere because the pieces don't work together."

What health care needs is doctors to work less as individuals and more as a team across specialties. Currently, 40 percent of doctors work in a solo or two-person practice. Now, the number of solo and small group practices is declining as many hospitals are acquiring small practices. However, even within hospitals and health care systems, the culture largely tends to be based on individuality rather than team care.

Why is it important to provide care in a team? Many doctors believe they work better alone, or that they do not want their compensation tied to the performance of others. The reason is that team-based care is important to take care of the sickest and most expensive patients in the system. Health care spending is skewed towards

the sickest patients, as the one percent of most costly patients are responsible for 23 percent of the costs and the top five percent are responsible for 45 percent of all costs. The bottom 50 percent of spenders are responsible for three percent of all costs. The most expensive patients are those that have many chronic diseases (diabetes, cancer etc.) and need to see many doctors, undergo numerous treatments and take multiple drugs. When each doctor contributes a piece on the continuum of care without knowing what everyone else is doing, medical errors, adverse reactions, duplicative tests, readmissions, missed prevention opportunities and other bad outcomes occur. If doctors work together to create a course of care for a patient, many of these issues can be avoided and lead to a better quality of life for the patient at a lower cost.

There are many doctors (usually older doctors) who are very cynical about the state of American health care. Many doctors reflect upon the "good old days" and lambaste the current system that seems to be going to hell. This is, of course, their opinion. But what should be known is that these physicians advocate for a system that has grown much faster than the economy, has devastated the savings of families, lowered wages, put companies on the brink of insolvency and forced state governments

and the federal government to cut back on essential priorities. Moreover, the older health care system too often placed the financial interests of the health care stakeholders over the health of patients.

The health care system is changing, which will surely upset some due to a natural opposition to change. However, we should be rejoicing that our health care system is becoming more focused on providing greater value — meaning higher quality care — at a lower cost. Many systems are experimenting with having nurses manage the care of the sickest patients. New technology systems are making it easier to create and share records. Insurance companies are beginning to hold groups of physicians accountable for the cost and quality of the medicine they provide. All these things are happening regardless of what physicians want. Even still, without having physicians, especially young physicians, who embrace this change, America can never hope to cure its broken health care system.

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The poverty of wealth

Carter Boyd
God, Country, Notre Dame

In our seemingly overzealous capitalistic society, the dire extremes of excessive wealth juxtaposed with a desperate life of poverty exemplify the unjust problems which exist within our economy and systems of governance in 21st century America. In all of history, never has there been such a discrepancy in the haves and have nots in our society. There seems to be a far greater number of people suffering from a deficiency of services deemed necessary for a sustainable, healthy and decent standard of living in this world. These services include food, shelter and health care. My summer experience provided me the opportunity to see firsthand those in need and gave me a glimpse of how we as a community can help those in need.

This summer, I spent time outside of Boston serving in Lawrence, Mass. and commuting from Andover, the next town down the highway. While I had been cognizant of the discrepancy between the two extreme financial groups existing in this nation growing up, my time this summer memorably had me experience both lifestyles simultaneously. Andover, for the most part, is a town for the affluent. Many of the houses are mansions, perfectly quaint and red-bricked. There are great

schools, barely any crime and deep financial security. In contrast, Lawrence, or as one Boston publication deemed it, "The City of the Damned," is one of the poorest cities in Massachusetts and the country. In this poverty-stricken immigrant city, I served at an organization called the Lazarus House, which acts as a homeless shelter, thrift store, soup kitchen and food pantry while providing educational courses and job placement for thousands of impoverished men, women and children.

Working with the guests in all of the various forms of ministry in the organization, I was able to hear countless stories of personal struggle, loss, hardship and pain, but along with these, I also heard beautiful stories of triumph, gain, blessings and healing. The experiences I built up in an eight-week immersive service program compelled me to further realize and ponder the deep injustices that exist not only in our world but in our nation, states and communities. Although many of us have worked with the disadvantaged and downtrodden, it is evident that many of us also live in a bubble at Notre Dame as we are somewhat hidden and distanced from some of the pains and sufferings of the world. This makes it difficult for many of us to recognize and act on the deep-rooted injustices that affect so many other individuals battling the ravages of life below the poverty line. It is hard to comprehend

how so many can live in destitution, barely making it from day to day on welfare with no home and a few ragged pairs of clothes, while those around us seem to have what they need and more.

Great examples of this phenomenon exist here at Notre Dame within the South Bend community. There are parts of South Bend that are stricken by poverty, with people dependent on soup kitchens, food pantries and homeless shelters within a few mile radius of Our Lady's University. Consider going, seeing and helping at Our Lady of the Road, the South Bend Center for the Homeless, The Catholic Worker or any other organization that meets the poor people in our community where they are trying to provide comfort, services and smiles to them.

I take the words of President Fr. Jenkins to heart when he says Notre Dame needs to "heal, unify and enlighten for a world deeply in need." When I look at the golden dome, I know many enjoy its beauty, but I think of the humble woman who gave birth to her son in a manger and how they were appreciative just to have a stable for shelter. The Basilica has provided inspiration and spiritual growth for many, but I have relished the times I attended mass in the Log Cabin Chapel, with its refreshing simplicity. I know our religious places of worship and sacramental statues are so important to our society, culture and religious spiritual

journey. That's why it has been refreshing that Pope Francis is encouraging us to be less materialistic and to simply help the poor and those in need. Pope Francis has shrugged the thought of a fancy car and has tried to live in a less extravagant apartment at the Vatican. Maybe we should follow our Holy Father's lead in prayerful thought and consideration of others.

I challenge all of my fellow Domers to help those in need just a little more than we normally do. Let's raise the bar on helping the poor, sick and downtrodden in our community of South Bend. Reach out to those in desperate need of your help. I encourage you to apply to work in the SLP program through Notre Dame. It will be a life-changing experience for you and the lives of those you touch. Seeing the Notre Dame alumni helping the poor and unfortunate, as well as mentoring the students of Notre Dame, encourages me to continue helping those in need. Will we hear the call? Will we as a university work harder to alleviate the poverty that surrounds the glow of our dome?

And when will it ever be enough?

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SITTING DOWN WITH JIM GAFFIGAN

By KEVIN NOONAN
Scene Editor

Observer Scene: How long have you been on tour so far?

Jim Gaffigan: Well, I'm always doing shows. This hour, I've been working on it for two years.

OS: Have you done a taped show yet for television?

JG: No, I do that near the end. So I'll probably do that in January.

OS: And you have the book out right now, too, "Dad is Fat." So now when you go places do people ask you more about the book or your stand-up?

JG: The thing that's deceptive about books is that, even to be a New York Times bestseller, you don't have to sell that many of them. You know, compared to ticket sales or albums; like there will probably be 2,000 [people out there tonight]. You can sell 2,000 books in a week and be on the New York Times Bestseller List, which is amazing. You'd think it would be a lot more. I love the book thing because there are some people that are just so much more impressed by a book, because stand-up is like, the status down there with mime and prop work. I'm not saying it is, but some people might.

OS: So if you've worked on this hour for two years now, how different is it now than when you started?

JG: It's evolving, and it's still evolving. I'll take bolder steps at different times. College shows are very unique, they're a unique task in that, everyone is below the age of what, 23? So there's some reference points that we can share; a view of being broke. Me talking about my kids, not that I do it that much, but I wouldn't do it at a college show probably.

The hour changes, but I'm an observational guy so it's kind of bits and pieces, it's not huge, new ideas.

OS: What's the college set going to look like tonight in comparison to like a club?

JG: College students are more intelligent than a club audience on a whole, usually, but you know if it's a drunk college audience, then it might as well be a prom show. It's also different types of schools have different cultures, too. You can't really say that Notre Dame would be similar to Boston College, you can't say that Notre Dame would be similar to any other Midwestern school. It's the best university in the world.

OS: I agree with you, you're going to make some fans out there saying that. Did you do stand-up when you were in college?

JG: I did like a talent show, where I hosted and I kind of did stand-up, but I was too terrified. I didn't think that I wanted to be a comedian. I studied finance in college. It's weird because I used to go to Notre Dame on Saturdays. I grew up in northwestern Indiana, so I'd come to Notre Dame on Saturdays and see games occasionally. I would wear the Notre Dame stuff all through high school, and then I didn't get in.

OS: Are you still a fan?

JG: Yeah. I mean, I don't watch college football as much as I did when I was in high school. But it's also, I'm from Indiana, and I'm Catholic. If you're Catholic and from Indiana, first of all if you're Catholic and from the United States, then by law you have to like Notre Dame. It's just like Mormons with BYU. So I think everyone's a Notre Dame fan. It's like St. Patrick's Day, everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day.

OS: Now that you're on tour constantly, and you've got a family at home, how many kids is it?

JG: Five.

OS: How is touring different now than it was when you first started out, now that you've made it but you have more responsibilities at home as compared to not having anything but not having any responsibilities either?

JG: Yeah, it's a huge difference. When I leave, because I have five kids, there's a shuffling of responsibilities. Not to say that I do a fraction of what my wife does. So it has to be worth it for me to leave town. And then when I tour at like spring break and during the summer I'll go for two weeks and I take the whole family and we go on a tour bus.

OS: I think I read somewhere that you have a CBS show in the works, has that got a green light on it?

JG: I mean, kind of. But network television is such a crapshoot. I mean I'd love for it to happen. Maybe I'm too superstitious to think that it will. I don't know, it's just a long shot.

OS: Do you have other future plans, do you want to keep doing stand-up or more books or movies?

JG: I like doing stand-up, and the book was really fun. I've kind of learned that there's really no guarantee what's going to happen. I thought that I was going to be like a writer on Letterman, I didn't know I'd be doing theaters and stuff like that, or colleges for people that are secretly drunk. So I'm flexible. I love acting, but I'm not holding my breath. The process of getting acting roles is pretty humiliating. I describe it as like stripping, but you don't get

the dollar.

OS: How often do people come up to you and do the "meow" thing from "Super Troopers?"

JG: I would say of people that come up and do things, out of 10 people approaching and saying a weird thing, seven of them would be hot pockets, two of them would be bacon and one of them would be meow.

OS: I know you're on the road, but are there are other comedians that you make time to watch when they do new stuff?

JG: You know, it's weird. I've been doing stand-up for 20 years. I have friends that I like that I'll watch and I'll have a kind of emotional attachment and an interest in them succeeding. There's new comics, and the weird thing is that's always the question: "Who are the new comics?" I try and change it up, but some of the "new" comics are not that new. Like John Mulaney is not that new, Hannibal Burress is not that new. I think Nate Bargatze is funny, there's tons of funny people.

OS: We had a lot of coverage in the paper last week about "Breaking Bad," do you watch the show?

JG: Yeah.

OS: Do you have any predictions for how the show's going to end?

JG: I think he's probably going to die, right? And think that Hank is probably going to get in a position where he can expose him, and then I think that Walt's wife is going to kill someone. There we go, I'm going on the record. Take it from me, I tell diarrhea jokes for a living.

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HEW'S
REVIEW:VOLCANO CHOIR'S
"REPAVE"By MATTHEW NIENDORF
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When the mastermind and frontman of Bon Iver Justin Vernon announced in late 2012 that the band would be going on hiatus, it seemed the Indie music world was left slightly empty. From 2007 onwards Bon Iver set a new standard for Indie folk, flawlessly weaving tracks of stark simplicity with ones of brutal complexity to make revolutionary albums. The one deficiency in Bon Iver's career is that it only produced two full-length albums, "For Emma, Forever Ago" in 2007 and "Bon Iver, Bon Iver" in 2011. Despite this uncertain future, there is hope for the Indie world: Vernon's band Volcano Choir.

While fans of Bon Iver wait for the reentry of the band into the music scene, they can for the time enjoy Vernon's side project, Volcano Choir, which could in fact turn into his main musical focus. Volcano Choir was formed in 2009 with the release of its first album, "Unmap," which is certainly a sophisticated album relative to the genre but falls short of the lyricism produced by Vernon on "For Emma, Forever Ago." Volcano Choir's newest album, "Repave," overcomes the faults of "Unmap" to become a worthy companion to the heralded works of Bon Iver. "Repave" is simply haunting,

beginning with the whirling of an organ that slowly becomes overshadowed by the gentle acoustic guitar of Vernon. And then it begins: Vernon gently sings, "We wake up" as the cadence picks up, then the song becomes awash with the familiar Bon Iver elements: auto-tuning, sporadic flourishes of heavy drums and Vernon's layered back-up vocals. After finishing the first track "Tiderays," listeners can rest assured that although Bon Iver may never make music again, the musical style itself lives on.

While the album does not necessarily reinvent the genre, "Repave" takes risks and pushes pre-existing components to limits even Bon Iver was not willing to try. The electronic manipulation of vocals intertwined with the distortion of guitars provides a sufficient base from which Vernon's unsettling but (mostly) profound lyrics may be cast. The result is an immensely satisfying display of grandiose musicianship. The music of "Repave" is often overwhelming, and the themes at first seem meandering and disjointed. However, the album leaves listeners with perfect contentedness, as it suddenly seems to manage the chaos at its very close. Bon Iver could sadly be finished for good, but after listening to "Repave" solace is found.

When to listen: After we lose our first football game, so probably this month.

Where to listen: On your friend's futon, the one he bought from Target because it was cheap and looked cool, but it has that weird fold in the middle that makes it practically unusable. On second thought, go out and lay on the quad.

What to eat when you listen: Pretzels. Not because they're on the album or anything, but because, hey, who doesn't like pretzels?

Who to talk after you listen: Unless they've listened, the answer is no one, because they probably won't want to hear about how that Pangborn girl they just met at Domerfest is going to break their heart in Alaska.

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"Repave"

Volcano Choir

Label: Jagjaguwar**Tracks:** Tiderays, Acetate**If you like:** Bon Iver

SISTER, SISTER: THE VIGIL

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In Notre Dame's hallowed halls, the Thomassen sisters recall their defining parallel moments facing new friendships, football weekends and issues of faith. Erin is a freshman and Meghan is a senior. These are their stories.

The night before Frosh-O 2013.

Erin: I know I'm desperate when I start counting leprechauns instead of sheep. Who was I kidding? I can't fall asleep early the night before Frosh-O.

Meghan: Erin moves in tomorrow, and all I can think about is the look on her face when she sees the dome for the first time. I can't sleep, I'm so excited. Campus might not mean a lot to her now, but soon it will feel just like home.

Erin: I grope in the dark for the handy-dandy book light the salesman insisted I buy at Bed, Bath and Beyond while shopping for dorm stuff, only to find it fails to turn on without batteries — the things they fail

to teach at prep school.

Meghan: I'm unfamiliar with the small, stuffy room in my house off campus. I yearn for the sweet, sweet air conditioning that came with living in Pasquerilla East. Erin is going to get so spoiled this year.

Erin: With a sigh, I roll out of bed to flip the lights switch on, stumbling over the bag of clothes I forgot to donate in the process. Though it's hard to part with my army of t-shirts, I know my life will be simpler and my dorm neater when my stuff fits in just a few bags. And two suitcases. And six shoeboxes. Maybe I still need to narrow it down a bit ...

Meghan: None of the things that worried me when I was her age worry me now. I remember how much I stressed about the way my hair frizzed in the South Bend humidity. That was really dumb. I could have done so many better things with that time.

Erin: I abandon the anthill of clothes on my floor and start flipping through the Bible I forgot to pack. Hmmm, which verse will help me stop sweating and start sleeping? I cast my cares on Him to find I can do all things through Christ — except fall asleep.

Meghan: I'm determined that this year will be the year that I do a better job of connecting my faith with my religion. I missed Mass on campus so much while I was in London last semester. I never thought a small chapel on the ground floor of a cement-block dorm would become so important to me.

Erin: Dejected, I unwrap the book of Fighting Irish football history that my dad, Class of 1978, gave me for graduation. Somewhere between Knute Rockne and Joe Montana, I drift off into a REM cycle and dream about a hippo named Larry.

Meghan: And eventually, Erin will grow to like football. Hopefully.

Erin: At 4 a.m., my phone quacks at me to get up and get dressed. As I run out the door, I slip the football book into my carry-on. I never know when I'll need another good night's sleep.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Manziel just lives a normal college life



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You are a college kid. What did you do this past weekend?

I'm sure you enjoyed some drinks on Friday night before possibly engaging in some questionable decisions. On Saturday, I'm sure you tailgated before the game, whether you were legally allowed to or not. And on Saturday night? I'm sure the festivities continued.

So what makes your actions better than Johnny Manziel's? They are not.

The reigning Heisman Trophy winner has been under the microscope like he was a new dinosaur species since

20-year-olds do. They go out and drink and party. They would sit courtside and hit up concerts if they could. They like to trash-talk and rub it in (even in interhall sports, it's true). As college students, no one knows that better than us.

Manziel is being accused as the most immature person out there but the fact is that we would all do the same things he has been doing. Plenty of us have drunk underage and a fair bit of us have fake IDs. Let's not pretend that he's doing stuff we have not done.

His autograph scandal still remains a bit shady, and that is just about the only thing I do not think he should have done. His one-half suspension was an odd decision by the

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he won college football's biggest award. First came the pictures with James Harden and LeBron James. Then came the Drake concert. Then came the first pitches at Rangers and Padres games.

Then came the Manning Passing Academy dismissal. Then came the Texas frat party. Then came the autograph scandal. Then came the suspension.

And then, finally, Johnny Football played some, er, football in the second half of a season-opening 52-31 win over Rice on Saturday. So everything was back to normal, right?

Yes, but only if you include some trash talking and an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty along with more touchdowns than incompletions. He was clearly not ready for the friendly banter from the Rice defenders and could have handled it better than gesturing an autograph motion. The scoreboard point, though, was the purest form of trash talk. Manziel's actions simply said, "We're better than you and we (and the scoreboard) know it."

But all that is just fine with me. Manziel is 20 years old and is doing exactly what

NCAA, but when was the last time the NCAA did anything logically?

Maybe the only organization that has paid closer attention to Manziel than the NCAA has been ESPN. Manziel does not need to be on every segment of "SportsCenter" for two days in a row. His Instagram posts have no spot on a sports highlight show. His party plans do not belong on TMZ, let alone "PTI." And his personal life should not be equated with his athletic career.

In fact, ESPN is partly to blame for all the Johnny Football hate. People just get tired of hearing about the same thing over and over again. Do you think it's Tim Tebow's and LeBron James' fault that ESPN keeps them on television? No, but because they are, people begin to hate them, whether it's warranted or not.

So what will Johnny Manziel do next weekend? Whatever it is, I'm sure he'll be criticized for it, whether it's warranted or not. Meanwhile, you won't be.

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NFL

Tebow's NFL career left uncertain following release

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — A Heisman Trophy, a riveting playoff game, an international following.

Tim Tebow won all that in his football career.

On Saturday, he lost his third NFL job in 18 months. It might be hard to find another.

The quarterback with two big problems — throwing the ball and reading defenses — was cut by the New England Patriots less than 12 weeks after they signed him and just five days before the season.

But, as Tebow sees it, this long journey is not over.

"I will remain in relentless pursuit of continuing my lifelong dream of being an NFL quarterback," he tweeted.

Coach Bill Belichick gave the player whose profile was higher than his production what may have been his last chance when he signed him June 11, the day the Patriots' three-day minicamp began. And Tebow is grateful.

He thanked Belichick, offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels and owner Robert Kraft, who said last Tuesday he was "rooting" for Tebow but would let Belichick make the decision.

In his tweet, Tebow thanked the "entire Patriots organization for giving me the opportunity to be a part of such a classy organization."

The Patriots cut 12 other players and put safety Adrian Wilson on injured reserve. That left them with 51 players, two below the regular-season limit they had to reach by 6 p.m. EDT.

Belichick didn't comment on Tebow's release.

But NFL.com analyst and former NFL executive Gil Brandt wasn't surprised.

"He has had a great career and I think it's probably time for him to admit that he just wasn't right up to NFL standards," Brandt said. "I'm sure that whatever

he does in life he'll be a huge success.

Tebow was surely that at Florida, where he won the Heisman and two national championships while surrounded by talented teammates.

He was a success with Denver, for one season, when he went 7-1 in his first eight starts in 2011 then threw an 80-yard touchdown pass to Demaryius Thomas on the first play of overtime to give the Broncos a 29-23 playoff win over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Tebow knelt on one knee — an expression of faith known as Tebowing — in the end zone.

But then a career of accomplishment descended into adversity.

Tebow led the Broncos into Foxborough the next weekend and lost 45-10 while completing barely a third of his passes.

He was traded to the New York Jets the following March and languished on the bench while coach Rex Ryan ignored fans' calls for Tebow to replace a struggling Mark Sanchez. Tebow threw just eight passes, ran only 32 times and was cut last April 29.

For six weeks no team wanted him until the Patriots signed him to a low-risk, two-year contract with no guaranteed money. One person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press that Tebow would make the veteran's minimum salary, \$630,000 in 2013, with incentives.

At least he wouldn't be in the center ring of a media circus that surrounded him in New York, not with Belichick's tight rein on players' interactions with reporters.

If anyone could turn him into a good NFL quarterback, it seemed, it would be Belichick. And McDaniels was a booster of Tebow, drafting him in the first round in 2010 as Denver's head coach. There even was

speculation that Belichick might find other positions for the mobile Tebow to play, but he worked out only with the quarterbacks.

And his passes still bounced at receivers' feet and flew over their heads.

"We see things like the pass that he threw in overtime to Thomas," Brandt said. "I think we see that every once in a while. It really gets us excited about the guy."

"I don't know if he's ever going to be a quarterback, and the reasons that I say that is that I think it's very, very hard with somebody that doesn't have real good accuracy (and) I don't know if he has a real good feel for the game."

Now, barely two weeks after his 26th birthday, Tebow's NFL career may be over.

"I can't predict that," said John Fox, who took over as Denver's coach in 2011 and traded him after the season. "I wish nothing but the best for him, as I've said many times. He did a lot of good things for us, was great to this organization and to this coaching staff, myself included."

The Patriots have carried just two quarterbacks in three of the past four seasons. So with Ryan Mallett entrenched as the backup to Tom Brady, Tebow's challenge was a difficult one, even before the preseason started. Then he posted a quarterback rating of just 47.2 with two touchdown passes, two interceptions and seven sacks in three exhibition games.

Tebow's last play with the Patriots, and perhaps in the NFL, was a 9-yard touchdown to rookie free agent Quentin Sims with six seconds left in a 28-20 win over the New York Giants on Thursday night.

With two scoring passes, it was the best of Tebow's three games during a shaky preseason in which he completed 11 of 30 passes for 145 yards and ran 16 times for 91 yards.

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the sea is where a fish should be.

But oh God. Under the weight of life. Things seem brighter on the other side.

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But oh God. Under the weight of life. Things seem brighter on the other side.

Oh God. Under the weight of life. Things seem so much

better on the other side.

No way, no way. No way out of here. You see the little monkey sitting up in his monkey tree. One day decided to climb down and run off to the city. But look at him now lost tired living in the street. As good as dead you see what a monkey does - stay up your tree.

But oh God. Under the weight of life. Things seem brighter on the other side.

Oh God. Under the weight of life. Things seem so much better on the other side.

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SMC GOLF

Belles finish third in season opener

By **MARY GREEN**
Sports Writer

In Kim Moore's first tournament as head coach, Saint Mary's took third place out of eight teams at the Olivet Labor Day Tee-Off, held Saturday and Sunday at Medalist Golf Club in Marshall, Mich.

The Belles shot a two-day team score of 672 — 338 on Saturday and 334 on Sunday — to finish behind winner Washington University and runner-up Olivet, which shot 628 and 634, respectively.

Moore said her team impressed her at the tournament by finishing in the top half of the standings, but it still has room to grow and improve.

"I was pleasantly happy with the way things turned out," she said. "We did better as a team the second round,

so that's always a positive, so I thought we did well. I know we could have played a little bit better, but for the majority of how it went, it went well."

Senior Paige Pollak led Saint Mary's with a career-low, second-round score of 75, six strokes lower than her Saturday score of 81. Pollak swung her way to fifth place individually and earned a spot on the all-tournament team.

Moore also said the performance of freshman Ali Mahoney made an impression. In her first collegiate tournament, Mahoney shot an opening-round 81 to finish Saturday in 11th place, and eventually finished 21st overall out of 55 golfers after shooting a 90 on Sunday.

"She played pretty well for her first event as a college golfer," Moore said. "She

started off really well in her first round with an 81, which really put her up towards the top. She didn't finish as well as she would have liked, but I think she started out well. ... [She and Paige] really stood out for me on my team."

With one tournament and a top-three finish under their belts, Moore said she would like to see the Belles continue to show the focus they did over the weekend in Michigan.

"I'd like for them to continue their patience, taking it hole-by-hole, shot-by-shot," she said. "That's something that they'll have to work on and learn, and the more experience they get, the better. [I want them] to continue to be confident with their swings and in their game and practice hard this week. We have a nice little break before our next event, so we'll



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Belles senior Paige Pollak finishes a drive during the NCAA Qualifier on April 17. Saint Mary's finished second in the tournament.

try to take what we've done in practice and put that on the course."

The Belles will next hit the links Sept. 15 and 16 for the

O'Brien National Invitational at the Warren Golf Course.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary's to begin MIAA play in Kalamazoo

By **MIKE GINOCCHIO**
Sports Writer

The Belles finished 1-3 at the Ohio Northern Invitational last weekend. Meanwhile, Kalamazoo swept its annual Green Hornet Invitational.

On paper, as the Belles (1-3) travel to Kalamazoo to take on the Hornets (4-0) tonight in their conference opener, it would appear they are facing an uphill battle.

Just don't tell that to Belles head coach Toni Elyea.

"We are not concerned," Elyea said. "We know they will be tough. We will need to play to our full potential, as well as eliminate some of our errors."

The ONU Invitational featured Ohio Northern (4-0), who received votes in the AVCA Coaches Preseason Poll, as well as Heidelberg (2-1), a squad that has made the NCAA tournament the last six seasons.

Elyea believes this opening weekend served as a trial-by-fire to prepare for conference play.

"That is one of the main reasons we went to such a tough tournament to start out the year," Elyea said. "We wanted to prepare ourselves against some of the top teams in the country so we would be prepared for

conference play. I believe we were able to do just that."

The Hornets have a stout defense anchored by senior middle hitter Quinn McCormick and junior middle hitter Kelsey Hill. Sophomore outside hitter Nya Greenstone was named to the all-tournament team at the Green Hornet Invitational and led the Hornets with 285 kills last season.

The Belles will look to counter via the offensive abilities of players such as junior middle hitter Melanie Kuczek — who was named to the ONU Invitational all-tournament team — and junior outside hitter Kati Schneider, who had 44 kills over the weekend.

Elyea highlighted Kuczek and Schneider's performances in the ONU Invitational as bright spots going into tonight's match.

"Kati [Schneider] had a great weekend," Elyea said. "She had two double-doubles and had an all-around great weekend. Melanie [Kuczek] had a fantastic weekend. Offensively, she was a game-changer for us."

Ultimately, the Belles' chances will rest on their ability to limit unforced errors.

"As we went through the weekend, we were able to eliminate some of our unforced

errors, which helped, but we still cannot start out a match down by five points," Elyea said. "We are focused on what we need to do on our side of the

net to get the win. If both teams are playing great volleyball, it will be an excellent match."

The Belles travel to Kalamazoo, Mich. tonight to

open conference play against the Hornets at 7 p.m.

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Sciupider

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the clutch, lifting the team to success with a five-under 67.

"It was pretty exciting because my whole team was watching, and all the teams were watching on the last hole, and I made a birdie putt from about 15 feet," he said.

Sciupider is no stranger to great success. At his high school, Christ School in Arden, N.C., Sciupider was a three-time all-conference player and helped his team win two state titles.

"During the playoffs for our first state championship, I made the winning putt on the last hole in front of everyone," he said. "There were 100 people there, and it was pretty crazy. The whole team went crazy after, and it was a lot of fun."

Sciupider had many college offers after high school, from schools like North Carolina and East Carolina, yet decided Notre Dame was the place for him.

"I came and visited here and pretty much fell in love with the team, the coaches and everything," he said.

Sciupider said Irish assistant coach Scott Gump helped him improve his

mental stability and has coached him through occasional hot-headed moments.

"Our assistant coach played on [the PGA Tour] for about 20 years, so he has had a lot of experience, so he trained me through when I would get mad," Sciupider said. "He is the complete opposite, too. Nothing makes him mad. And in general, he helped me a lot."

But Sciupider's first coach is his dad, David Sciupider.

"My dad taught me how to play when I was three," Sciupider said. "We still play together a lot in the summer."

Sciupider said his older sister, Kayla Sciupider, who is also a college golfer at Rollins College in Orlando Fla., joins them on the course.

"It's definitely a family sport," Sciupider said.

For the future, Sciupider said he is on the right track to go professional after his senior year. From there, he hopes to play on the PGA Tour.

But this year, Sciupider hopes to continue his great success from last season.

In addition to his strong play at the Big East Championship, Sciupider was the top Irish performer in the C&F Bank Intercollegiate in March, tying for first place

with a three-under 67. He finished the season with an average score of 74.13.

Sciupider said he believes he can improve his play this year, especially with more competition in the ACC.

"The teams in the ACC will definitely be better; the tournaments will be more challenging as well," Sciupider said. "It's going to help us a lot because of better competition and better tournaments."

Sciupider said many of his hometown friends and teammates from high school play on ACC teams, and he is excited to compete against them.

"I grew up in the ACC," Sciupider said. "All my friends that went ACC are really good players, so it will be a great experience playing with them again."

Although the competition will be stiffer, Sciupider said the Irish will find success this season.

"More people should start looking at Notre Dame once we start playing better in ACC tournaments," he said.

The Irish open their season Sunday at the Gopher Invitational in Independence, Minn.

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Saint Mary's sophomore midfielder Kathryn Lueking passes the ball during the Belles' 4-1 victory over Illinois Tech on Monday.

Belles outshoot Hawks to victory

By A.J. GODEAUX
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's overcame an early scare to blow out Illinois Tech, 4-1, on Monday in a game that was even more lopsided than the final score would indicate.

In the seventh minute, Scarlet Hawks freshman forward Anida Phetchanpheng rocketed a shot from the right side of the box past Belles junior goalkeeper Natalie Warner. That goal woke the Belles (1-1-0) up, as the Scarlet Hawks (0-3-0) failed to get a shot off the rest of the game and were outshot 30-2 by the Belles.

Saint Mary's would equalize with its first goal of the 2013 season when senior forward Kaitlin Teichman sent a long cross over the Scarlet Hawk defense to awaiting sophomore forward Maggie McLaughlin, who acrobatically headed it into the back of the net in the 20th minute. Just eight minutes later, Belles junior forward Kelly Wilson took advantage of a failed Illinois Tech clear to score the go-ahead goal.

The Belles dominated possession in the second half, constantly putting pressure on the Illinois Tech defense, something Belles coach Mike Joyce was particularly pleased with.

"[Controlling possession] is something we always try to do, especially early in the season," Joyce said. "It's something that's easy in practice, but in games can get a little sloppy, so it was great to see us play a clean game."

The Belles increased the margin in the 60th minute when junior midfielder

Courtney Wright thread the needle with a pass between two Scarlet Hawks defenders to sophomore forward Maggie Wenzel, who converted the short-range opportunity from five yards out.

After a flurry of Belles shots on goal, McLaughlin added an assist to an incredible stat line — she tied for the team lead with five shots, as well — when she found freshman midfielder Jenn Jarmy wide open outside the 18-yard box in the 75th minute.

Jarmy took a quick touch before ripping a shot past Scarlet Hawks keeper Mariah Kuitse for her first collegiate goal.

"[McLaughlin] came in as a freshman last year and just got stronger and stronger," Joyce said. "She's someone we can count on from the attack position, and it's great for us that she's gotten off to a quick start."

Twenty-five Belles saw action, including seven of eight freshmen on the roster. Joyce credits the upperclassmen for getting the freshmen game-ready.

"The season's short, with only two weeks between our first practice and first game," Joyce said. "It's a testament to the upperclassmen that they were able to get the freshmen integrated into the team and develop that chemistry."

"As much as we dominated, I think we can get a little better defensively. If we can do that and attack with some more variations we'll be in good shape moving forward."

The Belles next travel to take on Wilmington on Saturday at 2 p.m.

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66-yard rumble for a score in the second quarter.

Rees was only under center for two plays in the season-opening victory.

After the game, Kelly said the Irish ran the ball effectively out of the pistol.

"I think there is more to come," he said. "I think we only showed a little bit of it. There were a lot more pieces to it. Today was just a small segment of it."

"We didn't obviously show a lot of our stuff today, which was our intention. We're happy that we didn't have to put our entire game plan out there for everybody to see. So that was a pretty good deal."

Junior running back Amir Carlisle started the game for the Irish in the backfield and sprinted 45 yards down the right side on the first play from scrimmage out of the pistol.

"The pistol adds another dimension to our offensive attack," Carlisle said. "It's a downhill, hard-hitter and it'll be a great weapon for us

going forward this season.

"It forces you to stick your nose in it sometimes and just get as many yards as you can."

Carlisle finished his first game in an Irish uniform with 68 yards on seven carries.

The running style of junior running back George Atkinson fit nicely with the principles of the pistol formation.

"He ran downhill very well in high school, and we felt like the pistol could fit him very well," Kelly said. "Not just him, but we felt like it was something that could benefit us moving forward."

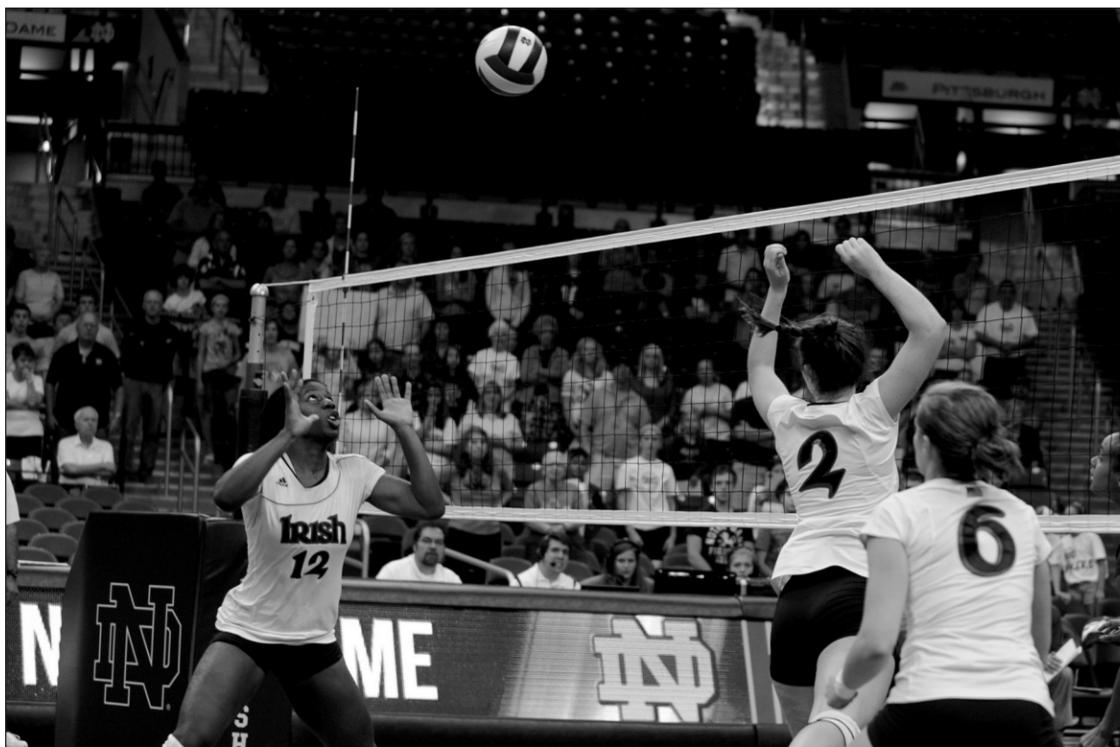
Former Nevada coach Chris Ault conceived the offense in 2005 and further popularized the formation when he was coaching current San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick with the Wolf Pack from 2007 to 2010. Kelly said Ault spent a couple of days in South Bend this spring to consult with the Irish coaches about the formation.

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Irish freshman running back Tarean Folston dodges Temple defenders during Notre Dame's 28-6 victory Saturday. Folston was one of two freshman running backs to take the field.



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Irish junior Toni Alugbue prepares to set the ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over Kansas on Sept. 16, 2012. Alugbue leads the Irish in points scored for the 2013 season.

Alugbue

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was going to have a large role on our team," McHugh said. "She's definitely looked at as one of the key players on offense, along with [junior middle blocker Jeni Houser]."

Brown said Alugbue's main responsibility lies in her ability to be an all-around player.

"She can play the whole game," Brown said. "She'll pass, receive a lot of serves

and she gets a lot of digs. She is a major contributor in her all-around play."

Heading into this season, Alugbue is eager for a new conference — the ACC — and new opportunities.

"The Big East was good to us, but I'm very excited to play new teams," Alugbue said. "This whole season is a new set of volleyball and I'm excited to travel and play good teams every single weekend."

Alugbue said she thinks the

Irish will have a successful season, especially due to the number of returning players.

"We have a lot of seasoned vets," Alugbue said. "Our team chemistry is awesome and we're going to be looking good on the court."

Alugbue and the Irish are back in action Friday at 7 p.m. when they take on Bowling Green at home in the Golden Dome Invitational.

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of upperclassmen, Quinn sees a lot of potential in this year's freshman class, including Jacob Dumford, whom Quinn said has large versatility as a runner.

"[Dumford] and another freshman, Chris Moran, will do well for the team," Quinn said. "I'm not sure if they'll be running varsity because we have a really strong junior and senior class, as well as two fifth-years, but I definitely think having really talented freshmen coming in will push everyone forward."

In order for the team to reach its top-10 goal, Quinn

said he believes all team members must stay focused, even if they are not one of the top seven runners who score in meets.

"I think the most important thing is everybody being accountable for themselves, even if they're not within that top seven, and making sure that everyone stays healthy," Quinn said. "That was the biggest problem we had last year, where guys were letting small injuries go unnoticed and then they developed into big injuries."

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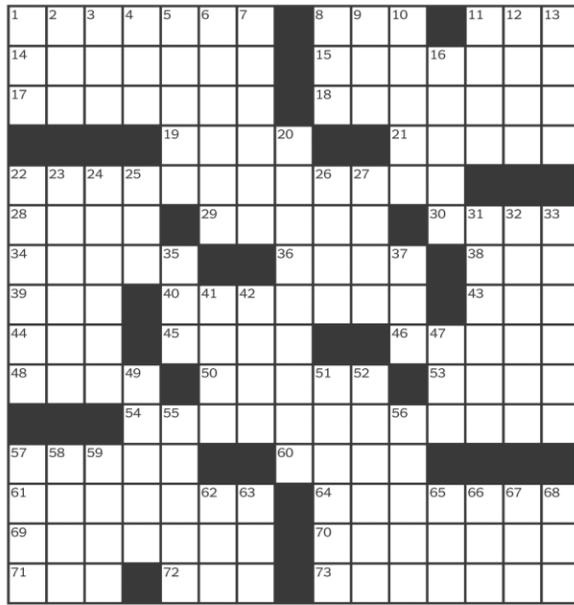
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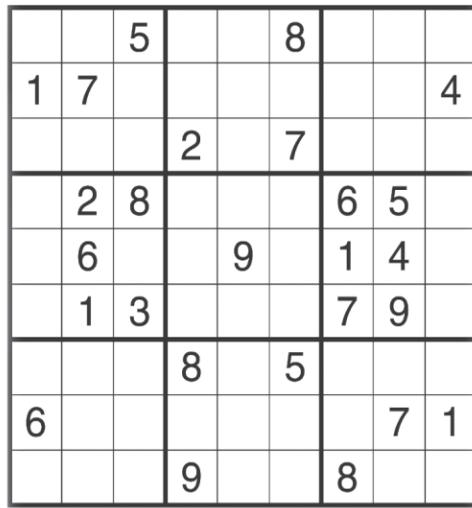
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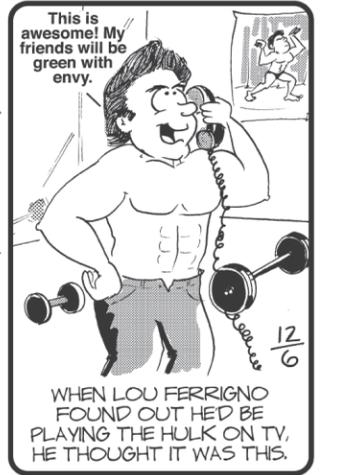
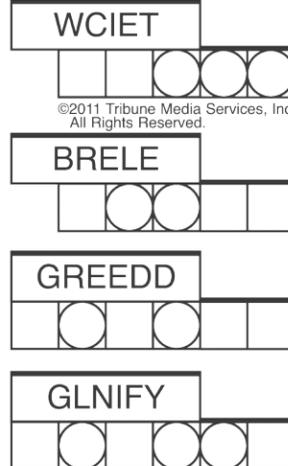
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FOOTBALL

Pistol perfect

Irish reveal new offensive formation during Saturday's win over Temple

By **MATTHEW DeFRANKS**
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During Saturday's 28-6 win over Temple, No. 14 Notre Dame debuted a few members of its prized freshman class, junior Ishaq Williams at defensive end and perhaps most interestingly, a new formation — the pistol.

Irish coach Brian Kelly's offense has primarily been a shotgun-orientated attack, with the quarterback five yards behind the center and the running back at his side. In the pistol formation, the quarterback takes the snap slightly closer to the line of scrimmage and the running back is positioned behind him.

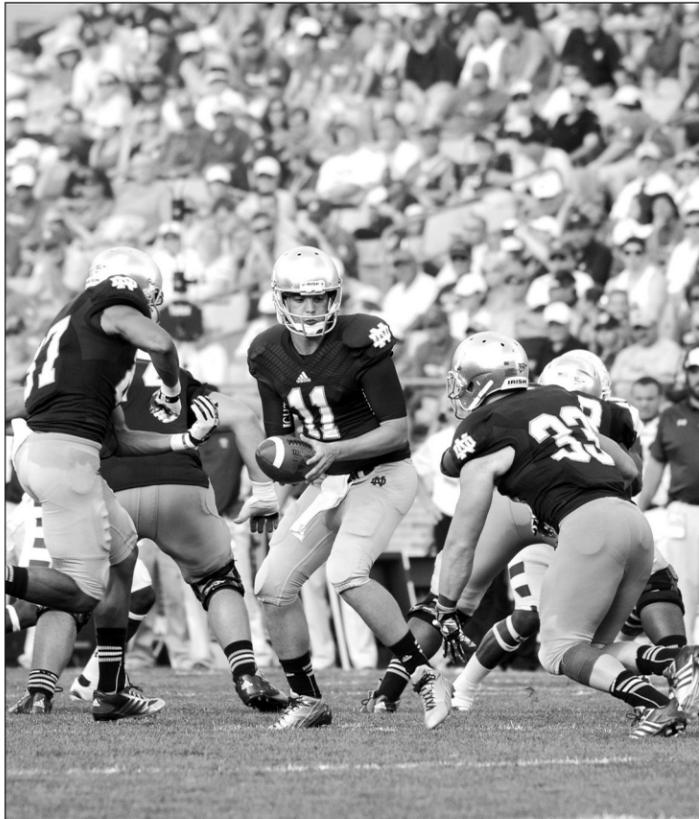
"We just think it's another piece that we can use to get some downhill runs,"

Kelly said last Tuesday in his weekly press conference. "I don't think we've turned into a pistol offense. We're still a shotgun offense that will operate similar to what we have in the past."

With senior quarterback Tommy Rees in the game against the Owls (0-1), the Irish offense ran 26 plays out of the pistol, racking up 263 yards (10.1 yards per play). Notre Dame (1-0) had four plays of more than 25 yards in the pistol and scored two touchdowns out of the formation.

By comparison, Notre Dame gained 188 yards on 23 plays out of its familiar shotgun formation. The lone play of more than 25 yards was junior tight end Troy Niklas'

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Irish senior quarterback Tommy Rees hands the ball to junior running back Cam McDaniel during Notre Dame's 28-6 win Saturday.

MEN'S GOLF

Sciupider finds success

By **MERI KELLY**
Sports Writer

Irish sophomore Cory Sciupider ended his freshman season on a high note.

In the final tournament of last season, Sciupider individually placed third in the Big East Championship and helped his team finish third overall.

Sciupider led the team after two rounds, with scores of 72 in both the first and second rounds. But after 36 holes, Notre Dame was falling behind and needed a promising round on the last day to stay in contention, Sciupider said.

Sciupider came through in

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Experienced runners lead Irish charge

By **ALEX WILCOX**
Sports Writer

After a disappointing finish to what had been a promising season last year, Notre Dame comes into this year with lofty expectations.

Junior Chris Quinn said he expects to improve upon last

year's finish, when the Irish men placed third in the Big East and 28th at the NCAA championships.

"I think we finished out the season as best we could with what we had," Quinn said. "I think this year we can do a lot better, assuming everyone stays healthy. As a team, our

expectations are to be at least [in the] top 10 at nationals. We definitely have the talent for it. We only lost two seniors from the varsity and we have a couple of sophomores and juniors who will be able to step up and really help out."

Quinn was particularly excited about the darkhorse

potential of several runners, including sophomore Michael Clevenger, junior Jake Kildoo and himself.

"Clevenger, who redshirted last season, started out really well [last year]," Quinn said. "He was at about 24:38 for the 8-kilometer, which is terrific for a freshman, and I think

he could've done better, but he had a minor hamstring injury. He worked hard during the track season and over the summer, and he's definitely going to be one of the top seven for us."

In addition to the lineup

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ND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Alugbue cements role as leader on offense

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After earning All-American honors in the 2012 season, junior outside hitter Toni Alugbue continued her dominant streak at the Blue Raider Bash on Friday and Saturday, earning all-tournament honors in the first matches of the season.

Though the Irish went 1-2 in the tournament — dropping matches to North Carolina and Middle Tennessee State before claiming victory against San Francisco on Saturday — Alugbue was a major force on offense, totaling 35 kills and 22 digs for the

weekend.

"Toni has been a major force for us," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "She's returning as our high scorer, and for us to have the success we want to have this year, she's going to carry a huge offensive load."

A Del Aire, Calif., native, Alugbue said choosing her college and her team wasn't difficult.

"I'm a homebody," Alugbue said. "All of my family went to school in California. But I never felt like I was more than just an athlete at those schools. Volleyball won't last forever and when it came down to it, I knew I would get

more out of my time at Notre Dame."

Though she has been a starter since her freshman year, Alugbue came to Notre Dame as a middle blocker, making the change to outside hitter her sophomore season. Alugbue said the transition took some time, but now she sees herself as a consistent force on the outside.

Senior captain and outside hitter Andrea McHugh said Alugbue has been an influential part of the team since she arrived.

"Ever since she came in as a freshman, we knew she



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Irish junior Toni Alugbue spikes the ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over Kansas on Sept. 16, 2012.

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